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#### vs **Barnet**

Tuesday 2 February 2021 Kick-Off: 7pm

Vanarama National League









Good evening and a warm welcome to you, wherever you are watching or listening to the game. A welcome also to our visitors, Barnet, their manager Tim Flowers and his players and staff. This is our third consecutive Tuesday night fixture in what is becoming a very busy programme of matches and we are looking to get back on track after a difficult week of results.

I felt that we started last Tuesday evening's game against Weymouth really well and I thought that this was going to be as comfortable as you can get in a National League game. Then they scored in their first attack although even then I wasn't too concerned, I knew we had been scoring goals for fun recently and I was thinking, this will be fine. Then the night went from bad to worse - Mitch got sent off and you're thinking, let's just get to halftime and make sure we're still 0:1, and then they go through one on one with the keeper and score. And it was at that point we kind of knew it was not going to be our night. The second half we did do well, considering we had one less player we looked like we could actually go and get a goal, but it wasn't to be.

Then we went to Bromley on Saturday and I'm still scratching my head over that game because I can't work out how we lost it. They had two shots at goal and beat us 2:0 and I think for large parts of the game we dominated, we just didn't put the ball in

the back of the net. And that is probably one of my biggest concerns, when you dominate a game that much you have to punish the opposition.

Tonight will be a dangerous match, Barnet having been on such a tough run of results. What Tim has been doing is bringing players in slowly, adding to his squad, and they are definitely going to get stronger – they are going to win a game and it's a real kind of banana skin for us if you want, tonight's match. I said to the boys on Saturday, everyone will expect you to win the game against a team who when I watched their highlights from Saturday against Torquay, there were parts of the game when they were good and they were unlucky not to score. So we really need to be on it tonight and make sure we do the horrible stuff which we didn't necessarily do that well on Saturday – we need to be horrible and to be better.

Enjoy the game,

Danny



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#### CHAIRMAN

#### SHAHID AZEEM

On behalf of Aldershot Town FC, we welcome the Barnet FC directors, manager, players and officials to this evening's game.

To state the obvious, it has been a challenging time for all, but the nation's resilience has been amazing and individual stories can be mirrored across the nation and the globe.

However, we are here to talk about football and our clubs and our league.

You must be aware of the current situation with the National League, where the government has, excuse the pun, moved the "moved the goal posts."

At Aldershot Town FC, we knew back in April 2020 that the following season when and if it started would be a completely different situation from the previous season, bearing in mind that we never completed the 19/20 season and the tables were based on Points per Game.

Vast amounts of work was carried out by the Club, Deane Wood, Richard Petty and the Safety Advisory Group on various protocols for matches with limited fans. We were working on approximately numbers of 1,400-2,200 but limited as to bars, hospitality etc. As we literally had a new team again, all our contracts were subject to when the first league game would start and we had a clause in all the contracts that if the league was suspended, the liabilities of cost would not be on the Club.

After giving the National League clearance to start in October and our contracts with all our players "kickedin" (excuse the pun again) in September, the government agreed that via before the Department of Culture, Media and Sport, the FA and the National League that the clubs in the National League would be compensated in terms of grants until December and if the crowds were not allowed back in, the financial support would carry on until March.

I sit on the board of the National League and we agreed



to start the season on these conditions, but we were then told that in January that there would be no grants but loans on favourable terms which is not what we agreed to on starting the season.

We are so grateful for the support from before the Department of Culture, Media and Sport, Camelot, the National League and the FA, and I fully understand that as a nation that we have more pressing and worthy causes that need the financial support. However, the government cannot mislead us on these conditions which were never agreed.

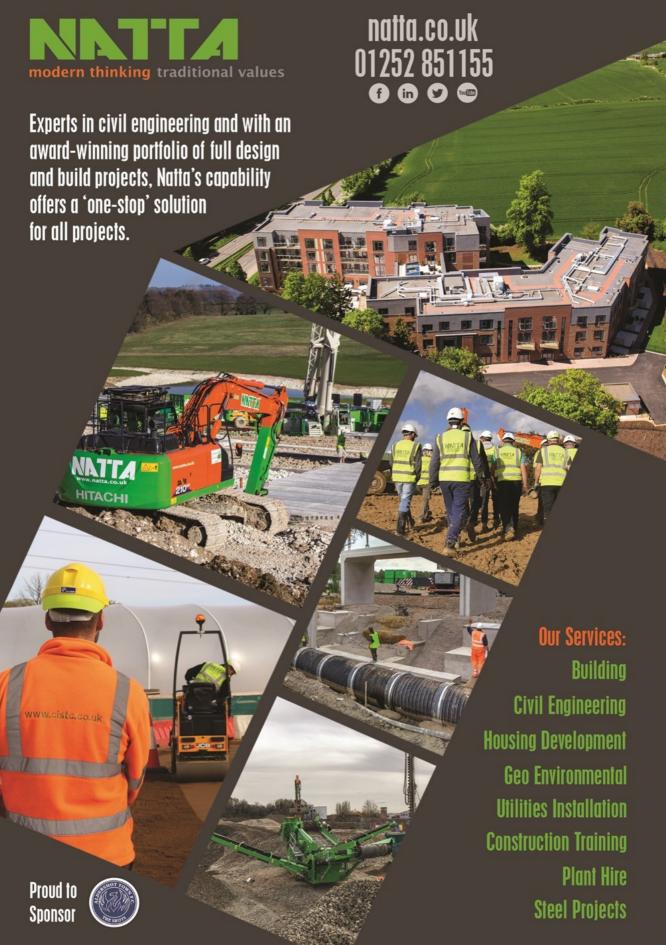
There will be a resolution from the National League to all clubs to vote on continuing the season or ending the season as null and void. I am aware that there will be various and differing opinions, but as a club and as a business it is vital that we do all we can for the survival of our club and other clubs to ensure that if we have a restart, that we have clubs to support.

To give you comfort, as a club we are living within our means up to now, and will do everything possible to carry on in this manner.

I want to say a huge thank-you to staff, players, the Garrison, sponsors and volunteers during these challenging times, but Together we will be Stronger.

Please look after yourself, friends, family and colleagues.

Shahid Azeem



## JAMIE SENDLES-WHITE CAPTAIN

After a tough week for Aldershot Town, Jamie talks about the defeats at home to Weymouth and away to homely, how in his opinion they differed to each other and his hopes for tonight's game

We dominated the game for the first ten minutes and it looked like there was only going to be one winner, then we let in a goal, Mitch was then sent off and I think with ten men it is always a struggle, especially when you are chasing the game. When you go down a man you have to really dig in and we unfortunately got a little bit of bad luck with the second goal which really took the stuffing out of us. We tried to battle, we tried to press but ultimately the few bad decisions let us down on the night. With eleven men, even though we went a goal down, I think we would have won that game but it wasn't to be. The distances we covered were much greater than usual because we were chasing the game and we needed to get a goal. They saw the game out fairly well from their point of view, they kept the ball and they made it difficult for us to win it back - I think it was one of those games that you get in football sometimes when nothing really goes your way, but we had to brush ourselves down to be ready





for the Saturday.

