

Wanderers legend answers the call

Keith Scott signs new deal with another top local team

FORMER Wycombe Wanderers star Keith Scott has signed terms for another top team in the area.

Midweek has swooped to land the ex Premiership striker in a deal that could fire the paper to the top of the table.

Instead of the blue kit he wore to terrorise defenders out of Adams Park, the 39-year-old will wear a shirt and tie for a far more sedate role – as a Sales Executive.

Scott, who played more than 100 times in two spells with Wycombe and also turned out for Swindon, Stoke, Bournemouth, Watford and Reading, said: "I still love football out have to build a career for myself outside of the game, and Newsquest are one of the big boys."

And in an ironic twist, Scott admits the sports pages of his new employees helped prepare him for his position in the sales department.

He said: "When I was at Wanderers the *Bucks Free Press* used to mark the players out of ten. We didn't like it. We used to wonder how anyone could go to a game and judge 22 players. You just can't do it."

"But you become pretty thick-skinned as a footballer, with the abuse you get and what's written about you in the newspapers, and you need that in sales."

"So I think this was a natural progression. If you're easily offended, it's not a profession you want to be in."

Scott boasted a ratio of two goals every three games during his first spell at Wycombe, under Martin O'Neill from 1991 to 1993, before moving to Premiership outfit Swindon Town for a club record fee of £375,000.

Wanderers
by Alan Feldberg

His transfer remained a record at Adams Park until Nathan Tyson moved to Forest for £675,000 in January 2006.

Scott returned to Wycombe four seasons later to become a key figure for manager Lawrie Sanchez.

He said: "If I had my career now I would be a millionaire."

"When I signed for Swindon in 1993 John Barnes was the highest paid player in the country on £10,000 a week."

"I know I've missed out, but I don't begrudge any player earning a fortune from the game today."

"What I think about most is that the type of player I was, an old-fashioned centre forward, isn't very common nowadays."

"But they are a necessity and a player like that would earn a lot of money today."

"If I was 26 and going into the Premiership now I would like to think I'd be sitting down with the manager discussing £6,000 to £7,000 a week, bottom line."

"But I honestly don't think about it. If I did I'd never sleep at night."

"I had a great career; I achieved what millions of people dream about – playing football professionally."

Scott has remained in football since a combination of injury and age forced him to retire at 34.

He worked with the QPR academy and was coach at Chesham before taking up his current post of manager of Southern Football League side Leighton Town.

The 39-year-old said: "I have some great memories. I don't



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think people realise just how good the side was in the Martin O'Neill era, but this is a new challenge and I will see where it takes me."

"Newsquest are one of the big three in the industry and the opportunities here are endless."

"I'll be working in Wycombe and Holmer Green and I'm sure I'll come across people who might know me [as a Blues player], so that should be interesting."

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Bullock: Boss won me over

BLUES' latest addition Martin Bullock has revealed how Paul Lambert's vision for the team next season convinced him to sign from Macclesfield Town.

He said: "Paul Lambert said all the things that I wanted to hear, particularly how he wants to get the ball down and get it wide, which suits my style of play."

"I'm a player who tries to go past players and create chances for others – a bit like Ryan Giggs or Cristiano Ronaldo."

"I'm not in their league, of course, but I am that sort of player."

"I've been told by Paul Lambert that if I'm in the team, then I'll be playing on the right for Wycombe"

