



Target man: Jermaine Easter

Easter speculation 'nonsense'

WANDERERS manager Paul Lambert has rubbished speculation linking top-scorer Jermaine Easter with a summer move away from Adams Park – again.

Easter has admitted League Two football is not helping his international prospects, but both player and club say he is not going anywhere.

Lambert said: "It's nonsense. This has come up so often over the past few months I'm getting tired of repeating myself.

"But let me say again for the record – we've had no offers for Jermaine and we don't want to lose him. As far as I'm concerned he's going nowhere."

Blues slapped a £675,000 price tag on their ace hitman in an effort to ward predators away and have not received an offer since Romanian first division outfit Universitatea Craiova made a move for him in December.

Easter's agent said: "We are not talking with anyone about Jermaine and he is happy with life at Wycombe, but you never know what is going to happen in the future."

Instead of losing players though, Wycombe are going all out to bring

players in and while three additions puts them ahead of the game, they would like to have signed more by now.

Coach Steve Brown said: "I'll be honest with you, we're not where we'd like to be now.

"Ideally we'd have liked to have had a couple more in by now but we just have to be patient.

"We're all working round the clock to bring players in but you have to give them a holiday or you'll just push them away.

"Moving clubs is a really big decision for a player, it's a career move and you can't rush them, but I expect there to be some activity in the next ten days or so."

Manager Paul Lambert wants ten new players to push for promotion next season, and Brown says that is still possible.

He said: "He said he wants ten and we'll be doing our best to get ten because at the end of the day if he doesn't get the tools to work with it's his head on the block.

"The board have given the gaffer their full support and we're doing what we can."

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Cardiff City:

The Bluebirds are desperate for a striker and were pursuing Chris Killen before he moved from Motherwell to Celtic. However, they would have to sell before they could buy and with Michael Chopra already there, they are after a target man rather than a predator.

Sheffield Wednesday:

Have money to spend and are looking for a striker. They have tabled a bid for Billy Sharp of Scunthorpe and are also interested in Kenwyne Jones of Southampton. Manager Brian Laws has the funds to take a gamble on a lower league striker.

West Bromwich Albion:

Have watched Easter before and are expecting to lose strikers John Hartson, Nathan Ellington and Diomansy Kamara this summer. In the market for a striker but chasing Billy Sharp.

Crystal Palace:

Parachute money has run out and need to sell before they can buy, but Dougie Freedman's time at the club could nearly be up and Easter does fit into the style of play favoured by manager Peter Taylor.