Saturday was a better performance from the team but ultimately ended in the same result. Jamie was named on the bench and explains why he wasn't in the starting line-up

Their first goal was just a really good finish from the boy, the second goal came from a short free-kick and I don't know if he meant it, but Brad went to save it and it deflected off the player and went in. I couldn't play because it was on 3G and my knee can't do 3G but watching the game, I wouldn't class Bromley as a very good team, they were just professional, they had a bit of nous and experience and I think the game was a little bit similar to the Yeovil situation – they had seasoned pros, men who have the knowhow and that is probably what let us down on the day. But it was a better performance and there were positives to take from it.

#### And those positives can go a long way to helping in tonight's game against Barnet

We have all these games coming thick and fast now where we can pick up some points. And although Barnet are on a difficult run of results, they are a big club with an experienced manager and they will turn that losing run around at some point. But we need to make sure we don't allow that to be against us, we put on a professional performance and make sure we bring home the three points.



#### WORDS BY VICTORIA ROGERS

It never ceases to amaze me just how quickly events can turn around in just a few days. This time last week I was waxing lyrical about the Shots' excellent run, five wins out of six in all competitions and now, just seven days later, there's been a bit of a bump in the road and we've lost the last two games. I don't have access to BT Sport so was unable to watch Saturday's game but from all accounts the lads put in a good performance; but as manager Danny Searle said afterwards, you need to back that up with goals and you won't be coming away with points from anywhere if they are not scored, or if you can't prevent the opposition from doing 50.

There is a lot going on 'in the background' of non-league football currently with a great many concerns being expressed about player and staff safety and a workable way forward through the rest of the season bearing in mind that supporters, the lifeblood of ALL clubs at this level, are still not permitted into grounds to watch games and to financially support their clubs through the money taken at the gate. Streaming games of course is bringing in muchneeded funds and here at Aldershot Town, Commercial Manager Mark Butler is working incredibly hard to secure sponsorship for matches along with the selling of Pitch Squares in this programme (all sold now) and working with the Supporters Club with In with a Shot which has donated £8,000 to the Club over the past year. There have been many other countless financial gestures to the Club from

supporters as well, through raffles and sponsored events

I know very little about football club finances in general but I suspect that despite everyone's best efforts, nothing can match the money that is usually earned in a 'normal' season, uncertainty, for supporters, for players, for management, for club staff and directors - it's not a nice feeling for anyone, not really knowing what's going on in a time in the wider world, when everything is so very different and difficult. As this programme was going to print there was a vote across the three National League clubs as to how to proceed (or not, as the case may be) through the rest of the season and also how best to approach the offer of funding for the next few months, with concerns it could prove to be a future burden. Hopefully, by the time you are reading this we may have some clarity on the remainder of the season and what is happening. It will be an incredibly difficult decision for clubs to have to make.

Indeed, everyone will have a view on how they think the decisions should be made and we certainly won't all have the same opinion. Mine is that football, even at this level, employs a great many people and also gives a lot more people something to watch, talk about and just simply enjoy at a time when there is very little else to do. Yes, player and staff safety is important and I know that Aldershot Town take an incredible amount of care over this as do all clubs in the National League, but mental and emotional health is important too, and for the supporters watching, the players playing and the staff and volunteers working in football, the beautiful game is a way of just taking our minds off whatever else is happening in the world at the moment, if only for a few hours.

Keep on taking care of each other, I can't wait to see you all at the EBB Stadium as soon as it is possible.



#### MIDWEEK SHOW

Have you seen the Aldershot Town Midweek Extra show yet? If not, you've been missing out on so much! Going out on the Shots YouTube channel on a Thursday evening, kick-off 7pm and ably hosted by Aldershot Town Commercial Manager, Mark Butler, it's 90 minutes of interviews and features on your favourite club. So far we've had in-depth chats with manager Danny Searle and former Shots favourite, Steve Stairs, Club Ticket Office Manager Matt Wigman demonstrating his School of Coaching and week by week, the players facing off in the Aldershot Town version of Mastermind.

This week's edition will be at the same time, 7pm on Thursday evening and to watch it live, click on the link on the Club website news article or, if you want, you can watch it later at any time, again on YouTube – in fact, why not subscribe to the Club's official YouTube channel and never miss a news update from the Red and Blue ever again? And once subscribed you can watch the editions you may have missed.

The Midweek Extra Show - you know it makes sense!



## MATCH ACTION

Tuesday 26 January Vanarama Natonal League Kick-Off 7:45pm

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The Shots: Walker (Sent-Off), Colombie (Lyons-Foster 79'), Finney, Sendles-White, Rees, Kandi (James 19'), Anderson, Edser, Ogie, Nouble (Whittingham 46'), Bettamer Subs: James, Lyons-Foster, Rowe, Panayiotou, Whittingham



Weymouth: Ross, Ngalo, McCarthy, Mensah, Brooks, McQuoid (Robinson 68'), Dallas (Saydee 84'), Revan, Harfield, Luque (Booked) (Murray 71'), Shields Subs: Benfield, Camp, Robinson, Murray, Saydee







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#### DANNY SEARLE

'There are things you can't legislate for dominating the opening stages of the game, then the first real threat in the area and they (Weymouth) score. We've conceded too many goals, we tried a different partnership and that didn't work... Going one nil down, I didn't feel any threat though, we know we can score goals, I thought we'd be fine, then Mitch got sent off. I'd rather he had left it and we had 11 players on the pitch because I'd back us to score two goals, but going down to 10 made it really difficult.'

#### **BRIAN STOCK**

'Give the players credit, they stuck to the task. I felt Aldershot missed a golden opportunity in the first 10 minutes. If that had gone in, you never know what the outcome would've been. I felt we regrouped very well and we've got a lot of voices on the pitch now... We've gone about our business in the right way and we went in at 2-0 at half-time....The second half wasn't pretty but we've seen out the game and got another clean sheet.'





