

Prove you're worth £15,000

LOAN signing Jason Kavanagh has one month to prove to John Gregory that he is worth the £15,000 Derby want for him.

Defender Kavanagh made his Blues debut playing in place of right back Jason Cousins in last week's 3-0 defeat at Crewe. He has been signed on a month's loan and Premiership Derby have agreed a £15,000 fee with Gregory if the Wanderers boss wants to make the deal permanent.

Gregory said: "I hope I can get the money to get him. We have agreed a fee which I think is reasonable considering his qualities, he's got a lot going for him. He can play anywhere and that's what we need."

He added: "He found it a bit strange at Crewe but he had only been with us for a day. Ideally I would have liked him to be here for pre-season, just as I would have liked to be here then."

Kavanagh, who has scored just one goal in more than 100 appearances for the Rams, has not been able to claim a first team place since Derby's promotion to the Premiership.

The former FA School of Excellence youngster, now 24,



On trial: Jason Kavanagh

told the Bucks Free Press: "Hopefully I will have a good month here and impress the manager enough for him to make it permanent. It's no good being at a Premier League Club if you can't get a game it's all about playing football whatever

division you are in."

Kavanagh, who recently had a week's trial at Crewe added: "I like the set up at Wycombe, I think it is excellent."

"They have got a new manager who will obviously want to change things and I want to be part of that."

It is thought that Kavanagh will have to take a pay cut if he joins Wycombe full time. His contract at Derby had an inbuilt rise when the Rams won promotion to the Premiership last season.

A reporter for the Derby Evening Telegraph said: "The £15,000 fee is a giveaway. He's good enough for the first division and I think the only reason he has not been bought by a first division club is that they probably think there must be something wrong with him at that price."

■ Jim Melvin, the man responsible for taking the youth team out of the pub league, has left Adams Park after six years as Youth Development Officer.

Melvin, who also set up the club's centres of excellence and community scheme, has left to pursue other business interests and another job in football.