

Kids mustn't fall into the Harkin trap

WANDERERS boss Lawrie Sanchez is determined young stars Jonny Dixon and Lewis Cook don't join Mo Harkin, Andy Baird and Alan Beeton in the Almost Made it Club.

The gaffer watched the talented teenagers make a big impact during Tuesday's 4-0 demolition of Torquay but he is keeping their feet firmly on the ground.

He has already seen Harkin, Baird and Beeton make a big impact on their arrival in the pro game before fading away and ending up in the non-league game – and he doesn't want to see these two prospects go the same way.

So far only Danny Senda has successfully made the transition from promising youngster into first team regular and Sanchez says Dixon and Cook must follow

his example.

He said: "There's been a lot of youngsters who've promised a lot at this club and not really delivered. Probably Danny Senda is the first one that has delivered continuously.

"Roger Johnson is still not a regular. There's been the Harkins and the Bairds as well. It's alright doing it as a flash in the pan but a professional's life is about doing it week in week out and performing all the time."

Wideman Cook made his full debut at Torquay and really impressed while striker Dixon showed flashes after coming on as substitute.

And Sanchez made it clear that he is now considering handing Cookie his league debut.

He said: "He gives us something



Lewis Cook

extra and, with Stuart Roberts being injured at the moment, it's an option. We do need to get some pace into the team. We're a little bit lacking in that department at

the moment.

"He should have had a goal at Torquay. He did really well going forward and the defensive side of his game was good as well.

"He's got a great asset in pace. You can't coach pace and if he continues to use that asset well, he's got a chance. He's got a good left foot, he's got a good shot on him and he can cross it as well."

And it was left to veteran striker Andy Rammell, who missed the Torquay trip to sing the praises of Dixon who got a hat-trick for the youth team last Saturday.

He said: "He's got the potential to be some player."

Youth team boss Michael Forsyth said: "If they keep going the way they have been they could have bright futures."