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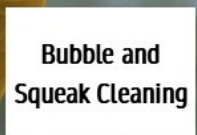
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SEARLE

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Good afternoon and a warm welcome to you all, wherever you might be watching or listening from. A welcome also to our visitors, Stockport County, their manager Simon Rusk, his players and staff. We played out a goalless draw when we travelled to Edgeley Park in February and with Stockport now in the top six, we know today will be a competitive match and one that we would very much like to win – it will however, be a tough game.

It was pleasing to be able to return to winning ways on Tuesday evening after a run of two losses and a draw. Going back to the Boreham Wood match two weeks ago, at the end of it all it was lucky I don't have hair because I would have had none left after that game! It was an entertaining game and afterwards we looked to take the positives from the game – the recovery and the character we showed and the players who came on as substitutes having an effect on the game. It was frustrating to find ourselves 3:1 down after we had got back to 1:1 but as I say, the players showed great character and it was good to see us taking our chances.

Moving on to the Chesterfield game, it's a shame when a game is decided on errors. I don't think Mitch had a meaningful save to make in the 90 minutes and to concede the goal in the way we did was frustrating. We were quite flat in the first half but in the second half we picked up and were looking much better. I felt that for large parts of the

game we were toe to toe with them and looked the better side, against a team who we know have been heavily invested in. The bottom line was, there were very few chances in the game – they got one and took it, we got two or three and didn't and the result was a loss for us.

Last Saturday we travelled to Solihull Moors and the result was the same, a 1:0 loss. It was a poor performance from us and afterwards the lads came into the dressing room and apologised, saying that they were off it badly on the day. The boys worked hard but they didn't work smart and when you look at the goal, I think it might give me nightmares for a while – we weren't in danger, we were in control and we still conceded! And after that we didn't have a shot on goal, it was not good enough in any way.

Tuesday night though was so much better and far more pleasing. The discipline the lads showed on the night was absolutely outstanding. We are an honest group and when we don't do things right we have the conversations to put it right, but when they do the kind of thing that they did on Tuesday they get nothing but plaudits from me. Everything that we planned, everything that we wanted to put into place, they did it to the letter. There were times when they were on top and their possession was probably greater than ours but they are a big club, a good club and you would expect that and when matters happened, we dealt with it.

The win also gives us something to build on today as we face another club who, like Notts County are in the play-off places. Stockport are doing really well at the moment and we will need to be at our very best to compete with them. We have worked hard again this week in training, preparing for the game and hope to be starting the Easter weekend with another win.

Enjoy the game,

Danny

JAMES SCARLETT

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DIRECTOR

LEWIS SCARD

Good afternoon to you all today and especially to the playing squad and the management of Stockport County FC who have travelled down from Cheshire for today's match. Hopefully many of you will feel a little more 'liberated' this week with trips to see loved ones outside and for some the chance to engage in a permissible sport or two.

For many, today's match will be viewed on a screen typically sitting at home. Whereas our football team may not be heading the National League at the moment, when it comes to judging the quality of live streaming there can be no finer production! Since the season started we have improved the quality exponentially to a standard that would grace a national TV network. This is now in stark contrast to some of the experiences at away matches where we may see the match itself but have no replays, no slow motion, no pre- or post- match interviews or analysis and often have to listen to a very biased commentary. Of course the issue arises to what will happen once crowds return as there will probably be a requirement to cease this activity. Those by reason of health or geography who cannot access our product will be disappointed, another challenge our Covid-plagued world has thrown up.

Another topical subject impacting football concerns the "Kick it out" and the "Black Lives Matter" campaigns against racism. "Taking the knee" really does resonate this week in particular as we hear about the trial involving the death of George Floyd. We are blessed with so many BAME footballers plying their trade in front of us. This country's first black professional footballer was Arthur Wharton who signed for our visitors today, Stockport County, in 1901.

Stockport County have had a long history, typically exchanging places in the bottom two divisions of the Football League until they fell into non-league football in 2011. But from the depths of National League North they are on a resurgence now, boosted by the finances of local businessman Mark Stott who joined the Club in January of this year, wiping the Club's debts clean. They have at least two promotions targeted in their plans.



Stockport join one of eight long-established Football League clubs who have dropped into the National League in recent years. Ironically Hartlepool United, Torquay United, Stockport County, Wrexham, Notts County, Chesterfield and Halifax Town occupy positions second to eighth inclusive in our league. The exception is Sutton United who sit at the top. Had Aldershot Town turned a couple of defeats into victories we would have joined that group. Ex-league clubs are bursting to regain their previous status and we are no exception.

Eleven ex-non-league clubs, through the merit of achieving promotion, now ply their trade in the Football League. Four (Peterborough, AFC Wimbledon, Wigan Athletic, and Cambridge United) were elected to replace clubs who failed in their bid to seek re-election and Oxford United entered Division 4 in 1962 to replace the bankrupt Accrington Stanley. Of these sixteen, Wycombe Wanderers play at the highest level being in the Championship, although currently at the bottom.

All these facts would indicate that most clubs find their level over time and tend to stick there, although many hit the occasional purple patch and others fall well down the pyramid. It is too easy to accept this as an inevitable fate and we at Aldershot will always strive to compete, always want to do better, always look to new opportunities to get better both on and off the pitch. We are determined to invest particularly in people because it is good people who will always make the difference. Recognising and nurturing that fact drives success. There is ultimately no other way.

Lewis Scard

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JAMIE SENDLES-WHITE

CAPTAIN

It had been a tough couple of weeks for the Shots with regards to results but Tuesday evening saw a welcome win away to Notts County. Skipper Jamie looks back at the last four games and also at his return to the starting line-up in the 1:0 win

The recent four-game run of games started with a 3:3 draw at home to Boreham Wood, a match where the Shots had to come from first one goal and then two goals down. Speaking before Tuesday night's match, how did Jamie see this comeback?

The boys did well to bring the game back to 3:3 and they showed real character. But we need to stop talking about character and begin to show it and show that we deserve a win. We need to start picking up wins.

The Shots then went on to lose two matches, against Chesterfield and Solihull Moors, both of them 1:0 losses and disappointing for players, staff and fans alike

We don't sit here and talk about how we didn't win, we talk about some of the positives. We really need to focus on taking our chances (in front of goal) and in games, learn to see them out professionally rather than trying to claw back the game when we are losing.

Tuesday evening saw a great turnaround with the win at Notts County. Jamie was back in the team and spoke after the match. How pleasing was the three points gained?

It was massive for us today after the run of games that we've had, we were desperate to put it right and what a place to do it! I think our problem all season has been our consistency. We spoke about it after the Solihull game and we were desperate to put it right. We went ahead early and we knew we had to dig in and the message before the game was to be resolute and we did just that.

