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WANDERERS

Ainsworth heaps praise



By Nicholas Tunney

WYCOMBE Wanderers boss Gareth Ainsworth hailed matchwinner Scott Kashket for his deadly double as the Blues saw off Southend in a dramatic 4-3 victory over Southend on Saturday.

Southend raced into a two-goal lead thanks to Brandon Goodship and Stephen Humphrys before a Mark Milligan own goal brought Wycombe back into it.

Humphrys added another with a spectacular finish before Kashket coolly slotted home for 3-2.

Anthony Stewart equalised in the 89th minute before Kashket calmly stroked home the winner.

Ainsworth said: "He has this knack in the box of getting his shot off.

"When it mattered, he showed real composure. He is a born finisher and I think that what he has shown, he has said 'gaffer I am ready to take my chance and I want to play'.

"He has not been a problem. He has worked really hard in training and asks lots of questions.

"He has delivered, especially with maybe losing Fred [Onyedimma] for a couple of weeks with injury.

"But Scotty is a folk hero here and if we can get him scoring goals, then he is one hell of a player."

The Blues are currently sitting pretty in third position, level on points with leaders Ipswich Town on 11.

This represents Wycombe's best ever start to a League One season but Ainsworth realises there is such a long way to go in a gruelling campaign.

He added: "I am hoping people keep their feet on the ground and keep working hard because we have a really good squad here.

"The ability is higher than it has ever been before. The workrate is always there and that has been there



from day one.

"It is about a little bit of luck and me getting these combinations right for long away trips.

"I am just really proud."

Wycombe's home form was impressive last season as they preserved their League One status and Ainsworth feels it will be pivotal again this term.

He said: "We have got 100 percent at home so far and that is magnificent for the boys.

"I hope we can keep this going because home form will give you good stead in the league.

"Away form you can pick up bonus points but we have a big game now."



on ‘born’ finisher Kashket



Wycombe came back to earn a thrilling 4-3 win over Southend on Saturday. Photos: PRiME Media Images

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Kashket. Photo: PRiME Media

Kashket aims to hit heights

Wycombe Wanderers

SCOTT Kashket struck twice in a man-of-the-match performance as Wycombe produced an unbelievable comeback against Southend at Adams Park, writes *Oliver White*.

Wycombe trailed 2-0 and 3-1 before equalising in the 89th minute and grabbing the winner through Kashket in the 92nd minute.

Kashket was handed his first start of the season and says he's loving being involved and in amongst the goals. He even has an eye on top goal scorer this season.

He commented: "I like to base my game around goals, getting in the right positions, and always backing myself to score, getting two today, I'm very happy about that."

"I hadn't played many minutes in the league before now, so today was also about letting the gaffer know I'm here and ready to play."

"Finishing top goal scorer is always my plan and I will always back myself, but I'm not going to get carried away just yet."

The 23-year-old also praised the togetherness of the squad, he added: "At Wycombe we've only got one team and that's the first team, so we have to be really tight together day by day, everyone gets on so well."

"We're a team, everyone's got each other's backs, as fans you can see how close we are on the pitch and we're exactly the same like that off the pitch as well."

"Because of this we always believed we could turn it round, even when it went 3-3 we wanted the ball back as we wanted and knew we could get another."

Wycombe and Kashket travel to AFC Wimbledon next weekend hoping to continue their unbeaten start in the league.



Gareth Ainsworth (right) and assistant manager Richard Dobson will be plotting a win against AFC Wimbledon on Saturday. Photo: PRiME Media Images

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Gareth Ainsworth has explained he will be going all out for a victory as the Blues prepare for a short trip to bogey side AFC Wimbledon on Saturday (3pm).

Ainsworth's side have started this season in flying form, unbeaten in five league games and sitting pretty at third in the table. Level on points with leaders Ipswich Town.

The Chairboys most recently beat off Southend United in a thrilling match on Saturday and are full of confidence as August draws to a close.

By Nicholas Tunney

However, Ainsworth has never won as a manager at AFC Wimbledon and, despite a tough start for Wally Downes' side, is expecting a hugely competitive game on Saturday.

He said: "It is going to be another tough game against them."

"They are a good side and have players coming back, the likes of Will Nightingale, who is a big player for them so we have to be at our best."

"Normally we play there at the end of the season during high-pressured games so it will be different this time around."

"It is going to be a hard game but I am hopeful we can continue our good form."

During their last away game at Fleetwood, their boss Joey Barton said Ainsworth's side "came for a point" after their 1-1 draw at Highbury last week.

However, Ainsworth commented: "I never ever go anywhere to get a point - I always play to win every game."

"Points away from home are great. I was happy with a point last week but I always go for a win in every game, no matter what and that will be no different on Saturday."

Ainsworth also had good news on the injury front, concerning Fred Onyedimma, Sido Jombati and Curtis Thompson.

He said: "Fred seems to be injury-free after his knock against Southend, which is great."

"Sido and Curtis are back in full training which is fantastic. They need minutes so we are hoping to arrange a reserve game."

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