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MANAGER'S

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FIRST TEAM

MANAGER

DANNY

SEARLE

"Having played two teams who we were close to in the table in Altrincham and Halifax, we face another today, Boreham Wood who are just two points ahead of us..."



Good afternoon and a warm welcome to you all, wherever you might be watching or listening from. A welcome also to our visitors, Boreham Wood, their manager Luke Garrard, his players and staff to the EBB Stadium. We lost to a late goal when we played them last December after a well-contested match between our two clubs and it should be a good game today.

Last Saturday we had a good win over Altrincham, here at the EBB. I thought we played really well. We had a five or ten minute period at the start of the second half which we seem to have on a regular basis at the at the moment, where we were under the cosh but all in all, I thought 2:1 actually flattered Altrincham. I think we probably should have scored at least two or three more to be honest but I was very pleased with the lads, we asked them to use some different tactics and within reason, they did that really well. It was a good win against a really good side.

I was also pleased with the way Ryan Hall played in goal. Sometimes you promote players because you think they are ready, other times it's just for necessity and I think our lads (Hall and Ben Shroll) have handled it well. Ryan had a stunning game with an unbelievable save at the end and it's great to see there's a pathway which helps the Academy with recruitment.

After Saturday, Tuesday evening was very different. In the dressing room after the game I was almost having to make stuff up to moan to the boys about because actually they didn't really do a lot wrong. They were

resolute, especially after that first 15-minute spell when they got absolutely battered by Halifax, the amount of shots against us, we didn't let in a goal and we defended so well. Then we took over, in my opinion we were the better side and we had two stonewall penalty shouts. Then we scored a brilliant goal which was chalked offside and we've got more than enough footage to prove that he was well onside. The officials will say, we'll assess it afterwards and see if we've made a mistake but it doesn't mean anything after the game, it's a waste of time. We are going to report it because we feel it cost us the game.

Having played two teams who we were close to in the table in Altrincham and Halifax, we face another today, Boreham Wood who are just two points ahead of us. We now have a run of about six games where we are playing teams that are slightly higher than us or in the play-offs. It is not a make-or-break part of the season for us, this year the target was to get to a solid position in the table and I am confident we will do that – let's see what happen in the next two or three games. But it does mean that if we come through those games well we will be in a great position in the league.

I think from our perspective, Boreham Wood are a great side and have two great strikers. We know that we have got to be at our best and the standard of the league this year is high – we rarely sit in the office and say, 'We know we're going to beat team X or Y!' In a way, it is which team turns up in the best frame of mind to a game on the day because a lot of the teams in this league this year, as you can tell by the table, are very similar. We look to perform well in every game and today will be no exception.

Enjoy the game,

Danny

JAMES SCARLETT

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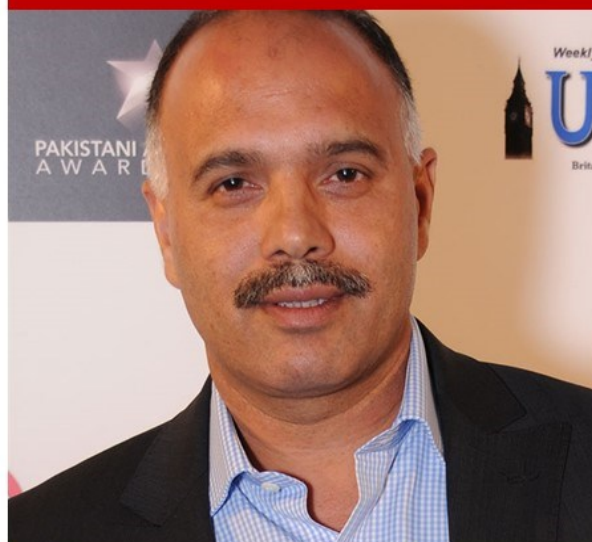
SHAHID AZEEM

On behalf of Aldershot Town Football Club, a warm welcome to Boreham Wood FC to this afternoon's match, hopefully you have had a short and safe journey from north London.

I am pleased to report that we have filed the Club's annual accounts. Due to Covid-19 restrictions we were not able to have an AGM but all shareholders can request copies of the accounts from the Club by contacting our secretary, Bob Green. We posted a loss of approximately £150,000 (compared with a £600,000-plus loss the previous year), which also includes the goodwill write-off and the fact that our season finished in early March 2020, with some big games which would have attracted large crowds not taking place. The government schemes have helped with our finances but we had made a priority of serious restructuring the previous year and those cuts, coupled with the major challenges of playing behind closed doors this season meaning no income from that source, have helped and continues to ensure that we are in a good place to start off next season, when hopefully in August we will be so glad to see our supporters, sponsors and all our key workers back on match days.

I am also pleased to report that the next season's budget for all areas has been agreed, which includes all aspect of the clubs, from commercial to academy, youth and first team, and has been adopted by all the departments responsible for their respective domains.

Our TV coverage, including the Midweek Show which goes out on our YouTube channel on a



Thursday evening, has been getting rave reviews, and with Henry Port and Mark Butler overseeing the operation, the whole digital strategy for Aldershot Town is going from strength to strength.

On behalf of the Club, we want to thank all our viewers, sponsors and volunteers, all of whom are helping to ensure we continue to bring some form of relief to Aldershot Town supporters during these challenging times in lockdown.

I am very pleased to see our overseas supporters who have had the taste of actually seeing live games are enjoying being able to watch live matches. This we will continue to monitor to see if it is financially viable that we could continue to transmit live overseas coverage going forward.

Thank you all for your continuing support of our club.

Shahid Azeem

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JAMIE SENDLES-WHITE

CAPTAIN

After two opposing results in the past week, Jamie reflects on the two performances and looks forward to today's match with Boreham Wood

The win against Altrincham last Saturday was pleasing, given that the players had not had a match for a fortnight. How did Jamie see the game and how pleased was he for young keeper, Ryan Hall, making his debut in the National League?

It was a very good result, I think the boys dug in well. The first half was probably fairly even and the second half, I would say Altrincham had a little bit more quality. We weathered their storm, dug in and got the late winner which was very pleasing and I think was what we ultimately deserved after all the hard work we put into the game.

I think Ryan was fantastic against Altrincham. He's a really good player and very good keeper – we see it every day in training and I am so delighted for him that he's managed to get his chance and he's taken it with both hands.

On to Tuesday evening and despite a strong display on the pitch, the Shots went down to a goal to nil away to FC Halifax Town, with what looked like a legal goal ruled offside and two or three penalty appeals turned down. How did Jamie feel about that result, especially after the team played so well?

On the whole, a draw would have probably been a fair result. They had some chances early on at the start of the game and we had our chances, too. There were decisions that went against us but you like to think that those decisions even themselves out over the course of the season so I think we are due a couple of decisions our way now. But it was disappointing to concede late on, especially with such a long journey home after the game.

