

TREVOR IN NO HURRY

AYLESBURY United manager Trevor Gould was this week in no hurry to appoint a new club coach after Jim Kelman left the post within a month of taking it up, following players' criticism of his methods.

United frankly disclosed the board's decision to part company with Kelman last Wednesday, and according to sources within the club, it was in response to players accusing him of excessive training methods and bad man-management.

The announcement was made the day after Gould and the first team squad discussed the problem before the Kingstonian game.

Two senior players, representing the majority of the first team squad, had first aired their grievances after United's match at Woking the previous Saturday, according to the sources.

Kelman rejects the criticism, saying that he and Gould always put the players' interests first.

Gould said on Saturday: "I think Jim was a good coach and he was a little bit unlucky.

"He probably came to the club where a lot of the players were set in their ways."

Gould did not comment further but is said to regret what has happened.

He has no personal criticism of Kelman but felt he was in a Catch 22 situation.

Gould noticed that team morale was not as high as it usually was in their 3-1 defeat at Woking.

Gould is now going to do more of the coaching himself, letting chief scout Chris Scott take on more work on the administrative side.

Kelman had undertaken 80 per cent of the coaching since he arrived in September to help Gould restore the Vauxhall League Premier Division club into the GM Vauxhall Conference, where the cream of non-league teams play and which has direct entry into the Barclays League.

Kelman, who now works for the Sports Council and was once manager of GM Conference Wycombe Wanderers, said: "The pressure of work has grown so much that I'm now going to play it by ear. I was only brought in to help Trevor Gould with the coaching.

"I thought I could combine a bit of coaching with everything else I do, but I've just got to slow down."