

It's crunch time for Wanderers



BLUES host Shrewsbury in a crunch clash tomorrow knowing that victory will keep their play-off destiny in their own hands.

The Shrews, who have one game in hand on Paul Lambert's team, sit one place and one point behind Wanderers, who hold the final play-off spot.

Blues know that if they win tomorrow and keep matching the results of their rivals, nothing will stop them from going into the play-offs, which climax at Wembley.

But manager Paul Lambert is playing down the significance of tomorrow's six-pointer.

He said: "It is no different from any other weekend or any other game. I don't see any game differently. There's no point. I wasn't brought up that way.

"Nothing will be decided on this game. It's three points just like any other game."

And he says even if Wanderers lose to Shrewsbury tomorrow it won't be a disaster.

He said: "We'll still be in it. It is going down to the wire.

"Everybody can beat everybody. There is no embarrassment losing to

anybody, you just have to win as many games as you can.

"It is our home game and we've got to make the running. We will go and try and win it."

And he has called on the home fans – a section of whom booed them off after the games against Bristol Rovers and Boston, which yielded just one point – to get behind the team and be the club's 12th man.

He said: "If the supporters want to be detrimental to the team then they will boo.

"If they want to support them, then they will cheer them. The players need fans, there's no doubt about that.

"The game is hard enough without having to play against your own fans. And to be fair the fans have been excellent generally this season.

"They got on our backs the last couple of games at home but that's the nature of the game. We need them to get behind us."

And he says some people's expectations are too high.

He said: "What gives Wycombe a divine right to get out of this league? Everybody in this league is in the same boat."

All to play for: Matt Bloomfield, above, failed to guide Blues to victory in a 0-0 draw at Shrewsbury in November, but three points tomorrow will put Blues firmly in control in the race for the final play-off place