

Gareth: Team effort brought the points home

Gareth Ainsworth hails the unsung heroes behind Saturday's triumph at Rochdale.

Wanderers recorded their biggest away league win in almost five years on Saturday, and Gareth Ainsworth was quick to praise his on and off-field teams for getting the job done.

Goals from Fred Onyedinma (two) and Adebayo Akinfenwa sealed a 3-0 success at Rochdale, which came following a tactical switch inside the first five minutes in response to seeing how the hosts had lined up.

Ainsworth explained: "We came with a plan, and Rochdale threw a curveball at us so we changed tactics within five minutes. We changed shape, and we'd deliberately picked a team selection that enabled us to change shape if we needed to, which came to fruition.

"Rochdale are a good side; they want to keep possession and when they do that, you either let them have it or press them high. We're really strong on the counter attack, with the explosion of pace and end product that we've got in our attack, and that came true.

"Some of the performances were outstanding, and I don't want to name names because it's not fair, but we had players out there who have just come back from injury, or were playing out of position, and they were all amazing and performed really well.

"I've got to credit my staff. We all work really well together – the medical side gets them ready and activated for the game. Andy does his work with the keepers, and Josh Hart – our analyst – has been a diamond and gets us really in-depth information about what the opposition are like. Dobbo and I asked the boys to do something and they've done it. I'd back the boys in any fight; they're solid, they're steady and they learn from their mistakes. I ask them to give me everything, to believe in what we're doing, and to be excited to play. They did just that."

Also playing their part were the 334 Chairboys fans, who braved the treacherous conditions in the rain to support their team, and were ultimately rewarded with the victory.

"The fans were awesome," said Ainsworth. "The game was nearly off, but the ground staff did a great job to get it on. For the fans to all come here today in bad weather was fantastic, and you can see that the numbers are growing. We're getting more fans when we come away, we're definitely getting more fans at home, and together we're trying to push this club further and make it bigger. I can't say any more than 'thank you'."