

Talia turns down City to fight for his place

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Stadium but the 33-year-old, who signed a new two-year contract with Wycombe, in the summer has decided to tough it out.

He said: "I've had a few offers and obviously I'm not happy not playing at the moment but I want to fight for my place.

"I like it at Wycombe and I really like the manager."

And he added: "I think it is harsh that I have lost my place. I haven't been on the losing side in the league yet and to lose your place when you look at the statistics seems a bit harsh.

"But it is the manager's decision and it's up to me to prove him wrong – and that is what I will be trying to do.

"I'm going into training each day and I'll work hard and do my

weights and everything because the tide will turn eventually, if not here then somewhere else. But hopefully it will be at Wycombe because I want to win promotion here."

Talia has overtaken the retired Eddie Krncevic as the Australian with the longest playing career in Europe.

The glovesman is in his 15th season in England, which beats the 14 years Krncevic spent in Europe playing in Belgium, France, Germany and Croatia.

Talia was given his senior debut by Melbourne Victory in 1990 and left for England after just one season with Sunshine George Cross in the National Soccer League.

Talia was on the books of Blackburn Rovers when they won the Premier League championship and also won promotion at Swindon.

The former Aussie U20 international also played for Hartlepool and Sheffield United before joining Wycombe three years ago.

WYCOMBE keeper Frank Talia has turned down the chance to join League Two rivals Chester City and decided to fight for his place.

The Aussie has been axed from John Gorman's League Two table toppers for the second time this season despite not having finished on the losing side in the league.

He has lost his place to on-loan Scotland U21 keeper Iain Turner who has come in from Everton.

This week Chester boss Keith Curle tried to lure Talia to the Deva