

Crossley considers offer which could put him back with old Blues pals

WOKING WORKING ON MATT

MATT CROSSLEY Wanderers longest serving player could be about to join the growing legion of ex-Blues at FA Trophy winners Woking.

Crossley who was forced to retire from the pro game on medical advice because of a back injury, can play at non-league level where he will not have to suffer the wear and tear of daily training.

He spoke to Woking boss Geoff Chapple last week and will meet him again today.

If Crossley does sign he will link up again with Terry Howard and Steve Thompson

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in the Woking side.

But 29-year-old Crossley could also sign for Woking's Conference rivals Farnborough or Icis League Premier Division outfit Kingstonian, who have both made him offers.

Crossley who has more than nine years at Wycombe said: "I don't know what I will do yet but it is a nice position to be in."

Crossley's injury troubles began when he slipped a disc in the gym preparing for a match against Wrexham in

1995. Although he had an operation it has been taking him longer and longer to recover from games.

He said: "I have no problems playing but it takes me three days to recover."

Meanwhile, of the other seven released by manager John Gregory, Terry Evans is attracting interest from Orient and Fulham, while Dave Farrell has had talks with Peterborough. Gary Patterson, who impressed Chesterfield during his loan there will be hoping the FA Cup semi-finalists get in touch again now they have returned from a club holiday to Jamaica.

Verco to sponsor Wanderers stand

VERCO will sponsor the away stand at Adams Park next season and it will become known as The Roger Vere Stand in memory of the company's former chairman who died last August.

The Roger Vere Stand will be officially opened before Wanderers' first home pre-season friendly against Premiership Aston Villa on Friday,

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July 18 (ko 7.45pm).

Derek Vere, chairman and managing director of Verco, who are entering their tenth year as the club's official sponsors, said: "This newly named stand will serve as a timely reminder of Roger Vere who was

involved at the outset of Verco's association with Wycombe Wanderers Football Club, and was a keen supporter right up to the untimely end of his life at 54. He will be remembered."

The Away Stand used to be known as the Amersham and Wycombe College Stand before they switched their allegiance to the Main Stand.