

Bloomin' Marvellous

Matt Bloomfield celebrates Tuesday's win over Luton which has taken Wycombe to the brink of promotion



Let's bury our ghosts

Heartbreak spurs McCracken's troops on

WANDERERS skipper Dave McCracken says the pain of missing out on promotion last year has spurred Blues on to do it for certain this time.

The Blues are on the brink of securing their first promotion in 15 years and could even achieve that tomorrow if they win or draw at Port Vale, providing that either Bury or Exeter's results go their way.

Captain Cracks was part of the Wanderers side which suffered play-off semi-final defeat last year and he says the memory of that painful day at Stockport is driving him and his team-mates forward to succeed 12 months on.

He said: "It was a massive disappointment. No-one will ever forget how much it hurt and we don't want to feel like that again."

The Scot admitted he feared history was going to repeat itself as Wanderers chucked away a nine-point lead at Christmas and dropped out of the automatic promotion places.

But a tremendous late run, which has seen them win four of their last five matches, has put them within touching distance of League One.

Four points from their final two games would clinch Blues' return to League One regardless of what other teams do and Wycombe could still even snatch the title away from leaders Brentford.

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McCracken said: "We went through a stage when it wasn't happening for us and it looked as though it could have slipped away but luckily other teams slipped up when we did. We stuck together, kept working and have bounced back from it.

"Now we need to finish the job. It is in our own hands.

"What happened last year has been a big spur for a lot of the guys and has made us more determined to go up this year

"Losing at Stockport hurt so badly because we were that close."

The former Dundee United defender added: "This is what I came down to England for. I want to be winning things and to go up would be a great achievement.

"It would mean everything to me if we achieve promotion."

McCracken has dismissed talking about his own future at Adams Park until he has completed the job in hand.

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