

Great Scott! What a coup



Hello again: Keith Scott with John Gregory

BLUES boss John Gregory has strengthened both ends of his team by bringing former striker Keith Scott back from Norwich and signing Premiership goalkeeper Martin Taylor from Derby.

Taylor, who was expected to play for Derby at Manchester United next Saturday, and former Wanderers' favourite Scott, go straight into the side for tomorrow's six-pointer at home to Shrewsbury. Both are at the club on loan with a view to permanent deals.

Moving out of Adams Park, after a week of hectic transfer deadline dealings are Miquel Desouza, who has joined Peterborough United for £50,000 and Brian McGorry who has joined Hereford on a free.

A delighted Gregory said: "I'm chuffed to bits. I think the two new players will seriously improve us and it has given us all a big lift."

The signing of Taylor, 30, who is in his testimonial season at Derby is a massive coup.

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The keeper was made available for a move on Wednesday when Derby signed Estonian international Mart Poom.

Taylor said: "It is a major shock I was expecting to be playing at Manchester United a week on Saturday but instead I'm coming down to Wycombe.

"I will be giving 100 per cent. Derby buying this other goalkeeper means I have no future there so I have got to put myself in the shop window and maybe earn myself a contract at Wycombe or somewhere else.

"I'm a bit shocked really, I've played the last three games at Derby and I didn't think I'd done anything wrong."

Gregory, who was captain at Derby when Taylor joined the Baseball Ground outfit ten

years ago said: "It is brilliant for the club to have someone out of the Premiership.

"He is out of contract in the summer and he has got nine games to see if he fancies us.

"I don't know how much Derby would want for him but if he's brilliant for us we might be able to get the money together."

Derby, however, have insisted on a 24-hour recall clause if they need to bring him back.

Taylor's arrival has overshadowed striker Keith Scott's return to Adams Park four years after he left to join Swindon in a £375,000 record deal.

Gregory said: "I've got Scotty because he fits the bill. He's more than capable of scoring goals in this division and helping keep us up. He's got a tremendous association with the club."

Gregory had tried to get Scott three months ago but missed out when he joined Watford on loan with a view to a £200,000 transfer. But

the proposed transfer collapsed after Watford reported a £1.3 million loss.

Scott said: "I'm pleased to be back at Wycombe and playing again. I'm here until the end of the season and if at the end of that John Gregory decides he wants to sign me we will sit down and discuss it.

"The most important thing is that Wycombe stay up and I want to help them do it."

Sligo Rovers' Michael Love has also joined the Blues on a non-contract basis.

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BLUES boss John Gregory has revealed how he has taken to watching Teletext for other sides' results in order to gauge his teams' survival prospects.

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