

Darius is back!

Defender rejoins on initial deal til January.



Darius Charles is a Wycombe Wanderers player again, penning an initial short-term deal to rejoin the club until January.

The former Stevenage and AFC Wimbledon defender arrived at Adams Park last summer but his playing opportunities were limited to just seven appearances due to an ongoing hip problem, which led to his departure from Adams Park at the end of his contract.

However, the 31-year-old was invited back to join the squad for pre-season training and has successfully built up match fitness, providing boss Gareth Ainsworth with another option in his backline.

Ainsworth explained: "It was really hard to see Darius going through his injury problems last season, not just because we knew he's an important part of the team when he's involved, but also because I know it affected him personally and could have ended his career prematurely.

"However, he's shown immense strength of character to come through it, and worked incredibly hard to go through his rehab and get himself fit. He played in a couple of friendlies and came through them unscathed, and I'm delighted that he has this opportunity now to prolong his career and show people what a talented defender he really is.

"Someone with that kind of character is one I want in my changing room, and the boys love having him as part of the squad. Huge credit has to go to my physio Cian O'Doherty and sports scientist Dave Wates for helping Darius through his injury and I'm sure we'll now get to see the rewards on the pitch."

Darius will wear squad number 21, as he did last season.



everybody_lovesd The last time I was this nervous was b4 I signed my 1st pro contract 14yrs ago as an 18yr old boy, this moment felt exactly the same (and not just because the moneys the same. I joke 😂😂😂) This year has been the hardest I'd ever endured stripped of everything I though I knew, my identity, my self esteem, my sense of self worth. Surgeon told me I'd never play again, that I should retire. Depression upset pain hurt tears for months.

But one night I decided to take my destiny into my own hands. I decided to ignore surgeons advise because I wasn't ready to give up on living out my dream.

No words can ever describe how fulfilling this moment is and as much as I worked harder for this than anything else in my life I can't take credit alone. I want to take this moment to tell every friend team mate & family member that this wouldn't be possible without YOU. Your love, kindness, care, empathy, support, praises and unwavering belief in me is the only reason I stand here today living in my purpose. You were my shoulder to lean on cry on ears to hear my woes you reminded me of the divine power that flows through me & who Darius the man really is & what he stands for .

I say all that to say this

No weapon formed against me shall prosper
& when god is for you who can be against you

IM SO GRATEFUL FOR THIS MOMENT

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