

Gorman's future is now in doubt

Hayes: "I don't want to say he's coming back or he's not"

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JOHN Gorman's future as Wycombe Wanderers manager has been thrown into doubt after managing director Steve Hayes revealed that his position is under review.

The Blues are concerned that Gorman is still not ready to go back to his desk following the death of his wife Myra from cancer in February and have suggested for the first time that he may not return.

Hayes said: "We've got to make sure that he's right for the club and I don't want to make any rash decisions.

"He's still a man suffering from a great deal of grief. We have a tremendous amount of sympathy for him and we want him to get back to his old self."

Gorman, the former England assistant manager insists he is ready to come back.

He wanted to return for Blues' two play-off games but had his ambitions blocked by the Blues board who said it was too soon.

He had then been expected to return to work as soon as the club's involvement in the play-offs was finished - but at the time of going to press yesterday he was still on paid leave pending further discussions between board members.

Hayes added: "It is not a situation that I have been through before. I don't want to make any rash

decisions. I don't want to say yes he's coming back or no he's not. We have got to do the best thing for Wycombe Wanderers which is the most important thing, it's not about John Gorman, Steve Hayes or Ivor Becks, it's about Wycombe Wanderers.

"The tragedies have made a big difference to our season and a big difference to our manager.

"We have got to sit down as a board. We have to assess everything.

"We don't want to make a mistake now and find we are struggling at the start of next season.

"It may very well be that John Gorman is our manager at the start of the season but it might not be the case."

Gorman's wife died at the end of February and initially he returned straight back to his job.

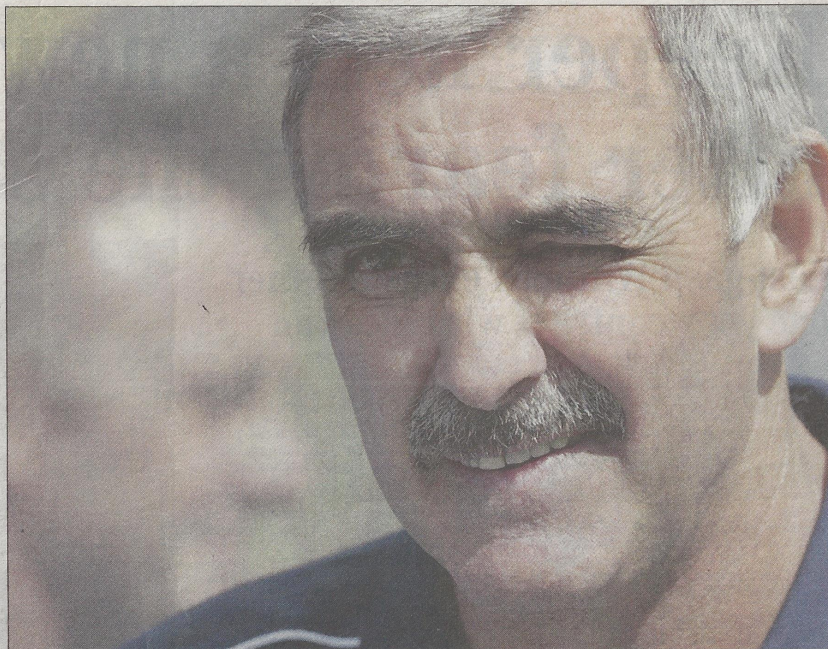
Her death came just one month after player Mark Philo died in a car crash which also claimed the life of another driver.

Gorman struggled to come to terms with his wife's death and asked to take some compassionate leave after admitting it was affecting his work after a 3-0 defeat at home to Lincoln on April 17 - Blues' sixth defeat in a row.

At the time, Hayes stressed that it was only a temporary measure.

He said: "John Gorman is still our manager and we look forward to seeing him again when the season is over."

At the time of going to press, Gorman was unavailable for comment.



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