

Now Lewis is giving the boss the full Monty

LEWIS Montrose says he is determined to maintain his big finish to the season.

The forgotten midfielder has been the surprise star of Blues two-match winning run which has rekindled their survival hopes.

He made a huge impact coming off the bench in the Easter Monday reversal at Walsall and that performance was enough to earn him starting berths for the last two.

And the Peter Taylor signing, who arrived on a two-year contract from Wigan in the summer, has grabbed his belated opportunity with both hands to win huge applause of boss Gary Waddock.

Waddock said: "He's come from nowhere and his

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performance at Tranmere the other night was very, very good.

"He has made a really big contribution in both of the games we've won.

"He's got a desire to scrap and battle, he's got a real presence about him and he can really play as well.

"There is a lot to like in him and I've seen that on the training ground recently and in the games we've played.

"I don't know why it has taken him so long to come to the fore.

"We brought in experience in that position but Montrose has made me sit up with his

performances in training and he deserves his chance.

"It took him a bit of time to get over his cartilage injury."

Montrose said: "It has been a frustrating season so far for me but I'm in the side now and I will be working really hard to make sure I stay there."

And Waddock is predicting better times ahead for the 21-year-old as he plans to model his side next season on the template he had at his old club Aldershot.

He said: "Me and my assistant Martin Kuhl built a team at Aldershot which was full of pace and athleticism. Lewis has got that and we're looking for him to have a big finish to this season and a big impact next season for us as well."



CROCKED: Lewis Montrose, far right, joins in the celebrations for Matt Bloomfield's goal at Tranmere on Tuesday

FA must take points off Hartlepool United

BLUES owner Steve Hayes says relegation rivals Hartlepool United must be deducted points for fielding a suspended player in their Easter Monday win over Brighton.

The Pools have been charged by the FA after playing defender Gary Liddle in the game they won 2-0.

They contacted the FA to alert them of their mistake and were subsequently charged and given until April 26 to respond.

Hayes believes they must now be punished with a points deduction and believes they should lose the points they won against Brighton.

He said: "Rules are rules and they should be deducted points."

The FA are hoping to make their judgement before the end of the season. When a similar situation occurred in the FA Cup, Bury were thrown out.

An FA Spokesman said: "There are no set sanctions. All options from warnings to fines to points deductions could be considered."

Hartlepool are hoping their honesty will count in their favour and will also point to the fact that because it was a Bank Holiday weekend the FA did not contact clubs to inform them of suspensions like they normally do.

However, that argument could carry little weight as the five other clubs in the same situation — Leyton Orient, Watford, Lincoln, Huddersfield and Preston — all removed suspended players from their squads.

Meanwhile, another one of Blues' relegation rivals are also in trouble.

Southend have been granted an extra week to settle an unpaid tax bill with HM Revenue & Customs.

LEAGUE ONE

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Yeovil	30	11	3	1	38	16	6	2	7	24	28	56
Norwich City	42	16	3	2	46	20	10	5	6	37	25	86
Leeds United	42	12	6	3	35	17	11	5	5	34	21	80
Millwall	42	15	5	1	43	12	7	8	6	28	26	79
Charlton At	42	13	6	2	40	21	8	8	5	27	25	77
Swindon T	42	12	7	2	38	22	9	7	5	27	27	77
Huddersfield	42	12	8	1	49	21	8	3	10	23	32	71
Colchester U	42	14	4	3	35	20	5	7	9	25	26	68
Southampton	41	13	4	3	42	18	7	9	5	35	24	63
Bristol Rov	42	13	2	6	32	27	6	2	13	25	36	61
Milton Keynes	42	10	4	7	29	25	7	4	10	27	34	59
Brentford	41	8	10	2	31	19	5	7	9	19	28	56
Carlisle U	42	10	3	8	32	25	4	9	8	25	35	54
Walsall	42	8	6	5	31	24	6	4	11	22	35	54
Yeovil Town	42	8	7	6	33	25	4	6	11	18	31	49
Brighton	42	5	4	12	23	29	7	9	5	29	30	49
Hartlepool	42	9	5	7	29	24	4	4	13	25	38	48
Oldham Ath	41	7	6	8	21	24	5	5	10	14	25	47
Exeter City	42	8	9	4	27	18	2	7	12	16	36	46
Leyton Orient	42	8	6	7	31	25	3	6	12	17	35	45
Gillingham	42	10	8	3	30	12	0	6	15	13	44	44
Tranmere Rov	41	9	3	9	25	31	2	5	13	10	37	41
Southend	42	6	10	5	27	25	3	2	16	19	40	39
Wycombe	42	5	6	10	21	29	3	8	10	27	41	38
Stockport Co	42	2	6	13	21	42	3	4	14	13	40	25