

CHAIRBOYS EDGE CLOSER

Wanderers frustrated by their Grimsby stalemate but it moves them nearer to their rivals

WANDERERS closed the gap on their play-off rivals to three points after banking a point from Saturday's stalemate at Grimsby.

Blues' goalless draw, coupled with defeats for rivals Northampton and Darlington, kept Wanderers' play-off hopes alive with four matches to play.

But it could have been so much better for John Gorman's men. They dominated the game and if Nathan Tyson or Jonny Dixon had taken just one of the chances that came their way, Wanderers would have been sitting just one point shy of that magical seventh spot with two home games and two away games left.

But Blues boss John Gorman remained upbeat despite seeing his side pass up a golden opportunity to claim their tenth away win of the season and gain real ground on the teams above them.

He said: "At first glance it looks like a disappointing result. We were all disappointed not to win but when you see that Northampton and Darlington both lost it could turn out to be a very important point gained.

"If we beat Bury on Saturday and Northampton lose at Cheltenham and Darlington lose at Mansfield, the ball's back in our court because our goal difference is better.

"It's not finished yet. We've got four cup finals left and it's still up for grabs. The teams above us are showing signs of nerves and we've got every chance of going to Bristol Rovers on the final Saturday with everything still to play for.

"We're going for four wins but three could do it."

And he called on the crowd to be their 12th man starting with Saturday's home game against Bury.

He said: "We've got a real chance and we need a big crowd this week to help us."

Midfielder turned left back Joe Burnell summed up the mood.

He said: "We came off the pitch feeling gutted because we could have and should have won.

"But the other results have given us a real lift. We're three points away with four games to play and if we keep playing as we are, we can do it."



Down but not out: Blues striker Nathan Tyson after Saturday's draw at Grimsby