

Fuller Flavour

Karl Fuller column....



George Hirst returned - and scored - at Hull

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What a player - Omari Hutchinson, left, has certainly caught the eye.

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My message to our players on huge week for the club

That was another opinion-splitting weekend. I can understand the frustration of the failure to pick up three points at Hull City. A couple of their goals were perhaps avoidable.

But for me, I will look at it positively. There is still no point in dwelling on what could have been. We gained a point more than Leeds. Had they won at QPR, and we lost, the picture would have been quite different.

So, let us be grateful that we still have matters in our own hands. It is crazy that we have not won any of our last four games and yet still find ourselves in this position.

And now, the biggest week of the season is upon us. In the night on 12 years of writing this column, we have never been so close to promotion to the Premier League.

I hope that next week will be my final musings of the season where we will find ourselves about to become a member of England's elite football clubs once again.

Let me look at worst case scenario thoughts first. We finish third and must go through the play-offs for a second chance of clinching promotion.

Would that be a disaster?

Sure, it makes our chances a whole lot harder. The play-offs are a lottery, and none of us want them right now.

Yet just about every one of us would have taken a place in them if offered at the start of the season.

Best case scenario thoughts state the obvious. Get the four points at least, propel ourselves to the land of the riches and we will all be pinching ourselves wondering what the heck has happened.

Combining every thought and emotion of either possibility, it comes down to this.

Whatever happens, it has been the most brilliant season.

We have some incredible statistics to back the season up. It is the first time we have reached 90 points in the Championship. We will end the season with the fewest defeats of all clubs in our league.

For the first time in more than 60 years, we have scored 100+ goals in consecutive seasons.

We could well end up as top scorers in our league. We have been on the most incredible journey.

How good was it to see both George Hirst and Wes Burns

back at Hull? I never saw that coming. Especially in both starting the game. I assume they would be on the bench at best.

Having these two back for these final games is massive and could be the difference in getting us over the line.

That said, Omari Hutchinson was superb, again. What a talent he has developed into.

I would imagine that it would be almost impossible to see him back with us next season. But I hope that it is not to the detriment of his career where he simply ends up lost in Chelsea's system.

It was sad to see Leif Davis

limping off. If there is a footballing God, then I hope that he can use some healing powers as soon as possible to get Leif back for at least one more big effort.

Whatever happens now, never lose sight of where the club is at these days. Season tickets for next season sold out and a waiting list is to be created. Who would have thought we would be hearing of this just a few years ago?

The magnitude of this week is like nothing we have seen in years.

My message to our players, our heroes, is to stand tall, stand proud, and give your all for these last two games.

Five days, two games, and four points. This is all that stands in our way.

You have given us everything this season. You have never known when you are beaten. Your efforts deserve the biggest of all rewards.

You have had your doubters outside of our club. You have been told that you would fall away.

Yet here you still stand ready for one final push. Show them, as much as us, that you should never be underestimated.

The fans are right behind you all the way. You can do this. We will do this.