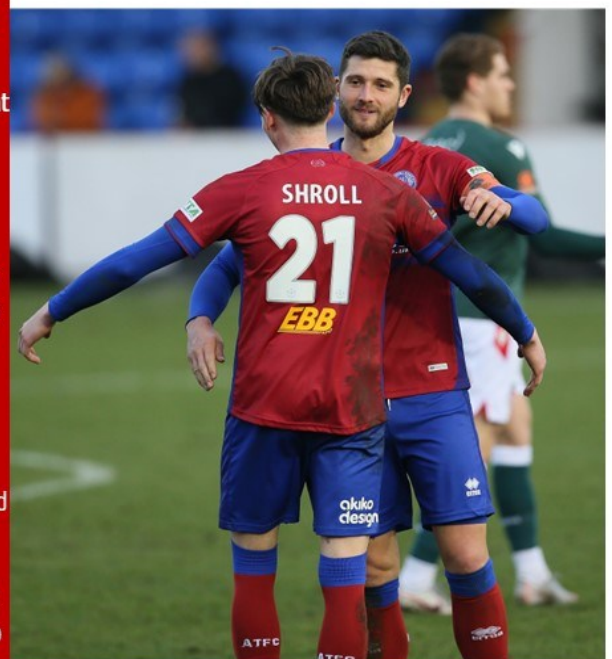
It felt good to be back out there, I felt it in the legs but I just want to play games. Like everybody, I just want to



be out there playing and it felt good to be back out there and get the win.

And after that good win, the Club will be looking for strong performances over the busy Easter weekend, with the visit of Stockport today and a trip to Dagenham on Monday

I think this weekend is a crucial part of our season, to make sure that we don't just drizzle out and have nothing to play for. We need to make sure that the next couple of games we put on good performances and give ourselves something to play for towards the end of the season. Because we want to be within touching distance of our target and these next few games are important for us.





SHOTS NEWS & VIEWS

WORDS BY VICTORIA ROGERS

Well here we are, it's Easter-time – and we've had the weather this week to realise that we are now properly into spring. Of course, Easter is usually a crunch time (if you will pardon the pun) in the football season, coming with just a handful of games to go, matters both top and bottom of the table are often decided – here at Aldershot Town we certainly won't ever forget Easter Monday 2014 when a 2:1 victory away to Woking saved the Club from back to back relegations although a year earlier, when the Shots won a tight 3:2 game over Oxford United here at the EBB on Easter Monday, it might have been thought that the demise from the Football League could have been prevented – sadly, subsequent results put paid to that. This season of course there is no relegation but the integrity of the competition is still very much alive and with play-off chasing Stockport visiting today and ourselves wanting to finish the season as high up the table as possible, the matches will be played with as much passion as always.

Last Easter of course there was no football and here we are, a year later and football is back but the supporters are not. It is incredibly sad and matches are not the same, something which Graham Brookland talks about in his column in today's programme. Another feature of the approach of the end of the season is the annual Tour of Duty which is in its 13th year. Designed to encourage supporters who would not usually travel to away games, to attend a Shots game on the road and boost the away support, this year the event is

slightly different, as supporters are encouraged to stream the home game and increase revenue for the Club whilst dressing up and decorating their viewing spaces in an Aldershot Town theme. We hope to have lots of photos of those in the next programme!

After not winning for four games, everyone was delighted on Tuesday evening to see Aldershot Town carve out a 1:0 win away to Notts County. Harrison Panayiotou hit an excellent early penalty after being fouled and then the whole team showed great resilience in retaining that lead – H, as he is known, nearly doubling his score when he hit a brilliant volley against the bar. Mitch Walker, although very much a spectator for large parts of the game also came into his own with a fine save in the 87th minute. The game was special for another reason, too, as in the 84th minute Lewis Kinsella came on as a substitute, his first league appearance for Aldershot Town since the trip to Maidenhead in February 2020. Lewis has worked incredibly hard to get himself back to this position and we are all so pleased to see him return to the team. Shots supporters played a big part in his recovery, contributing generously to a fund to cover the Club's costs for his operations and rehabilitation – Welcome back, Lewis, you are most definitely 'one of our own'.

In closing, a quick note on the player stats. After reading Graham Brookland's comments about how the players' goals and appearances were retained in future records back in 1992, despite the record of Aldershot FC being expunged from the 1991-92 campaign, we have done the same in the wake of the Dover results being removed from this season. Therefore although our GD is changed in the NL table, the players' goals and appearances for us, remain the same.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A big Happy Birthday to co-Club founder, former Chairman and now Club Ambassador, Terry Owens, who celebrates his 74th birthday on Easter Monday, 5 April.

Terry, who is also a Trustee of the Shots in the Community Foundation, is pictured here with his wife, Rak. He has supported the Shots for 60 years, attending his first match when he was just 10 years old. A little known fact about Terry – he has, via Tesco, supplied the fruit for the players and management on a match day for the past 15 seasons!

Have a good day on Monday, Terry!



MATCH ACTION

Tuesday 23 March
Vanarama National League
Kick-Off 7pm

The Shots 0

Chesterfield 1
Whittle 27'

The EBB Stadium



The Shots: Walker, Fowler (Whittingham 87'), Phillips, Lyons-Foster, Ogie (Booked), Rees, Edser, Anderson, Bettamer (Booked), Nouble (Kandi 71'), Panayiotou (Miller 72') **Subs:** Sendles-White, Kandi, Whittingham, Colombie, Miller



Chesterfield: Smith, Carline, Maguire, Weston (Booked), Asante (Booked) (Mandeville 89'), Clarke (Booked) (Wheelan 56'), Hollis, Smith, Whittle, Kerr, Yussuf (Finanga 71') **Subs:** Yarnley, Mandeville, Dinanga, Tyson, Whelan



“ POST-MATCH THOUGHTS ”

DANNY SEARLE

'It's a shame when a game is decided by errors... to concede the game the way we did was frustrating. I thought we were flat first half but second half we were quite good. You're playing against a team that's invested quite heavily, go toe to toe with them and I thought for large parts of the game we were the better side.'

JAMES ROWE

'I'm delighted with the clean sheet. To minimise them to six or seven shots in the whole game is impressive. We completely controlled the first half. Second half, away from home, midweek, you know what's coming and we defended resolutely.'



