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Bloomfield: The fire still burns brightly for Wanderers



Bloomfield buzzing as he enters his 14th pre-season at Wycombe Wanderers. Photos: ARM Images

MATT Bloomfield has just started his 14th pre-season in a row at Adams Park and he said the buzz is still as prevalent as ever.

The 33-year-old has been at the club since 2003 and as club captain, his role has evolved every new term.

However, the Chairboys stalwart is delighted to get cracking again and hopes the season ahead will be a memorable one.

He explained: "It is great to be back. I haven't lost any of that enthusiasm or excitement and I have been working so hard in the off-season with my fitness and it is just great to be back and to see all the lads again.

"You spend so long in each other's pockets but it has been good to catch-up with the lads and everyone looks in good shape and the work we have done so far has been tough but fun."

Bloomfield also hailed new signing Adam El-Abd as a shrewd bit of business by the club and he thinks the defender will play an integral role in the season ahead.

He added: "I think Adam is a very good signing for us. He has spent most of his career in League One or the Championship and he has had numerous promotions in his career

and he knows the game.

"I am sure he will be very vocal and as well as his own game I am sure he will improve those around him and it is nice to get the summer signings off to such a positive start."

The news that Nathan Tyson is back on trial at the club has been met with a positive response by Wanderers supporters and Bloomfield also welcomed the news that his former team-mate is back on the training ground.

The club skipper joked: "It has been a bit strange. He has gone away and earned his fortune and I am still here.

"In all seriousness, it is great to see him again. He is such a familiar face and he was such a good player for us. He may be 35 now, but he still has all that pace which made him such a threat when he was here before."

Blooms has also been busy in the summer with his new MB Academy and he been delighted with the response. He added: "It is so exciting.

"We have started a coach-education programme too and it is support for each other. Numbers signed up have exceeded expectations and the numbers are fantastic."



The club captain hopes for more good times ahead



Bloomfield is looking forward to the start of the season

Ainsworth casts his eye on former Blues hero

HOT on the heels of the announcement of Adam El-Abd's signing, a former hero is back on trial at the club where he made his name.

Nathan Tyson has been training with the Chairboys for the past week, 11 years after leaving the club in a move to Nottingham Forest.

Now, the 35-year-old is back after a magnificent first spell where he scored 39 goals in just 68 games.

Gareth Ainsworth has been keep-

ing tabs on the former Blue this week and gave an upbeat bulletin on how the jet-heeled striker has been getting on.

He said: "Sometimes players fit at certain clubs and Nathan definitely fitted in here the first time. He had a fantastic return here and since then he has gone on and played at a higher level.

"With the testing that has gone on this week, you can see that he is

as quick as he ever was, he has got the experience and he is back at a place where he really flourished as a player but the signs are quite good in training from Nathan.

"He is a great character as well and we will have a look at him but he has really shown he is hungry to stay in the game and he offers some good attacking options for a team that gets him and time will tell whether that is us or not."

Ainsworth was also delighted with the signing of El-Abd, explaining the qualities he will bring to the squad. He added: "Adam will bring absolute leadership to the squad.

"He is a player I have admired for a while, having played against him and he has had four promotions in his career and you don't get that if you aren't a good player.

"He is aggressive and an organiser and it is great how we have a

plethora of defenders to choose from and Aaron Pierre still hasn't decided where to go, so I am very excited.

"Adam is a fantastic addition, which is something that we identified that we needed at the back, but to have someone like Adam to learn from is fantastic.

"He is also a solid character and we are pleased to bring him here to Wycombe Wanderers."

Defender still has the hunger after successful career at a higher level

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...about the management team through players that have played with them before and been under them so it is good to be here and be a part of it and I look forward to working with everyone down here.

“Any player would say they want to play as high as possible but I just want to play football. I love playing this game and as soon as Shrewsbury told me games were going to be limited this year, it was an easy decision to make.

“The gaffer sold the club to me as a really tight-knit group in the dressing room with a great group of lads. He stressed that they had been punching above their weight and it would be a good break to come here and build on that and look to push on.

“I am now just working on fitness now it is pre-season and I have been kept behind to do conditioning work to make sure I am up to speed.

“I can’t wait to get cracking and to get some minutes on the pitch for Wycombe.

Ainsworth described El-Abd as a “warrior” earlier this week, which is testament to how much passion El-Abd plays with.

The defender himself commented: “I love the physical battle and I compete, although I do compete fairly. Sometimes that may seem a little over-aggressive but I want to win.

“You always want to do the best for your teammates on the pitch and that is what I always intend to do.”



Adam El-Abd joined the Chairboys earlier this week. Photo: Wycombe Wanderers



El-Abd is keen for Wycombe success



El-Abd was at Brighton for 20 years



The defender cannot wait to get his Wanderers career started



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EL-ABD: WHY I JOINED WYCOMBE

- International defender signs two-year deal
- Former Seagull eyes fifth promotion
- Pierre future still in balance

ADAM El-Abd is the type of player any footballer would want to play alongside.

A leader of men, someone who you would want alongside you in the trenches on a tough day.

At the age of 32, he is about to begin his first real spell in League Two having played his trade in the leagues above and it looks as though the signing of the Egyptian international is a real coup for the club.

El-Abd was in good spirits at the training ground yesterday and expressed his delight at finally getting the deal over the line.

He said: "It is good to be here and it is good to get the contract and off-the-field situation sorted out. It has been great to get on the training pitch with the boys and they seem like a really good group and I looking forward to being part of it."

Last season, El-Abd was captain of Shrewsbury in League One but he is delighted to make the move further south to join up with Gareth Ainsworth and his staff.

He added: "I am aware that Wycombe have been very close to promotion in the past three seasons and I have heard good things..."

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