## PLAYER KIT



Mitch Walker

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AWAY:

Shots Away Travel



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AWAY: Andy Wilde



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HOME & AWAY: Andy Pusey

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Adrian Butt

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Ryan Hall

HOME & AWAY: Richard, Julie & Bradley Layton

Killian Colombie



HOME: Adrian Butt

AWAY: Jim Speight

Kodi Lyons-Foster



HOME & AWAY: Ian White

HOME: Bobby Proudlock

AWAY:

Marc Bowerman

Shadrach Ogie



HOME: Simon Regan

AWAY:

Phoenix Plumbing and Heating

James Rowe



Josh Rees

HOME: The Rightsiders

AWAY:

Marshels Roofing

Joel Nouble



HOME:

AWAY:

Jermaine Anderson



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## MATCH ACTION

Saturday 30 January Vanarama National League Kick-Off 3pm

**Bromley 2**Bridge 21', Cheek 79'

The Shots 0

#### **Hayes Lane**



Bromley: Cousins, Kizzi, Webster, Maloney, Raymond (Booked), Roberts, Bingham (Booked), Wakefield, Bridge (Holland 65'), Williamson (Alabi 77') (Booked), Cheek (Duffus 83') Subs: Holland, Alabi, Duffus, Purrington, Arthurs



The Shots: James, Whittingham, Finney, Lyons-Foster, Rees, Panayiotou, Anderson, Edser (Rowe 81'), Ogie (Booked), Nouble (Kandi 75'), Bettamer (Miller 57') (Booked) Subs: Hall, Sendles-White, Rowe, Kandi, Miller







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#### **NEIL SMITH**

'Today was about starting from the back and getting a clean sheet... We had to deal with a lot of their set pieces in the swirling conditions but we stood up to it and we always knew as long as we stayed solid, we would get another chance to make the game safe.'

#### **DANNY SEARLE**

'Yes we were the dominant side but we were weaker where it mattered, in both penalty areas. Bromley had two shots on goal and scored from both of them. As good as we looked you can't dominate for so long, fail to score and then expect to come away with the points.'





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# SHOTS IN FOCUS CHIKE KANDI

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Full Name: Chike Kandi

Date and place of birth: 06/10/95 in London

Height: 5'11"

Married: No

Nickname: I haven't got one

Car: Vauxhall Adam

Previous clubs: Chelsea, Brighton, Woking, Leatherhead,

Dagenham and Redbridge

Team you supported as a boy: Arsenal

Favourite current player: Son Heung-Min

**Most difficult opponent:** Tranmere Rovers

Most memorable match: Dagenham v Braintree when I

scored a last minute penalty

Biggest disappointment: N/A

Football honours: None yet

Favourite other sports: Basketball and tennis

Favourite other sportsmen/women: Serena Williams, LeBron

James, James Harden

C Hobbies: Gaming

Favourite TV show: I haven't really got one

Favourite musicians: Saba, Chance the Rapper

Miscellaneous likes: Food, cookies, ice cream

Miscellaneous dislikes: Mushrooms, mornings

**Best country visited:** Spain (Seville)

Favourite food: Burgers, pizza

Favourite restaurant: GBK

Favourite drink: Water, mango smoothie

Biggest drag in football: Pre-hab/activation but it is a

necessary evil

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

more intelligent!

Which person in the world would you most like to meet: Andrew Santino (comedian), Bill Gates, Thierry Henry,

Arsene Wenger



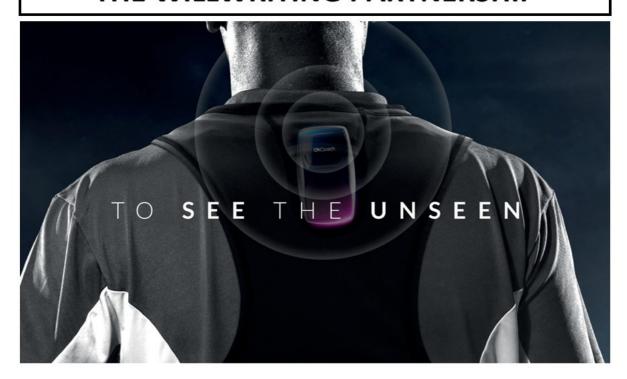
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## ALDERSHOT TOWN SUPPORTERS CLUB

Good Evening Everyone,

This evening we are welcoming Barnet to the EBB Stadium for our rearranged game.

Like ourselves they had a loss at the weekend. Like I've hoped before, we can regroup and get a result tonight. 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! We will be contacting members that joined in March about renewal ready for when we are back.

Our lovely and reasonably priced supporters' badges are able to be purchased at the Club Shop or our website at just £4 (+post & packaging) if required. Also hoodies will be available from the website soon. We will be doing the next members' draw winner on 1 March so if you'd like to be included in this, join the Supporters Club by emailing 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

if you don't personally have your card/scarf you are included in draws

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 £8,000 and we have given out just as much, pretty good for something which has only been going just over a year. To do this, just email the supporters club at atfc.supclub@yahoo.com or contact Mark Butler at the Club mark.butler@theshots.co.uk

The new Midweek YouTube Show that the Club has now started is such a laugh, the first two episodes have been fun, be interesting to see if Matt Wigman's football skills get any better!!!

But we would give him 10 out of 10 for effort and enthusiasm!!

Remember we are also on Instagram atfc\_supporters\_club

Hope you enjoy the game.

Sian Blair - Membership Secretary

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## ON THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN



These are continued critical times for so many reasons. We are all experiencing circumstances that are new, different and challenging. Dealing with them takes a variety of abilities and understanding. The same will be relevant to football and football clubs. Many of us are now accustomed to watching our team via the various streams available including our own excellent Shots TV. Thank you to all who make it possible.

However, the debate at National League level is whether we will be able to carry on to complete the season with the financial offers that remain "on the table". I have no idea what the financial situation of the football club is at this stage but a magician is not required to decipher that football club finances at all levels will be perilous.

As much as I want to see my team continue playing as it provides us with an outlet (although not by any means replacing attending matches), it would be neglectful to its supporters for any club to vote to continue playing if it is to be to the detriment of its short- and long-term survival. To me, there is no justification for a club to be spending any money at the moment on anything and that includes on the playing squad too. The prudence has to be ensuring that we all have a club to support once the eventual lifting of the Covid-19 restrictions (whenever that

will be) allows us the chance to return to the Rec and for all supporters to be able to return to their own home venues.

Let's also not forget too that as supporters we have all played a huge part in trying to keep the Club afloat too. It is great to learn of the government grants, assistance from sponsors and the like and the day to day running of the club will have provided immense pressure for those who access the "purse strings" currently.

However, the contribution made by supporters since the initial lockdown is immense. The waiving of the remaining matches from last season from Season Ticket holders through to the income received from subscribing to Shots TV and this match programme (I often wonder how many people read the programme in its new online guise. with a limited print run).

How many supporters didn't request a refund for the Boxing Day Woking match after the borough of Rushmoor was put into a higher tier system? I suspect there are many of us in that category. The participation of supporters within the various club schemes and promotions. It is huge. It is a hidden contribution because it is not in the form of a one-off donation but I would be certain it would be a considerable amount. One day, perhaps, we might find out.

There are many factions that have kept the football club afloat over the past few months and we should be appreciative for all, but supporters, as proved over the decades here at Aldershot, have played an extremely vigilant but silent part in it too.