PLAYER KIT S



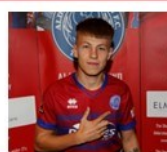
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AWAY:
Shots Away Travel

Mitch Walker



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Muhammed Ali
AWAY:
Andy Wilde

Mo Bettamer



HOME & AWAY:
Sunnyside
Removals

Reece Wylie



HOME & AWAY:
Roger Niblett

George Fowler



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MATCH ACTION

Saturday 27 March
Vanarama National League
Kick-Off 3pm

Solihull Moors 1
Archer 31'

The Shots 0

Damson Park



Solihull Moors: Boot, McNally, Williams (Booked), Hancox (Booked/Sent-Off), Maycock, Storer, Ball (Sent-Off), Barnett (Donawa 78'), Archer (Booked) (Cranston 78'), Usher-Shipway (Booked), Rooney (Hudlin 90+6')
Subs: Cranston, Ward, Piggott, Donawa, Hudlin



The Shots: Walker, Fowler (Panayiotou 84'), Phillips, Lyons-Foster, Ogie, Rowe (Kandi 70'), Rees, Edser, Anderson, Miller (Bettamer 59'), Nouble
Subs: Sendles-White, Kandi, Panayiotou, Wylie, Ogie



“ POST-MATCH THOUGHTS ”

DANNY SEARLE

'We knew they had had a bad run of form and that we needed to keep them quiet and I thought for the most part we did that in the first 15 to 20 minutes. But once we've handed them something to hang on to I thought they did that really well.'

MARK YATES

'I said to them that I needed a team of men and then that I needed a team of nine men even more. We got bodies back there and there was good defending. We looked like we wanted it today.'



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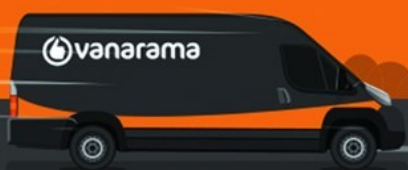
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SHOTS IN FOCUS JOE RABBETTS



Full Name: Joseph Rabbetts

Date and place of birth: 17/07/02 Kingston-upon-Thames

Height: 6ft

Married: No

Nickname: Rabbs

Car: Vauxhall Corsa

Previous clubs: None

Team you supported as a boy: Arsenal

Favourite current player: Kieran Tierney (Arsenal)

Most difficult opponent: Craig Tanner

Most memorable match: Playing for Aldershot Town against Bedford Town in the FA Trophy

Biggest disappointment: Injuring my knee

Football honours: Signing for Aldershot Town

Favourite other sports: Basketball and golf

Favourite other sportsmen/women: N/A

Hobbies: Golf

Favourite TV show: Game of Thrones

Favourite musicians: Drake

Miscellaneous likes: Food, driving, watching TV

Miscellaneous dislikes: N/A

Best country visited: Mexico

Favourite food: Thai food

Favourite restaurant: Giggling Squid

Favourite drink: Ribena

Biggest drag in football: Away days

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

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

If given £1million what would be the first thing you would buy: A house



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Good Afternoon Everyone,

Today we welcome Stockport County to the EBB Stadium for this Good Friday fixture. They're flying high in the league. Today is our "Home Tour of Duty Game" as we've not been able to go to any away games. So hopefully you're dressed up and ready to roll!!!

We had a disappointing loss against Solihull Moors on Saturday and a great win against Notts County on Tuesday evening who, like Stockport, are in the top six.

To join the Supporters Club, email 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.

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 available 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 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 £10,500 and we have given out over £10,000 to us the fans, not bad 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

So come on, how did you do against Danny Searle and Joel Nouble in The Shots Big Quiz that was held on Wednesday 24 March? We ALL think we know the answers BUT how many DID you ACTUALLY know?

The Midweek YouTube Show that the Club has now has been going for 10 weeks. It is such a laugh, and a good mix of interviews and fun. Like Mark has said, let's give them ideas for the show and get involved. When things go "back to normal" let's hope that they carry it on as I'm loving it!!!

I'm also loving the Shots Supporters Around the World. Do you know any that they could include in the show?

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 don't know about you but I've just about had enough of all this now. The sooner we are back in person the better. I know we have all had the opportunity to view the matches via the respective television streams of the clubs (ours, in my view, is up at the top for presentation, analysis and quality) but it just cannot be the same without supporters. You don't get that personal involvement, sharing the adulation and the heartaches, sitting in your own front room, watching from afar.

It was a superb achievement for Hereford to reach the FA Trophy Final last Saturday but were the celebrations the same for fans jumping about in their front rooms, learning that their team are going to Wembley than actually being at the match, probably four to 5,000 at Edgar Street, celebrating with the players on the pitch, carrying their heroes off? Of course it isn't and never can be. Will it be the same playing the final at Wembley if the crowds are not allowed back by then? Of course it won't be.

Watching the recent home match v Boreham Wood I thought what would it have been like for the final 12 minutes plus injury time after Josh Rees had levelled matters at 3-3 after looking down and out at 1-3? Kicking towards the East Bank against a side with a recent consistency of conceding late goals. Nobody can convince me that the crowd wouldn't have made a difference and we could have had some finale with

that barricade of noise emanating from the stands. These are the moments that football is all about.

How must it feel being a Wycombe Wanderers fan this season and they've given it a go, too? However, the bottom line is that, it is likely that the Buckinghamshire club will be in the same division that they were in when Covid-19 originally came onto the scene a year ago. A season in the Championship missed by the fans. From Nottingham to Sheffield, Derby to Birmingham, Norwich to Watford, fans unable to revel in the experience of, barring a miracle, a one and only season in the second flight of English football.

I really do believe that it is so difficult to judge this season as a whole. I said from the start that it would be an achievement just to finish it and I stand by that. The recently released accounts for 2019/20 show that the Club is being able to continue due to significant financial contributions from the Board of Directors. We should be extremely grateful for this situation. Some clubs at this level haven't been able to continue playing or are carrying on under duress. The fallout from this situation will be ongoing, with plenty of uncertainty throughout.

So much will have been learned from within the Football Club this season due to the unique circumstances of Covid-19. How the situation has been dealt with, both good and bad. It must, however, be taken into consideration the difficulties that have been attributed to the season so far as to how we believe we have fared both on and off the pitch. And, of course, although we have reached Easter and usually reach the peak of the season by now, we still have 13 matches still to play so any post-season analysis is still a long way away.

BTW, the Dover match may have been expunged from the records but the game was played and we won 5-0. Just as in 1992/92, although the final season of Aldershot FC records were expunged, the appearances and goals from the respective players involved has always been included in the final totals.

Words by Graham Brookland



*KILLIAN
COLOMBIE*

THE BIG INTERVIEW

Killian Colombie arrived at Aldershot Town last summer as part of manager Danny Searle's squad rebuild for the 2020-21 season. Aged 25, this is the first time the French-born defender has played in the UK, most of his adult football having previously been played in America after leaving the Paris St Germain youth system when he was 18. He explains how he came to be playing football so far from home.

'I have spent the last five years in the US. I was playing in France but when I was turning 19 I went to the US to get my degree for three years. I was in New York, so I played from 2015 to 2018 when I was in my college (Iona College in New Rochelle, New York) and while I was playing I was getting scouted by some agents from Europe and in the US. Then I graduated in December 2018 with a Bachelor in Business Management.'

It is an interesting route to take for a footballer, bearing in mind young players are often very keen to leave the educational side of matters behind to concentrate fully on their sport. So why go to America and why choose the path of taking a degree? There appears to have been a lot of thought going into Killian's decision.

