

Did I watch the same game?



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VIEW FROM THE STAND

I THINK watching Wanderers is beginning to addle my brain. I'm sure I saw a different game to Tony Adams last Saturday.

A satisfied Big Tony was reported as saying he would be happy if the team gave him another 19 performances like that shown against Blackpool.

From what I recall, I watched a Wanderers side of eleven individuals who rarely played as a team against a less than impressive Blackpool side who looked like they were going to score every time they attacked. Oh, and were fortunate to lose 3 - 0!

Our two exceptions were Rhino and Nathan Tyson, who both had excellent games. Craig Faulconbridge was also having one of his better games for the Blues, but he was substituted at half time.

Just a couple of weeks ago Big Tony was complaining that none of his squad were good enough for Wanderers. Now he appears to have set his performance targets much lower. If this is the new standard he will be demanding from the team, I can only see the Wanderers roller coaster season continuing its rapid decline. Destination Division Three.

Obviously, the new boss is not to blame for all our problems. He certainly inherited a very weak squad and has done his best to bolster this with some very useful loan signings. He has made use of his extensive contacts to bring in a mixture of young and experienced players on short term loans.

Unfortunately the constant arrival and departure of players has meant he has shuffled his pack every week in search of his best team. Big Tony has not helped himself, or the players, by this continual changing of the side.

With the arrival of keeper Scott Bevan, we have now used all our allocation of loan signings for this season. Now, I'm sure he is a very good keeper. He's probably also kind to his mum and furry animals, but why is he playing for Wanderers?

What has happened to Frank Talia?

Frank is a very consistent keeper and, with one or two exceptions, rarely had a bad game in his 58 appearances for the club.

The result is that we've used our last loan deal when we've got a perfectly good keeper kicking his heels.

The series of "Building for the Future" meetings planned for club members over the next week or so should be interesting. Presumably, the board are about to unveil their recommendations on how much-needed additional finances could be attracted to the club. I'm sure Tony Adams would be delighted to get his hands on some extra cash.

Unfortunately unless we start a winning run in Saturday's six-pointer at Chesterfield, the new money will probably be needed to help us get out of Division Three.