

We're on the up again

RESURGENT Wanderers visit Shrewsbury Town tomorrow looking to make it four wins on the bounce.

The Blues zoomed into the play-off zone for the first time since September with a 3-1 victory at Brentford on Boxing Day and are now just four points off an automatic promotion place.

Three goals in ten second half minutes from Sergio Torres, Scott McGleish and John Sutton cut Brentford down to size in a festive thriller at Griffin Park and kept Blues on the rise.

The win, coupled with impressive victories over Morecambe and Macclesfield, laid to rest the memory of that record 6-0 defeat at Stockport, just three weeks ago, which left some supporters calling for manager Paul Lambert's head.

Skipper David McCracken said: "Maybe Stockport was something we needed to give us a kick up the backside. It was a real wake up call for all of us and since then we have really dug deep and started picking up points.

"You don't want to hear the fans chanting for the manager's head and that shows the pressure we are all under.

"We know the expectation level is high here and we've got to stand up to it like we have in the last three games."

Now he says the trick is to keep the run going starting with tomorrow's trip to Shrewsbury and then the New Year's Day visit of Barnet to Adams Park.

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He said: "We're full of confidence now and we feel that we can't do much wrong.

"The boys are buzzing. The main thing now is that we don't get complacent. We can't sit back and think we're doing okay, we've got to keep doing the same things that we've done in the last three games."

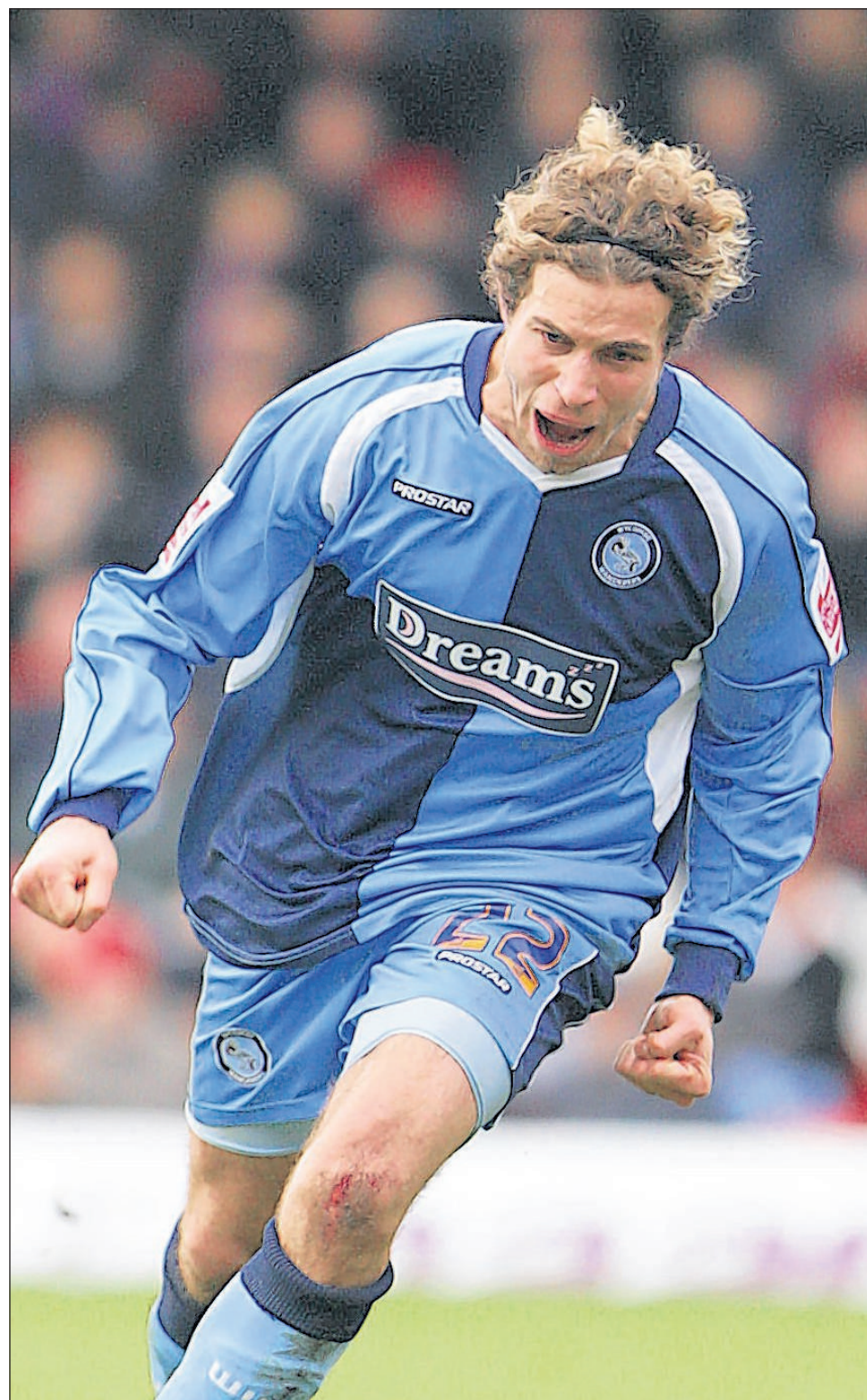
Boss Lambert, who has masterminded their recovery and got miss-firing striker John Sutton back on top of his game, is now looking for his team to continue their hot-streak by notching a fourth straight win as he targets automatic promotion

He said: "I still want automatic promotion and I think we're capable of it. We've got ourselves into a better position now and I want the lads to give it a real go.

"We are sitting there really nicely at the moment and we will keep going. We've got a bit of momentum but I won't be getting carried away.

"There's still a country mile to go. Nothing is decided now. We have got to keep doing what we are doing and keep working."

Even though his team have hit top form, Lambert won't rest on the last three results. He is hoping to bring in at least one new striker when the transfer window reopens in January.



Roaring again: Sergio Torres celebrates his goal in the win over Brentford