

Sharp-eyed cameraman saves Johnson's new job

JOHN Gorman says he would have stripped Roger Johnson of the captaincy if it hadn't been for eagle-eyed cameraman Dave Woodbridge.

Woodbridge's lens picked up the off-the-ball incident which saw Johnson sent off for an apparent elbow on Scunthorpe striker Steve Torpey.

But Woodbridge's footage cleared Johnson of any wrong-

doing in the eyes of manager John Gorman and ensured that innocent Johnson gets to keep the armband.

Gorman said: "If Roger had done what the referee thought he had done, I would have stripped him of the captaincy and fined him.

"If there had been no television pictures to see it I would have been willing to accept it

was a sending off."

Johnson had only been given the captain armband on Saturday for the first time under John Gorman and the manager feared it might have been the shortest captaincy in Blues' history until the video evidence came to light.

Torpey went down holding his face as though he had been elbowed by 21-year-old Johnson

and Gorman was furious with the Scunthorpe player's reaction as his side were reduced to ten men.

He said: "We want to stop people diving and cheating in the game.

"I would have been disgusted if any of my players did what Torpey did and if they ever do anything like that they will be hit with a big fine."