

Double danger for Wanderers

THE fixture computer did Wanderers no favours when it gave them consecutive holiday games at promotion chasing Luton Town (tomorrow) and Brentford (New Year's Day).

The matches give both opponents the chance of becoming the first teams ever to inflict a double on Wanderers since they entered the Football League.

Luton beat Wycombe 1-0 at Adams Park in September and Brentford repeated the trick three weeks later by the same scoreline, when Alan Smith was still manager.

But Wanderers are a different team now. Buoyed by Gregory's new signings the Blues went into Christmas in their best form of the season and after an eight-month wait they even have an away win to their name.

Wycombe should have nothing to fear from Luton, tomorrow, and Brentford on Wednesday. Earlier this month Wycombe beat Millwall when they were top and just nine days ago beat promotion chasing Chesterfield. They were also unlucky to lose 1-0 against high flying Watford and Wrexham.

■ Neil Smillie's youth team are through to the semi-finals of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup where they will entertain either Crystal Palace or Charlton.

The Blues secured their place in the last four with a 1-0 win over Birmingham City at Adams Park on Monday night.

■ Tickets for Wanderers FA Cup match at home to Bradford City, Chris Waddle and all, are now on sale from the usual outlets.

Everyone's out of jail

WE had a great start to Christmas, three wins on the trot and former hero, Simon Garner being released from jail, writes Elaine Butler of Wycombe Wanderers Official Supporters Club.

For those of you so-called fans who sat at home watching Sky Television when we played Barnet, shame on you, you missed a great atmosphere and it would have been better if you had been there cheering. Why not make a New Year resolution and come along to all the games? If

we all encourage a friend along the crowds will swell and make more money for John Gregory to strengthen the squad.

Gregory and Richard Hill have already made a great difference. You can see their skills on the pitch before games, not many managers and assistant managers warm up with their players but they do.

At the Bradford game on January 4, Rena will be in the Vere Suite foyer taking coach bookings for the trip to Rotherham on January 18.

Another month for no-goal Neil

NEIL Davis has been given another month to try and his score his first goal for Wanderers.

Manager John Gregory extended his loan from Aston Villa to a third and final month on Monday. After that Gregory must decide whether Davis is worth the six figure fee Villa want for him.

Davis, who scored 23 goals in 28 reserve games for Villa last season, has failed to score in ten games for Wanderers.

He said: "It hasn't been very productive for me goals-wise. John Gregory's shown

tremendous faith in me. He brought me here to score and I haven't been doing it and that's been very disappointing. Strikers thrive on goals and I need one."

Gregory is not losing faith. He singled him out as one of the stars of Saturday's win at Bristol.

He said: "Davis and Desouza worked extremely hard to get us back into that game. Neil does a tremendous amount of work and has made a massive contribution to our play."

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