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vs Solihull Moors

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A warm welcome to you all to what is our first home game of 2021, our match against Barnet having been postponed due to Covid-19 hitting both ourselves and the Bees as well. It certainly hasn't been an easy time, the last two weeks and tonight's opponents, Solihull Moors have also experienced the same problems. We all have to do what we can to deal with the issue in the very best way that we can and I would like to wish all those who have been unwell a speedy recovery. I'd also like to welcome Jimmy Shan and his players and staff to the EBB Stadium for tonight's FA Trophy game..

We had mixed fortunes over the Christmas period of games, with two wins and a loss. For the first half hour of our Boxing Day game it might have looked like we were in a bit of trouble and Brad had to make a save in the opening minute from Jamal Loza, but then we got a little bit of a foothold in the game. We put a few passes together and then it was like a mad seven or eight minutes when the goals came. We have been on the end of that in the past so it was nice to have it go in our favour for a change. Once that happened we took over and were in control. We relaxed and calmed down. Over the game we probably created more chances than Woking, we got the win and everyone was happy.

To then lose so disappointingly down at Yeovil was not good. We had seen that Yeovil had lost 6:1 and we have been on the end of that type of score and we know how we respond to that. So we tried to drum home to the boys that Yeovil are a team full of good players, most of them were at the club last year when they got to the play-offs, same management team, everything is the

same and it wasn't going to take long before Yeovil kicked on – and that they did do, beating us and then following it up with two further wins. It was a combination of two things – they came out and they were fighting for their lives and I think some of our players thought it was going to be easy. We got punished and deservedly so because you can't turn up to games like that, assuming because you beat one side 3:0 that it is easy to do it again.

Then on 2 January we turned it all around again. I don't think there was much in the first half, we probably had the best chances, Alfy hit the post and Harrison had a chance as well and Woking had a couple of little counterattacks. The second half I thought we were excellent. We could have scored four or five to be honest and the chances we created, we probably should have been more comfortable than we were in the first game. What it epitomized was that we have players who are willing to put their faces in the way of everything -Kodi and George definitely proved that and Ricky's also got a nice war wound. It was almost like a 1960s derby with blood everywhere. But we asked for a reaction after the Yeovil game, we knew that was an uncharacteristic performance from us there and that has now been put the bed by six points against Woking.

Tonight sees us looking to carry on our progress in the FA Trophy, a competition we very much want to do well in. As I mentioned at the top of these notes, Solihull, like ourselves, have also experienced postponements of recent games due to ill health in the squad, something which not only impacts on games but also training and good match preparation. However, it is the same for both teams and I know that Jimmy will have prepared his players in the very best way possible, as we have done ourselves. Although this is a cup game, Moors are just one point off the play-offs and will be a tough team to beat – but if we make sure we are in the right frame of mind, as we were when we beat Woking at the beginning of the month then I know we are capable of a win tonight.

Enjoy the game,

Danny

JAMES SCARLETT

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DIRECTOR LEWIS SCARD

Tonight we welcome the players and the football management squad from Solihull Moors to the EBB stadium. Last week saw the postponement of our match here against Barnet due to Covid in both camps. We hope that everyone is now feeling much better. In a break from the National League, tonight sees us play our second match in this year's FA Trophy and both clubs will be looking for progress to the next round

Two weeks ago whilst awaiting Boris's latest announcement, it seemed there was a real chance that new lockdown measures could call a halt to matches. Fortunately such a move was not deemed necessary. Hopefully that is a reflection on the tireless work put in by all those associated with running professional football to keep everybody safe.

Many of you will know and certainly will have read much that has been written by our club vice-president, Jack Rollin. Until recently Jack wrote a page in every home programme, often featuring interesting facts and trivia on Aldershot from the past or even using fictional license to illustrate some of the quirks evident in the game of football. Remember reading about the exploits of Buggleskelly Wednesday?

Had Jack, twelve months ago, written about a worldwide pandemic which would stop most football, and all other sports for that matter, we would have thought he had really gone off at a tangent. Yet that is exactly where we find ourselves. Uncharted territory to say the least. Everyone is trying their best to navigate through this crisis, a crisis where the rate of infection in our borough has risen from one case per week last July to 717 cases last week.

The measures we have in place, as with other clubs at our level, have for the time being satisfied the authorities that we are safe to continue. With over a third of the season completed it is quite possible that we could arrive in May at the finishing line. Many might wonder whether it is worth it or not. Why not just pack up, go home, and ask the government for an underpinning handout to secure our future viability? What this ignores is that for many playing and managing football is not just a job but a passion, a relatively short period in life to display skills at a level of fitness and endeavour reflecting an individual's maximum ability. No serious footballer wishes to sit at home

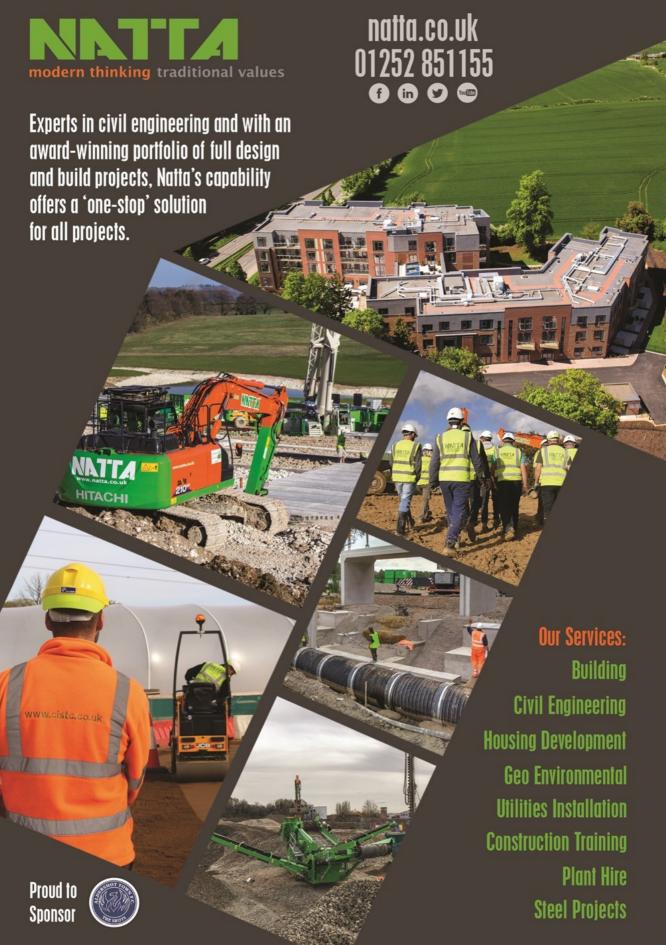


wondering how to keep fit when confined to the sitting room with only a Play Station and phone to hand.

So what about the spectators? Most "fans forum" websites seem to follow one of two courses; some spectators are itching to get back to watch their team, whilst others have fallen out of the habit, possibly never to return. What is certain is that society will not be the same when all this is over but how it shapes up and what will we do with our leisure time is too difficult to predict. What is for sure is that our football club, more than ever, has to offer a product which will attract people to see us perform. We know that historically our area is teeming with football fans, most of whom follow other clubs. Ninety percent of regular football fans who live within a 25-minute drive of the EBB Stadium go elsewhere. All past research indicates it is because we are too far down the pyramid to rectify that situation. Yet it does not stop the players, management, staff and directors from doing their level best to change that. In common with the other National League clubs we hope that we can attract the best players, hope that our hard work on and off the pitch really does pay off, hope that we can develop this ground and surroundings into an attractive venue, and hope that the money will be available to do all of this.

Yes, the cynics will say, all very well on relying on a bit of hope. Well of course all associated with the Club are indeed trying to go "the extra mile" to see those outcomes happen, and for our own wellbeing to have hope is right and healthy. In spite of Covid, let us hold on to hope by staying positive, keeping safe and enjoying our football.

