

Scowen suspended after a booking in the game that never was

JOSH Scowen is suspended for tomorrow's FA Cup tie after picking up five bookings – one of which came in a game that never finished.

The midfielder was cautioned for the fifth time this season at Accrington on Saturday, landing him with a one match ban.

His fourth yellow card came during the match at Portsmouth

that was abandoned last month, but it still counts towards Scowen's disciplinary total.

Manager Gareth Ainsworth said he had no complaints.

He said: "It does seem a bit strange but if you think about it, if the game was abandoned because of fighting those cautions or sendings off have to carry forward. They have set a precedent

and that's the rule. Even though it's hard to grasp sometimes, you can see the logic in it.

"Before the season people will have said Josh Scowen will pick up a suspension at one stage this season. A couple of bookings have been soft, if I'm honest. You can get booked for a lot less nowadays and we've had words with Josh. I've said I'm never going to stop

people from tackling.

"We've got a deep enough squad to cover. He will be a miss because he's doing really well but we'll have to go without Josh."

Fellow midfielder Matt Bloomfield is also suspended following his red card against Bury, but Billy Knott has been declared fit to take part after overcoming a foot injury.

Blues into cup semis

A STRONG Wanderers side moved into the semi-finals of the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup with a 3-0 win over Slough Town on Tuesday night.

All the goals came after the break, with Slough defender Ryan Lake inadvertently opening the scoring as he sliced Charles Dunne's shot into his own net.

Substitute Matt Bloomfield doubled the advantage shortly afterwards before Matt Spring smashed in off the post from 30 yards to wrap things up.

Steven Craig and Sebastian Cann-Svard both played the full 90 minutes as they aim to get back to full fitness following illness and injury respectively.

Craig had a goal disallowed for off-side, Jon-Paul Pittman hit the bar and Jo Kuffour had a header cleared off the line, while Blues keeper Charlie Horlock made a great save to foil Warren Harris.

Fletcher farmed out

TOMMY Fletcher has joined Conference South side Bishop's Stortford on loan for a month.

The Wanderers defender made a perfect start to his youth loan as he went straight into the side that beat Tonbridge Angels 2-1 to maintain third place in the division.

Blues have allowed the Bishops to field Fletcher in The FA Cup and he could feature in their televised first round clash against Northampton Town on Sunday. The match will be shown on ITV1.

Fletcher tweeted after the game: "Pleased to get three points with Stortford on my debut today and a good 90 minutes, now looking forward to The FA Cup on Sunday."