

Lee insists: I'll be back

MIDFIELDER Martyn Lee has vowed to bounce back after being released by Wanderers.

The 22-year-old became the latest player to be released by boss Lawrie Sanchez this season when he was given his cards on Tuesday.

Sanchez had given Lee longer than anyone else to prove himself but finally decided he had not shown enough to warrant a new deal.

Lee said: "I'm disappointed but I was expecting it. I knew when I wasn't on the bench last Saturday that I would be on my way.

"It's disappointing but it could be just what I need to get my career going again."

Lee has already been invited to join two Football League clubs for pre-season training and he has also attracted interest from Conference clubs.

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He said: "I'm sad to be leaving Wycombe, I've been here since I was 15 but I'm determined to bounce back.

"I know it won't be easy because a lot of people have been released by Wycombe in the past and haven't been able to get back in the league, good players like Paul Emblen, but I am confident in my own ability."

Lee was heralded as a potential big star when he first broke into the Adams Park first team.

His future looked bright when he laid on all three goals against first division Grimsby during Blues' run to the semi-finals of the FA Cup and he was rewarded with a new contract.

But since then he has been affected by injuries and a loss of form.

He missed the start of last season with a medial ligament injury and the start of the previous campaign with a hernia.

He said: "The injuries haven't helped but I can't just blame that."

Sanchez said: "Letting Martyn go has been a tough decision and I have thought long and hard about it. The bottom line is he has not progressed as much as we would have hoped. I had to draw a line under it and perhaps bring in someone new."

Lee now joins Mark Osborn, Andy Rammell, Paul McCarthy, Ryan Parsons, Ben Townsend, Jack Smillie and Pat Lynott in being shown the exit as Sanchez looks to run with a

vastly-pruned and younger squad next season.

And he plans to partially unveil that brave new world in Wanderers' final game of the season at Plymouth Argyle tomorrow.

Wanderers are likely to field one of their youngest ever squads and could finish the game at Home Park with three teenagers on show.

Nineteen year-old Lewis Cook will make only his fourth league start alongside fellow 19-year-old Jonny Dixon who will continue up front.

And they could be joined at the end of the match by 19-year-old defender Luke Oliver and 20-year-old Republic of Ireland youth international Ian Simpemba who both look likely to start as substitutes.

Oliver, Dixon and Simpemba all featured in

yesterday's behind-closed-doors friendly against Chelsea at Adams Park where Sanchez again ran the rule over five trialists.

QPRs Danny Murphy, Berkhamsted's Charlie Mapes, Wimbledon's Dave Hallett, Beaconsfield SYCOB's Steve Dell and the unattached Neil Buxton all played 90 minutes in the match which Wanderers lost 3-1.

Oliver got Wycombe's goal. Former Blackburn Rovers youth team striker Andy Bell, who scored a hat-trick in his first trial match for Wanderers reserves against Colchester, was also due to play but he had to pull out after going down with food poisoning on the eve of the match.

● Swan Fm will be providing commentary on tomorrow's final match of the season at Plymouth.