

In-form Kettering hold the title key

KETTERING visit Colchester tonight with two of their on-loan players involved in Peterborough's Third Division play-off mission at Torquay.

Lee Howarth, who also missed Kettering's game with Wycombe last week, and Garry Butterworth have been recalled by Peterborough. Their absence, however, did not prevent the Poppies from thrashing Altrincham 5-0.

Kettering are likely to have striker Pat Gavin recovered from an ankle injury collected against Blues when he was on target in the 1-1 draw.

Peter Morris, the Kettering manager, said: "It'll be a great game. We're not playing with the pressure Colchester and Wycombe have, and we're certainly in form. Confidence is high, and we desperately want to go there and beat them."

Colchester are waiting to see whether Mike Masters recovers from a knock collected in Saturday's 4-4 draw at Macclesfield.

Skipper Tony English scored the Us' final equaliser and said: "It was a point gained — Wycombe lost there 3-1, without which we wouldn't have been top.

"It's still in our own hands and if we can play the way we have for most of the season, if we can do the business, the pressure will be on Wycombe."