#### Words by Graham Brookland





## THE BIG INTERVIEW

In a challenging season for players, managers and supporters alike, arriving at a new club a third of the way through the campaign is not the easiest of things to do but after just a few games, former Peterborough and Bradford midfielder Jermaine Anderson has rapidly nailed down a regular place in the Aldershot Town team. After not playing since his departure from the Bantams at the end of his contract in May 2020, he's delighted to be playing regularly once again, albeit in non-league football for the first time in his career and explains just what drew him to Aldershot Town.

'What happened was that I was out of contract at Bradford so I was a free agent this season. I spoke with the Gaffer and he told me his plans and I really liked what he said to me. So I came and trained with the boys for a bit and we all got on well and he decided to sign me. And it's been going well from there, to be fair.'

Initially the signing was a short-term deal and Jermaine made his first appearance in the red and blue from the bench in the home win against Dagenham and Redbridge on 5 December. Two more substitute appearances followed, against FC Halifax Town and Boreham Wood before he started his first Shots game in the FA Trophy match away to Welwyn Garden City and since then, has only missed one match, the visit to Woking, due to picking up a red card in the loss at Yeovil Town. When recently his deal was extended to the end of the season the news was received with delight by the Shots supporters who have rapidly taken the 24-year-old Londoner to their hearts, not least because of the two goals he scored against Woking on Boxing Day!

Jermaine's footballing life started out in the Arsenal Academy before moving to Peterborough, aged just 16, to become a part of both their youth system but also to begin playing professional football as well. It was an exciting time but also a huge move for someone so

young. Was it difficult making that move away from home? Jermaine is very honest about this.

'Oh yes, it was horrible, the worst thing. The first day I got there I just wanted to come back, I called my mum and said I want to come home. It was all so new to me and all I knew was Camden Town where I was from. But I got used to it, got to know people in the area and that was good and it went from there.'

And there were people who wanted to help this young footballer get settled so that he could start playing the football they knew they could expect from him, both team mates and the manager, who then as now, was Darren Ferguson.

'I was a young kid but there were a lot of pros in the first team so I had to grow up pretty fast, adapt to men's football and learn the true ways of first team football as opposed to playing Under-18s football, they were like completely different things, so in that sense that's what made me grow up pretty quick. But the manager at the time there was really helpful with that and helped me develop and learn stuff so I think that was pretty important on my career.'

Indeed, Jermaine cites Ferguson as probably the biggest influence on his career so far.

'He was the first ever proper football manager that I had and he helped me, with me only being a kid from London, not being from the area, he showed me the ropes.'

Jermaine was at Peterborough for over eight years, making 75 appearances for the Posh and scoring five goals. He had debuted for the Club when aged just 16 and in the 2014-15 season had his best run of games, 21 consecutive appearances before breaking his foot in February and missing the end of the season.

And injury was to impact his career again later that year when a knee injury put him out of action for nearly six months, only for a further knee injury to hit him in September 2016 after he had made a strong start to the 2016-17 campaign. This time he was out of action until the following season. It was a difficult time for Jermaine but he has a pragmatic view to injuries, within football.

'I think that it is just part of football, football can bring about all sorts of things and it's important not to get too high, or too low if you're not doing so well, You've just got to take the rough with the smooth and the boys at Peterborough, they certainly helped me through that. There were a few boys who supported me, Rico Santos who's at Bolton now, and some of the senior pros, like Lee Tomlin. People who have experienced the game more than I have so they kind of put their arm round me and helped me out in that sense.'

Jermaine finally left Peterborough in 2019, moving to Bradford City. He spent 18 months in Yorkshire, making 18 appearances before his release and eventual move back down south to the Shots. A bright and sparky addition to the middle of the park, has he always played in midfield?

'Oh yes, I've always been a midfielder. Sometimes I've been defensive, sometime I've been attacking, I'm quite versatile in that sense and I can take on instructions well so whatever the Gaffer really needs.'

And what does he feel are his best qualities as a player?

'Well to be fair, I want to help the team to score goals and play well for them and contribute goals as well. But you can also help out at the back and help to keep clean sheets and be responsible for that too. It's a mutual effect to be honest.'

So those goals against Woking, they were certainly showing off what he could do best on the field! How many goals a season does Jermaine feel a midfielder should be contributing?

'I would say double figures by the end of a season and some assists as well. The main thing is to get the team to win games so that's how you do that, whether it's keeping clean sheets or scoring goals it's what is all comes down to in the end.'

And it was a good feeling for him to be scoring those goals in such an important game, even in an empty stadium.



'The fans weren't there but obviously I knew how much it meant to the Club and the fans to win and do well in a local derby, so it was really nice to score the goals that were so important and win the game for the fans.'

Anyone who scores goals in a local derby is popular at Aldershot Town but how well does he feel he is settling in after nearly two months with the Shots?

'It's been really easy to be fair, the boys were really welcoming, I knew a few of them from before (Kodi Lyons -Foster and Joel Nouble) from my area where I grew up and all the boys helped me settle in.'

And what makes it special here at the EBB Stadium?

'I would probably say the sense of community, you know it seems like everyone gets on really well from top to bottom and obviously the fans play a big part in that; I hope we get them back in the stadium before the end of the season.'

The matches are coming with ever-increasing frequency at the moment, nearly every Tuesday and Saturday seeing the Shots in action. But what does Jermaine like to do when he's not training or playing, bearing in mind even gyms are closed currently. He appears to be very much the same as the rest of us at the moment.

'I just like chilling at home and watching Netflix. Play a bit of PlayStation but nothing too fancy to be fair.'

And with all of those games, what are his hopes for the rest of the season, both for himself and for the team?

'We didn't have the result we wanted last Tuesday but we have been in decent form lately and everyone's aim is to get as high up the table as we can. For myself, I just hope to play as many games as I can and be part of a good successful team; that would be my aim for the season.'

#### **Words by Victoria Rogers**







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Tonight's match sponsor is long-time Aldershot Town supporter, Ian White. Ian, who usually watches matches from the South Stand was a big friend of Mary Sweet, a much-loved Shots supporter who passed away in 1999.

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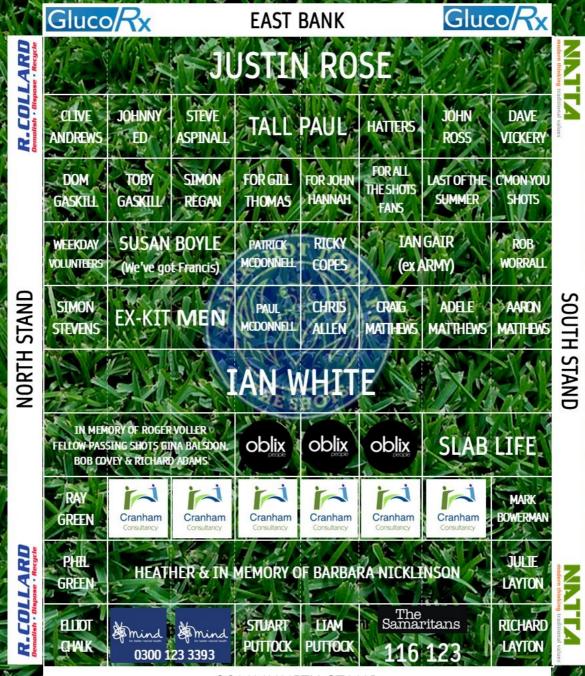


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#### PROFILE



Name: Milo

Age Group: U15

Playing Position: Centre defensive midfield

When did you join the Aldershot Town Academy?

