

Dough not write us off

Doughnuts help the Blues find form again

DOUGHNUTS are the mystery ingredient behind Wanderers' recent revival, which has got Blues boss John Gregory eyeing the play-offs again.

The Blues have not lost since Gregory introduced the Asda doughnuts after training on Friday and are now just six points off the play-offs.

Since he introduced the cakes Wanderers have drawn against Bourne-mouth, had the better of a 0-0 draw away at form-boys Grimsby, ended their run of ten away games without a win with a 1-0 success at Southend in the Auto Windscreens Shield, and seen off third-placed Oldham.

Speaking before today's doughnut picnic, Gregory said: "The doughnuts are here to stay. They're very much part of our programme at the moment. There's nothing like them, we get a bag of 50 in after training and go through them with a cup of tea. Why not? It's wonderful."

But striker Keith Scott, who is not a doughnut fan, added a note of caution saying: "It's OK at the moment but if we start playing badly people might call us doughnuts."

The jokey mood is all part of the feelgood factor which is returning to Adams Park after the nightmare of Basingstoke.

Gregory was delighted that all of his squad attended the players' Christmas party on Tuesday night.

He said: "It was great that all the lads went. We've got players from all corners of England but they were all there together

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which was excellent for team spirit. Last year they didn't all go so I'm delighted that this time they have all gone out as a team together."

But since the party, it has been back to work for Wanderers as they bid to build on their mini-revival at Millwall tomorrow.

The South Londoners have not won at home since October 11 and hope the £100,000 capture of striker Carl Veart will boost their fading fortunes.

Gregory said: "This is a huge game for us. We are on a good run and we want to keep it going. If we win tomorrow the Watford game on Boxing Day will be a sell-out."

"Beating Oldham last week was a major scalp for us. There was a lot of back-slapping in the dressing room afterwards. The lads were really pumped up. The spirit is very good at the moment and we go to Millwall with a lot of confidence."

"The play-offs are within reach if we can get that consistency. We proved last week that we can beat one of the best sides in the division."

"There's no reason why we shouldn't reach the top six. The blend is much better. We haven't turned the corner yet, I will never forget Basingstoke, but we're coming together now."

"I thought the Oldham game was probably our best performance of the season. In the last four games we've only conceded two goals and one of those was a penalty and the other a real bloop."



Bedside Blues: Wanderers players at Wycombe Hospital

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Players spread Christmas cheer

WANDERERS stars played Santa on Tuesday handing out presents to youngsters in the children's ward at Wycombe Hospital. The gifts were bought with

money from John Gregory's infamous fines system where players are fined for lateness, swearing and being caught barefoot at the club.