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GROUND: ADAMS PARK YEAR FORMED: 188

FAN'S VIEW

With Paul Lewis of www.chairboys.co.uk

Wanderers boss Gareth Ainsworth will have his work cut out to keep fan expectation levels at bay after a season where his team surpassed all expectations.

A club record haul of 84 League points followed by a cruel play-off final defeat at Wembley, came just 12 months after goal difference saved the Chairboys' Football League status.

Fan-owned Wanderers work on a shoestring budget and the income bonus from the play-off appearance will have minimal effect on year two of a five-year plan to put the club on an even keel.

Ainsworth has described spending by certain clubs in League Two as 'mental', while

his philosophy remains sticking with a small squad where the gel of youth and experience is key.

Significant outgoings saw Player of the Season Alfie Mawson (a loanee from Brentford) opt for a permanent move to Barnsley, while Peter Murphy returned to his roots in Lancashire.

There are eight new signings, including 'Garry Thompson from Notts County and 22-year-old Jason Banton from Plymouth.

Ainsworth said: "The characters we've recruited are very intelligent boys and they know that if you've got to a play-off final one year it doesn't mean you're going to get automatically promoted the next year."

HE'S FORWARD

New boy Thompson says he

GARRY THOMPSON has been around the block a time or two, but this will be the first time he has plyed his trade in the south having signed a two-year deal at Wycombe.

He spent last season at Notts County and scored 12 League goals for the Magpies, although they were no enough to keep them up as they were relegated to League Two.

Prior to that he had only played for three clubs, making nearly 300 outings for Morecambe, before enjoying fruitful stints at Scunthorpe and Bradford.

Now 34, the Kendal-born schemer is looking to help

Wycombe go one stage further than last season in their quest to regain their League One place.

"As soon as I knew Wycombe were interested it was the only place I wanted to come," he said.

"Last season was a good one for me, I scored a few goals, but



THE BOSS

GARETH AINSWORTH



With rock star looks and going by the nickname of 'Wolfman', Ainsworth is hugely popular in deepest Buckinghamshire after steering the club away from relegation before embarking on a huge turnaround last season, which nearly saw him lead Wycombe to promotion. Still a popular figure at most of his former clubs, Ainsworth's down-to-earth persona and determination to succeed make him stand out amongst the managerial crowd. He wore his heart on his sleeve as a player and possessed a never-say-die attitude, and these attributes are helping him get along in his managerial career. You get the feeling there will be bigger fish fry for him to fry in the future, but in the meantime, his sole goal will be getting Wycombe into League One.

TRANSFERS

IN

Garry Thompson ... Notts County
Anthony Stewart.....Crewe
Danny Rowe Rotherham
Michael Harriman QPR (I)
Jason Banton Plymouth
Luke O'Nien Watford
Stephen McGinn Dundee
Ryan Sellers Unattached

OUT

Peter Murphy Mo
Matt McClure D
Steven Craig Du
Charlie Horlock
Tommy Fletcher.....
Nathan Evans

PROMOTION

WYCOMBE WANDERERS 5/1*



D THINKING

wants to play up front for Wycombe

was disappointing we did not stay up."

Moving to Wycombe means he will link up with Paul Hayes again, a teammate of his from his Scunthorpe days.

"I spent the weekend with him and his family before I signed and he spent the whole time trying to persuade me to sign, which was good," added Thompson.

"We played really well together at Scunny and that is something I hope we can replicate here."

Known as more of a winger nowadays, Thompson reveals he would rather play as a frontman, especially after his productive

campaign with Notts last season.

"I am comfortable playing up front or on the wing, but if you were to ask me my favoured position then I would have to say up front after my goals return last season."

Jason Banton played against Wycombe for Plymouth in the play-off semi-final last season, but has since traded the Pilgrims for the Chairboys.

"I like to get the freedom of the pack, express myself and make things happen," said the exciting midfielder, who started his career at Liverpool.

THE SQUAD

2014-15 LEAGUE STATS

APPS (sub) GLS

1 Matt Ingram.....	46(0)	0
2 Sido Jombati.....	35(0)	0
3 Joe Jacobson	42(0)	3
5 Anthony Stewart	-	-
6 Aaron Pierre.....	42(0)	4
7 Garry Thompson	-	-
8 Marcus Bean	16(1)	0
9 Paul Hayes	38(1)	12
10 Matt Bloomfield.....	23(10)	1
11 Sam Wood	43(1)	5
12 Jason Banton	-	-
13 Barry Richardson.....	0(0)	0
15 Ryan Sellers	-	-
16 Aaron Holloway	12(17)	3
17 Max Kretschmar	8(8)	0
18 Danny Rowe.....	10(6)	0
19 Michael Harriman.....	-	-
20 Luke O'Nien.....	-	-
21 Alex Lynch.....	0(1)	0

BETTING

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To win league	18-1
To be promoted	5-1
To be relegated	11-1
To win on handicap (+12)	18-1

Top League Two scorer:

Paul Hayes	40-1	Garry Thompson	40-1
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THE GROUND



STAR MAN

AARON PIERRE

A big, strapping centre-back formerly with Brentford, Pierre was the proverbial rock in defence for Wycombe as they agonisingly missed out on promotion via the play-offs. He had only played eight matches in his career before last season, but he ended up starting 42 League matches as the Chairboys went from relegation strugglers to promotion chasers, and he played a huge part in that. He signed a three-year deal last summer after making his initial loan move permanent and boss Gareth Ainsworth will be thankful for that when the big boys start hovering round Adams Park as the 22-year-old will undoubtedly start to attract plenty of admirers.

2014-15 League Games/Goals: Wycombe 42/4



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