This is my fifth season with the Academy.

When did you first start playing football?

When I was two years old.

What team do you support?

Arsenal.

What type of player are you?

Strong, hard-working, physical and a playmaker.

Who is your favourite footballer?

Paul Pogba, because he's strong and very skillful.

Describe the best goal you have scored?

It was from the halfway line in a match against the Leicester Academy.

What do you want to achieve this season with the Academy?

To gain any opportunity to play more with the next age group (U16s), to challenge myself.

What are your hopes for your footballing-future?

To consistently play with a first team for a club in the Football League.

If you had any advice for an up and coming academy player, what would it be?

Train hard every session, stay fit and listen to your coaches.



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#### RON RAFFERTY 1934 - 2021

It is with regret to report on the sad passing of former Shots professional footballer, Ron Rafferty,

Ron could not recover from Covid-19, but fought hard to the end.

I have known Ron since 1963 when he first played for the Club.

Both Ron and his wife Pat became friends of mine and my first wife Carol. We would often go out socialising at restaurants and the Lakeside Country Club.

Ron was born in South Shields, Tyne & Wear on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 1934 and played for Portsmouth, Grimsby Town, Hull City and Aldershot where he played from 1966 – 1969, making 89 appearances.

Ron was living in a care home for these last few years, one where I was singing on a regular basis and Ron would often join in with me as a duet. He had a great singing voice and my wife Rak also enjoyed his company and they had many a laugh together.

Ron loved his time playing for Aldershot and was great friends with Malcolm Dawes, Jimmy Giles, Joe Jopling, Dick Conner, Jack Howarth, Ron Walton, Richard Walden and Tommy McAnearney.

As a footballer he played hard, trained hard, was a gifted player and most of all became a true long-lasting friend.

Ron leaves behind two sons, Steve and Paul, one daughter, Andrea, who lives in Australia and seven grandchildren. He was a proud father and proud grandfather. He will be greatly missed by all of them.

On behalf of all Directors, Admin Staff, Team Manager, Coaching Staff, Players, Volunteers and Shots Supporters of ATFC we offer our sincere condolences to all the family.

See you at the near post sometime Ron and thanks for all the memories.

Terry Owens - ATFC Ambassador.









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# INTRODUCIONAL BARNET

Tonight we welcome Tim Flowers and his Barnet side to the EBB Stadium. Barnet will be looking to halt a run which has seen them lose their last seven games in all competitions. Flowers' first league game in charge saw a 3-0 defeat to Boreham Wood in front of the BT Sport cameras. Tonight's game will be Flowers' fifth league game in charge of Barnet. The former England goalkeeper and Premier League winner sees his Barnet side currently in 23rd place in the National League. Due to the Club's December and January postponements, they have up to three games in hand on some of their rivals in the National League table. On Saturday Barnet went down 2-0 at The Hive, against league leaders Torquay United.

In goal for the Boreham Wood game was the experienced Scott Loach. Loach was capped 14 times by England Under-21s and had a six-year spell at Watford. This season has seen Loach make 16 league appearances for Barnet, keeping three clean sheets. Ayman Azaze was on the bench. Azaze has made one appearance, keeping a clean sheet in the 0-0 draw against Wrexham.

In defence, Harry Taylor has made 17 league appearances for Barnet this season. He has received five cautions this season. Jerome Binnom-Williams has made 14 league appearances this season. Binnom-Williams signed before the start of the season, having spent last season with Halifax. Myles Judd is on loan from Leyton Orient. Judd was sent off on his debut against Boreham Wood and has made three league appearances for Barnet. Judd played in a 2-0 Leyton Orient win against AFC Wimbledon in the Football League Trophy, prior to his loan. Liam Daly signed for Barnet in January from National League North side Gloucester City. Daly has made three league appearances since signing for the Club. Another new defensive signing is Ben Richards-Everton, from League Two side Bradford City. Richards-Everton has made three league appearances since signing from

The Bantams. Richards-Everton has played in 14 games this season for Bradford in a combination of league, Football League Trophy and FA Cup games.

Captain Joe Dunne has made 14 league appearances this season. Dunne is in his second season with the Club, having signed in the summer of 2019. Dunne began his career at Arsenal. Ephron Mason-Clark has made 16 league appearances this season. Mason-Clark scored in the 2-1 defeat against Stockport at the beginning of December. Former Colchester and Southend midfielder, Anthony Wordsworth, has made eight league appearances this season. Wordsworth returned to the team for the Torquay game, having been sent off in his previous match, at home to Stockport.

Up front, JJ Hooper has made 12 league appearances for Barnet. Hooper has found the net on four occasions this season. Hooper scored a brace in the 4-2 away defeat at Notts County in October. Hooper's other goals were away at Dagenham & Redbridge, along with a goal in the home game against Altrincham. Courtney Baker-Richardson made his Barnet debut in the Torquay match. Baker-Richardson has signed on loan from League Two side, Barrow, although he had not appeared for the Bluebirds this season before his loan move.

Following tonight's game, the rest of February first sees Barnet host Halifax next Tuesday, 9 February. Barnet then travel to Solihull Moors for their second away game of the month, on 13 February. Barnet return to The Hive on 20 February, for the visit of Woking. Barnet's February fixtures end with back to back away games. The first test for Tim Flowers' squad is a trip to King's Lynn on 23 February, before making the long trip to Hartlepool, four days later on the 27th.

### HISTORY

Barnet edge out The Shots on the historical background of tonight's fixture. Barnet have won nine matches, The Shots have won eight and there have been five draws. The match between the sides here last season, on 28 December, ended up as a 0-0 draw. When Barnet hosted The Shots side earlier in the season, Barnet took a 2-0 victory at The Hive. Second half goals from Ephron Mason-Clark and Wesley Fonguck were enough to give Barnet the three points. The 2018/19 season's games saw another 2-0 win for Barnet in their

home game, with Mason-Clark and Shaquile Coulthirst scoring in the second half. The game at the EBB ended up goalless. The Shots' last win against Barnet at The Hive was in the 2013/14 season. Jordan Roberts, Bradley Bubb and Mark Molesley scoring the Shots goals in a 3-1 win. The last Shots' win here was in the 2012/13 season, where a Craig Reid goal separated the sides.

