

Kelman snaps up Brighton striker

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WANDERERS boss Jim Kelman has given himself an early Christmas present by signing striker Martin Lambert from Brighton and Hove Albion for £15,000.

And the transfer activity may not stop there, as Kelman is known to have put in a bid for highly-rated but unsettled Aldershot midfielder Glen Burvill.

With both Mark West and Nicky Evans struggling with injuries at the moment, Kelman has been looking for some time to recruit a proven goalscorer to help with Blues' Conference revival.

And on Tuesday he swooped to land 24-year-old six-footer Lambert, whose short career has already taken him far afield.

Lambert played in the same England Schools side as Mark West in his formative years and also represented his country at Youth level.

A native of Southampton, he started as an apprentice at The Dell before joining Worthing and then moving from Woodside Road to Torquay United.

From Plainmoor, he shifted his allegiances to Brighton, and then switched to the continent where he played for Le Havre and helped Sedam to the third division championship as well as having spells in Holland and Belgium.

He returned to England from



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Sedam at the start of this season and returned to the Goldstone ground. So far this term, he has been on the Brighton bench 13 times and has made two forays into Division Two activity against Sheffield United and Bradford.

He was spotted by Wanderers scout Ian Crossley father of defender Matt who followed up the initial approach to make sure the club did not miss out on the signing.

Kelman agreed terms with the player and Brighton boss Barry Lloyd on Monday and is expected to include him in the side to face Yeovil on Saturday.

Wanderers are still hot on the trail of talented midfielder Burvill, but

they may be put off by the asking price, since sources close to the Hampshire club have suggested he is valued at around £50,000, while Wanderers initial bid is thought to have been considerably less.

Talks were held on Monday, but a decision has yet to be made. Aldershot manager Len Walker was unavailable for comment at the time of going to press.

Burvill, 27, whose previous clubs include West Ham and Reading, has been instrumental in hauling Aldershot into the top half of the Fourth Division, having lost just four games all season. He is in his second spell at The Recreation ground.

He is currently playing on a week-to-week basis at Aldershot, and is reported to be unhappy at the amount he is being paid.

Burvill began his career at West Ham United before being given a free transfer to Aldershot in July, 1983. He was then sold to Reading in 1985 for £9,000 before being returned, via a short loan at Fulham, to Aldershot on a free in 1986.

However, the man who brought him back to the Recreation Ground, Ron Harris, was duly sacked shortly after Burvill's return, and Len Walker, the man who sold the midfielder to Reading, came back as manager.

● **WANDERERS** will be out to avenge their controversial defeat against Yeovil two weeks ago when they step out at The Huish tomorrow.

Mark West has a slight shoulder injury but it held out in midweek training and he should play.

But strike partner Nicky Evans is doubtful with a recurrence of his knee injury.