



UNDER PRESSURE: Blues players will be fearing for their Adams Park futures after manager Gary Waddock promised January changes

‘I know what needs to be done – it will upset one or two but hey-ho’

FURIOUS Wanderers boss Gary Waddock has promised a January shake-up after his team conceded nine goals over Christmas to leave themselves up to their necks in the relegation quicksand.

He read them the riot act after Monday's 5-2 home humiliation against relegation rivals Brighton saw them drop back into the bottom two.

His team led 2-1 at half time before throwing it all away with a suicidal second half show which completed a disastrous Christmas which began with a 4-0 Boxing Day stuffing at Yeovil.

But it was the Brighton debacle which really left him seething.

He said: "I can't defend that performance. I will take the result because it is my responsibility but the players have to take responsibility for their performances and actions and it is unacceptable.

"I couldn't believe some of the defending at times. I asked the players to prove certain things to me before the game – and I have now got all the answers I need.

Wanderers by Dave Peters		LEAGUE ONE						
	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
Leeds United	23	17	5	1	45	13	32	56
Charlton	24	13	9	2	46	27	19	48
Norwich City	23	13	6	4	50	27	23	45
Colchester	23	13	6	4	39	21	18	45
Huddersfield	23	11	5	7	46	28	18	38
Swindon	22	10	8	4	31	29	2	38
Millwall	24	9	9	6	35	28	7	36
MK Dons	24	11	3	10	33	33	0	36
Bristol Rovers	23	11	1	11	32	36	-4	34
Walsall	22	8	7	7	32	29	3	31
Brentford	24	7	9	8	22	26	-4	30
Southend	24	8	5	11	28	32	-4	29
Southampton	24	10	8	6	42	29	13	28
Yeovil	24	6	10	8	33	35	-2	28
Carlisle United	22	7	7	8	28	30	-2	28
Hartlepool	23	7	6	10	30	32	-2	27
Gillingham	24	7	5	12	29	34	-5	26
Exeter City	24	6	8	10	26	35	-9	26
Oldham	22	6	7	9	19	27	-8	25
Brighton	24	6	6	12	30	43	-13	24
Leyton Orient	24	6	6	12	28	41	-13	24
Tranmere	23	6	3	14	21	43	-22	21
Wanderers	24	4	6	14	24	45	-21	18
Stockport	23	3	5	15	21	47	-26	14

"Decisions will be made, as simple as that. It will upset one or two, but I have been upset in a number of games."

The former Aldershot chief added: "I am always positive, but

when you look at the results of our last two games that is not acceptable at any level and especially from professional footballers who are playing against teams that are in and around us.

"To concede that many goals is not acceptable and it tells you a hell of a lot. It was painful to watch.

The Blues boss has consistently backed his players since taking over from the sacked Peter Taylor but he was offering no excuses for them this week.

He said: "They have let themselves down. Players have responsibilities and for me they haven't come up with the right answers.

"If you can't defend from crosses and you are not brave enough in both boxes that's what happens. The goals we conceded were comical and defensively we were a shambles.

"We are where we are for a reason. The biggest thing I can take from that game is that it has given me the answers that I wasn't

looking for. I wanted different answers, but they didn't come up with them.

"I know what I need, I know what needs to be done and it will be done. It will upset one or two but hey-ho."

● Kadeem Harris became the youngest-ever Wanderer to play in the Football League last Saturday when he came on as a second half substitute in the defeat at Yeovil.

The winger, aged 16 years and 201 days, surpasses Ikechi Anya who had previously held the record at 16 years and 279 days.

Harris told wwfc.com: "I'm over the moon. There aren't many people that make their debut for the first team at the age of 16, so I'm really happy. I'm happy that the gaffer has given me the chance to do something.

"It was a feeling of excitement – I wasn't afraid. I just tried to do what I know I can do and tried to enjoy myself. I'm really excited about the debut, but the result could have been better."

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Gus work wins it for Brighton

IT TOOK Brighton boss Gus Poyet just ten minutes to work out how to beat Wycombe Wanderers – but he had to wait until after half time before he could get the message across to his players.

The former Chelsea ace, below, realised in the opening stages of his side's 5-2 win this afternoon that it was hares against tortoises and that all Brighton had to do to win the match was to exploit Wycombe's lack of pace at the back.

Twice in those opening ten minutes the Albion boss came furiously racing out of his technical area in exasperation at his players getting caught up in Wycombe's offside trap – because they didn't need to.

And he told them at half time that they could afford to give Wanderers' lumbering defenders a head start and still easily make up the ground.

Poyet said: "There was a lack of pace in their backline and a little bit too much hurry in our frontline and we were getting caught offside too many times.

"We corrected that at half time and you could see the difference in the second half."



Blues hit hard on Boxing Day

BLUES stay in the relegation zone as they slipped to a heavy defeat at Yeovil Town on Boxing Day.

Wanderers were already a goal down at the break when two goals in the space of three minutes condemned them to another loss.

Kieran Murtagh put the Glovers ahead ten minutes before the break with a shot from inside the area.

Then midway through the second half the home side pulled away as goals from Jean-Paul Kalala and substitute Jonathan Obika put them out of reach.

The goals came just after Wycombe's best passage of play, when home keeper Alex McCarthy made two saves in quick succession from Luke Oliver and Jon-Paul Pittman.

With four minutes left however Sam Williams rubbed salt into the wound with a fourth goal.

The day was only memorable for youngster Kadeem Harris, who came off the bench to make his first-team debut for the Blues.

Wycombe: Shearer, Hunt, Woodman, Oliver, Westwood, Mousinho (sub Harris), Doherty, Davies, Phillips (sub Beavon), Betsy, Pittman (sub Harrold). Subs not used: Young, Duberry, Bloomfield, Green.

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