

Change of formation, change of fortunes?

■ Blues average just 0.52 points per game on the road

A CHANGE of formation is the key to Wycombe Wanderers getting wins away from home, believes Gary Doherty.

Wanderers have stuck chiefly to 4-4-2 this season, until manager Gary Waddock opted to go with three in central midfield against Leyton Orient after seeing his side battered 4-1 by Scunthorpe.

The two games since the formation change has brought four crucial points, and Doherty thinks the alteration has been the reason behind it.

The on-loan Charlton man said: "The shape of the team's changed a bit since the mauling at Scunthorpe. I feel that's going to help us."

"I think we're a bit more solid and pack the midfield a bit, and play on the counter attack a lot more. Hopefully we are set up to start picking up

points away from home with our shape."

The former Ireland international added: "We've got to take it on and start getting away wins because it's not been good enough, particularly at Scunthorpe. We've got to put that right and start climbing."

Wanderers have picked up just two wins and nine points from their 17 away days this season and with five more away games still to come - starting with two in the next four days - they'll need to improve that ratio, and quickly.

Doherty will be a big part of that and he says he's relishing the chance to play every week again

LEAGUE ONE														
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	
Charlton Athletic	36	10	6	2	35	17	13	3	2	31	12	37	78	
Sheffield United	36	13	2	3	42	21	8	4	6	25	17	29	69	
Sheffield Wednesday	36	13	3	2	37	16	7	4	7	25	26	20	67	
Huddersfield Town	35	11	6	2	31	17	5	10	1	36	20	30	64	
MK Dons	35	9	6	2	35	16	8	5	5	31	21	29	62	
Notts County	36	10	5	2	29	16	6	3	10	26	31	8	56	
Carlisle United	34	10	5	3	35	27	5	5	6	17	27	-2	55	
Stevenage	34	7	6	3	26	18	7	6	5	24	15	17	54	
Colchester United	35	7	7	4	30	27	5	6	6	18	20	1	49	
Brentford	34	7	5	6	28	22	5	6	5	18	19	5	47	
Hartlepool United	36	5	4	8	18	17	7	6	6	24	28	-3	46	
Bournemouth	35	6	2	9	17	21	6	6	6	21	22	-5	44	
Yeovil Town	36	7	3	8	26	30	4	7	7	22	29	-11	43	
Oldham Athletic	34	7	4	7	22	22	4	5	7	19	29	-10	42	
Preston North End	35	6	6	6	24	28	5	3	9	20	27	-11	42	
Tranmere Rovers	36	7	9	3	20	14	3	2	12	16	27	-5	41	
Bury	36	5	6	6	23	27	6	2	11	24	38	-18	41	
Scunthorpe United	36	4	7	7	25	28	4	9	5	22	23	-4	40	
Leyton Orient	34	4	5	8	16	24	6	5	6	21	27	-14	40	
Walsall	35	5	7	6	19	21	2	9	6	15	18	-5	37	
Exeter City	36	6	6	5	19	19	2	4	13	12	36	-24	34	
Wycombe Wanderers	36	7	3	9	30	30	2	3	12	19	39	-20	33	
Chesterfield	36	5	5	7	16	22	2	6	11	23	37	-20	32	
Rochdale	36	4	7	6	18	23	2	6	11	14	33	-24	31	

after being frozen out at Charlton. He said: "I'm enjoying myself. I feel fitter than I have felt in a long time."

"I used my lay off at Charlton to get myself really fit and work hard in the gym. I think I'm getting the rewards for that and I'd like to keep it going."

And with one Blues goal to his name already, he nearly grabbed a second against Colchester to turn one point into three.

He said: "I feel maybe I should have got round the keeper and got a nick on it."

"I didn't think I was ever going to get enough power in the header to score."

"Big Dave [Winfield] had a

flicked header towards the end, so there were chances for us, but not like the chances we've been creating of late. That's disappointing, but hopefully we can put that right next week."

"But it's another point towards where we want to be, and that's how we've got to look at it."

"We defended well, particularly the first ball, and it gave us a base to play from."

"Second half particularly we got it down a bit and certainly towards the end we put a lot of pressure on them, particularly from set plays."

"It would be nice to nick one there, although they are a big, strong team."

Golden opportunity

IAIN Hamilton of Beaconsfield has been announced as the fourth Golden Ticket Winner to live the life of a professional footballer for a day.

In association with the Bucks Free Press, each winner receives an exclusive training session with the first team squad and joins the players on a given matchday.

A keen Wycombe Wanderers supporter, Iain greeted The Community Trust interviewee at his front door in his Wycombe quarters.

Alongside the ten-year-old was another Wycombe fanatic, younger brother Alexander, who was a Blues mascot in November.

Both remember the days of Matty Phillips and stated that they "wish he was still at Wycombe."

Iain plays in the number five jersey for Slough Town Juniors as well as his school team when he is not at Adams Park watching WWFC.

His latest day out watching the Chairboys play Colchester United came only three days before being unveiled as a Golden Ticket holder, he caught the match ball and threw it back to Matt Bloomfield for a throw-in by the Family Stand on his way to get a hot dog.

Iain has a team sheet

of favourite WWFC players with the names at the top of the roster being Stuart Beavon and Nikki Bull.

Iain said about his win that he is "very very excited" especially because he has "never met the players face-to-face".



Final chance for Blues

THE Berks and Bucks Cup final will now take place at Adams Park on Tuesday, April 24.

Finalists Chesham United could be in the Southern Premier League play-offs at the end of April, and the original date clashed with the play-off final.

The Generals will play Wycombe Wanderers in a repeat of last season's semi-final, which Blues won 4-1.

Kick off is at 7.45pm.

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