

**TT No.184: Mark Farnell** - Tues 22nd February 2011; **Wycombe Wanderers v Burton Albion**; Football League Division 2; Venue: Adams Park, Wycombe, Bucks; Result: 4-1; Att: 3345; Programme: 68pp, £3.

After watching a number of lower league games, Tuesday night saw a return to League football with the Football League Division Two game between Wycombe Wanderers and Burton Albion (ground number 279 for me and 173 for my daughter). We travelled on the coach, departing from the Pirelli Stadium at a quarter to five and travelling down the M42 and M40 to Wycombe. Traffic congestion near Solihull delayed us and we didn't arrive at Adams park until about 7.30pm, just fifteen minutes before kick-off. But a good book and plenty of food on the coach had kept our spirits high.

Parking down some dark and dingy alley way car park we walked the short distance to the ground where the staff were very friendly and helpful. Unfortunately, the club shop had sold out of Wycombe pin badges which was disappointing but a sign that the season is nearing an end and that they should have ordered more really! We made our way into the stadium and joined the rest of the travelling fans, two coach loads and a couple of cars meaning that the away end was hardly full.

The game began and right from the off Wycombe's superior class was evident and they took the lead on 10 minutes when Stuart Lewis ran through the Brewers defence to score. The Chairboys second went in on the half hour as a shot from Lewis Montrose hit a defender's outstretched foot and looped high over the goalkeeper and into the back of the net. It really was one-way traffic during the first half as Lewis scored his second with a blistering drive from about 20 yards out and Burton offering little in return.

The second half saw a more spirited performance from Burton who actually scored through Sam Winnall's scrambled goal before Wanderers were awarded a penalty after Darren Moore (Big Dave) had bundled over Pittman in the area which was neatly dispatched by Scott Rendell. With travelling supporters (well about a dozen) doing the hokey-cokey we were entertained off the pitch as well as on it.

Full time and back to the coach with 'have a safe journey home from the home stewards' which was appreciated, and seemed genuine. Wycombe march on with Burton still struggling away from home. A good game and the only disappointment, was that Wycombe didn't get the support that their play and league position deserve. More good food and a sleep on the coach back arriving back in Burton about midnight then the twenty-minute journey by car home.