

Barren Blues

IF shot-shy Wanderers fail to score against Plymouth Argyle tomorrow they will go down as the most impotent team in the club's 109-year history.

And the man trying to condemn them to that unwanted place in the record books is former Liverpool legend Bruce Grobbelaar, now the goalkeeper for tomorrow's opponents at Adams Park.

Wycombe have failed to find the back of the net in their last five matches equalling the lean spells experienced under Martin O'Neill in 1994/95 and during the 1899/1900 season, but no Wanderers side has yet gone six league games without a goal.

On-loan striker Neil Davis, who has come the closest to breaking

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the scoring duck, said: "I will be going all out to make sure we don't get that record. This week in training the gaffer has been encouraging us to shoot from everywhere and hopefully it will pay off."

"Bruce Grobbelaar is an excellent goalkeeper but he has been known to make a few mistakes so I am confident we can score and get the win."

His strike partner, Steve McGavin is hungry to end his personal six-game drought.

He said: "I think the problem has been that we are getting used to the new system. The way the manager is trying to play is the

right way but it is taking time. But time is running out for us and I'm sure that if we don't start getting it right the boss will bring in players who he thinks can do it."

"I'm confident things will change. The manager has come in and worked on the defensive side first and during the last three games we haven't seen a lot of the ball up front. Once we get used to the system I can see it working and I think we only need a win or two to get us going."

Blues boss John Gregory said: "I'm not worried about records. This club has a very proud history but they are now playing at the highest level they have ever played at, so I don't think you can take too much notice of records."

"Obviously if we don't score it is

a record I will be saddled with but I'm not worried about it."

But Gregory admitted: "We have starved the front players, we aren't creating enough in the last third of field"

But despite the blanks he is pleased with the form of Davis and wants to buy him from Aston Villa, if he can find the money.

Gregory said: "He's been the one who's looked most likely to score."

Davis is undecided whether he wants to leave Villa, where he's had just three substitute appearances. If Davis is to be eligible for the FA Cup game next Saturday, Gregory must buy him today. The Blues boss says there is a two-in-ten chance of him signing in time for that game.

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Wanderers v Plymouth DAVE PETERS previews tomorrow's clash

JOHN Gregory's side bid to stay out of the record books by ending their goal drought against Plymouth, who will have Bruce Grobbelaar in goal.

The Blues boss is confident striker Steve McGavin will recover from a dead-leg to partner Neil Davis up front.

Gregory used Wednesday night's reserve match against Reading to try and find a new position to get the best out of enigmatic winger David Farrell, employing him as a left back. But with first team left back Mickey Bell currently the most consistent performer in the side the experiment might not extend to Nationwide League action.

The reserves 3-1 defeat against an almost full first team Reading side also saw the comebacks of midfielders Matthew Lawrence and Gary Patterson but Gregory says Saturday is probably too soon for them.

Opponents Plymouth started the season like a rocket shooting to the top of the table but have struggled to maintain consistency.

They will be without striker Adrian Littlejohn, who has a hamstring injury, but could recall Carlo Corrazzin up front, now that he has returned from international duty with Canada.

Wycombe's Jason Rowbotham, on loan at the Devon club, is unlikely to feature in his normal role on the subs bench because of a knee injury. But 16 year-old Lee Phillips, who is still at school, could continue his recent run on the bench.