

Calculators and those crystal balls

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IT'S game on again. Blues have forced their way back into the play-off race and are four points off that cherished seventh place, which is tantalisingly in reach again.

Mind you, it looks like we'll have to win at least four of our five remaining fixtures to be sure of a top seven finish.

If only we could play against defences like Kidderminster's every week we would be certain of a place amongst the promotion contenders. No wonder Nathan Tyson helped himself to another hat-trick.

Typhoon Tyson is certainly blowing red-hot lately. He's now scored 12 goals in his last ten games, which surely must be the best return for any Wanderers striker since our non-league days.

It's hardly surprising that there's a growing queue of scouts wanting to take a closer look at Tyson. His value must be going up with every goal.

We've now reached that time of the season when all fans consult their crystal balls hoping to see how their season will finish.

After much ball polishing and scrutinising the remaining fixtures of all the front runners, I've come up with my own predictions.

I reckon Southend will win the title and be automatically promoted along with Yeovil and Scunthorpe. Swansea could well make it into the top three, forcing Yeovil or Scunthorpe down into fourth place and the lottery of the play-offs.

According to my calculations, the second play-off spot will be Macclesfield's leaving Blues and four others fighting for the last two places.

Northampton appear to have a relatively easy run-in and are my tip for sixth spot, leaving just one place at the top table.

Lincoln have the toughest end of season programme, playing five of the top teams, and this should allow Darlington and us to close the gap. However, Rochdale are the dark horses. They have by far the easiest finish and could gallop home with five straight wins.

My calculator reckons Darlo and Blues will both finish on 71 points followed by Lincoln and Dale on 70. What it doesn't tell me is whether we'll have a better goal difference than Darlington. So, we could gloriously finish in seventh heaven or fail on goal difference. Let's be positive and put our money on Tyson's goal glut continuing and shooting Wanderers into the play-offs.

