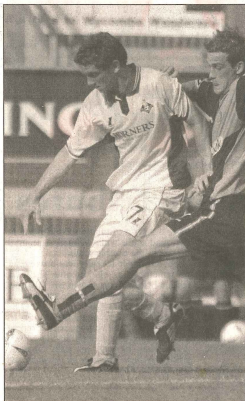


Roger plans no let up for ex-landlord

Roger V Robbo



Roger the Lodger: Blues defender Roger Johnson lived with Stuart Roberts when the Welshman bought a house in the area. They also roomed together on Wanderers' away trips. Proud Englishman Johnson used to turn everything they did into an anglo-Welsh battle and he can't wait to resume the rivalry.

WANDERERS ace Roger Johnson is determined to put one over his former landlord and best pal Stuart Roberts when the pair come face to face as opponents at Kidderminster tomorrow.

Johnson said: "Robbo will be unbearable if Kiddy win. We had a few big battles on the PlayStation and on the snooker table but this is the big one."

They shared digs when Robbo joined Blues from Swansea and Johnson became his lodger when the Roberts bought a house here.

Johnson said: "We became great mates. We used to be together all the time and were very competitive."

"It was England against Wales at everything we did and England came out on top nearly every time."

"It didn't matter what it was, snooker, pool, on the PlayStation or cricket in the garden, I always had the upper hand."

And Johnson, last season's Player of The Year, is determined to keep England's domination going.

He said: "Beating Kidderminster would mean a lot. Not just because I want to beat Stuart but because after two defeats we need a win to stay up there."

Johnson is an ever-present this season while Robbo has

just signed a short term contract with Kiddy after being released by Wanderers and Swansea last season.

He had looked set to join Chestery but that collapsed when their boss Mark Wright walked out. But Roberts, who joined Wycombe in a £100,000 deal, has bounced back and landed a short-term contract at Kiddy under his old Swansea boss Jan Molby. And he seems determined to make it work. He scored within a minute of his debut and has gone down well with Harriers fans.

Johnson said: "I'm pleased for him. He didn't get much of a chance here and things went wrong at Swansea and Chester. He's always said that Jan Molby is the best manager he's worked under so hopefully this will work out."

But Johnson will banish any kind thoughts for 90 minutes tomorrow.

He said: "I hope he has a good game and ends up on the losing side."

The pair could be in close combat. Mike Williamson is set to return at centre half so Johnson could be switched to full back which could mean a direct match up with Roberts. But Johnson insists there won't be any banter.

He said: "I'll get the job done first. During the 90 minutes I won't talk to him but we will catch up afterwards."



Landlord: Stuart Roberts used to take rent off Roger Johnson and now he's hoping to take three points off his former lodger. Roberts used to be the dream landlord doing most of the cooking and cleaning but there was no love lost when they used to come face to face on the PlayStation at home.