



# It's time to show our true bottle

**Fighting talk: Wanderers boss John Gorman wants every man to do his job in tomorrow's six pointer at Leyton Orient**

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BLUES boss John Gorman has called on his team to show their bottle as they travel to Leyton Orient for tomorrow's heavyweight blockbuster.

The gaffer is demanding a response following Saturday's shock 1-0 defeat at home to Torquay United which has left Blues' automatic promotion hopes hanging in the balance.

And, as the clocked ticked down towards tomorrow's heavyweight clash, Gorman was desperately trying to bring in two loan signings to give his side a lift ahead of the Brisbane Road battle.

Wanderers know that victory over the Os will keep them in charge of their own destiny as they chase one of the three automatic promotion slots.

But a defeat would see Orient leapfrog them into third place and would mean that Blues' destiny would be taken out of their control with seven games to go and could see them having to rely on the play-offs for their passport to promotion.

Gorman said: "This is not just another game. Both sides know how important it is for each other. "It's now all about the team that has got the most bottle. We have got to show character and bounce back from last week's defeat.

"We have done it before and we can do it again.

"We know how important it is for us and for them but we are not going to get carried away by saying it is the biggest game of the century.

"It is big because three points for either team would make such a big difference.

"We want to be in control of our own destiny."

Russell Martin has shrugged off the flu to declare himself fit for the clash but Gorman and his staff were giving no secrets away as the Blues look to maintain their astonishing winning run against the Os.

Wanderers have won nine of the last ten meetings with the Os and Gorman - who was once the reserve and youth team manager at Orient - is confident the Blues

can extend their sequence of victories.

He said: "We've got a game plan and we think we can upset their applecart."

Gorman and Wycombe's managing director Steve Hayes called a meeting on Monday following the Torquay defeat and the players are under no illusions about the size of the job they face tomorrow.

Defender Mike Williamson said: "It is do or die. It is all about whether we have got the spirit and the players to pull through it.

"I think we have. But we have got to prove it.

"Saturday's match is a massive game. We have got to show real team spirit and character now."

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