

The First Rumbblings...

After our home draw with Northampton Town on Saturday we heard the first few rumbling of discontent amongst a few of our supporters.

There were questions asked about the starting line up and some of the ensuing substitutions. Don't get me wrong supporters have the right to question the managers selection and in game management so let's have a look at some of the major issues.

The lack of converting possession into goals is still our major problem, I think we have to accept two things, Stansfield is going to be playing up front on his own and May isn't a number ten. I understand everyone wanting to try to shoehorn May into the team but there comes a point where you just accept that it's not going to happen.

There are a lot of quality players sitting on our bench all waiting for their chance to get into the team and we have to accept that if Davies isn't going to try Stansfield wide and May up top then May isn't going to be starting as there are better equipped midfielders sitting on the touchline.

Trying to play May as a number ten and Willumsson wide simply nullifies his effectiveness as we saw on Saturday. When Willumsson went into his normal role in the second half he looked like his normal self and the team operated better with him there.

Bielik was replaced after eighty eight minutes by Sanderson after he got a cramped calf, it was the obvious thing to do and he was replaced by Sanderson who was the only CB on the bench as Ben Davies was ill.

Sanderson has become a bit of a whipping boy and I've also noticed that the knives are out for Laird at the first opportunity. Everyone has the right to opinion and if you want to have a go at a player simply explain what you think he does wrong in a reasoned way but saying so and so is **** isn't acceptable it's a meaningless statement unless you explain what colours your comments.

Chris Davies picks the players they don't pick themselves, if you want to have a go at someone have a go at the person who selects them. I'm fully supportive of the players and CD and think we are well on track to win the league.

Our midfield pairing of Iwata and Paik was pretty much nullified on Saturday by a packed midfield, when a team has eleven players behind the ball it congests the final third and stops us playing our normal game. We are going to face this a lot at St Andrews and have to be patient and keep plugging away.

People are giving plaudits to Jon Brady for his tactics and stealing a point. What he did was tell his players they're not good enough to compete so get behind the ball and cause trouble when you can. That's not a tactic that's surrender, well done.

Statistics tell us that teams that command most possession win trophies, we aren't going to win every game but we aren't going to lose many as we can already see. At the start of the season I said we can't afford to lose more than 5 games to win the league, we are on course to better that.

The low block or parking the bus is something that is going to happen a lot in the coming games especially against teams in the bottom half of the table.

It's been said that we are like everyone's cup final which was justified by the wild celebrations after they equalised, listening to Brady in his presser afterwards he actually said that had scored the winner on a couple of occasions before eventually correcting himself.

We definitely need to put games to bed and I think the key to this is an early goal, as the game goes on teams go deeper and the pressure on us to score increases. The question is how do we get that early goal?

Over to you Chris...

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