

They think it's all over, it is now thank goodness

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VIEW FROM THE STAND

WANDERERS' stop-start season mercifully came to an end at Plymouth last Saturday with yet another disappointing performance.

If our recent run had been refereed by a boxing official, the contest would have been stopped to save us from further punishment.

The last eight games have yielded three draws and only three points out of a possible 24, with three goals for and 16 against – surely the worst run since Lawrie Sanchez arrived. No wonder we came close to getting knocked out of the division.

Not that all this gloom and doom deterred the many fans who made the journey down to Plymouth and I, like many others, took advantage of the Bank Holiday to spend a few days in the west country.

It seemed as though most Plymouth fans were more interested in celebrating the plight of their rivals Exeter. They spent much of the match singing "City's in the Conference" rather than supporting their own team.

Wanderers fans retaliated by singing the praises of Sean Devine but we lost this battle as well. Exeter were duly relegated and we've lost the £25,000 we would have received if Sean had helped them beat the drop.

So, the season's finally over and those optimistic hopes we shared last August have long since disappeared. Thankfully we can now recuperate allowing our wounded pride to heal whilst trying to forget the more painful memories of the last nine months.

Mind you, the future doesn't look much brighter on either the football or financial fronts. The Big Chief has had his players' budget slashed and he's already talking about survival rather than success – not the ideal scenario to sell season tickets.

However, like the majority of fans, I've already got my tickets for next season and within a few weeks I'll have forgotten about this year and will be dreaming of a promotion challenge and a cup run.

But, to do that we're going to need our promising youngsters to continue making rapid progress whilst The Big Chief hopefully manages to pick up one or two quality players in the bargain basement. What wouldn't we give for another Terry Evans and another Simon Garner!