

I'll be sad to see the old stadium go

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I'M really looking forward to our match against Notts tonight. I think the club were right to move it forward to avoid clashing with the England Germany game tomorrow.

It's sad to see the old stadium go and it would be just our luck to make the play-offs this season now there's no Wembley to play at.

That would be typical. I remember when we finished sixth under Martin O'Neill it was the only year that the sixth placed club didn't get into the play-offs.

Still I can't complain. I was on the bench when Wycombe did make the play-offs against Preston.

I don't remember too much about it because it all went by so quickly. I was disappointed not to get on but although I haven't played at Wembley I've done the next best thing.

I also went as a fan to watch my team Nottingham Forest play Oldham in the Worthington Cup final or whatever it was called then. That was a great day, we had the meal, the posh seats the works.

My chance of playing at Wembley has gone. I'll be too old by the time the new one is built so I'll have to settle for leading a team out there as a manager in the future.

I think we could reach the play-offs this year. The spirit in the squad is the best it's been since I've been here and the confidence is high.

It was a great result at Port Vale and we were disappointed not to score more than Andy Rammell's great goal for us.

I read on the internet that fans were worried we'd become a hoof-ball team once we signed a big man like him. But I think it's worked the other way, he's helping us to play more football.

He's so good at holding the ball up, he brings other players and the midfield into the game and it really suits people like Mo Harkin.

I've been writing notes on the season so far. I started writing in pre-season and if we reach the play-offs I think I'll try and get it published.

I did something similar once before when Alan Smith was manager but I abandoned it when it all went pear-shaped.

I would love to bring a book out. It would be something different from the end of season video.

Tonight sees Mark Stallard's return. I know Martin Taylor spoke to him on Saturday after Notts' 5-1 defeat against Walsall. I've had a cold this week but I don't think it's going to stop me playing. Everyone wants to be involved at the moment.