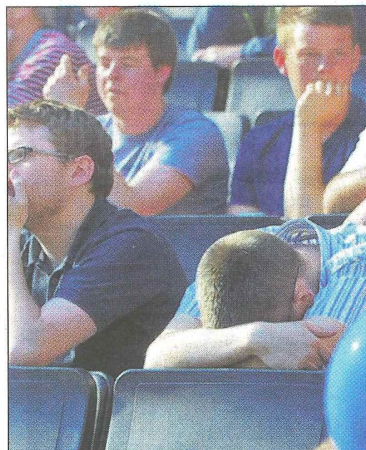


One 95th minute kick that changed supporters' tears to smiles

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CAN'T BEAR TO WATCH: As the clock ticks past 94 minutes



LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR: Hugs as fans celebrate Kevin Betsy's winner



RELIEF AND BELIEF: Supporters celebrate the 95th minute goal that keeps Blues alive

SOME chewed their fingernails, others couldn't bear to watch at all as the clock ticked past the 94 minute mark at Stadium MK.

The four minutes injury time was up and it looked as though Wanderers' season might be up as well with most of their rele-

gation rivals winning.

Then deep into extra-time in stoppage time, Kevin Betsy found space in the box to rifle in a 95th minute winner to keep Blues' survival hopes alive and seal a famous derby win.

Cue pandemonium in the

stands as the fans who were close to tears moments earlier went wild with joy. Grown men hugged each other as the dream of the Great Escape lives on.

Blues must still keep winning and they still require snookers, but they still have

hope going into the final three matches of the season.

They could even still be relegated this weekend if they lose at home to Swindon and other results go against them, but try telling that to any of the 1,300 who raised the roof at Stadium MK on Saturday.

There isn't a better way to win a game

LAST-GASP goal hero Kevin Betsy admitted there aren't many better ways to win a football match than the way he did it on Saturday.

The 32 year-old who is in his third spell with the Blues rattled in the winner in the fifth minute of stoppage time to earn the Blues a 3-2 win at Bucks rivals MK Dons.

And his late, late show against the managerless Dons has kept Wanderers alive in the battle to avoid relegation to League Two.

He said: "I doubt if there is a better way of winning a game

than doing it it against your local rivals in a great stadium, and in the last minute - it doesn't get much better than that.

"Words can't describe the feeling. It is a fantastic feeling scoring goals anyway but that one was second to none.

"It was a massive game for us, we all knew what was at stake."

But for so long it looked as though Blues would have to settle for a point which would have done little to help their cause.

Betsy said: "We went 1-0 up and then with the last kick of

A revival born by the seaside

BLUES relegation rivals Southend United must be kicking themselves for letting Kevin Betsy and Alex Revell join Wanderers.

The pair, who shared Blues three goals in Saturday's win over MK Dons, began the season with the Seaside's before being off-loaded to Wycombe.

And the decision looks like haunting them. Revell has scored four goals in the last two games while Betsy

notched the Wycombe winner in Saturday's derby at MK Dons as the Blues leapfrogged Southend.

Betsy said: "It's one of those things. Sometimes the glove fits. Different clubs fit different players and Wycombe fits me perfectly."

"I regard this as my club. It's a lovely club."

"Me and Alex have a great understanding."



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COME FLY WITH ME: Kevin Betsy celebrates his late winner

the first half we gave a sloppy goal away and that killed us going into the second half.

"But we came out again and showed tremendous character to get ourselves back into the lead only to lose it again.

"It speaks volumes about our character that we've won and given ourselves a chance."

Blues won't rest on their laurels though and have now turned their attentions to Saturday's visit of promotion chasing Swindon who have been faltering of late.

He said: "I shouldn't think they'll fancy coming here with us having three wins on the bounce."

Cracks praises the Blues' fighting spirit

FORMER Wanderers skipper Dave McCracken praised his old club's fighting spirit as they picked off his new team MK Dons right at the death on Saturday.

He said: "They showed plenty of fight and spirit. They made it very hard for us and snatched a last minute goal and it wasn't to be for us."

"They had plenty to fight for and kept on going. They have given themselves a slight chance and if they continue to play like that they will take something out of every game."

"I'm sure I will get a bit of stick of some of my old team-mates but I hope they can stay up."

Heaton: My big relief

KEEPER Tom Heaton was the most relieved man in Bucks on Saturday after blaming himself for conceding the first goal to MK Dons.

The on-loan Manchester United goalkeeper was furious with his reactions when the Dons' Aaron Wilbraham met a free kick ahead of him to score MK's first equaliser.

He did his best to make amends by saving Sam Baldock's penalty late on, but he couldn't keep out Wilbraham's follow-up as he tied the scores up again at 2-2.

But he was all smiles at the end as Kevin Betsy's injury-time winner wrapped up three vital points.

He said: "The team made up for my mistake and there was no better feeling at the end."

"I really believe we can stay up now. We have never given up hope and it's definitely there for us."

Why I missed the win

SUPPORTER Dale Hurman missed his side's fantastic win at MK Dons.

To find out why he refused to go, turn to page 43.

Zola shines in Wycombe

GIANFRANCO Zola scored twice as the stars turned out for former Wanderers boss Mike Keen's memorial match.

For reports and pictures to go turn to page 43.

LEAGUE ONE

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts					
Norwich City	4316	3	2	46	20	11	5	6	38	25	89	
Leeds United	4312	6	3	35	17	11	5	6	36	24	80	
Millwall	4315	5	1	43	12	7	8	7	28	27	79	
Swindon Town	43128	2	39	23	9	7	5	27	27	78		
Charlton Athletic	4313	6	3	40	22	8	8	5	27	25	77	
Huddersfield	4318	8	1	50	21	8	3	10	23	32	74	
Colchester United	4314	4	3	35	20	5	7	10	26	29	68	
Southampton	4213	4	3	42	18	8	9	5	36	24	66	
Bristol Rovers	4313	3	6	32	27	6	2	13	25	36	62	
MK Dons	4310	4	8	31	28	7	4	10	27	34	59	
Brentford	42	8	10	2	31	19	6	8	9	19	28	57
Walsall	43	8	8	5	31	24	6	5	11	23	55	
Carlisle Utd	4310	3	9	33	27	4	9	8	25	35	54	
Brighton	43	5	4	12	23	29	8	9	5	30	52	
Hartlepool	4310	5	7	32	25	4	4	13	25	38	51	
Oldham	42	7	6	8	21	24	6	5	10	16	50	
Yeovil Town	43	8	7	7	33	26	4	6	11	18	49	
Leyton Orient	43	9	6	7	33	25	3	6	12	17	48	
Gillingham	4311	8	3	33	14	0	6	15	13	44	47	
Exeter City	43	8	9	4	27	18	2	7	13	19	46	
Tranmere R	4210	3	9	28	32	2	5	13	10	37	44	
Wycombe W	43	5	6	10	21	29	4	8	10	30	43	
Southend U	43	6	10	6	27	26	3	2	16	19	40	
Stockport Co	43	2	6	13	21	42	3	4	15	13	42	