

Scott keeps hitting the right spot

PINCH him, and even he might say he thinks he's dreaming.

Keith Scott helped Swindon to their first Premiership win of the season on Wednesday night when his close-range strike at a near post knocked in-form Queens Park Rangers off their stride.

Just six months ago the centre forward would have been preparing to play Macclesfield. Nine days ago he was reflecting on FA Cup success against Bristol Rovers and a forthcoming League clash against Crewe

Alexandra.

Now he is being included in leading Premiership scorers lists behind Newcastle's Andy Cole and Arsenal's Ian Wright, by virtue of his Wycombe goals.

The popular former Blues player's impact at the County Ground is taking on whirlwind proportions. The 1-0 victory over QPR was preceded by a dream debut where he scored to put Swindon back in the frame against Ipswich last Saturday.

One of the loudest roars of the day greeted the news at Adams Park when it was relayed over the PA during half time against Crewe.

That Scott's contribution is an immediate telling factor in the struggling Premiership club's fortunes reflects clearly on the player's ability to step up in class.

But Wycombe and Martin O'Neill have also received due mention and respectful nods amid that reflected glare.

O'Neill doubts he's a target for life on the world stage

WITH tongue wedged firmly in cheek, Martin O'Neill has laid any speculation to rest surrounding the managerial vacancies for both England and Northern Ireland.

The former Northern Ireland captain, invariably the centre of speculation for any manager's job, joked at last week's Leagueline forum that England would be the

only proposition he would leave Wycombe for, but he doubted that Football Association mandarins will approach him.

Media speculation has not put O'Neill in the running to replace Billy Bingham for Northern Ireland. Jimmy Nicholl is a front-runner.

But he said: "I don't think I would be offered the job. But I'm still the best candidate for it."

Fans may pay to use new stadium car park

SUPPORTERS could be charged to use a new car park at Wycombe Wanderers' stadium.

The club want to provide 224 more spaces at Adams Park by the start of next season to help alleviate parking congestion both at and around the ground in Hillbottom Road, Sands.

But Wycombe's board of directors is considering charging users to recoup the cost of construction.

By **CLAIRE NASH**

"We would hope the car park will be ready for the start of the new season. No doubt it would fill. Almost certainly we would need to recoup the cost and have to charge. We do not know yet how much," said financial director Graham Peart this week.

The car park would be next to a site earmarked for a plastic training

pitch. Both were included within the same planning application passed by Wycombe District Council after a four-year wrangle at the beginning of this year.

There are no plans to proceed with the pitch in the near future. But Peart said it is not on the back burner. "Our major first priority is to try and alleviate car-parking problems," he said.

Wanderers chairman Ivor Beeks

updated supporters on progress with the car park and training pitch on clubcall and at last Thursday's Leagueline forum, where both he and Blues boss Martin O'Neill were quizzed by fans.

The club have agreed a 60-year lease with Sir Francis Dashwood, who owns the land, and the chairman has met with architects to draw up plans for the car park.

Parking plans will be submitted

with a grant application to the Football Trust.

Wycombe's share of the bill, several hundred thousand pounds overall, is dependent on how much the trust pays.

Ground expansion will be reviewed at the end of this season. The average League game attendance is currently 5,391. The installation of crash barriers, currently ongoing, will increase the stadium's capacity to 8,000.

Cambridge blow away dream tie

"NOW for the Wycombe," declared a Cambridge United fan full of FA Cup upset glee as he bounded up a flight of steps out of Elm Park's stand.

He was joined in gearing thoughts forward by supporters filing out from a neighbouring terrace. They also chanted Wycombe Wanderers in mantra-like threat after their side beat Reading 2-1 on Wednesday night.

Cambridge manager Gary Johnson proved to be a man of his word after he vowed in last week's Bucks Free Press that he would upset the prospect of a spicy Buckinghamshire/Berkshire derby at Adams Park.

His players' impressive performance also suggested their long-ball label is somewhat misplaced, on the injury-hit side's second-half showing anyway.



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It earned the right to meet Wycombe on Saturday, December 4 (ko 3pm).

Talented 18-year-old Kofi Nyamah put United ahead when he robbed Reading's Ray Ranson on the halfway line before streaking clear to complete a fine solo effort.

Mick Gooding made it all square for Reading within two minutes. The top Division Two side's leading scorer Jimmy Quinn came close with a header, but was forced to merely loom and

lurk later on.

Cambridge were particularly dangerous when breaking on the left wing during the second half through Nyamah and Steve Claridge. The latter has been a Charlton target in recent weeks, and proved a constant handful.

His efforts pre-empted centre-half-cum-striker Mick Heathcote's 75th-minute winner.

"We will look forward to playing at their nice little ground," said Johnson before the first-round replay, which followed a 0-0 draw at Cambridge.

"We have had some great times in the FA Cup. We know what it's like." Cambridge reached the sixth round in 1990 and 1991.

● THE FA Cup second-round tie is NOT all-ticket, but seat season ticket holders must claim theirs beforehand.