'When I was 18 I was training with the third team of Paris St Germain and at that time it wasn't offering any real benefits to get me moving closer to sign for a club professionally. So then I decided to stay for one more season in my club and then I started the process to go and study and get a scholarship in the US because I knew I would be training every day, have good facilities, I would have access to the gym trainers and I would just have more exposure than where I was. I knew some French players that went there in

previous years and they had got drafted and signed professionally (for MLS clubs) so I was like, obviously I will get my degree for free and then I would sign professionally.

'My goal was always to play professional (football) but I decided to delay it a little bit to get my degree, just in case. So for me, the reason why I left France was because it would be easier to sign professionally being in the US, than staying in France, with the system they are using.'

Moving over three-and-a half thousand miles from home when you are just 19, to study for a degree in a second language might seem daunting but Killian faced up to it all with resilience.

'The hardest part to start the process was I had to pass the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language, a standardized test to measure the English language ability of non-native speakers wishing to enrol in English-speaking universities.) and then after that for me, I just needed the connections to get started and to find a dual scholarship because the higher you go in the US, the higher exposure you have in a university with big money. If you get a dual scholarship in a big university then technically you have already more exposure, so I had a company who helped me with that but once I was out there I was on my own the whole time. They just helped me get started and once I signed the paperwork on my athletic and academic scholarship, then that was the beginning of it.'

Killian enjoyed his time at Iona College very much and after graduating was able to gain his wish, signing for Sporting Kansas City for the 2019-20 season.

'I was signed for one year plus one year optional. I had a really great time and I didn't think I was too big for them but I felt that I had to go somewhere else (at the end of the season), I wanted a change, because I felt that it would be better for me to play somewhere else. At the time I wasn't planning coming back to Europe, I was planning on staying in the MLS, playing in the Championship to get a second year on my resume, then maybe move forward. But what happened was my American agent I was signed with didn't find me an opportunity at the time. You know, in the US their season starts in April so in February last year I had no clubs whatsoever. I was living on my savings and I took a flight to Pittsburgh from France, just to get a trial and when I got there it was like 50 kids, I didn't get signed and I was there in the hotel for two or three days with no options, no flights to get home and I was running out of money.'

'Then I went back to a family I knew in Houston, a family connection, and they were really nice to me and so they invited me to come over for two weeks, just for me to wait and get things sorted and then after two days I flew to Indianapolis to try out for Indy Eleven in the US Championship. I was supposed to stay there two weeks and the season was getting close to the start and the manager said, "You are a great player but we need players for these positions so I don't think you would be a right fit for right now, but maybe later".'

It was a tough time for Killian and after spending a month trying to get a new contract, in early March of last year he decided to go back to France.

'There was no money left on my account, I had spent almost all my savings travelling to trials and then I parted ways with my American agent because he just didn't find me any connections. Then a few months back I had been in connection with an agency in London. Out of the blue this agent came back to me and said, "Killian, I am just trying to reach out to see how you are doing, how you are doing with football, what you are up to because now I am not working for anyone else, I have my own agency now so let's have a chat."

'I had a chat with him and it went really well but he was a guy I knew from my former agents so I didn't know if I could trust him, so it took me a few weeks to

get convinced and a few more talks on facetime to get things sorted and I was like, right I am just going to take the risk and that is how I signed with an agency in Europe.'

The link-up began to produce fruit but other far bigger world issues were now in play which would impact on Killian's search for a club.

'I had the chance of trials in Scotland for Livingston, an SPL side, so I booked my flight and my Air BNB and I was 15 hours from going to the airport and I got a text saying they had closed their frontiers because of Coronavirus. I lost again all my money in flights, all my money in Air BNB and I tried to get some money back but none whatsoever. Then I had some interest from one team in Scotland, in League 2, the manager from Crawley was on the phone to me and then I was like ok, things are not moving. Then my agent said to me, "I have this club, Aldershot Town, who are willing to take you for two weeks in trials but you will need to travel on your own expenses".'



'I was chasing another contract so I came here. And after a week they said they were interested to sign me but at the time they weren't sure where they would be money-wise and what would be possible or not because of the Corona. The pre-season was supposed to start and got pushed back one week, two weeks, then I was back in France and I woke up one day and texted my agent and said, "Look my sister has just called me and I need to be on a flight today otherwise they are going to close the borders in France and London" and then I wouldn't have been able to travel. So I woke up at 10 'o' clock and by 4pm I was on the flight to come to Aldershot. I had to pack quick and I came here to sign the paperwork and stayed for pre-season and I was here on time!

'One thing that worked out well for me though was that the start of the US seasons and Europe seasons are different so when I thought I was losing time I wasn't really losing time, I was moving to the European market, so that was a good thing for me.'

Clearly it's been a long journey to Aldershot Town; New York via Pittsburgh, Indianapolis and France, but now he is here, does Killian see any differences in the way football is played in the UK to America?

'The football here is really different, it is a lot of long balls, we don't really try to possess the ball, we like to dominate the territory and press down the middle of the park, constant pressure. We like playing numbers here, it is just a way to dominate teams. And when I first got here I wasn't really understanding and I was like, my team before, 50 to 60% of the game was possession and here it is like long balls, crossing, a one/two time finish, if you can have a shot then have a shot and it is like dominating the team and the territory. And bigger players, it is way more physical that I was used to. But at the same time, in France and the US it is really physical, just here it is more so.'



And is he enjoying it here at Aldershot Town?

'Yeah, I am enjoying it, it is just different. It took me a few months to get sorted and up my game because I had to change stuff to the way we are playing. The coaching staff helped me out and I'm getting more comfortable, so I can play different positions.'

Killian has made 12 appearances for the Shots so far this season in the competitive left back position. What are his hopes for the remainder of the campaign, his first in English football, both for the team and for himself?

'For the team, I think we are wanting to be more consistent. We have three good games and then one, game, like the Halifax game, then we go backwards again. We need to take each game at a time, play for the 90 minutes and then move on to the next one and prepare well for that also.

'And personally, I want to play more games in the league and gain more minutes and exposure for the rest of the season.'

Understandable, after the epic trip that Killian took to come to north-east Hampshire – in his own words, 'That was a long journey!'

Words by Victoria Rogers





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PROFILE



Name: Lincoln

Age Group: U12s

Playing Position: Centre attacking midfielder/Centre midfielder

When did you join the Aldershot Town Academy? October 2017

When did you first start playing football? When I was about 18 months old

What team do you support? Manchester United

What type of player are you? Box to box midfielder

Who is your favourite footballer? Bruno Fernandes

Describe the best goal you have scored? Playing in my debut playing for the U12s, I received a throw in and flicked it over my head and the defender's head, ran around him and hit a half volley with the outside of my boot, curling it into the side netting – only for the ref to disallow the goal for a high foot!

