

Plymouth hold no fears

BLUES boss Gareth Ainsworth said the prospect of Tuesday night's trip to Plymouth Argyle holds no fear for his side.

The Pilgrims are among the favourites for promotion from League Two this season and they've made a strong start at Home Park, conceding just once in three unbeaten matches.

Plymouth has been a happy hunting ground for Wanderers in recent years – they've won on both of their last two visits – although Ainsworth said that will count for little.

But he added: "Nowhere holds fear for me. The teams we've played from leagues above, Coventry and Millwall, we more than matched them. I don't fear anyone but I've got to be very realistic and know where we are as a club."

"We've done well down at Plymouth the last couple of years but that doesn't mean anything because they've changed.

"It's a well supported team and they were fancied for being well up the league at the start of the season. We go into that game with something to prove."

Meanwhile striker Matt McClure will be hoping to add to his recent good goalscoring form against the Greens.

He scored the first goal of the Ainsworth regime in a 1-1 draw against them before scoring the winner in the return match at Home Park.

McClure said: "I remember we played them away, not last year but the year before – we got battered but won 1-0.

"Hopefully we can go down there and put on a good performance. If I'm playing, maybe I can carry on that goalscoring form against them."

Horlock extends loan

CHARLIE Horlock has extended his stay at non-league Harrow Borough until the end of the season – while fellow goalkeeper Alex Lynch has gone out on loan again.

Nineteen-year-old Horlock has been an ever-present for the Ryman Premier League outfit since joining them on loan from Wanderers a month ago.

He initially joined on a month's loan but Blues this week announced he will stay with Harrow until the end of the campaign.

The deal includes a release clause that can be activated after 28 days.

Meanwhile Lynch, also 19, has joined Southern League side Burnham on loan for a month.

He spent last month at Hayes and Yeading United but remained on the bench throughout the period of his loan and didn't make an appearance.

The former Wales U19 international, who joined Blues from Peterborough United in the summer, made his debut for Burnham on Tuesday as they were beaten 1-0 by Biggleswade Town.

His loan deal also includes a recall clause.

Morias nets for QPR

JUNIOR Morias scored for QPR's U21 side as a trialist on Monday.

The 19-year-old, who was released by Wycombe Wanderers by mutual consent on last week's transfer deadline day, netted the only goal as the R's beat Sheffield United.

Morias played for 80 minutes of the fixture, with the QPR official website describing him as a trialist.

Former Wanderers loanee Bruno Andrade was brought on as a 73rd minute substitute.

Craig injury could be a pain in the neck if he's ruled out



STEVEN Craig could play a part for Wanderers tomorrow despite being concussed in Saturday's draw with Bury – but manager Gareth Ainsworth said he won't risk him.

The striker landed on his neck following an aerial duel with the sizeable frame of Pablo Mills and was treated on the pitch for nearly ten minutes before being carried off on a stretcher.

Tests showed the 33-year-old suffered a concussion and Football League protocols on head injuries barred him from taking part in full training this week.

Craig had to rest up for six days as a result, although he was still able to take part in gym work and running.

It means he could potentially be available for selection tomorrow – but Ainsworth said he's not prepared to take any unnecessary risks.

The Blues boss said: "Stevie is very tough and go. If I have to err on caution on Stevie then I definitely will do. I'm not about to risk anyone's livelihood.

"He's a tough character. I think he said he was ready to play again on Sunday or Monday, but that's the tough Scotsman we've got.

"He's going to be well looked after by the doctor and the medical team before he gets competitive again.

"If he doesn't make it I know who our biggest fan will be and that's Stevie Craig. He's that kind of person."

Gratitude will only go so far at 3pm tomorrow

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MANSFIELD Town's players won't be getting the red carpet treatment at Adams Park tomorrow despite the role they played in preserving Wycombe Wanderers' Football League status last season.

Blues needed a favour from someone on a dramatic final day of the last campaign, otherwise their 3-0 win at Torquay would have been immaterial.

They got it from the Stags, with Colin Daniel writing himself into Wanderers folklore as his goal in a 1-0 win against Bristol Rovers saved Blues from dropping through the trapdoor into non league football and sent the Gas down instead.

