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CHRIS Zebroski fired the goals that took Wycombe to within a whisker of a point at Charlton Athletic, but the Blues forward admitted that he was fearing the worst during the first half of Saturday's 3-2 defeat.

Blues were run ragged for 40 minutes and the 2-0 deficit could have been five without much complaint.

Zebroski said: "The first 45 minutes felt like 90 minutes. We couldn't get out. We showed them a bit too much respect.

"At one point I was thinking it could be a long season."

However, his Shearer-esque header after 43 minutes kept his side alive and when he netted again 17 minutes from time it started a Blue stampede towards the Athletic goal.

He said: "We were pretty down at half-time because we'd given away two bad

goals and the lads knew we hadn't played as well as we could.

"But we dug in, showed some character and in the second half we went out there and played with nothing to lose.

"We upped the tempo and once we started to pick up the pace and pass the ball about we looked like a completely different team.

"We changed the tactics a bit with [Stuart Beavon] and [Jon-Paul Pittman] coming on and they were a threat.

"They were a different option for us and I thought we were unlucky not to get a draw."

Zebroski's first was a towering back post header into the far corner of the net, following a deep cross from Matt Phillips, and the goalscorer says it did not happen by accident.

He said: "Me and Matt have been

working on our heading in training, trying to head it back across where it's come from and fortunately it paid off and went in.

"I think with my height I should be scoring more goals with my head anyway. I want to add that to my game."

Zebroski netted seven times last year but has his sights set considerably higher now.

He said: "It's always nice to get off the mark, and to get two I'm delighted. I just want to score as many as I can now.

"I want to get into double figures. I thought I could get double figures last season but I want to add goals to my game and try and help the team."

It might have been even better for him and Blues as well.

Trailing 3-2, he was one of a handful of Taylor's team with chances to net an

equaliser. For Zebroski, it would have been a career-first.

He said: "I haven't got any hat-tricks. I always just get two. I thought today could have been my first one and was hoping it would, but it wasn't to be.

"Myself and a few other lads had a few scrambles in the box but we just couldn't get that final touch.

"But the manager has given us positive feedback and we've got to take that into the games with Peterborough and Leeds.

"The lads are good enough to be in this league, it's just a matter of proving it."

STRIKE TWO: Chris Zebroski scored twice for the fifth time in his career but has yet to get that hat-trick