

Devine: Why I hit the bottle

SEAN Devine took his frustrations out on a water bottle as he was substituted in the last minute of Saturday's 3-0 win over Notts County.

He booted the bottle into the dugout spraying his team-mates with water in a fit of temper as he failed to get his name on the scoresheet.

He said: "It wasn't directed at anyone. It was frustration at myself. I want to score. I play with passion and I play with desire and unfortunately that came out when I came off the pitch.

"I didn't react like that because I got taken off, it was because I wanted to score so badly.

"I'm not happy that I came off the pitch without scoring. I've been out for 20 months and all I want to do is experience that feeling of scoring again.

"All the lads are telling me to calm down, reminding me that I've been out for two years and telling me to be patient. I know they are right but I want to score now and if I didn't have that in me I wouldn't be the player I am.

"Scoring completely changes my weekend. I'm buzzing because we won but when you score as well it's even better.

"People say it is like having sex. It's not as good as that but it's a good second."

Devine scored eight goals in 12 games in his first season at Adams Park and then topped that by plundering a record 23

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goals in the 1999-2000 season before a career-threatening knee injury put the the brakes on his career.

He told the BFP: "Realistically I've got to step back and accept that I should be happy just to be playing again now. I never thought I would be playing until next year, but I want it all now.

"I do get uptight when I don't score. I've been out for so long that I just want to score."

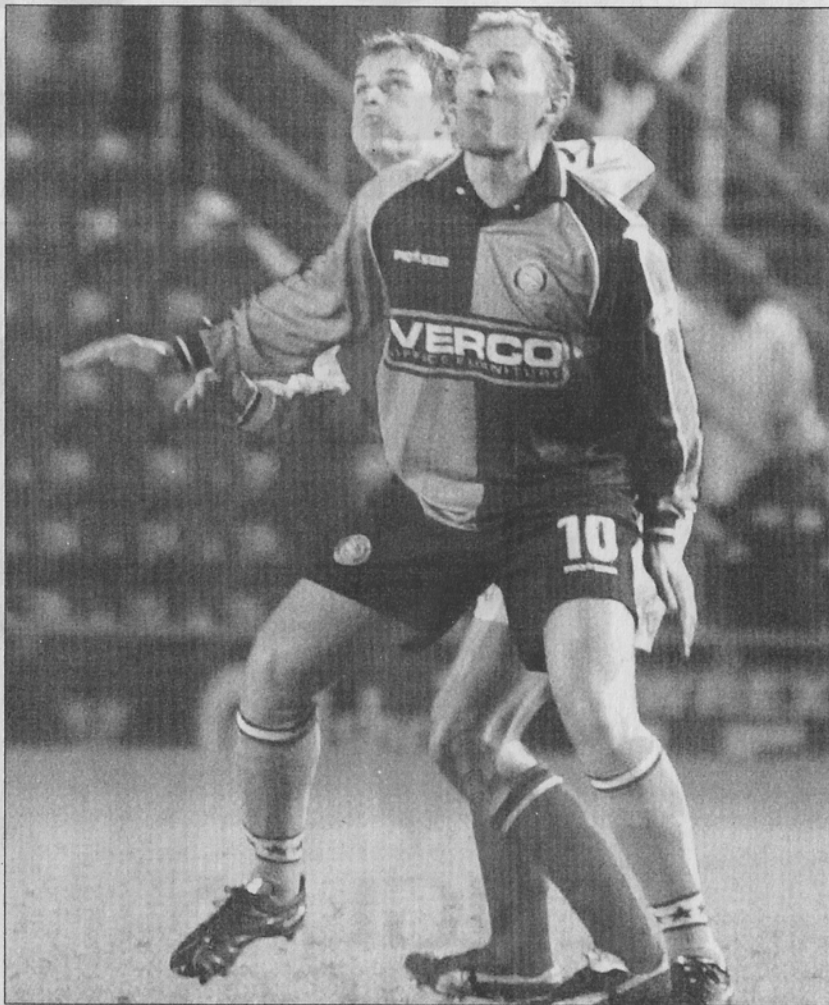
But manager Lawrie Sanchez is pleading for patience from his £220,000 record signing.

He said: "We're in a situation where we're having to re-hab him in the first team because of the other injuries we have got. It's not ideal but I thought Saturday was probably Sean's best game. He looked more positive. He had a couple of shots saved and he made the last goal. He's frustrated that he hasn't scored but I'm sure the goals will come for him."

Devine had two chances against Notts and forced the keeper to save on both occasions as he showed he hasn't lost his eye for goal.

He said: "I've got to credit the goalkeeper. He did everything right. I hit the target and forced him to make saves and that's a positive thing that I've got to look at.

"I'm creating the chances. I put two good crosses in and I know I should look at that."



Waiting game: Sean Devine is desperate for his first goal