

BLOOMING WONDERFUL:
Matt Bloomfield celebrates Blues' 1-0 win over Bury

HAIRDRYER TREATMENT STYLES WIN



Waddock rollicking transforms Blues

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A HALF-TIME rollicking roused Wanderers out of their winter nap to secure three precious points against promotion rivals Bury, Gary Waddock revealed.

The Chairboys chief said he gave his players the hair-dryer treatment, as The Shakers threatened to run riot at Adams Park and set a new club record of seven away wins on the bounce.

But following the gaffer's roasting, the Blues came out for the second 45 minutes with all guns blazing – as they harassed and harried Bury to earn a 1-0 win.

Scott Rendell's calm finish following tenacious work from Man-of-the-Match Matt Bloomfield typified Wanderers' rejuvenated spirit in the second period.

Waddock said: "I had a say at half time, Kuhly [assistant manager Martin Kuhl] had a say, and the players have gone out there and responded.

"The performance second half was good, the first half wasn't, you could tell from our point of view the weather [postponed Crewe game] had taken a toll, as we didn't start the game particularly well.

"They passed it around well first half, caused us problems, they stopped us playing and we couldn't stop them playing.

"We had one or two words at half time and the lads took that on board and we took the game to them. We caused them problems and defensively we did well and

got the clean sheet, so it was a very important result."

The win moved the Blues up a spot to fifth and, more importantly, closed the gap on Saturday's opponents in the third and final automatic place to just three points.

Waddock said: "Everyone built the game up, if Bury had beaten us they would have stretched their points total on us but it was three points at stake, we wanted them and we got them, so we're delighted."

The Blues boss, not one for singling out performances by his players, reserved praise for match winner Rendell and his two centre-backs.

He said: "Scott's finish was very good from a player right on top of his game.

"Johnno [Leon Johnson] has come in and played extremely well. He defended, he competed and that is all you can ask from your defenders and the player he was alongside, Dave Winfield, also put in a performance."

Waddock said he expects to shuffle his pack and utilise his squad over the busy festive programme.

He said: "It's a busy time, we have to make sure the starting 11 are fresh and able to go out and win football matches, but try and win in a certain manner."

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