

Wanderers bounce back with style

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VIEW FROM THE STAND

AFTER a very disappointing and unrewarding trip to Bristol, the Wanderers have hit back with a couple of very good back-to-back wins against two of the more fancied teams in the division.

The five star, four goal, four red card epic victory over QPR was followed by a great 2-0 win at Oldham. Boundary Park is never an easy place to get a result as our previous record shows.

With six games completed, we've got nine points in the bag. Not too bad considering we only drew our first two home matches. Better still, we've already notched up 11 goals with eight different players getting their names on the score sheet. The Big Chief's new attacking policy of using three out and out strikers is certainly paying dividends in both goals and entertainment value.

Hopefully, when word gets round, this new strategy will also pay financial dividends by helping to increase attendances.

Wanderers fans have so far seen a total of 13 goals scored in just three games at Adams Park. Whatever you think of the quality of football, it certainly isn't dull!

Talking about the quality of football, a few fans have been moaning that Wanderers are becoming a Wimbledon-style long ball team.

Whilst we are obviously getting the ball forward quicker, we are still using the passing and crossing skills of our midfield players, as demonstrated by the first and third goals against QPR. Teams who truly play the long ball game rarely use their midfield players to create openings.

The Big Chief has simply got the team playing to their strengths by getting players into wide positions to provide scoring opportunities for our front three. I'm sure most fans are only too pleased to see our midfielders pushing forward and giving the strikers some decent service. Too often in the past we've played some pretty stuff in the middle of the park but there has been no end result.

Unfortunately, this brave quest for goals at one end has been accompanied by a bit of a goalfest at the other end. We've managed to leak nine goals with some far from watertight defending.

Let's hope that last Saturday's first clean sheet of the season will be the first of many.

At the same stage last season, we were in eighth place with eight points, now we're in ninth place with nine points. Strangely enough, our next opponents last September were Wigan who we beat 1-0 at Adams Park thanks to an Andy Rammell goal.

This year we are about to meet them again but at the JJB Stadium this time. The same scoreline would do very nicely thank you.

Our record at Wigan is far from healthy, we've only managed three draws in our six visits. Now's the time for our new triple strike force to help us break our duck and continue shooting us up the league.

After all, even Colchester beat them last week so they must be struggling!