

SPRINT START

Brady stuns Deepdale with debut goal but Preston win it

FOOTBALL
By Dave Peters

WANDERERS new-boy Matt Brady took just five minutes to score on his Wycombe debut as he continued his flying start to life at Adams Park.

The 22-year-old left winger, who was playing in front of just 300 spectators for Boreham Wood last month, silenced 10,000 Preston fans when he scored the opening goal in Blues' rollercoaster 3-2 defeat at Deepdale on Saturday.

He was in dreamland after slamming the ball into the back of the North End net in front of former Preston and England legend Tom Finney and Match of the Day pundit Mark Lawrenson who were sitting in the stands.

He said: "It was beautiful when the ball went in I was over the moon. It's all happened very quickly for me. I only signed at Christmas and now I'm in the first team."

But Brady, who made a false start to his career at Barnet and then stepped down to the Ryman League with Boreham Wood, is refusing to get carried away by his sprint start this time.

He said: "I know I haven't made it yet. I only played today because the likes of Jamie Bates, Jason Cousins, Andy Baird, Paul Emblen and Jermaine McSparran were out.

"I had fallen away from it at Barnet and went to Boreham Wood as a stepping stone to bounce straight back again. I've been given a chance here and I intend to progress this time."

Brady got his chance in a patched up Blues side who stubbornly frustrated promotion-chasing Preston, before losing it by conceding vital goals at the end of each half.

Boss Lawrie Sanchez said: "We concede goals at the wrong time week in week out. We did it with 20 seconds to go in the first half and then did it again with five minutes to go in the second half.

"It's not fitness that's the problem, it's concentration. They don't concentrate for the whole time for whatever reason."

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HOW THEY STAND

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Wigan	27	10	3	1	25	8	5	8	0	23	14	56
Bristol R	27	9	3	1	18	7	8	2	4	25	14	56
Preston	26	10	1	2	23	12	6	6	1	23	11	55
Millwall	28	8	5	1	22	11	6	4	4	21	18	51
Burnley	26	11	1	1	28	9	2	7	4	9	13	47
Stoke	27	6	5	3	18	13	7	3	3	20	11	47
Notts Co	28	6	3	5	21	16	6	4	4	18	14	43
Gillingham	25	8	2	3	26	15	4	4	4	18	18	42
Brentford	28	8	3	3	23	16	3	4	7	15	22	40
Luton	27	8	4	1	28	16	2	3	9	9	22	37
Wycombe	28	7	3	4	22	18	2	6	6	13	18	36
Bour'm'th	28	8	3	3	26	12	2	2	10	13	31	35