

Odds-on, they're all going to be tough for Blues this season

Luton, Aug 8 (h) Jan 9 (a), odds 25-1: The Hatters are pinning their hopes on new French striker Herve Bacquet. He was third in the pecking order at Monaco last season behind World Cup winners Henri and Trezeguet.

Millwall, Aug 15 (a) Jan 16 (h), odds 25-1: Billy Bonds who was close to getting the Wycombe job when John Gregory got it was sacked in the summer and replaced by Keith Stevens. Former winger Jimmy Carter is back after spells at Liverpool and Arsenal.

Walsall, Aug 22 (h) Dec 26 (a), odds 50-1: A home defeat by Blues on the last day of the season spelt the end for Danish manager Jan Sorensen. Ray Graydon has replaced him but he was unable to keep star striker Roger Boli.

York, Aug 29 (a) Jan 2 (h), odds 80-1: Favourites to go down after losing both their strikers, Marco Gabbiadini to Darlington and Gary Bull to Scunthorpe. They have failed to invest the £700,000 they received from Reading for winger Graeme Murty.

Bristol Rovers, Aug 31 (h) Jan 23 (a), odds 20-1: Turned down a £2 million bid for striker Barry Hayles this summer and will be relying on his goals for a play-off spot.

Fulham, Sep 5 (a) Feb 6 (h), odds 6-1: Kevin Keegan's men are second favourites for the title after losing in the play-offs last year. The September date could well change though because of international commitments, with Fulham's Chris Coleman and Kit Symons likely to play for Wales against Italy on the same day.

Preston, Sep 8 (h) Feb 13 (a), odds 33-1: Probably the worst team Blues played last season. But they do have the hardest shot in the country with Gary Parkinson's free-kick goal against Watford being measured at 103 miles per hour.

Burnley, Sep 12 (a) Feb 20 (h), odds 20-1: Blues' Chris Vinnicombe will be out to put one over his former club after they insulted him by offering him a new contract but on worse money. But it could be tough, Stan Ternent is Burnley's new boss and he took unfashionable Bury into Division One on crowds of under 3,000, now he's got 9,000 backing him.

Bournemouth, Sep 19 (h) Feb 27 (a), odds 25-1: Goalkeeper Nick Colgan chose Bournemouth instead of Wycombe this summer so the Auto Windscreen Shield finalists must have something to offer.

Colchester, Sep 26 (a) Mar 6 (h),

odds 50-1: The auld enemy. Promoted via the play offs. They have the added advantage that they are able to have supporters on the field at the same time as their players, as Wanderers will remember from their last visit when a thug was obstructing the goalkeeper when they scored.

Notts Co, Oct 3 (h) Mar 9 (a), odds 25-1: Seen by some as the best outside bet but Blues' Steve Brown did not agree. He could have joined last season's Division Three champions but opted to stay at Adams Park.

Gillingham, Oct 10 (a) Apr 5 (h), odds 28-1: Given the same odds for promotion as Wycombe, the Gills have lost striker Ade Akinbiyi to Bristol City for £1.2 million and 17-year-old James Corbett to Blackburn. Brentford striker Bob Taylor has signed for £500,000.

Macclesfield, Oct 17 (h) Apr 3 (a), odds 50-1: Two seasons ago they were non-league, but despite their novice status they have plenty of experience at the helm with former Manchester United stars Sammy McIlroy and Peter Davenport. If Wycombe think they are hard up they should look at Macclesfield. Their record outlay is £15,000.

Wrexham, Oct 20 (h) April 10 (a), odds 28-1: Their season could

depend on whether they can hang onto transfer-listed Welsh international keeper Andy Marriott and whether Ian Rush joins as player coach.

Oldham, Oct 24 (a) Mar 27 (h), odds 40-1: Mark Stallard owes them one. His goal-of-the-season contender in the 1-0 win there last May was missing from Blues' compilation video – because the Latics cameraman was on holiday. Manager Neil Warnock has been replaced by Andy Ritchie but he will be without England B left back Carl Serrant who has gone to Newcastle.

Reading, Oct 31 (h) Mar 20 (a), odds 10-1: Relegated last season former Celtic boss Tommy Burns is hoping to revive their fortunes by spending. But Reading are handicapped at the start, playing their opening games away because their new stadium is not ready.

Northampton, Nov 7 (a) Mar 13 (h), odds 22-1: Expect Steve Brown to be gagged for this one after the Cobblers claimed his 'derogatory' comments on clubcall about them last year inspired them to victory. The grudge factor is given added spice because striker Carlo Corazzini chose Northampton instead of Wycombe this summer.

Manchester City, Nov 10 (h) Apr 24 (a), odds 7-4: The first game against Blackpool's a 30,000 sell-out, 13,000 season tickets sold, 40 professionals, including a three million pound striker, but they start level with Wycombe.

Wigan, Nov 21 (a) Apr 17 (h), odds 14-1: They did the double over Blues last season but Wigan fans still say Wycombe were the best team to visit last season despite losing 5-2.

Stoke, Nov 28 (h) Apr 14 (a), odds 9-1: Boss Brian Little has a point to prove after he was replaced as manager of Aston Villa by John Gregory. Last season was so bad that the club mascot came seventh in the player of the year poll.

Lincoln, Dec 19 (h) May 8 (a), odds 66-1: Tipped for a quick return to the division they left in May. The 9,432 Vauxhall Conference record crowd set when they played Blues in 1988 is unlikely to be bettered this time even though the clubs are now two divisions higher.

Chesterfield, Dec 26 (h) Jan 30 (a), odds 33-1: The side which reached the FA Cup semi-final two years ago has now all but fallen apart. They lack firepower up front and that's why they were interested in Wanderers' striker Keith Scott.