Despite that result there are still plenty of games to be played and Jamie is looking forward, acknowledging that the way the season is turning out might be beneficial to the team and how it plays and performs

But we go again, we are still within touching distance of where we want to be so we just need to remain focussed. At the minute there's no pressure on us in terms of relegation



so we can play with a bit more freedom now and hopefully that will help us move forward. I think especially with such a young squad, with no pressure of relegation, I think it allows the shackles to be off a little bit because there's probably not a lot of boys in the changing room that have had that pressure before of needing to win every week and playing for something. So I think being able to play with no pressure allows the boys to relax a little bit and that hopefully will see us pick up some results through playing really well, rather than having to dig in and defend and stay resolute. We've got ambitions and we need to achieve those, so I am sure we can pick up some good results in the next couple of weeks.





SHOTS NEWS & VIEWS

WORDS BY VICTORIA ROGERS

In this ever-changing season we now seem to be in the rather unusual position of playing in a competition that will reach its conclusion but, with what looks like, no relegation for clubs finishing in the bottom reaches of the league (there's been no official notification of this as yet). This has come about after the National League North and South division campaigns were curtailed and, despite the best efforts of several of the clubs playing in those divisions to mount a legal challenge to this, saw the 2020-21 campaign ended for over 40 clubs, several of which have former Aldershot Town players in their squads. To those former Shots we send our best wishes, hoping that next season will bring brighter times for them all and a chance to play the game that they love once again.

The Vanarama National League though continues to the end of the season, which means we have football to watch – although still only through the medium of a screen. We continue to be grateful to all those involved in the production and filming of our home matches, along with Mark Butler's excellent hosting of them – and it does provide something for a few of those now non-playing former Shots to do on a Saturday and Tuesday as they act as match day pundits!

But even the National League is not running at full capacity with its matches. Dover Athletic announced that they were unable to continue playing any more games once it was discovered that future funding to the division would be in the

form of loans and not grants and as a result, have not played a match since January and seem unlikely to do for the remainder of the season. Where does that put all of the teams who have already played the Whites in terms of points gained (asking for a 'friend' here who had an amazing 5:0 win down in Kent in October) or indeed goals scored (asking for other 'friends' who scored those five goals against Dover). It's all a bit of a muddle and one that will need sorting out in the next few weeks. Do I have an answer as to what might be best to do? No, I don't but I suspect that those 'friends' I mentioned above may well be disappointed with the final decision – I can only see those results voided, although maybe there might be a more innovative solution.

There may not be relegation but there is still promotion and the Shots have been tantalisingly close to the play-off places in recent weeks. Tuesday night was a frustrating evening for everyone but there are still plenty of matches to come and a chance for Danny Searle to continue to mould and build his squad into one, which if it can't achieve play-offs this season could certainly cause some interest in the 2021-22 campaign, assuming that the close season sees stability in terms of the current squad. It is a pleasure at the moment to see how all members of the squad continue to grow and develop under our management team and I for one would love to see that continue into 2021-21 – I am sure many of you feel the same, along with sharing the hope and expectation that next season will see a return to grounds for supporters. It will certainly be good to be back together once again, watching our favourite team play football.

MATCH ACTION

Saturday 13 March
Vanarama National League
Kick-Off 3pm

The Shots 2
Nouble 43', Kandi 88'

Altrincham 1
Hancock 47' (p)

The EBB Stadium



The Shots: Hall, Whittingham (Booked), Phillips, Lyons-Foster, Colombie, Rees, Edser (Booked), Anderson (Booked), Miller (Kandi 71'), Bettamer (Panayiotou 77'), Nouble (Sendles-White 90') **Subs:** Sendles-White, Kandi, Panayiotou, Wylie, Ogie



Altrincham: Thompson, Moulton, Hancock (Hardy 79'), Senior, Ogle, Ceesay (Booked), Peers, Mullarkey, Smith, Colclough, Zouma **Subs:** Hampson, Hannigan, Williams, Harrison, Hardy



“ POST-MATCH THOUGHTS ”

DANNY SEARLE

'We've got this great resilience in the squad and the lads have taken everything in their stride. Everybody played their part – their work ethic, desire and determination were spot-on. Out of adversity comes opportunity and Ryan (Hall) was outstanding on debut.'

PHIL PARKINSON

'We were really poor first half. (In the second half) it felt like there was only going to be one winner and then not to get anything was a kick in the teeth. We've had more than enough opportunities to warrant bare minimum a draw.'



PLAYER KIT S



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Andy Wilde
AWAY:
Shots Away Travel

Mitch Walker



HOME:
Muhammed Ali
AWAY:
Andy Wilde

Mo Bettamer



HOME & AWAY:
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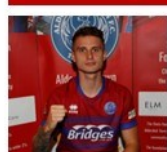
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Jim Speight

Shadrach Ogie



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AWAY:
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Josh Rees



HOME:
AWAY:
Sheffield Baz

Jermaine Anderson



HOME:
Simon Regan
AWAY:
Phoenix Plumbing and
Heating

Lewis Kinsella

MATCH ACTION

Tuesday 16 March
Vanarama National League
Kick-Off 7:15pm

FC Halifax Town 1
Allen 84'

The Shots 0

The Shay



FC Halifax Town: Johnson, King (Booked), Maher, Earing, Bradbury, Byrne, Green, Woods (Booked), Chadwick (Spence 64'), Allen, Campbell (Tear 74') **Subs:** Clarke, Benn, Tear, Spence, Renshaw



The Shots: Hall, Whittingham (Booked), Phillips, Lyons-Foster, Colombie, Rees, Edser, Anderson, Miller (Kandi 69'), Bettamer (Panayiotou 57'), Nouble **Subs:** Sendles-White, Kandi, Panayiotou, Wylie, Ogie



“ POST-MATCH THOUGHTS ”

DANNY SEARLE

‘Hugely disappointed because we believed we’d done enough to get at least a point out of the game. We score what we believe to be a good goal, judging by what we’ve seen in the dressing room and then unfortunately we were punished for a mistake – but that’s football unfortunately... They were much better than us in the first 15 minutes but once we settled down... I think we took over.’

PETE WILD

‘I thought we started really well, I thought we were on the front-foot, I thought we created loads of chances first 10, 15 minutes... I said... we needed to take one of those chances to get a foothold in the game... We were always going to get chances and it was whether we took them.’



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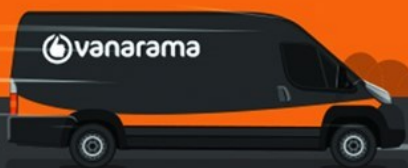
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SHOTS IN FOCUS HARRISON PANAYIOTOU



Full Name: Harrison Panayiotou

Date and place of birth: 28/10/1994 in Leicester

Height: 5'11"

Married: No

Nickname: Louse

Car: VW Scirocco

Previous clubs: Leicester City, Barrow, Sparta

Team you supported as a boy: Arsenal and Leicester City

Favourite current player: Lionel Messi

Most difficult opponent: Michael Keane

Most memorable match: My debut for Leicester City when I scored the winning goal

Biggest disappointment: Signing for Barrow!

Football honours: Hong Kong Soccer 7s, Barclays Under-21 Player of the Month, Player of the Year at Under-18 and Under-23 and Young Player of the Year for Leicester City, three Under-23 caps for St Kitts and Nevis, 25 full caps.

