

Blues start was tough



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SEEING Richard Harris score his two goals in the 3-1 win over Notts County on Saturday reminded me of my early days at Adams Park.

Poor Richard has come in for some stick off the fans and it used to be like that for me when I first arrived.

I found it very difficult to settle in at first. I arrived at the same time as Simon Garner and Martin O'Neill had spent what was then a club record to sign me and the crowd were expecting big things of me.

Unfortunately I didn't have the best of starts and the crowd started to get on my back. Every time I made a mistake the groan was ten times louder than when anyone else made a mistake.

It really got me down. But the turning point came against Leyton Orient. The ball spilled loose and me and my opponent went in for it with such force that the ball could have burst. I then had three more 50-50's in quick succession and won them all and from that moment the crowd swung in my favour.

Since then I haven't looked back. I made my 400th appearance for the club at Luton a couple of weeks ago and I was delighted with that.

I've had a fantastic time at Wycombe but I don't want it to finish now. I want one more season when my contract expires in the summer and then after that I would like to think about management.

Beating Leicester in the quarter-final of the FA Cup would be the highlight of my 400 games and winning at Manchester City would also be up there.

The biggest disappointment would have to be the year we finished sixth under O'Neill. Any other year that would have been good enough for the play-offs. It was just our luck that it was the only season when the league changed the rules and didn't give the sixth place club a play off berth.

I just hope Saturday proves to be the turning point for Richard like the Orient game was for me.