

Williamson frustrated to have winner chalked off

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BEN Williamson lamented a "bad mistake" by the referee after having a winning goal ruled out in his first game since joining Cambridge United on a permanent basis.

The 27-year-old forward, who signed an 18-month contract with United last Friday, had his second-half effort disallowed by Andrew Madley in Saturday's goalless draw at Luton.

The referee pulled the action back for an earlier foul on Lewis Page, leaving Williamson frustrated but philosophical.

Williamson, who netted three goals in eight games while recently on loan from Gillingham, said: "We did score a goal, but the referee has made a bad mistake."

"I'm a bit disappointed, but to be fair, he has held his hands up and said it was a mistake."

"There's not much you can do about that, but we'll take the point and we move on to the next game."

Williamson said although he had gone back to the Gills at the end of his loan period, he suspected he would struggle to get games and was thrilled to be back at the Abbey.

He said: "I was always speaking to the gaffer (Shaun Derry) after I left because I didn't think I was going to be getting any games (at Gillingham)."

"I wanted to come back straight away and he said he'd try to get me back."

"It took a bit longer than we thought, but I'm just glad it's sorted."

"I've had a few meetings with the chief exec (Jez George) and it's a club that's going places."

"He has told me all the things that are going on on and off the field and it's a club moving in the right direction, so that was massive for me."

Williamson said he hoped to build on his relationship with Barry Corr while establishing a new one with



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18-year-old Karlan Ahearne-Grant, who has signed on loan for a month from Charlton.

He said: "Barry and I are two different strikers and I think we do complement each other."

"Barry is a physical guy and I try to work off him. We worked for eight games together before and hopefully that can continue."

"It's his (Ahearne-Grant's) first game, so it wasn't easy coming off the bench."

"They're quite physical, but I think he held his own and made a bit of a difference, and hopefully he can keep doing that."

And Derry said he had high hopes for England under-19 international Ahearne-Grant.

He said: "He has been one I've been watching closely for a couple of years now and we weren't too sure if he'd be available, but thankfully he was right at the very last minute."

"He came on and I'm sure he'll be producing some real good performances going forward because he has got such ability."

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