

Roadshow gets even better

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VIEW FROM THE STAND

WANDERERS' magnificent roadshow really went into overdrive at Mansfield on Tuesday.

Trailing 1-0 with just 36 minutes left, they put their foot down and cruised to a 4-1 victory.

This result has taken Blues up to eighth in the table, just one point off the coveted final play-off place.

Two more vital goals from Steve Claridge brings his tally to four in the last three games and he's looking like an inspirational acquisition.

Considering how many games, and clubs, he's got on the clock, his work rate and enthusiasm is amazing. He also holds the ball so well, giving our midfield time to get up and support the front runners.

His experience and scoring ability could well be just as important as Martin O'Neill's astute signing of Simon Garner, when we were last battling to get out of this Division 11 years ago.

This 4-1 win is our biggest away victory since a Stuart Roberts hat-trick inspired Wanderers to a 5-0 thrashing of Northampton just over two years ago. It's also the first time we have scored more than two goals in a match this season.

We are currently one of the leading in-form sides in the division, having lost just once in our last nine games and winning the last three away matches. Picking up 16 points from a possible 27 has certainly put us among the play-off contenders.

If our home record matched our results on the road, we would now be level on points with Macclesfield who are sitting in the third automatic promotion place.

In 17 games at Adams Park we've collected just 22 points whilst in the same number of games on our travels we've come away with 28 points.

Congratulations to the Supporters Trust on getting together the £50,000 to buy their place on the board of directors. However, the fact that they have had to raise a loan of £35,000 to meet the club's deadline shows there's not universal support from fans.

The main bone of contention is obviously the change in constitution, although some fans and sponsors remember investing in the aborted Friends of Wycombe Wanderers initiative a few years ago, which received little or no support from the club.

Attracting fans to join the Trust has not been helped by the board's admission that their business plan was unrealistic and their failure to attract anywhere near their own initial new investment target of £1.5m.

Thank heavens things are looking healthier on the pitch than off it. The arrival of Notts County tomorrow gives Wanderers the opportunity to strengthen our home record and our position amongst the play-off contenders. Come on you Blues.