

O'Neill faces a right midfield dilemma

BLUES' number six shirt, largely the possession of the versatile Dave Carroll this season, is up for grabs.

Carroll, who limped out of the action at VS Rugby, is sidelined with sciatica and is even more doubtful than this time last week.

Of the stand-in contenders, Simon Hutchinson has come on as substitute to play wide on the right in each of the last two games, and enjoyed a lively final half hour against Chalfont.

Martin Blackler, who was scheduled to play for the reserves on Wednesday night, and Andy Robinson, full of running in only his third start in 25 first team games on Tuesday night,

may also be in contention.

But manager Martin O'Neill may opt to continue with Steve Whitby playing in right midfield, where the full back started against Saints.

"It was completely new for him, he wanted to give it a go, and in all honesty he was within an ace of playing there last Saturday. Had Davie Carroll not been fit in the first place, I was toying with the idea of shoving him in there," said O'Neill.

Whitby returned to right back on Tuesday when Hutchinson came on. "It was nice to see him go past someone for a change," was O'Neill's wry comment on the winger.