

INJURY SCARE!

Kerr is sidelined

WYCOMBE Wanderers depressing run of injuries continued when new star John Kerr failed to appear for the second half of Saturday's FA Cup success over Staines Town.

Kerr is today (Tuesday) receiving treatment at Glasgow Rangers for a swollen knee and Kelman is praying his latest acquisition is fit for next Saturday's Conference clash with Telford.

"We'll see how bad it is when he reports on Thursday," said Kelman who is also without midfielder Kevin Durham who pulled a hamstring during training last week.

"Hopefully neither is long-term and I would hope at least one of them is fit for the Telford game. The injuries never stop - it seems we get one back and then another one goes."

There is better news concerning Blues' other walking wounded.

Midfielder Lawrence Osborne, goalkeeper Gary Lester and defender Matt Crossley are to be given a run out in tomorrow's Capital League affair at Cambridge United.

Wanderers and Chalfont St Peter are currently discussing the Conference future of striker John Regan.

"We have come up to his next installment and we are reviewing the situation," said the Loakes Park manager. "Nothing is settled and he is still a Wycombe player."

But with the arrival of John Kerr, Regan could be on his way back to The Meadow.

Goalkeeper Steve Crompton has gone to Marlow on a month's loan.

Meanwhile Wanderers fans gave former manager Alan Gane a rousing ovation at the end of Saturday's Cup clash at Wheatheaf Lane.

Esteem

The Loakes Park faithful showed they still hold Gane in high esteem by chanting his name following Blues' hard-earned victory over the Vauxhall-Opel division one underdogs.

Gane, bitterly disappointed that Staines failed to take his old club to a replay, acknowledged the gesture.

"It was very much appreciated," said the man who steered Wanderers back into the Conference two seasons ago in record-breaking style.

But Gane, who left the Bucks club in frustration over financial restrictions in August last year, was not so happy about his side's performance at the weekend.

"I was rather disappointed with one or two

Rolf Niven reports

players who have been turning it on all season but didn't get going. Losing our big centre-half didn't help either.

"We looked good in the opening stages and we should really have scored. Our midfield ran their legs off and tired in the second half. But Wycombe didn't allow us to play. They battled really well and at the end of the day Glyn Creaser was probably the difference between the sides - he was magnificent."

Gane admitted he was secretly relieved when he learnt that Kevin Durham - one of the key figures in his own Wycombe side - was ruled out of Saturday's line-up because of a hamstring injury.

"Kevin was the one player I was scared of and when I heard he was out I was well pleased."

Meanwhile current Wycombe chief Jim Kelman was full of admiration for the man he must try and emulate.

"Alan Gane prepared a championship winning side at Wycombe and it looks as though he may have done the same here at Staines," he commented "They gave us a real run for our money."

"I was not impressed with the state of pitch - it ruined any chance either of the sides had of playing controlled, attractive football. The surface and the confined ground was in Staines' favour and they unsettled us at the start."

"They play good football and I was particularly impressed with George Link. We just got down and did a good job although Glyn Creaser was magnificent at the back."