

Monday's meeting was a game of two halves



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VIEW FROM THE STAND

AFTER a quiet and rather mundane first half, the Wanderers AGM developed into a highly entertaining second half encounter.

Lawrie Sanchez kicked off after the break with a string of statistics to explain why he decided a new game plan was needed if we were to challenge for a play-off place. Whether his master plan was called long ball, direct, early all, hoof ball or up and under depends on your point of view – and a wide variety of views were certainly aired at the meeting.

After much debate, Lawrie admitted his plan had not worked because the players had been unable to deliver the ball when and where they were supposed to. Whether it would have worked if it had been given more time, I'll never now know.

Much to the delight of the vast majority of the fans present, The Big Chief revealed that his new Plan B was to win games by playing attractive and entertaining football. The ingredients of his new recipe for success will include a large helping of passing football mixed with a small portion of direct play to add a little bit of spice.

Like most Wanderers fans I'm delighted The Big Chief called his pow-wow and that the pipe of peace seems to have been accepted by almost everyone. With the management merry-go-round currently spinning at an alarming rate, the last thing we need is an unhappy and frustrated manager. There are too many clubs out there looking for new leader and we've got one of the best young managers outside the Premiership.

Talking of pipes, the proposal that smoking should be banned in the Woodlands Stand, except in the Concourse area, received an overwhelming vote in favour. As a lifelong non-smoker I was both surprised and very pleased with the forest of hands that were raised. We now wait for the club to progress this initiative.

There was a similar landslide vote of approval for the plea to wear our blue home kit at all away matches unless, of course, there is a colour clash. Once again, we await the club nailing their colours to the mast on this very popular request.

Back to the subject of pipes again. All Wanderers fans had better get used to checking the weather forecast over the next few weeks. It appears that the under-soil heating on our super new pitch has a minor design fault – it isn't connected to the gas mains!

The gas supply pipe currently stops halfway up Hillbottom Road and despite numerous promises, Transco have so far failed to extend the supply to the ground. The latest completion date is now mid-November. Let's hope we don't get an early cold snap during the next month, because if Jack Frost or the white stuff arrives early this year there could be some very red faces around Adams Park – and it won't only be frostbite!

With four of our next five opponents below us in the table, we've got a great chance to string a run of wins together and get our season back on track. Let's all get behind the team and help get Lawrie's Plan B off to a winning start against The Posh.