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New deal signed: Matt Bloomfield leads Wanderers out

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By Harry Gray

A lot has changed in the decade plus since he made the swap – not least, Bloomfield says, the Wanderers number 10's role at the club.

"My role has changed unrecognisably.

"When I first joined I was 19-years-old and I came into a changing room of men I'd never met before in my life and I didn't know any of them by name," Bloomfield explained.

"I didn't have a clue about what was out there in the big wide world of football because I'd come through the Ipswich youth system and lived at home."

Fast forward to 2016 and there is little the 32-year-old doesn't know about the perils and pitfalls of life as a professional.

Now the club captain is looked upon as a font of knowledge by Wycombe's hoard of younger players.

It is fair to say he relishes the position.

Bloomfield explained: "From joining the club to now I have taken on a leadership role, trying to guide players and give them advice.

"They always come to me for chats about their game and little bits and pieces. It is great for them to turn to someone like myself who they can lean on for help.

"I have loved doing that and in this squad there are some great lads, so it is something

I enjoy and I thrive on the responsibility of trying to lead the team."

With both Bloomfield and Wanderers keen to continue their relationship, a new deal at the club was always likely to materialise.

He was pleased to put pen to paper so soon after Wycombe's season had come to a close, and will now turn his focus to his continued rehabilitation from a broken arm.

Bloomfield's latest contract will take him beyond his 33rd birthday and the question of retirement inevitably rears its head as he reaches the latter stages of his career.

It is a subject, however, which Bloomfield has no interest in. He is instead looking forward to an extended tour of duty with Wycombe which he hopes will see him end his career at the club.

"As long as I am performing to the right level, and the club is happy with what I am doing, I don't see why I would ever want to leave," Bloomfield explained.

"I certainly don't have any desire to move elsewhere, or to play my football anywhere else. My hunger and desire is to prove myself at Wycombe year after year.

"That, and providing for my family, is my sole focus in football and that is what I want to continue to do here," Blues' midfielder added.

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Davson smashes century

HIGH Wycombe's strong start to the Home Counties Premier Cricket League season continued at pace on Saturday as they recorded a nine-wicket win over Harefield.

Garth Davson was Wycombe's star performer as he smashed his way to a century from 77 deliveries as the Division One champions made light work of the 213 they had been set to win.

Earlier, Conner Haddow (2-29), Uzair Amjaid (2-30), James Benning (1-49), Jonathan Burden (1-33), Paul Sawyer (1-25) and Cameron Parson (1-33) all chipped in with wickets.

Still, a target of over 200 made the chase no formality,



Centurion Garth Davson

but Davson and opening partner Edmund Casterton (66 not out) took Wycombe to 159 without loss for the win.

Division Two side Gerards Cross produced a poor

batting display as they fell to an eight-wicket defeat against Horspath.

Cross were reduced to 40-7 by Will Eason (3-17) and Patrick Foster (4-17).

Having stumbled to 78 all out, Cross never had a chance and Horspath reached their target with over half their innings to spare.

Chesham rolled over an injury-hit Marlow in Thames Valley League Division One.

Pip France was the key man in the field for Chesham and claimed 4-20 to help reduce Marlow to 113 all out.

Unbeaten half-centuries from Jason and Matt Rance made the run chase a breeze.

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