

Keeper given time to think

Blues news

JIM KELMAN is giving goalkeeper Steve Crompton time to consider his future before offering him a first team slot at Wycombe Wanderers next season.

The 20-year-old who played for Stockport County last season, went on tour to Malta with Kelman's squad and confirmed he was interested in joining the GM Vauxhall Conference outfit.

But Kelman will wait until later this week before resuming talks with the player.

"He had a good time on tour but I want him to forget about that and seriously consider his future," He said he was interested in coming to Wycombe while on tour and if he is still interested in a few days time then we'll discuss it further.

"He was in the Stockport first team last season and I'm very impressed with him. He didn't have much to do in Malta but what he did, he did well. He is a free agent so the choice is his."

Kelman also hopes to move in for another tour success, Martin Blackler who, like Crompton, is a free agent.

The 25-year-old ex-Swindon midfielder made over 30 appearances for Cheltenham Town before joining Southern League outfit Trowbridge Town.

"He is wasted at Trowbridge," said Kelman. There is no doubt he is a Conference player. He is very strong and rarely gets caught on the ball. I think there is a good chance he'll join us."

The Blues boss is certainly in the market for a hard-working midfielder following the loss of Nigel Taylor to University.

There was one other piece of good news from the Malta trip and that was that ex-Newport County midfielder man Lawrence Osborne came through both matches unscathed. There was no recurrence of the hamstring injury that forced him to miss the end of last term.

● In the second match of their Maltese tour, Wanderers defeated Second Division side Qormi 3-0