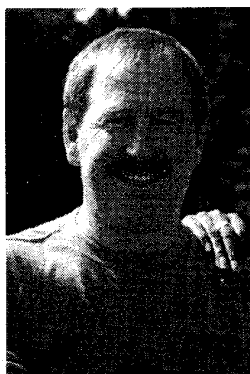


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● **JIM KELMAN-** the man with the task of rescuing Chesham Utd

THE Diadora league managership merry-go-round took another turn last week with the announcement that Jim Kelman had taken over the manager's post at the Meadow.

Previous player manager Paul Roberts had been under considerable pressure to turn the side around. This blew like a volcano in his confrontation with disgruntled fans at the Wokingham match.

Chairman Dave Pembroke took a dim view of this and fined Roberts heavily. From then on I believe, Roberts was on skid row.

However he and his mentor Bob Pearson, now scouting for QPR, took over when the club was in a desperate state in the close season and for a while looked as if they had the side moving in the right direction.

The tide began to turn against them after FA Cup defeat against Bashley and the earlier departure of 'keeper Andy Lomas hit the side. Since November Utd failed to win a single league gam.

Roberts this week signed for fellow Premier side Purfleet.

The new man in the hot seat has an impressive pedigree. During the 1987-88

season Kelman, on a four-year contract, took over at Wycombe Wanderers who were languishing near the foot of the Vauxhall Conference and steered them away from danger.

He then went on to manage Newbury and Maidenhead United and for the past four years has been instrumental in guiding rising Diadora stars Chertsey to sec-

□ **Chesham Utd's Marketing Manager Lorna Walker, appointed in September, resigned of her own accord on Monday. Directors Ken Ambrose and Ron Campion will fill the role.**

ond place in Division 1.

It is clear that he won't be able to work instant miracles but with his coach Simon East he intends to make a fight of it in the second half of the season.

The move brings him in contact with John Granville, his keeper at Wycombe who has indicated he wants to see out the season.

Whatever happens United fans should see their side play attractive football and hit the back of the net - Chertsey have just scored their 70th goal of the season.

Kelman's first match in charge was to

Blues miss out

WYCOMBE Wanderers were involved in two back-to-back postponements after Saturday's away match at

League Div 2

York City was called off early on Friday morning.

Other games in the top half of the division did go ahead, but Wycombe still stay well

in contention, with the leaders only six points ahead. The Blues also have two games in hand over most of teams above them.

At the time of going to press, Wanderers were preparing for an away fixture at Chester City last night.

On Saturday, Wycombe entertain Blackpool -only one place behind the Blues

Three reasons to be there

SATURDAY'S game at home to Blackpool is eagerly awaited by the Blue Army for a number of reasons.

The first is the excitement of seeing new boy and midweek goal hero Miguel Desouza in action.

Reason two is that the home game is the first for a long time and withdrawal symptoms are beginning to take hold.

The final reason is that unrivalled fanzine The Adams Family returns with its first issue of the year. This 16th issue will be on sale, at 50p, before the game at the ground on Saturday.

If you miss your chance then do not fear, Wycombe Wines and Scorpion Records will have plenty in from Monday. Enjoy your read.

Fanzine makes comeback



WYCOMBE WANDERERS FANZINE

THE long-awaited new issue of Wycombe Wanderers' fanzine The Adams Family will be thrust into supporters' hands, money notwithstanding, before kick-off in tomorrow's match against Blackpool.

Contrary to widespread belief the fanzine's production team is still intact, although with a reshuffled line-up.

Better

The new publication is described as bigger, better, and generally slicker. "I think people will find that the quality of the presentation has improved. And it's still only a staggeringly cheap 50p," said a TAF spokesman.

Club axe Barbados trip

THE very attractive prospect of a week-long tour and holiday to the sun-blessed Caribbean island of Barbados was dashed for Wycombe's players and supporters this week when it was cancelled.

Wanderers released details of a tour package last week, which included posters being put up at the club.

Agreement

But the week-long trip, which was to have begun on June 2, became merely wishful thinking on Monday.

Mark Austin, Wycombe's marketing manager, explained why.

"Both parties could not reach agreement on the final details. We were not happy with the travel company's arrangements. I was not happy with it. I wouldn't go ahead with something I did not believe in. If in doubt, kick it out."

Austin said no one had booked up with the tour, run by Team Theme, part of Worldwide Sport and Group Holidays. He added that it was unfortunate it had to be cancelled and added: "It all happened too quickly basically."

The club has not ruled out a tour to another foreign clime, but it may not be quite as far flung and exotic as Barbados.