

Let's be proud of our fabulous Blues record

Wanderers
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WANDERERS' players have come out fighting following their 2-1 defeat at Bury last Saturday which ended their magnificent 21-game unbeaten run.

They have vowed to bounce straight back from the defeat which ended the only unbeaten record in the country.

Strong words were said in the dressing room as Blues held an inquest into their late collapse at Gigg Lane when they conceded two goals in the last three minutes to go down.

But as the players dissected it their determination to bounce back straight away shone through.

Defender Clint Easton said: "It hurts.

"We were very proud of the record and wanted to keep it going on and on."

But he reckons losing it might help Wycombe in their bid to extend

their four-point lead at the top of the table.

He said: "It might be a weight off our shoulders. We can get back to just winning games without all the publicity about the record. All the pressure of staying unbeaten is off now and we can just go out and play."

Keeper Frank Talia looked as though he had done enough to keep the record intact with a tremendous late double save.

But he could do nothing about Paul Scott's 87th minute equaliser and Simon Whaley's winner which came in the third minute of injury time.

Talia said: "We were all speechless. We know we should



Clint Easton

have held on for a draw. Losing in the 93rd minute is a bitter pill to swallow.

"But if someone had said at the start of the season that we were going to go 21 matches without a defeat we would all have taken that. It has been a fantastic record, but these things have to come to an end."

And he says no-one in the Wycombe camp will be moping about it.

He said: "We are a good team, we know we are a good team and we have got to use this as a kick up the backside.

"All good things have to come to an end and we will pick up where we left off and start again now."



Frank Talia

Calendar of a record run

August

Sat 6	H	Carlisle	D	1-1
Tue 9	A	Rochdale	W	2-1
Sat 13	A	Oxford United	D	2-2
Sat 20	H	Bury	W	4-0
Sat 27	A	Shrewsbury	D	1-1
Mon 29	H	Cheltenham	D	0-0

September

Fri 2	H	Northampton	D	1-1
Sat 10	A	Stockport	D	3-3
Sat 17	H	Barnet	W	1-0
Sat 24	A	Mansfield	W	3-2
Tue 27	H	Wrexham	W	4-1

October

Sat 1	H	Chester City	D	3-3
Fri 7	A	Grimsby	W	1-0
Sat 15	H	Rushden	D	0-0
Sat 22	A	Lincoln City	W	2-1
Sat 29	H	Peterboro	D	2-2

November

Sat 12	A	Darlington	D	1-1
Sat 19	H	Grimsby	W	3-1
Sat 26	A	Carlisle	W	1-0

December

Tue 6	H	Boston Utd	D	1-1
Sat 10	H	Rochdale	W	3-0

● Blues' run of 21 Football League games unbeaten is a club record.

● Wanderers won ten games in their run and drew 11, scoring 41 points.

● Wycombe's away record was actually better than their home record in the run. They played 12 home matches and took 22 points at an average of 1.84 points per game. Away, Blues took 19 points from nine games at an average of 2.11 points per game.

● Nathan Tyson was Blues' top goalscorer with 11, followed by Tommy Mooney with nine.