

Blues take ex-Dons defender on trial

WANDERERS have taken former Wimbledon centre half Dean Blackwell on trial.

The 32-year-old has been training with the Blues this week and came on as a substitute during Tuesday's testimonial game against Celtic at Adams Park.

The 6ft 1in one-club man ended a 14-year association with The Dons when he was released in the summer after making almost 250 appearances, including 175 in the Premier League.

Boss Lawrie Sanchez said: "Dean's a player I know from my Wimbledon days. His career has been hit by injury, but he's played at the top level and done well and we're having a look at him."

Last season the former England U21 star failed to play any games for the Dons.

● Dannie Bulman is hoping to be fit for tomorrow's clash at Cardiff after missing the mid-week Celtic game.

Sanchez said: "He had a sore



Dean Blackwell

ankle after getting a kick in the Colchester game but we're hoping he will be fit for Saturday."

● Utility man Ian Simpemba has made an unbeaten start to his month's loan at Conference strugglers Woking.

The Irish U19 international

played the full 90 minutes in both of Woking's draws this week, Saturday's 2-2 draw at home to Burton Albion and Tuesday's 1-1 draw away to Dagenham and Redbridge.

● Wanderers are hoping to get keeper Mark Osborn released from his season-long loan at Farnborough because the Conference side have not played him yet.

Sanchez said: "From our point of view, the whole point of him going was to get experience but as soon as they signed him, they went and bought another keeper to play in front of him."

● Leeyon Phelan has been released by Ryman League Hayes less than a year after walking out on Wanderers.

The young striker went AWOL from Adams Park last season after becoming frustrated at his lack of first team opportunities but he failed to hold down a place in the Missioners side as well.