Lewis Scard



JAMIE SENDLES-WHITE CAPTAIN

After an excellent double victory over near-neighbours
Woking over the Christmas spell, sandwiched around a far
munity
less pleasing defeat away to Yeovil, then a break of a
week due to Covid infections in the squad, Jamie gives his
opinions on the games and explains just how his knee is
progressing after having to come off at the end of the
Boxing Day game

It was a slow start from the team on Boxing Day but a professional performance saw a great win. What was your opinion on the game?

We didn't start great and they had their best play in that first half hour – they seemed to blow up after 30 minutes having given it everything in that spell. We were professional, in the sense that we didn't concede and we didn't let it get on top of us. They will have been very disappointed with the three goals that we scored but on the other hand, because we scored three that was the game done. We just had to be professional in the second half and we were, we saw the game out.

Disappointingly for Jamie, he had to go off near the end after taking a knock to his knee. How is the return to playing progressing on that?

I am fine, it was a bad tackle and my bad knee got caught underneath and it rocked my knee a little bit. I had a scan and we sent it to the surgeon who did my knee





I won't be out for too long. I'm aiming to return for tonight's game, I don't know if that's ambitious or not but that's my aim.

Due to his injury, Jamie didn't travel to the Yeovil match but since the game has spoken to several of the players about the defeat

From what the boys have said, they have a team of men who have been and done it and I think we probably needed to go there and have a little bit more nous, a little bit more experience, because from what the boys said, Yeovil shouldn't be where they are in the table, they've been a bit unlucky. They've got some experienced players and I imagine they will climb the table and I don't think we dealt with that experience too well.

There was a far better performance on 2 January as the team achieved another seasonal double over Woking, seeing out that tricky six minutes of additional time with consummate ease

That was another professional performance and there wasn't really a moment in the game where I thought that Woking were going to score. It looked like if we got a goal we would be good and we did and we held on for the win.

We've had a break of two weeks now since we last played, due to the Covid infections and tonight go into an FA Trophy match. How do you see things panning out?

Well, I'm glad to say that everyone is feeling much better now and we are looking forward to getting back to playing. The FA Trophy is an important competition for us and we really want to make progress tonight.



WORDS BY VICTORIA ROGERS

Well, that was a somewhat mixed Christmas and New Year spell. It was absolutely brilliant to see the Shots play in and complete their double over our near-neighbours, Woking – it's just that the shine was taken off ever-so-marginally when the match went behind closed doors after an all-too-brief heady spell of supporters being able to attend two consecutive home games in early December, and BCD looks like it might be for a while now once again – so disappointing after all of the hard work behind the scenes here at the EBB Stadium to make the games happen in front of supporters.

But let's concentrate on the positives – six points from the Bank Holiday games has moved the Shots up to 12th position, although as the Shots were hit with some Covid infections last week and haven't now played for a fortnight this will have changed, and we were all able to enjoy the satisfaction of doing the double over Woking again for the first time in three years. Boxing Day afternoon saw my husband and myself well prepared with the laptop linked to the TV and a radio tuned to BBC Radio Surrey to hand for back up (our wifi can sometimes be erratic). Sure enough, just as the Shots were taking a corner our picture froze and despite that frustration and the leap across the room to refresh the laptop and turn the radio on, it was pleasing to hear Gavin Denison say that the score was 1:0 to the Shots as the radio tuned in!

Drawing a veil over what then happened two days later down at Yeovil, who incidentally since that victory over ourselves have won two further matches, the Christmas joy was completed for Shots supporters when 2 January saw another professional and passionate performance over the neighbours, this time in their own back yard! And it was another first goal in a Shots shirt, this time for brand spanking new New Year's Day signing Ricky Miller, who announced his arrival at Aldershot Town with a goal, a yellow card and an exciting, energetic and desire-filled 20 minute cameo before being subbed off again with a deep gash to his leg which needed 14 staples. Get well soon,

Ricky, we look forward to seeing much more of your football

in the weeks and months to come.

The New Year has started on rather a low for us all, not least here at Aldershot Town where as I mentioned at the top of the page, some Covid infections in the squad meant that last week's match due to be played here against Barnet had to be postponed, our visitors also suffering from the same problem. My best wishes to all who have been unwell—there is barely a club left in the top seven divisions of English football that has not been impacted in this way so far this season. Perhaps it is good that we return to football with a one-off cup game. Aldershot Town's progress has been almost non-existent in this cup competition over the past six years and we face strong opponents tonight. However, for some New Year cheer for all of us, let's hope for another victory tonight and progress in the FA Trophy—I think we all would like that very much!



MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

Despite the fact that matches are once again behind closed doors, there will still be a match day programme for every game, either to download or there will also be a restricted amount of print copies. I know that the price has had to go up on the print copies to cover costs during these tough times and I will do my very best, along with all of the brilliant contributors to The Shots, to ensure that the quality and content of the programme comes at least some way to matching the new price. Buying a copy supports the Club and that is a fantastic way of helping Aldershot Town in these difficult times – it is appreciated by everyone. Thank you to each and every reader!







NEW DATE FOR SOLIHULL MOORS NATIONAL LEAGUE GAME

The home game against Solihull Moors, originally scheduled for 28 November, 2020 and postponed due to Moors' involvement in the FA Cup, will now be played on Tuesday 16 February, 2021, kick-off 7.45pm. As yet we do not have a new date for last week's postponed match with Barnet. Keep an eye on the Club website and our social media channels for further information on the new time and date for this game.

MATCH ACTION

Saturday 26 December Vanarama National League Kick-Off 3pm

The Shots 3
Panayiotou 32', Anderson 34', 38'
Woking 0

The EBB Stadium



The Shots: James, Fowler, Sendles-White (Lyons-Foster 88'), Rees, Kandi (Booked) (Nouble 90'), Anderson, Panayiotou, Edser (Whittingham 87'), Phillips (Booked), Ogie (Booked), Bettamer Subs: Walker, Finney, Lyons-Foster, Whittingham, Nouble



Woking: Ross, Casey, Cooper, Spasov (Tarpey 62') (Booked), Ferdinand, Shotton, Collier, Lofthouse (Booked), Dempsey (Jarvis 52'), Davison, Loza (Wareham 78') Subs: Tarpey, Jarvis, Reid, Block, Wareham







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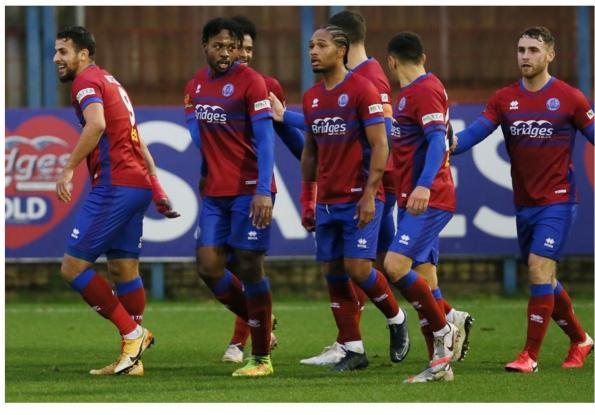
DANNY SEARLE

'We've been on the end of a few of those when we're looking the better side and then we have six or seven minutes of madness and it kills you. There's players at this level that can punish you and fortunately for us they were in an Aldershot shirt today. It's a derby win, three points and much-needed.'

ALAN DOWSON

'We came out of the traps quick. I thought we had them on the ropes for the first 20 or 25 minutes. Second half they saw it out very well and we got worse, even though we didn't concede.'





