

Sanchez does his old club a massive favour

FORMER Blues boss Lawrie Sanchez has handed Wanderers a massive boost ahead of tonight's play-off rivals dust-up by picking Cobblers striker Andy Kirk for his Northern Ireland squad.

Kirk has been the scourge of Wanderers this season, single-handedly taking six points off them.

He scored twice for Boston in their 2-0 win over Wanderers in Lincolnshire last October and then he repeated the dose in the Pilgrims 2-1 win at Adams Park last month.

But his call-up to Sanchez's Irish army for tomorrow's World Cup qualifier against England in Manchester has denied him the chance of doing the same for his new club Northampton tomorrow.

Wanderers boss John Gorman said: "Lawrie has done us a great favour by calling him up but they have got other players who are just as capable."

Northampton currently sit one place ahead of ninth-placed Wycombe as both chase a top-seven spot for the end of season play-offs.

And a former Wycombe player, David Kerslake, has been trying to plot the Blues' downfall.

Kerslake had a short spell in defence for the Blues but is now working for the Cobblers. He was their spy in the stands at bottom club Cambridge last week will have gone away licking his lips after seeing a below par Blues slump to a shock 2-1 defeat - ending a magnificent run of four straight away wins.

But Wanderers veteran striker Steve

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Claridge has warned Kerslake not to be fooled.

He said: "We know we are much better than we showed at Cambridge. That was just a one-off.

"When you get knocked down you have just got to get back up again and we will do that.

"We won't let that result affect us. We have got ourselves into a good position in the league. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else at this stage. We've got confidence in each other and we've got enough good players here to pick ourselves up and go off on another run."

Former England international Rob Lee will make his full Wanderers debut at the age of 39. He will come in as a straight swap for player/assistant boss Keith Ryan who picked up a groin injury during the club's three-day getaway to Marbella.

Lee came on as a second half substitute at Cambridge on Saturday and his class was obvious as Wanderers battered the hosts in the second half without being able to overturn a 2-1 half time deficit.

Not this time: Andy Kirk has scored four goals against Wanderers this season but he won't be able to inflict further pain tonight after being called into the Northern Ireland squad

