

Whittingham wants more of the same

GUY Whittingham eased Wycombe's relegation worries with an injury time winner at Bristol City and then revealed that he wants to stick around to help fire the Blues to promotion next season.

The 36-year-old former Army man says coming to Wycombe has given him a new lease of life after he tried football on the other side of the fence as assistant boss at Pompey.

He said: "I want to carry on playing. I had a nice taste of management when I was at Portsmouth. I enjoyed it and felt I was doing alright with Steve Claridge but it didn't work out for us and it has made me realise how enjoyable playing is."

Whittingham was sacked when Pompey appointed Graham Rix to replace Claridge and he was thrown a lifeline by Wanderers.

The marksman showed all his

He scores to ease relegation worries and then turns thoughts to next season

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36 years of experience as he kept his cool to open his Wanderers' account by slotting in Wycombe's deserved winner as they came from behind to take the points at Ashton Gate with a 2-1 win over City.

He slipped the ball one side of the advancing goalkeeper and then raced, Pele-style, around the other side of him to slide the ball into an empty net after Dannie Bulman's tigerish tackle had set him up.

Whittingham said: "It's nice to get off the mark. It's taken some time but now hopefully I can get two or three more goals before the end of the season."

"I've always kept myself fit and I'm playing for my future



Whittingham: Likes the Wycombe set-up

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whether it be here or somewhere else.

"I'm looking to knock a few

memories and show people that the goals are still there."

But the man the former Aston Villa, Portsmouth and Sheffield Wednesday striker wants to impress most is Wanderers boss Lawrie Sanchez.

He said: "I would love my future to be here. Because I think this is a manager and a club that's going somewhere."

"You can see the desire among the players and throughout the club. It is a great team spirit, one of the best I've ever known."

Sanchez said: "I'm sure Guy wants to get another year's football and it's not beyond the realms of possibility that he could do that here. If he scores goals and shows he can still do it at this level there will be clubs who will want to take him on."

"He got a goal and his all

round play was excellent up front. He showed that a good little'un can be as good as a big gun."

Wanderers were full value for the points as they punched a massive dent in City's play-off hopes.

They recovered from going a goal down in the 49th minute as Scott Murray bundled in after Peter Beadle headed Mickey Bell's freekick against the post.

But Danny Senda, playing because Keith Ryan had a cartilage problem, equalised on 63 minutes as he latched onto Bulman's superb cross-field pass to lift the equaliser over stranded keeper Phillips.

If Bulman was the hero for his two assists he was also the villain with two glaring misses in each half.

He out-stripped the defence before shooting wide of the target and then wasted an even better opportunity when he lost his footing with the goal at his mercy six yards out.