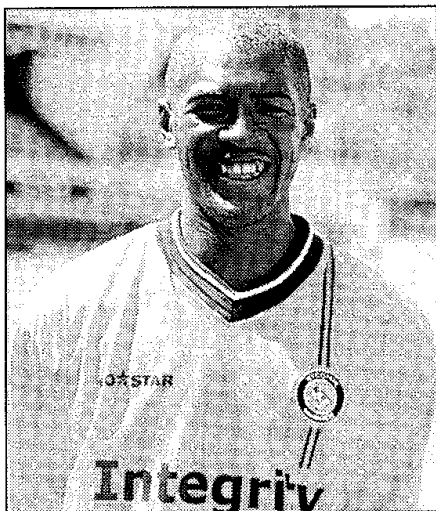


Secrets of the huddle will stay private



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VIEW FROM THE STAND

MARK Rogers has been ostracized by the boys this week.

He has been put through the mill a bit since revealing to the Bucks Free Press last week what goes on in our pre-match huddle.

To say the boys were not happy is an understatement.

By telling everybody that we get together and sing Christmas carols or Auld Lang Syne in our little huddle, he has broken the secret and he had to pay.

As soon as I saw that he had revealed the secrets to the the Free Press I was on the phone texting him.

We held a kangaroo court for him and I'm not at liberty to say what went on.

What I can say though is that we have now changed what goes on in there. It had to be changed because what happens in our little ritual should be secret.

I'm not going to tell you what we have replaced our little sing-a-long with, but I can tell you that there was definitely no singing on Saturday and that we did instead would shock a lot of people.

Keith Ryan is the ring-leader in it all and I'm just a sheep in it and this time it will remain a secret.

Talking about keeping secrets I think this Alex Ferguson and David Beckham thing should have stayed secret.

Things happen in dressing rooms. Football is a passionate game played by passionate people and passions do boil over.

During my career I have seen punch-ups and rows on the training field and in the changing room.

They happen in our workplace but that is where they should stay in private.

It never should have come out and I wouldn't dream of telling people about some of the rows I've seen during my career.

Some people have gone overboard and said Fergie should be sacked but football is not like any other business or workplace. Different rules apply.

I don't think any Manchester United fans will be too upset. In fact I think that most of them will be pleased to see that Fergie shows the same passion for the team as they do.

We will certainly need another passionate performance tomorrow when we play host to leaders Wigan. That game will give us a real test of how far we have come.

We've been on a great little run recently and beating Swindon 3-0 was a great result and especially so for Swindon old boys Frank Talia and Andy Thomson.

Talking of Frank, he has been very restrained. I am amazed that he has let Australia's victory over England go by. He seems to have let that one go.