

# From doom and gloom to optimism



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VIEW FROM THE STAND

TWO matches, two wins and two clean sheets. Who said Wanderers supporters were in for a season of gloom and doom?

Judging from the very promising victories over Stockport and Wimbledon, we'll certainly out-perform the bookies and pessimists' expectations.

However I must admit that, like many fans, I had been very anxious about this season, especially with the numerous departures and the limited number of arrivals.

Due to a mixture of work, holidays, tennis matches and a feeling of can I really be bothered with friendlies, I missed all Wanderers' pre-season games.

I had, of course, read and heard about our encouraging performances but thought that maintaining that form in competitive matches would be a different matter.

Seeing is now believing.

On the evidence of the first two matches, our new twin wing-formation looks like being a winner. Like all good ideas it is extremely simple, so much so that it makes you wonder why we didn't try it before now.

All we need now is to rustle up a proven goalscorer from somewhere and we could surprise an awful lot of people, including ourselves.

Bomber Harris is looking pretty sharp, especially after his two goals on Tuesday evening, but he needs a partner to help him convert the string of crosses raining in from Ruby and Jocky.

Including our pre-season friendlies, we have kicked off the season with five wins and just one defeat, scoring 13 and conceding only five. And we've won the last five on the trot so that's got to be Wanderers' best start to the season for many a long year.

Tuesday's fans forum was held at Adams Park Conference Centre whilst the match took place less than twenty yards away at the Causeway Stadium. Confused? I'm not surprised!

Whilst I appreciate the club directors had to find some way of raising extra sponsorship money, I believe the idea of renaming the ground should have been quickly kicked into touch.

If you choose to change your name it has to be done by deed poll and this decision should only have been made after a poll of the club members, especially as the board were obviously split on the proposal.

Whilst I appreciate Causeway Technologies coming up with the cash, I'll continue to watch my football at Adams Park thank you very much!

The fans and the board's views on the name change were given a good airing on Tuesday along with comments about the cost of tickets for the Wimbledon game, the poor PA system, the proposed share issue and the current financial position of the club.

Probably the most telling comment of the evening came from a stray Wimbledon fan. He told Wanderers supporters that they should count their blessings for having the opportunity to debate matters with their chairman, directors and players let alone having a solvent club and owning their own ground.

Let's hope we pull a top club in the next round of the Carling Cup so we can beat one of the big boys and make a few bob. In the meantime, it's next stop Blackpool to pick up another win.