

Bloomfield's perfect ten

MATT Bloomfield said he can see himself staying at Wanderers for the rest of his career – saying he wouldn't be able to replicate the rapport he has with Blues fans at any other club.

Still only 30 years old, the midfielder said he wants to continue playing for as long as possible after serving Wanderers for the last decade.

The reception he was given from nearly 8,000 fans packed into Adams Park for his testimonial match on Wednesday night served to underline what the club and its supporters means to Bloomfield.

He said: "It was a dream come true. It's just very humbling. I was choked. Ten years is a third of my life and to spend it here is incredible – I've loved every minute of it."

And it helped persuade him Adams Park is the place to be for the rest of his playing days.

He said: "When decisions have been made to make contract choices in the past that plays a big part in my decisions – I wouldn't be able to build up that relation-

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"I would never be able to build the relationship at any other club, so why would I want to [move on]?"

Bloomfield added he wanted to carry on for as long as possible, after seeing manager and former room mate Gareth Ainsworth dust off his boots for one last outing in the quarters.

The midfielder, who has just completed his UEFA B licence coaching badge, said: "I want to



Matt Bloomfield celebrated a decade at Wanderers with a testimonial against Chelsea on Wednesday evening.

play as long as my body will let me. I have no desire to give up playing whatsoever. You're a long time retired – my dad played local football and would still love to play on if he could.

"You see the gaffer coming on, he can't give it up either. I love football as much as the next man and I will keep going as long as I

possibly can, that's for sure.

"I've come back this pre-season with more hunger, more desire, more enthusiasm than I have ever had, because I know this job won't last forever.

"I know how much this job means to me and I will do everything I can to make sure it lasts as long as possible."