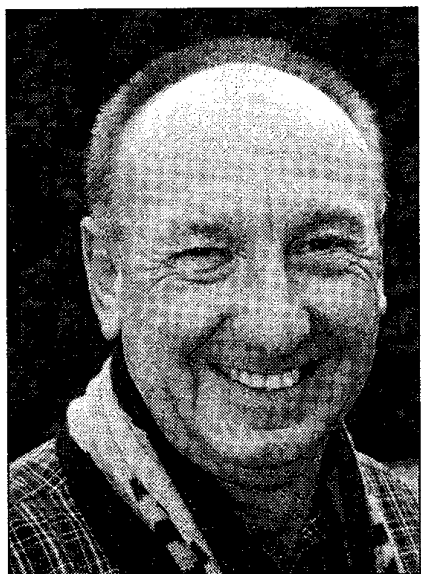


Waltzing Wanderers need to be consistent



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VIEW FROM THE STAND

YET another dismal home defeat means Wanderers continued their weekly waltz up and down the table, two steps forward, three steps backwards!

We certainly missed the midfield mobility of Danny Senda against Boston, while our strikers were given another lesson in finishing by Andy Kirk. No doubt Lawrie Sanchez enjoyed a wry smile when he heard that his Northern Ireland international has hit four goals against Wanderers this season.

Despite confirming he wants to sign Steve Claridge on a free for the rest of the season, John Gorman says he is still looking to get another striker in on loan.

Let's hope whoever he gets can remember how to find the back of the net. Apart from Nathan Tyson and Adam Birchall, I make it that we've played eight other front men this season in a total of 39 games for the princely return of just four goals.

Apart from our poor goals to chances ratio, our main problem is our depressing home form.

If only our home record matched our away results we would be up with the play-off challengers instead of down with the also-rans. In fact, only Swansea and Lincoln have a better away record than Wanderers. Hopefully, we can even improve on that at Rushden tomorrow.

Mind you, our on-field problems pale into insignificance compared with our financial plight.

The club has a debt of around £2.2m and is heading for a £300,000 loss this year. But despite this, director Steve Hayes says he doesn't want to attract new investors at the moment, even though the club has only raised £315,000 of the £1.5m they had set as their target for this year.

Furthermore, the original business plan, that was presented to club members last summer by Ivor Beeks and Brian Kane, has been ridiculed as unrealistic by John Harrison, the new general manager.

Surely now would seem to be a good time for all members to be told what went wrong with Plan A and what is their new Plan B to avoid administration.

As things stand at the moment, because the new investment has been nowhere near the projected figures presented, the change of constitution seems to have sold members short.

Given that the board only achieved 20 per cent of their new investment target, it seems a bit rich that they are coming heavy with the Supporters Trust with their stance of the full £50,000 or no deal on having a member elected to the Board.

Based on the board's success rate, the Supporters Trust should only have to raise around £10,000 to gain their place on the top table.