

Carroll's on song and ready to strike

FIT-AGAIN Dave Carroll said he was pleased to come through the full 90 minutes with Wycombe on Tuesday night – after six games out.

And the Blues midfielder is itching to be among the action again tomorrow when Wanderers take on Wigan.

Carroll didn't see last week's league game against Blues' second division rivals, but he is confident they can reverse last week's 2-1

league defeat tomorrow to continue their cup run.

"I was listening to it on the radio on Friday, but the lads said it was a fairly even game.

Blues boss Lawrie Sanchez was delighted both Carroll and other Blues injury Keith Ryan came through Tuesday's Oxford game.

● Sanchez said he is unlikely to go on any raids to non-league Oxford City after watching them for a third time at the Manor Ground on Tuesday.

He admitted: "There's some good individual players there, but I don't think there's anyone there who could improve on what I've got at the moment."

The Blues boss did concede that a big frontman for the Blues was still something he is looking for.

"I think it's been apparent in these ties that we want someone we can cross to, a big forward."

He added: "At the moment we have to work the ball in any other way we can."

● Former Oxford City striker Jermaine McSparran says he has no regrets about comments he made about his old club before the two sides met in the FA Cup. He only regrets they were taken so seriously by some people.

Of his former team-mates, he said: "We're good friends, I go out with half the players on a Saturday night. It was all friendly banter."

● Tuesday's goalscorer Steve Brown admitted he was nervous before the midweek replay, like he is nervous before every game.

He said: "The day I stop being nervous before a match and don't have that fire in my belly, is the time to call it a day."

● Fans trying to get tickets for tomorrow's game at Adams Park should call (01494) 441118.

Blues' penalty decider in youth cup

WHILE their senior side were putting Oxford City out of the cup, Wycombe's youth side were enjoying some cup success of their own.

Gary Goodchild's youngsters are through to the third round of the Times FA Youth Cup after beating Southend United on penalties.

The second round replay ended all square after extra time and it took spot kicks to decide it.

Wycombe went behind early on before Peter Holsgrove, brother of first teamer Lee, put the Blues back on level terms.

Ian Simpemba fired the Blues ahead after the break, but Wanderers conceded a late equaliser in the second minute of injury time to see it go to extra time.

They eventually won 4-2 on penalties after Blues' keeper Steve Williams made two brilliant stops.

The youngsters face Birmingham City at St Andrew's (ko 7.45pm) on December 7.

The youths have a break this Saturday but return to league action next weekend with a trip to Kent outfit Gillingham.

Tomorrow's FA Cup opponents are ...

Wigan (h)

... and you can get odds of 10-1 from Tote on a 2-1 win for the Wanderers