



STEVE THOMPSON

Hero Tommo still has a Slough soft spot

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

FORMER Slough favourite Steve Thompson kept Wycombe Wanderers' FA Cup hopes alive with a late equaliser against West Bromwich Albion at Adams Park on Sunday.

Tommo, who joined Wanderers in February, struck in the 85th minute as the Blues staged a dramatic second round comeback after reaching the break 2-0 down.

Skipper Glyn Creaser got the Conference leaders back on track, heading home a corner if the 71st minute.

But Tommo, whose place in the side was in doubt, was the toast of the town after securing

a replay at the Hawthorns next Tuesday night. Even so Thompson rated the match as only one of the top three of his career.

"It was on a par with the Slough-Bromley game when we won promotion," he said.

"The other was when I played for Bristol Rovers against Sheffield Wednesday in the 1983 League Cup.

"But I was only 19 then."

Thompson agreed that he had not been at his best in the run up to Sunday's game.

"I would say that my form was average, but not bad.

"But even though I was named in the squad, I knew there was a doubt whether I would make the start."

Thompson feels that Wycombe, despite a couple of setbacks on Sunday, have proved that they can go to the Hawthorns and win.

"We were without Andy Kerr, our best defender, and our best midfielder Simon Stapleton was troubled throughout Sunday's game with a neck injury," he said.

"Kerr will be back and Simon fully fit."

"We also lost Kim Casey at the start with a dislocated shoulder.

"I wouldn't say I was really convinced we could come back. But it only takes one moment to change a game.

"They weren't happy when Creaser scored — and we could have won it after that."

Now Thompson is considering himself a good luck charm for the Blues.

"I have never been in a losing side this season," he said.

"The three games I was on the bench we lost — as I keep reminding the boys."