PLAYER KIT



HOME: Andy Wilde

AWAY:

Shots Away Travel

Mitch Walker



HOME & AWAY: Roger Niblett

George Fowler



HOME: Martin & Adam Jessop

AWAY: For Gillobean

Alex Finney



HOME & AWAY: The Three Grumpy Gits

Jamie Sendles-White



HOME: SCSJ Consulting AWAY: Adrian Butt

Kodi Lyons-Foster



HOME & AWAY:

Ian White

James Rowe



HOME: The Rightsiders

AWAY: Marshels Roofing

Josh Rees



HOME: Muhammed Ali

AWAY: Andy Wilde

Mo Bettamer



HOME: Andrew King

AWAY: Hussayn Awais-Ali

Chike Kandi



HOME: Heather Nicklinson

AWAY: SCSJ Consulting

Harrison Panaviotou



HOME: The Blair Family

AWAY: Bobby Proudlock

Alfy Whittingham



HOME & AWAY: Richard, Julie & Bradley Layton

Ryan Hall



HOME: Bobby Proudlock

AWAY: Marc Bowerman

Joel Nouble



HOME:

AWAY:

Jermaine Anderson



HOME & AWAY: Sunnyside Removals

Reece Wylie



HOME & AWAY: Richard, Julie & Bradley Layton

Toby Edser



HOME & AWAY: O'Neill & Brennan

Ben Shroll



HOME: AWAY:

Giles Phillips



HOME & AWAY:



Andy Pusey



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HOME: Adrian Butt

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MATCH ACTION

Monday 28 December Vanarama National League Kick-Off 3pm

Yeovil Town 3
Duffus 15', 78' Skendi 87'
The Shots 0

Huish Park



Yeovil Town: Smith, Hunt, Osho, D'Ath (Booked), Dickinson, Wilkinson, Lee (Neufville 75'), Skendi, Worthington (Booked) (Knowles 90'), Quigley (Booked/ Sent Off), Duffus (Sonupe 90') Subs: Warburton, Knowles, Neufville, Sonupe, Dagnall



The Shots: James, Fowler, Finney, Phillips, Ogie, Anderson (Booked/ Sent Off), Rees, Bettamer, Panayiotou, Edser, Kandi (Nouble 79') Subs: Walker, Lyons-Foster, Whittingham, Nouble, Colombie







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DARREN SARLL

'Today what I wanted to eradicate was that doubt within the side. After making a lot of changes, I thought we needed that extra bit of experience, bringing in players who understood their roles and responsibilities a bit more... It's a clean sheet, three good goals.'

DANNY SEARLE

'I think we were still patting ourselves on the back from Saturday. The problem when you win a derby is the euphoria.... We got taught a lesson today, by a team of experienced players who bullied us from start to finish... When you allow a side like that a lead they've then got something to hold on to.'





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Full Name: Ryan Hall

Date and place of birth: 06/10/2000 in Portsmouth

Height: 6'2"

Married: No

Nickname: Hally

Car: VW Fox

Previous clubs: Portsmouth FC Academy

Team you supported as a boy: Portsmouth

Favourite current player: Ben Foster

Most difficult opponent: Said Benrahma

Most memorable match: Portsmouth v Cardiff FA Cup 2008

Biggest disappointment: Being released from Portsmouth

Football honours: Signing my first pro contract at Aldershot

Town

Favourite other sports: Cricket

Favourite other sportsmen/women: Jimmy Anderson

Hobbies: Playing cricket, cycling

Favourite TV show: Friends

Favourite musicians: The Killers, Catfish and the Bottlemen,

The Kooks

Miscellaneous likes: Visiting different places

Miscellaneous dislikes: Washing up

Best country visited: Egypt

Favourite food: Chicken

Favourite restaurant: Anything Italian, Prezzo

Favourite drink: Fanta Fruit Twist

Biggest drag in football: Travelling

If you weren't a footballer what do you think you'd be:

Physio or SBC coach

Which person in the world would you most like to meet:

Harry Redknapp

If given £1Million what would be the first thing you would

buy: A new car



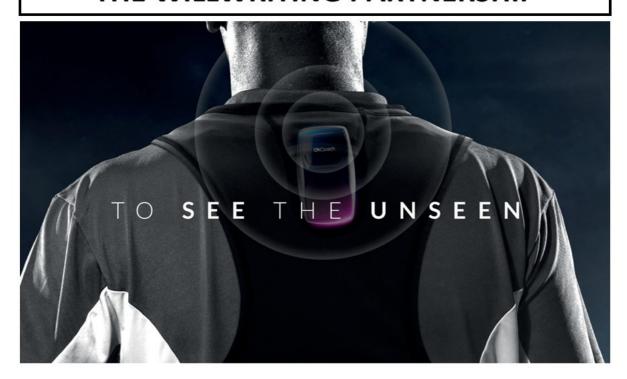
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ALDERSHOT TOWN SUPPORTERS CLUB

Good Afternoon Everyone,

Today we are welcoming Solihull Moors to the EBB Stadium for an FA Trophy match. Let's hope we can progress to the next round!

After a busy Christmas football period we "of course" got our bragging rights against Woking with home and away wins!! Last week's match was postponed due to Covid-19 and we hope that everyone who was affected is feeling much better now.

Please keep your membership cards until we are able to come back to our Supporters Club hut. To keep everyone safe we are not able to open as yet, but hope to be back there soon!

Our lovely and reasonably priced supporters badges are able to be purchased at the club shop or from our website at just £4 (+post & packaging) if required. Also, hoodies will be available from the website soon.

Congratulations to Robert Cumner who was our first members' draw winner of 2021.

If you'd like to join the Supporters Club email us or join on the website at just £15 for over 18s and £10 for 18 and under for new members, which includes an Official Supporters Club scarf. There are many benefits, including early tickets for matches once we are able to return to the stadium.

Another way to help the club is by joining In with a Shot which is a weekly draw, either a £2 game or £5 game. So far the money raised for the club is over £7,800 and we have given out just as much which is good considering it has only been going for just over a year. To join, just email the supporters club at atfc.supclub@yahoo.com or contact Mark Butler at the club mark.butler@theshots.co.uk

Remember we are also on Instagram atfc_supporters_club

Hope you enjoy the game.

Ray Hedgeman - Supporters Club Chairman

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ON THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN



The saga goes on as we enter 2021 with hope for a remedy to all of this sooner rather than later but with the awareness that the next few weeks will impose severe challenges for us all as we continue with Lockdown 3. It is hugely alarming that the Borough of Rushmoor has one of the highest percentage rates of infection in the country and adherence to guidance has to be paramount.

Of course our first home match of the year was postponed due to the current pandemic and I hope all who tested positive are on the way to recovery. Part of me wonders why we continue to play football at this level with so many postponements due to Covid-19 positive cases within some squads. However, part of me is grateful that we have matches to look forward to. We all need something to cling onto during these desperate times and it has become a bit of a habit watching the various streams.

I must admit showing mixed emotions over the festive period watching the matches from Aldershot, Yeovil and Woking. The Boxing Day victory was a strange game. A six -minute blitz of three goals in the first half ensuring a satisfactory victory over our neighbours from nine miles away. All the joy and hope of that victory was truly scuppered two days later though with an abject display at lowly Yeovil Town. In a way I surprised myself as I was infuriated during the latter stages watching the match, so disappointed that we had thrown away the good work of 48 hours before. Onto the New Year and by far the most composed and polished performance, especially the second half, to ensure the double was confirmed again at Kingfield.

I was extremely sceptical during the build-up with the hype and announcement of Ricky Miller joining the club. Not because I wasn't keen. Indeed, the opposite, the arrival of Ricky can only enhance our squad, but the focus and expectation on Ricky was huge. After the summer signing of Ross McCormack not working out in any shape or form I thought we needed to be a bit guarded with Ricky and give him time to settle especially as he has been out of the game for so long. Wow! What an introduction. I loved it. I want players who possess that edge. Within a quarter of an hour he had made a true pest of himself inside the penalty box, nearly scored, then did score the winner, got booked and then injured. It was an introduction like no other and the kind of infectious presence that this club needs.

