

Blues without Evans – again

WANDERERS' Terry Evans, who only returned to first-team football last Saturday, is likely to be out for two weeks following an injury on Tuesday night, which saw him leave Adams Park on crutches.

Club captain Evans lasted just 31 minutes in the midweek game against York City, after he twisted his left ankle while attempting to keep the ball in play.

Blues went on to win the game 2-1, which moves them to fifth place in the league. But for manager Alan Smith, who was not entirely satisfied with the evening's performance, Evans' latest injury problem is something he could well do without.

Smith said: "It was a big boost to have him back on Saturday and I was looking forward to having him in the side tonight. Terry Evans

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leads by example and it is an injury I could have done without."

Jason Cousins, who replaced Evans on Tuesday, is likely to be in Saturday's line-up.

Meanwhile Matt Crossley returned to the field on Wednesday in a reserves match against Woking. The defender injured himself while putting his socks on several weeks ago.

Evans, although unhappy with his latest injury, is thankful that it is not more serious.

He said: "At the time I thought it was a lot worse. It is the same ankle that I damaged in a game against Oxford last season, but the bruising is not as bad. Unfortunately there just isn't very much you can do about injuries."

"Perhaps if I had a few more games under my belt I may not have tried so hard to keep the ball in play."

But Evans was obviously keen to impress, something he has achieved with both his boss and the fans in the little amount of time he has played this season.

His return on Saturday, along with Simon Garner, was greeted with delight by the crowd and following Tuesday night's indifferent display, Blues' clearly benefit from his presence.

However Smith and the team still travel to Swansea on Saturday hopeful of a good result, although Swansea too had a good 2-0 midweek win at Brighton.

"It will be our thirteenth game that we want to stay unbeaten, we want to improve on this performance," Smith added.
