

Kelman scotches transfer rumours

BLUES boss Jim Kelman this week denied rumours that star Maidstone United striker Steve Butler is set to move to Loakes Park and that home-grown goal ace Mark West is on his way out.

Speculation has been rife about possible transfer activity since reported sightings of 26-year-old Butler at the Wycombe ground last week.

The ex-Army man certainly made a big impression on an official visit last season when he netted three times as Stones landed a 5-1 victory over Wanderers.

But Kelman has made it plain that the transfer talk is just so much hot air.

He said: "There is no truth at all in these stories and I have no firm plans to sign anyone at the moment.

"We never stop looking for new players and we are interested in signing another striker, but there is nothing definite.

"Mark West is certainly going nowhere. It is not the time of the year to be selling your leading scorer.

"I have a 19 strong squad at the moment, which is perhaps a bit heavy. But two of those are youngsters, Andy Russell and Mark Butler, and we have three keepers on the

books. Ideally I would like to find a loan club for Steve Crompton because he is missing out on Saturday experience.

"But there is no player at Wycombe who is on the list or who I would want to get rid of."

One of Kelman's youngsters, 24-year-old front runner Mark Butler, was in fine form on Monday night, helping himself to a hat trick in an impressive 4-1 Capital League win over Wealdstone.

Those efforts took the £3000 ex-Egham man's tally to four goals in two games for his new club. The other goal came from triallist Steve Walters.