

Williams grabs his chance with both hands

STEVE Williams has seen four keepers play in the first team ahead of him in 2005 despite being the club's official second choice goalie.

But at Walsall in the LDV Vans Trophy, the often-overlooked glovesman produced a performance which he hopes will persuade boss John Gorman to stop hiring on-loan shot stoppers ahead of him.

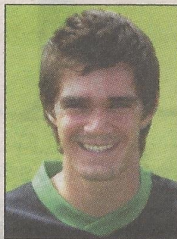
Willo has had to lump it as Gorman has borrowed Lance Cronin, Andy Lonergan and Iain Turner from other clubs instead of using him when he has lost faith

with Frank Talia.

Williams said: "Hopefully I have shown the manager something tonight but I know I have got to do that in every game, in training and in reserve games.

"I feel that I can do a good job is I am called upon.

"I haven't been hurt by all the goalkeepers the manager has



brought in, the gaffer makes his his decisions based on what he thinks is best for the team and players aren't always going to like them.

"But you just have to see where we are in the league to see that he is making the right decisions

"Seeing the other goalkeepers come in ahead of me has just made me more determined."

But Williams was gutted that his super show was not enough to send Wanderers through to the next round.

Wanderers were beaten by Jorge Leitao's 88th minute winner after

Williams scooped a clearance up into the air after it bobbed in front of him.

He said: "It was gut-wrenching to lose to a goal so late on. I don't think I could have done anything about it. The bobble was so big. I don't think I could have done anything differently. It is just bad luck."

And he was frustrated that he didn't have the chance to go upfield for a late corner.

He said: "We took a short corner at the end and I really wanted to go up there and try and score because I just wanted to do a bit more."