

Rovers wish they had gone for Blues' Griff

BRISTOL Rovers' chief scout is kicking himself after missing out on new Wanderers' hitman Charlie Griffin.

Paul Molesworth saw Wycombe prise the striker from the Pirates' Conference neighbours Forest Green Rovers earlier this summer and admits that maybe he should have taken a closer look.

He said: "We loaned players to

help Forest Green out last season and Charlie Griffin scored goals in what was a poor team.

"Maybe I should have had a look at him. I would imagine that Wycombe expect him to do well. Once a goalscorer, always a goal scorer."

John Gorman beat off a number of rival clubs including Darlington and Mansfield to secure Griffin's services.

The striker nabbed 17 goals for the West Country side last season and is trying his second stab in the professional game having missed out at Swindon.

Meanwhile, one player the Rovers talent scout was pleased to see arrive during the close season was Chris Carruthers who snubbed The Chairboys in a dramatic U-turn.

Molesworth said: "We thought he was signing for Wycombe and I was surprised when the scenario changed.

"We needed someone naturally left footed and he's got a bit of pace. He's also a decent crosser of the ball.

"Hopefully he can do for us down the left what Ali Gibb does down the right."