

Blues continue to impress even without winning



VIEW FROM THE STAND

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WANDERERS are now seven league games into the season and the good news is we are still unbeaten and playing some great football.

The not quite so good news is that we have drawn five of those seven matches. Wanderers must be the pools punters dream team at the moment.

Thanks to six of the current top ten teams, including Wanderers, drawing their Bank Holiday Weekend fixtures we are still holding on to fifth spot in the table, heading four other teams also on 11 points.

Things could, and should, be even better if we had won the three drawn games with Carlisle, Shrewsbury and Northampton.

We totally dominated all three matches but only ended up with a point from each.

Those six lost points would have put Wanderers on top of the table, two points ahead of Notts County and four points in front of the pack. Let's hope these six points don't come back to haunt us next May.

Still Blues fans can surely have no complaints about the type of attacking football being served up. At least I hope they can't, I presume the half time boos against Northampton were aimed at the referee's abject performance and not the players.

John Gorman has got the team playing with plenty of style and panache, which is a refreshing change after some of the dire stuff fans have had to suffer over the last few seasons. The only part of the jigsaw that's missing is some clinical finishing.

Our possession and opportunities to goals ratio must be one of the worst in the division.

The defence looks pretty solid, apart from a couple of rare gaffes by Frank Talia, while the midfield, with Stefan Oakes pulling the strings, are providing plenty of quality balls into and around the box.

Unfortunately, neither our strikers nor our midfielders are hitting the target often enough.

Looking back at this stage last season, we were sitting in third spot after drawing 1-1 with Oxford on the Friday evening fixture.

It's strange that we achieved the same result in another local derby last Friday.

Last year we went on to win at Southend to go top of the league.

While a win at Stockport on Saturday wouldn't take us to top spot, the three points would keep us up with the front runners.

Wanderers have not won any of their five league visits to Stockport, so let's hope we can lay that ghost this weekend with some deadly finishing.

LEAGUE TWO

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Notts County	7	3	0	0	5	1	1	3	0	5	4	15
Rochdale	7	2	1	1	9	5	2	0	1	6	3	13
Grimsby	7	1	1	2	4	5	3	0	0	5	2	13
Chester	7	1	2	1	10	9	2	1	0	3	1	12
Darlington	7	2	1	1	5	3	1	2	0	6	5	12
Wycombe	7	1	3	0	6	2	1	2	0	5	4	11
Cheltenham	7	2	2	0	7	3	0	3	0	3	3	11
Peterborough	7	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	6	4	11
Barnet	7	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	7	6	11
Carlisle	7	1	0	2	2	4	2	2	0	3	1	11
Northampton	7	1	1	1	4	4	1	3	0	4	3	10
Leyton Orient	7	1	0	3	5	9	2	1	0	4	2	10
Shrewsbury	7	1	2	1	4	3	1	1	1	2	3	9
Wrexham	6	2	0	1	5	2	0	2	1	2	3	8
Stockport	7	0	3	0	4	4	1	2	1	6	6	8
Lincoln City	6	1	2	0	3	2	0	2	1	4	5	7
Bristol Rovers	6	0	0	2	3	5	2	1	1	7	7	7
Oxford Utd	6	1	2	0	4	3	0	1	2	2	5	6
Rushden	6	0	3	1	3	5	1	0	1	1	2	6
Mansfield	7	1	0	2	5	4	0	2	2	5	9	5
Macclesfield	6	1	2	0	5	4	0	0	3	2	6	5
Boston Utd	7	0	3	0	5	5	0	1	3	4	10	4
Bury	7	1	1	2	5	5	0	0	3	1	7	4
Torquay	7	0	1	2	2	4	0	1	3	1	8	2