

Caretaker manager is sweating on his own fitness

GARETH Ainsworth admits he might have to reel in his enthusiasm for playing after picking up a hamstring injury.

He was going to withdraw himself during the interval against Plymouth but was talked out of it by his teammates.

He carried on and admitted he probably shouldn't have – but the Blues caretaker manager said he wanted to lead by example on the pitch instead of from the sidelines.

Wycombe v Torquay Utd

Saturday, 3pm

Ainsworth said he's unlikely to last 90 minutes in any future appearances he makes.

He said: "At half time there was a question of will I have to come off. A few of the experienced pros said no, we need you out there for another ten minutes.

"I don't think I should have stayed on for another 20 minutes

but I didn't want to leave them.

"What I showed in the first half was what I want – passion and drive going forward.

"Verbally I can give some good instructions from the sideline but a picture paints a thousand words. I was showing on the pitch what I wanted – I want that desire. I haven't got the legs some of these guys have but I've still got the heart."

He added: "If the lads can

perform like they did on Tuesday, if all 11 can do that I won't need to come on."

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Supporters asked to settle Blues' £125k bill

■ Just three months after taking over Wanderers the Trust is begging for £125,000 to settle its legal bills

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JUST three months after taking control of the club, Wanderers Supporters Trust are passing the begging bowl around – looking for £125,000 to settle a legal bill.

They issued a notice on Tuesday asking supporters to give or loan them the money.

A statement from the Trust said: "Not to put too fine a point on it, we have outstanding legal bills of £125k and that, in our 125th year, is an unfortunate

coincidence.

"The Trust is therefore appealing to anyone, either personally or corporately, who is in the fortunate position of being able to offer financial support, either in the way of loans or gifts, to contact us as soon as you possibly can."

The statement added: "To date, the lawyers have been very patient and understanding, but there is obviously a limit to such consideration."

It went on to say: "The need for financial support is urgent, hence

How Wanderers plan to get out of financial trouble

WANDERERS plan to boost their finances by taking a number of measures including introducing a barter scheme, asking fans for gift payments and loans and they could even ask fans to make monthly direct debit payments.

In the short term they are asking for donations and loans to help them get over their immediate £125,000 legal bills hurdle.

They are also hoping corporate clients and businesses will cough up cash in return for advertising or executive boxes while there could be smaller incentive schemes for individual fans under their proposed Club Partners Scheme.

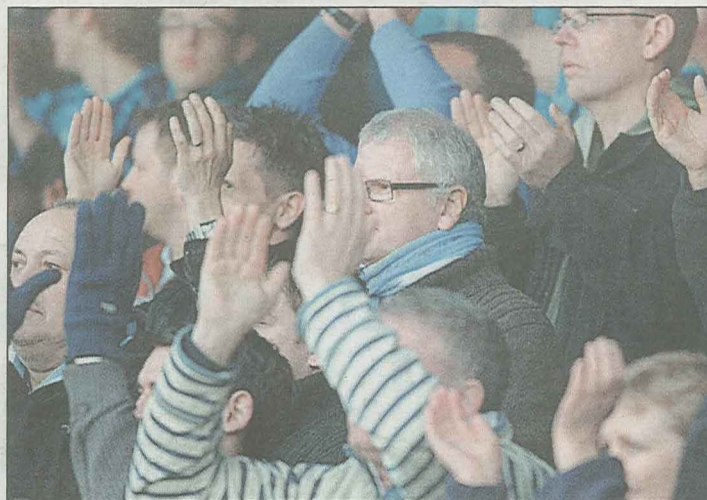
The Trust is still finalising the details of this proposed scheme

which will seek to recognise offers of financial support in a manner commensurate with the size of support.

The Trust's communications director David Cook said: "We are open to all kinds of ideas and want to have as many irons in the fire as we can."

Further down the road they are also considering raising finance by following the Exeter City Trust model where around 3,000 fans pay a monthly amount of their own choice to keep the club going.

Anyone wanting to help the club with their £125,000 appeal should contact Trust chairman Trevor Stroud at Trevor@wycombewandererstrust.com



LENDING THEIR SUPPORT: Blues want the fans help to be financial as well as vocal

the reason for seeking your help now."

Trust director David Cook said: "It doesn't make me question whether the Trust can work for Wycombe. We went into this with our eyes wide open and knew there would be issues like this.

"We were hoping we would get more money for Stuart Beavon and then the paying of the legal bills wouldn't have been such an issue.

"This isn't unexpected. It's something that concerns us but is something we can manage.

"We know some supporters will be alarmed but we have a lot of good feeling from our supporters and we hope they will understand this situation and appreciate that

The Trust is coming clean."

Cook said: "Our preference is not to have to use the Stuart Beavon money. It would have to be very much a last resort."

The early signs are good though. Within hours of the statement coming out, Wanderers received donations from fans in their hundreds of pounds.

Trust chairman Trevor Stroud said: "We are very, very grateful."

The Trust has also received an offer of help from Bucks New University students who want to run a fundraising campaign for them.

The Trust accrued the debt during their protracted takeover of the club from previous owner Steve Hayes.

Too soon for Bull



IN WITH A SHOUT BUT NOT YET: Nikki Bull could possibly return on Tuesday but tomorrow is too early for him

NIKKI Bull is the closest of Blues' walking wounded to being fit – but he's not ready to reclaim the keeper's jersey for tomorrow's match at home to Torquay – and there is also a doubt over striker Matt McClure.

Bull, Blues' first choice goalkeeper has been out with a thigh strain for three weeks but temporary boss Gareth Ainsworth hopes to have him back training next week.

Loan signing Jordan Archer will keep goal tomorrow and if Bull doesn't recover the Spurs and Scotland U21 man may have to face Portsmouth in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy on Tuesday as well.

Ainsworth said: "If we put Nikki in a game situation and his thigh goes again, it'll be devastating so we want to be careful. He wants to be out there all the time, so we have to hold him back rather than him holding himself back.

"He's the closest out of everyone [to recovering], which is good. When he's fit and we know he can kick through 90 minutes, he'll be back in the team."

Meanwhile Matt McClure, who opened the scoring against Plymouth in midweek, could be kept out tomorrow by the hamstring injury which ended his evening prematurely.

Ainsworth said he wants him to play again tomorrow but the hamstring strain could prevent that.

Ainsworth said: "If he's fit, he'll play. Everyone will agree with the way Matt's playing at the moment he warrants his place in the squad.

"Matt has been frustrated over the last year. He's had injuries, he went out on loan, he came back and scored his first professional goal and looked for all the world like he was making a step in the right direction, then just fell away a little bit.

"I've noticed things in Matt and he's deserved his chance in the first team again. I'm sure there's a lot more to come from Matty. I'm really impressed with the way he took his chance."

Ainsworth says injured midfielders Matt Bloomfield and Sam Wood are now weeks rather than months away from training again and that Marvin McCoy could be back in November, a month earlier than the original diagnosis for his broken leg.

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