

# A week is a long time for a Wanderers supporter



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VIEW FROM THE STAND

SOME bright spark once remarked "A week is a long time in politics". They should try being a Wanderers supporter.

The team's recent performance against Rushden & Diamonds was probably the worst league display I can remember since the darkest days of Alan Smith's reign. To call it a men against boys mismatch is a massive understatement.

Tony Adams had over-reacted to the Brighton debacle by making too many changes and playing too many youngsters. The result was inevitable from the moment we went one down in the third minute.

Despondent Wanderers fans trudged home filled with gloom and doom, only to hear things had got far worse after the final whistle. Big Tony had thrown his toys out of the pram in his post match interviews.

His veiled threat about resigning and remarks about Simmo and Ruby being fans' favourites who had failed to perform showed his inexperience.

Despite what many managers and pundits think, fans are not stupid. Just because we haven't played at the higher levels doesn't mean we don't understand the game.

Players only become fans' favourites by consistently proving that they are able to entertain and help win games or work extremely hard for the team and the club. Both Simmo and Ruby certainly fall into these categories. Wanderers' failings this season have been due to the overall quality of the squad not individual performances.

Things were now looking blacker by the minute. No wonder Ivor Beeks rushed onto national radio and local press to try and calm the storm.

Lo and behold, a few days later Tony Adams had kissed and made up with the players and recruited a couple more on loan. We then go and stuff Grimsby 4-1 with a superb team performance. We even score all four goals from open play, when did that last happen?

Suddenly, the sun is shining on Adams Park again.

Or rather it was, until we heard that three of Tony's recruits are deserting Adams' Army. Nathan Tyson has returned to Reading for treatment, whilst Villa are recalling Luke Moore and Newcastle are ending Steve Taylor's loan period. These two will play their final match for the Wanderers at Stockport on Saturday. Let's hope they leave us with a win in this vital six pointer.

Both Moore and Taylor are top quality youngsters who look certain to become Premiership players sooner rather than later. If only we could have kept them for another month or two.

Big Tony has certainly used his contacts to pick up some excellent loan deals, including the commanding Stuart Nethercott. Unfortunately, he now has only one more loan card left to play for the rest of the season.

His challenge will now be to get the very best out of the current squad with, hopefully, the assistance of a proven striker on a long term loan. Given his record of just six goals in 40 starts, I can't see Craig Faulconbridge being the sharp shooter to fire our way to safety.

Come on Tony, the Adams Army is right behind you. All you've got to do is get the troops organised and win around half of our remaining matches. No pressure!