

Goal-feast or goal-famine at Wanderers



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VIEW FROM THE STAND

WANDERERS must surely have the most inconsistent and unpredictable attacks in the division.

In our last 11 games we have failed to find the net no less than five times, but then we have managed to rattle in a fantastic 19 goals in the other six matches. No wonder Blues fans never know whether to expect a feast or famine.

Last Saturday, Lawrie Sanchez finally lost patience with his main striker. Craig Faulconbridge has scored just six times in thirty-five league and cup starts this season, hardly a great net return on the club's investment. So, the Big Chief decided to ruffle the Falcons feathers by leaving him to perch on the bench.

The disappointed striker then had to watch Wanderers hit two goals in a minute, after just a quarter of an hour, thanks to their jet propelled youngsters. Jonny Dixon outpaced two defenders to race onto Simmo's low cross to grab the first and continue his amazing start to his professional career.

With five goals in just seven starts, he could well be the sharp shooter the Big Chief has been searching for. If he continues to score at anything like this rate, he could save the club a shed load of money by not having to shell out for a proven goalscorer. On the other hand, maybe we should keep him under wraps otherwise there is going to be a long queue of scouts wanting a closer look at him.

The second goal was certainly the result of the sheer speed of two younger Wanderers. Jocky McSporran streaked away down the left and found the dashing Danny Senda with a great cross to the far post. As well as these two greyhounds, we have several other speed merchants in the squad including Dixon, Dannie Bulman, Stuart Roberts, Gavin Holligan and Lewis Cook.

Maybe pace could become our secret weapon to unlock some of the more stubborn defences. It was certainly exciting watching the Brentford defenders being given the run around.

It can't happen too often that you win 4-0 and yet your goalkeeper gets voted man of the match. But Frank Talia deserved his award on Saturday. His quick-thinking, long clearance to Simmo was a major assist in the first goal and