

Loving every minute of our brilliant win



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I'VE had one of those weeks when it is just great to live in Northampton.

Being a former Cobbler and still living in the town made our win there extra special and to beat them 5-0 was the icing on the cake.

While everyone else has been going around the town with long faces, I've been lapping it up.

My face has been seen in places I haven't been to for months and I've tried to bump into as many of my Northampton-supporting friends as possible.

Strangely though, I haven't seen my neighbours since Saturday. I don't know what has happened to them. They have been going off very early in the mornings and coming back late at night. I've never known them work so hard. If I didn't know better I might think they were trying to avoid me!

I will have to go around and borrow a bowl of sugar.

Seriously though, it was a great win for us coming on top of that win over Bristol City. We're unbeaten in 2003 and if we beat Mansfield on Saturday, the gaffer could be just one more win away from winning the Manager of the Month Award – how ironic that would be after all the stick he has received off some of the supporters!

We mustn't get carried away though. I remember when I was a Northampton player. We beat Mansfield 5-0 on Tuesday and then got beat 7-0 by Scunthorpe on Saturday. That thought will be in my head when we go to Mansfield.

Confidence is high at the moment but we cannot afford to get carried away. We won our last two games by winning the battle first. We've gone back to being a hardworking team and we need to do that week in week out for 90 minutes each time.

We've gone back to basics. We're putting in the hard work. We're doing the ugly stuff and as the confidence comes back, the rest of it should take care of itself.

I'm really looking forward to the weekend's action and I'm just hoping the weather doesn't intervene.

I made my Northampton debut at Mansfield and I made my Wycombe debut there as well and we lost on both occasions so you could say I owe them something for ruining two of the most important dates in my career.

The way we are playing I can't see any reason why we can't get a decent result there.

We've made a great start to the New Year but we won't get carried away. There's a lot of games left and we are going to take each one at a time and see where it takes us. When we've played 46 games we will see where we have finished and if that's good enough for the play-offs we will take it from there.