What do you want to achieve this season with the Academy? Getting my skills and fitness ready for 11-a-side next season.

What are your hopes for your footballing-future? To play in the Prem

What advice would you give yourself, if you were starting in the academy all over again? Work hard and be expressive whilst you can at a younger age.



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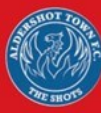
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The Shots 1
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Notts County: Slocombe, Barnett, Turner (Booked), O'Brien, Kelly-Evans, Ellis (Booked), Reeves, Miller (Rodrigues 75'), Boldewijn (Effiong 86'), Sam (Knowles 55'), Wotton
Subs: Effiong, Rawlinson, Knowles, Rodrigues, Chicksen



The Shots: Walker, Whittingham, Phillips, Sendles-White, Ogie, Rees, Edser, Anderson, Kandi (Bettamer 70'), Panayiotou (Lyons-Foster 90'), Nouble (Kinsella 83')
Subs: Fowler, Lyons-Foster, Rowe, Bettamer, Kinsella

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“ POST-MATCH THOUGHTS ”

DANNY SEARLE

‘What a place to come and win a game! The discipline of the lads was absolutely outstanding... Notts County, we know the quality of the players they’ve got, if you give them a little chance to get in they will but we kept them to almost hardly any chances... the boys were excellent and we probably could have nicked a couple of other goals if we’d been a little bit more clinical.’

IAN BURCHNALL

‘It was frustrating, the game didn’t start as we wanted to start and the penalty set us back... we were chasing the game and that played into their hands, they’ve got very quick forward players, they sat back and countered and maybe we didn’t have enough tempo to break them down.’





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INTRODUCING STOCKPORT COUNTY



Stockport County arrive for this Good Friday fixture in fourth place in the National League standings. Stockport's last fixture saw a 1-1 draw against Hartlepool at Edgeley Park on Saturday over whom they have two games in hand on, Pools currently sitting second in the table. Simon Rusk took over as manager at the end of January, with Mark McGhee and Dave Conlon joining as assistant managers.

In goal for Stockport against Hartlepool was Ben Hinchcliffe. Hinchcliffe has made 30 league starts this season, keeping 12 clean sheets in the process. Josh Barnes was the goalkeeper on the bench.

In defence, Sam Minihan has made 29 appearances this season. The former Rochdale trainee has yet to score this season. James Jennings has made 18 league appearances. Jennings has scored against Chesterfield and Sutton United. Former Scunthorpe trainee, Ashley Palmer, has made 20 league appearances. Palmer was sent off against Hartlepool in December and has scored goals against Weymouth in the league and Yeovil in The FA Cup. Jordan Keane has made 25 league appearances and has scored against Wrexham.

In midfield, Ryan Croasdale has made 21 league appearances but has yet to score this season. Will Collar is on loan from Hamilton Academical and has made nine league appearances, scoring against Eastleigh. Elliot Newby has made six league appearances since signing on loan from Chorley. Nathan Shaw signed on loan from Blackpool in March and has made two league appearances.

Up front, Alex Reid has made 30 league appearances, scoring 11 goals for Stockport. Alongside Reid against Hartlepool was Paddy Madden. Madden has made four

league appearances since arriving in March from Fleetwood Town. Madden had scored nine goals for Fleetwood this season and opened his Stockport account on Saturday against Hartlepool.

After the game today, Stockport have a further six games in April with three at home and three away. The home games are against Bromley, King's Lynn and Maidenhead, with the away games coming at Wrexham, Boreham Wood and a second meeting with King's Lynn.

HISTORY

The Shots hold an historical advantage over Stockport. The Shots have won 24 games, Stockport have won 13 and there have been 16 draws. Stockport have not defeated The Shots since April of 1991. In February, the teams drew 0-0 at Edgeley Park. Last season's fixtures between the sides saw The Shots win 2-1 on both occasions. The home game in December 2019 saw goals from Mo Bettamer and Craig Tanner for The Shots. Devante Rodney scored Stockport's goal. At Edgeley Park, two goals in four first half minutes from Harry Panayiotou and Alefe Santos set The Shots on the way to victory in September 2019. Joe Piggott scored a second half goal to reduce the deficit for Stockport.

Words by Dan Blake



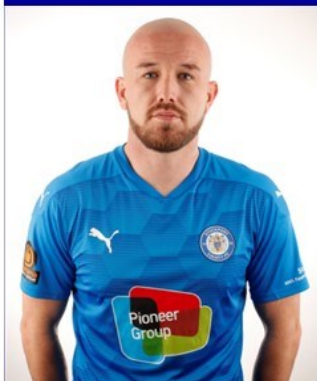
THE BOSS

SIMON RUSK

Simon was appointed as the new Stockport Club Manager on a three-and-a-half-year contract in January 2021, replacing Jim Gannon. He joined the Club from Brighton and Hove Albion where he was Under-23s coach for six years, after three years as Under-18s coach. During this time, he had developed several young players into Brighton's Premier League squad and top EFL clubs, including Solly March, Ben White and Aaron Connolly. He also enjoyed two spells as First Team coach under Chris Hughton, the first time in 2016 as the Seagulls lost just once in 16 games, making their way to third place in the table and missing out on automatic promotion on goal difference.

As a player, Simon made over 250 appearances for Boston United, Northwich Victoria, Rushden and Diamonds, York City and Crawley Town before moving into youth management with Brighton in 2015.





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PADDY MADDEN

Paddy joined the Club on a three-year deal from Fleetwood Town. Madden, 31, has had a prolific scoring record throughout his career in the Football League, with over 100 goals to his name whilst playing in League One.

Paddy first made the move to English football in January 2011, signing for Carlisle United on a two-and-a-half year deal.

After struggling to break into the Cumbrians' first team, he made the loan move to Yeovil in October 2012 and had an immediate impact, scoring twice on his debut in a 3-1 win against Colchester

United. After an impressive run of nine goals in 16 games for the Club, the deal was made permanent, signing for an undisclosed fee in January 2013.

From then on the Irishman went from strength to strength, with his 23 league goals helping to fire Yeovil into the play-off places, and earn him the League One Golden Boot in the process. He then capped a magnificent season by scoring the winner in the Play-Off final against Brentford, to secure promotion to the Championship for the Glovers for the first time in their history.



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HARRY CARDWELL

Scottish striker Cardwell, 24, joined County on-loan along with Elliot Newby in a double deal until the end of the season. The former Grimsby forward joined Chorley permanently in the summer, having had a loan spell at the Club in January 2020.

Harry, who has one cap for Scotland Under-21s, has previously spent time in Reading and Brighton's academy before a three-year spell with Grimsby in the Football League. Cardwell impressed during Chorley's recent run to the Fourth Round of the Emirates FA Cup, finding the net in the Magpies' 3-2 win away at League One Wigan Athletic in the First Round.



