

Ingram's Blues debut frozen out again

SNOW conspired against Matt Ingram as the young goalkeeper was denied a second chance to make his Wanderers debut.

The teenager had been recalled from his loan at Oxford City specifically to play against Burton Albion on Saturday after regular stopper Jordan Archer was called up for international duty.

But while Archer was helping Scotland's U21 side get their Euro 2015 qualifying campaign off to a winning start as he kept a clean sheet in a 3-0 win over Luxembourg, Ingram was left twiddling his thumbs as Blues' trip to Staffordshire was postponed.

Wanderers boss Gareth Ainsworth said: "It's happened to him twice this season - he got injured the same week Nikki Bull got injured and Matt would have been covering for Nikki. We got Elliot Parish in to cover those games."

"He seems to be making his debut then he gets it pulled away from him."

But he added: "There's no doubt Matt will play for Wycombe Wanderers and make his debut. He'll just have to wait that little bit longer."

"I'll stand by the recall because he's going to need experience with the first team and needs to be around the place."

"Jordan's played 30 odd games this season and there's no reason why Matt won't be considered for doing that next year."

Wanderers' match at Burton has been rearranged for Tuesday, April 9 with a 7.45pm kick off.

No eggs for Easter

EASTER eggs are off the menu for Wanderers players this weekend as Blues face Morecambe on Monday.

Wanderers only have one day to recover before getting on the coach ahead of a near 500-mile round trip to Lancashire for their second game of the holiday weekend.

Bank Holidays are traditionally a time for clubs to play a local rival and Blues boss Gareth Ainsworth admitted to scratching his head at the decision to send his side on one of their longest away trips for Easter Monday.

He said: "We couldn't get much more unlocal, if there's such a word. The only people who are happy are my mum and dad because it's not too far for them to drive from Blackburn."

"Nowadays even the Boxing Day games are becoming an hour trip or more. It's the professional aspect that comes into football."

"We'll be travelling up on Sunday. While everyone's having their Easter eggs we'll be on a bus. There won't be any Easter eggs on the bus - they can have them on Tuesday."

Rotation the key now

GARETH Ainsworth said he may have to rotate his squad over the coming weeks as Wanderers squeeze in eight games in four weeks.

Successive postponements against Northampton and Burton have led to something a fixture pile-up for Blues and Ainsworth hopes things don't get any worse.

He said: "It's frustrating we haven't had the games. We don't want a backlog."

"I love games coming thick and fast but we'll have to have a look and maybe rotate a little bit. It's been a long season mentally, physically and emotionally for everyone and we need to make sure everyone's firing."

Wycombe play today and on Monday and Ainsworth said: "Maybe the squad will be rotated - it's a very quick succession."

I wouldn't be surprised if he played beyond 40

STUART Lewis says he wouldn't be surprised to see player/boss Gareth Ainsworth continue playing next season.

Ainsworth made his Football League debut in 1992 - before some of the younger players in the Blues squad were even born - and is a few games shy of making his 600th professional appearance.

The Wanderers chief has said on several occasions this season he's unsure whether to hang up his boots now he's a manager, but in recent months he's had a role as an impact substitute.

He laid on Matt McClure's winning goal at Torquay and

inspired his men to a late equaliser against Rotherham United to show he still has the hunger to play.

And Lewis said Ainsworth might still be needed on the pitch next season to guide the team's youngsters, even though he turns 40 on his next birthday.

Lewis said: "I don't know how long he can keep going for. I thought a couple of years ago when we got promotion, if he does one more he's done well. He's had

a couple since then.

"He just keeps himself so fit. I wouldn't be surprised next year if I see the number seven [Ainsworth's squad number] on my right as usual."

"Although the young lads have done well it's always important to have a few old heads around them because they are still learning the game and they need players of experience to help them through."

"Someone of Gaz's age of 45 or 50 will help that."

"He's got such a positive attitude towards

managing and playing, it rubs off on us."

