

Supporters should be backing Blues

YOUR sport letter writer last week, Roy Bevan, wants to blame the Wycombe Wanderers' board for Tony Adams' departure from the club, and calls for the head of Ivor Beeks and his team.

As a Wycombe Wanderers season-ticket holder, naturally I am disappointed as anyone that the team are currently in the bottom half of League Two, and that Tony Adams has let us all down in the way that he has handled his decision to leave, but to lash out at Ivor Beeks in that way is simply ridiculous.

The first point to make is surely that someone who can write and complain about virtually every aspect of the club, its chairman, its board, its former manager and his tactics, the players and the shareholders can hardly call himself a supporter.

Mr Bevan criticises the board's business decisions but it is hard to see what other actions they ought to have taken.

If Ivor Beeks' talents as a businessman are so poor then one wonders how his building firm manages to thrive.

The fact of the matter is that the club has not been making enough money and that this has been the case as far back as the days of the saintly Martin O'Neill.

The board have tested several ways of bringing new money into the club, but two of them (allowing shareholders to invest, and selling the naming rights to the stadium) Mr Bevan objects to.

Mr Bevan says we need three or four new players. I've noticed a substantial number of new players in the last few months – indeed most of the squad is new this season – but still Mr Bevan isn't satisfied. If the club is to find more players, and of established quality, then it would have to find money it currently hasn't got to pay for them.

What Wycombe Wanderers needs right now, I suggest, are rather more of the 20,000 fans who came to Villa Park in April 2001 to attend the home matches. That would give the club greater income for a start. It might be prudent for supporters like Mr Bevan to spend more time promoting the club and a little less time booing the players or writing vitriolic letters to the press.

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