And although Blues boss Gareth Ainsworth admitted he owes a massive debt of gratitude to his opposite number Paul Cox, he said his side won't be rolling over as a way of saying thank you.

Instead Ainsworth is challenging his players to get back to winning ways and build on their encouraging start to the campaign.



Wanderers have Mansfield to thank for their League Two status.

He said: "There will definitely be a sense of thank you. They played a big part in one of our biggest Football League days last year, and of course we're grateful for what they did.

"I'll definitely have a drink with Paul no matter what afterwards, but I think come three o'clock both managers will be forgetting

all about last season.

"We've both got big jobs to do.

"There will definitely be no favours done for either side on the pitch but off the pitch I'm sure I can afford a thank you to Paul and his team for what they did last year."

The Nottinghamshire side have had an inconsistent start to the

League Two							
	P	W	D	L	F	A GDpts	
Burton Albion	6	5	1	0	9	3	6 16
Cheltenham	6	4	2	0	7	3	4 14
Morecambe	6	4	1	1	10	5	5 13
Shrewsbury	6	3	2	1	11	6	5 11
Wanderers	6	3	2	1	8	4	4 11
Bury	6	3	2	1	7	4	3 11
Northampton	6	3	2	1	6	4	2 11
Plymouth Arg	6	3	1	2	8	4	4 10
Portsmouth	6	3	1	2	6	5	1 10
Mansfield Tn	6	3	0	3	6	7	-1 9
Cambridge	6	2	2	2	11	7	4 8
York City	6	1	5	0	8	7	1 8
AFC Wimbledon	6	2	2	2	11	11	0 8
Southend	6	2	2	2	5	5	0 8
Tranmere	6	2	1	3	10	10	0 7
Dag & Red	6	2	1	3	8	10	-2 7
Stevenage	6	2	1	3	8	11	-3 7
Hartlepool	6	2	0	4	4	7	-3 6
Newport City	6	1	2	3	5	8	-3 5
Luton Town	6	1	2	3	4	7	-3 5
Acc Stanley	6	1	1	4	7	13	-6 4
Carlisle United	6	0	3	3	6	14	-8 3
Oxford United	6	0	2	4	5	9	-4 2
Exeter City	6	0	2	4	3	9	-6 2

season, winning three and losing three of their first six matches.

But Ainsworth said: "It's better to win one and lose one than to draw two, points wise.

"Drawing too many games is a problem sometimes for teams. If you win one and lose one from now until the end of the season, you get promoted.

"In my opinion that's a decent start. They'll be tough opposition on Saturday."

'We need to build a tower and we are on a few blocks now'

GARETH Ainsworth said he had mixed feelings about Saturday's result as Wanderers took a point from a goalless draw with Bury.

The Shakers did the double over Blues last season, and with the Lancashire side among the pre-season favourites for the League Two title a point and a clean sheet signals progress from last year's campaign of woe.

Ainsworth felt his side's display warranted victory but was satisfied with a share of the spoils.

Already Wanderers have accumulated a fifth of last season's

points tally, and the Blues boss said his target at the moment is simply to achieve safety before pushing on.

And he said the display against Bury has given him the belief they can achieve that objective.

He said: "We've got to get these points to keep us in League Two again and see where we can get after that.

"That's the aim and that will always be the aim because of the scare I had last year.

"If we keep playing like that, the boys might keep surprising

me and we'll see where we go.

"In a tough game against probably the league favourites, we edged the chances and were unlucky not to get all three points.

"I'm disappointed but I also realise where we were last season. I keep harping on about this but we've made huge strides for a club that was really in trouble on and off the pitch.

"It's small building blocks. We need to build a tower and we are on a few blocks at the moment.

"The chances created were

really good – sticking them in, of course that needs to happen, but it will happen. It's the creation of the chances I will be looking at, and we created many chances and were unlucky not to score.

"We had the best of the first 30 minutes, they had the last 15 minutes of the first half.

"The second half started very even-Steven to the break when Stevie had his collision and we had that nine minutes' injury time. We started the better team and we carried that through to the end of the game."