

Striker Sean wants goals not praise

SEAN Devine reckons he has become too good an all-round footballer for his own good.

The striker has received bucketloads of compliments for his hard-working displays for the team, but would swap it all for a few more goals.

In the 1999/2000 season, he set a new Wanderers scoring record with 23 goals in a season but now he is becoming better known for his teamwork than his goal tally.

He said: "I've worked hard at my game since I've been at Wycombe and I think technically I'm a better player now.

"I hold the ball up better. I've worked on other areas of my game that I was lacking in and improved all around the field but they need me to score goals most of all.

"Maybe now I should concentrate more on what goes on in the 18 yard box again and less on the work outside it.

"My bread and butter is around the 18 yard box."

Devine, who has started just

11 league games this term, was recalled to the side in place of Craig Faulconbridge last Saturday for the 3-1 home defeat against Tranmere.

Now the striker, who spent two seasons out of action with a career-threatening knee injury, is hoping for a run of games to cement his place in the side.

He said: "I'm well pleased to be back and get 90 minutes under my belt.

"I need 90 minutes because the majority of my goals come later on in the day – that's when I'm at my most dangerous.

"I've been buzzing in training. My confidence is back now. I'm really confident with my knee. I used to worry about turning and think is it going to hurt. Now I just do it.

"I'm getting back to the old Sean Devine and hopefully the goals will follow.

"I feel I need a run of games. I've had bit parts this season and I feel I need a run of games to prove that I can get back to what I was doing. I just want to score goals again."



Back in the side: Sean Devine in action against Tranmere