Ainsworth held the captain's armband before handing it to Gary Doherty in the summer after increasing his coaching responsibilities with half an eye on a future management career.

Lewis said: "He's a lot more desperate for the result but I think everyone has said as much as they can about Gaz. He's put such a good feel around the place with the fans."

"He's changed us, he's changed our season round. We all look to him as the leader of what we want to do."



Blues agree payment schedule with HMRC

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WANDERERS' outstanding tax bill now stands at just over £100,000, the High Court heard this week.

Blues had their hearing over unpaid tax adjourned on Monday after HM Revenue and Customs said they were satisfied at a payment plan that had been proposed by the club.

At this week's hearing it was revealed the amount Wanderers owe HMRC has been reduced to £107,861.

During the High Court hearing the club's barrister Niraj Modha said a payment plan has been agreed that will lead to the final payment to HMRC being made on Friday May 3.

That led to the hearing being adjourned until Monday May 13.



TAXING: Blues joint chairman Don Woodward has had a tough job

The hearing took place after Wanderers were served with a winding up petition by HM

Revenue and Customs in February after being overdue in paying their taxes.

Tax bill revealed to be £107,861

Club to pay it off by May 3

Joint chairman Don Woodward said after the court appearance: "We have been and will continue to work with the HMRC to resolve the situation."

"We are grateful for their patience and understanding as the club work through their financial issues."

Training ground sale update

WANDERERS were due to complete the sale of their training yesterday for a fee of £350,000.

The deal hadn't been confirmed at the time of going to press, but Trust chairman Trevor Stroud said he expected it to go through as planned.

Speaking from Ireland yesterday, he said: "As far as I'm aware it's due for completion today."

Blues announced at the end of February that they were selling their training ground to raise funds to stave off administration.

A consortium of supporters are the proposed buyers with

the understanding that they will then lease it back to Wanderers.

The club will have the option of buying back the training ground in five or ten years' time.

As part of the deal, the consortium have asked to remain anonymous but the Trust has stated that none has any links with previous Wanderers owner Steve Hayes.

One of the consortium is understood to be a Trust member, but not a director.

● A new price category for young adults has been introduced after Wanderers this week announced details

for next year's season tickets.

People aged 19-25 benefit from cheaper ticket deals which will be brought in next year to encourage a younger generation of fans to attend matches.

Under sevens can also get into the Family Stand for free, while details of an early bird scheme offering reduced rates have also been unveiled.

The new tickets were launched under the title of 'One Wycombe', with the scheme also offering a simpler pricing structure compared to this year.

For full details go www.wyfc.com

LEAGUE TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Gillingham	40	21	12	7	58	31	27	75
Port Vale	39	19	10	10	61	41	20	67
Burton Albion	39	19	9	11	61	51	10	66
Northampton Town	39	18	8	12	59	49	10	65
Cheltenham Town	40	17	14	9	53	46	7	65
Exeter City	39	18	9	12	59	47	12	63
Rotherham United	38	18	7	13	61	54	7	61
Fleetwood Town	40	15	13	12	49	44	5	58
Southend United	39	15	10	14	53	45	8	55
Oxford United	40	16	7	17	50	56	-6	55
Bradford City	38	14	12	12	50	44	6	54
Chesterfield	39	14	11	14	45	38	7	53
Morecambe	40	13	12	15	51	54	-3	51
Bristol Rovers	39	14	9	16	51	59	-8	51
Wycombe Wanderers	38	14	7	17	45	54	-9	49
AFC Wimbledon	40	13	9	18	48	68	-20	48
Dag & Red	40	12	11	17	52	55	-3	47
Rochdale	39	12	11	16	55	61	-6	47
Torquay United	40	11	13	16	46	52	-6	46
Barnet FC	40	11	11	18	43	52	-9	44
Plymouth Argyle	39	10	13	16	41	49	-8	43
Accrington Stanley	40	11	10	19	43	61	-18	43
York City	40	8	17	15	42	58	-16	41
Aldershot Town	39	9	13	17	35	50	-15	40