

Oliver wants more after new contract

LUKE Oliver hailed a contract with Wycombe and then said, "Now for the hard work."

The 18-year-old was offered a new deal by manager Lawrie Sanchez on Friday but knows he will have to work hard to remain at the club.

He said: "I was delighted to get an offer. It was just a relief that I don't have to worry about it and I can concentrate on football once more.

"It's now all about doing my best, get the rest of the season out of the way and then getting a good run in the reserves.

The lanky 6ft 4ins defender has had a tough year with injuries and youth team boss Mick Forsyth said that Oliver had not been able to show exactly what he can do.

Forsyth said: "It's going to be an important year for Luke. Unfortunately, he got injured early on this year but we need to give him a chance.

"He's got all the attributes and he'll be given every chance to progress."

And Oliver believes he's got what it takes.

He said: "As well as my height, I'm reasonably fast for a defender and not too bad with my feet."

And Oliver has also had the help of senior players at the club, with Paul McCarthy partnering Oliver in defence in the reserve team.

Oliver said: "It's been great playing with Macca.

He's the best player at the club and I've been playing with him and learning from him.

"He takes you through the game. I love playing with Macca and the others.

"They don't look at it as youngsters coming in and taking their places, they just help you out."

Oliver came to Wanderers through a different route, after taking A-levels in photography, media studies and PE, and is now considering taking a degree.

But Oliver's first love will always be football.

He said: "Football's always been number one since I was about five.

"I used to play wherever the manager told me when I was younger but with my height, I was always going to be either a centre forward or a centre half.
