

Darius declines Grenada call-up

Defender will be available for Coventry clash.



Darius Charles has declined an invitation to represent the Grenadan national team in their CONCACAF National League tie with Cuba next weekend, opting to make himself available for Wanderers' Sky Bet League 1 trip to Coventry City instead.

The defender qualifies to play for the Caribbean side but says he is fully focused on continuing his integration into the Wanderers side, having played in each of the past five games after overcoming an injury:

"It was a proud moment for me to be told that Grenada wished to call me up but unfortunately the timing isn't right for me, as I want to continue to build up match fitness and sharpness at Wycombe by playing week in, week out. I have only recently recovered from an injury and I don't want to take any risks at this stage, and potentially do a dis-service to Wycombe, Grenada and myself.

"As a man of Grenadian descent I would love to represent the country at international level and I hope the opportunity arises again. I'm extremely grateful for the offer and I wish there was a way for me to play in both matches for Grenada and Wycombe, but sadly that's not possible."

Boss Gareth Ainsworth said: "For any player to receive a call-up from their country is an honour and it says a great deal about his dedication to Wycombe Wanderers that he wants to help us get a good result up at Coventry, as well as his professionalism in ensuring he doesn't risk any further injury problems.

"He was unfortunate to pick up an injury in the summer but he's made a really good impression since returning to fitness and he's an important player for us on and off the pitch."