

Boss hunts a loan keeper

WANDERERS boss Lawrie Sanchez will spend this week trying to borrow a goalkeeper after surprisingly letting reserve Mark Osborn go to Farnborough on loan for the season, while first choice stopper Martin Taylor is rated at only 60-40 for Saturday's first game of the season at Notts County.

Sanchez handed third choice Steve Williams his debut in Saturday's

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friendly at Barnet but saw the young glovesman beaten five times as Wanderers crashed 5-4.

Sanchez said: "I wouldn't blame Willo for any of the goals. I think he was let down by the people in front of him especially at set plays."

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Blues boss defends his goalkeeper decision

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But the boss conceded that Williams is not ready for first team duties yet and is now trying to bring in an experienced net-minder in time for Saturday's big kick off.

And he defended his decision to let Osborn go while Taylor is rated at only 60-40 for Saturday's Nationwide League curtain raiser at Meadow Lane.

He said: "I know I will get criticised for it but I think it is the right decision for Ozzie and the club.

"I've no problems with Ozzie but my worry is that if he has to play for two or three months and he makes a mistake it could get on top of him.

"For Ozzie's development, he needs to play at a higher level consistently and Farnborough are giving him that opportunity.

"They have taken over his whole contract and on the level he's paid they must be thinking of playing him in the first team.

"I thought long and hard about it. I thought about what's best in the short term and what's best in the long term.

"Ozzie has got to that age now where we need to say whether he's good enough and I thought if he plays in the Conference for a year we will know."

But that leaves him with a massive headache now as he bids to solve his keeping crisis.

Triallist Ian Feuer walked off with the man-of-the-match award in last week's 1-0 home defeat against Chelsea but the 6ft 6ins American is talking with first division clubs at the moment and they are far more likely to be able to match the former Wimbledon and West Ham keeper's his wage expectations.

Sanchez said: "I want to start the season with someone with league experience in goal.

"I will be on the phones this week seeing what's available in case Martin isn't fit but I'm hoping he will be.

"Allowing Ozzie to go has given me a bit of money to get a recognised keeper with league experience and I think we need."