

Dixon: I never wanted to wear Sean's shirt

TEENAGE starlet Jonny Dixon has apologised to fans for any distress his appearance in Sean Devine's shirt caused and told them there was nothing sinister in it.

Dixon's arrival as a second half substitute at Cheltenham inflamed an already hostile crowd because he came on wearing Devine's number 10 shirt with Devine's name masked out by tape.

Devine didn't feature at Whaddon Road because he had been asked to be left out while he discussed his £80,000 move to Exeter.

Fans, who chanted their support for Devine all afternoon saw it as a deliberate snub to them from the club – but the club insist it was just an unfortunate cock-up.

Assistant boss Terry Gibson said: "It had nothing to do with Sean whatsoever. The kitman just didn't pack his [Jonny's] shirt.

"I didn't realise it had caused such a storm and I didn't realise the significance of it until now."

Dixon was a late addition to the subs bench because defender Andy Thomson pulled out through sickness – and instead of giving him the defender's shirt the club gave him Devine's instead.

Dixon was embarrassed by the



Numbers game: Jonny Dixon in his normal kit at Stockport

whole situation.

He said: "I didn't want to wear Sean's shirt. I didn't feel it was right.

"I felt uncomfortable wearing it. I felt I couldn't do that shirt justice.

"One day I'd like to have that shirt but it's not for me now and it was a weird feeling."

And the teenage forward added: "If I could be half the player Sean has

been in that number ten shirt and score the goals he has done, then I would be very pleased.

"Sean's been brilliant for me. He's been one of my biggest mentors. I've learned a lot from him and I'll miss him. It was just coincidence that it was his shirt and that I happened to be playing in the same position as him. There was nothing sinister in it."