

O'Neill targets Norman to boost defence

PETE LANSLEY reports

MARTIN O'Neill has made a move for former Wanderers favourite Sean Norman.

The Wycombe manager has put in a seven-day notice to speak to Chesham United's non-contract left back, who is currently injured.

Norman, who has spent six months playing in New Zealand this year, played for Wycombe under Jim Kelman's management. Formerly with Colchester United, he also had a trial for Wycombe in the summer of 1991.

O'Neill drew a blank in his search for a new player last week. With Matt Crossley sufficiently recovering from his groin strain, O'Neill decided to move Simon Stapleton to left back to combat the loss of skipper Glyn Creaser.

Gavin Covington, who played in Wycombe's two games prior to Saturday, may return to his old club Hitchin as he attempts to rebuild full match fitness.

Norman could have played for Chesham at Solihull Borough on Saturday if he had not been suffering from a quads injury.

O'Neill confirmed: "I've put in a seven-day notice to Tony Aplin (Chesham chairman) that I'd like to speak to Sean.

"If he'd been fit, he could have been playing in the short-term period here. But there's two games until Glyn Creaser's back and it might be a case of just managing till then. Matty played so well today, Creaser might not get back in!"

While O'Neill is still watching potential new players this week, League scouts continue to deluge Adams Park. Spurs and QPR were among the clubs represented at Saturday's win over Witton.

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