

Simpson says he won't be driven out by the boo boys



In touch with his footballing side: Michael Simpson was inspired last weekend against Bristol

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Jeer-leaders told to change tune

MICHAEL Simpson has told the boo boys that they won't hound him out of Adams Park.

And he has been backed up by boss Lawrie Sanchez who has told the jeer leaders to lay off and examine the facts before putting their mouths into gear.

Sanchez, who was the victim of terrace abuse at Wimbledon before his FA Cup final winner won Dons fans over, said: "Simmo's been one of our best players all season, I don't understand why the crowd haven't taken to him."

The boss then challenged the baiters to visit him in his office before they aim their next verbal volley at his midfielder.

He said: "If the supporters want to see the stats after the game, then come and see me and I'll show them he is our most consistent and accurate passer."

"He is always looking for the

ball. He does give it away now and again but he has so much of the ball that now and then he's bound to give it away."

The boss added: "His rate of completed passes is usually the best in the team and he's strong. He outpunches his weight. He tackles, he gets about the field and I think he's been among our three or four top players this season."

"He does the job I want off him and all he's got to worry about is me picking him. He was one of the first people I gave a new contract to."

Meanwhile Simmo, who has another year left to run on that deal, has turned a deaf ear to his detractors and insists he is happy at Wycombe.

He said: "It's been going on for the last couple of months but it doesn't bother me. They can boo me all they want."

"I think it's harsh I don't know

where it's come from. There was one game when they started booing me and it's carried on from there."

"I have a joke about it with the lads now. If the gaffer thinks I'm doing well that's all that matters to me. He's only dropped me once."

Simpson has underlined his commitment to the Blues by moving from his Midlands home to Bicester.

He said: "It's much better living closer and luckily there don't seem to be any Wycombe fans there. I can go out without getting booed and I'm not on the internet so I don't see the slagging off I get on that."

"I've never had it at other clubs and I do wonder why it's happening but I'm not bothered. Something will happen and they'll go onto something else."

Simpson says he'd love to score his second goal of the season and

see how the crowd reacts then.

He said: "I'd love to score to see what the fans do then."

Last Saturday against Bristol City, Simpson shut out the jeers to plant a second half free kick onto the head of Sean Devine for the striker to cancel out Tony Thorpe's opener for the westcountry men.

But City took just three minutes to regain the lead through teenage striker Damien Spencer.

Simpson said: "Probably no one will remember that I put the free-kick in for Sean's goal but they always seem to see it if I give the ball away."

Simpson has become Wycombe's most unpopular player with the fans since goalkeeper Brian Parkin was sarcastically greeted at an away game in York by supporters waving white bed linen at him in a cruel jibe to remind him that his job was to keep clean sheets.