

Strike partnership is the way forward

NATHAN Tyson reckons his partnership with Craig Faulconbridge is the way to go after the deadly duo helped Wycombe win their first away game in more than a year on Saturday.

Former Reading forward Tyson has been impressed with his striking partner since the transfer-listed Falcon came into the team and he thinks there's more to come from them both.

He said: "It's going really, really well. We've both got a good combination and this is definitely one for the future.

"Craig is a very good player and he works the line well. It's really good to have someone like that up front, who can take off the pressure from you.

"It's definitely a big man/ small man type-partnership, although we're the same height.

"He gets all the bumps and bruises and wins the headers and I pick up the pieces and I quite like it that way.

"Both of us are scoring as well which gives us confidence."

Tyson originally led the line on his own when he first arrived on loan. But he has benefitted from an additional striker after manager Tony Adams was confident enough to go back a 4-4-2 formation.

Tyson said: "It really helps having someone else up there with you.

"When you play up front by yourself, it's so much more work and it can get very frustrating when the ball comes to you and there's four defenders to beat.

"Having two up front helps to even up the numbers."

Tyson didn't seem to need anyone at all on Saturday during the 3-2 win at Oldham. He grabbed Blues' equaliser and then scored a cracker when he waltzed past a couple of players after starting a run from his own half, before beating Latics keeper Les Pogliacomi with a rasping drive.

Tyson said: "It's something I've learnt playing in the first division that you

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have to break quickly if you're going to get a chance.

"I just thought, 'go forward, go forward,' and if the shot went wide then at least it was a chance."

Blues managed to win on Saturday despite the departure of leading goalscorer Jermaine McSparran.

But Tyson denied feeling any extra pressure on him to produce.

He said: "We can all score goals from all round the park."

Meanwhile boss Adams said he was pleased with the Tyson and Faulconbridge duet.

He said: "Craig and Nathan have been playing well.

"Craig's been knocking on the door. He wasn't fit before but I persevered, put him on the list to get a reaction. I wanted him to get angry because this is his career.

"He played well for two games without getting a goal, leading the line well and he's thoroughly deserved his two goals in two games.

Adams is also pleased with Jonny Dixon and Mark Philo who are pushing Faulconbridge and Tyson for places.

He said: "Since I've been here, people have telling me he's good but he looked like a 15-year-old schoolboy in the reserves. "I couldn't see it but he went on loan to Crawley and had a horrific time there.

"I brought him into the office, had a long conversation and since then, he's been working hard in training and I've seen signs.

"It's got him onto the bench off the first team and he's knocking on the door now at long last.

"Two 19-year-olds up front causing havoc is what I need.

"Craig Faulconbridge and Nathan Tyson know that there's two 19-year-olds on the bench screaming to get in."



Partners: Nathan Tyson and Craig Faulconbridge celebrate

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