

Shirt orders should get a boost

VIEW FROM THE STAND

By Ron Barnett

JUST when we thought we were in for a bleak Christmas, up come the Blues with a couple of wins. Maybe we can enjoy the festive season after all.

The excellent result against Oldham was only our seventh victory and six of these have come in back to back wins. At the end of August we defeated Fulham and Southend in consecutive matches but we then had to wait until mid-October before we beat Bristol Rovers and Walsall on the bounce. Now after a ten-game gap we've completed another double.

Hopefully we can break the sequence with a win against Millwall, otherwise we could be in for a long wait again.

A victory at the New Den would put everyone in a good Christmas spirit and, who knows, Santa Claus may increase his order for kids replica shirts. That certainly would put a smile on Graham Peart's face.

I can't say I was confident before the Oldham match – I bet on us losing at half time and coming back to get a draw. However, when Dave Carroll started his mazy runs and Scottie began putting himself about, things looked much brighter.

David Kerslake looked a useful addition at wingback – at least he didn't suffer from vertigo when he moved upfield.

Everything looked plain sailing when Scottie put us ahead, then Martin Taylor put his foot in it again. He may be a Premier Division shot-stopper but he looks like a park keeper when the ball's at his feet. Still, Steve McGavin came to the rescue and, at last, we had a good Saturday night.

Considering Oldham are third, I wasn't very impressed with them. It's hardly surprising Watford and Bristol City are running away with the league, they look a different class. Mind you, that's good news for Wanderers because, despite our recent poor run, we're only six points off the play-offs.

According to the Daily Telegraph, Carl Serrant the Oldham left back is being watched by at least 13 Premiership clubs including Manchester United, who were at Adams Park on Saturday. He's the hottest property in Division Two and valued at £1 million plus. He didn't look that impressive against us and his asking price makes the £150,000 we got for Mickey Bell look even more ridiculous.