

Tactical genius

WANDERERS only had a couple of hours to work on their bold tactical plan which unsettled Leeds after the weather wreaked havoc with their preparations.

Boss Gary Waddock was only able to road test his three striker game plan during a hastily-arranged coaching session at Derby County's training ground on the way up to Leeds on Friday.

It was a major shift from his normal one-up-front policy and it caught Leeds unaware.

Goalscoring hero Jon-Paul Pittman said: "It was a good formation and it worked well for us. We managed to work on it on the way up at Derby and it took Leeds by surprise and really worked out for us. The gaffer got it right."

And Pittman, who also smacked the post, says scoring at Leeds is right up there with his career highlights.

My big fear

BLUES' keeper Scott Shearer was fearing a long afternoon when he was beaten by Jonathan Howson's 25-yard bobbler after just three minutes at Elland Road on Saturday.

Shearer said: "I thought I was in for a very long afternoon then but it just gave us that kickstart and we went on to dominate the game."

"It was a disappointing goal to concede. I thought I had done everything to get behind it but all of a sudden it bounced over me."

After that though Shearer, his defence and all 11 Wanderers were in inspired form against table topping Leeds, who remain six points clear.

Shearer said: "Everybody was different class and we need to take that into every game now."

Beating the jinx

SUPERSTITIOUS Blues players were surprised by the club's choice of hotel on the eve of their match at Leeds.

Club officials booked them into the same hotel that they used on their last visit to Yorkshire which ended in a 6-0 defeat at Huddersfield Town.

Midfielder John Mousinho, who covered every blade of grass during Saturday's heroic 1-1 draw at Leeds said: "We groaned and bit and thought it looked a bit familiar but we did a different walk on Saturday morning and you make your own luck and Leeds will be wondering why we are in the position we are in."

Team effort

NEW signing Adam Hinshelwood shackled the man Manchester United couldn't handle, but after keeping Jermaine Beckford goalless for 90 minutes, Hinshelwood was quick to share the praise with his team-mates.

The former Aldershot centre half said after his superb performance: "It was a real team effort and we are disappointed we didn't win it because we deserved to."