

Gareth: Let's start another adventure

Blues boss eyes victory at Tranmere.



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Ainsworth with Spurs boss Mauricio Pochettino in January 2017

Gareth Ainsworth is determined to see his side progress past the first hurdle of the FA Cup when they travel to Tranmere Rovers on Saturday (k.o. 3pm).

Wanderers have suffered first-stage defeats in both cup competitions so far this season but will draw on recent memories of their FA Cup achievements to fuel extra motivation to embark on a more successful adventure in this tournament.

Ainsworth said: "I've spoken before about how much the competition meant to me as a young boy growing up with football, and that hasn't changed one bit. Players and managers come and go, but it's still the most famous club competition in the world for a reason, and we'll be giving it everything to win the game on Saturday and see where it takes us after that.

"It's a difficult tie for us because Tranmere have had a fantastic couple of years which have put them back where they belong in the Football League, and a huge amount of credit goes to Micky Mellon for the job he's done there.

"We've seen them play a few times lately and they're a good side, but we have a plan for how we believe we can keep them out and utilise our strengths to win the game. I would love to be watching the second round draw on Monday night knowing that we're in the hat and hoping that we can go on to reach the third round or further.

"Those days against Aston Villa and Tottenham were two of the proudest occasions I've had since being Wycombe manager and I'd love for the squad we've got now to experience the feeling of going head-to-head with one of the big clubs in this country. To do that, we need to work hard now to give us every possible chance of getting past Tranmere."