Favourite other sports: Basketball and boxing

Favourite other sportsmen/women: LeBron James, Serena Williams, Anthony Yarde

Hobbies: Boxing

Favourite TV show: My Wife and Kids

Favourite musicians: 50 Cent, Chris Brown

Miscellaneous likes: Sleeping, chilling with my nieces, DJ'ing with my brother

Miscellaneous dislikes: When I'm on the bench!

Best country visited: St Kitts and Nevis, Cyprus

Favourite food: Oxtail

Favourite restaurant: Anything Italian

Favourite drink: Rum punch (without the rum!)

Biggest drag in football: Pre-season

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

Which person in the world would you most like to meet: Dead: Michael Jackson, Alive: Floyd Mayweather, Mike Tyson, Lionel Messi

If given £1million what would be the first thing you would buy: My mum and dad a house



Steven Goddard

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ALDERSHOT TOWN SUPPORTERS CLUB

Good Afternoon Everyone,

We welcome Boreham Wood to the EBB Stadium today. Hopefully we will get revenge after them beating us at their place. It will be a close game as we are very close to each other in the league.

We had a good home win last Saturday and were away to Halifax on Tuesday night. Boreham Wood had a tough home fixture with Notts County.

We will be doing the next members draw winner on 1 April so if you'd like to be included in this join the Supporters Club by emailing us at atfc.sup@yahoo.com or join on the website at just £15 for over 18s and £10 18 and under for new members, which includes an Official Supporters Club scarf. Forms are also available in the Club Shop. There are many benefits including early tickets once we are allowed back into matches. We now have our new membership cards in and from Monday you can pick up your renewal/new membership cards from the Club Shop or when we are able to open, the Supporters Club hut at the next home game we are allowed in to.

Our Supporters Club badges are available to purchase at the Club Shop or our website at just £4 (+post & packing) if required. Also hoodies will be ready to be purchased from the website soon. There will be a few weeks' wait as they are made to order.

If you haven't already, please sign up for In with a Shot. As you know there are winners every week and the money goes to the Club and you, the fans. It is a weekly draw, either a £2 game or £5 game. So far the money raised for the Club is over £10,000 and we have given out over £10,000 to us the fans, 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 Midweek YouTube Show that the Club have now started is such a laugh, and a good mix of interviews and fun. On last Thursday's show we found out who Aldershot Town's Mastermind Champion was. Joel Nouble will now be the partner with Danny Searle in The Big Shots Quiz on Wednesday 24 March at 7pm. Come on, we can beat them! It's multiple choice so if you're not sure of any answer you have a 1 in 3 chance of guessing!! I know I will be. I've signed up, even if it's to see my own Aldershot knowledge (as we all think we have the answers) plus I've helped the Club I love with money they need at this time. Please sign up for this. It's £10 entry, you can win a signed shirt and two Hospitality tickets for next season. Tickets are available from the Club Shop website.

We're also loving the Shots Supporters Around the World on the Midweek Show. I do know we have some supporters all the way out in Australia.

Remember we are also on Instagram and have a Twitter account [@atfc_supporters_club](https://twitter.com/atfc_supporters_club) and [@officialatfc](https://twitter.com/officialatfc)

Hope you enjoy the game.

Ray Hedgman - Supporters Club Chairman



ON THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN



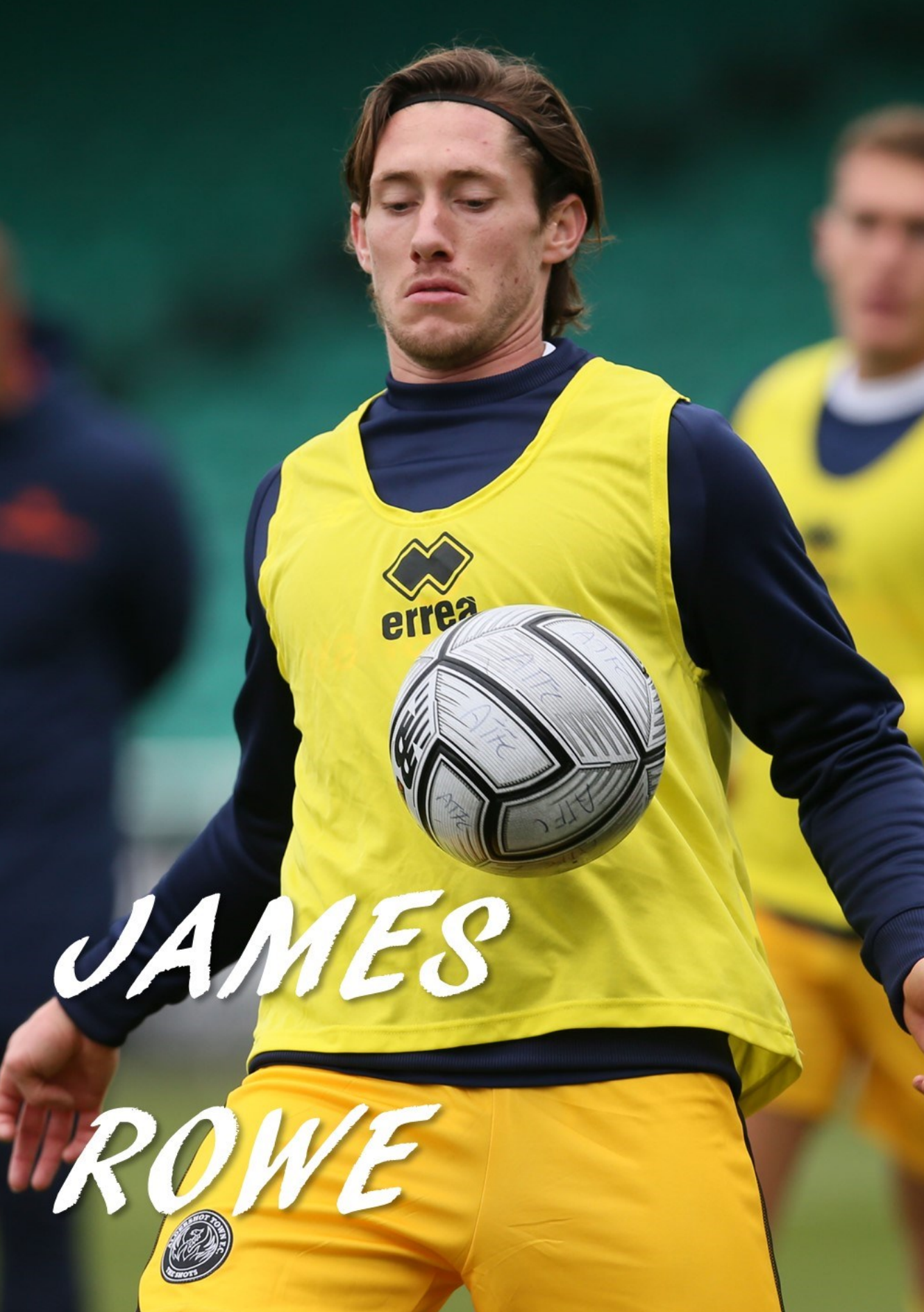
I was thinking after Tuesday's narrow defeat at Halifax Town of the years spent traipsing up and down the country and that feeling of frustration and, indeed, anger when you know your team has done enough to secure a result but didn't do so, primarily due to circumstances out of your control. Football is a fine line. A victory at The Shay would have turned some heads, with the Club knocking on the door of the top seven. Defeat separates a good Halifax side by a further three points within the play-off group. Mind you, I think I would have swapped the delights of my front room with a visit to West Yorkshire if it had been possible, whilst accepting the emotions of the journey back.

