

Winning has given us all a big cheer



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VIEW FROM THE STAND

WHAT a difference a win makes.

After yet another disappointing defeat last Saturday, 2-1 at home to Barnsley, Wanderers fans filed out in silence as though they were leaving a funeral.

Then on Monday evening at the Fans Forum, following the AGM, there were no end of moans and groans about everything from the possibility of changing the constitution to the choice of pre-match music.

Not surprisingly, most fans were not expecting too much joy from the Bristol City match.

But suddenly, we almost scored in the opening seconds and we were beginning to knock the ball around with some confidence again. We then went on to score three goals without reply and for the first time in a long time Wanderers fans left the ground smiling and singing.

After 13 league games without a win, lucky number 14 came up trumps for us. Whether this result will be lucky enough to help John Gorman land the vacant manager's job will depend on how we fare on our visits to Hartlepool and Swindon.

As well as Gavin Holligan and Jocky McSporran played in the second half against Barnsley and against Bristol City, we still need to find proven goalscorers to convert the opportunities we are making in and around the box.

Lawrie Sanchez failed in his search for an elusive striker and, so far, it seems to have also been beyond the reach of John Gorman.

One of the main criteria for the new manager must surely be having plenty of good contacts in the game that can help us improve our squad with some good free transfers or loan players.

One of the main problems aired at the Fans Forum was Wanderers' poor scouting set-up.

From some of the comments made by board members and club officials, it is little wonder we've seen talented local players move to other second and third division Nationwide league clubs rather than come to Wycombe.

The overhauling of our scouting system must be a priority for the new manager and the board.

The recurring complaint expressed at the meeting was the lack of communication by the board to all fans.

This has led to rumours and fuelled suspicions of long-term plans and motives. Chairman Ivor Beeks appealed for suggestions of how the club could improve its communications and no doubt he will receive plenty of comments and ideas.

Now that Alan Parry has safely survived his re-election and retained his place on the board, he would seem to be the ideal person to grasp this thorny issue.

He readily admits he is a fan first, empathises with supporters and has excellent communication skills.

It would seem sensible for the members to elect a small committee, to represent the views of all fans, and this group would then meet regularly with Alan Parry and any other relevant club director or official to discuss the fans' views on a variety of club issues.

Fans' opinions and comments could then be presented to the board before, rather than after, decisions have been made.

All Wanderers fans who have held season tickets for three consecutive seasons are able to apply to become a club member for a fee of £1. Application forms can be obtained from the club offices at Adams Park.

Let's hope Tuesday's superb performance wasn't a flash in the pan and we can now gain some valuable points from our next two away fixtures and climb away from the dreaded relegation places.