

Scott rejects Norwich deal

WANDERERS will have to shell out hard cash if they want to sign Keith Scott.

The striker who turned Blues season around after arriving on loan, has been offered a new contract by Norwich.

Scott said: "I turned it down but the fact they offered me a new deal means that anyone who is interested in me will have to pay Norwich a fee."

That fee could be quite high. Last season Watford were put off by Norwich's £200,000 asking price.

Gregory wants to sign Scott but finances are tight and he will need to come up with a tidy sum to get the striker, even if he can meet the fee which could be set by a tribunal.

Scott turned down Norwich on two counts, because the money wasn't good enough and because he didn't fancy his chances of first team action.

He said: "If John Gregory is interested in me then I'm interested, but I won't sign because of sentiment. If Wycombe made me

an offer that wasn't viable I wouldn't accept it. Football is my living and I've got my wife and family to think about."

● Oxford have ruled out talk of a temporary groundshare at Adams Park even though John Gregory thinks it is the way forward for clubs.

Rumours have been rife in the University city that Oxford were considering moving to Adams Park while they sold their ground to finance the completion of their new Minchery Farm stadium.

But Oxford this week dismissed the speculation and Mick Brown, their general manager, confirmed they will be at the Manor next season.

He said: "The benefits of staying here, far outweigh the benefits of us going to Wycombe."

But Gregory is in favour of ground-sharing in principle.

He said: "I'd be worried about the state of the pitch but I think it makes sense. They do it in Italy. It's ridiculous how Fulham and QPR, or Fulham and Brentford don't share. They could burn

both their grounds and build a really good one between them. I know there's this tradition thing but it makes sense."

● Paul McCarthy has leapt to the defence of much-maligned Manchester United star Roy Keane on Irish television.

Macca played in the same Rockmount boys side as the Republic of Ireland star and lived just one mile away from him.

Macca said: "He's a great player and I love him to death. People should stop knocking him, there's not a manager in the Premier League who wouldn't want him."

"Sometimes his temper lets him down but he's got a lot of skill. When we were kids his game was all skill. His passing was unbelievable. He needed his skills because he was tiny then."

● Gregory is backing Northampton and Crewe in the play offs.

He wants Luton, Brentford and Bristol City to miss out on promotion because they all brought big crowds to Adams Park this season.