

NEW BOSS WILL GO back to the future

WANDERERS new boss will go back to the future as he battles to keep the struggling club in the second division this season.

He says his first priority is to shore up a leaky defence which has conceded 31 goals in just 17 games this season.

Adams rated as one of England's greatest ever defenders, playing 668 times for Arsenal winning four league titles, three FA Cups a European Cup Winners Cup and two League Cups, says he will start with the area he knows best.

He said: "I've learned a little bit about defending and I want to do a bit of work on that.

"They conceded quite a lot of goals this season and I want to do a bit of work in that area.

"Maybe technically they are not the best but they can improve."

And the new chief is convinced that if he can get that right the Blues will start climbing away from the foot of the table.

He has studied recent Wanderers matches on video and says the film clips have given him plenty of hope.

He said: "I've done a little bit of research on the team and I've seen plenty of spirit.

"If you lose spirit you are gone but if you've got desire then you've got a chance and from what I have seen this bunch have got that.

"If I saw a team that threw in the towel I couldn't accept that."

Adams met his new players for the first time yesterday and Wanderers' midweek two-goal LDV Vans Trophy hero Jermaine McSporrان quickly shrugged off suggestions that the players didn't want Adams as their boss.

McSporrان was widely quoted saying that the players would have preferred John Gorman to have stayed in charge.

But McSporrان, who insists he was mis-quoted by a journalist who woke him from his bed on the morning of the Plymouth match, insists he and the



Straight in: Tony Adams and John Gorman got straight down to work watching the kids go out of the FA Youth Cup on Wednesday just hours after Adams' appointment was confirmed

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rest of the players are delighted with the appointment.

He said: "We all really like John and we are delighted he is staying because he has turned the club around. We have been playing a lot better since he has arrived and the spirit is fantastic.

"But we are delighted to have Tony

as well. We couldn't have wished for anything better than that.

"I've got great admiration for Tony Adams. The board have done brilliantly to get them both here.

"I will be giving him 110 per cent."

Adams also shrugged off the reports of unrest with a laugh and a joke saying that McSporrان would find himself on the transfer list before adding: "When there is change there is fear and I don't mind if the players are a bit fearful of me."

Adams looks set for a complete overhaul of the club promising to work on the psychology of the game and players as well as the every day coaching methods.

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