

WANDERERS have slapped a £750,000 price tag on striker Nathan Tyson as they underline their commitment to winning promotion.

The Blues turned down a £500,000 bid from Sheffield Wednesday on Friday and Tyson will now line up for Wanderers at home to Wrexham tonight (ko 7.45pm) in the first of two successive home games.

Wednesday wanted to take Blues' 11-goal hitman on loan now and complete the deal in January when the transfer window re-opens.

They also dangled a carrot of a further £100,000 in bonuses should Sheffield avoid relegation this year etc – but Wanderers put promotion before cash. They say Tyson is worth £¼ million at least and aren't interested in loaning him out first.

Boss John Gorman said: "The board have been fantastic over Nathan. They've been very supportive of me and what we're trying to do. Nathan's very important to what we want to achieve and we want to keep him as long as we can."

Tyson twice went close to increasing his tally as Wycombe won 3-2 at Mansfield on Saturday with a Kevin Betsy hat-trick doing the business.

The win hoisted Blues up to second in the table and Gorman has challenged his team to keep the pressure on leaders Grimsby by taking maximum points from tonight's game and Saturday's visit of Chester City.

Wanderers underline their commitment to promotion

Gorman said: "Six points is the target. Both games are at home, it's a good opportunity for us and if we get two wins we've done our job."

Tyson has shrugged off the knee injury which forced him to be substituted during the second half

at Mansfield and should start, while Matt Bloomfield, who laid on two goals in the win, has recovered from a nasty stamp on his foot.

Left back Clint Easton should also be fit to face Wrexham despite a groin complaint at the weekend but Rob Lee, who was outstanding on Saturday, is struggling with a recurrence of his achilles problem. Joe Burnell could return to the bench after missing the weekend encounter with a back injury.

Wrexham are lying in 13th spot but Gorman dismisses any ideas that Wycombe start as favourites.

He said: "Wrexham came down last year. They haven't lost many players so this will be a difficult game for us.

"They will see that we're unbeaten and will want to take our scalp."



TYSON'S £750K PRICE TAG

Best foot forward: Nathan Tyson should be spearheading Wanderers' attack tonight against Wrexham