

Martin makes his mark at last

LEFT-BACK Clint Easton has tipped the man who is trying to oust him from the side as a hot prospect.

Easton gave up his left back position to former England Schools international Russell Martin on Tuesday and was impressed with what he saw as his understudy took to the role like a duck to water.

Easton said: "He played very well. He's a very talented lad. He's very versatile and I really rate him. His attitude is brilliant. He does everything right in training and does everything right in games and I think he's got a big future.

"He could make an excellent left or right back."

Martin (*pictured right*) has become known as Wycombe's Mr Versatile filling a number of positions across the backline and in midfield for the reserves.

But manager John Gorman is now grooming him for the left back role and wants him breathing down Easton's neck.

Gorman said: "Russell's performance was a very big plus for us on the night."

And Martin is determined to make a success of his new role.

He spends 20 minutes every day

working on his left foot and says he doesn't want to go out on loan to gain experience because he is learning so much more in training each day.

He said: "It's frustrating at times not playing but I don't want to go on loan anywhere. It is my first year as a pro and I am learning all the time.

"I want to be here knocking on the door of the first team. I think going somewhere on loan would be a step backwards."

Martin started four matches under Tony Adams but Tuesday's LDV tie against Dagenham was his first start under Gorman.

