

In a league of our own for entertainment



VIEW FROM THE STAND

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Blues fans certainly can't complain about the quality of football or the entertainment level being served up at Adams Park this season.

The last two home games against Orient and Macclesfield have both been top quality matches and have resulted in a total of 15 goals being scored, including a contender for goal of the season from Russell Martin.

Wanderers are the division's runaway leaders in the goalscoring stakes with 52 goals in 26 games, a superb average of exactly two per match. The team has been remarkably consistent in finding the back of the net, scoring at least once in every away game and only failing to score in two drawn home games.

We're also top of the table but, unfortunately, not the runaway leaders that we should be. With just two defeats all season, in a league where the second and third placed clubs have both lost seven games, we should have a very comfortable points gap between us and the chasing pack. Instead, we're only a point ahead of the fast-improving Carlisle and just two in front of Grimsby, who have a game in hand.

Our Achilles heel has of course been our 12 draws, especially the seven at home. If we had only won half of all our drawn games we would now have a points lead of Chelsea proportions.

Notts County, who are just outside the play-off places, are next in town on Saturday and Wanderers need all three points to stay in top spot.

Given our league position and the wonderful entertainment on offer, let's hope we can attract back some of the fans who have deserted the club over the last few seasons. You certainly can't get better value for money football than that Blues fans have enjoyed in recent weeks.

One problem that keeps would-be fans away has still not gone away though. Getting away from the ground after the game.

We are reminded every week that the club's new Traffic Plan allows for pedestrians to go first, followed by coaches and then cars. After the Macclesfield match our coach, bound for exotic Stokenchurch, had to wait 30 minutes before we finally reached the Adams Park gates. Even the barrier, meant to prevent cars leaving the upper car park, was lifted before we were allowed to move. This of course meant the coaches crawled away behind many of the cars.

Could the empty coaches not be parked somewhere down Hillbottom Road? This would allow them to get away with the cars parked outside the ground and before the two club car parks start to empty?

Irish partners

IRISH League outfit Galway United will train with Wycombe Wanderers next month as they start preparing for the new Eircom League season.

Manager Stephen Lally will continue his preparations for his second season in charge by bringing his side for a training camp in which the Tribesmen will train with Coca-Cola League Two side Wycombe Wanderers and play a friendly against FC United of Manchester, the club formed in protest by supporters after Malcolm Glazer's takeover of Manchester United last year.