

Injury crisis gets worse

BOSS Lawrie Sanchez will this morning discover the cost of Blues' glamour friendly against Premiership Chelsea in which he saw three of his players go off injured.

Danny Senda was first to go after his calf seized up after a first half clash.

Then summer signing Craig Faulconbridge went off after receiving a nasty tackle over the top before his strike partner Richard Harris hobbled off to join him in the treatment room after collapsing in a heap after a tackle in the final minute.

Sanchez said: "That's the trouble playing games against this calibre of opposition. You are working for 90 minutes at an intensity you're not used to. It is the downside to this type of game. We will have to wait and see how serious the injuries are."

Meanwhile crooked striker Gavin Holligan will have a scope today on his knee injury and will miss at least the first month of the season.

Jermaine McSparran will also have a scope today after he suffered a setback in his rehabilitation programme. The club are concerned his cruciate is not healing as well as it should be after his summer operation.

In addition keeper Martin Taylor and striker Andy Rammell look set to miss the big kick-off.

O'Neill for Tel

JOKER Terry Gibson's plans to don a Martin O'Neill mask during the second half of the game at Dumbarton went for a burton as Blues found themselves trailing 3-1.

The assistant boss, who bought the mask on a trip to Celtic Park the day earlier, said: "It didn't seem appropriate in the end."

● Wanderers' players were mistaken for Italian giants Parma when they turned up at Celtic for a tour of the Scottish champions' Parkhead stadium on Friday.

Celts fans gathered outside the ground thought Wanderers, dressed in smart blue tarcksuits, were the Italians arriving for a training session ahead of their game against Celtic the next day.

Fans to the rescue

SUPPORTERS Denzil and Margaret Ashcroft came to the rescue of the team on their pre-season tour of Scotland.

Wanderers flew up there on a budget airline but there wasn't room for the kit, so the Ashcroft family stepped in to ferry the three skips of kit north of the border in their car.
