

It's time to change my spectacles



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VIEW FROM THE STAND

WANDERERS' dreadful display against Peterborough has finally persuaded me to take off my rose tinted glasses. And I don't like what I see.

Up until Saturday, I had made the misguided fan's mistake of deluding myself about the team's abilities and possible achievements. I foolishly thought that Wanderers were too good a side to go down and that we were just having a run of bad luck.

However, losing two consecutive home matches in added time has brought me to my senses. Far from being too good to go down, we are at present nowhere near good enough to stay up.

The last minute capitulation against Brentford was hard enough to swallow, but Saturday's late horror show was an absolute choker.

Not only were the two results the same, the pattern of the matches were also identical. After a dire first half, when they were fortunate to be only one goal behind, Wanderers managed to get themselves back on terms.

Then they threw it all away with some sloppy play in the final seconds. Result, two vital points lost. Hopefully, those points won't come back to haunt us at the end of the season.

The only difference in these two games was that while Brentford didn't look a bad side, Peterborough on the other hand were terrible. Trouble is we were even worse.

Whilst the defence played pretty well, our midfield was non-existent and we desperately missed Michael Simpson. Up front we were once again far too lightweight and rarely looked like bothering the Posh back line.

If we are going to avoid the drop we urgently need to stiffen our midfield and recruit a tried and trusted goalscorer. Even with some new faces, Tony Adams is going to have to perform a minor miracle to keep us up. His task is now looking almost as daunting as the one that faced Lawrie Sanchez when he first arrived at the club.

Should history repeat itself, remember Lincoln, we could all be travelling to Peterborough in May to see a game that would decide which club drops into Division Three.

If we are to avoid that scary scenario, Wanderers are going to have to average more than one and a half points a game for the rest of the season.

In other words, to be safe, we need to win almost half of our remaining matches. And that is top ten form.

Thank heavens we now have two cup matches to look forward to. Victory over Mansfield and Colchester would bring some much needed seasonal cheer to all Wanderers fans. All we would want then would be a draw against a Premiership club in the third round of the FA Cup.

That would certainly boost the festive spirit and the clubs finances.

Following the cup ties it's off to Notts County for another crucial six pointer.

Let's hope Tony has managed to strengthen the squad by then and we remember to play for the full 90 minutes and added time.