
Parkin plans a life away from the Bridge

WANDERERS on-loan striker Sam Parkin has issued an ultimatum to Premier League Chelsea – “pick me next season or I’m off”.

The 19-year-old, who showed great skill to set up both Wanderers’ goals in the 2-2 draw at Northampton, says he will have to look away from Stamford Bridge if he is not in boss Claudio Rannieri’s plans by pre-season.

Two years ago the youngster travelled with Chelsea’s first team but his career has gone backwards since and he has been farmed out on loan to Millwall and now Wycombe.

He said: “I was closer to Chelsea’s first team two years ago than I am now. I’ve hardly met the new manager.”

Chelsea won’t release Parkin to play for Wanderers in the FA

Cup tomorrow but Parkin is hoping Blues boss Lawrie Sanchez will extend his loan when it expires on January 19.

He said: “If I’m in the team I would love to stay at Wycombe but I know I might have to go back to Chelsea later this month and if that’s the case I’ll look to go somewhere else on loan until the end of the season.

“Sometimes I feel as though I’m banging my head against a brick wall at Chelsea. Sometimes there’s only four or five of us training together.

“It would be a wrench to leave but there’s no point being there if I’m not in the first team group at this stage in my career.

“Two seasons ago I travelled with the first team. There have been occasions when they’ve been struggling up front and I

thought I might get a chance, but it’s never occurred.

“Next pre-season I aim to be in the first team squad and if not I’ll have to seriously consider going somewhere permanently.”

After an ineffective performance in the Boxing Day debacle at Cambridge when the whole team suffered a Christmas hang-over, the youngster showed his class at Northampton putting up an excellent case to have his loan extended.

Sanchez said: “If he plays like he played on Saturday he’s got a good chance of staying on.”

He showed tremendous close control and vision to set up Steve Brown and Dannie Bulman for the Wycombe goals.

Parkin said: “That was my best performance for Wycombe. The formation with Mo Harkin

in the hole suited me. I was disappointed I didn’t score but I made the other two goals and that’s always been the biggest part of my game.

“It’s only this season I’ve been labelled a goalscorer. I compare my style to Teddy Sheringham. I’m more a maker of goals than a scorer.

“I’m not a natural predator. I need chances to be created for me to do well. My strength is getting the ball at my feet and running at players.”

Parkin will lose his place tomorrow because he’s cup-tied and he is disappointed with the Stamford Bridge club.

“It’s Chelsea’s fault that they’re not allowing me to play in the cup. It’s hindering me at a time when I need first team experience,” he said.