

Patterson starts as Henderson bid fails

SIMON Patterson looks set to make his league debut tomorrow after Wanderers missed out with an 11th hour bid for Reading frontman Darius Henderson.

The 20-year-old striker, on loan from Watford, will partner Richard Harris up front as Wanderers look to get off to a flier by exacting revenge on a Stockport side who beat them 4-1 at home at the back end of last season.

Patterson joined Wanderers on a three-month loan from Vicarage Road and netted on his Chairboys debut in the 3-0 win at Aylesbury after coming on as a substitute.

He also set up Darren Currie's second goal in last week's 2-1 win over Watford and could be one of three Wanderers making their league debut tomorrow, alongside midfielder Charlie Mapes and goalkeeper Steve Williams.

And the 6ft 4ins striker says he is ready for the challenge.

He said: "There are lots of strikers who have scored on their debut and I would like to join the club."

He added: "I'm disappointed I have only scored once in pre-season. I'm not happy with that. I want more than that and I will be getting more."

He will partner Richard



Partners in crime: On loan Watford striker Simon Patterson and Richard Harris will team up again against Stockport tomorrow as Wanderers bid to deliver their first opening-day win since since August 13, 1994 when Cambridge were seen off 3-0 with goals from Simon Garner, Tony Hemmings and Jason Cousins. That season Wanderers finished sixth, only missing out in the play-offs because of league restructuring

Harris up front unless Sanchez can bring in another loan striker today.

The Blues failed with a move this week for Henderson and Sanchez says he is happy to go with the Patterson and Harris combination which started against Watford.

He said: "We're still

looking for strikers and we're always looking, but I think it very unlikely we will get anyone in now for Saturday. We enquired about Darius but so did a lot of clubs and he won't be coming."

"Simon has got better game on game and we know what Richard can do and I am

happy to go with them."

Youth team striker Billy Harding, who burst onto the scene with a goal immediately after coming off the substitutes' bench against Spurs, looks set for a place on the bench.

First choice strikers Craig Faulconbridge and Jonny

Dixon are still out injured.

And Patterson, who was let go by Wanderers as a schoolboy, is determined to capitalise on their absence.

He said: "I've been working a lot with Richard [Harris] in training. He's good to play with and we are getting a good understanding."