

Boss: We'll still play the beautiful game

Wanderers
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JOHN Gorman has vowed to continue playing "the beautiful game" despite winning just one out of four home games this season.

Wycombe have struggled to break down Northampton, Carlisle, and Cheltenham who have all left Adams Park with a point after playing defensive formations to combat Gorman's attacking style.

The Wanderers boss revealed his side's failure to turn possession into points had left him "frustrated, angry and disillusioned with football" but is adamant he won't change his tactics.

He said: "My tactics will always be to play a style of football that football fans want to see. Every player I've coached wants to pass the ball on the ground.

"I will not change my principles. I don't believe that 'so long as we win, we win' is the most important thing."

"It looks to me like every team that comes here will probably resort to that tactic of getting men behind the ball."

After Friday's 1-1 draw with Northampton, Gorman blasted Cobblers boss Colin Calderwood for playing one up front and defending in numbers.

Cheltenham adopted a similar formation on Bank Holiday Monday in the 0-0 stalemate while Carlisle were saved twice by the woodwork as they dug in for a 1-1 draw on the opening day of the season.

In contrast, Gorman has taken his side to Rochdale, Oxford, Shrewsbury and Swindon in the Carling Cup with the aim of winning those games.

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he was forced to adopt a defensive mentality at home after being frightened by Wycombe's pace and attacking options.

Gorman added: "Our attitude is to win the game and not get a draw. That's our philosophy. Coaches tend to complicate the game. They want to win so badly.

"We've got to continue playing the way football should be played. Our ambition is to get up the league and when we do that and reach the Coca-

Cola Championship, there's no reason for change."

Gorman said his players were working on different things in training as a way of overcoming the problem but admitted it was a case of his players taking their chances in front of goal.

He added: "We will continue to make chances and hope we will be more ruthless and stick the ball away. We can improve and we are working hard in training. The final

ball is sometimes lacking and that's why they are second division players."

Meanwhile, Gorman has warned skipper Roger Johnson to curb his temper or be stripped of the captaincy. Johnson was booked in last Friday's game against Northampton after voicing his frustration over a refereeing decision.

Gorman said: "I was very angry with Roger last week. He was totally out of order because it's dissent

which is a fineable offence. To be fair he was unlucky with the decision, but he's a young lad and he's still learning.

"If he doesn't he will, in the end, lose the captaincy because we need a captain we can rely on, on the pitch."

"He did use bad language. The crowd are very close to the players and sometimes you hear things that you wouldn't normally hear in a bigger stadium."

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