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BLUES boss Jim Kelman this week lost the race to sign Colchester midfielder John Reeves.

The experienced former Fulham player, who made 11 appearances at Craven Cottage before being released on a free transfer to Layer Road, had talked with Kelman about the possibility of a move to Wycombe, but finally decided to join Conference rivals Enfield, again on a free.

The Wanderers' chief pointed out to the 25-year-old Londoner that there were already several capable midfield men at Loakes Park and Reeves clearly felt there would be more opportunities for him at Southbury Road.

Wycombe's exhaustive scouting system however seems to have unearthed one or two more Conference gems from around the country.

Kelman is known to be talking to an unsettled Fifth Division full-back, although no official approach has yet been made, and there are other unnamed targets to aim for.

Central defender John Ray, who joined from Colchester in March, looks set to remain with Wycombe for the coming season.

He was sidelined for some time last term with an appendix problem but impressed Kelman, who hopes to agree personal terms with the Chelmsford-based man in the near future.

The battle for the Wycombe keeper's jersey hotted up when Gary Lester resumed training on Thursday night after missing the opening sessions due to work commitments.

He will be fighting it out with Trinidadian John Granville and ex-Manchester City and Stockport County youngster Steve Crompton for the number one spot.

One of the trio seems certain to be forced out of the club and Lester has already expressed doubt over his future at Loakes Park.