Every season you hope to see your team progress from the campaign before. I believe we have achieved that so far here, especially under the tricky and uncertain environment of Covid-19. The statistics will say so, too. However it is more than that. It is what a fan sees from a playing perspective that either breeds confidence or discontent. Is there something to work with here? Is there a character within the squad that gives you belief that it has the ability to push on? I have viewed every match since the latest lockdown and the firm view is that there certainly is. We have a squad of players that are talented, have built a rapport within the group and with each experience should gain its own belief of its capability. I truly hope that Danny and the Club can retain the bulk of the current squad to ensure continuity and progression. It is an uneasy time for football at all levels. Finances will dictate the future at each club. I have no idea what the financial state is at the Club and that is, of course, paramount to any future planning.

Time will tell but, to be honest, I don't think fans could have asked for too much more at this stage of the season, given the challenges and hurdles this season has provided and the turbulence of not knowing if and when you may be playing your next match, as we have endured at various stages during the campaign. There is, of course, plenty to play for still for a variety of reasons and it is important that we maintain the momentum we have built over the recent weeks.

Words by Graham Brookland





JAMES

ROWE



THE BIG INTERVIEW

In signing up for his fourth consecutive season with Aldershot Town last summer, midfielder James Rowe was able to retain his position as Shots' currently longest-serving player, beating best friend and fellow team mate George Fowler by around a month, having first joined the EBB Stadium set-up in the summer of 2017 under previous Aldershot Town manager, Gary Waddock.

Those four seasons have seen a variety of good and bad times for James, including him being a part of the squad which reached the 2017-18 National League play-offs and then, on the opposite side of the coin, an unpleasant injury in September 2018 that kept him out of playing for over six months. Last season saw him make 16 appearances in another season where he was once again affected by injury but having played several months under new boss Danny Searle, Rowe knew where he wanted to play his football this season and was happy to commit to the Club once again when he received an offer of a year-long contract.

'I spoke to the gaffer. You know, I enjoy playing here, I enjoy playing under the gaffer and the sort of style of football we try and play here, so for me it was a no-brainer to continue my football here.'

Of course, last season had ended very abruptly in March, leaving everybody with little idea of how or when non-league football might recommence. Was it a relief for James to know that he had stability going forward in uncertain times?

'Definitely. It was a difficult time for a lot of footballers, there's so many players that were without clubs and probably are still without clubs because of what happened, or had to drop down the leagues, so I am very grateful to still be playing, still have a contract and a bit of safety in my life, when others don't have jobs.'

As a veteran of nearly four years at Aldershot Town, James has had plenty of opportunities to see just what is special about the Club. So what does make it such a good place to play football?

'It's got great fans. Obviously at the moment we can't have fans (in the ground) which is annoying because they are a big part of us when we are playing at home, when they start singing and getting behind you. They've got a good voice and it definitely helps us.

'Also, it's a good club – it's a league club really, so it attracts good players and everyone enjoys playing with good players - those are probably the main reasons that make Aldershot Town so special for me.'

And he's played with a good many good players in his time here, both now and in past seasons too. Does he like to keep up with old friends who've also worn the red and blue shirt?

'Yes, definitely. We've got a good squad and some good players in the team now. And the first season I was here we had quite a successful time and me and George are still in contact with the lads that were here then, probably every day.'

Currently on 80 appearances for Aldershot Town, does James have a favourite match over the years that he has played in? It turns out this is a bit of a challenge!

'You're testing me now! There's been a lot of games. I do remember a big win away at Leyton Orient the first season I was at the Club; that was a good day.' (The Shots won 3:2 in east London after having gone down a goal in opening minute, James's friend Adam McDonnell scoring the third and decisive Aldershot Town goal.)



Eighty appearances across four seasons is a fairly good record but surely there would have been far more without injury and the curtailment of last season. This campaign too has seen breaks in the run of games for the Club along with players sometimes having to isolate at home – how has James dealt with this staccato approach to training and playing matches?

'It's been very stop-start for everybody. I think the thing that's helped us maintain our fitness and everything to do with that has been the Club putting on running sessions for us if we're on a break at home, along with gym sessions and Zoom sessions. We've not been at home doing nothing when we can't come in for whatever reason, we've been at home working hard and meeting as a team on line so we have stayed focussed. You see that from how the boys perform when we come back from a little break from playing, we're picking up wins and performing still (Saturday's 2:1 win over Altrincham came after a two-week break from competitive football). It's not easy to come back after a little break - people will expect you to be a bit sluggish and slow off the pace but the whole team were on it last Saturday. All of the running and Zoom sessions helped and it showed in the game and the win.'

Another thing players have had to adjust to is the non-attendance of supporters at games. Has James found this difficult?

'It's certainly very different and it's taken some getting used to because you know, a lot of the time in games you

get your extra little bit of energy from the crowd singing or someone puts in a big tackle and the crowd react to that and that gives the team a boost and it gives you that added bit of momentum. It has been a bit of an adaptive stage for everybody because we've had to find our own little boost of energy in things. It's been very different but I think the players have adapted well to it and you can see that from where we are in the league table.'

It is often stated that the Aldershot Town squad is one of the youngest on average in the National League. At 29, James could definitely be considered one of the senior players. What does he feel they can do to help the younger members of the squad, both on and off the pitch?

'As senior players, we try to do both. You pick up a lot of experience throughout your career from different types of situations; whether you're playing all the time and need a bit of rest, whether you're not in the team and you are getting frustrated because you're not playing. It's nice to be able to use your experience and help players who are going through situations for the first time when you have already been through that in previous times. You should pass on that information from the experiences you have been through yourself.'

And is this easy to do, is it about modelling behaviour or sitting down and talking to your colleagues? James thinks this can vary from player to player.

'Every player is different, everyone has been through their own journey and experienced different things which is why it's good to have quite a few senior players in your team. You build up a lot of experience with football and everyone's got their own story, everyone chips in in their own way and that's nice.'

Consistency of form has been an issue throughout the season and this is also something that can see senior players supporting younger players with. Does James think this is a good thing?

'Yes, definitely, all the time we're working as players as well as looking at how to win games. That is important for quite a lot of the younger lads, learning the importance of winning games and how you're not always going to play well as individuals. As a team you have got to learn that experience on how to win games when sometimes things aren't going as well as when you are all playing well and doing good things.'

