

Ainsworth's Rovers excitement

Gaffer looking forward to tough test at the Memorial Stadium.



Ahead of this weekend's visit to Bristol Rovers, Gareth Ainsworth reiterated that he is fully focussed on coming away from the Memorial Stadium with all three points.

The Chairboys make the trip to the West Country buoyed by the opening day victory over Bolton Wanderers, and exciting games against the Gas in recent history have created several prominent moments in the memories of both sets of supporters.

Graham Coughlan's side will be looking to bounce back from last week's defeat at Blackpool, and with a fully fit squad to choose from, it looks set to be a tough test at the Memorial.

"I think the recent games over the last few years have added a bit to the match, including the one that got rained off and replayed and in the relegation year. We've created so many memories, not a rivalry.

"All of our games against Bristol Rovers are exciting. It's a club that's been through the mill and have fought back to where they should be. It's a great side with big finances, big resources and a big city – which is a complete contrast to us. We have struggled and scrapped and made the most out of what we had to get to League One."

Only three new signings started the opening day fixtures against the Trotters, which included appearances from two debutants from the bench in the second half.

Keeping the nucleus of an extremely hard-working group of players is something that Ainsworth believes the club thrives on – and is something that only appears to be improving ahead of the new season.

"If you start all of the new signings in a team and it doesn't go to plan, you're in big trouble. It was important for us to keep the core identity of the club and show what we have done over the last few years.

"I thought it was important to include all four generals in the starting line-up in order to have that identity in the team, and that will then ooze out into the new players – because some of them need work. When you come to a new club, you need to learn its identity. I will always sign players who fit into our identity.

"They're learning every day, but I think the game against Bolton helped them. It's important to keep that core group and remember the Wycombe way. I want to keep that and I don't want it go anytime soon. We have worked so hard to create it. We are going to keep what we are, and that's a team that no one likes to play against because we never give up."