

She's ready to warble

**View from the Stand
by Ron Barnett**

WHEN we were leaving Adams Park on Saturday I'm sure I saw the shadowy figure of a rotund diva entering the ground.

By the time we boarded our Stokenchurch bound bus, I fully expected to hear the faint sound of warbling tones coming from the Woodlands Stand. However, we instead heard that Northampton and Macclesfield had both lost whilst Darlington and Rochdale had only managed to pick up a point each.

Suddenly Wanderers fans could cling onto their slim play-off hopes, even if we're only hanging on by our fingernails. Nothing less than three straight wins in our final fixtures will be good enough. Even then we will have to rely on all the other teams dropping points.

This is certainly not the best time to be travelling Yeovil, who will be looking to clinch automatic promotion in front of their own fans.

Once again, against Bury, Wanderers' indifferent and inconsistent home form let them down. We looked really on-song in the early stages and Roger Johnson's great solo effort got the party off with a swing.

With Danny Senda and Gus Uhlenbeek running the Bury defence ragged down the right wing, it only seemed a matter of time before we at least doubled our lead. Instead we fell asleep at the back, conceded a sloppy goal and the players confidence seemed to drain away.

Despite all the success Danny and Gus were having on the right flank, for some reason John Gorman decided to switch Gus to left back for the second half. This seemed a strange decision and we certainly didn't make anywhere near as many scoring opportunities from wide positions after the break.

In the end there was a certain inevitability about Bury getting the winning goal, even if it did begin with a moment of madness from Frank Talia.

Looking at the points collected in the 24 league games under the stewardship of John Gorman, compared to the total collected in all 43 games, there is a remarkable consistency. John Gorman is averaging 1.417 points per game compared to 1.419 points for the season so far.

So, while Wanderers are undoubtedly playing better football under the management and coaching trio of Gorman, Brownie and Rhino, we have yet to turn performances into points. This is especially true at Adams Park where our home record is one of the poorest in the division.

This is in contrast to our away record which is the best in the division, and the reason why we still have slim hopes of making the play-offs. Realistically though, it looks like being a season of good, but not quite good enough!

American dream

FORMER Wanderers player Otto Decker returned to the club for the first time in 55 years last Saturday and admitted he could not believe the transformation.

The Second World War evacuee from Germany joined Blues as a 17-year-old in 1947 and played for the first team in the 1948/49 season.

But the former Royal Grammar School boy emigrated to America the following year and scored two goals for the USA in their 6-3 defeat against an England side including Tom Finney and Billy Wright.

