



Con victim insists things can only get better

WANDERERS ace Matt Bloomfield insists things can only get better after a nightmare year.

The midfielder (*pictured left*) was conned out of £6,650 by one of his ex-coaches at his former club Ipswich Town, was a play-off semi-final loser, and is struggling to come to terms with the death of teammate Mark Philo in a road accident and the loss of manager John Gorman's wife Myra to cancer.

He said: "It's been a bad year. There is no doubt about that."

Bloomfield was speaking in the week that his former academy director at Ipswich Town was

expected to be sentenced after admitting 13 counts of theft against him.

Ian Smith, 48, of Great Yeldham, pleaded guilty to the charges and is due to be sentenced at Ipswich Crown Court.

For the full story on that see Tuesday's Bucks Free Press Midweek.

Bloomfield is now hoping to put the whole sorry saga and his sad season behind him.

He said: "I still can't get over the feeling of our dressing room last Thursday. It was horrible and it is going to take a few weeks to get over it.

"I don't even want to watch the play-off final this weekend. I think it would hurt too much to see Cheltenham and Grimsby there when we all thought it was going to be us."

And Bloomfield's rehabilitation from the play-off heartache has not gone to plan either.

He thought he would escape the hurt by playing cricket for his father's team in Felixstowe last weekend but that was rained off after 20 overs without him getting the chance to bat and then when he tried to pick himself up by going out to play golf in the week, he lost at that as well.