

Christmas cracker

*Walter and Dave
Peters would like
to wish all our
readers and
contributors a
very merry
Christmas and
winning New Year*

KEITH Ryan will make his long-awaited return for Wanderers in their Boxing Day clash at Walsall.

The captain will replace the suspended Nicky Mohan as Blues bid to continue their climb up the table against the second-placed Saddlers.

Ryan has been out since August with a knee ligament injury and his return is the best Christmas present manager Neil Smillie could have.

The pacy defender came on as substitute in last Saturday's 4-1 win over Lincoln and looked like he had never been away in reserve matches against Norwich and Crystal Palace.

Smillie said: "Keith's return is a

Ryan returns for Boxing Day

REPORT

By Dave Peters

terrific boost to us at this stage of the season. He's fit, we wouldn't be risking him if he wasn't."

Smillie is also forced into making one more change for the trip to Walsall.

Right back Matt Lawrence is also suspended and that means either Jason Kavanagh or Gary Wright will come in. Kavanagh is fit again after his three months out with ankle ligament trouble.

But a place in the starting line-up for Wright would be the perfect end to a good couple of weeks for the youngster. He looked to be heading for the exit when Smillie told him in the summer that he was only being given six months to buck up.

He has done that and Smillie gave him a pre-Christmas boost by extending his contract until the end of the year.

Victory at Walsall could take Wanderers out of the relegation places for the first time this season.

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WANDERERS IN TOWN



OPPOSITE
LITTLEWOODS IN THE
OCTAGON CENTRE

OPENING HOURS
MON - SAT
9AM - 5.30PM

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