

Tyson: I am staying until January sales

Wanderers
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NATHAN Tyson has pledged his future to Wycombe Wanderers until January after turning down two £750,000 moves this week.

The master marksman rejected a transfer to Championship side Sheffield Wednesday after talks on Monday and then turned down former European Cup winners Nottingham Forest as well.

Now Tyson says he wants to forget all about transfer talk until the New Year when the transfer window re-opens.

He said: "I've got my sights set on January. Until then all I want to do is concentrate on scoring goals and playing well for Wycombe."

He turned down Wednesday because he says it didn't feel right and then rejected League One Forest because he wants to test himself in the Championship.

He told the Free

Press: "Forest are not for me at the moment. I will wait until January and hope that a Championship side comes in for me."

"If Forest were in the Championship, I would probably go up there and speak to them."

"I'm flattered at their interest because they are a big club, they've won the European Cup and have a great history but they are in League One at the moment and I see Wycombe being in that league next year."



Staying put: Nathan Tyson wants to remain at Wanderers until the New Year

Forest are struggling in 12th position in League One following their relegation last year.

They are desperate for firepower and, like Sheffield Wednesday, they wanted to take Tyson on loan now

and then complete the deal in January. Tyson is the country's leading

scorer at the moment with 13 goals and his strikes have helped propel Wycombe to the top of League Two and made him one of the hottest properties in the Football League with Wolves and Hull City emerging among the new favourites to sign him.

They contacted Wanderers about Tyson at the weekend and will have been encouraged by the players' rejection of both Forest and Wednesday.

Premiership quartet Charlton, Birmingham, West Ham and Wigan are also monitoring the situation.

The collapse of two big-money deals delighted Blues boss John Gorman who wants to keep his goal ace in his pack of table toppers.

But it will alarm the club's cash counters as Tyson is out of contract in the summer and he could leave for nothing then.

Gorman expects to have to sell him when the transfer window re-opens in January but knows it is debatable whether clubs will match the Forest and Wednesday bids knowing he is a free agent five months later.

The two deals rejected this week would have shattered Wanderers' previous record fee of £295,000 received from Swindon for striker Keith Scott in 1993.

But Wycombe would have only banked £800,000 of the fee because Tyson's former club Reading are owed 25 per cent of any profit Blues make on him.

Reading sold Tyson to Wycombe for £150,000 and Wycombe are still paying off that fee.

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