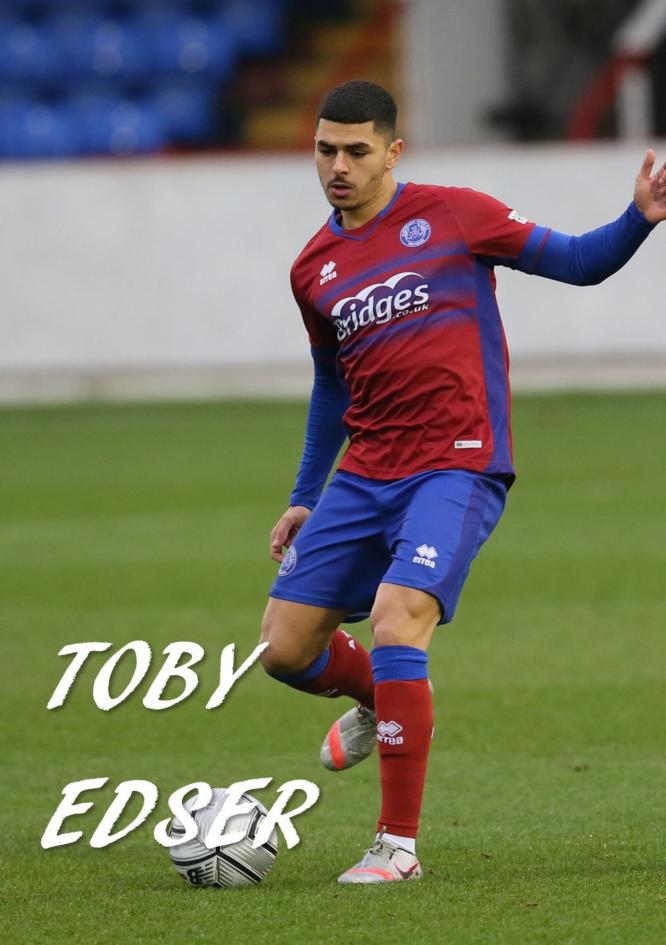
The streaming looks as though it will be the way forward for the next few months again. I thought the camera angles for the Woking away match were excellent; the best of the matches I have viewed so far. However there is no question in my mind that our own Shots TV coverage, now that the wrinkles appear to have been ironed out, is excellent. From the pre-match presentation to Danny Searle on interview moments after the final whistle, all was superb on Boxing Day. My only observation, and I am pleased that it would have occurred had the Barnet match been played, is to have legendary guests in the studio chair who have worn the Aldershot Red and Blue and not the visiting club.

These are difficult times. I am thankful that we have our football to look forward to. It is not the same and it can never be the same until the flexibility to our lives is back. But it is something to hold onto and I think we all need that in the current climate.

As an aside, a warm Aldershot welcome to Solihull Moors Director Alex Alexandrou to the EBB Stadium. We've never met but have exchanged dialogue with a project Alex is involved in called Football and War; when life hopefully returns to normal Alex and I will meet to discuss a project with the Army FA where we are steeped in history that needs to be placed in the wider public domain. For historians the site can be visited via www.wlv.ac.uk/footballandwar or

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Words by Graham Brookland



THE BIG INTERVIEW

Despite the supporter rivalry between the two clubs, Aldershot Town and Woking, there have been several players who have made the short journey between them over the years and switched their allegiance from Shots to Cards (Colin Fielder, Lloyd Wye) or from Cards to Shots (Grant Payne, Scott Rendell, Jake Cole). Latest in the list of players to make the move from Surrey to Hampshire is Aldershot Town number 20, Toby Edser, who signed for the Shots last September, just two weeks before the new season kicked-off, after spending two loan spells under Alan Dowson at Kingfield.

Toby had just been released from Nottingham Forest where he had spent four years and he explains how the move to the EBB Stadium came about.

'I met the Gaffer probably around the time the boys started pre-season. I came and had a good chat with him and took a liking to him straight away. He told me his plans, his aspirations for the season and I was just desperate to be a part of it really.'

'I was on loan at Woking last season. I had been at Nottingham Forest for four years and I had a loan spell with Woking when they were in the Conference South for three months and then the following season I signed on loan for them for another three months again.

The loan spells with Woking gave Toby his first experiences of playing in the men's game, rather than youth and academy football. He feels that it gave him a good grounding in the game as he moved his developing career forward.

'To be honest, I had lots to learn and it was my first loan going into men's football and I had to grow up pretty quickly. At the same time it was nice because I had been away from home since I was 16. I am a Guildford boy so being able to live at home and see my friends and family on a regular basis, I enjoyed it a lot.

'I was playing well but the main thing really is just adapting to men's football because it is completely different - in standard, in physicality and playing in front of fans as opposed to playing in front of two or 300 people at an Under-23 game. I really enjoyed it and I thrived on it'

Indeed it was good for Toby to be able to return to Surrey as he had been living in Nottingham since the age of 16. How did his move to the Championship club come about and was it hard moving away from home at such a young age?

'It all came round pretty quickly, to be honest. I got offered a scholarship whilst I was still in school, in Year 11. So as soon as I finished my exams and finished my prom I had to go up there. To be fair it was made very easy for me because a lot of the boys that were offered scholarships at Forest were in the same boat as me - not having played for the club previously but playing for other clubs and we were all in a big house together, about 15 of us. So it was easy in that sense.'

A huge move when you are so young but Toby thrived on it and says he learned a lot about football and life in general while at the City Ground. 'It was different! Living in a different city - like to us down here that's up north although I know it's the Midlands. Forest is a great club and I learned a lot. I developed a lot as a player and as a human being as well. They drill that into you from day one really, that it is just as important to be a good human being as a player. I developed quite quickly, I signed my scholarship and after a year of my scholarship I got offered a three-year professional contract and after a year of that professional contract I got offered another one. It went really quickly, the four years I was there.'

It didn't take Toby long to make his mark at Forest and aged just 17, he was not only playing with the Under-23s but captaining them as well.

'I was captaining boys who were three or four years older than me at the time which felt quite weird. It's more normal in men's football of course. But it definitely helped me develop as a footballer and a person and I feel like that has stuck with me now, so I am grateful to have been able to wear the armband for so many years.'

Playing 'up' in the academy age groups also gave Toby an opportunity to meet the son of an Aldershot Town legend, Matty Cash, son of Stuart, making his way through the Forest academy and subsequently into the first team although until The Shots spoke to him, Toby was unaware of the connection with his new club.

'I know Matty Cash very well, he was two age groups above me and to be fair to him, at a football club you don't really mix with older age groups unless you are playing with them and he was one of the boys when I was playing up years who made me feel welcome. Being from down south like me we had a lot in common and I still keep in touch with him now so it's great to see him doing so well. But I didn't know his dad had played and coached at Aldershot Town!'

Although never making a first team appearance for Forest, while at Woking Toby was able to enjoy being a part of their FA Cup run during the 2018-19 season which culminated in a third round tie with Watford. It was a time he really enjoyed and made the most of.

'It was a great experience being on TV with a sell-out crowd. Even the run-up to that game was good. We had Torquay in the first round and they were a very good side – they won the league that year and we beat them



1:0 away in the first round. And then to play Swindon in the second round who were League 2 at the time and beating them 1:0 away as well. The lead up to the Watford game was just one that I will never forget. Then the game itself, massive to get a Premier League team in the third round, it's what you dream of really but they were very good, I didn't touch the ball very much!'

Toby started in his usual position that day, centre midfield. Has he always played in that position?

'Yes, since whenever I first started playing football, aged around four, five, six. My first year in Sunday league, playing for Guildford Saints, my dad was the manager and I was always a centre midfielder, right through the age groups up until now.'

The player we see at Aldershot Town is one who likes to go forward and attack but it hasn't always been that way in Toby's career.

'Now I see myself as an attacking midfielder but I grew up going through the ages playing more as a defensive midfielder, starting attacks off and playing just in front of the back four. But my first experience of playing in attacking midfield was my first loan spell at Woking. I think that was to do with the physicality side – their style of play. But I think I adapted well so now I haven't gone back, I've carried on playing as an attacking midfielder.'

Making that change led to Toby scoring six goals while with Woking and this season saw him carry that on with his first goal in an Aldershot Town shirt, away to Altrincham in November. Now he is settling in here at the EBB, what is it that he enjoys about being here and playing for the Shots?

'First and foremost, I love it here, I'm really enjoying myself. I think the biggest thing for me is the environment that the Gaffer's got everybody in, even right down to the groundsman, it feels like a real family club and it just feels to me that everyone cares so much about the results we get on a Saturday and a Tuesday night. The environment, the atmosphere, the real family feel, I think that is what I like most about Aldershot Town.'

