

Scott: Card-crazy referees are making strikers extinct

FORMER Wanderers goal ace Keith Scott says soft referees are driving players like him out of business.

The hitman, who spent two successful spells with the Blues in between a move to Premiership Swindon, has just finished a three game suspension for his latest club, Conference side Scarborough.

He is also sitting on ten bookings and says card-happy referees are driving players like him out of the game.

Scott, who now has another role as a coach at QPR's School of Excellence, said: "In a way I'm a dinosaur as old-fashioned centre forwards are now disappearing.

"I've picked up bookings which in years gone by would not have

been yellow cards. A lot of common sense has gone and now we get bookings for silly things. The men in the middle don't always recognise when a player sets out to injure another player. That is when the officials should come down hard, not on little pushes and pulls.

"I've had ten cautions this season but I haven't maimed anybody nor even come close to doing that and it disappoints me that the physical element is being taken out of the game.

"People like me are now falling foul of the rules, which haven't changed but are being interpreted in a different way.

"Look at the old Liverpool side with Jimmy Case and the Leeds side with Jack Charlton, Billy

Bremner and Johnny Giles. Can you honestly say that players like that would finish many games if they were playing today?"

● Wanderers fans have claimed a big victory in their price war against Division Two rivals Swindon Town.

Supporters from Wycombe Wanderers Independent Supporters Club and the Official Supporters Club joined forces to take on Willie Carson's Robins and won.

The supporters groups went to war after Swindon announced that they would be charging Chairboys fans £21 each for their match at the County Ground on February 15.

And this week Swindon officials bowed to their pressure and announced price cuts for the

match.

Fans can now gain admission for £17 in advance or £19 on the day.

Advance tickets are now available from Adams Park but not from Wanderers in Town.

● Wanderers reserves maintained their unbeaten start to 2003 with a 1-0 victory at Cheltenham Town.

The Blues resisted the temptation to play any trialists and won the match with a Stuart Roberts goal.

Wycombe: Williams (Gott 46), McCarthy, Simpamba, Oliver, Smillie, Lee, Cook, Philo (Parsons 83), Currie, Roberts, Harding - subs not used: Griffiths, Lynott

● Bucks County Council are introducing a series of measures which could alleviate congestion at the Hour Glass roundabouts on Chapel Lane.

The council is planning to redesignate New Road/ Chapel Lane, as a trunk road, meaning better signage will be needed, while a ban on turning right from Chapel Lane into West Wycombe Road is being considered, along with a re-sequencing of lights at Plomer Hill.

These measures are hoped to have a knock-on effect at the Hour Glass roundabouts, which might also help alleviate congestion at the Hillbottom Road roundabout for traffic coming away from the match.

If these measures work, Wanderers will consider temporary traffic lights at the Hillbottom Road roundabout to make departure from Adams Park quicker for supporters.