

## Rammell making a name for himself every day of the week at Atherstone

NEW Blues signing Andy Rammell is the only footballer still playing the game to have a stand named after him.

Atherstone United named one of their stands The Andy Rammell Stand after selling him to Manchester United for £40,000.

Blues secretary Keith Allen was Atherstone's secretary at the time.

Rammell said: "It's a great honour to have a stand named after you. Going to United was a big

shock. I had been working 60 hours a week in the foundry and playing semi-pro. I was plucked out of that and thrown into the limelight.

"I never played in the first team but I played in the reserves and it was a frightening side, with seven internationals in it week in, week out. It was great experience.

Rammell said: "There were a lot of clubs interested and this is a great move for me. Bristol

Rovers, Wrexham, Cardiff and Port Vale were all interested but I spoke to the gaffer and he said the right things.

"I think they've got a great team spirit and I'm looking forward to being part of that. There's 11 lads here all pulling the same way and if you've got that you're not going to go far wrong.

"I'm not setting myself any goalscoring targets. As long as we're winning I'm not too bothered."

## Eight weeks for Emblen

PAUL Emblen returned to first team training this week after his double broken ankle but boss Lawrie Sanchez says it could be eight weeks before he is back in contention.

He is alternating his days with first team work and work on his fitness.

● Dave Carroll has begun his pre-season training this week after six weeks of total rest.

Sanchez said: "He's starting his pre-season now and he's got a lot of work to do to catch up."

The playmaker has not played at all this season after picking up an injury.

## Injury prone Ryan eases his way back in

CLUB captain Keith Ryan returned to training this week for the first time since aggravating his calf strain playing in his own testimonial match.

Rhino rejoined the lads at their Instron training base this week but is still some way short of a first team return.

Boss Lawrie Sanchez said: "He will need to get two or three first team matches under his belt before he is ready to play in the first team."

Rhino picked up the injury during pre-season training and then made it worse by playing

in his testimonial against Leicester in August.

He managed less than a quarter-of-an-hour of that clash before being substituted and has been in the treatment room ever since.

The popular Blues player has had a history of injury problems during his time with Wanderers.

Ryan has been out for the best part of the previous two seasons with cruciate knee problems. Those problems looked behind him before he was struck down again.

## Blues face fine if the red card is upheld

WYCOMBE Wanderers will be fined £2,500 by the FA if they lose their appeal against Andy Rammell's sending off during Tuesday night's clash with Bristol Rovers at Adams Park.

Rammell's dismissal and the five other yellow cards that Wanderers picked up that night means

Wycombe will be punished under the FA's new instant automatic fine for teams who have six players disciplined.

But a spokesman for the FA said: "If Wycombe are successful in their appeal then the fine won't be imposed."

Jermaine McSparran will be

fined by the club for picking up a booking for dissent against Rovers.

Boss Lawrie Sanchez said: "It was stupid. One's like that have you pulling your hair out and he will be fined for that."

"The lads are fined for dissent but I don't mind them being booked for tackles."