

Wanderers' new boy is in a hurry

WANDERERS new-boy Charlie Griffin signed a two-year deal with the Chairboys on Thursday and then warned the club's other strikers that he hasn't come to keep the bench warm.

Manager John Gorman signed the 25-year-old former Forest Green hitman on a free transfer but told fans that he is still looking to pep up his strike force with his main target of the summer still on his shopping list.

But Griffin says he is determined to show Gorman he's ready straight away.

He told Midweek: "I've come to play. I want to be part of the first team and that is what I will be aiming for. I'm really looking forward to it. It is going to be difficult. There are a lot of good players here. It is a step up but I'm very excited about it.

"I haven't signed here just to sit around. I am going to work my socks off to get into the first team."

Wanderers beat League Two rivals Mansfield Town and Darlington to sign Griffin, who scored 17 goals for relegated Forest Green last term.

And the former Swindon player said it was no contest.

He spent two weeks training

with Wanderers before the season ended and he said that time just whetted his appetite for more.

He said: "There were a few other teams interested but I really wanted to come here. John Gorman is the former England assistant manager and the chance to work with him was too good to miss."

And he is confident he will be able to translate his Conference form, where he was a part-timer, back into the Football League.

He said: "I scored a few for Forest Green last season and with no disrespect to them I think I could have scored more in a better team."

This is Griffin's second stab at the Football League.

He started at Swindon Town and made 30 appearances for The Robins, including 20 coming off the bench, before he fell out of favour following a change in the club's management.

He then drifted into non-league football with spells at Woking, Havant and Waterlooville, Chippenham and Forest Green.

He said: "I've been given a second chance and I'm determined to take it."



Man on a mission: Charlie Griffin is looking to impress