

Bayo: 'This is the best changing room I've been a part of'

Striker speaks after signing new one-year deal



After putting pen to paper on a new contract, Adebayo Akinfenwa paid homage to the unity within the squad which convinced him to extend his stay at Adams Park.

The 37-year-old proved to be one of the driving forces in the Chairboys' battle to beat the drop at the end of last season – and finished the campaign as the club's lead marksman with eight goals to his name.

His physical presence on the pitch and larger than life character has made him a firm fan-favourite at the club. Ahead of his fourth season in the light and dark blue quarters, Bayo expressed his excitement about getting the new campaign underway.

"Quite often you can talk about having quality over quantity, and that's what I think we've got here. We all met up at the end of last season, along with all the players who left and it was hard," said the former Northampton Town striker.

"This is hands down one of the best changing rooms I have ever been a part of, so to lose some top players was disappointing.

“We know that the quality is still in the squad now and we may just have to work a little bit harder because we have less numbers – but that’s the Wycombe way. We bond together, and then we go again so I’m looking forward to it.”

Bayo agreed to make the move from AFC Wimbledon back in 2016 – and played a pivotal role in the Chairboys’ promotion to League One during the 2017/18 season. Now, the ‘beast’ is back and hungrier than ever ahead of the new campaign.

“It didn’t take much convincing for me to come back. I love the project and the journey that we’ve been on. We were earmarked to be relegated last season.

“We were one point off the play-offs during my first season, promotion during the second season and stayed up in the third season. Maybe we’ll get promotion again during the fourth! I’m just delighted to sign and get back to work.

“You could tell immediately that there were bigger teams in our league. Back in League Two, there were around three or four top teams, but in League One – every team is a top team and you have to be up for every single game, and I thought we were.

“We enjoyed the challenge, and I thought we adapted well to it. The players are used to the league now and I’m sure we’ll upset a few people again.”