

A 0-0 draw was always on the cards



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VIEW FROM THE STAND

WE should have seen it coming. Wanderers had managed to score in every home game, Huddersfield had kept clean sheets in their last two games, the sides had drawn 0-0 back in November and we had no spare strikers on the bench.

The perfect recipe for a no-score bore draw. Unfortunately, I didn't put my money on it!

The last time Wanderers failed to find the net at home was last March, also a goalless draw, against those charmless chaps from Colchester.

Mind you, it seems the referee and his flag-waving accomplice denied us a perfectly good goal on Saturday.

The video replay of Craig Faulconbridge's late header seems to prove he was inside when Danny Senda crossed the ball.

So, next stop Swindon and a mid-table six pointer. We really need to win this one, otherwise I'm going to get serious grief from a mate who is a die-hard Robins fan.

I couldn't cope with them getting the double over us and finishing the season above us. Providing we win on Saturday we will be head of them on goal difference - come on you Blues!

It was certainly a blow to have the reserve match with QPR called off because Jocky and Gavin Holligan could have done with the game if they are to find themselves on the bench at Swindon.

This would certainly give us more attacking options if things aren't going to plan. We need them to quickly regain match fitness and find their goalscoring boots.

Talking of goalscorers, I thought now that Sean was exiled in Exeter I would not be seeing his name in print so often.

However, the central character in an American crime thriller I'm currently reading is no other than Sean Devine.

If Mystic River is ever made into a film, watch out for a goalscoring New York cop called Sean Devine played by Leonardo Di Caprio!

On the subject of books, I've just finished super Simon Garner's autobiography *There's Only One Simon Garner*.

It was a very good read and Simon, just like he was on the pitch, didn't pull his punches. He was very open in his views and comments about himself and people in the game.

Whist he was full of praise for Martin O'Neill and Wanderers he, not surprisingly, didn't feel the same about Alan Smith.

His bitter feelings of the way he and other players were treated by Smith are explained in detail. It brought back memories of that turbulent period in the club's history.

Whilst the The Big Chief and the team spend the rest of the season fighting for points to push us up the table, an equally important battle is being fought by the club management and directors.

This is, of course, the challenge to attract new club sponsors.

If Wanderers are going to push for promotion to Division One, it is vital that finances are improved by encouraging new sponsors.

A wide choice of sponsorship and advertising opportunities are now being offered to local businesses, anything from naming the stadium to match ball sponsorship.

Let's hope this campaign to persuade companies to promote their products and services in association with the club gets plenty of positive support from fans, businesses and the local community.