

Highs and lows of being a fan

Being a Wanderers supporter is not always very easy. A big high is usually followed by a low. After such a magnificent win over promotion rivals Chesterfield, was it really too much to expect to beat lowly Dagenham and Redbridge?

Dagenham have been hammered many times – 4-0 at Chester City, 3-0 at Darlington, 4-1 at home to Bradford and 4-0 at Shrewsbury Town. Dagenham's win on Tuesday night was their first against any of the top ten in League Two.

After only netting a point at Victoria Road back in August, Wycombe have potentially lost five points on their rivals for promotion against one of the poorest sides in the league. Just how much will that cost the Blues in May?

All the hard work that was done to beat Chesterfield seems to have been undone by a sloppy, abject display. On Saturday night we were dreaming of automatic promotion, one woeful performance later and the Blues are outside the play-off spots.

We have traditionally faltered against sides we're expected to beat, none more so than in the first couple of seasons in the Football League. A 3-2 home defeat to Lincoln City sandwiched in between draws at bottom of the league Darlington and Northampton blotted the copybook in the early part of the season. And a year later shock defeats at Bournemouth and at home to Plymouth ended our play-off hopes.

The good/bad news is Wycombe's next three games are against similar opposition to Dagenham. Accrington away followed by Mansfield Town at Adams Park, then a trip to Bury.

Last month, Accrington were beaten 8-2 at Peterborough, Wycombe won 4-0 at Mansfield and Bury are without a league win since 1st December.

The target should be nine points from the next three games, particularly on the back of the Dagenham game. Anything less will have to be seen as points dropped.

Looking on the optimistic side, Wycombe at least have an early opportunity to put such a disappointing result out of their system in Lancashire tomorrow. The bad news is that

Accrington Stanley won 1-0 at Adams Park on the opening day.

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