

VIEW FROM THE STAND

WITH RON BARNETT

It's looking like play-offs now

After back-to-back wins against promotion race rivals Rotherham and Rochdale, we once again stumbled badly at Lincoln – The drive and creativity of Sergio Torres was badly missed as a lacklustre Wanderers failed to get a single decent shot on target.

Worse still, the top three sides all won on Saturday, and Peterborough and Darlington both won again on Tuesday leaving us 11 points off the automatic promotion places with MK Dons and Darlington also having a game in hand.

Unless we can dramatically improve our consistency and string together a run of wins, it looks like the best we can hope for is the play-off lottery.

If we continue to pick up points at our current rate, I make it we will end the season on 75 points. Not bad considering Bristol Rovers finished sixth place last season with 72 and went on to win the play-offs.

However, things are never that simple with Blues. After 35 games last season we had 57 points, exactly the same as this year and were sitting in seventh place. In fact, we were slightly better off as we had a goal difference of 14 as opposed to nine this term.

As we remember, our form crashed and we only collected a miserable five more points from the remaining 11 games and nosedived down to 12th.

However, things are looking much brighter this year. The squad is far stronger and more experienced and the manager seems to have decided on his preferred first team line-up, something he never seemed know last year.

Maybe we can take a lead from Peterborough who have won nine of their last ten league games to go barnstorming up to top of the shop.

Let's hope we can start our own winning run with home victories over third placed Darlington and bottom of the league Wrexham, followed by an away win at fourth placed Hereford. These next three games could well make or break Wanderers season – and fans hearts!

Congratulations to everyone involved in the Wanderers Community Scheme for being awarded the

Sports Alliance Family Club of the Year for Coca-Cola League Two. Wanderers are doing a great job supporting youngsters in the local community, all we want now is the local community to come along to Adams Park and support the Wanderers promotion drive.

