

FROM THE DRESSING ROOM

WYCOMBE Wanderers striker Kim Casey certainly works and plays hard.

The self-confessed elder statesman of non-league football is fuelled by a burning desire to succeed in both his footballing and professional pursuits.

Casey, who lives in Birmingham, is about to start an Open University course which will complement his full-time job as an insurance representative, and will be juggling with commitments to Wycombe Wanderers.

The 31-year-old, who joined Blues from Cheltenham for £9,000 last January, has no qualms about being able to fit everything in.

"I am ambitious. I am determined to achieve what I set out to do, which is my best, be it in football or with my job," is the maxim he applies to every challenge he takes on.

In footballing terms Casey's single-minded devotion has seen him retain his first-team place alongside Keith Scott this season, despite fierce competition from Mark West and Dennis Greene.

Casey, who commutes to Wycombe three times a week, is presently Blues' highest scorer, along with Scott.

But he modestly puts his 11 goals and stunning run of form down to luck rather than design, although he admits his main aim at the start of the season was to be one of Martin O'Neill's first-choice strikers.



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CLAIRE NASH talks to Blues' Kim Casey

Casey, a non-league journeyman who played for Sutton Coldfield Town, AP Leamington, Gloucester City, Kidderminster and Cheltenham before joining Wycombe, has other commitments besides his work and football duties.

Casey, whose wife is also called Kim, is a doting dad to his 13-month-old son Oliver, who is taken along to games to watch his father play.

IN THE BLUE CORNER

● WYCOMBE will travel to Bedfont for the First Round proper of the FA Youth Cup on November 11.

● WHOOPS — the reserves lost 6-1 at Southend last Thursday night and were playing at Adams Park this Wednesday night.

● WANDERERS have been drawn away to Bath or Yeovil in the quarter final of the Drinkwise Cup, to be played in the week commencing December 14.

● TWO former Wycombe players trying out at Slough at the moment are Byron Walton, the former Chesham striker, and 'gentleman John' Granville, who is reported to be helping out as a specialist coach for the goalkeepers.

● Leagueline winners: £400 M Perkins (835), £25 R Levicki (512), £25 D Healey (190). Lucky Letters H, A, and T, the prize pool is £614.