After three consecutive wins, it was disappointing for the Shots to lose away to FC Halifax Town on Tuesday evening. Speaking to The Shots on Monday of this week, James was still hopeful of a strong conclusion to the season for Aldershot Town with plenty more matches left to play. The curtailment of the National League's North and South divisions also has an impact on the rest of the campaign

'As it looks like there's going to be no relegation that's sort of taken the pressure off people at the lower end of the table, but I think for us in the position we're sitting in, we can only look forward and just try and push into the play-off places - not get too far ahead of ourselves but just give everything we can for every game and see where we end up.'

Wise words and ones we can all agree with in this most turbulent of seasons for everyone, players and supporters alike.

Words by Victoria Rogers





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PROFILE



Name: Bobby

Age Group: Under-11

Playing Position: At Aldershot we rotate positions so everywhere really. For District Schools this season before the lockdown I was playing as an attacking midfielder and was really enjoying that position. For my grassroots club Hart FC, and Velmead School, I usually play in midfield as well.

When did you join the Aldershot Town Academy? In the Under-9s season

When did you first start playing football? When I was five

What team do you support? Aldershot Town and Manchester City

What type of player are you? I think I work hard at both ends of the pitch, have a shot or try to play

somebody in if we are attacking and make my tackles when we are working back.

Who is your favourite footballer? Kevin De Bruyne

Describe the best goal you have scored? Away against Reading, it was a left-footed volley into the far top corner from a narrow angle.

What do you want to achieve this season with the Academy? It would be great if we can get back to play some matches and get training together again after the lockdown.

What are your hopes for your footballing-future? I want to play at the highest possible level I can.

What advice would you give yourself, if you were starting in the Academy all over again? To enjoy all the sessions and matches and work as hard as I can, and to play as much football as possible. And listen to the coaches!

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The 5 rounds will consist of 8 questions each and will be as follows:

Aldershot Town FC – Season 20/21 so far

Aldershot Town FC – history of the club/previous seasons

England Men's National Team – past and present

Aldershot FC – before The Phoenix Rose

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Tickets are now on sale for £10 and will be available to purchase in our online Club Shop and we will send all entrants your personal Zoom link and link to the quiz on the day of the event.

The ultimate winner of our Big Shots Quiz will win two hospitality seats for next season.

Other prizes will also include: A free copy of Football Manager 2021, a signed ball from the first-team players and staff, a signed shirt from the first-team players and staff and a standard mascot package for next season when we hope fans can return to the stadium.

Howard Taylor, (who is kindly sponsoring the event with his company Howard Taylor Associates), also defeated Gareth Southgate for the England Championship Lockdown Quiz and will host the event virtually alongside our regular TV Show host and Commercial Manager Mark Butler.

We are aiming for over 100 entries which would return at least £1,000 for the Club. The deadline for entries is Tuesday 23 March at 4pm and you can enter by contacting henry.port@theshots.co.uk with the email subject 'The Big Shots Quiz'.

We hope to see you all there!

SHOTS TV

MIDWEEK EXTRA



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. Each week, manager Danny Searle and Club chairman, Shahid Azeem answer your questions, there are fun features with the players who recently enjoyed a Mastermind battle, Joel Nouble triumphing over his team mates, and interviews with former players and managers – Scott Rendell, Steve Stairs, Jake Gallagher, Steve Wignall and Barry Smith have all spoken frankly and fully with Mark Butler and there are plenty more interviews to come.

Having shared his coaching 'knowledge' across the first team squad in Matt Wigman's School of Coaching, Club ticket office manager Matt Wigman, accompanied by Aldershot Town media manager Henry Port, has embarked on a new activity, talking to Shots supporters in a new feature called Shots Around the World. Is there a Shots supporter on every continent? Keep watching to find out!

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.

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Boreham Wood arrive at the EBB having drawn their last four National League games. The Wood have not won in their last seven league games, with six of the seven being draws. Notts County visited Meadow Park on Tuesday night, in a game which ended in a 2-2 draw. Notts County left it late to rescue a point with Inih Effiong's 88th minute penalty. Going into this afternoon's game, Boreham Wood have played 29 games, gaining 39 points, which sees them in 11th place in the National League table.

In goal, Nathan Ashmore has made 29 league appearances for Boreham Wood this season, playing in every league game. Ashmore has kept ten clean sheets this season. On the bench in the Notts County game as back-up was Ryan Huddart.

In defence, Femi Ilesanmi has also made 29 appearances in the league this season for Boreham Wood. Ilesanmi is in his second spell with the Club, having also played for the Meadow Park club in the 16/17 season. Jamal Fyfield has made 29 league appearances this season, scoring twice, with a goal at Notts County in December alongside an FA Cup goal against Southend. Kane Smith has made 29 league appearances this season and has also been a scorer for Boreham Wood on three occasions, his goals coming against Canvey Island in the FA Cup, Eastleigh and Altrincham. Former Mansfield player, Krystian Pearce, has made 14 league appearances this season. Pearce started the season playing for fellow National League, side Solihull Moors.

In midfield, former Woking player Mark Ricketts has made 12 league appearances for Boreham Wood. Ricketts scored in the FA Cup against Southend United. Former Yeovil Town player Kieran Murtagh has made 23 league appearances this season. Murtagh scored in the opening game of the season against Wrexham. Murtagh signed for Boreham Wood from Woking at the start of the 2017/18 season. Gus Mafuta has made 28 league appearances this season. Mafuta was sent off against Dover in January. Mafuta has scored five goals this season, including a goal against The Shots when the teams met back in December.

Up front, Kabongo Tshimanga is the top scorer for Boreham Wood and one of the top scorers in the National League. He has scored 12 league goals so far this season. Tshimanga was a signing prior to the 19/20 season from Oxford City and also had a brief spell at the EBB in the 2014/15 season, making two appearances from the bench for The Shots. Tshimanga scored in the last game against Notts County and will be keen to add to his tally this afternoon. Since joining Boreham Wood, Tshimanga has scored 31 goals in 65 league appearances. Tyrone Marsh returned to the Club in February, following a stint with Stevenage earlier this season. Marsh scored in his return game against Maidenhead and has a further two goals, including one against Notts County on Tuesday night. Corey Whitely has made 21 appearances since signing on loan from Newport. Whitely has scored twice this season.

HISTORY

Historically The Shots have had the better of games over Boreham Wood. The Shots have won ten games, Boreham Wood have won four and there have been three draws. The game between the sides earlier this season in the middle of December ended in a 3-2 win for Boreham Wood at Meadow Park, the Shots goals coming from Shadrach Ogie and a Jamal Fyfield own goal. Sorba Thomas scored an 87th minute winner to secure Boreham Wood all three points. The game here last season was also 3-2, a Kodi Lyons-Foster brace and a goal from Jacob Berkley-Agyepong steering The Shots to victory. Boreham Wood's last win here was in the 2015/16 season, with a 2-1 scoreline, the Shots goal coming from Jake Gallagher.

Words by Dan Blake



THE BOSS

LUKE GARRARD

Luke started his career at Swindon Town, making his full professional debut at 18-years-old in April 2003. He went on to make 17 appearances for the Robins before brief spells at Bishop's Stortford, Boreham Wood and Northwood. Luke later joined AFC Wimbledon in March 2006.

