

ANDY'S HERE TO STAY!



■ Andy Robinson keen to stay.

ANDY ROBINSON looks certain to turn his back on professional football and start a new life with Wycombe Wanderers.

Blues manager Jim Kelman confirmed this week that the former Carlisle United player wants to move from Manchester and settle in the area.

"It looks as though he is down here to stay and that is great news," said the Loakes Park chief. "Andy was unable to sort out terms with Carlisle and has decided to call it a day as a professional at least for the time being."

Kelman had originally allowed for a two-week 'trial' period but Robinson is keen to move.

"We have yet to sort out personal details but he wants to move and I want him in the squad. He is not a flash player. He is very consistent and gets on with the job."

Robinson was invited down to Bucks by new Wycombe keeper Steve Crompton - a former team-mate at Brunton Park. An ex-Manchester United apprentice, he looked impressive on his debut in Saturday's 4-1 friendly win against Harrow Borough and had a solid game in Tuesday's 2-1 defeat by Kingstonians.

Dizzy

That defeat by Vauxhall-Opel premier opposition underlined Wanderer's need for a top marksman.

"The need for a striker is obvious," admitted Kelman. "We had the ball in their box so many times it made me dizzy but no-one was there to put away the chances."

"I have negotiated with a lot of clubs and I am looking hard."

Kelman may delve in the lower divisions to pluck recognised strikers and then use his reserve team to hone

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their raw talent.

On Tuesday's performance the Wycombe boss added: "It is never nice to lose but I was happy with the way we played, particularly in the first half when we were up against their strongest side."

Central defender Matt Crossley and goalkeeper Gary Lester are both in hospital today (Friday) for exploratory knee operations.

Crossley accidentally clashed with Nigel Taylor during a training session last week and has been in pain ever since. Long-serving Lester has suffered a recurrence of a leg problem that has dogged him for the last six months.

That injury puts on ice any planned moves for the stalwart keeper.

Also on the casualty list are ex-Chalfont St Peter striker John Regan, former Ruislip man Dave Carroll and keeper John Granville.

"All three are making good progress," added Kelman.

The Wanderers manager will take his strongest side to Bromsgrove tomorrow for their final pre-season friendly.

"It should be good preparation for our first league match at Yeovil."

The reserves and youth players are at Chertsey tomorrow.