



Blues and BFP join forces to offer fans golden opportunity

Wycombe Wanderers have teamed up with the Bucks Free Press to offer five youngsters the incredible opportunity to live the life of a professional footballer.

The 'Golden Ticket' initiative encourages fans between the ages of four and 16 to attend any of the Blues' first seven home fixtures in the New Year to be in with a chance of being one of five winners of this once-in-a-lifetime prize. The more matches attended, the higher the chance of success.

The five winners will enjoy an exclusive training session with the Wycombe Wanderers first-team squad, including breakfast and lunch, full training kit, an autograph and photo session and their very own press conference where they'll be quizzed about their experience.

Then they'll also join the Blues for a matchday at Adams Park, arriving through the players' entrance and receiving a tour of the stadium before taking part in the pre-match warm-up with the team. The winners' names will be listed alongside the squad in the programme and they'll gain access to the players' lounge after the game after their post-match interview with the media.

Each winner will be featured in the Bucks Free Press and will receive copies of the newspaper, as well as professional photos and a certificate, to keep as a memento of this unforgettable experience.

Wanderers captain Gareth Ainsworth said: "This is a fantastic prize for any young fan and all of the players are really looking forward to welcoming the winners into the squad and showing them what being a footballer is all about!

"When I was growing up, I would have absolutely loved this opportunity and hopefully lots of mums and dads will buy lots of tickets for our matches to give their kids the best possible chance of winning."

Application forms will be distributed to all primary and secondary schools and junior football clubs in the South Bucks area. All Platinum Members under the age of 16 will automatically be entered into the competition.

For further information, contact the club's Community Trust Manager Ash Smith on ash.smith@wwfc.com.

Fitness boost

HAVING a Saturday off will give Wanderers players a fitness boost ahead of a crunch December.

Blues don't have a game tomorrow after being knocked out of the FA Cup at the first hurdle by non-league Fleetwood Town and manager Gary Waddock has used the break to his advantage by topping up his players' fitness levels during the week.

He Waddock said: "With us not having the game Saturday we've been able to give them a top-up. We did it at a similar time last year.

"We'd have liked to have had a fixture, we wanted to still be in the FA Cup, but it also gives us an opportunity to look back, regroup, and go forward.

"They will have the weekend off. We want them to be fresh as well."

Beavon double draws a line under penalty miss

STUART Beavon says his confidence hasn't been dented by missing a crucial penalty against Bournemouth.

The striker's miss proved costly as Wanderers were beaten 1-0 by the Cherries but he proved his head hadn't dropped after two superb goals against MK Dons.

And he said his new-found self belief was key to his fantastic goalscoring record this season.

In just 19 games this campaign Beavon has more than doubled the number of goals he's scored for Wanderers, as his brace took him into double figures - having scored just eight in his 70 previous appearances.

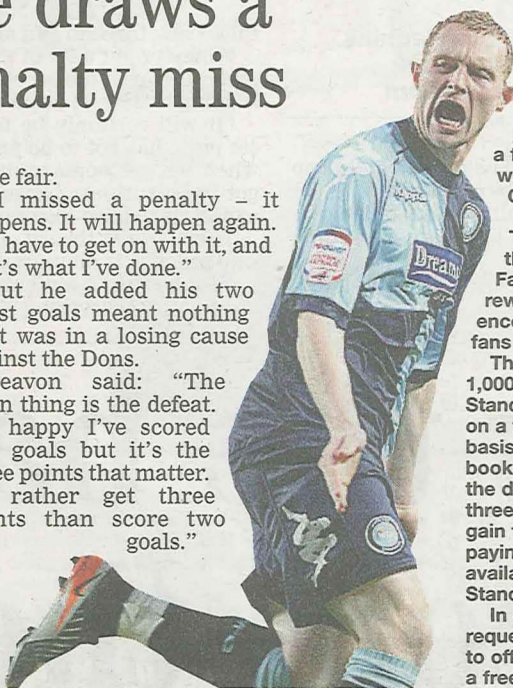
When asked if he'd changed anything in his game the 27-year-old said: "Nothing at all. I suppose it's more confidence, that's about it

to be fair.

"I missed a penalty - it happens. It will happen again. You have to get on with it, and that's what I've done."

But he added his two latest goals meant nothing as it was in a losing cause against the Dons.

Beavon said: "The main thing is the defeat. I'm happy I've scored two goals but it's the three points that matter. I'd rather get three points than score two goals."



Festive day at Adams Park

REINDEER, special ticket deals and a host of former players are among the reasons to join in the festive fun at a fans' day at next weekend's game with Chesterfield.

Wycombe Wanderers Trust have designated the match as a 'Festive Fans' Day' and want to reward existing fans and encourage and retain new fans to Adams Park.

The Trust has been given 1,000 seats in the Dreams Stand which will be available on a first come first served basis for just £15 when booked in advance (£18 on the day) - and a maximum of three children will be able to gain free entry for every paying adult. This offer is available only in the Dreams Stand.

In addition, at the Trust's request, the club has agreed to offer its Platinum Members a free guest ticket for the

same match.

Included in the day's special activities are a number of festive stalls in the marquee offering cakes, candles, and Christmas cards, while younger supporters can test their FIFA 2012 skills at a Button Bashing competition.

The High Wycombe Rotary Club will also be in attendance with Santa's Grotto and real-life reindeer, and a number of ex-players have agreed to be present both before and after the game.

With the Vere Suite being closed after the game, due to a prior booking, the marquee and Beechdean Cafe will both host the post-match entertainment, with drinks and snacks available alongside a Q&A session and more live music, possibly featuring Blues skipper Gareth Ainsworth.

For ticket details call 01494 441118.