A cult hero with Wimbledon's fans, he made over 100 appearances for the Club. In November 2008, Garrard tore his cruciate ligament during training which kept him out for the rest of that season. From the start of the 2009-10 season, he made only occasional appearances for the Wombles, which saw him re-join the Wood in January 2010.

The 35-year-old was originally an Academy Coach at the Club in 2008, before being promoted to Academy Director in 2012. Luke was appointed Ian Allinson's Assistant in 2013, a position he held for two-and-a-half-years. In October 2015, Luke was

appointed as the First Team Manager, becoming the youngest boss in all of England's top five divisions. Luke steered the Wood away from the relegation zone in the Club's inaugural season in the National League. The side clinched survival on the last game of the season away to an already relegated Welling United with a 3-0 victory.

Luke's stock has further risen in the following seasons, having taken the Wood to Wembley for the first time in their history back in 2017/18. The side achieved their highest ever National League finish, and reached the play-off Final against Tranmere Rovers, narrowly losing 2-1.

Luke took his squad in a disrupted 2019/20 season to the National League Play-Off semi-finals where they were narrowly defeated by eventual play-off promotion winners, Harrogate Town.





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NATHAN ASHMORE

Nathan started out at Havant and Waterlooville and made his first team debut in 2008 following a youth career with Portsmouth. In 2011, Nathan had a loan spell at Gosport Borough, and after some impressive performances the move was made permanent.

In his five years at Gosport, Nathan helped them gain successive promotions to the National League South, as well as a trip to Wembley in the FA Trophy Final. Ashmore was then snapped up by Ebbsfleet, helping them gain promotion to the National League. Nathan amassed over 170 appearances for the Fleet and won the Supporters Player of the Season award twice.

In October 2019, a deal was completed between the Wood and Ebbsfleet that saw Nathan come to Meadow Park for the remainder of the 2019/20 season on a season-long loan.

Ahead of the 2020/21 season Ashmore signed a two-year contract with the Club.



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KABONGO TSHIMANGA

23-year-old Kabs joined the Wood from National League South side Oxford City where he thumped in a very impressive 37 goals in all competitions during 2018/19 season. The red-hot marksman concluded the campaign by being awarded Manager's Player, Players' Player and Fans' Player of the Year.

Tshimanga started his career at MK Dons making his full debut in November 2014 before going on to sign his first professional contract just two months later.

'Kabby' burst onto the main stage of the Emirates FA Cup when scoring a stunning hat-trick away at Tranmere Rovers back in November 2018, catching the eye of many.

Kabongo made 39 league appearances in the 2019/20 season, scoring 19 goals.



10

KIERAN MURTAGH

Murtagh joined the Wood Army from Woking in the summer of 2017.

An international with Antigua and Barbuda, he has played 22 times for his country, scoring five goals. Murtagh made over 100 appearances for Woking after beginning his career in the youth academy at Charlton Athletic.

The 28-year-old left the Valley for Fisher Athletic without making an appearance but was back in the Football League a year later with Yeovil Town. The midfielder's first goal for the club was memorable, a thirty-yard strike

against Huddersfield Town, in a 2-1 defeat in August 2009.

Short spells with Wycombe Wanderers and Cambridge United followed before a move to Macclesfield Town, where he scored twice in just under 40 appearances.

Having previously had three loans spells with the club, Kieran signed for Woking following a short period at Mansfield Town. He went on to make over 110 appearances for the Cardinals, netting seven times.

Murtagh made 33 appearances in the 2019/20 season, scoring one goal.



19

KANE SMITH

Kane joined the Wood on a two-year deal from Hitchin Town in July 2017.

The 23-year-old right-back is known for his pace and powerful delivery and made 120 senior appearances over two seasons for Hitchin. In just two years, Smith scored an impressive 11 goals and provided 30 assists from defence, while also helping to keep 38 clean sheets. These stats led to trials with Premier League side Crystal Palace and League One outfits Shrewsbury Town and Coventry City.

Smith won both Players' Player and Supporters' Player of the Year for Hitchin in 2016.

At the end of his first season with the Wood, Smith suffered a serious knee injury which kept him out for the entirety of the 2018/19 season. Since getting back to full fitness, Kane has signed a new two-year deal to stay at Wood until at least 2021.

Smith made 34 league appearances in the 2019/20 season, scoring four goals.

3 Femi Ilesanmi

Boreham Wood secured the return of Femi Ilesanmi, in June 2018. The left-back originally featured for the Wood in the 2016/17 campaign, where he started all but three matches under Luke Garrard and he only missed four matches last season.

The attack-minded defender began his career in the academy of AFC Wimbledon, before being snapped up by Queens Park Rangers. He departed Loftus Road without making a senior appearance and went on to sign for Dagenham & Redbridge, via Ashford Town.

While with the Daggers, Femi featured over 100 times, across a four-year stay, before departing for League Two York City. Ilesanmi went on to make a further 70 appearances for York City, before he began the first of his spells at Meadow Park.

Ilesanmi made 37 league appearances for the Wood in 2019/20.

6 David Stephens

David signed a professional contract with Norwich in June 2009 and his first team debut came on October 6, 2009, as a substitute in a 1-0 win over Gillingham in the Football League Trophy. In March 2010, Stephens joined Lincoln City on loan for the remainder of the 2009/10 season.

Stephens signed for Scottish Premier League team Hibernian on a three-year deal in July 2010 and made his debut for Hibs as a substitute in the opening day 3-2 win at Motherwell.

Stephens left Hibs in August 2012 and signed for Football League Two club Barnet. He featured regularly for Barnet, forming several different centre back partnerships throughout the course of the 2012/13 season. Barnet kept 15 clean sheets out of 46 games in the League in total but were relegated following a 2-0 loss to Northampton on the final day of the season. The defender was voted Barnet's Player of the Season by supporters in 2012/13 and again in 2013/14. After promotion in 2014/15, Stephens rejected a new deal at Barnet and left the club.

David signed for Boreham Wood in October 2015, making his debut in a 2-1 victory against AFC Hornchurch in the FA Cup.

Stephens made 30 league appearances for the Wood in 2019/20, scoring one goal.

12 Jamal Fyfield

Former Gateshead centre-back Jamal arrived at Meadow Park in June 2018, as part of the Wood's summer strengthening.

Standing at 6ft 1in, Fyfield began his career with Leyton Orient, before departing to join Maidenhead United, where he was named as their Young Player of the Year in 2009. His form for the Magpies led to a move to York City, where he helped the club into League Two, making 40 appearances and scoring three times. He would go on to make a further 30 appearances for The Minstemen, who were by then a Football League club.

Fyfield can also count Grimsby Town and Wrexham, amongst his former clubs at National League level. A versatile defender, who can also play at left-back, the 30-year-old has well over 300 Non-League and 42 league appearances to his name.

Fyfield made 27 league appearances for the Wood in 2019/20, scoring 2 goals.

