
Gregory puts his cheque book away for rest of season

Boss ends spending

REPORT

By Dave Peters

BLUES boss John Gregory has put his cheque book away for the season after signing Bradford City centre half Nicky Mohan.

Gregory emptied his piggy bank when he splashed out £75,000 on the 27-year-old last Friday.

And unless Wanderers have a money-spinning FA Cup run that is the end of his spending spree which has seen him spend £455,000 in just under 12 months.

He said: "This is my last signing. If I want to buy any more players I will have to generate my own money. That means selling players or having an FA Cup run.

He added: "I don't want to sell anyone. I am unbelievably delighted with my squad. It is a 100 per cent improvement on what I inherited last season. I have got competition for places and a strong reserve side."

But Mohan, who was on loan at Wycombe earlier in the season and signed in time to play at Gillingham last week, must put his home debut on hold – after being sent off for Bradford reserves 15 days ago.

He misses tomorrow's clash at home to Bristol Rovers and will also sit out the next two games against Walsall and Chesterfield after being sent off against Barnsley in the Pontins League following a clash with Dutchman Laurens Ten Heuvel.

Gregory said: "It's disappointing we've got to wait for him but he's worth waiting for. We signed him until the year 2000 and I'm sure Nicky will be a big plus for us."

Gregory was delighted to get Mohan, who cost £225,000 when he joined Bradford from Leicester two years ago, for just £75,000.

He was first quoted £150,000 but, as he did with Keith Scott, he played a game of patience and eventually whittled the Yorkshire club down.

Gregory said: "On paper it looks a bargain. It had reached a point where Bradford weren't going to play him and I think Chris Kamara (Bradford manager) needed to get his salary off the wage bill."