

SCOTT OUT TO CASH IN

SWINDON TOWN are banking on new signing Keith Scott for tomorrow's game at home to Ipswich Town.

The £300,000 striker, who yesterday completed his move from Wycombe Wanderers, is expected to go straight into the side in place of the goalless Jan Aage Fjortoft.

Scott, 26, once worked in a bank before his late entry into professional football.

And with Town now six points adrift at the foot of the Premiership table, the 6ft striker is hoping to open his Swindon account immediately.

He said: "Non-league to Premier League in six months is every player's dream.

"It's a big step - the pace is quicker and the marking tighter - but I've scored goals in the past and I just hope I can continue getting them for Swindon.

"I had a marvellous few years among the goals at Wycombe, but that counts for nothing now.

"As far as I'm concerned, I'm starting from scratch at Swindon on zero goals and with everything to prove.

"It's my big chance and it's up to me to take the opportunity."

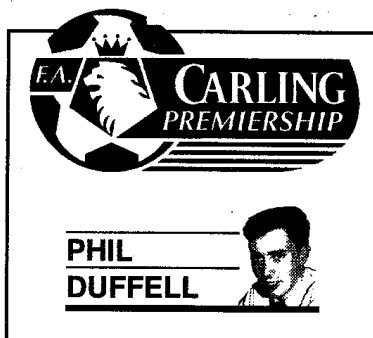
Scott is not worried by Swindon's precarious league position.

He said he took precisely three seconds to make up his mind to sign up for the battle to keep the club in the top flight.

"It's never easy at the bottom of the league, but a couple of good results will change all that and get us moving in the right direction," he explained.

"There is a lot of quality at Swindon and I'm sure we can get out of this hole.

"Naturally, I've one or two regrets about leaving Wycombe, but I couldn't possibly say 'No' to Swindon.



"It's a chance that might never come around again and I want to do everything I can to make sure this club stays in the Premiership for many years to come."

Swindon's players have shaken off the effects of the 'flu bug which swept through the camp last week, giving manager John Gorman a full squad to choose from before tomorrow's game.

Gorman, meanwhile, urged the home crowd to get behind the team, their new signing and especially fullback Paul Bodin following his midweek World Cup heartbreak with Wales.

The 3-0 defeat at Wimbledon a fortnight ago provoked the first signs of fans turning on their team and the Town boss is keen to stop that happening again.

He said: "I know the fans are

impatient, but we are working hard for this first win and we need their backing.

"The supporters have been marvellous so far and I hope they can summon an extra cheer for Zippy (Bodin) tomorrow.

"He's had a tough week, but you wouldn't know it.

"His attitude in training has been spot on and it's that kind of professionalism which will see us through."

Visitors Ipswich started the season by reeling off three straight victories, but have won only once in the last 11 league matches.

And after conceding six goals in their last two home games, the East Anglians could opt for a sweeper system.

Ipswich are likely to recall striker Chris Kiwomya after a hip injury and Canadian goalkeeper Craig Forrest.

Swindon (from): Digby, Hammond, Summerbee, Bodin, MacLaren, Whitbread, Taylor, Fenwick, Moncur, Nijholt, Horlock, Ling, Mutch, Scott, Fjortoft, Maskell, White.

Ipswich (from): Forrest, Baker, Stockwell, Thompson, Mason, Wark, Linighan, Whiston, Whelan, Milton, Marshall, Slater, Youds, Palmer, Kiwomya, Yallop, Guentchev, Goddard.

The big spenders

THE signing of Keith Scott takes Swindon Town's spending this season to £1,725,000 against sales totalling around £800,000.

Scott (£300,000 from Wycombe Wanderers) joins Luc Nijholt (£175,000 from Motherwell), Jan Fjortoft (£500,000 from Rapid Vienna), Adrian Whitbread (£500,000 from Orient) and Andy Mutch (£250,000 from Wolves).

Terry Fenwick arrived on a

free transfer from Spurs.

Leaving the County Ground have been Dave Mitchell (£20,000 to Izmir), Glenn Hoddle (£75,000 plus £2,000 per game to Chelsea), Colin Calderwood (£1.25 million to Spurs - £638,750 to Town, £611,250 to Mansfield) and Micky Hazard (£50,000 to Spurs).

Shaun Close and Brian Marwood (both to Barnet) left on free transfers.