

Currie dreams of better things after 'nightmare'

DARREN Currie can't wait to get stuck into Stockport County tomorrow and erase the nightmare of his last 12 months at the club.

The Blues playmaker said: "Last season was horrible. It was my worst season since I've been a professional without a doubt.

"I had some very low times and I wasn't very happy last season and the whole thing got to me."

But Currie has enjoyed a new lease of life as one of two wingers in Blues' exciting new attacking formation in pre-season.

He has started all four warm-up games and scored three goals, including a brace in last Saturday's final pre-season match a 2-1 victory over Division One side Watford, but he knows the real work starts at three o'clock tomorrow.

He said: "Pre-season has gone well. I've had chats with the gaffer and we've ironed out a few things and hopefully the bad times are all in the past now and I can keep producing what I have done in pre-season."

And after being asked to do more defending last



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season he is delighted to have been given licence to attack this term.

He said: "This is what I'm about putting in crosses and scoring goals. "Everything is geared towards getting the ball in the final third and getting crosses in and that is my game, everything seems to be going right at the moment.

"I have set myself target of playing in every game and if I don't do that I will be disappointed and my other target is to get in double figures and be a goalscoring winger.

"I was disappointed to

only get four last year but double figures will make me happy."

And he insists Wanderers have got nothing to fear as they take on Carlton Palmer's Stockport County side tomorrow in the first ever league match at the newly-named Causeway Stadium.

He said: "We've beaten sides that are much better than Stockport in pre-season so we've got nothing to fear.

And the former Barnet player reckons living on the edge, coupled with Wanderers' change in formation, has helped bring the best out of him.

The Blues star is in the final year of his contract and he says the uncertainty about his future is helping him sparkle.

He said: "When I look back over my years as a player I have tended to perform better under pressure and there's pressure this season. It is the last year of my contract and I have got to remind everyone I am a good player because I didn't do that last season.

"I'm up for the challenge, bring it on."