

Ashon back in Blues army: But it's Marlow not Wanderers now

FORMER Wycombe Wanderers midfielder Nathan Ashton has made a big impression on the Marlow side since signing a short-term deal, says manager Kevin Stone.

Ashton scored on his debut against North Greenford and had another decent game on Saturday as the Blues held league leaders Hitchin to a 1-1 draw.

But the ex-Wanderer isn't hanging around and is set to sign for a club abroad in a few weeks' time, having just come back from another stint on foreign shores.

In the meantime the Marlow manager is happy for Ashton to use his side as a stepping stone if it means the Blues can extend their run of four games unbeaten.

Stone said: "He got in touch with us at the end of last season. He's decided to stay in the professional game elsewhere and has just come back from somewhere I can't pronounce.

"We've got him for three weeks then he's going off abroad. It suits both parties. We've one or two young lads who can learn from him and he

looks better than what we've got."

Ashton had a shot cleared off the line with Marlow a goal up against Hitchin before the leaders – who have lost just once all season and scored more than 80 goals – equalised with ten minutes to go.

Stone, who admitted he would have taken a point at kick-off, said his side played very well.

He said: "We were disappointed to give away a goal at the end but they put us under a bit of pressure. It was a good point, we can't be too greedy.

"We had one cleared off the line to

go two up then within a couple of minutes they scored."

Tomorrow the Blues go to crisis club Atherstone, whose joint managers quit the club last week before an inexperienced side were hammered 12-0 by Arlesey.

But Stone warned against complacency: "It's never easy playing a side who've just lost 12-0 and we expect them to be better.

"A few years ago we beat a side 9-1 at Marlow then played them a week later and drew 1-1. We're not expecting a walkover."



NATHAN ASHTON