

Two-goal hero begs don't judge me on that show

DEFENDER Roger Johnson gave boss Tony Adams a reminder of his talents by scoring two goals for the reserves and then begged, don't judge me on that!

Johnson hit his second half double when he was shoved up front for the reserves in their 2-2 draw at Leyton Orient and was just the width of the post away from a hat-trick.

But he insisted afterwards: "I don't want to be judged on that. I am not a striker. I just went up there because there was no-one else."

"But I am a centre back through and through and I'm determined to win my place back as a centre back."

Johnson, who used to play up front as a kid, volunteered to be Blues' emergency striker when Rob Tungatt went off injured.

He said: "I really enjoyed it and it was nice to score two goals but

I am a defender and that's all I want to be."

Johnson, who became Wycombe's youngest ever debutant when he made his first team bow against Cambridge United aged just 17 years and eight days, in May 2000 has had a frustrating season so far, culminating in his sending off on Boxing Day for foul and abusive language aimed at a linesman and he hasn't played since.

He said: "I really regret those words."

"It has cost me dearly but I've learned from it, I've served my suspension and I am determined to get my place back in the team."

But the lanky stopper knows he faces an uphill battle.

Manager Tony Adams, one of the greatest centre halves this country has ever produced, has already brought in three players in Johnson's position since his arrival on Guy Fawkes Night.



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Steven Taylor arrived on loan from Newcastle for a month while Stuart Nethercott has been borrowed from Millwall and Scott Marshall brought in on a permanent basis.

Johnson said: "He knows all there is to know about defending and playing in that position and it is down to me to prove now to show him that I should be in the team."