

BAKER'S BLUES

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Attack is left behind

Iwonder if Paul Lambert is already regretting his decision to concentrate mainly on defensively minded players during the summer. We signed an incredible 11 players during the close season, more than enough to give a pretty strong depth to the squad. But just two of those – John Sutton and Martin Bullock – can be regarded as attack minded players capable of causing teams problems.

It was clear that following the departure of Kevin Betsy, Wycombe did not have anyone who could unlock opposing defences. And they have still yet to replace him.

Statistics are good to emphasise points but the Blues' record is now 13 competitive games without victory. During those 13 games, just ten goals have been scored (including three in the match at Peterborough in March). In seven of those games, Wycombe have failed to score.

Jermaine Easter's return from suspension tomorrow should do our chances no harm but will his return make that much difference when the service to the front two is so bad?

Sergio Torres is something of an enigma. Given opportunities in Wycombe's opening two games, he has disappointed. But we have seen what he can do on his day. Torres is still finding his feet after a while out with injuries. He is also one of the few attacking midfielders at the club so he is worth persevering with.

He and others know they have to perform and soon. These include several new players who have yet to find their feet.

Losing to Accrington was bad (they must certainly rank as one of the worst sides in the league), but the defeat at Plymouth was more understandable given that Argyle are a Championship side. A third straight defeat at the start of the season at Dagenham tomorrow is surely unthinkable.

There can be no excuses at Dagenham.

We need the players to click together, perform and earn the right result.

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