

Blame the council for Blues' plight – a letter from a lifelong fan

THIS letter was sent to the Bucks Free Press this week, and is reproduced in full below:

'I've supported Wycombe Wanderers for 46 years, at Loakes Park, the Conference years, the Martin O'Neill era, the FA Cup run and the Carling Cup run.

'I've watched it all with pride. The defeat against Huddersfield and where we are at the moment is a glimpse into the future of this club.

'I don't blame the players, I don't blame the manager and I don't blame Steve Hayes. Steve Hayes is a businessman and a Wycombe supporter,

and whatever your opinion of the man he wants to be successful – he wants to make money and he wants Wycombe to be a big club and there's nothing wrong with that.

'He doesn't have a bottomless pit of money and if you don't give him a chance to make money he can't keep pumping cash into the club.

'So when he wanted to take Wycombe to Booker to be part of a sports complex of course he wanted to make money, of course he wanted to be successful but he wanted Wycombe and Wasps to be successful too, hand in hand with the business.

'So congratulations to a number of

Wycombe supporters and the Wycombe District Council for stopping this from happening. You have destroyed the future and the ambition of our club and unless a multi-millionaire benefactor comes in and buys the club, we are in freefall.

'So what you saw against Huddersfield will happen again. We will lose our best players to bigger teams and we won't attract any promising players.

'I predict that we will be a Conference side within five years and will never reach the dizzy heights of League One football again in my lifetime.

'So when I'm watching the

Wanderers play Alfreton, Ebbsfleet and Braintree instead of West Ham United, Leeds United and Birmingham City, I will look back and think what could have been.

'So once again, thank you to everyone who stopped Steve Hayes giving us a chance of Championship football and a bright future for Wycombe Wanderers Football Club. You've done a great job.'

**Eric Buckle (lifetime supporter),
Stokenchurch**

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Now or never for Blues if they hope to stay up

GARY Waddock admits that tomorrow's home clash with Rochdale is the sort of the game Wanderers need to win if they hope to avoid the dreaded drop come May.

Rochdale are nearly in as much peril as the Blues, just one place and one point above them in the table.

Adding to their woes, they are without a manager after Steve Eyres was sacked in December and the club has cancelled their official supporters' coach for tomorrow's trip south due to lack of interest.

If ever a team was there to be had, it's Rochdale.

Waddock said: "It's a big game. There's only three points at stake, but it would be a valuable three points if we could claim them.

"Beating teams around us is the key to what we want to achieve come the end of the season so these games are important."

Rochdale could spring a surprise and announce Accrington Stanley boss John

Wanderers v Rochdale League One Tomorrow, 3pm

Coleman as their new manager before the weekend although Stanley said on Wednesday they had no knowledge of Dale's interest.

But Waddock says that's irrelevant to what his own team are trying to achieve.

He said: "If they appoint a manager their players will get a lift from that and want to impress him.

"They've responded from their defeat against Stevenage.

"They got a good result at Tranmere. They got a clean sheet and a valuable point away from home and they'll be coming into the game looking to get something.

"They could look at us and think there's an opportunity to get some points here.

"But it's what we do and what our group of players do, and not necessarily worrying or concentrating too much on the opposition.

"Obviously we do reports on them, on their strengths and weaknesses and set plays.

"You do your homework on the opposition but we have to concentrate and make sure we

Wanderers could be boosted by the return of Dave Winfield for the visit of Rochdale tomorrow.

The centre back played in a training game against Chelsea during the week and is considered fit for selection.

However, Leon Johnson is still a major doubt. He still has stitches in his knee.

perform on the day.

"It's up to us."

Tomorrow's match begins a run of five at home that could be the key to their survival.

Tranmere (15th in the table-Feb 4), Yeovil (19th - Feb 14th), Hartlepool (14th -Feb 25) and Leyton Orient (17th -March 6) are all winnable games for Blues and Waddock admits it's what they do in front of their home fans that will determine the team's future.

