

Swansea turn down Blues Walker bid

WANDERERS have had a £40,000 bid for Swansea centre half Keith Walker turned down by the Welsh club and manager John Gregory admits he may now have to turn his attention elsewhere.

Gregory, who learned from the Bucks Free Press that his offer for the 31-year-old had not been accepted, said: "I can only go on for so long. I will not be going much higher and the way we are at the moment I don't think he'll be coming, it's deadlock."

Gregory has for a long time seen Walker as the ideal replacement for Terry Evans, who he released last season.

Walker has turned down a new contract at Swansea because it was worth less than his previous deal as it did not include a signing on fee.

Walker said: "I don't want to leave Swansea but if they aren't prepared to match my wages then I've got no other option than to join Wycombe."

But the situation could change. Swansea are involved in takeover talks and if the new owners make Walker a new offer, he will stay.

● Young Leicester midfielder Lee Quincey joined Wolves defender Dennis Pearce on trial at Wanderers last week.

Quincey, 19, was released by Leicester after failing to make the breakthrough in his first season as a professional.

Pearce, 21, released by Wolves after a handful of first team appearances, is being looked at as



It's going to be this big: Blues boss John Gregory is still looking for new players to strengthen his squad

a possible replacement for Mickey Bell.

Gregory said: "He's a lovely lad with the right attitude and can play a bit."

● We apologise to striker Keith Scott for comments made in last week's BFP where we reported the Blues new signing said he would put an extra 1,000 on the gate and

sell 1500 club shirts.

We were acting on second hand comments which we now understand were not made by Scott and we apologise for any embarrassment it caused him.

● Chesham have agreed to share the receipts from the expected 2,000 gate with Wanderers, when the sides meet in a friendly at The

Meadow on August 4.

● Wanderers have moved their home Easter Saturday fixture against Grimsby forward to Good Friday, to give them more time to prepare for Easter Monday's clash at Oldham.

● More than 3,000 fans are expected at Adams Park on Sunday, July 20 for the club's open day. Visitors will be able to meet the players, tour the ground, enjoy free face painting and take penalties against the youth team keeper. Some 1,000 gift packs will be given away to youngsters collecting 12 autographs on the Player Trail. All the activities are free and the three hours of fun kicks off at 3pm.

● Expectant fans, enthused by the summer signings of Keith Scott and Martin Taylor, have snapped up a record £350,000 worth of tickets – smashing the previous high of £297,000.

The deadline for discounted season tickets, offering up to 23 per cent, ends at 5pm tomorrow.

● The new slimline Steve McGavin underlined his commitment to his new two-year deal by announcing he will be moving into a flat nearer the area, rather than commuting from Bury St Edmunds.

He said: "I'll be down here in the week and going back home at the weekends."

● Former Wycombe captain Terry Evans has been taken on by Icis Premier Division side Kingstonian.

Evans, whose Blues contract expired at the end of last season, was released by Gregory on a free.