

Simmo wants to carry on starring

MICHAEL Simpson has pledged his allegiance to Wanderers even though his manager says he is too good for the club.

Boss Lawrie Sanchez says Simpson should be playing at a higher level and is amazed that no-one has made him an offer for his instrumental midfield conductor.

He said after seeing Simpson's awesome performance in Tuesday's 4-2 defeat at Crewe: "I'm amazed no-one has come in for him. He is our one golden nuggett and he should be playing for a club in the top six at least.

"He is being held back by his team-mates. He has consistently been our outstanding player and we are very lucky to have him.

"He is the one quality player in our side and we've got some promising young kids who maybe quality in the future."

But Simpson insists he is happy to see out the remaining 15 months of his contract at Wycombe.

He said: "I'm very happy here. It's nice to hear people say nice things about me but the game is not about individuals it is about the team.

"We haven't done as well as we would have wanted this season but I'm confident that we can have a real push for promotion next season.

"What we've got to do is finish this season on a high and make sure that we start next season confidently. I want to play in the first division but I want to do it with Wycombe."

Simpson showed his class with another all-action display at Gresty Road, mixing crunching tackles with close control and passing that David Beckham would have been proud of.

The highlight of Simpson's night was a stunning through pass that completely dissected the Crewe defence to give Danny Senda a one-on-one with the keeper.

Afterwards Crewe boss Dario Gradi joined the Simpson fan club.

He reckons that the reason Simpson is still at Wycombe is that any watching scouts would think they couldn't afford him.

Gradi managed The Alex for five years in Division One and he has no doubts he could grace that division.

He said: "He always had time on the ball. He could play at a higher level without any problems, but I wonder whether clubs would be able to afford him.

"If Wycombe were selling him I would want him in my side but I doubt that I would be able to afford him."

But Sanchez has no intention of getting rid of his star man.