

Canadian scholar makes his Mark

CANADIAN defender Mark Rogers, who made his FA Cup and League debut this week, has been handed a one-year extension to his deal which runs out at the end of this season.

Bachelor of science graduate Rogers said: "It was great to make my debut against Oxford but I'm not happy because we didn't win, that's all I care about."

He kept his place in the side on Tuesday as he made his league bow in the backs-to-the-wall draw at Oldham where he finished with a bandaged head and praise from boss Lawrie Sanchez.

Sanchez said: "That game showed everything that Mark Rogers is about. He didn't look out of place. He's a battler and it was the type of game he enjoys. He was excellent."

● After Oxford City gave Wanderers a close up view of the talent in the non-league, Wycombe dipped into the lower echelons of the game to sign Borehamwood's Matt Brady on a month's loan.

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Rogers gets extended contract

The 22-year-old impressed Sanchez in a trial game for the reserves and has signed with a view to a deal.

Sanchez said of the former Barnet man: "He's left winger and we haven't got one, lets hope he shows something."

● Keeper Martin Taylor was modest about his heroics at Oldham.

He said: "I approach every game the same, sometimes it comes off, sometimes it doesn't. When I make mistakes I've got to take it on the chin but fortunately things came off for me."

He also paid tribute to the nine in front of him after Jason Cousins was dismissed.

He said: "It showed that when we work as a unit we're a force to be reckoned with."

● The best kept secret at Adams Park is out after a cock-up revealed that Jermaine McSparran's transfer fee could be as much as £135,000.

The Blues, who had a pact with Oxford to keep the fee secret, mistakenly issued a press release disclosing McSparran's fee as £85,000 rising to £135,000 depending on appearances.

● A new fanzine, When Skies are Blue, hits the streets before tomorrow's game priced at 50p.



THROWN INTO THE DEEP END: Science graduate Mark Rogers made his first team debut against Oxford City and, even playing out of position at right back, the central defender came up with the right formula to keep his place at Oldham.

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