

Cup winner Oakes can't wait to sink his teeth into Charlton

FORMER Carling Cup winner Stefan Oakes is chasing more glory in the competition when Wanderers visit the Premiership's bottom club Charlton Athletic tonight for a place in the semi-final.

Oakes won the cup as a Leicester player in the 2000 Wembley final against Tranmere.

He played in every round that

season and he has got that same feeling of excitement again.

He said: "People outside of Wycombe are expecting Charlton to beat us but we're quite confident of causing an upset. Charlton aren't doing too well in the Premiership. They lost 3-0 at home on Saturday and I don't think confidence will be at the highest there.

"We are decent away from

home and hopefully they will underestimate us a bit."

Blues have already dumped one Premiership club out on their way to the quarter-final – embarrassing Fulham on their own turf – and in Oakes they have a man with cup pedigree.

He said: "It was brilliant times winning the cup with Leicester but it's six years ago. Time moves on, I'm at Wycombe

now and I've got another chance to play in a quarter-final and we can't wait for it."

And his family have tradition on their side. As well as Stefan's final appearance, brother Scott scored an FA Cup quarter-final hat-trick for Luton against West Ham in 1994.

Stefan said: "I was still at school. I watched it on telly with my mum."

Easter aims to give Charlton something to really Cry-ova

JERMAINE Easter will ignore Euro transfer speculation linking him with a move to Romanian outfit Universitatea Craiova as he aims to shoot down Charlton and send Blues through to the Carling Cup semi-final for the first time in their history tonight (ko 8pm).

The striker's hot form brought a transfer enquiry from the Romanian top-flight outfit last week and a quarter-final goal tonight would have more than just the Romanian scouts sitting up and taking notice.

Blues' 14-goal hotshot was top of Universitatea Craiova's January transfer window shopping list but Easter and Wycombe have said thanks but no thanks.

The 24-year-old said: "It's flattering that a club in Romania want to sign me but it doesn't interest me at the moment. I'm here at Wycombe and I want to get promoted with Wycombe. That's my main priority.

"Going to Romania is out of the question for me. The club have told them I'm not available for a transfer and I'm happy with that.

"It's very flattering to be linked with a premier division team in any country. It's nice to

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be wanted but I am just focusing on the job in hand."

And that means tonight's trip to The Valley – which he describes as the biggest game of his career so far.

Easter has scored in every round so far this season and will be going all-out to keep that run going tonight.

He said: "It's a massive game in the club's history, a great opportunity for us and a game we think we can win.

"Charlton aren't doing very well in the Premiership. They have just lost 3-0 at home and 5-1 away so confidence can't be high down there.

"It is a non-pressure game for us and hopefully we can go there and do what we did to Fulham."

And Easter goes into the game determined to put his name back in lights.

He was knocked off the top of the Division Two scoring charts by MK Dons striker Izale McLeod on Saturday when McLeod scored twice in a 3-1 win over Wycombe on Saturday.

Easter said: "I'm disappointed about that. I want to finish the top scorer in the division and I'll be after him."

