

Wycombe's unwanted anniversary



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VIEW FROM THE STAND

THERE certainly wasn't any sign of celebrations as Wanderers reached an unwanted anniversary on Tuesday evening.

Yet another 1-1 draw, this time with those charming people from Colchester, meant that the Blues fans have now gone a full year since they were last able to celebrate an away win.

That long ago 2-1 victory at Peterborough is now just a distant memory, as are the two goalscorers that night - Mark Rogers and Gavin Holligan.

Wanderers have now played 23 away games without a win, as well as 12 games since they last tasted victory against Grimsby at Adams Park at the start of January.

This no-win double puts them at the top of both the Games Since A Win and the Games Since An Away Win tables. Well, at least it's nice to know we're top of something!

Failing to get our revenge for two home defeats by Colchester this season was bitter enough to swallow but even our faint hopes of avoiding relegation now lay in ruins amongst the Roman ruin they like to call Layer Road.

The old adage 'the table never lies' tells the terrible truth to all Blues supporters. Even the most optimistic fan must surely accept it's too late to turn this table round.

All fans who support smaller clubs have to, by nature, be dreamers and optimists who watch their football through rose tinted glasses. Otherwise, they take the easy option and follow the herd supporting Premiership teams.

Now I'm normally as optimistic as any other Wanderers fan. However, I'm sorry to say I've finally taken off my rose tinted specs and admitted the game is well and truly up - or in this case down!

My foolhardy optimism is now focused on next season and trying to convince myself, and maybe others, that relegation may not be such a bad thing.

After all, it will give Tony Adams a chance to prepare and rebuild a new and exciting squad for a successful season in Division Three.

All we've got to do then is bounce straight back up again. Thank heavens dreams are free.

In the meantime, we've got nine games during which the team will hopefully be able to regain their pride and confidence with some victories both at home and on the road.

The local derby with QPR on Saturday would be the perfect time to get back to winning ways. With Rangers battling for promotion they are sure to bring a big support and there should be a decent atmosphere in and around the ground.

Of course, if we were to win all nine of those remaining games we could still avoid the dreaded drop. There I go dreaming again!