Toby is a young and developing player. What does he feel are his best characteristics on the pitch?

'I think my attitude, I'd like to think of myself as a leader. And people get that mixed up sometimes. People think that a leader has to be someone that's shouting and screaming but I feel like I'm a leader in a sense of I do everything right off the pitch. I also have the ability to create play, I'd like to think of myself as a creative midfielder, I love getting on the ball and creating chances for my team mates.'

And because football can be all encompassing, what does he like to do when he is not playing or training?

Of course, this is somewhat restricted at the moment with the current situation.

'I like to play golf. I've been lucky recently because the golf courses have still been open but now they are shut. I like golf because it's four hours walking round a golf course, you put your phone in your bag and you're away from reality – it takes your mind off football or anything else that's on your mind. So playing golf, and it's a bit of a cliché for a footballer, probably just chilling out, watching films and stuff like that.'

And finally, what does he hope for from this season, both for himself and the team?

'For myself, number one, stay in the team, play as many games as possible, get as many goals and assists as possible and keep affecting the games really. And from a team and club's point of view, promotion. I think that's our main goal, that's one of the aspirations that the Gaffer had when I had that meeting with him pre-season and I think looking at our squad, I think no one can tell us we're not good enough to get into the play-offs this year. It's just about finding the consistency.'

Words by Victoria Rogers







MATCH SPONSOR

Simon Regan

I'm Simon Regan and have been a Shots' supporter since 1960. Well once you're hooked that's it as we all know. I moved away from the area forty years ago but still turned up regularly but don't see many games now as I mostly live and work overseas. I decided to sponsor the match today to thank the fans who are still supporting from home. They all deserve the cheers.

Favourite players from days gone by - Jimmy Melia, Richard Walden and Big Jack. Later, the great times after '92 when we actually won things, with Stevie Stairs and Butts.

Favourite game. Lots of memories but I remember getting time off school to watch them beat Villa in the Cup in '64. Latterly, beating West Ham and playing Man United in the League Cup.

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John Marchment and Tim Copp

John

Age 62. I have supported the Shots since I was around 9 or 10. I first visited the Rec with a friend and his Dad who would also take us to the odd Reading game. Thankfully, I had a good head on my shoulders and stuck with the Shots! I still have a letter from Bob Hooker, the Secretary in 1969, saying that sadly the club didn't have any signed photographs of Jack Howarth!

Having played youth football, when I was 16 I started playing for Farnborough Covenanters FC, a Church based adult team, playing in Woking & District League Div 3. We progressed through the Leagues, changed our name to Covies FC and then finally to Farnborough North End FC and eventually ended up in the Wessex League where we were quite successful I stayed with them, my only club for 35 years and 'retired' as Secretary in 2009 from where on with Tim Copp, who was also a player and latterly Chairman, we have followed the Shots, home and around 8 to 10 games a season, away.

I remember playing against Aldershot in a friendly at Queens Road, North Camp and the referee failed to turn up and Ian McDonald reffed the game. He had a quiet word with me during the game and said if I tackled like that again he would book me! Peter Hucker was in goal that night and complained that he had played at the Bernabau and now this place!

My favourite all time player was Jack Howarth. I also admired Joe Jopling, Ian McDonald, Murray Brodie and Alex McGregor.

My most memorable matches include, the FA Cup win at West Ham, Man Utd Carling Cup 4th Round, Shrewsbury in the FA Cup, Norwich FA Cup (foggy!) and a more recent one, Tranmere Rovers at home a couple of years ago, 2-1 last min after they had been time wasting for 90 mins and Steve McNulty made an error presenting us with an unmissable chance to win the game!

Tim

Age 57. I started watching the Shots when I was 10 and my favourite player was the mighty Jack Howarth. My Dad was a fan and he used to take myself and my brother Joe, who is also a season ticket holder.

My most memorable games are v Crystal Palace in the early 70's, Man Utd Carling Cup 4th Round, Norwich FA Cup and of course the great FA cup win at West Ham.

I first played adult football at the age of 14 and played in the same team as John, Farnborough Covenanters, in a friendly against Tony Cherry's Prospect FC. I still remember the score, 1 – 1. I went on to play for Camberley Town and played alongside some ex-Shots including Tony Calvert, Murray Brodie, Keith Baker and Sean May. At Farnborough North End, along with John, we played alongside Andy Meyer, Micky Sloper and Peter Pike.

After Camberley I joined Bagshot and then Covies. I was probably with the club for about 25 years and that included two football trips to Sulechow in Poland, in 1987 and 1989. I had various roles from playing to Manager and finally to Chairman. Along with John, we did all the glamorous jobs which included, cleaning the changing rooms and washing the kit!

On match days, you can find us on the Slab, nearest to the South Standend, enjoying the banter in our corner, supplemented with Bovril and chips from the Hot Shots Café!

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THE ACADEMY

PROFILE



Name: George

Age Group: U16

When did you join the Aldershot Town Academy? I joined Aldershot when I was 13 years old

When did you first start playing football? I started football at a young age, normally playing with my dad and younger brother.

What team do you support? Chelsea

What type of player are you? The type of player I am is a powerful and physical player. I use these skills to my advantage while playing football.

Who is your favourite footballer? Adama Toure

Describe the best goal you have ever scored: I

received the ball on the halfway line and was driving towards the goal with the ball. I beat four players and slotted the ball past the goalkeeper.

What do you want to achieve this season with the academy? I want to place first in our U-16 league and try to win our U-18 league for this year's achievement.

What are your hopes for your footballing future? My goal is to receive a pro contract from a professional club, and be able to play football as a full-time job.

If you had any advice for an up and coming academy player, what would it be? My advice for young player is to listen to your coaches because they are going to be the ones to help you play at the top of your game.



MATCH ACTION

Saturday 2 January Vanarama National League Kick-Off 3pm

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The Laithwaite Community Stadium



Woking: Ross, Cook (Booked), Casey, Cooper (Dempsey 63'), Ferdinand, Collier, Kretzschmar, Lofthouse, Block (Spasov 74'), Davison, Loza (Booked) (Jarvis 65') Subs: Tarpey, Jarvis, Spasov, Dempsey, Reid



The Shots: Walker, Fowler (Booked), Lyons-Foster, Rees, Panayiotou, Edser, Whittingham, Phillips (Booked), Ogie, Nouble (Miller 61') (Booked) (Kandi 80'), Bettamer Subs: James, Finney, Lyons-Foster, Whittingham, Nouble







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ALAN DOWSON

'I thought we were scandalous to be honest... There was no fight, I thought it was an awful performance from the players. How can you get out-thought in a local derby?'

DANNY SEARLE

'The level of performance today was outstanding. We were pretty much in control of the whole game and if we were a little more clinical at the end, it could have been three or four.'









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INTRODUCIÓN SOLIHULL MODES

We welcome Solihull Moors to the EBB Stadium for this evening's FA Trophy 4th round tie. Solihull Moors defeated Farsley Celtic by a 4-0 scoreline at the Sportnation.bet Stadium in the previous round to set up this evening's tie with The Shots. The third round tie had to be played on Solihull's 3G pitch as the Sportnation.bet stadium's pitch was declared unplayable. Jimmy Shan's side have not played since 5 January, when they defeated Chesterfield 2-1 at home thanks to a last minute goal from Kyle Hudlin.

In goal for the Chesterfield game was Ryan Boot who has made 13 league appearances this season, keeping six clean sheets. Boot kept four successive clean sheets in October in games against Wrexham, King's Lynn, Boreham Wood and Stockport. Boot started his career with Port Vale, where he made 29 first team appearances. Solihull Moors did not have a substitute goalkeeper on the bench for the game.

