

Gorman is confident of being full-time boss

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CARETAKER boss John Gorman is confident he will be crowned Wycombe Wanderers' new manager this weekend.

The former England assistant manager believes the signs point to him landing the job full time.

He said yesterday: "I'm very hopeful. The chairman has been phoning me this week and recommending players he wants me to have a look at so I would say it is looking positive."

Gorman was out watching a player last night and he believes he would not have been doing that if he wasn't in the club's long term plans.

He was formally interviewed for the post yesterday and faces competition from former Arsenal and England captain Tony Adams, John Ward, who managed both Bristol clubs and once turned down the Blues job, Terry Gibson and a couple of mystery candidates.

Gorman, who is the players' choice, said: "I would like to think I've given myself a good chance and I would be very pleased if I get the chance to carry on here, but I will have to wait and see."

"I think I've done my interview on the pitch but once you get into the formal interview stage you never know."

Gorman, the former England assistant manager, was drafted in on a caretaker basis when Lawrie Sanchez was sacked and has taken five points from five league matches and guided them into the second round of the LDV Van Trophy.

Blues, who had gone ten league games without a win before he came in, have steadily improved under Gorman and have taken four points from promotion

chasing Bristol City and Hartlepool in their last two games.

Ironically Gorman's trial month expires after tomorrow's clash at his old club Swindon Town where he was sacked as manager in 1994.

And the Free Press has learned that Wanderers have already turned down

some big names in their hunt to find their sixth Football League boss.

Former Chelsea manager John Hollins, ex-Pompey chief Graham Rix and former Spurs skipper Steve Perryman, who cut his managerial teeth in Japan, didn't even get an interview.

Steve Parkin, who excelled at Rochdale before joining Barnsley is another who has been left disappointed along with ex-Wanderer John Cornforth.

And they missed out on former Northern Ireland boss Sammy McIlroy, who applied for the post but then went to Stockport instead and former Aston Villa boss Brian Little who landed the Tranmere hotseat after applying for Wycombe.

Former Liverpool ace Jan Molby also applied but took the job at third division Kidderminster before Wycombe started interviews.