

Magic Johnson leads by example



VIEW FROM THE STAND

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NINETEEN not out and three points clear of the chasing pack. Blues' magical unbeaten run is now into its fifth month.

Roger Johnson has certainly played a vital captain's role in the last month. Magic Johnson has conjured up three late goals in the last four league matches to give Blues a draw against Peterborough and victories over Grimsby and Carlisle.

On top of that, he scored the final and decisive penalty in the LDV Vans Trophy shoot-out win at Gillingham. He looks like a hot favourite to collect the November Player of the Month award.

It was sad to hear Carlisle fans taunting John Gorman with 'traitor' chants after he celebrated our late winning goal. Especially as they had earlier given him a warm welcome as a returning hero from their golden days back in the Seventies. Did they expect him to politely apologise for being delighted his side had the nerve to score a vital goal?

Mind you, these could well be the same fans that charged across the pitch to confront Wanderers fans when we beat them at Brunton Park in, what was then, the Division Three play-off semi-final. They did not take defeat too well that day either. In fact, that's the only time I can remember hiding my club colours when walking back to the car after a game.

Hopefully, it wasn't Carlisle fans that vandalised the Wanderers team coach at Penrith on Friday night.

This week saw John Gorman complete his first year in charge at Adams Park and he has totally turned things around in that time. If he can keep the team performing at their current level to the end of the season and win promotion, he could well achieve a similar cult status at the club as Martin O'Neill.

Talking about Wanderers very own 'special one' isn't it about time there was some sort of plaque or area of the ground named after Martin to recognise his great service and achievements during his time at Adams Park.

Whilst we're about it maybe the rubbish skip areas could be dedicated to Alan Smith and Tony Adams.

On the subject of under-achievers, I see that misfit striker cum part-time model Stewart Castledine actually scored a goal on Saturday. He netted a late equaliser for Sutton in the FA Trophy at Uxbridge, the team I used to be ball-boy for when leather balls had laces and you got a free Wagon Wheel if the team won.