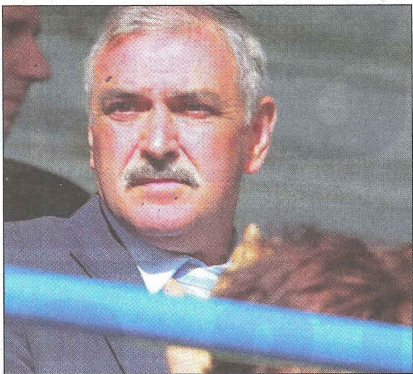


Gorman rules himself out

JOHN Gorman has ruled himself out of the running to be the next Wycombe Wanderers manager. Gorman, who managed the Blues to the brink of promotion three years ago, was at The Priestfield Stadium yesterday to see the Blues go down 3-2 to Gillingham. But he says he was there on a scouting mission for his current club QPR and not because he is being lined up as the successor to the sacked Peter Taylor at Adams Park. He told the *Midweek*: "I was at Gillingham because Jim Magilton (Rangers manager) had asked me to

go along to watch one of their players. "It is just a coincidence that the game was against Wycombe. "I haven't spoken to anyone about the Wycombe job. I haven't been approached and from what I understand they have got someone in mind. "It's nice to be complimented and to hear that some people would want me back but I am very happy at QPR working with Jim Magilton. "I wish whoever gets the Wycombe job good luck and they will always be able to come to me looking for players on loan."



NOT ME: John Gorman in the stands at Gillingham

Who is next in the Wycombe hotseat?

FAMILIAR names top the list of favourites to replace Peter Taylor in the Wycombe Wanderers hot-seat. Kevin Keen and Steve Coppell are among the favourites, with speculation also linking former Wycombe Wanderers star Keith Scott with the vacancy. Wycombe legends Keith Ryan and Steve Brown are two other ex players in the frame. However, Cheltenham boss Martin Allen and former Blues manager John Gorman have already ruled themselves out. Keen, 42, is currently coaching at West Ham but would be following in his father's footsteps if he did get the job. Mike Keen, who managed a sports shop in the town, was in charge of Wycombe between 1980 and 1984. Another name circulating in

the Wally Downes. Downes built a reputation as a high calibre coach in the lower leagues. He worked under Coppell at Crystal Palace and Reading and was also in charge of Brentford for two seasons. The 48-year-old is currently attached to Southampton, working on a consultancy basis. Blues fans will be happy with the quality of potential managers mentioned, with Lawrie Sanchez, Gary McAllister, Iain Dowie and Ian McParland among them. Allen was on the list until the former MK Dons and Brentford boss said he would not be leaving Cheltenham. He said: "I moved to Cheltenham six weeks ago and I'm very happy here. "I know I have a hard job

Latest odds on the next Blues boss

- 7/4 Kevin Keen
- 3/1 Steve Coppell
- 9/1 John Gorman, Keith Ryan, Keith Scott
- 12/1 Chris Wilder, John Still, Andy Hessenthaler, Terry Brown
- 20/1 Steve Cotterill, John Ward, Martin Allen
- 25/1 Steve Brown, John Pemberton, Mark Cooper, Gary Waddock
- 40/1 Iain Dowie, Dennis Wise, Gus Poyet, Alan Curishley
- 50/1 Steve Thompson
- 100/1 Paul Jewell, Lawrie Sanchez
- 200/1 John Cornforth, David Tuttle, Steve Claridge, Graham Westley, Gary Gillespie
- 250/1 Colin Calderwood, Chris Hutchings, Colin Hendry, Leroy Rosenior, Richard Money
- 500/1 Dave Bassett, John Gregory, Ken McKenna
- 1,000/1 Les Reed, Richard Hill

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with the lowest budget in the league but there are no distractions for me. "I'm staying. We had a tough

year last year and it's a challenge to manage here. "I've no interest in Wycombe."

Former striker throws hat into the ring: I am ready

KEITH Scott says he would love the chance to repay the fans that used to adore him by guiding their team to League One safety this season. Scott scored 99 goals during two spells at Adams Park and has moved quickly to put his name in the hat to replace Peter Taylor as Blues boss. He said: "I'd love to become the next Wycombe Wanderers manager. "I have registered my interest and I'm sure I will be considered the same way that everyone else who has regis-

tered an interest will be." However, Scott has never managed at League level. His only experience is in charge of Southern League sides Leighton Town and Windsor & Eton. He insists that would not be a problem. He said: "Football is football. You either know it or you don't. "Martin O'Neill had never managed at League level until he went there and he did alright. "I don't think it would be a step too far. I have all my coach-

ing licenses, I did the School of Excellence at QPR and was coaching during my time with Scarborough. "I have played at every level of football and my footballing CV, plus the people I have worked with along the way, gives me every confidence I could do it." Taylor left Adams Park last week, and Scott admits that the news surprised him despite the poor results. He said: "We're in a results business, but if I'm honest I must say I was surprised.

"We're only 11 games into the season and I would have thought he might have been given another seven or eight games. "Apart from Martin O'Neill, he is the most successful League manager we've had. "But then I'm not around the club day in and day out so you have to respect the decision. "One thing I would say though is that whoever does get the job gets a bit of time. "For the club to move forwards there needs to be a bit of stability."

I had a striker lined up who'd have saved us

PETER Taylor says the goal drought was about to end at Adams Park with a Championship striker due to arrive yesterday. He said: "My biggest frustration in all this is that I had agreed with a Championship club to bring in a new striker on Monday and I have no doubt that the boy would have scored goals for us. "I had been patient, I took my time, I gave our strikers the chance and I deliberately waited but I have been punished for taking my time. "I was £100,000 under my budget and I was about to spend this on his wages but now I won't get that chance."

Read the full interview, plus caretaker manager Richard Dobson's reaction to the Gillingham defeat at bucksfreepress.co.uk/sport

Who has led Blues since they entered the Football League:

Name	Duration	Win Ratio
Peter Taylor	30/05/08-09/10/09	34%
Paul Lambert	30/06/08-08/06/08	41%
John Gorman	33/11/04-05/06/06	37%
Keith Ryan	15/11/04-30/11/04	100%
Tony Adams	05/11/03-09/11/04	23%
John Gorman	02/10/03-05/11/03	20%
Lawrie Sanchez	05/02/99-30/09/03	34%
Terry Evans	11/01/99-05/02/99	0%
Neil Smillie	25/02/98-11/01/99	28%
John Gregory	22/10/98-25/02/98	33%
Alan Smith	29/06/95-31/07/96	31%
Martin O'Neill	01/08/90-13/06/95	46%

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