

Blues get number one target as keeper signs

GOALKEEPER Matt Ingram said his boyhood club is the place to be after signing a new long-term contract this week.

The former John Hampden Grammar School pupil's original deal was due to expire at the end of the season, but on Monday he penned a new contract through to summer 2017.

The 20-year-old, who was voted Fans' Player of the Year last season, supported Blues from the terraces as a boy and said he never had any doubts about committing his future to the club.

Ingram said: "I'm over the moon signing my new contract and getting another three years under my belt. It gives me a bit of security here and is a bit of good news for the fans.

"For me it was a no brainer. The gaffer and the coaches are great to work with and it's a great club to be at.

"I've been here since I was 12, as everyone probably knows by now. I want to be here, I feel wanted here and I'm enjoying my football.

"As a young lad my dad used to bring me down to watch the games – I even did the penalties at half time at one stage. Watching keepers and then being in their position was what I wanted to do as a young lad – actually doing it is a dream come true.

"The squad we've got this season has a lot more quality. We'll definitely do better than last season, without a doubt. If we keep everyone fit, the sky's the limit."

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cialist England goalkeeping training camp aged 16, has made 63 appearances for Blues and kept 15 clean sheets in the process.

Wanderers manager Gareth Ainsworth said: "It's huge for Wycombe Wanderers, not only as Matt is a Wycombe born and bred boy, he's one of the best keepers in the bottom two divisions.

"He will play higher. He's on the radar for many Championship and a few Premier League clubs. We know for a fact he's getting looked at by those teams.

"To secure his signature and for Matt to commit his future to Wycombe for three years is really special.

"Matt didn't have to think too much about doing it. He wanted to be here.

"To have somebody who's grown up in the local community and people know and call their own is fantastic."

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