Words by Dan Blake

## THE BOSS TIM FLOWERS

Flowers joined the Club in December 2020 following the departure of Peter Beadle. The former England international goalkeeper had great success in his playing career, winning the Premier League with Blackburn Rovers. In management, Tim had great success at Solihull Moors as he guided them to a second place finish in his first season in full charge, 2018-19, having helped them achieve the 'Great Escape' at the conclusion of the 2017-18 campaign as part of the management team at Moors. The play-offs became one step too far for Flowers' Moors side, as they were defeated by eventual beaten finalists, AFC Fylde.

Flowers was recently appointed manager at Macclesfield Town before their sad liquidation at the beginning of this season. He now joins the Bees hoping to instil that winning mentality that he had on the pitch as a goalkeeper, as well as the successful culture he brought to the Moors in the 2018-19 season.





Loach arrived at Barnet in the summer of 2019 from Hartlepool United with a wealth of experience having represented a plethora of clubs across the Football and National Leagues.

The 31-year-old 'keeper's career began with Lincoln City. In 2006, Loach joined Watford where he would stay for six years.

He became a mainstay in the Watford net and went on to make over 150 appearances. His performances during his time at the award, before playing a key role in club earned him England recognition at Under-21 level as well as a full international call-up during qualification for Euro 2012.

## SCOTT LOACH

In 2012, Loach joined Ipswich Town before brief spells with Rotherham United and Notts County.

Signing for Hartlepool in 2017, Loach never missed a league game during his time there and went onto rack up 100 consecutive appearances for the club.

In Loach's first season with the Bees in 2019/20 he went on to surpass 150 consecutive National League appearances. He also picked up the fans Player of the Season ensuring the Bees progressed to the play-off semi-final.



### 16 **HARRY TAYLOR**

Harry Taylor's career started as part of the Chelsea youth system in 2005, where he left in 2012 to join Barnet along with his brother Jack. After graduating from Barnet's academy in 2014, the defender has since gone on to make 75 appearances in all competitions.

Born in 1997, the young right-back has had the opportunity to make himself known out on loan, making 21 appearances across two loan spell for Hampton and Richmond Borough and Staines Town.

Taylor can play both in defence and midfield in wide and central positions. He commands the midfield when in the centre of the pitch and has an eye for a pass and breaks up play well. He also is superb positionally in the defensive unit and puts his body on the line to stop shots

Taylor had a very impressive 2019/20 campaign, which culminated in a man of the match performance in the Bees play-off eliminator victory over Yeovil Town.



## **JAMES** DUNNE

Dunne represented Swindon Town for two seasons before making the switch to the Bees in July 2019. James' career began in North London with Arsenal's Academy set-up. However, in search of first-team football, he signed for Exeter City.

With the Grecians, Dunne found the grounding for his career and went onto make over 100 appearances in a red and white shirt. Stevenage came next before moves to Portsmouth and Cambridge United ensured James became an established player in the Football League.

For the past two seasons, Dunne has represented Swindon Town before making the switch to The Hive in July 2019. As a hardworking centre midfielder, James has fitted into the Barnet system seamlessly. He now also captains the Bees.



## ALFIE PAVEY

Pavey joined in September 2019 from Dover Athletic to bolster Darren Currie's striking options.

Pavey has played for a number of clubs at Football League and National League level, representing the likes of Millwall, Aldershot Town, Havant and Waterlooville and Dartford where he has enjoyed great success for a striker who is only 23 years of age.

Pavey is tall and strong in the air, with the ability to hold up the ball and bring other players around him into the game. He suffered a serious injury in October 2019 that kept him out for the rest of the campaign, so will be hoping that the 20/21 season is his year.

#### 24 Aymen Azaze

Young Belgian shot stopper, Aymen Azaze is a first team player after he signed his professional contract in December 2018 whilst a scholar with the Bees.

Since signing his first pro deal in December 2018, Aymen has regularly featured as the substitute goalkeeper within the First Team. The highly-rated shot stopper also played a key role in our historic run in the FA Youth Cup in the 2019/20 campaign.

#### 2 Dwight Pascal

The 19-year-old rose through the ranks at The Hive London as a scholar, where he went onto to make his First Team debut, aged just 15 when we took on Peterborough United in the EFL Trophy. The full-back went on to make further appearances for the Club before departing in 2019 but returned a year later ahead of the 2020/21 season after a spell at Potters Bar Town.

#### 3 Jack Connors

The former Ebbsfleet full-back joined in October 2020. He has plenty of experience at non-league level, having featured for the likes of Hampton and Richmond, Dagenham and Redbridge and Dover Athletic.

#### 5 Matt Preston

The 25-year-old started his playing days as a youth player at Walsall, where he captained their under-18 side, signing a professional deal in 2014. He went on to make 41 senior appearances for the Saddlers before making a move to Swindon Town in 2017. The 6ft centre half made a further 21 appearances in his first season with the Robins, scoring on two occasions. Preston's inaugural and only season with the Wiltshire club was cut short after he received a serious knee injury which ruled him out for the rest of the campaign. Preston moved closer to home when he joined his former club Mansfield Town in 2018. He spent two seasons with Mansfield, making 68 appearances.

#### 7 Alexander McQueen

McQueen joined the Bees in the summer of 2020. McQueen most recently featured for Dagenham and Redbridge where he made 58 appearances during his two years with the Club. The fullback also scored on six occasions for the Daggers. The 25-year-old started his career as a youth player at Premier League side Tottenham Hotspur, before moving to Carlisle United where he made 25 senior appearances in his 18-month stay. A move abroad soon followed for McQueen where he went on to feature for Finnish side Vaasan Palloseura, making 10 appearances before moving back to England and Dagenham and Redbridge.

#### 26 Jerome Binnom-Williams

The full-back who can also play in the centre of defence joined the Bees from FC Halifax Town. Binnom-Williams played 25 times for the Shaymen last season, as they finished in the Vanarama National League play-off places, losing out to Boreham Wood in their play-off eliminator. Jerome played for Crystal Palace as a youth player. During his time with the Eagles, the defender spent time on loan at Football League clubs including Southend United, Burton Albion and Leyton Orient, racking up almost 50 appearances. A move to Peterborough United followed, before a move to Chesterfield where our new defender made 52 appearances for the Spirites in a two-year spell. His move to Halifax Town followed where he spent one season, before making the move back to London, to join up with the Bees.

Judd arrived on loan from League Two side Leyton Orient in January 2021.

The right back previously won the National League with the O's in 2018.

#### 31 Ben Nugent

Nugent became Peter Beadle's Drst signing of the summer when he joined in September 2020. The 6ft 5 inches defender came to the Club with Football League pedigree, having made 222 senior career appearances to date. The 27-year-old has played for the likes of Cardiff City, Brentford, Peterborough United, Gillingham and Stevenage. After starting his career in non-league football, Nugent made a move to Cardiff City. He was part of the



Bluebirds side that secured promotion to the Premier League in the 2012-13 season. After tallying up signiDcant Football League experience, Nugent joined the Bees following a successful trial period, following his departure from Stevenage at the end of the 2019-20 season.

