

HERO TOLD TO TAKE A BREAK

Ryan rested for tonight's LDV Trophy clash at Aldershot along with Nethercott and Tyson

WANDERERS boss Tony Adams will rest his senior stars as the Blues kick off their LDV Vans Trophy campaign at Nationwide Conference League side Aldershot Town tonight.

Skipper Keith Ryan, whose 25-yard goal earned the Blues a point in their 1-1 draw at Cheltenham Town on Saturday, will sit this one out along with veteran centre half Stuart Nethercott as Adams looks to keep them fresh for Saturday's home tussle with Shrewsbury Town.

Top scorer Nathan Tyson will also be rested as Adams puts his priorities on the league after seeing his team drop a place to fourth after the weekend's results.

Tyson surprised Adams and physiotherapist Shay Connolly by shaking off a hamstring problem to play at Cheltenham at the weekend but he won't be risked at the Recreation Ground (ko 7.45pm).

His place will be taken by on-loan Reading striker Bas Savage who has been told that time is running out for him to cement a longer deal after a series of unconvincing displays in the Wycombe quarters.

On-loan Bolton Wanderers defender Charlie Comyn-Platt will also come back into the side in place of Nethercott while Scottish U21 international Andy Reilly will be handed his first start of the season.

But centre half Mike Williamson is again ruled out. The defender, who is on a year-long loan from Premiership side Southampton, saw a specialist

yesterday after an MRI scan revealed that there could be complications with the ankle injury that has kept him out of Wanderers' last two games.

Adams made the unusual step of naming his side on the pitch after Saturday's draw at Cheltenham.

And he will stick with it barring any knocks in training for the trip to a Shots side that are still reeling from Saturday's 5-0 defeat at home to Carlisle United, which wrecked their proud 100 per cent home record.

Adams said: "I'm picking a side which I think will be able to win the game.

"Players like Keith Ryan and Stuart Nethercott aren't going to be able to do what they have been doing every week. They need a rest and it is a big chance for the players who are coming in, for people like Andy Reilly and Charlie Comyn-Platt."

Aldershot's defeat last week dropped them out of the play-off places in the Conference but that was only their first reversal at the Recreation Ground and they are keen to bounce straight back by claiming a League scalp.

And their assistant boss Stuart Cash has double reason to want his Shots side to bounce straight back tonight.

He was part of the Wycombe side that won the FA Trophy in 1991 and said: "I've got fond memories of the place."

Wanderers team as provisionally named by Tony Adams on Saturday: Talia/Williams, Silk, Johnson, Comyn-Platt, Reilly, Uhlenbeek, Easton, Senda, Stonbebridge, Birchall, Savage.

● For a report on Blues' draw at Cheltenham see Page 38.



Told to take a back seat: Keith Ryan will be rested tonight after his goal maintained Blues unbeaten away record at Cheltenham on Saturday