

Big John will be a big hit for Wanderers again says the gaffer



STAYING PUT: John Akinde has got six more matches for Blues

BLUES chief Gary Waddock has backed striker John Akinde to start hitting the goal trail again now that his loan from Bristol City has been extended to a second month.

The burly striker has failed to get off the mark for Wanderers this term after firing seven goals in 11 games during his previous loan spell at Adams Park at the end of last season.

He missed two good opportunities to break his duck last Saturday as the Blues lost 1-0 at Carlisle.

But Waddock is convinced the goals will come for the 20-year-old and believes one will burst open the floodgates for him.

And that's why he jumped at the chance to extend Akinde's loan until January 16 on Monday.

That gives the hitman six matches to rediscover the finishing touch and Waddock says opposing defences have been warned.

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Waddock said: "We haven't seen the best of him yet. He picked up an injury in his first game for us and missed a couple of matches.

"But he is fitter and stronger now. He is getting into the areas we want him to, he just needs to show a bit more composure and the goals will come again."

Ironically the injury he got at Huddersfield has helped prolong his Blues loan.

Waddock said: "Bristol City want him to play games and because he hasn't started as many as he would have liked it makes sense from their point of view for him to play a few games for us here."

And Akinde, who cost Bristol

£140,000 when he made the jump up from Blue Square Premier outfit Ebbsfleet, is delighted to have another chance in the quarters.

He said: "I want to have another chance to show what I can do.

"I was disappointed at Carlisle because I had a couple of chances I should have taken.

"I was caught in two minds for both of them and should have done better. I am very disappointed that I have not managed to score since coming back here.

"The injury didn't help but I've had two successive games now where I felt I should have scored and I haven't.

"It's frustrating because having done so well for Wycombe last time I wanted to continue that, but it hasn't happened.

"I've got to keep my head down, keep working, get some games under my belt and score some goals."

Six move out

BLUES have let six of their youngsters join other clubs on work experience.

Jerome Federico and Matt McClure have joined Zamaretto South Midlands League Burnham.

Dean Wallace and Leika Saku have joined Uxbridge while Tom O'Regan and Sam Belcher have joined Chertsey.

Boss Gary Waddock said: "It will be a good experience to show them the other side and the physical side that they need to see."

Davies gets shirty

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SCOTT Davies saw Ian Harte destroy Wanderers with a wicked free-kick last week and then demanded the shirt off the Carlisle player's back.

The on-loan Reading midfielder rushed up to the former Leeds and Republic of Ireland hero straight after the final whistle to get his jersey.

He said: "I wanted to make sure I got his shirt. As part of the Ireland U21 set-up I have always looked up to him and it is an honour to have been on the same pitch as him and Graham Kavanagh.

"They have both done it at the top level. I look up to people like that and I can only learn from being on the same pitch as them.

"I tried to get Kavagh's shirt as well at the end but I could only find Harte and he was a top bloke for giving it to me."

Harte won 64 caps for the Republic and Davies will put his shirt alongside the jerseys of Alan Smith, the former England star whose shirt he aquired after Reading's game with Newcastle earlier this season, and the shirt he got off Southampton's Adam Lalana just weeks ago.

He said: "I'm a bit of a shirt collector. I'm going to get them framed for Christmas and then put them up when I move to my own house at the end of the season."

And he is hoping that in the future players will come up to him asking for the shirt off his back.

He said: "The only people that have ever asked me for my shirt



COLLECTOR: Scott Davies is hoping it won't be long before players are asking for his shirt

are the ballboys at Wycombe but hopefully that will change one day."

Harte's free kick was the difference between the sides as Wanderers fell to a 1-0 defeat at Brunton Park, which ensured that the Blues will spend Christmas Day in the relegation zone.

Harte bent in a set-piece on the stroke of half time with so much pace and deadly accuracy that all former Premiership striker Vincent Pericard had to do was flick it with his head to give the Cumbrians all three points.

And although it left Davies' feeling sick, he was also left admiring a moment of sheer class.

He said: "We didn't think it should have been a free kick in the first place but there was no arguing about what he did with it.

"It was a brilliant ball in from a quality player."

And he wished he and his teammates could have been as clinical as Carlisle's former Premiership combination of Harte and ex-Portsmouth and Stoke striker Pericard.

He said: "In the first half Carlisle were on top of us and we needed to improve in virtually every area.

"But in the second half we were on top and we need to start taking our chances.

"Matt Phillips put a couple of great balls in and we need to get on the end of them. It's frustrating but we will regroup and work on putting that right for tomorrow.

"We wanted to start another winning run at Carlisle but we will have to start it from this weekend now."

LEAGUE ONE

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leeds United	20	7	3	0	21	6	7	2	1	16	4	47
Charlton Athl	21	8	2	0	22	8	5	4	2	17	12	45
Norwich City	21	7	2	1	26	13	4	4	3	19	14	39
Colchester	21	8	1	1	18	7	3	5	3	17	12	39
Huddersfield	21	6	3	0	33	8	2	2	6	12	17	35
Bristol Rovers	21	7	1	3	16	12	4	0	6	16	20	34
Milton Keynes	21	5	2	3	16	13	5	1	5	13	17	33
Millwall	21	7	3	1	20	9	1	5	4	9	13	32
Swindon	19	4	4	1	11	9	4	3	3	13	16	31
Walsall	21	4	4	2	17	11	4	2	5	13	16	30
Carlisle U	21	5	1	5	14	13	2	5	3	14	17	27
Hartlepool U	21	4	2	4	11	10	3	3	5	17	18	26
Southend U	21	5	3	3	14	13	2	2	6	11	15	26
Southampton	21	5	4	2	20	12	4	4	2	18	13	25
Yeovil Town	21	4	5	2	20	16	1	4	5	7	15	24
Oldham Ath	21	3	4	4	11	14	3	2	5	6	11	24
Brentford	21	4	5	2	14	12	1	3	6	5	13	23
Gillingham	21	6	3	1	17	5	0	1	10	8	26	22
Exeter City	21	3	5	2	14	10	2	2	7	9	21	22
Leyton Orient	21	4	3	4	16	15	2	1	7	9	22	22
Brighton	21	2	1	8	11	21	3	4	3	13	18	20
Wycombe W	21	3	2	5	9	11	1	3	7	11	23	17
Tranmere R	21	4	1	5	13	17	1	1	9	6	26	17
Stockport Co	20	1	2	7	9	22	2	3	5	8	14	14

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