

Philo: I'm starting all over again

MIDFIELD starlet Mark Philo says he has got to prove himself all over again.

The 20-year-old was the blue-eyed boy under previous boss Tony Adams but he says that counts for nothing now John Gorman is in charge.

Adams was devastated when Philo broke his ankle in a pre-season challenge with Portsmouth's Arjan De Zeeuw. The former Arsenal legend had planned to build his team around the tricky midfielder.

But with Adams walking out on the club in November, Philo knows he is starting from scratch as he steps up his recovery from that break.

He said: "It was a massive shock when Adams went. He was the one that gave me my chance and to see him go was very disappointing.

"Some of the compliments he gave me were overwhelming but I know I have got to start again and try and prove myself."

Philo played his second match of the season against Slough in midweek and Wanderers are determined not to rush their starlet back.

Assistant boss Steve Brown said: "He may need another six games. When you've had a break like that it takes time psychologically and physically to recover."