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ELLIOT NEWBY

Attacking midfielder Newby began his career as a youth player at Bolton Wanderers, before joining Barrow in 2016. After successful spells at Altrincham and AFC Telford, Elliot made the move to Chorley in the summer of 2018, playing a key role in the Magpies' promotion to the National League via the play-offs in his first season.

Whilst Chorley were unable to retain their place in the division last season Newby continued to impress, even scoring against County in a 3-0 win at Victory Park. In a season disrupted by postponements in the National League North, the midfielder still has five goals to his name so far this campaign, scoring in his last two games of the season to help Chorley finish their now voided season in a play-off place.



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TOM WALKER

Attacking midfielder Tom returned for his third spell at Edgeley Park, having first joined the Club in 2017, before enjoying a successful spell on loan from Salford City last season.

After short spells at County and FC United of Manchester, Walker made the move to Salford City, scoring six goals in 16 appearances to help them to the National League North title in 2018. He then followed that up by playing a key role in Salford, making 40 appearances in the National League during the 2018-19 season as The Ammies secured a place in the EFL in the play-offs.

He then returned to Edgeley Park in October 2019 on a three-month loan

deal. Over the course of his second spell at the Club, the Salford-born midfielder made 17 appearances, scoring six goals.

Following the end of his loan spell, Tom signed permanently for Wyke, scoring four goals in just nine appearances for The Coasters, but he was unable to save the side from relegation to the National League North. He moved on to Harrogate Town in the summer after the newly-promoted side triggered a release clause in his contract. He has made seven appearances for the Yorkshire side so far this season, whilst also enjoying a loan spell at Notts County earlier in the season.

1 Ben Hinchliffe

Ben kept 29 clean sheets in his first two seasons, having joined the Hatters in May 2016 after four years with AFC Fylde, including four successive Play-Off campaigns. He started his career under Billy Davies at Preston North End before following Davies to Derby County. He enjoyed a spell at Oxford United then moved back to Lancashire to play for Bamber Bridge before joining former County striker Andy Preece at Northwich Victoria, replacing James Spencer as Vics' number one.

21 Josh Barnes

Josh joined the Club over the summer after being released from Derby County, having come through the Academy at Pride Park. Goalkeeper Josh represented the U18s, U21s and U23s during his time at Derby, whilst also enjoying loan spells at Mickleover Sports, Eastleigh, Bedworth United and Farsley Celtic.

5 Ash Palmer

Centre half Ash joined striker Frank Mulhern in making the move from Guiseley in the summer. Ash spent two years with the Lions, making more than 70 appearances and captaining the side.

He previously spent time with Barnsley FC, Scunthorpe and Buxton, but made his name as a highly-rated defender at North Ferriby United, helping them to win promotion from the National League North in 2016, winning the Player of the Year award in the same season.

In the 2018/19 season, Ash was a crucial part of County's defence that won the National League North, captaining the Hatters on certain occasions as well as proving a goal threat, scoring the opener in the 3-0 win at Nuneaton which clinched promotion.

Following promotion to the National League, Palmer remained a crucial part of the defence, making 40 appearances and scoring six goals in 2019/20. Overall at his time at County, Palmer has only missed five games across two seasons.

2 Sam Minihan

Attacking right-back Sam joined the Hatters in May 2016 from Worcester City. He decided to move back to his native north west after graduating from Loughborough University, where he played his football in the Midland League ahead of his season at Worcester. Sam can play full back, wing back or act as a hard-working wide midfielder in a three- or four-man midfield. He also has Football League experience, having started his career with Rochdale.

He was named County's Young Player of the Year during his first season with the club. Sam's second season was disrupted by injury, but was a vital part of our historic title-winning season, consistently providing breathless displays down the right-hand side, and contributing greatly both in attack and defence.

Sam scored three goals in his first season, and has scored eight in total, including a vital late winner in the 2018/19 season in a 1-0 win over Kidderminster Harriers, as County won the National League North, as Minihan made 46 appearances. He followed that up with 39 appearances and one goal (the winner in the 2-1 win away at Wrexham) in the 2019/20 National League season, before signing full-time for the club prior to the 2020/21 season.

4 Liam Hogan

Central defender Liam joined the Club in February 2020, making the move from Salford City, where he was captain, and signing for the club on a two-and-a-half year deal.

Liam was a crucial part of Salford's recent rise through the Leagues, first helping them to the National League North title before lifting the National League play-off trophy at Wembley in 2018/19, helping them defeat AFC Fylde 3-0 in the final.

Liam started his senior career in Stockport with Woodley Sports before being picked up by FC Halifax Town in 2010, where he won promotion to the

Conference North in his first season, and went on to make 135 appearances in three seasons.

In the summer of 2013 he stepped up to the professional game with a move to League Two Fleetwood Town where again he won promotion in his first season, before spending time at Tranmere Rovers, Macclesfield Town and Gateshead before joining Salford.

The defender made an instant impression on the County faithful, scoring the winner on debut in a 1-0 win over Bromley at Edgeley Park. He ended up making five appearances before the 2019/20 season was cut short, with County unbeaten in all of them.

3 James Jennings

Left-back James joined County last summer after leaving Wrexham upon the expiration of his contract, following three years at the Racecourse Ground where he made over 100 appearances.

He brings a vast amount of experience to the team, having started his career in the Manchester City youth system before playing for a number of successful National League Clubs, including Cambridge United, Forest Green Rovers and a promotion-winning campaign with Mansfield.

James signed for the Hatters alongside his younger brother Connor, who joined from Tranmere Rovers, with both excited at the opportunity to play for their hometown Club.

17 Macauley Southam-Hayles

Right-back Macauley joined the Club last summer on a two-year-deal, signing from Fleetwood Town for an undisclosed fee.

Having spent 12 years as a junior in Cardiff City's academy, the 24-year old moved to Barry Town before joining Fleetwood in January 2019.

Macauley also enjoyed a loan spell Hartlepool United last season, making his debut against County.

16 Jordan Keane

Versatile midfielder Jordan, who can also play at the back, joined County from National League North rivals Boston United in the summer. He was ever-present for the Pilgrims in his last season, scoring six goals.

His previous clubs include Stoke City, Tamworth, Alfreton, Nuneaton and Worcester City. Jordan also attended the Jamie Vardy Academy in 2017. He was named the Players' Player of the Year at York Street last season.

During the 2018-19 National League North winning season, Keane was an integral part of the Hatters' midfield which helped lift the trophy, and he was one of the first players to sign on for the coming season, where he made 39 appearances and scored one goal, the second in a 3-2 win over eventual champions Barrow.

6 Lois Maynard

Lois Maynard signed a two-and-a-half year deal at Edgeley Park in February 2020. He only made one appearance for County in the 2019/20 season, away at Dagenham and Redbridge in a 1-1 draw.

