

WANDERERS

Wanderers unveil their new 'Mesut McClure' as striker turns provider

MATT McClure has earned himself a new nickname after setting up goals for his team mates – but he said he'd rather be finding the net himself.

Wanderers team mates have been calling him Mesut McClure, in deference to Arsenal playmaker Mesut Ozil, after the striker set up three goals in the last two games.

His introduction at Plymouth made the difference as he set up the game's first two goals after coming off the bench.



But he said: "It's not really something I've been told to work on, it's just happened in the last couple of games.

"Don't get me wrong, I'd much rather be sticking them in than creating them, but if I'm not doing that it's the next best thing.

"If you're not scoring you need to be having a positive impact on the game in a different way. It's nice to be chipping in with a few assists."

McClure and fellow strikers Steven Craig and Dean Morgan are

all in good goalscoring form and the Northern Ireland U21 international said he's enjoying the competition and learning from his peers.

He said: "I know what Deano's about. Stevie's come in and he's a good target man. He buys us fouls up top, he's clever with his movement. I'm learning off both of them all the time. We all want each other to succeed but it's good, healthy competition."

McClure was also pleased at the way Blues put Plymouth to the

sword after a slow start to the game from both sides.

He said: "Plymouth last year were on top for the whole game. We had one shot and it went in. We did the same this time but a bit more emphatically.

"Saturday first half they probably had a little more of the ball. We stuck in and once we got one goal they fell apart and it looked like we were going to get two, three or four. Three-nil away from home sends out a good message."

Colourful Blues back anti-homophobia drive

RAINBOW coloured boot laces will be the order of the day for Wanderers players tomorrow as they support an anti homophobia campaign.

A number of clubs around the country will be swapping their usual laces for multicoloured ones as part of an awareness campaign launched by betting company Paddy Power.

Wanderers were the first professional club in the country to sign the Government Charter for Action, tackling homophobia and transphobia in the sport, two years ago.

The club's representative for the Professional Footballers' Association, Matt Bloomfield, signed the charter on behalf of Wanderers ahead of their home match with Charlton Athletic in October 2011.

Knott extends deal

BILLY Knott will remain a Wanderer for another two months after extending his loan spell from Sunderland.

The 20-year-old became a firm fans' favourite during his initial month's youth loan from the Black Cats, which was due to expire this week.

Blues boss Gareth Ainsworth has extended the deal, meaning Knott will remain a Chairboy until November 27.

Ainsworth said: "He's a fantastic player. He's everything I'm about and he can still learn some things we can teach him. "He's settled in well and we are appreciative to Sunderland for letting us have him for a stint longer."

Knott celebrated the extension by scoring his first Wycombe goal on Saturday and Ainsworth said: "The way he took his goal was outstanding. If that's in the Premier League, you'd be seeing that on the TV for weeks to come."

Shortlist of three

FANS have a shortlist of three names to pick from in the hunt for a new name for the Scores bar.

The Adams Park sports bar is set to undergo a refurbishment and be given more of a Wanderers theme to make supporters feel more at home.

The club asked fans for suggestions for a new name to be chosen as part of the revamp, and they have now been whittled down to a shortlist of three.

Bodger's Bar, The Wander Inn and Rhino's – in honour of former playing hero Keith Ryan – were the suggested names to make the shortlist.

Fans can pick their favourite in the Vote Suite before tomorrow's game against York City, or email media@wwfc.com. Voting will close after full time.

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Don't get carried away

BLUES boss Gareth Ainsworth has told his players to guard against complacency as they return to Adams Park following three away trips.

Wanderers go into the game against lowly York on the back of four straight wins, while the struggling Minstermen have lost their last four.

Ainsworth's players faced a similar scenario last season as they played York a week after beating eventual champions Gillingham away from home.

Blues went on to win that game 4-0 to complete a league double and Ainsworth has told his players to draw on that experience so they don't undo the good work they've achieved on the road.

He said: "You can't ever underestimate any team. Pride comes before a fall is very apt in this situation.

"If we do things right we should be the better team on Saturday. We are a very respectful group who'll never think we are better than anyone else, but deep down we believe we can beat anyone with the togetherness we have.

"The wins have been great on the road, now it's time to sort the home form out.

"If we could get back to winning ways at Adams Park and match what we're doing away from home, we'll be a strong team and that's what I aim to do."

York won on the opening day of the season but have picked up just one point

BLUES v YORK CITY

League Two,
Tomorrow, 3pm

since then to slide into the relegation zone, having been tipped to do well after their struggles last year.

Ainsworth admitted he was surprised to see City at the wrong end of the table.

He said: "They are one of the teams who spent a little in the summer. They signed quite a few new players. Last season they had a little resurgence at a similar time to us to get out of trouble. It's surprising to see them where they are.

"York will be a wounded animal. [Manager] Nigel Worthington has had international recognition and he'll know what it takes to get a win under his belt. I'm sure York will be well up for this one.

"They'll get it together and we can't let them get it together against us. We have to keep the run going and keep the way we are doing things going.

"York will be a big test for us. If we can get the fans behind us – as they have been, they've been fantastic – if they can get down to Adams Park and get hold of the buzz we can feel, it's going to be a good occasion."

Josh Scowen and Jon-Paul Pittman both returned to full training this week after ankle and back problems respectively, but Paris Cowan-Hall is still out.



Trust insist long-term plans will see the crowds return to Adams Park

THE Wycombe Wanderers Trust are confident the crowds will come back to Adams Park this season.

Attendances at Blues' home ground are less than what the club's new owners were expecting, but after campaigns to bring the fans back the Trust is hoping to see an improvement.

Club chairman Don Woodward said pre-sales for tomorrow's game against York are much better than expected and the club had sold more season tickets compared to last year.

He said: "We've done a lot of work with the local clubs to make sure we're in the mind of the five-year-olds. It's a long burner. We

are trying to make sure we are thought about and actively competing with other local clubs."

Trust chairman Trevor Stroud said: "We've put free season tickets out to local clubs to come along, have a matchday experience and run the risk of liking it and coming back.

"We are not just looking short

term – come back and try us – we are looking longer term.

"I was down at Hughenden Valley and they are really excited because they have got two players going on trial with Oxford United.

"They should be coming on trial with Wycombe Wanderers. It's those sorts of things we need to work on."