

# KEEPER TO PLAY WITH A CHUCKLE

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IF not many footballers are fortunate enough to represent their country, then even fewer can claim to have played for two national sides.

Yet Chuck Moussaddik, Wycombe Wanderers' reserve goalkeeper, has done just that.

He appeared for England Under 15 Schoolboys as a youngster, and then last season, through his dual nationality, kept a clean sheet in his debut for the Moroccan Under 21 side as they beat Kenya 2-0.

Despite living all his 20 years in Shepherds Bush, Moussaddik's parentage qualified him to play for Morocco, and the young England cap was no obstacle.

If the former Spurs and Wimbledon reserve keeper had waited until he had fulfilled his promise with Wycombe, perhaps Jack Charlton would have been inquiring whether he fancied a game for Eire.

Moussaddik, who has been with the Blues on a non-contract basis for almost a season,

is looking to push John Granville hard for the first team spot as he prepares to wave goodbye — for now — to his First Division aspirations with Wimbledon.

Although he is due to meet Wimbledon boss Ray Harford to discuss a contract, Moussaddik is more than ready to sign the contract being prepared for him at Adams Park.

"It's because of the gaffer, actually. I get on better with him and that's why I want to sign here," he said.

Manager Martin O'Neill will be keeping Moussaddik on, although he has not yet had much opportunity to assess his first team potential since most of the keeper's reserve team performances in the Capital League have occurred when O'Neill has been with his first team.

"I wouldn't have a clue at the moment," O'Neill admitted in his usual nonchalant fashion.

"I haven't seen enough, but we've no other goalkeeper. I'll tell you in November.

"He did alright against Forest in the second half although I'm inclined to think a couple of his good saves were fluky."

Moussaddik was a professional at both Tottenham and Wimbledon for a year, but turned down the terms offered by Bobby Gould a year ago. He sees the GM Vauxhall Conference, and especially Adams Park, as the place to further his career.

"The fans have taken to me well. And Adams Park is immaculate. It makes Plough Lane look like the Conference side, and they only average about three or four thousand, so Wycombe could be matching them at this rate," the keeper enthused.

"There are a lot of good players here, and definitely promotion possibilities, although I

haven't seen a lot of Conference football yet."

At the same time, Moussaddik is under no illusions about a first team place, with the popular present number one Granville having enjoyed a good season last time round.

"I rate John very high, and he helps me a lot, but I'm sure I've got the ability.

"I'll prove that. Martin's only seen me in a few pre-season games, but, with no disrespect to John, I wouldn't be coming here if I didn't think I could make my way into the team."

Wanderers' fans can expect some high jinks a la Grobbelar if Mousaddik does get a first team opportunity. The 20-year-old is a Liverpool fan, and appreciates the contribution his idol Bruce Grobbelar makes both to the team and to the entertainment.

Let us hope Moussaddik can inspire Wycombe to entertain their way to success.



**Moroccan U21 keeper Chuck Moussaddik**