

New Manager is chance to wipe slate clean - Rog



Head and shoulders above them: Roger Johnson climbs high to head home Blues goal against Coalville at the weekend

ROGER Johnson reckons a new manager will see every Blues player having to fight for his place.

The defender was last season's Player of the Year but, despite that, he started only 30 league games out of a possible 46 under Tony Adams.

But now Johnson has the chance to prove himself again under a new manager.

He said: "I didn't get a good run with Tony but whoever comes in, I hope I can play good enough to stay in the team.

"If a new manager comes in, everyone's on trial and we all start from fresh. Everyone's got to work as hard as each other."

Johnson admitted his time under Adams had been difficult but that he was never going to shy away from a challenge.

He said: "It was hard but it depends what kind of person you are. I won't let anyone knock me down and I'll come back.

"Some players are different and they'll go and hide but I'll always come back fighting.

"I think I'd have got into the team under the old gaffer and I'm disappointed that I didn't get in earlier.

"It's all about taking your chance. Sometimes I didn't and it's a cut-throat game. Hopefully, I can get into the team week in and week out."

Johnson was the hero on Saturday when he scored the only goal against Coalville Town in Blues 1-0 victory in the FA Cup.

He said: "It's always good to keep a clean sheet. I love to keep clean sheets."