

Gareth: Together, we can keep this strong start going

Blues boss looks forward to welcoming former club to Adams Park.

Gareth Ainsworth says everyone associated with the club can be proud of the Wanderers' impressive start to the new season – and another big team effort can help them extend the run of form when Lincoln City visit Adams Park on Saturday.

The newly-promoted Imps sit second in League 1, ahead of fifth-placed Wycombe on goal difference, and two sides meet in arguably the biggest match in English domestic football this weekend while the top two divisions enjoy a week off due to the international break.

"It's amazing that we can say that Wycombe Wanderers are fifth in League 1, and although it's still very early days, everyone can be proud to see our name up there alongside some other fantastic clubs," he said."

"Now we have a really good occasion to look forward to, with the visit of one of my old clubs, Lincoln City, on Saturday. I know there's a bit more media attention around the game because of the international weekend, and hopefully that means we'll get a few more fans down to Adams Park. The games we've had at home so far have provided some great entertainment and the fans have had a big part to play in that by creating this brilliant atmosphere that helps spur the boys on."

Ainsworth made just shy of 100 appearances for the Imps from 1995 to 1997, and says he's thrilled to see the club enjoying a successful period having won two promotions, claimed the EFL Trophy and reached the FA Cup quarter-final under the guidance of boss Danny Cowley and his brother Nicky.

"Lincoln are a great club and I have fond memories of my time there," he continued. "I've always kept a close eye on how they've been getting on and they've had this wonderful success in recent years which has brought them back into the league where they belong."

"Like us, they've started the season really well and that hasn't surprised me at all because the Cowley brothers have done an outstanding job. I know their fans travel away in great numbers so I'm sure there'll be plenty of noise around the stadium and I hope it's the Wycombe fans who are singing loudest and celebrating at the end."

"It will be a tough game for us, but we've had a really good week in training and worked hard to look at how Lincoln might play, as well as focusing on our own strengths and what we can do to control the game. We've made a couple of new signings this week with Rolando Aarons and Nnamdi Oforborh coming into the squad, and they've settled in really quickly and made a great impact in training."

"It's becoming really hard for me to choose who to leave out these days because there's a lot of players who deserve to be in the team, but I can only pick 11. Whoever plays, I know they'll be giving everything they can – as we always do here at Wycombe – and with the fans right behind us, I believe we can win the game and keep this strong start going."