In defence, the versatile Tyrone Williams has made 13 league appearances this season. Williams can slot in at either right back or centre back for Jimmy Shan's team. Jordan Cranston was a trainee with Wolves, he went on to make several appearances for Cheltenham and Morecambe. This season is his first season with Solihull Moors and Cranston has made 12 league appearances. He scored his first goal for the Club against former club Morecambe, in the second round of the FA Cup. Cameron Coxe was rumoured to be interesting Manchester City earlier this year, following his departure from Cardiff City. Coxe has 13 Wales Under-21 caps to his name. Since Coxe's arrival he has made nine National League appearances. New signing Nathan Cameron made his Solihull Moors debut against Chesterfield. Cameron made two appearances for Wigan Athletic in League One this season.

In midfield, captain Kyle Storer has recently gone over the 100 league appearance mark for Solihull Moors. He has made 11 league appearances this season. Storer was a member of Cheltenham Town's National League-winning 2015/16 squad. Joe Sbarra began his career with Burton Albion and went on to make 66 appearances

for them. Sbarra was on loan with Solihull between March and May of 2019, making six appearances. He joined the Club on a permanent basis before the start of the season and has made 11 league appearances. Sbarra has scored twice this season with goals against Altrincham and against Chesterfield, in the 2:1 win. Callum Maycock was a signing from Coventry City. Maycock has made eleven league appearances this season. Prior to signing for Solihull Moors he had been loaned out by Coventry to Curzon Ashton, Leamington and Macclesfield in recent seasons. Darren Carter is a club hero at Birmingham City, the then 18-year-old scoring the penalty that thrust Birmingham into the Premier League in the 2002 Division One Play-Off Final at the Millennium Stadium against Norwich City. Carter went on to play for West Brom, Sunderland, Preston, Northampton and Forest Green amongst others. Solihull Moors is where Carter has made the most appearances in his career, with 115 league appearances since signing in 2017. This season has seen Carter make eight league appearances. Carter was sent off for accruing two cautions in the game against Boreham Wood in October. Alongside playing, Carter also coaches the first team and is also a club ambassador for the Club, which sees him help out with various aspects within the Club and local community.

Up front, Bermudan international Justin Donowa joined the club at the end of October. Donowa has made four league appearances. He has also competed at a high level in track and field, competing in the triple jump, reaching the World Youth Championships. Donowa has been capped 20 times by Bermuda, scoring three international goals. Kyle Hudlin has stepped up from tier 7 football this season, having been signed from Midland League Division Two side Solihull United. Hudlin will be a towering presence from set pieces at 6'9" tall. He has scored two league goals, including the winner in the last game against Chesterfield. Hudlin was also a scorer against Morecambe in the FA Cup and netted in the FA Trophy against Farsley Celtic.

HISTORY

Historically this has been an even contest, with three wins apiece and a draw in the seven previous encounters. Solihull Moors have won the last three encounters. The sides only played once in the 2019/20 season and it was Solihull Moors who came out 2-1 winners. A Paul McCallum penalty and a Matthew Stenson goal gave Moors a 2-0 lead before Ethan Chislett pulled a goal back for The Shots. The last time

The Shots beat Solihull Moors was at the EBB Stadium in September 2017, a ninth minute goal from Shamir Fenelon being the difference between the sides.

Words by Dan Blake

THE BOSS JIMMY SHAN

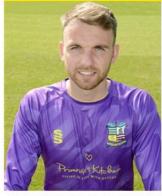
Solihull Moors confirmed the appointment of Jimmy Shan as the club's new manager on February 12th 2020.

The 42-year-old, who came close to guiding West Bromwich Albion to the Championship play-off final in the 2019-19 season, most recently offered his support at Kidderminster Harriers on a voluntary basis.

In working his way up the coaching ladder, Shan began his career at Birmingham City and then went on to enjoy a 13-year spell with West Brom.

Shan was promoted from first-team coach to caretaker manager at the Hawthorns in March last year. Despite winning six of his 10 matches in charge, he left Baggies in the summer and moved to Kidderminster at the start of December.





1 Ryan Boot

Ryan turned professional at Port Vale in April 2013 having initially been an academy player at Stoke City. In a five-year career there he made 28 appearances and had various loan spells at Worcester City, Newcastle and Macclesfield. In 2013 he had a trial at Fulham.

He joined the Moors in the summer of 2018 after being released from Vale upon the expiry of his contract. The number one has played every minute of the last two National League seasons, keeping 46 clean sheets in 100 appearances. In the summer of 2020, he extended his stay at the Club by signing a new contract.



TYRONE WILLIAMS

Versatile defender Tyrone Williams was signed from Kidderminster Harriers in February 2018. He was a graduate of the Harriers academy after signing his first professional contract in 2013. He made his first team debut for the National North team in 2016 (at which time he was Harriers longest-serving player) and went on to make more than 70 appearances, with loan spells at Hednesford, Redditch and Stourbridge providing him with valuable experience.

The 26-year-old, comfortable at centre back and right back, quickly established himself as a regular in Moors' team. He is a powerful defender who can also score goals.



4 KYLE STORER

The 33-year-old began his career with local side Bedworth United before joining Tamworth in July 2004. He racked up 27 appearances in his first season at The Lamb before joining Nuneaton Town. Kyle made the step to play full-time football with Kidderminster Harriers in July 2011 as a 24-year-old where he became club captain.

After a spell with Wrexham he moved to Cheltenham Town where he was skipper for the last two-and-a-half years, won the National League title in 2015/16 and went on to play 101 times at Whaddon Road.

He joined Moors in January 2018 and has been an ever-present in the team. Kyle is Moors' First Team captain, with over 600 career appearances to his name.



Towering centre forward Kyle Hudlin sprang a surprise when he signed for Moors on 27 October 2020.

Hudlin joined Moors after a spell with Midland League Division Two side Solihull United and put pen to paper on a two-year deal at the SportNation.bet Stadium.

The 20-year-old has been a nonleague hot-shot for a few years, most noticeably catching the eye at former side Boldmere Sports and Social Falcons.

27 KYLE HUDLIN

During the last campaign, the 6ft 9inch striker notched 25 times in just 22 games for the Falcons before signing for United in March.

Coronavirus curtailed the season soon after, but Hudlin still made his mark for Solihull, bagging a hattrick in only his second game for the club.

A new challenge now awaits Hudlin as he makes the jump from playing in step seven of English football to the National League.

3 Jordan Cranston

Left-back Jordan Cranston signed from Morecambe in August 2020, penning a two-year deal with the Moors.

Cranston, 27, spent his early career with Wolverhampton Wanderers, securing his first professional contract with the Molineux club.

He played locally with Nuneaton and Hednesford, before moving onto Notts County in 2014/15.

Since then, Cranston has played his football at Lincoln City, Gateshead and Cheltenham Town where he became a National League winner in 2015/16.

The defender signed for Morecambe in 2018 and went on to make 54 appearances, scoring four times including the 2018/19 goal of the season.

6 Alex Gudger

28-year-old central defender Alex Gudger signed from Brackley Town prior to the start of the 2018/19 season. He was an ever-present with the Saints in his two-year stint at St James Park and was also a member of the squad that came so close to gaining promotion to the National League last season, losing away at Harrogate Town in the play-off final. He played at Wembley in the FA Trophy win over Bromley.

Alex progressed through the youth ranks at Nuneaton as they won promotion to the Conference but it was at Rugby Town that he made his mark as a 19-year-old and went on to play 111 times for them, collecting the Player of the Season award in his first season and being made Club Captain for the 2013/14 season. He signed for Worcester City in 2015 and onto Brackley for 2016-17.

He played a huge chunk of games in his first season at the Moors, gaining plenty of recognition for both his defending and goalscoring ability. Gudger collected a number of awards at the end of season dinner in April 2019.

After another impressive campaign last time out, Gudger was named in the 2019/20 National League Team of the Season.

7 Joe Sbarra

The Moors announced the return of midfielder Joe Sbarra in July 2020.

The 22-year-old played six times for Solihull in the 2018/19 campaign when the club narrowly missed out on promotion to the EFL.

Sbarra was on loan from Burton Albion in that campaign and, following his departure from the Pirelli Stadium earlier this summer, he has made the Moors his permanent home this time around.

