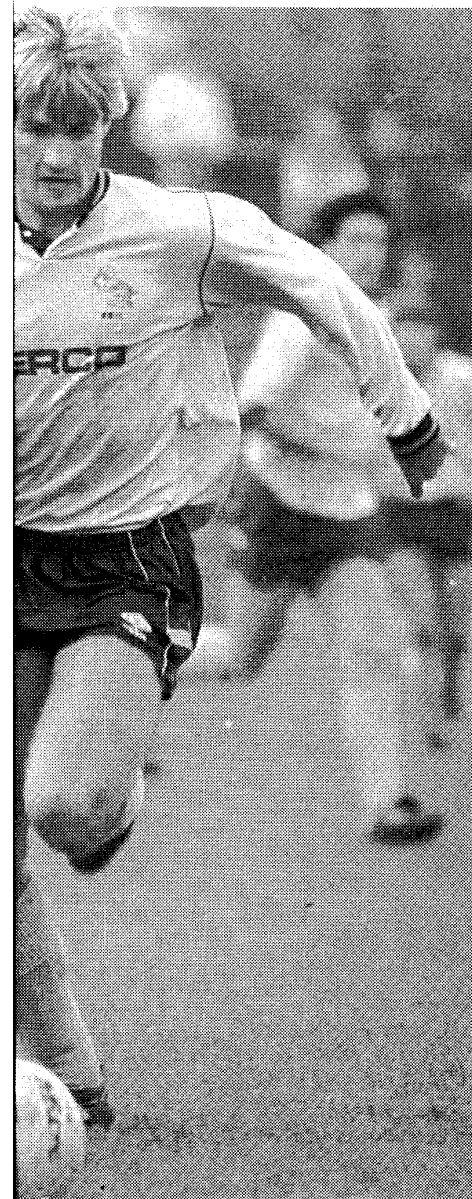


John Kerr is gone for good



JOHN KERR may have played his last game for Wycombe Wanderers.

The United States international has left Loakes Park to seek richer pickings in France and manager Jim Kelman has almost resigned himself to the fact that Kerr will not be back.

"John has left the club at the moment and I don't know if he will be returning," said Kelman. "He came on a loan basis to help us out until Nicky Evans returned to full fitness and now that he has fulfilled his obligation to the club, he has gone to pursue greater things on the continent.

Crisis

"I would like John to return, but it is no good having players if they are not there all the time".

Kerr returned to Wycombe in September after his regular US summer season, with Wanderers in a crisis at the bottom of the league.

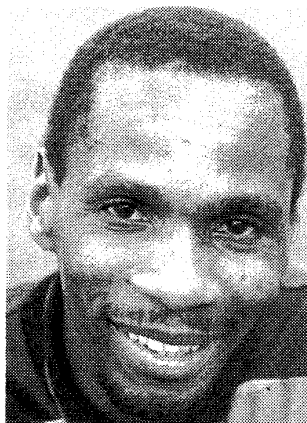
In his comeback game, he scored a last-minute equaliser to secure a point against Kidderminster after Wanderers had been 3-0 down, and he scored again in the FA Cup ties at Boreham Wood and Gravesend.

"He has inspired the team ever since his arrival," said Kelman. "We needed a boost and John gave it to us. It was great while he was here."

On the plus side for Wycombe, Trinidad and Tobago interna-

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Granville set for Chorley return



■ John Granville

tional keeper John Granville is back in full training and hoping to be in the Wycombe side to face Chorley at Victory Park on Saturday.

Kerr apart, Wanderers are at full strength for the trip to Lan-

cashire now that Granville has recovered from the severe concussion he sustained during the Telford match, which forced him to quit the park, leaving Matt Crossley to deputise in the Wycombe goal.

Evans has a touch of flu but Kelman is confident that he will be fit for Saturday against a Magpies side he describes as being a "strong, hard outfit."

Kelman is hoping to see Mark West back to his best now that Kerr has left, while Steve Guppy and Robert Thorpe are also being lined up for a crack at the first team.

The Blues boss said: "We have been training exceptionally hard in midweek and we will be ready for Saturday. It won't be easy but we will have to cope."

There was mixed team news for Chorley this week. Centre half Glen Keeley successfully came through Saturday's FA Cup draw with Marine, but former Welsh international Peter Sayer goes into hospital this week for a cartilage operation.

Reflecting on last Saturday's game, Kelman commented: "I cannot blame any one player for the defeat. We are a good footballing side but that was a battle, not a game of football.

"We lost the battle, but it's not the end of the war."

● England's part-time women footballers covered themselves in glory in Wednesday night's international at Loakes Park.

Taking on the full-time professionals of Italy, they managed to earn a 1-1 draw in front of a crowd of 1014.