#### 35 Loic Hernandez

Hernandez, another product of the youth academy, signed his first professional deal at The Hive in the summer of 2018.

Loic made his senior Bees league debut in September 2019, as he kept a clean sheet in a 1-0 win over Maidenhead United at The Hive London. He went on to make three league appearances in total. In the summer of 2020, Loic committed his future to the Club by signing a new contract.

#### 4 Tyrone Duffus

Duffus is primarily a midfield player but also has the ability to play in defensive positions. The 23-year-old rose through the ranks at Everton as a youngster, before making a switch to continue his development with Cardiff City. During his time with the Bluebirds, Duffus joined up with former Bees boss Peter Beadle as he joined Hereford on loan. Tyrone's versatility will be absolutely crucial when games



come thick and fast throughout the 2020/21 campaign. He's energetic and a determined box to box player, who likes to break up the play.

#### 8 Eliot Richards

The 28-year-old primarily plays in the number 10 role and has racked up over 150 Football League appearances playing for Bristol Rovers, Exeter City and Tranmere Rovers. He previously played under former Bees manager Peter Beadle at Hereford back in 2017. During his time with Bristol Rovers he made over 100 appearances. Moves to Exeter City, Tranmere Rovers and Cheltenham Town followed before Richards was forced to take a short time out of the game due to an illness. Richards then rebuilt his career starting with a brief spell in Tampa, USA, before moving back home to play for Merthyr Town. He then joined Beadle at Hereford, where he helped the Club secure promotion to the National League South.



#### 10 Michael Petrasso

Canadian international winger Michael Petrasso joined the Bees on a season-long loan deal from Canadian Premier League side York9 FC. Petrasso has already had the experience of playing in the Football League for QPR, Oldham Athletic and Leyton Orient. The 25-year-old has enjoyed an exciting playing career to date, having represented his country at senior level on nine occasions. He made his international debut back in 2016 in a friendly against Azerbaijan and has represented Canada at various youth levels.

#### 18 Wes Fonguck

Midfielder Fonguck was a youth talent picked up by Barnet from local side Croydon and went on to graduate from the youth academy.

Originally training with Crystal Palace, he's always stayed local to London, enjoying loan spells at Hendon and Hampton and Richmond Borough. Despite first-team opportunities being limited after his loans, he did make his first start in the Football League against Grimsby in the penultimate game of the 2016/17 season.

Fonguck has been all but ever-present in the Bees squad since his debut and can be a crucial player in the creative role. Wes also has featured for the England 'C' team.

#### 19 Xander McBurnie

McBurnie joined the Bees in January 2020 after a long spell playing abroad in Sweden.

The creative midfielder came through the ranks at Bradford City before moving abroad to ply his trade in Sweden. He most recently played for Ytterhogdals IK (YIK) before moving back to England to join up with the Bees. McBurnie can play anywhere within the centre of the park.

#### 20 Dean Parrett

Parrett joined in December 2020 following a short spell at fellow National League side Wealdstone. The central midfielder has experience playing in the Football League and initially joined the Bees on a non-contract basis.

#### 25 Ben Fox

Fox joined on loan from Burton Albion in the latter stages of 2020. The central midfielder scored on his debut against Dorking Wanderers.

#### 27 Ephron Mason-Clark

Mason-Clark, born in 1999, signed his first professional deal with Barnet in July 2016 after graduating from the youth academy. Possessing the skill to play either as a striker or on the left-wing, he made his debut for the club as a substitute in the Checkatrade Trophy against Norwich Under 23s.

A loan spell at Metropolitan Police from October to November got Mason-Clark his first taste of league football. He wouldn't have to wait long until his Football League debut though, coming on as a substitute against Crewe Alexandra just a week later.

Mason-Clark has established himself as a first-team regular and is a fan favourite at The Hive London. He has pace, power and goals to his games.

#### 32 Jack Tompkins

Jack signed his first professional deal in December 2018, following a successful progression through the Bees Academy system.

He spent the 2019/20 season on loan with Staines Town, where he grabbed a taste of senior First Team football.

#### 33 Antonis Vasiliou

Vasiliou signed his first professional deal with the Bees in the summer of 2019, after he broke into the first team at the back end of the 2018/19 season. The Cypriot midfielder made several appearances in pre-season for the Bees and impressed then manager Darren Currie. The tricky midfielder has also represented his country at youth level. He featured on a few occasions in the 19/20 campaign.

#### **40 Anthony Wordsworth**

The 31-year-old centre midfielder has vast experience at League One and Championship level and joined the Bees in November having most recently played for AFC Wimbledon. Wordsworth made 56 appearances during his time with The Dons in a two-year period. Wordsworth has made over 380 senior appearances across the Championship and League One, scoring 67 goals. His move to The Hive London becomes his first outside of League One and he brings a vast amount of quality and experience to Peter Beadle's side. The Camden-born player is strong in both boxes and has an eye for goal.

#### 11 JJ Hooper

JJ's early career saw him develop through the youth academy at Newcastle United, but his first big season would come with Havant and Waterlooville as he fired 20 goals in all competitions as the Hawks reached the playoffs. He joined Port Vale, where he scored 10 goals during his time with the Valiants. After a brief stint on loan at Northampton Town, a move to Grimsby Town followed where he scored a further seven goals. The 26-year -old has had no problems finding the net at National League level either, having scored 14 goals in 22 appearances for Bromley in the 2018-19 season, before netting a further six strikes at Wrexham in the last campaign. The 6ft 1 striker is powerful running with the ball and in the air; he can score a variety of different types of goals as well.

#### 14 Muhammadu Faal

Faal joined the Bees on loan in November 2020. The striker had his best spell at Enfield Town where he scored 24 goals in 25 appearances. That form attracted attention from various Football League clubs and eventually, Faal was snapped up by then League One side Bolton Wanderers.

#### 22. Josh Walker

Walker penned a two-year deal with the Bees in the summer of 2018 following a successful trial period with the club.

The 21-year-old started off in the youth set-up at Tottenham before joining Fulham where he progressed right through to Under-23 level. He became a regular for the Cottagers in Premier League 2 during the 2015-16 and 2016-17 seasons.

Walker then joined Wealdstone during his final year at Fulham before making a permanent switch to Hendon in September 2017 after being released by the Cottagers. He found himself on the score-sheet 17 times, accumulating 42 appearances for the Greens in the 2017-18 season.

Walker had an impressive 2019/20 season and was the Club's second top goalscorer in all competitions as he fired the Bees into the Vanarama National League play-offs.

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## FANZONE



With Rob Worrall

Welcome to another edition of Fanzone for tonight's National League game against Barnet.

I'm sure all Shots supporters would agree, that whilst it's so frustrating that fans are not allowed to attend matches and the atmosphere suffers terribly as a consequence, the level of entertainment provided by the team at present is top drawer, so thanks — on behalf of us all — to Danny, Anwar and the team for giving us such an

enjoyable product on the pitch in recent weeks and for the obvious improvements to the team, particularly in an attacking capacity.

