

New keeper wants to keep it clean all month

MILLION-POUND rated Andy Lonergan has set himself a target of conceding no goals during his initial month's loan at Adams Park.

The former England U20 international completed stage one of his ambition with a shutout on his debut in last Friday's 1-0 over Grimsby and now he wants to keep it going starting with tomorrow's home clash against Rushden and Diamonds.

The on-loan Preston stopper hopes to use his time at Adams Park as a springboard back to the big time.

He was attracting the interest of Manchester United, Bolton, Arsenal and Middlesbrough before he suffered a cruciate injury playing for his hometown club Preston and is now hoping to get his career back on track after injury put the brakes on his development.

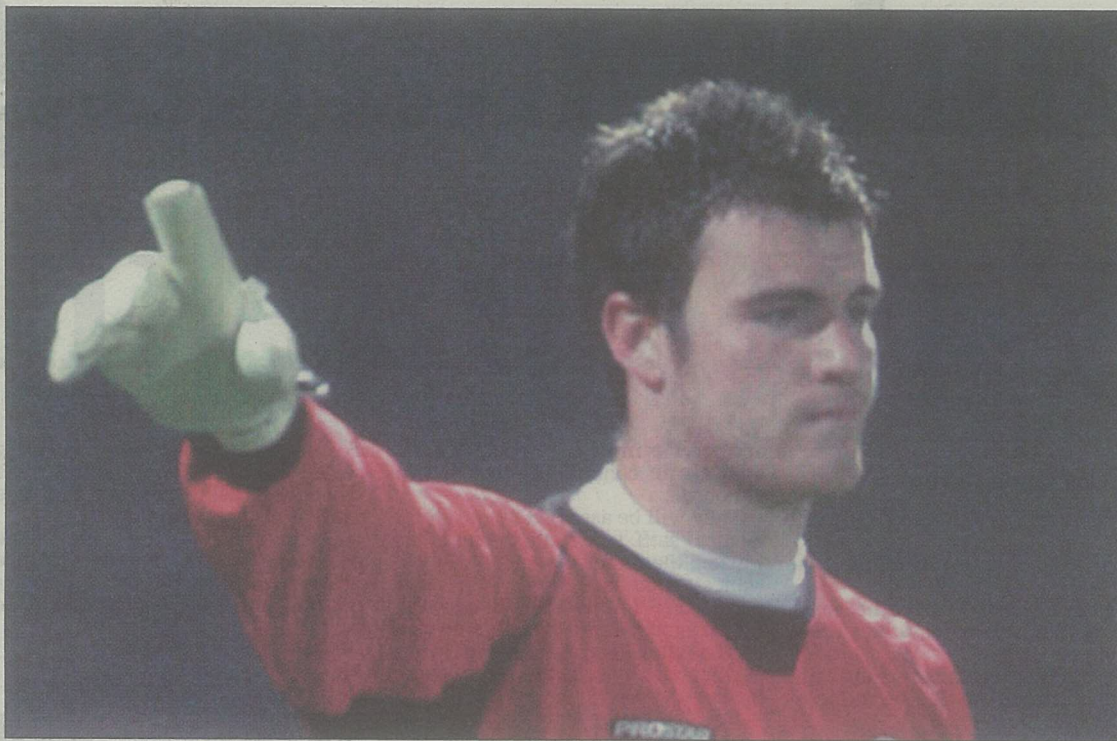
He played 23 times for North End in the Championship before his injury opened the door for former Manchester City and Middlesbrough keeper Carlo Nash to steal his place.

Lonergan said: "I have been out of action for eight months and I was desperate to play again. I was asking the manager to go out on loan and I jumped at the chance when Wycombe came in.

"It is only for a month first but I would be happy to stay until Christmas.

"I've had a good start with a clean sheet in my first game but I want to keep it going. My ambition is to go through the whole month without conceding a goal.

"I went three games on the spin without conceding a goal last



Dream goal: Andy Lonergan wants to keep his unblemished record for a month

season and I want to better that."

Lonergan, who roomed with Wanderers striker Nathan Tyson when they were on England U20 duty together, is all about trying to better himself.

He has asked Wanderers if they will let him visit some of London's Premiership clubs during his time down south so that he can study their goalkeepers and he is hoping

to get along to Stamford Bridge to watch Chelsea as well.

He said: "I study Premiership keepers because I want to be one. I went to Bolton and Blackburn last year to watch Chelsea play because I wanted to watch Petr Cech.

"I want to learn all the time and keep on improving because I am sick of hearing that there's no good English goalkeepers around."

Lonergan, who was the Player of the Tournament at the U20 World Cup in Dubai, has joined Blues for an initial month's loan.

And he showed exactly what he can do with three outstanding saves at Grimsby, including one from Michael Reddy which was reminiscent of Gordon Banks' save against Brazil in the 1970 World Cup.