

Gareth: Wimbledon are better than table suggests

Gareth Ainsworth knows what to expect at the Cherry Red Records Stadium.



Wanderers manager Gareth Ainsworth says his side can take nothing for granted when they face an AFC Wimbledon outfit who've collected just one point from their opening five games on Saturday.

The Wombles recorded a league double over the Chairboys last term, with their victory on the penultimate weekend playing a significant part in their great escape from relegation, though Wally Downes' men are yet to win this season following a tough start against promotion-hunting Rotherham, Fleetwood, Ipswich and Sunderland.

Ainsworth said: "It'd be nice to get one over on Wimbledon as they beat us twice last year, but they're a very good team and we mustn't get drawn into thinking that it'll be anything like an easy game just because of where they are in the table.

"Wally gets his team fighting for every ball – they're very strong and resilient and you need to be at your best to come away with anything. We're going into the game with momentum which is great, and we want to keep that going. I hope Wimbledon don't find the form I believe they're capable of until next week because we've had slim pickings from our last few games at the Cherry Red Records Stadium, and trust me, if we can get a win there it will be a great result.

"We've let too many goals in lately for my liking, and we need to be more solid and keep ourselves in the game. We're away from home, but I'll never play for a draw and we're going there for the win. Training has been really positive and I'll be picking the team that I think will work best for this match."

Three of Wycombe's five league games so far have consisted of decisive last-minute goals, with David Wheeler and Scott Kashket netting injury time winners in the past two games at Adams Park, while Paddy Madden rescued a point late on for Fleetwood in the Blues' last away game.

"I'm really pleased with the points that we've been able to pick up so far," Ainsworth said. "Last minute goals are becoming a common thing with us and it's what we're becoming known for. I know it can be a pain getting out of Hillbottom Road at the end of the game sometimes and some fans need to leave early because of it, but these crazy endings are all part of the drama of football."