14 Krystian Pearce

Pearce began his career at Birmingham City having graduated from the Blues Academy in 2007 after representing England at Under-17 and Under-19 levels.

Despite a host of loan moves away from St Andrews, that included spells with Notts County, Port Vale, Scunthorpe United, Peterborough United and Huddersfield Town, he never made a senior appearance prior to his departure in 2010.

A short spell at Huddersfield Town on a permanent basis in 2010 was quickly followed by a permanent move to then Football League side Notts County, where 'the Chief' spent three seasons, accumulating 68 appearances for the Magpies, scoring six times.

A three-year stint in Nottingham, was then followed by a move to the south coast, where Pearce signed for Torquay United on a two-year deal. Despite strong performances for the Gulls, making 74 appearances for the Devonshire outfit, his deal was not renewed by the Gulls at the end of the 2014/15 season.

In the summer of 2015, he joined Mansfield and would arguably play the best football of his career over a five-year stint with the Nottinghamshire side. Most notably Pearce was named in the 2018/19 League Two Team of the Year alongside teammate Tyler Walker, after he guided his team as captain to the end of season play-offs before narrowly losing out to Newport County in the play-off semi-final.

16 Zaine Francis-Angol

Francis-Angol started in the Tottenham Hotspur Academy. In 2011 he moved north of the border to sign for Motherwell.

After four seasons with Motherwell making over 60 appearances, Francis-Angol signed with Kidderminster Harriers. Ironically his only goal for the Harriers was against the Wood in 1-1 draw at Aggborough.

After two seasons with Kidderminster, Dave Challinor signed him for Fylde on a two-year deal where they made the play-offs in both seasons.

A move to League Two followed with Accrington Stanley. However, after the expiration of his contract Garrard snapped up the highly rated left back/winger.

7 Piero Mingoia

27-year-old Mingoia joined the Wood with a wealth of experience having accumulated over 200 appearances in the Football League for Watford, Accrington Stanley, Cambridge United and Morecambe.

The diminutive attacking midfielder returned to Meadow Park having played nine times for the club whilst on loan from Watford back in 2013. He spent the back end of the 2018/19 campaign on loan at League Two side Morecambe, making 16 appearances.

In the 2019/20 season Mingoia made 22 league appearances, scoring one goal.

4 Mark Ricketts

Mark arrived at Meadow Park in the summer of 2016 from Woking following a successful seven-year period with the Surrey club.

Ricketts began his career at Charlton Athletic, graduating from their youth team in 2005. He would enjoy a loan spell with MK Dons before signing for Ebbsfleet United in the Conference National in 2006.

After 94 appearances at Stonebridge Road, including winning the FA Trophy with Ebbsfleet at Wembley, the midfielder went on to join Woking in the summer of 2009. In 2010, Ricketts was made captain of the Woking, quickly becoming a cult hero at the Kingfield Stadium. The midfielder was an instrumental member of the Woking side that won promotion from the Conference South in 2011/12 and then secured their place in the top-tier of non-league football with a top 10 finish.

After 244 appearances at Woking, the midfielder joined Boreham Wood in June 2016. Prior to the opening game of the 2016/17 season, it was announced that Mark would become the Club's captain.

Ricketts made 34 league appearances for the Wood in 2019/20.

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8 Gus Mafuta

Gus started out with Colchester United's youth team and later went on to play for Bristol City and captain their under-23's team. With loan spells at Weston Super Mare and Nuneaton Borough where he gained valuable senior experience within the game, he was then later released by 'the Robins' in 2015.

Mafuta then signed for Gateshead FC ahead of the 2015/16 season where he made a great impact in over 60 appearances for the Club. His strength and powerful performances earned Gus a move to the Class of 92's Salford City in 2017, where he started in the Promotion Final victory at Wembley over AFC Fylde in 2017/18.

Following a two-year stint at 'the Ammies' Mafuta was then snapped up by fellow league competitors Hartlepool United ahead of the 2019/20 season where he made over 30 appearances in a curtailed season, notching three goals during his time at the Club.

Mafuta then left the Pools to sign a year-long contract with Boreham Wood FC ahead of the 2020/21 season.

15 Matt Rhead

Rhead played for non-league side Norton United before joining Kidsgrove Athletic ahead of the 2004-2005 season. He moved on to join Eastwood Town, making a goal scoring debut in the Club's 2-3 home defeat to Matlock Town on 16 October 2007. Rhead ended the season as Eastwood's top goal scorer of the season, having netted 17 goals.

He departed Eastwood to join Nantwich Town for the start of the 2009-2010 season before joining Congleton Town on an initial month's loan, making a goalscoring debut in the club's draw with Squires Gate on 12 after a month's loan he agreed terms to join the Club on a permanent basis until the end of the 2009-10 season.

In 2012 Rhead made the move to Mansfield Town and was part of the squad that gained promotion to the Football League. Two more seasons followed with the Stags before he repeated the non-league to Football League success with Lincoln City in the 2016-17 campaign, after first joining the Imps in 2015.

Rheady" joined Boreham Wood in February 2020 and was a key player in the Club's play-off run.

Matt Rhead played a huge part in the team's successes in the 2019/20 season, scoring his first Boreham Wood FC goal against Halifax in the play-off Quarter Finals to win the game.

11 Corey Whitely

Whitely came through the club's renowned BW PASE Academy between 2007 and 2009. Corey gained valuable senior men's football experience locally at both Waltham Forest and Cheshunt, where he bagged a very healthy return of 18 goals in 37 appearances.

To make the next step in his development within senior football he then joined Enfield Town. Whitely chose to get the game time he needed at Town to develop further, and during his three years with Enfield, he went on to score 46 goals in 120 appearances, which alerted some of the bigger local clubs.

It was Dagenham who signed the young striker. Despite jumping two divisions from the Ryman Premier into the National League, Whitely shone in a Dagger's shirt, netting 16 goals in his first full season at

level, whilst earning a place within the 2016/17 National League Team of the Season.

Following a financial crisis that befell Dagenham, Whitely moved onto Ebbsfleet United in 2018 where he continued to shine, making 59 appearances and scoring 11 goals. At the end of the 2018/19 season, Whitely got his well-deserved move into the Football League, penning a two-year deal with League Two outfit Newport County.

Ahead of the 2020/21 season Whitley signed a one-year loan deal from Newport County to The Wood, creating a homecoming for the forward.

18 Shaquille Coulthirst

Coulthirst started his career as a youth team player at Tottenham Hotspur and has a wealth of Football League experience. 'Shaq' has over 100 EFL appearances to his name already with Southend United, Peterborough United Wigan and Mansfield Town.

The Posh signed Coulthirst in January 2016 where he made 35 appearances and he joined Mansfield Town on loan at the start of 2017, scoring five goals in his 15 appearances.

In July of 2017 Coulthirst made a free transfer to Barnet. He was at the north London club for three seasons, leaving him as a free agent in the 2020/21 transfer window.

With Shaq originally coming into the Club on trial after spending the start of pre-season under the watchful eye of League Two's Leyton Orient, he made a quick impression on Luke Garrard and his management team with a first half hat-trick in the 7-1 pre-season victory over Slough Town. The Wood Gaffer, alongside Chairman Danny Hunter, then moved quickly to secure Shaq's signature on a permanent basis for the 2020/21 season.

