

Furious Johnson is kicking himself for kicking out in the reserves

ROGER Johnson is kicking himself for getting sent off in a reserve match against Millwall.

The 19-year-old, who starred on his return to the side at Stockport, will now sit out the next three games as punishment for a two-footed challenge on Alan Dunne, instead of building on his man-of-the-match performance at Edgeley Park.

Johnson, one of three half

time substitutes in Saturday's 2-1 defeat at Edgeley Park, was Blues outstanding player in the 45 minutes he was on.

He said: "The ban's come at the wrong time. I've been waiting for my chance to get back in the team and I may have got it, had it not been for this.

"It's a big blow. I had a rush of blood and I regret it. I don't know what went through my

brain. The boss had a go at me in training and said what needed to be said. He's fined me a week's wages but I'm not bothered about that. I'm much more disappointed about missing the games."

Sanchez said: "Roger has potential. He's a silly boy in the fact he is suspended for the next three games for a stupid challenge in the reserve game,

but he does offer something and perhaps we'll see more of him in the second half of the season."

● Stockport boss Carlton Palmer described the save which denied Blues a point last week as the best he's ever seen.

Palmer, who won 18 England caps and played alongside legends like David Seaman, was gobsmacked by Lee Jones' flying last-minute one-handed save

which kept out Craig Faulconbridge's header.

He said: "I haven't seen a better save than that in my career. I still don't know how he got to it."

● Blues have insisted that all transfers John Gregory made while he was The Chairboys boss were clean.

Gregory is being investigated for transfer deals involving

foreign signings when he was Aston Villa boss. He strenuously denies any wrong-doing.

● Blues are taking preventive action to ward off a predicted invasion from travellers at their Booker training HQ.

They fear the worst after two van drivers were seen measuring the height restriction bars at the gates last week by reserve team boss Pete Cawley.