

Meet the coaching mastermind behind 'that' free kick goal

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JOE Jacobson said coach Richard Dobson deserves the credit for coming up with the free kick routine that led to Wanderers' second goal at Stevenage.

Wycombe's players spent Friday afternoon working on a free kick routine and practice made perfect as it led to the goal that put Blues in front at the Lamex Stadium the following day.

Jacobson was one of the players involved on matchday as he, Steven Craig and Sam Wood all ran over the dead ball to give the impression they'd made a hash of things.

But with jeers of derision ringing out from the home fans Wood quickly took the set piece with his favoured left foot, and with Stevenage players dithering Peter Murphy was on hand to score.

It's the third time Blues have scored from a corner or free kick this season and Jacobson said it was proof of how integral a part set piece routines can play.

He said: "Set pieces are key at any level. If you can get an extra ten or 15 goals a season that puts you in good stead.

"We worked on a lot of things on Friday with Dobbo. We were there doing our normal free kicks and shooting practice and we started coming up with different ideas.

"In the game one of them happened to come off. We like to have a little laugh about it when we practice things, but it



Richard Dobson

shows that we want to stay around.

"There's nobody leaving early from training, you need to try and improve and doing these little bits can help that.

"Dobbo and Baz [Barry Richardson] do a lot of work setting us up right defensively.

"So far it's paid off and we've managed to score a few goals [from set pieces], and I don't think we've conceded one yet. Hopefully that continues."