

Pattison: Can't wait to get started

Former Middlesbrough man raring to go ahead of pre-season opener.



Alex Pattison says he was convinced to make the move to Wycombe Wanderers following his initial impression of the club.

The 21-year-old signed a one-year-deal following his release from Sky Bet Championship side Middlesbrough – who he joined at the age of seven before regular appearances with the Under-18s and Under-23s sides.

Known as an attacking midfielder, he links up with the Chairboys after loan spells with both York City in the National League and Yeovil Town in Sky Bet League Two.

Pattison, who made 29 appearances at Huish Park last season, was full of praise for the club, citing his first trip to the training ground as being a big influence in his decision to put pen to paper.

Speaking on his arrival to Adams Park, he said: “I’m absolutely delighted to be here. I came down last week to meet all of the lads and the Gaffer.

“They’re all great lads and the Gaffer is brilliant too. I just can’t wait to get started.

“I came through the ranks at Middlesbrough and went on a few pre-season camps with the first team – including a trip to Portugal when Garry Monk was manager.

“I did well there, but then I came back and broke my ankle. It took me a while to get back from that and then I went on-loan to York and did well there.

“The next season I just wanted to progress further and then Yeovil came in for me. I got a number of appearances under my belt there.”

He added: “I’m just a battler. I like to put tackles in, win the ball back and start attacks pretty much as quickly as I can.

“I don’t like passing backwards, I’m always looking to go forwards so hopefully I’ll nick a few goals this year.

“I’m delighted to be given the opportunity to make the step up to this level. I think I can handle it and I just want to prove everyone right for bringing me here.”