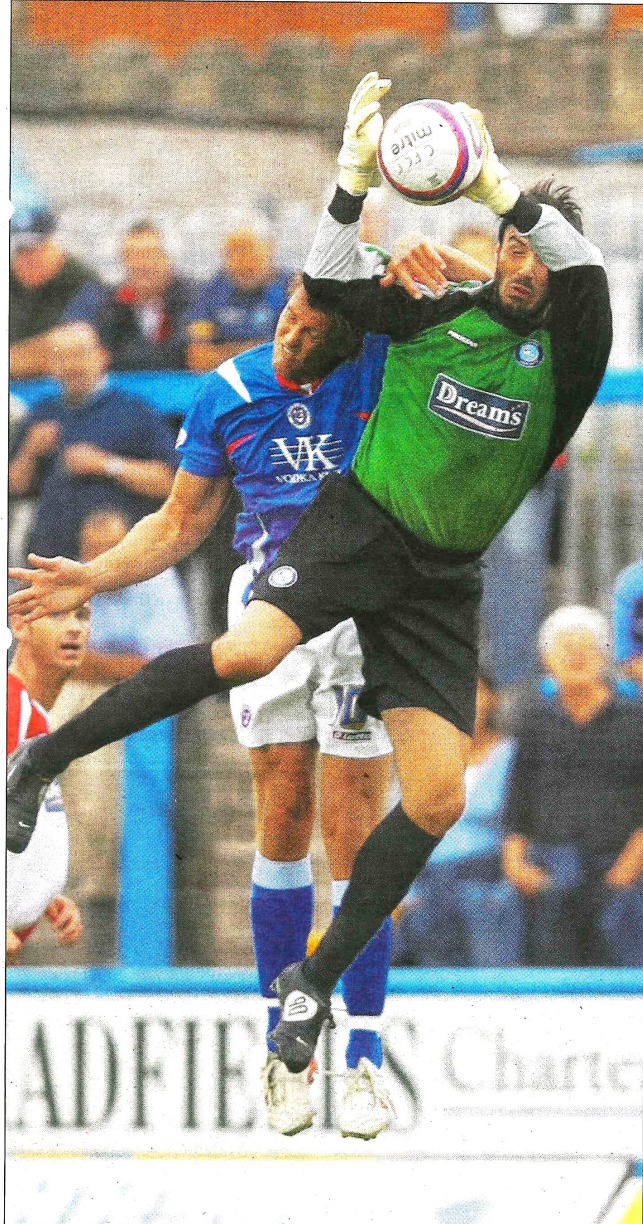




Highs and lows: Scott Shearer is hoping things will pick up for him after an horrendous start to his Wycombe Wanderers career

Shearer can't wait to get back to work

SCOTT Shearer can't wait to return to training today – but he won't be taking his bladed boots with him.

The keeper has binned them after blaming them for his horrific injury last season which robbed him of nine months of his career.

His boot got stuck in the ground as he saved a shot on the training pitch and he broke his fibula, dislocated his ankle and ripped his tendons as his body went one way and his foot stayed put.

He said: "It was a bit like the Eduardo injury. I can still hear the noise now. A lot of my team-mates were nearly sick when they looked at it.

"At the time it was worse for them because I didn't feel the pain. The adrenaline just kicked in for me. Then I had about two bottles of gas before I got to hospital and I was flying by the time I got there."

But the pain hit soon after and lasted.

For three months the goalkeeper was not allowed to even walk before he began his slow build up to recovery.

And even when he returns to the training field tomorrow he will still have seven screws and a titanium plate in his leg that will stay there all season.

He could have that removed now but, if he did, he would have to have another two months off to recover from the operation and that is the last thing he wants as he prepares to battle it out with his good friend Jamie Young for the goalkeeping jersey at Adams Park this season.

He said: "I'm going to leave the plate in there all season and have it out next summer.

"I've had enough time off. I don't want another two months just now."

Most people in most jobs dread their first day back at work after a long summer holiday, but Shearer is looking forward to this morning's return and working under new

boss Peter Taylor, who he has spoken to a couple of times on the telephone already.

Shearer said: "It's been a long wait and I can't wait to get started. After nine months out I just want to get out there playing again.

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"I knew when I got the injury that I had no chance of playing last season, it was a total write off. I broke my fibula, dislocated my ankle and ripped the tendons. It was one of those where I knew I couldn't rush back but it was still such a hard time seeing the lads do so well and not being part of it."

He managed to get back on the training field for the last couple of weeks of the season and that has rid him of the fears of returning to the scene of the accident.

He said: "I've got over those demons, they're behind me, and I'm just looking forward again now."

But he won't have those bladed boots in his kit bag when he arrives at the training ground this morning.

He said: "I was breaking in a new pair of blades when I did it and I will never wear them again. There have been quite a few nasty injuries with players wearing them and there is something that's just not right with them."

 Will it be Scott Shearer or Jamie Young in goal for Wycombe Wanderers this season? Tell us what you think by visiting us at www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/sport