

ASHAMED SENDA SAYS I'M SORRY

Substituted Blues ace apologises for making rude sign at his boss

DANNY Senda yesterday apologised for making an obscene gesture to manager Lawrie Sanchez and says it is the most stupid thing he has ever done on a football pitch.

The hot-headed right back gave his manager a one-fingered salute immediately after being substituted during Saturday's 2-1 pre-season friendly win over Watford.

He flicked the rude gesture at Sanchez as he made his way off the field after being substituted after being at fault for Watford's equaliser.

Sanchez chased after him, closely followed by giant youth team physio Terry Evans.

Senda was full of remorse yesterday as he spoke to Midweek.

He said: "I was stupid and I apologised for it straight away.

"It is the most stupid thing I have done since I've been at the club. As soon as I did it I thought what a stupid idiot I was being. It has ruined my weekend."

But despite the very public clash, Sanchez says Senda will still be his starting right back for Saturday's Nationwide League opener against Stockport County.

The boss said: "It was a misunderstanding. I thought he



Kicking off: Danny Senda clears from Heidar Helguson before losing his head later on

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was struggling through a slight niggle and decided to take him off. He wasn't and he got the wrong end of the stick.

"We've sorted it out. There is nothing wrong, it's just a slight misunderstanding and that's it really."

When asked whether he would fine Senda, Sanchez replied: "No, it's a hot day and the sun goes to a few heads.

"We had a quick chat and we've sorted it out. It's fine.

"That's all I want to say. I don't want to make a big issue out of it – there were more important things going on today.

"It has been resolved and there are no problems."

Sanchez said he raced down the tunnel to confront him because he didn't want the argument to fester and escalate.

He said: "It just needed to be sorted out on the spot. Sometimes things are better sorted out straight away rather than left."

The public spat overshadowed another impressive Wanderers display as they claimed their second Division One scalp in five days, following the 3-1 win over West Ham.

Two goals from winger Darren Currie brought them a deserved victory over their Hertfordshire rivals to leave Sanchez feeling upbeat with the new season five days away.

He said: "If you came to the match today you wouldn't know which team was in the higher division.

"The lads are buoyant and full of themselves. Now we need to beat Stockport."

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