

Team comes before any of us

SCOTT McGleish accepted Paul Lambert's decision to bench him for the midweek cup defeat and says it's all about the team and not individuals.

The goal machine was relegated to the bench as Lambert played just one up front against Plymouth.

The experiment lasted just 55 minutes before McGleish was called to partner John Sutton.

McGleish said: "It's about us as unit not about us as an 11 or a 16. It's about a 25-man squad and we get round each other

and get each other playing as best we can."

The competition up front is set to hot up further with Jermaine Easter returning from suspension.

McGleish said: "One of us is going to be disappointed. If we're going to play a 4-4-2 it's two from three of us.

"I've never been happy in my career sitting on the bench and I don't think any player is.

"If you're sitting on the bench through not playing well that's something you've got to rectify and if you're sitting on

the bench for some other reason then, you're not going to be happy, but you've still got to rectify it in your own way possible by proving it to the manager in games and in training."

● Head coach Ian Culverhouse and ex-top flight boss Dave Bassett will be among the coaches when Wanderers' Football in the Community Scheme host a clinic for wannabe coaches at Cressex Astroturf on Sunday.

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Blues in mourning

WANDERERS are mourning the loss of former player Steve Thorne who died from a brain tumour aged 48 on Friday.

Thorne played for Wanderers under Mike Keen and was part of their Isthmian League title winning side of 1983.

The centre forward, who lived in Stokenchurch, had been suffering for two and a half months and leaves wife Sandra and 13-year-old daughter Shanen.

He also played for Burnham and Marlow and after stopping playing he took his coaching badges. He coached youngsters in America and also became a scout for Chelsea.

His funeral is at St Peter and St Pauls Church, Stokenchurch at 1pm on Friday, August 31.