

Blooms: Let's start 2020 in style

A message for Wycombe and Ipswich fans from the Wanderers captain.

I'd like to start by saying how proud and delighted I was to have been named Player of the Decade by the Wycombe fans. I have had the privilege to play alongside some unbelievable talent, and incredible professionals, in my 16 years at the club and it means so much to me to receive such humbling recognition, so a huge thank you to everyone who voted for me and has given me their support down the years.

This season has been a particularly special one for me, leading the team out on many occasions as captain of a top-of-the-table team in League 1. The gaffer, Dobbo and the rest of the staff have done a brilliant job in giving us the necessary tools to go out and do our jobs to the best of our ability, and together we have reached a fantastic position at the turn of the year.

But we are not looking further ahead than the next game. We have achieved nothing yet, and trust me, nobody wants us to get back to winning ways and playing like the Wycombe we know and love than the group of men inside that changing room. It hurts us to drop our standards because we know we will get punished at this level, and unfortunately we've discovered that all too well over this Christmas period.

Which brings us on to Wednesday – the start of a new year, a new decade, and a new opportunity to get three points against Ipswich Town. As a boyhood Ipswich fan, I am so excited for them and their fans to come and experience the club that I have grown to love so much down the years, and the prestige of the occasion is made greater by the two teams being towards the top of the table, playing live in front of the Sky Sports cameras, and what we hope will be a near full house at Adams Park.

I'd like to thank the Ipswich fans that gave me such a warm reception when we played at Portman Road at the end of November; it was a proud night for me and my family, and a thrilling game to go with it – even though it ended goalless! I know you will all get a fantastic welcome from everyone at the club from the moment you walk through the gates, in the fan zone before the game, and during the fireworks display that has been organized after the final whistle which we hope you will stay around for.

To the Wycombe fans – thank you so much for playing your part in what was an unforgettable and exhilarating first half of the season. We've had so many fantastic moments to celebrate together and that just makes us want to work even harder to make sure there are many more to come. Getting back to winning ways against the pre-season promotion favourites on New Year's Day would be a great way to start the new decade, as we move into an exciting new period in the club's history under the guidance of Rob, Missy and Pete Couhig, and I for one can't wait to see what the future holds for us all, on and off the pitch.

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with friends and family, and enjoy your New Year celebrations. Don't party too hard, though – we need you right there with us at Adams Park on Wednesday, loud and proud as always!

Thank you again,
Blooms