Lois started his career in non-league for Daisy Hill, Chadderton, Flixton and Winsford United before getting his move to FC Halifax Town in 2013. After two years there he moved to Tranmere Rovers, making it to the Play-Off Final in 2017 before moving to Salford City.

At Salford City, he won the National League North in his first season and won promotion again as the Ammies beat AFC Fylde at Wembley in the 2018/19 National League Play-Off Final.

In 2019/20, Lois made 25 appearances for Salford in the Football League, scoring one goal, before making the move aged 31 to Edgeley Park.

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8 John Rooney

Attacking midfielder John Rooney joined became the Club's fourth summer signing ahead of the 2020/21 season, joining on a three-year deal from Barrow for an undisclosed fee.

The former Bluebirds captain enjoyed a stellar 2019/20 campaign, scoring 20 goals from midfield en-route to promotion to League 2, and picking up the National League Player of the Year award in the process.

A graduate of Everton's Youth Academy, where he joined at the age of six, he joined Macclesfield town in 2002 and went on to make 41 appearances for the club. In 2011 he moved to the US and played for both the New York Red Bulls and Orlando City in the MLS. On returning to the UK, he played for Barnsley, Bury and made over 100 appearances for Chester City. He signed for Wrexham in 2016 and enjoyed a loan spell at Guiseley before being signed by Barrow in 2018.

18 Ryan Croasdale

Former Kidderminster and AFC Fylde midfielder Ryan signed a three-year deal at Edgeley Park over the summer.

Ryan began his career coming through the academy at Preston North-End, making one competitive appearance for the Club, whilst also enjoying loan spells at non-league Tamworth and Stalybridge.

The England C international then spent two years at Sheffield Wednesday before moving to Kidderminster in 2016, scoring his first goal for the Harriers against County at Edgeley Park, in a 1-0 away win.

After being named Club Captain in his second year at Kidderminster, Ryan then moved on to AFC Fylde in 2018, for a fee of £50,000. He spent two years at Mill Farm, making over 50 appearances and helping them to the 2019 National League Play-Off final, and to victory in the FA Trophy at Wembley, scoring in their semi-final victory at Edgeley Park.

28 Will Collar

Defensive midfielder Will, 24, joined the Club in February from Hamilton Academical, signing until the end of the current season. Collar has previously worked under manager Simon Rusk during his time in Brighton's Academy, going on to make his debut for the Premier League club in an EFL Cup tie against Southampton in 2018. In the summer of 2019, the midfielder made the move to Hamilton, making 25 appearances during his time in Scotland, helping the side retain their place in the top division in the 2019/20 season, scoring his one goal for the Club in a crucial 2-1 victory over relegation rivals Hearts.

9 Richie Bennett

Richard Bennett signed for County in March 2020, making one competitive appearance for the Hatters before the 2019/20 season was cut short.

Previously, he had played in non-league with Curzon Ashton, Mossley and Northwich Victoria, where he and Jim Gannon made it to the FA Cup Second Round, where Richie scored in a 3-2 defeat to Northampton Town.

He then got his move to Barrow, scoring 16 goals in his only season at Holker Street before getting his Football League move to Carlisle United, spending two years there which included a loan spell at Morecambe before moving on to Port Vale prior to the 2019/20 season.

Bennett scored seven goals for Port Vale in 2019/20 before reuniting with Jim Gannon at County, signing a two-year deal at Edgeley Park.

10 Connor Jennings

Versatile forward Connor returned to Edgeley Park for a second spell this summer, joining the Club after a hugely successful four-year spell at Tranmere Rovers.

Capable of playing anywhere behind the striker, or up top himself, Connor first played for the Hatters in a loan spell from Scunthorpe United during the 2012/13 season, where he impressed with eight goals in 16 appearances, before returning to his parent Club.

Successful spells at Macclesfield and Wrexham followed before his move to Prenton Park, where he played a crucial role in back-to-back promotions for Rovers. Making a total of 140 appearances in his time there, Connor featured in three play-off finals, scoring in two of them and providing the assist or the winner in the other. His 119th minute winner in the League Two play-off final against Newport has immortalised him to many Tranmere supporters. Connor signed for the Hatters alongside his older brother, James, with both brothers excited at the prospect of playing together for their hometown Club.

19 Alex Reid

Striker Alex joined County on a free transfer from Stevenage in the summer, signing a one-year deal at Edgeley Park.

He began his career at Aston Villa at the age of 10 and remained at the Club's academy until 2013. He joined the League Football Education's Player Placement Programme in Sweden, joining Ange IF in 2014.

He moved back to the UK and signed for Fleetwood Town in 2016, before loan spells at Wrexham, Solihull Moors and Stevenage. After impressing on loan, he signed for Stevenage in 2018.

Capable of playing on the left-hand side of the attack as well as the central striker himself, versatile forward Alex spent the 2019/20 season out on loan at National League clubs Dagenham & Redbridge and Ebbsfleet United, scoring an impressive 11 goals in 23 starts in all competitions.

32 Jack Stretton

Jack joined County on a one-month loan from Derby County.

Scottish striker Stretton, 19, has come through the academy at Pride Park, and is a regular scorer at youth level, scoring 12 goals in just 18 games for Derby's U18s last season, and 14 in 14 starts the season before. His form last season saw him earn a call-up to the Scotland U19s squad, for whom he has made two appearances.

His progression has continued this campaign under manager Wayne Rooney, making his first-team debut for Derby in their 1-1 draw with Wycombe Wanderers back in November and making an additional two appearances since then.

33 Nathan Shaw

Shaw, 20, is capable of playing anywhere down the left-hand side, and has risen through the ranks at Bloomfield Road in recent years - making his first-team debut for the club in an EFL Trophy tie against Morecambe back in 2019. Last season he joined Bamber Bridge on a one-month loan deal, scoring on his debut in a win against FC United of Manchester, but the season was cut short shortly after he joined due to the pandemic.

Nathan has spent the first half of this season on loan at AFC Fylde in the National League North, making 19 appearances and scoring twice before his time was again cut short, due to the sixth tier being null and voided last month.

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OLDERSHOTS WALKING FOOTBALL

With the good news that Grassroots football can finally commence again post lockdown, the Aldershot Town Foundation's Walking Football team are gearing up for their return to play.

The Shots Foundation over 50s and over 65s teams have received new playing kit, generously sponsored by Ian Dawkins at "Hi Speed".

"Hi Speed" were the official Aldershot Town Kit sponsors in the very successful 2002-2004 period when they won promotion to the Conference league, won two Hampshire Senior Cups, The Isthmian League Charity Shield and were narrowly beaten in the Conference Play-Off final by Shrewsbury Town on penalties. The "Oldershots" are hoping that they gain some of the same success.

Shots Foundation Vice Chairman, Paul Marcus, is pictured receiving the new kit from Ian Dawkins.

