

BAKER'S BLUES

WITH IAN BAKER

Easter owes us an apology

I am so upset this week that I've decided to abandon my normal column and write an open letter to our striker Jermaine Easter instead.

Dear Jermaine

Your recent actions following on from the club's decision to turn down what seemed like a derisory £300,000 from Plymouth have been disgraceful, unprofessional and extremely disappointing.

As a Wanderers fan for 15 years I grew up watching the likes of Glyn Creaser, Jason Cousins, Terry Evans, Matt Crossley, Dave Carroll, Steve Brown and Keith Ryan. These men cared about the club, the fans, their team-mates and their manager.

They showed pride in wearing the shirt. Most could have played at higher levels, but to them loyalty meant more than money.

You are in a privileged position of being paid well to play football. The rest of us who think our "heads are not right" do not get the option of opting out of work.

Not only are you letting down supporters who kept the faith in you during the barren start to your Wycombe career, but you are also letting down Paul Lambert, the club's directors and your team-mates, whose form last season helped you to earn your first Welsh cap.

You seem certain to leave soon but you've gone about it the wrong way.

Surely the best thing to do would be to score a sack of goals and earn a move to an upper Championship side or even Premier League club?

Will Swindon, Plymouth or whoever wants you, now wish to take a risk with a player whose attitude has left a lot to be desired? Maybe not. So the only thing you can sensibly do is make a public apology now to everyone you have disappointed. It would be in your best interests to put your mind on playing your best football for a club who have given you incredible support.

If not, when the name of Jermaine Easter is mentioned in future we will probably say "what a selfish so and so" rather than think back to your fantastic moments including that great equaliser against Chelsea.



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