

I didn't think Adams would be a quitter



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VIEW FROM THE STAND

I ALWAYS thought that when the going got tough, the tough got going. But Tony Adams went one better.

When the going got tough he not only got going, he went as well!

Since his rapid and unseemly departure from Adams Park a great number of Wanderers fans have accused Tony Adams of jumping before he was pushed.

However, when he was appointed as manager, just over a year ago, many people commented that given his previous health and lifestyle problems he could well find the stress and workload of football management too hard to handle.

Big Tony had certainly been throwing his toys out of the pram about a whole host of situations in recent weeks.

He grumbled about the lack of financial support he was receiving from the Board.

He also complained to this paper about an article stating Wanderers had won only 9 games out of 45 games played during his first year in charge, moaning that the 20 drawn games had not been mentioned.

Then, of course, he was unhappy with a section of the fans booing the team at the end of a couple of poor home performances.

In fact, he appeared to be getting upset with everyone's performance except his own. With the benefit of hindsight Wanderers shouldn't have gambled on an inexperienced manager when we were battling against relegation last season.

And we certainly shouldn't repeat the mistake this time. If we get this decision wrong, we could find ourselves being relegated in successive seasons and back in the Conference.

The dismissal of Pete Cawley seems very sensible considering he has been number two to both Lawrie Sanchez and Tony Adams during the last couple of dismal seasons. This move also clears the decks for the new manager to appoint his own coaching staff.

I believe the board, like most fans, got seduced by Tony Adams' personality and the amount of publicity surrounding his appointment.

This time Wanderers need to select a manager with a proven track record in Football League management.

One of the front runners being touted around is John Gorman, an unlucky loser a year ago.

While this is not a bad shout, the club would need positive reassurance that he would not up and leave if his pal Glenn Hoddle became manager at a top club.

At the moment Hoddle seems to be associated with almost every major managerial vacancy that crops up.

It's good to see Keith Ryan taking on the role of temporary manager. It would not surprise me to see Rhino being involved in some full time managerial or coaching capacity in the not too distant future.

But this should only be assisting an experienced and proven number one.

Sadly, Mark Austin will soon be following Tony Adams out of Adams Park. Although he often comes in for stick from some sections of Blues fans, nobody can doubt his superb fund raising record.

During his time he has helped to raise a net profit of £7 million for the club and you could argue his contribution has been as vital as any manager, player, official or director.

Let's hope we will have our new manager on board by the time Luton arrive for the second round of the FA Cup.

At least this fixture should attract a decent sized crowd, certainly far more than the less than 2,000 Blues fans who witnessed the struggle to overcome Coalville.