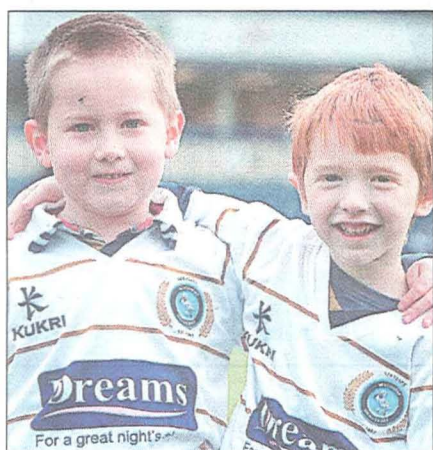




COMPETITION WINNERS: Jack Stevens and Jem Eckford

Mascot's paper chase

JACK Stevens and Jem Eckford led out their Wanderers heroes on Saturday after winning a BFP competition.

The two youngsters had a kickabout on the Adams Park pitch before leading the players out ahead of the game against Bristol Rovers.

They were the lucky winners of a competition run on the BFP website before the game.

Contentious hat-trick of goals for Blues boss

GARETH Ainsworth made it a hat-trick of contentious goals as a Wanderers player with his header against Bristol Rovers.

He scored in Saturday's rearranged game, with Rovers fans believing the original tie should never have been called off.

Ainsworth was also credited with a goal in a crucial promotion showdown at Shrewsbury despite the ball not crossing the line, with Blues going up by a point at the Shrews' expense.

And he admitted to netting an injury time equaliser against rivals Colchester with his hand in March 2010.

Bloomfield still part of Ainsworth's plans

MATT Bloomfield features in manager Gareth Ainsworth's plans when he eventually recovers from his injury nightmare.

The fans' favourite hasn't played since August and is set for a further two months on the sidelines after being diagnosed with a problem with his pelvis.

But Ainsworth said: "I know what he brings to the team. When Matt Bloomfield's fit, he'll definitely be round my 16."

Wanderers' longest-serving player was originally diagnosed with a groin injury until it was revealed the problem was worse than first thought.

Ainsworth said: "It's a horrible injury. There doesn't seem to be a major thing going on but it takes its time."

Fixture change

WANDERERS' match at Gillingham has been selected for live television coverage.

Blues will now travel to Priestfield on Monday February 4 after Sky Sports chose to show the game.

The match had originally been due to take place two days previously. Kick off is at 7.45pm.

Read tomorrow's match report after the whistle at bucksfreepress.co.uk

Anti-stadium Wanderers director steps down from board

WYCOMBE Wanderers director Matt Clarke has this week resigned from the club's board with immediate effect.

Clarke has been a Blues fan since the 1970s and headed up the 'No to Booker' group, which opposed the new stadium plans.

He admitted it was a hard decision to make but felt he was unable to dedicate as much time as he wanted to

filling the director's role.

Clarke told the Bucks Free Press: "I wish the club every success. I'm still a massive, massive supporter and they have a great team on and off the pitch."

"It was a really tough decision but it will be the right one for me."

"The club have been brilliant about it, which I very much appreciate."

A Wanderers club statement read: "Following the recent birth of his baby girl and developments in his professional career, Matt feels he can no longer commit the required time to fulfil the role to its maximum."

"The club would like to thank Matt for his efforts during his time as a director and look forward to seeing him back at Adams Park in

the near future."

The post is likely to be filled during the next Trust AGM in January.

Wycombe Wanderers Trust members interested in standing for election onto the board should contact Trevor Stroud at:

www.wycombewandererstrust.com/contact-us

It is time to turn the table on its head

GARETH Ainsworth has challenged his players to move into the safety of mid-table by completing a hat-trick of home wins tomorrow.

Beating Bristol Rovers didn't move Wanderers far up the League Two table but it did increase the gap between themselves and the bottom two.

And with the middle of the table more congested than the M25 at rush hour, Ainsworth has his sights set on continuing their move upwards.

Blues have won their last two at Adams Park and Ainsworth wants them to make it three in a row against Morecambe.

The Blues boss said: "We're now leaving the bottom group. We want to have a look at this middle group and see how far we get in that."

"That's what we want to achieve. It'll be a big test but we are up for it."

Winning by a three-goal margin will take Wanderers above tomorrow's opponents, who have lost their last four away games in League Two.

Ainsworth admits he'll have a few selection headaches,

Wanderers v Morecambe Tomorrow Adams Park, 3pm

particularly in defence.

He will have Stuart Lewis and Josh Scowen back from suspension and will have to decide whether to stick with Marvin McCoy at right back or play a midfielder there.

Ainsworth said having McCoy back after four months out with a fractured ankle was a big positive to take from Tuesday night's exit from the Johnstone's Paint Trophy against Yeovil.

He said: "He still looked quick and still had the attributes we know he's got. Positionally he could do with a little bit of sharpness but he's a big positive."

He added he only wanted to play McCoy for an hour, but with Matt Spring's red card and 17-year-old Kortney Hause featuring in defence he felt he had no choice but to keep the Antigua and Barbuda international on the field for the full 90.



Picture by Anita Ross Marshall

LEAGUE TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Gillingham	20	12	5	3	37	17	20	41
Port Vale	20	11	6	3	44	21	23	39
Cheltenham Town	20	10	5	5	27	25	2	35
Rotherham United	20	10	4	6	33	29	4	34
Southend United	20	9	5	6	33	21	12	32
Bradford City	20	9	5	6	30	22	8	32
Fleetwood Town	20	8	7	5	28	20	8	31
Torquay United	20	8	7	5	28	24	4	31
Rochdale	20	8	6	6	30	29	1	30
Exeter City	20	9	3	8	29	29	0	30
Northampton Town	20	8	5	7	32	27	5	29
Burton Albion	20	8	5	7	28	28	0	29
Chesterfield	20	7	7	6	26	23	3	28
York City	20	6	9	5	26	28	-2	27
Accrington Stanley	20	7	5	8	26	31	-5	26
Dagenham & Redbridge	20	6	7	7	32	29	3	25
Morecambe	20	7	4	9	26	28	-2	25
Oxford United	20	7	3	10	29	35	-6	24
Wycombe Wanderers	20	6	4	10	23	30	-7	22
Plymouth Argyle	20	4	6	10	23	30	-7	18
AFC Wimbledon	20	5	3	12	23	39	-16	18
Bristol Rovers	20	4	6	10	23	39	-16	18
Aldershot Town	20	4	5	11	15	31	-16	17
Barnet FC	20	3	6	11	18	34	-16	15

Rockstar manager has brought a new vibe to Wanderers – Dunne

CHARLES Dunne says the rock and roll football style Gareth Ainsworth is bringing to Wycombe Wanderers has been key to the team's turnaround in fortune.

The Wanderers boss was famously a singer in a rock band earlier in his career and after his first match in caretaker charge of the

side he stepped up to the mic at a charity gig at Adams Park.

It's led to supporters christening his team's style of play as rock and roll football – and full back Dunne says it's something he's enjoying.

The 19-year-old said: "Gaz has come in and changed everything. His rockstar life brings a different

vibe to the training ground. The music, everything, gets everyone buzzing. Everyone's happy."

Dunne is barely old enough to drink the champagne given to Man of the Match winners but on Saturday he walked away with his second magnum from just eight appearances at Adams Park after

impressing out of position at right back during the 2-0 win over Bristol Rovers.

Having tasted success he's keen for more: "It's a good feeling. I've worked hard and got my reward. If everyone votes for me as Man of the Match it gives me confidence going into the next game."