

Away-goal crisis is costing the Blues big time

WELL that's the end of Wanderers' short but sweet unbeaten run and, to make matters worse, Swindon defeated Wigan to move above us.

Unless we can get ahead of them by the end of the season, I could be out of pocket for a rash bet made after they beat us earlier in the season.

Whilst we are looking very strong at the back, we're still very lightweight up front when we are away from Adams Park.

We've now failed to score in more than half of our away games and this lack of attacking force is putting more pressure on an already overworked defence.

Craig Faulconbridge certainly works very hard and links well with the midfield but he doesn't look like the goalscoring machine we were hoping for. Luton boss Joe Kinnear unkindly summed up Richard Harris with his comment that he looked more dangerous with his long throws than with his shots.

To add insult to injury, Sean Devine scored again for Exeter with a last minute goal to earn a point at Macclesfield. He's already in the Division Three Leading Marksmen table whilst we are one of only five clubs not to be represented in the Division Two chart.

Let's hope Wanderers' missing quartet of injured strikers are back in action soon. The Big Chief needs Rambo, Jocky, Gavin Holligan and Jonny Dixon to give the team a wider choice of attacking options.

Not only are we searching for goals and league points, the club are also looking for a new sponsor.

Whilst Integrity Software have pulled out of the contract due to a change of ownership of their company, there's little doubt they've been disappointed with the lack of support the club has given to their Friends of Wycombe Wanderers initiative.

The original concept of



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this scheme was for the club to actively encourage all local companies and retailers to become members of the Friends of Wycombe Wanderers and make donations to an independent trust fund.

This could only be used to provide Lawrie Sanchez with funds to strengthen his playing squad.

If the initial target of one million pounds had been achieved, or indeed anywhere near it, The Big Chief would not have had to offload players. Instead, he would have been able to bring in new signings to make a determined push for promotion.

Whilst a number of local businesses and fans made very valuable donations, the scheme was never really sold outside of the existing sponsors and supporter base.

Indeed, Chairman Ivor Beeks stated at a Fans Forum "The Friends of Wycombe Wanderers is not a priority at the moment." This was not what Integrity, who had already made generous contributions, or all the other fans who had made their donations wanted to hear.

Let's hope we can get another unbeaten run started by knocking a few goals past Notts County. Amazingly, we've scored in every league match at Adams Park this season. Long may it continue.