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WANDERERS boss Paul Lambert has called on new signing Tom Williams to carry on where he left off against Bury last Saturday with another supershow at Chesterfield tomorrow.

The overlapping left back was one of the stars of last week's 1-0 win over Bury and Lambert wants a repeat performance at Saltergate.

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He said: "Tom Williams was excellent last Saturday. But you've got to be consistent.

"There's no point doing it one game then not doing it for the next

three or four. He's been given a start and it's up to him to stay in."

And Williams, who has served seven clubs in his career, is determined to do just that after an injury-hit start to his Wanderers career.

Saturday was his first league start of the season and he was dropped from the squad altogether for the previous away game at Dagenham.

But after four weeks living in a hotel away from his girlfriend and son, Wanderers' summer signing is hoping this is the start of better times as he looks forward to moving into a new house and being reunited with his family.

He said: "I'm hoping this is going to be the start of something for me. It was my first 90 minutes of the season and it's always good to get that under your belt."

He didn't manage to do that in pre-season after getting a knock on the ankle which restricted his training.

He said: "I still need more games but I'm getting there."

Wanderers signed Williams as a left midfielder but on Saturday he popped up as a left back even though he spent most of the game whipping crosses in.

Williams said: "It may have surprised a few people to msee me at left back but that's where I've played most of the games.

That's how I play, I like to get the ball and carry it down the wing.

"I'm very quick it is rare that someone will run me down the line for pace."

But even though he has showed up mainly as an attacking force so far, he insists he is a defender first.

He said: First and foremost we have to get clean sheets. There is no point in me getting 15 crosses in if we concede three goals."

Williams turned down clubs in League One to join Wanderers after leaving Swansea.

He said: There's nothing between League One and League Two and from what I've seen of the lads here there's no reason why we can't be in League One next season."

But Williams expects to be busier on defensive duties tomorrow than he was against Bury.

He said: "People may see a different me away from home but I'm happy with that. I enjoy defending."

Wanderers will travel to Chesterfield on the day of the game rather than having an overnight hotel stop as the club continue to cut costs.

Lambert said: "We can't keep doing it. I would prefer to go up the day before the game because it is more professional but it's not too far away."



Flying full-back: Tom Williams starred against Bury Pic 07 1321 12