

Brown tells the Cobblers, it's not my fault if I send you down



Focused: Steve Brown is ready to face the music tomorrow

STEVE Brown has warned Northampton fans: "Don't blame me if I send you down."

The Blues midfielder returns to his former club tomorrow knowing he could help relegate them to the third division.

Brown still lives in the shoe-making town and has been bombarded by Cobblers fans all week asking him to go easy on them in tomorrow's clash.

Northampton are one point above the relegation zone and with just an away match at Wigan and a last-day clash at home to already-relegated Cambridge remaining, they are in urgent need of the points.

But Brown won't show them any mercy in tomorrow's Sixfields showdown, even though Wycombe only have pride to play for.

He said: "I don't want Northampton to go down and I know that if we take three points off them it will be a tall order for them to stay up, but I won't be thinking about that during the game."

"There's no room for sentiment. We are in the winning game and we haven't had too many wins recently.

"Football is a cut throat business and, much as I want Northampton to survive, I

owe it to Wycombe and the fans to give 110 per cent as usual.

"I've had my neighbours coming up to me asking me to go easy on Saturday but I won't be doing that.

"If I do score the winner on Saturday and that results sends Northampton down I just hope they don't blame me.

"It won't be my fault. Northampton are in the position they are because of their results all season."

Brown scored his eighth goal of the season when he coolly converted a penalty in Monday's 2-1 win over Tranmere and the 35-year-old midfield ace says he would have no hesitation taking a penalty tomorrow - even though the consequences could be massive for the club which gave him his debut.

He said: "I would relish a penalty on Saturday. I love the challenge. It's like guns at dawn. I've scored eight goals this season. The manager set me a target of ten and I want to hit that."

Brown received a rolicking off boss Lawrie Sanchez for not wrestling the ball off Sean Devine when Wanderers were awarded a penalty in Saturday's defeat at

Peterborough.

Devine scuffed his spot-kick wide and Brown was back on penalty duty on Monday with clinical efficiency.

Wanderers victory hopes are boosted by the return of Mr Consistent, left back Chris Vinnicombe, following his two-match suspension for the clash against a team with a few familiar faces.

Blues sold defender Chris March to the Cobblers last year while former loanee Sam Parkin chose the Cobblers ahead of Wycombe this summer.

Sanchez also knows he will come up against a striker tomorrow who is determined to prove a point.

He agreed a £200,000 fee to buy their striker Jamie Forrester in the summer and agreed personal terms with the player before pulling out at the last minute.

Sanchez said: "I just had a gut feeling that it wasn't right for us. I just felt he was too much for us. I would have been paying him in excess of everyone else here and I felt he wasn't the right person to do that for.

"I know both him and Parkin will be up for it tomorrow."