

Tough choice for Gregory

WANDERERS boss John Gregory admitted he may have to choose between Mickey Bell and Keith Scott next season.

Gregory, who wants both players, fears he will not be able to raise the cash to buy Scott unless he sells Bell.

Wanderers faint hopes of getting Scott on a free transfer disappeared on Saturday when the 29-year-old striker received written confirmation that he was being offered a new contract by Norwich. If the letter had not arrived by Saturday's deadline Scott would have been a free agent.

Gregory said: "I wasn't really expecting Norwich to make an administrative mistake but I was hoping they might have decided that he wasn't going to sign and that it wasn't financially viable to keep him on. But Mike Walker (Norwich manager) believes there is a market for Keith and is prepared to carry on paying his wages to get a fee."

That means Norwich will want to recoup the wages they have to pay Scott until they sell him, on top of a transfer fee. Gregory believes Norwich will want at least £100,000.

He said: "It is going to be very hard for us to find that sort of money. I would like to see Keith wearing the quartered shirt next season but we'll have to work extremely hard to do something."

"If Mickey Bell does go, and I don't want him to, that could be one way to raise the money for Keith. But I want them both at the club."

Gregory admits the Bell situation is out of his hands. He has offered him an improved contract which the player has shown no signs of signing.