He began his footballing career through the youth academy of West Brom before becoming an academy graduate at Burton, making his senior debut on the final day of the 2016/17 season.

In total, Sbarra made 76 appearances for the Brewers.

8 Stephen Gleeson

Solihull Moors announced the signing of Republic of Ireland midfielder Stephen Gleeson in August 2020.

The 32-year-old has four years of Championship experience under his belt having made well over 100 appearances for Birmingham City and Ipswich Town.

His most recent football came north of the border with Scottish Premiership side Aberdeen.

Capped four times by his country, Gleeson was given his league debut by Mick McCarthy at Wolves in the 2006/07 season after progressing through the academy.

But it was at MK Dons where Gleeson really started to excel, clocking up more than 200 appearances over five years.

In his time with Birmingham, Gleeson played 125 times and scored six goals.

9 Adam Rooney

The 32-year-old Irishman arrived at the Moors in March 2020 on a contract until May 2022, for an undisclosed fee.

Rooney gained promotion to League Two via the play-offs with the Ammies in 2018/19, scoring 21 goals in the process.

He joined Salford on the back of a highly successful spell with Aberdeen in the Scottish Premiership where he scored 88 goals in 197 appearances, won the League Cup, scored goals in Europe and picked up a golden boot.

Supporters will also know the forward from his time at Birmingham City for whom he spent one playing season with and scored his first European goal against NK Maribor. However, it was at Stoke City where Rooney's career began, and he became the Club's youngest ever hat-trick scorer on the last day of the 2005/06 season against Brighton & Hove Albion.

Rooney then went on to enjoyed spells at Inverness Caledonian Thistle, Swindon Town and Oldham Athletic to name a few.

11 Jamie Ward

Jamie Ward signed for the club on 2 October 2020.

The vastly experienced forward began his career with Aston Villa before moving onto Torquay United and Chesterfield. He would then spend two seasons at Sheffield United between 2009 and 2011, before a three-month loan to Derby County became permanent.

Ward spent over four years with the Rams making 149 appearances, scoring 34 goals before switching to Nottingham Forest in 2015. During his four-year stay at the City Ground, he would be loaned to Burton Albion, Cardiff City and Charlton Athletic.

Born in Birmingham, Ward is capped by Northern Ireland with his eligibility coming through his grandfather. He has a total of 44 caps, 35 of which are senior, scoring six goals. His first senior cap came back in 2011 in a Euro 2012 qualifier, while he was also included in the Euro 2016 squad for his county.

12 Cameron Coxe

Wales under-21 international Cameron Coxe signed on a two-year deal, with the option of a further year in place.

The 22-year-old's career long spell with Cardiff City came to an end when he departed the Bluebirds in June 2020.

Coxe joined the club's youth academy at the age of seven before signing his first professional contract in February 2017.

He made his first-team debut during a 2-1 defeat against Burton Albion in the second round of the EFL Cup in August 2017. Intotal, the defender made four senior appearances at the Cardiff City Stadium.

Coxe has represented Wales at Under-17, Under-19, Under-20 and currently Under-21 level.

13 Niall Clayton

Niall Clayton impressed Moors in pre-season and signed a one-year deal.

The shot-stopper spent his formative years at Wolves and then Birmingham City before earning his big break at Oxford United, putting pen to paper on a two-year scholarship with the U's.

Clayton has already been involved with the Wales Under-21 set-up and was drafted in as a trialist for Moors in the summer of 2020.



15 Callum Maycock

Born in Birmingham, Maycock was given his first-team opportunity by Coventry City after initially joining the club as an apprentice in 2014.

The 23-year-old made his professional debut for the Sky Blues in November 2016, coming on as a substitute in a 1-1 FA Cup draw with Morecambe.

He played 32 times whilst on loan at League Two side Macclesfield Town in 2018/19, before playing regularly for Learnington in the National League North last season.

Maycock departed Coventry in June 2020 following the expiry of his contract, with 12 senior appearances to his name.

16 Jordan Piggott

West Brom academy graduate Piggott arrived at the Moors in July 2020 on the back of a successful season for Halesowen Town.

The Yeltz were battling for the title in the Southern League Central Division One and made it to the semi-final stage of the FA Trophy, prior to the premature curtailment of the season.

Piggott, 21, has previous experience at Dundee, East Fife, Bangor City and Alvechurch.

19 Joshveer Shergill

Moors demonstrated their ambition when Joshveer Shergill arrived from Leeds United on 7 September, 2020.

The promising left-back started life in the Midlands, earning his stripes at West Brom before signing as a two-year scholar for Walsall in June 2018.

An attacking full back, much is expected of the bright teenage talent.

23 Darren Carter

Darren was part of the Forest Green Rovers squad who gained promotion to the Football League in 2017. He is a former England Under-19 and Under-20 international

He began his career with Birmingham City where at the age of 18 his penalty in the 2002 First Division play-off final clinched the club's promotion to the Premier League. He was loaned to Sunderland in winter 2004 and helped them win promotion to the Premier League. He moved to West Bromwich Albion in July 2005 and had spells at Preston North End, Cheltenham Town, and Northampton Town before joining Forest Green Rovers.

Darren has clocked up 125 appearances for Moors since arriving in the summer of 2017. More recently, he has made the transition into coaching and become a player-coach under Jimmy Shan - the 37-year-old is also the club's ambassador.

24 Mitch Hancox

Former National League winner and Solihull-born Mitch Hancox became the Club's first signing of the 2019 summer.

The ex-Birmingham City star spent the whole of his youth career with the Blues before going on to make 40 appearances in the first team.

He made 15 appearances during a loan spell at Crawley Town, scoring twice. His time at St Andrew's then came to an end as he signed for Macclesfield Town in August 2016.

His second season under John Askey was a memorable one as the Silkmen clinched the National League title, with Hancox playing a key role alongside Nathan Blissett. He made 39 appearances, scoring seven times – a hat-trick in

a 41 win away at FC Halifax Town gave him his second match ball in as many seasons

He most recently spent the season with MK Dons who gained automatic promotion back to League One at the first time of asking, although Hancox found opportunities limited in an injury-troubled campaign.

25 Cameron Archer

Rising Aston Villa hotshot Cameron Archer arrived on loan on 2 October, 2020.

Born in Walsall, Archer showed star potential from an early age and was headhunted by Villa at six-years-old. The tag 'one to watch' soon became synonymous with Archer who regularly played in higher year groups for his age.

Archer broke into Villa's u23 side at just 16-years-old and he has been a regular ever since. His performances at youth level caught the eye and first team boss Dean Smith handed Archer his senior debut during Villa's second round Carabao Cup tie at Crewe last August.

That same season, Villa entered an U-23 side in the EFL Trophy, Archer starred and grabbed the headlines with a long-range strike against Tranmere Rovers.

26 Justin Donawa

Justin Donawa signed for the Moors on 28 October 2020.

Donawa has an impressive all-round sporting background, having grown up as a cricket player and thrived as a triple jumper in his formative years. As an athlete, he won three medals in regional competitions and also competed at the 2013 World Youth Championships in Athletics.

However, football was to prove Donawa's true calling, especially once he moved to the United States to attend the Berkshire School and then Dartmouth College. During his time in the States, the Bermudan won three Ivy League championships with the Big Green, appeared during school breaks with Somerset Trojans, and spent time with Black Rock FC. He was drafted by Columbus Crew in the third round of the 2019 MLS SuperDraft but was not signed by the club.

Donawa moved to England last summer after impressing during pre-season with Darlington, which bagged him a contract with the Quakers. He went onto play 37 times throughout the 2019/20 season, scoring nine goals.

After representing Bermuda at Under-20 level, Donawa has since progressed to accrue 20 senior caps for his national side, scoring three goals.

29. Nathan Cameron

Moors were delighted to add steel to their defence with the signing of Nathan Cameron on 5 January 2021.

Born in Birmingham, Cameron began his career with Coventry City and has extensive experience across the Football League.

He has made over 200 appearances in the Championship, League One and League Two with the likes of Northampton Town, Bury and Macclesfield Town.

