

Wanderers survival hero aims to rock for the Robins



Paul Emblen: A Wanderers hero

WANDERERS hero Paul Emblen has been given 180 minutes to relaunch his career by Blues' second division rivals Swindon Town.

Andy King's rocking Robins have offered the 26-year-old, who was released by Wanderers in manager Lawrie Sanchez's summer clearout, a two game trial beginning on July 15.

The former Charlton hitman, who scored two of the most important goals in the club's history to keep the Blues in the second division three years ago, is determined to make the most of his second chance.

He said: "It's up to me. The ball is in my court and I'm relishing the challenge. I went there at the end of the season and played in a reserve match for them against Brentford and

they've invited me back.

"They haven't promised me anything but they have said they will give me two games.

"It's strange situation. It's like starting your career all over again but I'm clear of my injuries, I've been working hard through the summer and I'm ready for the challenge."

And Emblen is driven on by the prospect of returning to Adams Park with Swindon next year.

He said: "I would love that. It would be a dream to come back and play for Swindon at Wycombe."

Emblen will always be remembered by Blues fans as the man who kept them in the second division when he struck the winner at Lincoln City to keep them up with just seven minutes of the season remaining.

That goal was estimated to have saved the Blues £500,000 but his injury-jinxed Wanderers career was cut short early when the Blues refused to play him at the tail end of last season because if he played one more game they would have had to pay his former club Charlton another £10,000.

Meanwhile fellow Wanderers reject Andy Baird has also been given the chance to jump straight back into the Football League.

The 23-year-old former Adams Park marksman played in a United Nations trial match at St James Park yesterday where he teamed up with players from all over Europe in the hope of winning a contract from Wanderers team-mate and now City boss John Cornforth.

Baird will also accompany the Grecians on their pre-season tour to Finland.

Work for the Blues

WANDERERS and Wasps are holding a joint recruitment drive on Thursday, looking for new players to join the team.

They are looking for stewards, turnstile operators, tea bar staff and catering people to join them next season.

Anyone who is over 16 and wants to find out more about the posts and rates of pay is welcome to turn up at Adams Park between 4 and 8pm.