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TALKS with highly-rated Scott Steele and long-serving Lloyd Wye were left unresolved this week - and Woking boss Geoff Chapple went away on holiday without securing any new signings.

Chapple faces a busy return on June 22.

Left-back Wye and attacking midfielder Steele failed to reach agreement with the Cards' Management Committee after talks in the past seven days, so Chapple will meet each player separately in his first week back.

Then he hopes to complete the signing of Wycombe's former Orient and Chelsea reserve defender Terry Howard, who, having often played at left-back, could be the ideal replacement for Rushden-bound Mark Tucker on the left of Woking's three-man central defence.

Chapple will also be able to do something he has waited two months to do - peruse

the list of released players from the Professional Footballers' Association.

The Cards' manager already has half a dozen targets - mainly in defence, apparently - but most of his dealing will come after he checks for any surprises or bargains the list of around 500 name available on a free transfer form league clubs.

Simon Garner, such a prolific scorer with Blackburn, and newly-released by Wycombe, is likely to speak to Chapple at the end of the month. He is the type of player who fill a long-time vacancy in the Cards' team: a busy, conventional scorer-and-provider.

It seems certain that another midfielder will sign - probably a hard-working but link-player.

Around five players should join in all: giving the Cards their strongest ever Conference squad.