

Let's not get carried away

We've only just started rebuilding process, warns Adams

WYCOMBE Wanderers are looking to maintain their superb start to their League Two campaign tomorrow but Blues boss Tony Adams has warned not to expect too much too soon.

Blues could be on top of the table if they had beaten Oxford in last Friday's derby but Adams reckons the club has barely started turning around after last season's demoralising demotion.

He said: "At the moment, we've blocked up some holes but we've not even built the stairs yet. We've not reached the first floor.

"You can come up with psychology but it's all about hard work.

"I used the analogy of blowing up a balloon with the players. If you stop blowing it

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deflates. You've got to keep going.

"You get lucky every now and again and get into a cup semi-final but hard work is the secret.

"It's been a good start but you get nothing at this stage of the season. We're doing OK.

"This time next year, maybe we'll be getting there.

"I've brought in six or seven boys who have made a hell of an impression. I bring in another six or seven next season and maybe we can compete."

And Adams reckons he doesn't care for where they are in the league.

He said: "I don't think anyone's been thinking of league tables.

"You can't coach league

tables. We talk tactics, we talk players, we talk coaching sessions, we talk physiology, we talk psychology.

"We don't talk about who won at the weekend and where we are in the league.

"We are human and we do look but, for me, it's about team development. We're miles behind.

"Oxford have had a long period of development as have Northampton and Mansfield, while Bristol have the money.

"It's very early days, though the lads have made a good start.

"The only time being top matters is after the 46th game. Sometimes, being top can lead to complacency. It's all about performance, performance, performance."

And Adams has urged the supporters to stay with the team.

He said: "Hopefully, the fans are appreciating what the players are trying to do.

"They're trying to get the ball down and trying to play. It's a fantastic surface out there.

"I think the fans are quite happy with what we're doing. I hope they're excited."

Adams believes there is a mood of optimism in the club now.

He said: "When I came into the club, the club was on its knees and there was an expectation of losing.

"I had a squad of 28 and released about 16, and 14 of these went into the Conference or below.

"They were nice guys but Conference South guys trying to keep you into Division Two isn't going to work.

"I think everyone gets depressed if you're losing every

week so I can understand why the fans were less than enthusiastic.

"I worked my arse off trying to rebuild the teams, spotting your Mike Williamsons, your Nathan Tysons, your Clint Eastons - those kind of players.

"Put them together with another crop next year and you can start turning the tide.

"Some of the players I had last year were used to going down. One guy had taken four clubs down.

"I've been trying to pick men out who were used to winning. Stuart Nethercott's won Division Three in the past. Joe Burnell was pushing promotion every year with Bristol City.

"I've brought in men who were used to success and that perhaps why fans sense an air of expectation."

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