

Easter scores a hat-trick as Doc wins the big one

BLUES' top scorer Jermaine Easter scored a hat-trick on Saturday – picking up his third Player of the Year award in seven days – but it was Tommy Doherty who walked off with the Supporters Player of the Year trophy.

Easter, with 24 goals this season, was voted Players' Player of the Year by his fellow team-mates during the club's first awards dinner on Saturday night adding the trophy to the Player of the Year titles he had already picked up from the independent and official supporters clubs.

Easter had some stiff competition for the Players' Player award in the form of Russell Martin, Mike Williamson and Tommy Doherty, but came out victorious to take the title, presented in memory of ex-player Mark Philo.

He said: "I thought I had a chance of winning it but I wasn't expecting to. It's a great achievement so I was pleased with it."

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His highlight of the year was winning against Charlton in the Carling Cup quarter-final.

He said: "That was probably my best memory of the season, just because it was the game that took us to play the Premiership champions, Chelsea, and I scored the winning goal to get us there."

But it was on-loan QPR midfielder, Tommy Doherty, who got the supporters' vote.

Wanderers captain Tommy Mooney picked up the Supporters' Player of the Year award on his behalf and added that he hoped a deal could be reached to bring the former Northern Ireland international midfielder back next season.

The biggest cheer from the crowd however, went up when Ian Stonebridge picked up the Goal of the Season award for his belting

volley against Swindon in the Johnstone Paints Trophy.

Heartthrob Stefan Oakes meanwhile was voted as the female supporters favourite player, beating off other Blues hunks Lewis Christon, Tommy Mooney and Sergio Torres.

Ian Culverhouse, the Blues' youth team coach, presented the award for the Best First Year Apprentice, which went to rising star Eddie Savage.

Culverhouse said: "He's a very level-headed young man and focused on what he needs to do to achieve his goals."

Another youngster who picked up some silver for his trophy cabinet was Robert Rice who scooped the title for Youth Team Player of the Season.

The last award of the night went to the Blues' official photographer Paul Dennis, who was given the Outstanding Contribution to Wycombe Wanderers title.

Dennis, who has been working for the club since 1993, was praised by Wanderers chairman Ivor Beeks for his dedication.

Beeks said: "He has no transport, he travels everywhere by train and has an exceedingly understanding wife."

After accepting his plaque, Dennis joked: "I do actually drive but I always catch the train so I can have a couple of pints on the way home!"

Managing director Steve Hayes finished off the ceremony with a speech asking everyone to stay positive following this year's disappointing end to the season.

He said: "We have a great deal going for us, we just have to realise it and we just have to pull through together to make things happen."

"Some people have said to me



Players' Player: Jermaine Easter

it's a disappointing end to the season – it depends which way you look at it. In ten years time people will look back at our achievement in the semi-final of the Carling Cup. I think it's a major achievement. We brought Chelsea down here and we drew with them.

"Don't look at it as a disappointment. With every area of this club

we are looking to move forward." **Winners:** Alan Henry Gillot Memorial Award for the Best First Year Apprentice - Eddie Savage
Youth Team Player of the Season (sponsored by the Founders' Trust) - Robert Rice
Female Supporters Favourite Player The Sasha Kane Cup - Stefan Oakes
Goal of the Season (sponsored by Beeks) - Ian Stonebridge v Swindon
Players' Player of the Year - Jermaine Easter
Supporters' Player of the Season (sponsored by Loans.co.uk) - Tommy Doherty
Outstanding Contribution to Wycombe Wanderers Football Club - Paul Dennis



Female Supporters' Player of the Year: Stefan Oakes



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Best First year Apprentice: Eddie Savage

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