

Brown's in with the physio again

STEVE BROWN

PARK LIFE

I'VE been back in the treatment room with Jonah and the injured lads this week. It's nothing to be alarmed about, it's just that with me being suspended for three games it's good to get a change of scene and do something different.

There is nothing worse than training with the lads all week and then not being able to play on Saturday.

It's also good for me to work on my knee. I had to do a lot of work on it in the summer and although it has been fine and there is nothing wrong with it, it's good for me to do a little bit of work with it and do some weights.

I'm enjoying doing something constructive and doing something different.

I will be back training with the lads next week though because I don't want to let match fitness drop.

From a selfish point of view I really hope tomorrow's game beats the weather and goes ahead because I am desperate to get my suspension out of the way and return for the cup game against Harrow. If it is postponed I will have to wait another week before I can play.

Mind you, from the team's point of view, it might be a good thing if the game is off. We've played a lot of matches already this season and the grounds are getting a lot heavier now which takes a lot more out of the lads.

It was very disappointing to lose to Bristol City last week. We created enough chances to win the game but I felt we didn't play with enough self belief.

Jermaine McSporry is suffering a bit with confidence in front of goal. He's got all the ability but he lacks a bit of confidence with his shooting. On average, he must get two one on one chances a game on average and he needs to work on that.

The defence made two mistakes last week which were out of character which was a shame because they have been outstanding this season.

The football press has been dominated this week by Sven Goran Eriksson becoming England's first foreign manager. I think it's a good thing. If you've got successful people at the top you are going to be successful.

People should forget his nationality. It's time to put English football back on the map. We are still struggling to catch up after our clubs were banned from European competition. I think it is time for someone to come in with fresh ideas and shake up the whole system.

Talking of shaking. I will be trying to get everyone shakin' and groovin' when I'm the DJ at Keith Ryan's testimonial disco on December 2.

I've been doing a bit of DJ stuff with my mate in Northampton for a few years and I'm looking forward to doing it for Keith. Don't expect too much banter though. I'll be letting the music do the talking."

Three Blues facing ban

WANDERERS will have three players suspended when they take on Bury at Adams Park on November 11.

Steve Brown will be serving the final game of his three match suspension while Paul McCarthy and Jermaine McSporry will also be ruled out after collecting five yellow cards.

McSporry said: "It's disappointing to be missing games but I knew I couldn't stay on four bookings forever."

● Defenders Jamie Bates and Paul McCarthy and midfielder Martyn Lee all missed training on Monday after being stuck in flood-related traffic jams.

● Blues boss Lawrie Sanchez is keeping an eye on his Lottery numbers. He says if he won the jackpot he would buy the club promotion.

He says he needs £1 million to get the club into Division One.

● Wanderers secretary Keith Allen celebrated his first anniversary at the club by hastily fixing up a reserve game.

The club were left in dire straits when Cheltenham pulled out of last Wednesday's proposed fixture but Allen moved quickly to replace them with Southend United, so that Wanderers could have a look at triallist Niall Thompson.

● Wanderers will have to wait another week to discover who they will be playing in the old Auto Windscreen Shield competition.

The draw for the first round was due to be made tomorrow but it has been postponed until next Saturday to allow the Football League to complete a deal with a new mystery sponsor.

● Dave Carroll's comeback match has been put on hold. The midfielder who has not played all season had hoped to play for the reserves in midweek but was held back. He has only just returned to training.

● The Official Supporters Club are running a special coach to Swindon tomorrow with local pick up and drop off points. For details contact Rena on (01296) 429307.