

Scott out for two months Boss: Talk Means nothing

KEITH Scott will be out for eight weeks after dislocating his elbow in Blues 2-1 defeat at Millwall.

Substitute Scott had only been on for 101 seconds when he fell awkwardly after clashing with Millwall's matchwinner Scott Fitzgerald in the 89th minute – and to make matters worse Millwall snatched their winner when keeper Martin Taylor blundered in the four minutes of injury time that were added on.

Shocked Fitzgerald said: "I could see his arm was twisted the wrong way. It was disgusting. Three or four players had a look and had to turn away because it was really bad. He had head buried in the grass and I could hear he was in pain."

Boss Neil Smillie could consider a loan replacement, but with strikers Paul Read and Mark Stallard having found the net already this

season he could get by.

He said: "I'll have to speak to the chairman about that but in the short term I've got Andrew Baird and he will figure in the future."

Scott's injury was part of a cruel late double whammy for Blues, who were cruising towards their first point after Paul Read cancelled out Richard Sadlier's opener.

But in injury-time keeper Martin Taylor went AWOL and was left in no-man's land when the ball was centred to Fitzgerald to head home.

Smillie said: "The end was a disaster. We went from having a point to taking nothing and losing one of our players. The difference between the sides was 45 seconds. I hate losing and losing like that's worse because we did it to ourselves."

Wycombe: Taylor, Kavanagh, Vinnicombe, Ryan, Cousins, McCarthy, Carroll, Brown, Stallard (Scott 87, Harkin 89), Read, Cornforth. Not used: Beeton.
Attendance: 7,492.

NEIL Smillie has distanced himself from speculation linking him with West Ham midfielder Scott Mean.

The Bucks Free Press reported last week that Smillie watched Mean star for the Hammers in a friendly against Maidenhead and the same day The Sun said Wanderers were lining up a £150,000 bid.

But Smillie said: "I have only seen Scott Mean play a couple of times. I didn't go specially to watch him at Maidenhead. There were five of us out watching games that night."

"I haven't spoken to Harry Redknapp and if that's his price there's no point in me going to watch him again."

● Ian Moat is the new secretary of Wycombe Wanderers. He will join the club from Notts County at the

middle of next month.

He replaces John Reardon who has retired after 40 years involvement with the club as a player, manager and secretary.

● Gary Goodchild has a 100 per cent record as Blues youth team manager. His juniors recorded their second successive victory last Saturday when they beat Gillingham 1-0.

● Gary Micklewhite's reserves lost their first game in the Combination League going down 1-0 at home to Portsmouth. It could have been different though had star-of-the-show Andy Baird not seen his 25-yarder hit the bar.

● Nicky Mohan marked his return from a three-game ban against Swindon by becoming Wanderers tenth booking this season. It took him just seven minutes to earn his yellow card.

Harkin doubt

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MIDFIELDER Mo Harkin has joined John Cornforth on the doubtful list as Blues hunt their first points of the season in tomorrow's quid-a-kid game.

Harkin injured his ankle in the reserves and Smillie will leave it late before deciding whether to continue with Keith Ryan in midfield. Blues have made their worst ever start to a Football League campaign, with two defeats and face a tough task against the Saddlers who are unbeaten this time.