

Bean: 'Relentless' Blues deserve to be table toppers

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NEW signing Marcus Bean said York City's players tried to get under Wanderers' skins by saying they wouldn't be able to keep their relentless pace up for the whole course of Saturday's game.

Blues launched an assault at the City goal with an intensive tempo right from the word go.

Their first half efforts failed to produce a goal in the face of an outstanding display from Minstermen stopper Bobby Olejnik, and the visitors tried warning their hosts they wouldn't be able to keep up the pace for the second 45 minutes.

They were proved wrong however as Wanderers nabbed the game's only goal through Fred Onyedinna and continued to dominate a City side who had been unbeaten in six on the road.

Bean said those efforts were a microcosm of Blues' season as a whole as they once again proved an opponent wrong.

The midfielder, who was making his debut after being released by Colchester United last week, said: "I've heard a lot of people say, 'We're waiting for Wycombe to slip up' and all this sort of thing. From the outside looking in I think a lot of

people will think that, but since I stepped in I now see why they are top.

"The work ethic is unbelievable, to a man. They just run all over teams. That's what it felt like today, it was relentless.

"I heard some of their boys say, 'You can't keep going like this'. That work rate is enough to get you out of this league nine times out of ten.

"The word I would use to describe that performance would be relentless. The boys did the right things over and over again and it could have been more."

Bean admitted to having worries that Wanderers might not be able to get the better of the inspired Olejnik but said the belief was always there that they would eventually make the breakthrough.

The 31-year-old said: "About halfway through I thought it might have been one of those days where you create opportunity after opportunity and they go up the other end and score, but we stayed on it.

"When you're in that winning mentality that doesn't creep in. If you're losing, you think you're never going to score. The confidence in the team, everyone was feeling, 'It's going to come, keep doing the right things, it's going to come.'"



Marcus Bean made his Wanderers debut on Saturday afternoon.

Defensive duo please ex-Bee

MARCUS Bean said he's impressed with the progress of his former Brentford team-mates Alfie Mawson and Aaron Pierre - saying they have become men.

The central defensive duo were both in the youth set-up when Bean was also on the books of the Griffin Park club.

The midfielder said the pair showed great promise while coming through the ranks and is proud of the progress they have made in the first team at Adams Park.

Speaking after Saturday's 1-0 win over York, Bean said: "I remember being at Brentford and those two were in the youth team.

"It is great to see them stand out and be men. They are men now.

"Both of them looked very good today, but Alfie especially. He looked like a real player."

Little Wycombe

BOSS Gareth Ainsworth says he's pleased with the progress of his 'little Wycombe' team after they reached his initial survival target - and says they're capable of much more.

Victory over York at Adams Park took Blues to 50 points after 25 games - the same total last year's squad managed in the entirety of a miserable campaign.

Had York's debutant goalkeeper Bobby Olejnik not been in such inspired form, Blues could well have been out of sight by half-time.

They had to wait until the second half for Fred Onyedinna's winning header, but the slick passing football had the home fans purring with a delight that's not been felt at Adams Park for many a year.

Ainsworth said: "Let them [outsiders] keep saying they nicked it, because that's what I like about this club. We've been written off for years and years as little Wycombe - and we are little Wycombe - and it's great to have a team that really fights against it and says, 'We are together'."

"We are making this place a fortress, which is really good to see, and we are playing some good stuff doing it as well.

"It's great to reach that (50 points) with 21 games to go. It shows how far we've come and how far we could potentially go."

Ainsworth feared Minstermen hiccup

WANDERERS boss Gareth Ainsworth admitted he was worried his side might slip up against York City after a fractious build-up to the game that left him without his captain and top scorer Paul Hayes.

The talismanic striker, who's scored eight league goals so far this season, played through a calf strain against Hartlepool last week but he wasn't able to feature against the Minstermen.

Hayes is a doubt for tomorrow's trip to Bury and Ainsworth said he had a bad feeling heading into Sat-



Hayes is Wycombe's talisman.

urday's fixture off the back of his injury, other players failing to overcome minor niggles, the departure of Stuart Lewis, and not being able to train as normal on Thursday.

Torrential rain left the club's Booker training base waterlogged so the team decamped to the all-weather surface at Bisham Abbey.

The Blues boss said: "The absence of Paul Hayes was a bit of a worry. When he's not scoring, he's creating fantastic opportunities for everyone else.

"He's been going through the pain barrier for us. I'd rather lose

Paul for one or two games than for six or seven matches.

"If I'm honest, before the game I was a little bit apprehensive about how this would go.

"We carried a couple of knocks, there's been a couple of ins and outs this week, and that does put an uncertainty into the squad.

"We couldn't train on the training ground on Thursday - all these things just mount up and you think, is this the week? To win after the week we had is a fantastic feeling.

"I thought this could be the slip-up."

Déjà vu for Wanderers as Fred strikes again to sink York



Fred Onyedinna scored for the second match running.

Wycombe Wanderers 1, York City 0
ANDY CARSWELL reports

GARETH Ainsworth said Fred Onyedinna "doesn't know how good he is" as he netted a winner for Wanderers for the second successive week.

The Millwall youngster again scored the only goal of the game as Blues recorded back-to-back home wins to remain top of the pile.

Had it not been for an outstanding performance from City's debutant goalkeeper Bobby Olejnik the 18-year-old could have had a hat trick in a virtuoso display in attack.

Ainsworth said his form was down to him simply allowing his natural ability to shine through.

He said: "He came from a big

club, he's just 18 and I'm sure there's a bit of apprehension coming here and leaving home for the first time. Now he's got two in two I'm sure those feelings have been replaced by some fantastic thoughts.

"Fred doesn't know how good he is. That's his huge trait. He's such a humble guy and I'm so pleased for him, how it's going."

The Blues boss added his side were good value for the win, which ought to have been sealed by a more emphatic margin and would have been had Olejnik not been in such inspired form.

He said: "We thoroughly deserved the win today. We could have had a lot more goals.

"We controlled the first half - their keeper must have won the

Man of the Match award after 25 minutes. Second half was tough, they chucked a bit more at us, but if that had been a 3-or-4-0, nobody would have grumbled."

Olejnik got the better of Onyedinna in the opening stages as he smothered his shot, before the Austrian keeper made a point blank save to keep out Marcus Bean's effort.

He then brilliantly pawed away a powerful header from Aaron Pierre before somehow keeping out an Onyedinna shot from just two yards.

The keeper was finally beaten two minutes after the restart as Sam Wood's cross was inch perfect for Onyedinna to steer a header past him.

It was the only battle Olejnik lost

in his personal duel against Onyedinna, denying the youngster twice more with impressive saves.

City almost snatched an undeserved share of the spoils as former Wanderer Marvin McCoy's 20 yard thunderbolt was brilliantly turned over the bar by Matt Ingram, who then had to flick the ball around the post from the resulting corner.

Wanderers: Ingram, Jombati, Pierre, Mawson, Jacobson, Scowen, Murphy, Bean, Onyedinna (sub McClure), Holloway (sub Craig), Wood.

Substitutes not used: Richardson, Bloomfield, Rowe, Senior, Fletcher.

Attendance: 3,669 (324 from York)
Man of the match: Alfie Mawson
*Mawson took 43 per cent of the vote in the BFP's online poll.