

Griffin aims to give League Two defences a real headache and his own fans amnesia



Goal rush: Charlie Griffin celebrates

CHARLIE Griffin aims to give League Two defences a real headache this season after recovering from his own horrific head injury.

The former Forest Green hitman marked his Blues' league debut with a goal in Saturday's 3-1 win over Grimsby and followed up with two more in the LDV Vans Trophy win at Gillingham.

Now he plans to give amnesia to fans still yearning after sold striker Nathan Tyson by taking Tyson's place as the club's goal machine.

He said: "I would love Nathan's job and I think I can do it. I know what I can do

"My goalscoring record speaks for itself. Wherever I have been I have scored goals.

"I've scored on my first appearance and I want to build on that and take it on.

"I'm still learning the game I have got a fantastic opportunity here because there are so many good people to learn from like Tommy Mooney and Rob Lee."

Griffin had to wait four months for his chance in the first team after being Ko'd in a pre-season friendly against Oxford City but he grabbed it with both hands with the first goal in a win which took Wycombe back to the top of the league.

Surgeons told him he could have died if the injury had occurred in just a fraction of a different place. He needed a major operation, a bone graft and has a metal plate in his forehead.

Griffin said: "It was very near the temple and I know I am very lucky to be here and scoring was just fantastic.

"They had to put a plate in my forehead and they had to take a bit of the sinus out. They had to take it from the top of my head and pull down. It was very nerve-wracking. Things went through my mind and I admit I was scared.

"It was like a scene from face off, they pulled it [the skin] down and put it in.

"I've really got to take my

hat off to the people at the John Radcliffe Hospital and the people at the club. I am back and now I want to repay them and everyone at the club with some goals."

This is Griffin's second stab at League football. He began at Swindon but he drifted back into the non-league circuit and after seven years out of the big-time he is determined to seize his second chance.

He said: "I've always wanted to be a professional footballer and now I've got the chance again I'm going to take it with both hands.

"This is all I want to do. John Gorman has given me the chance and I'm going to repay him.

"I've got a chance now and I'm going to keep it because there is something special at this club."

Life is looking up for Griffin after his nightmare start to his Wycombe career.

Three weeks ago his partner Emma gave birth to baby boy Riley.