

# 'I need a win to maintain my pub bragging rights'



## VIEW FROM THE STAND

WITH  
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**L**IFE at the top of Division Two is getting almost as congested as Handy Cross on a wet Monday morning.

It's beginning to look like perm any three from the five clubs currently gridlocked in their chase for the automatic promotion places. Carlisle have raced into poll position with inform Northampton sitting just behind Wanderers in third spot.

With just 12 games to go there is every chance that Wanderers' promotion drive will go all the way to the end of the road at Peterborough.

Hopefully we will be able to clinch a top-three place before then as Posh are now looking a much-improved side. Anyway, after leading the table for most of the season we certainly don't want to risk the lottery of the play-offs.

Looking at the remaining fixtures for the top five, it could be the results of the five matches when they meet each other could determine the final positions. These six-pointers become vital as we get to the business end of the season.

Fortunately, Blues only have one six-pointer, the trip to Leyton Orient at the end of March. Orient have a pretty poor home record and we should have a decent chance of stealing all the points.

Carlisle, Northampton and Orient all have two double bubble fixtures, whilst Grimsby appear to have toughest run in with three six-pointers. Hopefully all these games will end in draws, costing both sides two points each time.

Last Saturday, for the umpteenth time this season, Blues had to come from behind to get a draw. And, once again, we had played the better football and should have wrapped up the game and all three points in the first half.

Along with Derby in the Championship, we are the pools punters' favourite team. Both clubs have managed to draw 17 league games this season, exactly half of our league fixtures. Given how tight it is now is at the top of the table, draws are no longer good enough. It's far better to win two and lose one than draw all three.

Congratulations to the mix of youngsters and elder statesmen who beat Aylesbury 2-0 in the Berks & Bucks Cup. Bring on the Becky!

My main concern now is Oxford tomorrow. As well as needing the points for promotion, I need a win to maintain my bragging rights in my local.

## Win a VIP day with Blues

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Club Sponsors, Loans.co.uk are giving you the chance to present February's winner with the trophy against Shrewsbury on March 11 and enjoy full hospitality.

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But remember to let us know if you are available on Saturday, March 11 and include your name and contact details if you want to be entered into the draw. Entries close on March 6.