

Gorman brings in two new players

Wanderers
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WANDERERS boss John Gorman has strengthened his title-chasing side with the addition of two new players ahead of tomorrow's trip to Darlington.

He has signed Everton reserve keeper Iain Turner and Bristol City centre half Richard Keogh both on one-month loan deals.

And he is chasing a third new arrival as well.

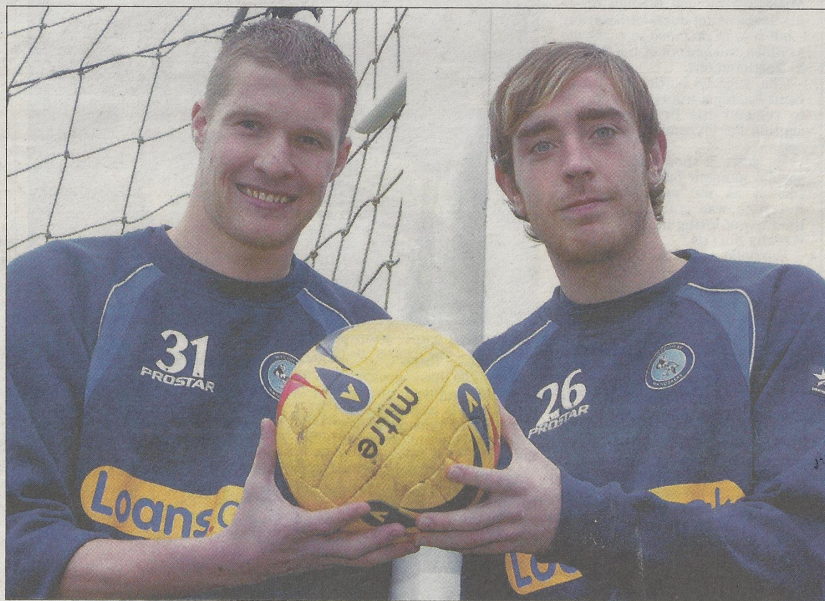
Gorman called on the reinforcements after seeing his side go out of the FA Cup at the first hurdle losing 3-1 at home to League Two rivals Northampton.

The gaffer may have seen his Cup hopes go for a Burton but he is determined that they will not surrender their proud unbeaten league record as well.

Chelsea's defeat at Manchester United last Sunday means that Wanderers are now the only team in the country's four professional divisions with an unbeaten record.

Gorman said: "We're very proud of that. When you think of how everyone raves on about what Chelsea have done this season, it is a fantastic achievement - but we don't want to stop there. We've gone 16 league matches without a defeat and we want to extend that even further."

Aussie glovesman Frank Talia is the victim of Gorman's unquenching desire to improve on the best record in the country with Stirling-born stopper Turner set to make his debut.



New kids on the block: Goalkeeper Iain Turner (left) and Richard Keogh

It is the second time Talia will have been axed this season. He made way earlier in the season when Gorman brought in Preston's England U20 keeper Andy Lonergan.

But he won a reprieve when

Lonergan was injured just 180 minutes into his ill-fated Adams Park career.

But Gorman reckons his latest keeper, a Scotland U21 international, could be even better.

Everton boss David Moyes, who signed Lonergan when he was in charge at Preston, rates Turner as a better prospect.

Gorman said: "We've done well to get Iain. There were a few other

clubs who wanted him. I'm going to have to be cruel at times.

It's hard on Frank, he hasn't been on the losing side in the league yet, but I am always looking to improve the side and freshen things up."

Gorman also captured Keogh as cover for the injured Mike Williamson.

Willo missed last week's cup clash with a hamstring injury and won't make the trip to the north east either.

Keogh, a former Stoke trainee, has featured five times for League One side Bristol City.

Gorman turned to him after his first choice Clayton Fortune, also of Bristol City, opted to join League One side Port Vale instead.

Gorman took Keogh after seeing him play for Bristol's reserves against Reading.

The Blues chief said: "He's a lot more physical than Clayton. We need another player in that position, he's a good header of the ball and a good tackler and we will see how he does."

He trained yesterday and Blues will watch him again when they stop off for training in Middlesbrough en route to Darlington.

Gorman will decide after that whether to bring him straight into his defence tomorrow or whether to employ left back Clint Easton there instead.

If he goes for the latter, Russell Martin will fill in at left back after Gorman abandoned his experiment of playing Martin at centre back after just game.

Gorman said: "He did okay for us there but he is much better as a full back."

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