23 Tyrone Marsh

The powerful forward began his career at Oxford United and made his professional debut at Elland Road against Leeds United back in August 2012. Marsh went on to feature for Ebbsfleet United, Torquay United and Dover Athletic before joining the Macclesfield in 2017, playing a key part in their promotion to the Football League.

Marsh departed from the Wood after the defeat vs. Harrogate in the National League Play-Off Semi-finals and signed with League two club Stevenage. However, Wood were able to win the signature back from the in-demand forward going into the second half of the 2020/21 season, on an 18-month deal.

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FANZONE



With Rob Worrall

Welcome to Fanzone for this afternoon's National League game with Boreham Wood.

Tuesday evening's defeat at FC Halifax Town was a tough one to take, not only because I thought the team performed well, but because they had a quite brilliant goal (Harry Panayiotou's thumping header into the top corner from Chike Kandi's cross on the run) incorrectly ruled out for offside, and because they should have been awarded at least one penalty from the three decent penalty shouts they had on the night.

The huge positive is that, on the back of three consecutive National League victories, the team looked strong, hungry and resilient throughout. With competition for places throughout the squad now, especially with the likes of Craig Tanner, Lewis Kinsella and Ross McCormack all close to recovery from their long-term injuries, it bodes well for the rest of the season. C'Mon the Shots!

On behalf of all Shots supporters, all the best to Mitch, James, Joe and George, who are continuing to self-isolate. We hope to see you all back very soon.

Today's fans' photos include Vince Wells, who recently celebrated his 60th birthday. It's a thumbs-up from Vince for his wonderful Aldershot Town cake!

Our Shots Selfie today is of Stray Shot Colin McDonald and his wife Sharron McDonald, who posed for their snap in rather snowy conditions in Breckinridge, Colorado! Underneath the snow, you can clearly see that Colin, who follows Shots from afar these days, is sporting his Aldershot Town hat! Keep up the good work Colin!

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



FUN WITH THE

WORDSEARCH

Can you find the names of four former Shots midfielders in our wordsearch?

DUMBUYA
LEE
KELLERMANN
MILLER

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SPOT THE BALL



HAT-TRICK QUIZ

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

- 1 What is the name of the film studios located near to Boreham Wood's Meadow Park ground?
- 2 Which former Aldershot Town and Woking player scored for the Shots in the 4:0 victory over Walton and Hersham on this day in 1999?
- 3 Which two clubs won the Football League Trophy finals which took place last weekend at Wembley Stadium?

GOLDEN GOALS

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!

Marvin Morgan v Torquay United

Tuesday 28 September, 2010

Torquay United 0 – 1 Aldershot Town

Goalscorer: Marvin Morgan

Football League Division 2

Attendance: 2,167 (Visitors 141)

Eight league games into Kevin Dillon's second season with Aldershot Town and the Shots were not exactly setting the world on fire. Only six goals had been scored so far and even worse, only one game won, and that over six weeks earlier, a tight 1:0 win at home to

Southend. Admittedly there had only been one defeat, a 1:0 loss away to Port Vale but an accurate summing up of the situation would be – very few goals and very few wins. It really wasn't the most exciting of seasons thus far.

What the supporters craved was drama, excitement, a sound thrashing of a visiting team or maybe a late, late goal to win a match. In fact, with goals being rationed on a very strict basis, or so it seemed, probably the second option was the most likely for the shot-starved Shots fans! An outpouring of goals past some unlucky opponents seemed very unlikely in the current situation.

A visit to old foes Torquay didn't really offer much likelihood of a multi-goal score or a last-minute winner – after all, the Shots had been there and done that two years earlier in the promotion campaign when Scott Davies' late, late goal had helped propel Aldershot Town ever closer towards the Football League and lightning doesn't strike twice – or could it..?

Lining up for the Shots in the number 10 shirt was Marvin Morgan. Morgan had arrived from local rivals Woking when the Shots had been promoted into the Football League, at the start of the 2008/09 season and thus far had made over 80 appearances in the red and blue, scoring 25 goals. Indeed, he had scored in Shots' previous match, a 2:2 draw away to Stockport the previous Saturday along with being the scorer of the sole goal in Aldershot Town's so far, sole win of



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- 2 George Fowler
- 3 Alex Finney
- 4 Jamie Sendles-White
- 5
- 6 Kodi Lyons-Foster
- 7 James Rowe
- 8 Josh Rees
- 9 Mo Bettamer
- 10 Chike Kandi
- 11 Harrison Panayiotou
- 12 Alfie Whittingham
- 13 Ryan Hall
- 14 Joel Nouble
- 15 Jermaine Anderson
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- 18 Reece Wylie
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- 20 Toby Edser
- 21 Ben Shroll
- 22 Giles Phillips
- 23 Killian Colombie
- 25 Shadrach Ogie
- 26 Lewis Kinsella
- 27 Craig Tanner
- 29 Joe Rabbetts
- 30 Ricky Miller
- 44 Ross McCormack

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BOREHAM WOOD

Manager: Luke Garrard

- 1 Nathan Ashmore
- 2 Danny Woodards
- 3 Femi Ilesamni
- 4 Mark Ricketts
- 5 Tom Champion
- 6 David Stephens
- 7 Piero Mingoia
- 8 Gus Mafuta
- 9 Kabongo Tshimanga
- 10 Kieran Murtagh
- 11 Corey Whitely
- 12 Jamal Fyfield
- 13
- 14 Krystian Pearce
- 15 Matt Rhead
- 16 Zaine Francis - Angol
- 17 Ryan Huddart
- 18 Shaquile Coulthirst
- 19 Kane Smith
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Assistant: Jonathan Bolland

Assistant: Samuel Fudge

Fourth Official: Alan Cresswell



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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Aldershot Town vs Boreham Wood
 Altrincham vs Dagenham & Redbridge
 Barnet vs Chesterfield
 Bromley vs Solihull Moors
 Eastleigh vs FC Halifax Town
 Hartlepool United vs Woking
 Notts County vs Yeovil Town
 Sutton United vs Stockport County
 Torquay United vs King's Lynn Town
 Weymouth vs Wealdstone

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	GD	PTS
Sutton United	26	23	56
Hartlepool United	29	11	50
Torquay United	27	18	48
Wrexham	29	11	47
Stockport County	27	16	46
FC Halifax Town	27	11	43
Notts County	25	11	42
Bromley	27	10	41
Eastleigh	27	7	40
Maidenhead Utd	25	4	39
Boreham Wood	29	4	39
Yeovil Town	29	-2	38
Altrincham	30	-4	38
Aldershot Town	26	1	37
Chesterfield	25	8	36
Dagenham & Red	27	-8	34
Solihull Moors	25	-3	32
Woking	26	0	31
Wealdstone	26	-18	29
Weymouth	27	-15	24
King's Lynn Town	26	-20	24
Barnet	26	-42	13
Dover Athletic	15	-23	10