

Why won't Blues let me go to Town?

Fola's Shrewsbury move blocked

Wanderers
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WANDERERS have turned down Shrewsbury's bid to take Fola Onibuje on a short-term loan – leaving the out-of-favour striker

alone. Six months ago the former Great Britain sprinter looked to have everything going for him as Wanderers lured him from Swindon on an 18-month contract to pep up their flagging promotion bid.

Then he was called up by Nigeria and helped their Under 23 side secure their place in the Olympic Games.

But now the 6ft 6ins striker is in the wilderness.

He has made just one start since his transfer last January.

And he was left behind when the rest of the squad went to Germany for a week-long training camp last week.

Instead, he was instructed to train alone with Leon Crooks

under the eye of physio Shay Connolly.

And he failed to even come off the bench on the night when Wanderers used 22 players in their 5-0 pre-season rout of Holmer Green.

Onibuje thought he was going to escape his Adams Park nightmare this week when League Two rivals Shrewsbury tried to sign him on a three-month loan.

But Wanderers blocked the move, leaving Onibuje baffled.

He said: "I don't know what's going on. I don't think I am in the manager's plans and if I'm not in the club's plans I don't understand why they wouldn't let

me go to Shrewsbury."

He also does not know why he was left off the plane to Germany when defender Mike Williamson, who won't play until Christmas at the earliest because of his cruciate injury, did go.

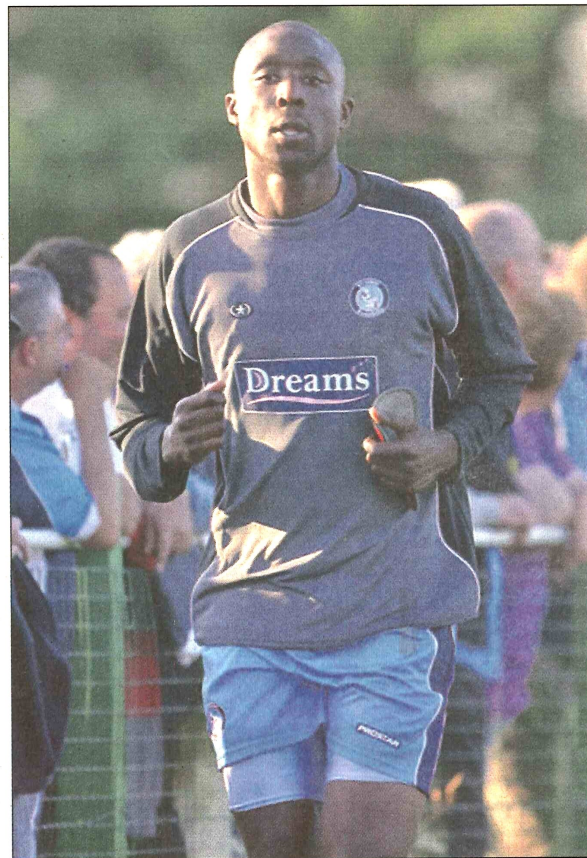
He said: "I spoke to the gaffer and he just told me I wasn't going to Germany. I don't know why."

"It's very frustrating. I just want to play football. I would like to stay at Wycombe but if I'm not playing here I want to go and get some football."

The Lagos born striker – who harbours hopes of playing for Nigeria at next year's Olympics – says he would have jumped at the chance of going to Blues' League Two rivals Shrewsbury.

He said: "They did well last season. I'm still confident in my ability. I just need a chance."

"The Wycombe fans have not seen me at my best yet."



Lonely figure: Fola Onibuje has been left out of Blues' pre-season plans but the club still blocked a potential move to Shrewsbury this week