After last week's Snowman theme, we start with a Winter theme again this week.

When supporters are allowed into the EBB Stadium, two familiar faces on the 'Right Side' of the East Bank terracing are die-hard Aldershot fans Alan Baker and Andy Norris, but with their woolly Shots hats on, they have an uncanny resemblance for each other – can you tell them apart?;-)

Thanks guys for sharing the pic of you in your winter headgear and keep supporting Town as consistently as you both do – we sincerely hope to see you (and all Shots fans) back at the EBB Stadium!

Another familiar face at the EBB, is that of Shots supporter Chris Trodd and Chris has recently made a lifelong committment to ATFC, as you can see from the rather magnificent tattoo on his forearm!

Chris first watched Aldershot Town play in 1995, when he used to attend games with his dad. Back in the day, he was a big admirer of left back Jason Chewins and his current favourite Shots star, Lewis Kinsella, plays in the same position. For many years, Chris lived within a stone's-throw (literally) of the EBB Stadium but he has recently moved to Ash. Chris told us more about his tattoo; "It used to be Red and Blue but the colour had faded, so I decided it was time for a change and had them blacked out with the Phoenix wrapped around my arm and ATFC through the middle of it."

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





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## THE BIG PICTURE





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Can you find the names of four away ground the Shots have played at this season in our wordsearch?

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## HAT-TRICK QUIZ

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

- 1 Before moving to The Hive, where did Barnet play their home games?
- 2 Which player scored the Shots' two goals in the HSC 2:2 draw with Waterlooville on this day in 1993?
- 3 Who has replaced Frank Lampard as the new Chelsea manager?





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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!

#### Darren Barnard v Woking

Monday 30 August 2004

Woking 1 – Aldershot Town 2

Goalscorers: Tim Sills, Darren Barnard

Nationwide Conference

Attendance: 3,718

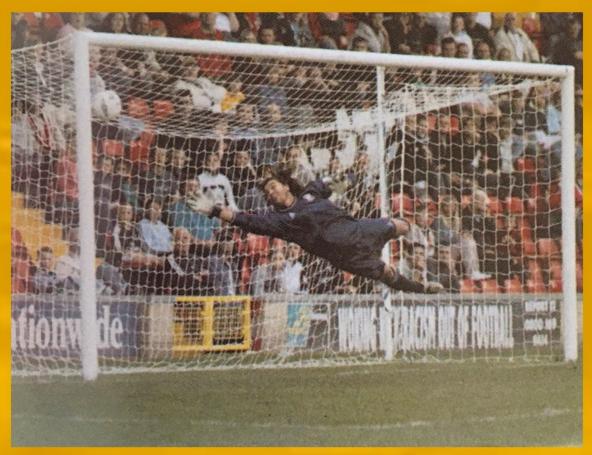
There had been three matches between Aldershot Town and Woking played at Kingfield since the Shots had reformed in 1992, one in the FA Cup, a 1:2 loss (1998/99), one in the FA Trophy, a 0:1 loss (1999/00) and one in the Conference (2003/04), but with one key ingredient – the Shots had thus far never won at the home of their relatively new rivals. The previous season, the first for Aldershot Town in the Conference had seen a creditable 2:2 draw in Surrey on the Saturday of the Easter weekend. This time manager Terry Brown, the players and the supporters were looking to go

one better as they faced up to former Swindon man Glenn Cockerill's team on a warm August Bank Holiday Monday lunchtime, the excitement from the away supporters massing on the open terrace that ran down one side of the Kingfield Stadium very apparent.

Among the players starting the game was former Welsh international Darren Barnard who had arrived at the Recreation Ground in the summer from Grimsby Town. Thirty -two-year-old Barnard boasted a fine career, having previously played for Bristol City and then Barnsley in their one and only season in the Premier League. He was a toughtackling left back with an eye for goal and it was this ability in front of the opposition net, coupled with his thou-shall-not-pass attitude in defence that was to endear him to the Aldershot Town faithful.

Barney, as he was to be rapidly nicknamed, had started all four games in August which had seen the Shots gain nine points from 12 and hold a strong position near the top of the embryonic Conference table, but this game was to be the first big test – there wasn't a supporter in the ground who wanted to see their team defeated by the opposition – and a lot was expected of every player on the pitch. It was however, a bad start for the Shots who found themselves a goal down in the early stages, Steve Ferguson putting the home side ahead after ten minutes.

One goal though was as nothing to a Terry Brown team who always operated on the principle of needing just one more goal than the opposition and in a team that contained Rosco D'Sane, Shots' highest scorer from the previous season, 27 goals in all competitions and Tim Sills on the bench (21), the Aldershot Town supporters were not noticeably crushed by this initial set-back



Indeed it was Woking who were to receive the next set-back. In a feisty match which was peppered with yellow and red cards, Scott Canham received his second yellow in the 39th minute and the hosts were down to ten men before halftime. The Shots needed to take advantage of this and although it took 15 minutes into the second forty-five, Sills, who was on as a sub for Will Antwi flattened the match just after the hour mark when he was able to poke home a Hugh McAuley free-kick. There was delight from the away end and the match moved into its final attritional phase, both teams still looking to gain something from the afternoon. Just after the Shots goal Woking suffered a further blow when Justin Richards was sent off for a petulant second yellow and this had the result of making the home side move to an ultradefensive stance as they looked to retain at least a point from the game.

And so it remained this way until the 90th minute when the Shots were awarded a free-kick just outside the Woking penalty box, Adam Miller having been fouled on his route towards goal. Barnard stepped over the ball and looking back, it was a moment in which history is made, albeit history on the relatively small stage of Aldershot Town FC. He looped the ball up and over the wall and past the outstretched fingers of Adriano Basso in the Woking goal to put the Shots 2:1 up in the dying moments of the game. The

noise from the away end was phenomenal and in just a single moment, Barney went from new player to being on the road to Shots legend player – it was that simple, just score the winner against Woking to give the Shots their first win at Kingfield and then celebrate madly with the supporters!

The referee's whistle blew just moments later and the delight continued long into the afternoon for the Aldershot Town supporters as they made their way home. Darren Barnard had most certainly announced himself onto the Shots scene. He went on to score a further six goals that season including one penalty and made sure that he also scored against Woking again in the 4:0 home victory on Easter Day, 2005. The following two seasons saw him score a further 16 goals, many of them equally stunning free-kicks along with making a total of 126 appearances for Aldershot Town before leaving in the summer of 2007.

All Shots supporters have their favourite Barney memory and goal but there's no denying that scoring the winner, in the 90th minute, against your biggest rivals to help your team to their first win at that ground, with a beautifully taken free-kick, sees that goal back in August 2004 as most definitely golden...

**Words by Victoria Rogers** 

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#### TONIGHT'S FIXTURES

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