

BAKER'S BLUES

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So little up top but so on top

I was analysing the match with fellow Wycombe fans outside Gigg Lane at ten to ten on Tuesday evening when a Bury fan and his young son approached our group.

"If you had a strong striker who could put the ball in the net," he said: "Then you'd walk this league."

"You are one of the best sides I've ever seen at Gigg Lane," he continued. "And that Sergio Torres is something special. You'll do well to hang on to him."

That gentleman from the old Lancashire mill town certainly had a point on all fronts.

Wycombe were a joy to watch in Greater Manchester on Tuesday night. They looked totally in control and with Torres and Leon Knight attacking with pace at every opportunity, it looked a question of not if we'd win but by how many.

Torres seems to be getting better and better. He nearly scored a quite exquisite goal in the second half. From the edge of the area, he put his right boot behind his left boot and somehow launched a goal-bound effort. Only a terrific save by Darren Randolph prevented one of the greatest goals by a Wycombe player ever. It was showboating at its best.

Without wanting to criticise Wycombe's Man of the Match that chance kind of sums the Blues up at the moment. Capable of absolute brilliance, we have been unlucky, and may be better doing the simple things well. Like scoring scrappy goals to seal football matches.

It should have been all three points at Gigg Lane, no-one there could suggest otherwise. And Wycombe's failure, Scott McGleish aside, to be clinical up-front is proving potentially to be very damaging.

I think Wycombe desperately need a physical frontman in on loan. Former Wanderer Richard Walker cannot even get on to Bristol Rovers' substitutes bench at the moment. And Swindon striker Blair Sturrock has fallen to fifth in their pecking order. Two ideal choices of men to aid Wycombe's promotion cause.

The club should also consider offering Torres a new ten-year contract extension.

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