

WAR OF THE ROSES

■ 21-man brawl mars Blues' crucial 1-0 victory at Moss Rose



By Andy Carswell

WANDERERS boss Gary Waddock goes into tonight's mouth-watering top-of-the-table clash at Chesterfield without his first choice centre half after choosing not to appeal the red card shown to Dave Winfield on Saturday.

The big man was dismissed for his part in an incredible 21-man brawl at the end of Blues' 1-0 win at Macclesfield – which has prompted an investigation from the FA.

Both clubs could be charged with failing to control their players after the scrap led to three red cards being brandished by Football League debutant referee James Adcock.

But Waddock isn't too concerned at the news his side will have to face the division's most prolific attack without Winfield and possibly Rob Kiernan, whose debut ended early at Moss Rose thanks to a knee injury.

The Blues boss says Chris Westwood has recovered from a groin strain that has kept him out for the last couple of weeks and Alan Bennett and Leon Johnson will be available again after recovering from illness.

Meanwhile, Saturday's smackdown at Macc Town was not necessarily a bad thing.

Defender Danny Foster said: "That's football, tempers flare. There was a lot at stake. They are desperate for the win, we are desperate for the win."

"It was good to see people are playing for each other and have got each other's backs. That camaraderie and team spirit showed."

FIGHT CLUB: Dave Winfield, number 5, and two Macc players were sent off after a mass brawl near the end of Saturday's game

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