

Emblen aiming to come back better than ever

WANDERER Paul Emblen is hoping to come back better than ever after the operation on his cruciate ligament injury two weeks ago.

The Blue admitted: "It does ache quite a lot, but I just need to get used to it, get over that stage and get back to the gym and do some hard work on it. "Hopefully I'll come back stronger than ever and see how we do after that."

And Emblen, who had only just returned from an ankle injury when he damaged his cruciate, is looking on the bright side.

He said: "You cannot let these things get to you, they are just a little setback in your career. I was strong enough to come back after the last one and I feel even more so that I want to get back now."

● Niall Thompson has been given another month to prove himself at Adams Park.

The 26-year-old Canadian

international striker has had his trial extended by manager Lawrie Sanchez.

The boss said: "We've agreed to extend it for a month and I will give him a definitive decision at the end of the year."

Thompson has started Wanderers' last three matches but was substituted after an hour of Saturday's goalless stalemate at Colchester.

● Paul McCarthy made an impressive return in Wycombe reserves' 3-1 win over Cambridge in the Avon Insurance Combination on Wednesday.

Macca got on the scoresheet after just 16 minutes heading home Mo Harkin's corner.

Roger Johnson made it 2-0 on 27 minutes when he headed in from Harkin's corner.

Cambridge pulled one back before the break but Steve Brown wrapped it up on 57 minutes.

● Wanderers picked up a

costly booking in Saturday's game at Colchester.

Midfielder Michael Simpson, who was sent off at Layer Road last season, talked his way into the referee's notebook early in the match, while Mark Rogers was also booked for dissent.

Simpson's card was his fifth booking of the season and he will now be banned from the FA Cup tie at Millwall on Sunday, December 10.

Rogers' booking puts him on four yellows, the same as Jamie Bates, and both are now just one booking away from a one-match ban.

● Steve Brown reckons the on-loan signing of Chelsea youngster Sam Parkin was another inspired move by Blues boss Sanchez.

The midfielder said: "Sam's a good lad, he's a great addition to the squad."

"We've got a lot of games coming up and by the law of

averages you're going to pick up injuries.

"We need a healthy squad for that and this was another shrewd signing by the gaffer."

● Wanderers Official Supporters Club will be running coaches to Millwall for the FA Cup second round clash on Sunday, December 10.

The coaches will leave the ground at 10am and there will be special services to Adams Park to connect with those coaches.

A bus from Great Missenden and Amersham will stop at Hazlemere, Totteridge, Wycombe Marsh and Loudwater, while there will also be a service from Stoke Mandeville and Princes Risborough, calling at Chinnor and Stokenchurch.

Fans can book their seat through Rena in the Adams Park foyer before or after tomorrow's match or by calling her on (01296) 429307.

LDV Van offer

WANDERERS have reduced admission prices for next Tuesday's first round LDV Vans Trophy clash with Exeter City at Adams Park (ko 7.45pm).

Youngsters under 16 will be admitted for £1, while seats cost £10 and £5 for concessions. Family Stand seats and standing will be £8 and £4 for concessions.

Wycombe all set to nail Hammer's young sensation Defoe

EIGHTEEN-year-old Jermain Defoe will be the one to watch when Bournemouth roll into Adams Park tomorrow (ko 3pm).

The young striker, who has scored four goals in three games since joining the seashore on loan from West Ham,

has had a colourful start to his footballing career.

Several years ago the up-and-coming talent was at the centre of a compensation battle between Charlton Athletic and West Ham after he joined the Hammers.

Charlton ended up with a

£1.65 million compensation package as a result.

He is currently the talk of the town at sixth-from-bottom Bournemouth, but whether he can get past Wycombe's defence is another thing.

Blues defender Paul McCarthy is back in the equation

after playing in Wednesday's reserve team win over Cambridge.

Danny Senda also made it through that game to give boss Lawrie Sanchez another option up front. Loanee Sam Parkin is also likely to feature.

Martyn Lee is out of

contention after picking up an injury in the reserve match and Steve Brown is serving a ban.

But with Dannie Bulman fit again, he is likely to fill that midfield spot.

And Sanchez is happy with that. He said: "We're getting close to our strongest squad."