

Pre-season plans turfed out again

WANDERERS' pre season campaign has been thrown into chaos by poor pitches after another friendly fell by the wayside this week.

Last week their match in Farnborough had to be abandoned at half-time after the referee deemed the pitch unplayable – by then trialist Ellis Deeney had already limped off injured – and this Wednesday's match at Burnham didn't even get started because of the sandy surface.

Blues boss Gareth Ainsworth told the club website: "Unfortunately the pitch wasn't up to standard. It was dangerous and

there was what can only be described as a bunker on the far side of the pitch.

"With first team players coming back such as Gary Doherty and Josh Scowen, I wasn't prepared to risk them so we took the risk out of it and I hope everyone understands."

The cancellation is a blow to preparations as Ainsworth was set to field two unused trialists and give striker Steven Craig a run-out for the first time since he joined the club.

Blues go to Oxford City tonight for their last scheduled pre-season friendly before the League Two campaign kicks off

against Morecambe next week.

But the club hopes to arrange another match next week to give the likes of Craig, Doherty, Scowen and Matt McClure game time, with Burnham announcing the postponed friendly will now take place on Monday.

