

AUGUST

Wanderers' season starts a day later than everyone else as a flower show in Shrewsbury means that police put the Blues' opening fixture back 24 hours. Wanderers also start slowly. Four draws and a home defeat mean they finish the month in the bottom four.

SEPTEMBER

Manager Alan Smith gets the sack after the Blues lose 6-3 at Peterborough to go bottom. Not even the signing of rent-a-Ray Wilkins who played just one game for the Blues, was enough to save Smith's bacon.

OCTOBER

Caretaker boss Neil Smillie guides Wanderers to their first league win as the Blues come from behind to beat Rotherham at Adams Park. He then repeats the trick four days later with a 1-0 win over Notts County. But three

defeats followed and John Gregory, coach at Aston Villa, was the shock appointment as manager. Gregory's first game in charge, a 0-0 draw at home to Wrexham, sent the Blues back to the bottom.

NOVEMBER

A 2-1 win over Plymouth ends a four-game wait for Gregory's first win and stops the Blues from entering the history books as the only Wanderers team to go six matches without scoring. But after a last minute defeat at Watford, and having three men sent off against Preston, Wanderers remain rooted to the bottom.

DECEMBER

Christmas comes early as a Mickey Bell screamer beats league leaders Millwall. Chesterfield are also seen off at Adams Park before Wanderers chalk up their first away win, a 4-3 success

at Bristol Rovers. But the euphoria is shattered on Boxing Day as the Blues' decision to go ahead with their match against Walsall backfires when they lose on a skating rink of a pitch to finish the year 22nd.

JANUARY

The New Year plumbs new depths with a defeat at bottom-club Rotherham, a match that chairman Ivor Beeks still describes as his lowest point. But they bounce back with a 3-1 win over York and a 0-0 draw at Plymouth. Neil Davis, the man Gregory was convinced would score the goals for Wycombe, returns to Aston Villa without a goal during his three month loan.

FEBRUARY

Justice is done as Wanderers beat Peterborough 2-0 in the rematch of the game that was controversially abandoned when the Blues

were 2-0 up. A win over Crewe and a draw in front of more than 8,000 fans against Watford lifts the Blues to the dizzy heights of 21st.

MARCH

The cavalry arrives to rescue Wycombe in the shape of Mark Stallard, Keith Scott and goalkeeper Martin Taylor from Premiership Derby County. Wanderers win their vital six-pointer against Shrewsbury and with the new signings there's light at the end of the tunnel.

APRIL

Wanderers receive a massive blow as Martin Taylor is recalled by Derby after keeping three clean sheets in four games. But the Blues take 11 points in the month, including a 5-0 hammering of Burnley. Safety is finally assured last Saturday as Shrewsbury lose at home to Preston.