

The only way is up

WANDERERS entertain Tranmere Rovers tomorrow determined to hit the Merseysiders with an FA Cup backlash.

The Blues are still smarting from last Saturday's FA Cup first round exit at the hands of Division Two rivals Brentford and are determined to make up for it by climbing up the league.

Midfield ace Steve Brown says the Chairboys must forget about that 4-2 defeat and concentrate on the real job in hand.

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He said: "The season didn't end on Saturday. It was bitterly disappointing to go out of the FA Cup but the rest of the lads and I didn't train all summer just for the FA Cup.

"We said right at the start of the season that we were going for the play-offs and that is still our aim.

"Going out of the Cup is a big blow, because after reaching the semi-finals we all

know what a good competition it can be, but the FA Cup was never our priority this season. It wasn't what the season was all about.

"We always said that we wanted to reach the play-offs and we can still do that.

"I know people will say we are only 12th at the moment but we are only six points off the play-offs and we haven't even reached the halfway stage yet.

"If we string a few decent results together now and have a good Christmas we will be in

with a great chance.

"Football is a rollercoaster ride. There haven't been too many ups for us this season but there is plenty of time.

"We aren't stupid enough to think the season is over.

"We can beat most of the teams in this division on our day and that's what our aim has got to be.

"We went out in a great game against one of the best teams in the first round. That is behind us now. We're in it together and we've all got to move on."

And the midfielder who scored a stunning goal in the cup defeat believes going out of the competition could be a blessing in disguise.

He said: "It doesn't seem like it now but it could give us a chance to come up on the rails. We haven't got any distractions now. It is the other teams who are going to pick up injuries and suspensions from cup matches and get involved in replays."

● Swanfm 107.4 will be commenting on tomorrow's match