At the beginning of the 2020/21 season, Cameron spent time with League One side Wigan Athletic. The centre-half made two appearances for the Latics before leaving the club in October.

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With Rob Worrall

Happy New Year to everyone connected with Aldershot Town FC and welcome to Fanzone for our FA Trophy match with James Shan's Solihull Moors. It was excellent to be able to make progress in this competition before Christmas and we hope for further success today.

The Festive Double over local rivals Woking has not just given Shots supporters the local bragging rights, but has also given the team, staff and supporters a huge lift as we all do our best to cope with the ever more challenging situation with the Covid pandemic. Thank you, on behalf of us all, I'm sure, to Danny, Anwar, the rest of the management team and our playing squad, for continuing with all that you do throughout these crazy times. Last week's match was postponed due to Covid in the squad and I hope that everyone who was affected is feeling better now.

This week, we have a couple of colourful Shots Selfies to grace our Fanzone page.

First up, the Yarrow family who all wore their Aldershot Town FC home shirts prior to watching the Boxing Day derby at home. Proud father Ben kindly sent us the following: "Ava is very new to The Shots and it was her ninth birthday on Friday 8 January. She attended her first game at the EBB Stadium on 5 December and it resulted in a 2-1 win (over Dagenham). Ava plays in goal for Guildford Saints U-9 Lions and her favourite player is George Fowler. Her elder brother Riley also has a

birthday coming up, he'll be 12 on 28 January. He plays for the Guildford Saints U-13s and his favourite player is Shots marksman Mo Bettamer."

Also featured this week is long-term Shots supporter Sami Blackburn and Shots 'newbie' Dan Coxhead. Both from Bracknell, but Sami has been supporting Aldershot Town for 18 years now and Dan just one. Sami's favourite players are Craig Tanner and George Fowler, whilst Dan has been impressed by Chike Kandi. They love watching Shots and continue to listen in to match commentaries, but can't wait to get back into the EBB to shout their heroes on!

That's it for today. Please keep your photos, birthdays and anniversaries coming and your funny Shots-related stories.

Email your Selfies, Stories, First Matches,
Anniversaries and Birthdays to robaworrall@gmail.com



THE BIG PICTURE



- JOB WELL DONE



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SPOT THE BALL

Can you find the names of four former Aldershot Town managers in our wordsearch?

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HAT-TRICK QUIZ

Can you score a hat-trick of answers in our quick-fire quiz?

- 1 Who was the Solihull Moors manager in their play-off season of 2018-19?
- 2 Who scored the only goal for Aldershot Town in the FA Trophy match against Maidenhead United on this day in 1999?
- 3 Which club has former Tottenham Hotspur manager Mauricio Pochettino just moved to?



WHO AM 1?



Wordsearch solution

2 Jimmy Sugrue 3 Paris St. Germain Edgeley Park, Stockport County Who am 1? Ricky Miller

ANSWERS
Hat-Trick Quiz
Tim Flowers

Spot the Ball





This season sees a new way of looking at Shots games gone past, this time through the medium of goals. But not the most exquisitely executed goals, although there's been plenty of those over the years – the mazy runs, the stunning free-kicks. No, this feature is going to focus on the vital goals, the significant goals, the ones that turned games and seasons, the well-timed goals in the context of the game, turning one point into three, defeat into a dramatic draw or victory over rivals, be that neighbourly or positionally. And a few goals that just announced that the Shots were back. Some were penalties, some were tap-ins, some were out of this world, but whatever they were, they were significant and sent the fans wild. And in all cases they were most definitely golden!

Aiden O'Brien v Weston-super-Mare

30 November 2012

Aldershot Town 1 - 1 Weston-super-Mare

Goalscorer: Aiden O'Brien

FA Trophy First Round

Attendance: 1,084 (Visitors 20)

After a humiliating defeat in the fourth qualifying round of the FA Cup just a month earlier to Shortwood United, Aldershot Town's first FA Trophy tie in five and-a-half-years took on perhaps even greater importance than it might usually have done. The draw in Gloucestershire and subsequent home defeat three days later had left its mark on supporters and players alike and there was no mood in the fan base for anything other than a crushing victory over another set of West Country visitors.

And Weston-super-Mare were no Shortwood United – playing in the Conference South, they were only one division lower than the Shots and had the previous season missed out on a play-off place by a fine margin. In a one-off FA Cup match the chances were there once again for an upset. However, Aldershot Town, although lying in 21st place in the table due to the ten-point penalty deduction awarded when the Club went into administration, had already gained 29 points and won their previous two matches, scoring seven goals, so hopes were high.

It was a strong team that took the field, manager Andy Scott also of a mind not to be embarassed again in another cup game. Alongside regulars such as Chris Barker, captain Craig Stanley, Joe Oastler and Brett Williams was a young 20-year-old loanee, making his second start for Aldershot Town. Aiden O'Brien had been brought in by Scott to help boost the frontline and strike options and despite him not hitting the target in his debut four days earlier in the 2:1 victory over Braintree, he had done enough to retain his place and catch the supporters' eye.

This strong line-up though was actually to prove somewhat toothless against a gritty and determined Seagulls side which included future Shot, Tristian Plummer. The first half ended goalless and the first 30 minutes of the second period was no better if you were the type of person who felt that football matches needed goals in them to be enjoyable. Then, who should finally break that deadlock but Weston and more specifically, Plummer, who was to send the Recreation Ground into the darkest gloom when with just 14 minutes remaining on the clock, he popped a goal in for the visitors at the High Street End.



Incredibly it looked like history was going to repeat itself as the time ticked down, the Shots continued to press and Weston held firm, unwilling to give up this hard-fought lead. The match went into time-added-on and still there was no breakthrough - even a draw would do now, giving the opportunity to win a reply but with time spiralling away that looked increasingly unlikely. Then, in the 93rd minute, from the edge of the penalty area, O'Brien let loose with a fast and hard volley and seconds later the stadium was ringing with the sound of rejoicing as Shots supporters and players celebrated this last-minute reprieve!

The referee's whistle blew just a minute or two later, signalling the end of the game and although there wasn't widespread rejoicing in the ground – after all, surely the game should have been wrapped up on the day – there was a sense of relief and certainly a strong feeling of love for O'Brien who was definitely the hero of the hour. Thanks to his last-minute effort, the Shots had earned a replay three days later which they won, 5:2, both O'Brien and Plummer getting themselves on the scoresheet for their respective teams once again and the Shots then progressed through two further rounds, beating Worcester City and Guiseley before losing out in the quarter finals to Havant and Waterlooville.

O'Brien had returned to parent club Millwall by then, having made a total of nine appearances for Aldershot Town and scoring seven goals. It was clear even then that he was going to go on to better things and in May 2014 he signed a new two-year deal with the Lions. Over the following six years he made 152 appearances for Millwall, scoring 44 goals. Aiden was in the team that won promotion via the play -offs back to the Championship in the 2016-17 League One Play-Off final and also made several appearances at both age group level and the national team for the Republic of Ireland, scoring his first international goal in September 2018. He finally left Millwall last summer, moving to Sunderland where he continues to play regularly, scoring his first goal for the Mackems in an EFL tie in September.

A fine career which continues to go from strength to strength, but Aldershot Town will always remember the goal which started it all off, a goal which saved the Shots from looking ridiculous and which led to an exciting cup run to boot – a dramatic powerful volley from a young loanee, it was most certainly a golden goal...

Words by Victoria Rogers

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Ross McCormack

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TONIGHT'S FA TROPHY FIXTURES

Aldershot Town vs Solihull Moors Bromley vs Woking FC Halifax Town vs Southport Kettering Town vs Leamington Stamford AFC vs Hereford

LEAGUE TABLE

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Notts County	14	6	23
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Maidenhead Utd	14	0	23
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Boreham Wood	14	6	22
Solihull Moors	13	5	22
Woking	16	2	21
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Chesterfield	15	6	19
Dagenham & Red	14	-3	18
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King's Lynn Town	14	-13	15
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Barnet	14	-24	9
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