

Bell tolls for on-loan Iffy

LAWRIE Sanchez is considering unleashing a rookie strike force of Gavin Holligan and trialist Andy Bell against Oldham tomorrow – after sending goal-shy loanee Iffy Onoura back to Sheffield United a match early.

Onoura was taken off at half-time during Wanderers' dismal 2-1 defeat at home to Colchester United on Tuesday and left the club that same night.

He went six games without a goal during his loan spell and Sanchez decided enough was enough.

Richard Harris, who was substituted with him at half time

in midweek, is also facing the axe this weekend.

He could drop down to the bench after failing to rediscover his early season promise.

Holligan will definitely start in his place. He booked his berth with an excellent 45-minute appearance on Tuesday.

And he could be partnered in attack by former Blackburn Rovers trainee and England youth international Andy Bell.

Bell has netted five times for Wanderers reserves during his trial spell in Bucks and he will

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definitely be in the squad and looks likely to get the nod to start ahead of Harris.

Sanchez said: "Belly has been brought up in the reserves at Blackburn and has got good basics. I think we need a change and it could be Gavin and Belly."

Playing against the Latics would be a dream for Bell.

The youngster, whose father was a professional footballer, had a trial with Oldham during the summer but was not taken on by the cash-strapped Boundary Park outfit.

Sanchez also explained his decision to send Onoura back to Sheffield.

He said: "Iffy apologised after the game. He feels he hasn't

done himself justice. In his heyday he was different class. But he's 36 now and unfortunately we are a club that can only get players when they have gone beyond their best or get young players we hope will be good in the future.

"I have got to admit the loans we've done [Watford striker Simon Patterson was the other] haven't worked this season."

Sanchez has also been forced into making two other key changes for tomorrow's home clash as Wanderers hunt a win to re-build their fragile confidence.

Keeper Frank Talia and left back Chris Vinnicombe are both suspended for one game following their dismissals in the

2-0 defeat at Rushden.

Steve Williams will take over in goal and Steve Brown will make his first start of the season in place of Vinnicombe.

And it could signal the start of a run in the side for Brownie.

Vinnicombe is nursing a dead leg and is doubtful for Wanderers' Carling Cup tie against Premiership Aston Villa on Tuesday.

Sanchez said: "It's a good chance for Brownie. He's been champing at the bit and it could be the start of something for him."

Keith Ryan also looks set to feature after making a good impression as a half-time substitute against Colchester.

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