

FALCON SET FOR RECALL

NEW Wanderers boss John Gorman is set to hand Craig Faulconbridge his first league start of the season as Wanderers visit Bury tonight.

The former Wrexham striker will replace the out-of-sorts Ian Stonebridge as Gorman hunts his first win as Wanderers manager.

Stonebridge was guilty of missing Wanderers' best chance in their 3-0 FA Cup reversal at home to League One leaders Luton Town on Saturday, glancing a header from a Steve Guppy corner wide of the target.

That miss extended his barren run to just one goal in 18 matches for the Blues since his summer switch from Plymouth.

Gorman was disappointed to go out of the FA Cup and lose his first game back at the helm, but he described the result as an irrelevance as far as a pointer for the rest of the season goes.

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He said: "Luton are a very good side. They are heading for The Championship and we would have had to play very well and have caught them on a good day to have got anything from it.

"As it was I think we can take plenty of positives from the game and when it was 1-0 we had them looking a bit nervous for a while.

"We're certainly not down about it. We will travel to Bury in good spirits because, despite the scoreline, it was not a bad performance."

Faulconbridge's return to the attack marks the end of a nightmare 18 months for the hitman who has been plagued by a knee injury.

Gorman is set to make at least one other change from Saturday's line-up for the Gigg Lane clash as he bids to get the most out of his threadbare squad with

Joe Burnell and Clint Easton still ruled out.

The new boss spent all yesterday on the telephone trying to bolster his squad with a new loan signing.

But, at the time of going to press, he had drawn a blank and he looks set to pick from the same 16 that were on duty on Saturday with the addition of Jonny Dixon.

The striker has returned to Wycombe from his one month's loan at Aldershot and goes straight onto the bench.

Steve Guppy will also travel along with Gus Uhlenbeek, whose suspension does not kick in until the weekend, when Blues set off on their travels again, this time to Notts County.

Looking forward: John Gorman takes his new team to Bury tonight and looks set to start with Craig Faulconbridge in place of Ian Stonebridge in attack

