



**STEVE LONG . . . transfer request.**

# Steve asks away

**VETERAN Blues' striker Steve Long has put in a written transfer request after being dropped from the last two matches.**

Long has had a clash of ideas with boss Paul Bence and now seeks first team football elsewhere.

"Steve didn't like the idea of being played wide," said Bence.

"He wanted to be considered as a central striker only.

"Unfortunately, although he is a good player, no-one has the divine right to a first team place.

"Steve didn't produce the goods against Bognor, Wokingham or Windsor so Kenny Wilson took his place."

Even if Long does leave Bence has a ready-made replacement itching for first team action.

Reserves hot-shot Mark West would be brought into the picture behind Declan Link and Simon Read.

"Mark is almost certain to be given a chance on the first team this season," promised Bence.

"He is coming on in leaps and bounds and looks a great prospect."