

# Taylor: I would've booed us off too

Picture by ANITA ROSS-MARSHALL

BOSS Peter Taylor issued a damning assessment of Blues' first half performance saying he would have booed them off at half time during Saturday's MK Dons defeat if he had been a supporter.

He said: "The crowd reaction at half-time was absolutely right, I'd have booed them myself and more than that.

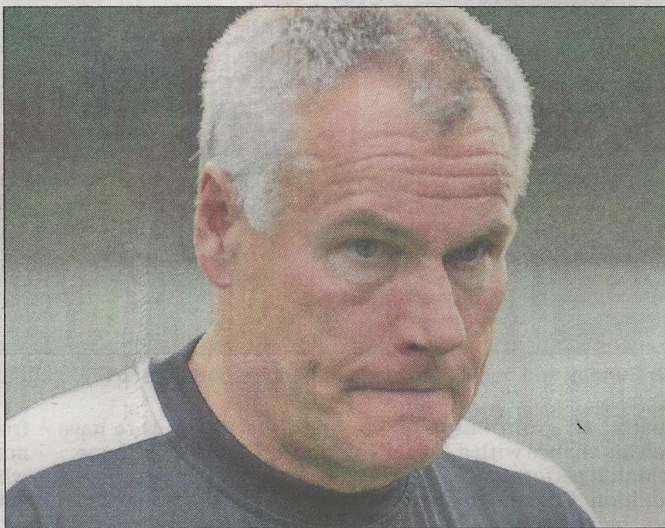
"The first-half was totally unacceptable and I think that certain players have got to have a real good think to themselves, because we've got to do a lot better than that."

And the one-time England boss agreed with his opposite number Paul Ince's assessment that it was one of the most one-sided halves in memory.

Taylor said: "I agree with him. He is not telling any stories there, the first half was totally unacceptable."

The baffled boss admitted he could not put his finger on what went wrong as Wycombe were given the complete run-around in an embarrassingly one-sided opening 45 minutes.

He said: "It's a little bit of a toss of the coin at times how



**GRIM-FACED:** Blues boss Peter Taylor heads down the tunnel for his half-time team talk with boos ringing in his ears

certain players are going to perform, but I was very surprised by the nervous start."

Wanderers were lucky to go in trailing just 1-0 at half time.

They left the field to a chorus of boos from their own supporters and Taylor reacted to the home humiliation by making a triple substitution during

the interval.

He said: "The crowd's reaction was a test for the players, and I told them at half time that I wanted them to come off this pitch feeling pleased with their performance."

With substitutes Jon-Paul Pittman, Kevin Betsy and Matt Phillips on the pitch,

Wanderers were vastly improved and might even have snatched an unlikely draw.

Taylor said: "I enjoyed the second half but hated the first half.

"We were too nervous in the first half, people were doing millions of things that we don't want them to do, but in the second half we had a bit more of a go and we looked more athletic, and a bit more exciting.

"In the second half we did as much as them and created as many chances as them - but we mustn't fall into that trap of just performing when we are losing."

He picked out Chris Zebroski and Betsy for their part in the turnaround.

He said: "Zebroski was absolutely fantastic second half, he won most headers, didn't stop closing them down and didn't stop making forward runs and I was pleased with Kevin Betsy, he looked a bit of class at times."