

VIEW FROM THE STAND

WITH RON BARNETT

All aboard the rollercoaster

The excellent 1-0 victory over an impressive Rotherham team ensured Wanderers continued their slow march up into the play-off places. Since the start of the year it has been a frustrating climb of three steps forward followed by two backwards.

Thankfully most of our promotion rivals have also been stumbling along at a slow, slow quick, quick, slow pace. Only Hereford and Peterborough appear to be showing true promotion form at the moment.

If Wanderers can build on their defeat of fifth placed Rotherham with another win at eighth placed Rochdale, these two back to back six-pointers could help to consolidate our position in the play-off places.

A look ahead at our final 13 fixtures guarantees fans an exciting and nail-biting end to the season.

Seven of these games, three at home and four away, are against other clubs in the top nine. In other words over half of our remaining games are going to be cup finals.

If we could win four or five of these games there is still an outside chance of getting automatic promotion. However, knowing Wanderers there is every likelihood of winning the seven matches against the top clubs only to lose the six against the sides not involved in the promotion race.

However, every year one club makes a late sprint into the play-offs and goes on to win the final. This year Brentford could be likely late runners.

Sergio Torres has certainly been getting plenty of publicity lately. Following a glowing article in The Guardian, he was this week interviewed on the television programme Championship Goals.

His performances are making him a hot property, time for Steve Hayes to get a new contract signed.

Last week's attendance at Adams Park was again very disappointing with only 4,285 home fans. Compare this with the 5,862 who came along to the 'Community Day' match against Mansfield. Obviously, very few of these extra fans felt

sufficiently enthused to pay a return visit.

Surely with the club fighting for promotion we can hope to see over 5,000 home fans for the crunch games against promotion rivals Darlington, Stockport and Peterborough.

