

Villa win the trial match

WANDERERS fielded three triallists as they went down 4-0 to a strong Aston Villa XI side in a behind-closed-doors friendly at the Midlands Bodymoor Heath training ground on Tuesday afternoon.

Blues gave starts to 20-year-old Wimbledon goalkeeper Lee Worgan, Middlesbrough 18-year-old academy midfielder Anthony Storey and 19-year-old former Sheffield United trainee midfielder Danny Wood.

But they couldn't prevent a strong Villa side running out winners with Peter Crouch grabbing two goals and Marcus Allback and Alan Brazil completing the scoring.

The match yielded a big plus for Wanderers though, with Mark Rogers coming through his first 90 minutes following his return from a loan spell at Stevenage Borough where he picked up a hamstring injury.

The Villa side also included former England midfielder Gavin McCann, who played the full 90 minutes.

Wanderers: Worgan, Rogers, Hole, Simpemba, Reilly, Mapes, Storey, Wood, Fox, Dixon, Tungatt

● Ex-Wanderers loanee Luke Moore captained Villa's youth team to a 2-0 win over Blackburn in the FA Youth Cup semi-final at Villa Park this week.

He led the side just three days after coming off the bench for the first team in their 4-0 Premiership win at Wolves.

The 18-year-old scored four goals in six appearances for Blues.