

That will do for starters



VIEW FROM THE STAND

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TWO games, three goals, four points. That'll do very nicely for starters.

After Blues' slightly stuttering start on Saturday, they roared back to top form at Rochdale to return home with all three points.

If only Lady Luck had been on Wanderers' side against Carlisle, we would now be sitting at the top of the table with Orient. We were unlucky enough when Roger Johnson's great volley crashed against the bar, but when his diving header came back off the same bit of woodwork just two minutes later it was obvious our only luck was going to be the bad variety.

To add insult to injury, Kevin Betsy also hit a post in the second half. Who said touching wood brought you good luck?

Still a draw against the ultra defensive Cumbrians wasn't too bad a start to the season and Mooney's goal was worth the ticket money alone. Certainly an early contender for goal of the season.

As our away record was better than our home form last season, it was no surprise that we won at Rochdale. The way John Gorman sets up the team seems to make us more effective against sides that come at us, allowing Wanderers to hit them on the break.

On and off the field there have been some very shrewd and forward thinking changes at the club over the summer. John Gorman has certainly done his bit by bringing in some real quality players and I reckon Wanderers now have their strongest squad since Martin O'Neill ruled the roost.

The new Sports Bar is a great idea, the old Centre Spot always had a bit of an identity crisis not knowing whether it was meant to be a pub or a private members club. The beer tent was also doing great business on Saturday and should help to bring in much needed extra revenue.

All around the club you can see the customer relations skills and commercial influence of Steve Hayes taking effect. Things are definitely moving in the right direction again after the previous board, despite all the dedication of Ivor Beeks, appeared to lose their way, not to mention the goodwill of many Blues fans.

Next it's onward and upward to Oxford on Saturday. Another win could put us on top of the league as well as silencing all the Oxford supporters in my local. A Mooney hat-trick would do very nicely.