He said: "Our home results will be vital. The fans at home have been excellent.

"They've got behind the team and we need that, especially in the

situation we're in.

"We need them to get right behind the team and if we could get a big crowd as well they could be the extra man and help us get that result we're looking for."

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PRESSURE POINTS: Gary Waddock says Wanderers' survival chances will depend on results against the teams in and around them

Golden opportunity

WYCOMBE Wanderers fanatic Luke Parslow is the first lucky winner of the club's Golden Ticket initiative, giving five youngsters the chance to live the life of a professional footballer later this year.

In association with the Bucks Free Press, the Blues are asking youngsters to purchase tickets to any of their first seven home fixtures of 2012 in return for entry into a prize draw, with four more opportunities available for aspiring footballers to have their dreams come true.

Each winner will receive an exclusive training session with the first-team squad and join the players on a matchday, gaining behind-the-scenes access and enjoying all the perks of being a professional – apart from actually playing in the game!

Application forms have been distributed to all primary and secondary schools as well as junior football clubs in the South Bucks area.

Misbourne School student Luke was the first to receive a visit from the club's Community Trust manager Ash Smith last week to hear the good news.



Name: Luke Parslow
School: Misbourne School
Position: Striker
Favourites teams: Wanderers and Manchester United
Favourite players: Stuart Beavon and Wayne Rooney
Interests and hobbies: Football, scouts and basketball
Most excited about: Training with the team
What will your friends say: Wow I wish I could do it!
What will you ask the manager: How will you make the club stay in League One?

Blues can still stay up

FORMER Blues striker Keith Scott has told his former team, "don't panic, you can still stay up."

Scott, who went on to play in the Premiership and is now managing Windsor FC, insists Wycombe can still save their season despite following a mini-revival over Christmas with four defeats on the bounce to sink back into the drop zone.

He said: "It's only four points – they can still get out of it. The key is for everyone to stick together. Of course confidence is going to be low, but they need to have faith in themselves and each other and go out there and play as well as they can until the end of the season.

"If you look at their results over the course of the season, they've had some fantastic results against some very good teams.

"Forget about Huddersfield, take their performances against MK Dons, Charlton...they beat Sheffield United.

"There are a lot of games left and a lot of points still to play for. If they can string four or five results together I think they can do it.

"As an ex-player and fan, I hope they do."

Trialists fail to deliver

WANDERERS ran the rule over a few trialists during a practice match with Chelsea on Monday, but will not be pursuing any of them.

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LEAGUE ONE										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts		
Charlton	25	17	6	2	50	19	31	57		
Sheffield U	26	16	5	5	52	27	25	53		
Huddersfield	26	13	11	2	52	25	27	50		
Sheffield Wed	25	15	4	6	45	32	13	49		
MK Dons	24	13	7	4	48	25	23	46		
Stevenage	25	11	8	6	38	22	16	41		
Carlisle	25	11	8	6	40	38	2	41		
Brentford	26	9	10	7	31	30	1	37		
Bournemouth	26	10	7	9	33	33	0	37		
Preston NE	25	10	5	10	40	44	-4	35		
Bury	25	10	4	11	32	39	-7	34		
Colchester	25	8	9	8	35	39	-4	33		
Hartlepool	26	9	6	11	30	34	-4	33		
Notts County	25	9	5	11	41	39	2	32		
Leyton Orient	26	8	8	10	28	38	-10	32		
Tranmere	26	8	7	11	27	31	-4	31		
Oldham	25	8	7	10	32	37	-5	31		
Exeter	26	6	8	12	24	39	-15	26		
Scunthorpe	25	4	12	9	32	39	-7	24		
Walsall	26	4	12	10	25	32	-7	24		
Yeovil	26	5	9	12	28	42	-14	24		
Rochdale	26	4	9	13	24	46	-22	21		
Wanderers	26	5	5	16	30	49	-19	20		
Chesterfield	26	3	8	15	30	48	-18	17		