

Football's a funny old game



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VIEW FROM THE STAND

FOOTBALL can certainly be a very fickle and frustrating game. Just ask any Wanderers fan.

Just as we were beginning to enjoy ourselves, basking in the spotlight of being league leaders, along came the dreaded fickle finger of fate to hand us our second home defeat.

Like Rochdale a few weeks ago, Swansea were a tough determined side who managed to out muscle and 'boss' Wanderers around for much of the match.

Also like Rochdale, they left Adams Park with all three points, knocking us off the top spot at the same time.

Unfortunately we are more than likely going to meet a lot of these battle hardened sides in this division, and our young and relatively lightweight team could well struggle to match their strong and uncompromising play.

These sort of teams could well cause us more problems at home rather than on the road. Visiting teams will be only too happy to sit back and absorb the pressure waiting for us to overcommit to attack or simply run out of steam.

With the speed of Nathan Tyson and Danny Senda we may well find we have far more joy away from home, where we can use our pace to hit sides on the break.

Our very impressive unbeaten away record, so far this season, certainly appears to confirm this. Hopefully we can continue this excellent away form down the A40 at Cheltenham on Saturday.

Mind you, like most Wanderers fans, if I had been offered our current league placing before the start of the season, I would definitely have settled for third place after nine games.

Thankfully, my disappointment at losing our top spot was quickly eased when I heard that Oxford had been thrashed 6-1 by Yeovil.

This ensured none of my Oxford-supporting mates would be calling to crow about Wanderers dropping off the top perch.

The terrific form of Nathan Tyson is not only attracting the close attention of opposition defenders. According to the newspaper rumour mills he is also a closely marked man with a growing list of leading club scouts.

This is hardly surprising considering Typhoon's five goals in nine league games have played a major part in shooting Wanderers up among the early leaders.

The club's latest big money signing, John Harrison, will unfortunately not be part of Tony Adams playing squad. The new general manager has arrived with the brief to make the club financially viable.

Given the club's current debt of well over £2 million, he's going to be a very busy man. Let's hope he can kick off his new challenge by convincing Wasps to pledge their future to Adams Park.

One thing is for sure he can't fail to be a better investment than Wanderers last senior executive appointment, the short lived Simon Monkman.