Paul said " We are grateful to Ian for his generous donation as we strive to put something back into the

community. The Walking Football Sessions are a great fun way of connecting with our fans and helping them with their health, fitness, and social well-being. We have a fully qualified Sports Therapist on hand at the sessions to ensure our safety and if anyone would like to get involved then give us a call to find out the full details.

'We are hoping to start a Ladies Only session too, which will be aimed at the over 40s and will commence as soon as we gain enough interest.'

The "Oldershots" have big plans for the future, including foreign tournaments in Spain and Italy as well as competing on home soil. The new kit will have its first outing against The Arsenal Walking Football Team at The Emirates Stadium as soon as the dressing rooms are reopened.

Please contact Mick Quinn on 07810 100175 to register your interest.



Kodi Lyons-Foster and Giles Phillips rise high in a defensive aerial battle during last Saturday's game with Solihull Moors



THE BIG PICTURE





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WORDSEARCH

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

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SPOT THE BALL



HAT-TRICK QUIZ

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

1 Which former Liverpool player briefly managed Stockport in 2011?

2 Stairs and Butler scored one each - who scored the first goal in Shots' 3:1 home win over Hungerford Town on this day in 1994?

3 Who scored his first international goal for England in the 5:0 win over San Marino last week?

THE PHOENIX!



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Wordsearch solution

Hat-Trick Quiz
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 2 Mark Frampton
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 Who am I?
 Shadrach Ogile
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ANSWERS

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!

Damian Spencer v Stockport County

Saturday 19 March 2011

Aldershot Town 1 – 0 Stockport County

Goalscorer: Damian Spencer

Football League Division 2

Attendance: 2,263 (Visitors 209)

After the carnage of the first half of the season which had seen the Shots sink low in the table and ending Kevin Dillon's 14-month reign in the boss's chair at the Recreation Ground, matters on the pitch were definitely on the up. New manager Dean Holdsworth



had now presided over 14 games, with only two losses in his two months tenure and the Shots had moved up the table, away from the relegation places. One slight fly in the ointment though was the amount of draws the team had produced, eight, with only two wins but even that was beginning to turn around, with back to back wins over Torquay United and Cheltenham Town and with the visit of relegation-threatened Stockport County on the third Saturday of March, Shots supporters were expecting more goals and three points once again.

However, Stockport County, under the management of Ray Mathias were, in that well-known footballing expression, fighting for their lives to avoid the drop into non-league football and the game was to turn out somewhat different to the romp everyone hoped for. The eleven Shots players that took to the field were a mixture of those brought in by the new manager – Peter Vincenti and Alex Rodman had both arrived in Hampshire in January, Vincenti the first signing by the new manager - and several who had been at the club considerably longer, including Ben Herd, Tim Sills, Jamie Young and Danny Hylton. But whether recently arrived (Vincenti and Rodman had both already hit the back of the net for their new club) or well-established, it appeared that it was going to take something special to break down a determined and robust Hatters' defence which included former Shots player, Aaron Brown at the heart of it, on loan from parent club Leyton Orient.

And for the full 90 minutes of normal time, that special something was something that the Shots appeared not to have. Bizarre when one considered that Stockport had the worst defensive record in the division. The first half was quite dismal, Hylton having one shot blocked and then shooting over the bar and for the visitors, Anthony Elding heading wide. Future Shot, Matt Paterson also had a chance when a corner clearance fell at his feet, bouncing off Jermaine McGlashan's back, but he couldn't beat Young in goal and the two teams went in after 45 minutes of fairly grim football.

The second half started with more of the same, off target shots from Paterson for the visitors and Vincenti for the home side. A double subbing from Aldershot Town on the hour saw Rodman and former youth player, Adam Mekki come on for McGlashan and Sills and finally the Shots' play began to perk up. However, it was the third and final substitution which was to make the key impact of the afternoon as, on 80 minutes, Damian Spencer was brought on to replace Ben Harding.

Spencer had first arrived at Aldershot Town in February 2010 on a loan deal from Kettering Town, making 14 appearances, mainly from the bench. He then went on to sign a year-long deal at the start of the 2010-11 campaign. Damian had made his name at Cheltenham Town where, between 2002 and 2009 he had made 227 appearances and scored 40 goals and was part of their League 2 play-off winning squad of 2006. Finally leaving Cheltenham due to financial issues at Whaddon Road, the striker had a brief loan at Brentford, another with Kidderminster Harriers (from Kettering) before pitching up at the Rec, brought in by Kevin Dillon to improve the strike rate in front of goal. Sadly his loan spell with the Shots didn't yield any goals but he had been on target early in the 2010-11 campaign, with a goal in the 2:0 victory over

Oxford United in the Johnson's Paint Trophy – since then though, nothing and indeed, he hadn't featured in a match day squad since October.

So this was a significant moment for the striker and in more ways than one – this was his 350th professional appearance. And he was to crown the occasion in the very best of ways. With the Shots now pouring forward and threatening to score and Stockport grittily hanging on, in the 93rd minute Rodman delivered an excellent cross that Spencer was able to head in to the back of the Stockport goal to the delight of the majority of the spectators – sadly, this last-minute goal was to add another nail in the coffin of Stockport's relegation woes.

For Damian and the Shots supporters, it was a fantastic moment and although he was to leave the Shots at the end of that season, he scored one more goal, this time in a 2:1 home loss to Burton Albion before departing for Lincolnshire and Grimsby Town. Born in Ascot, he then moved on to play for Windsor. But at Aldershot Town he will always be remembered for that goal against Stockport – his return to the team, his 350th appearance in football, an injury time winner – it truly was a golden goal...

Words by Victoria Rogers



FIXTURES & RESULTS

DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP	RES	ATT	AWAY	POS	<div>Mitch WALKER</div> <div>George FOWLER</div> <div>Alex FINNEY</div> <div>Jamie SENDLES-WHITE</div> <div>Kodi LYONS-FOSTER</div> <div>James ROWE</div> <div>Josh REES</div> <div>Mo BETTAMER</div> <div>Chike KANDI</div> <div>Harrison PANAYIOTOU</div> <div>Alfy WHITTINGHAM</div>											
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*It was announced at a National League hearing of 26 March 2021 that Dover Athletic's results for the 2020/21 season have been made null and void.

PLAYER STATS

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	2020/21		ATFC Career
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1 Mitch WALKER	20	-	61 -
2 George FOWLER	20	-	83 2
3 Alex FINNEY	12+1	1	47+3 1
4 Jamie SINDLESWHITE	16+3	1	16+3 1
5	-	-	- -
6 Kodi LYONS-FOSTER	26+5	-	54+17 2
7 James ROWE	11+6	-	62+19 4
8 Josh REES	30	9	30 9
9 Mo BETTAMER	25+8	10	43+11 17
10 Chike KANDI	17+13	4	17+13 4
11 Harrison PANAYIOTOU	18+6	5	36+18 9
12 Alfie WHITTINGHAM	18+6	1	28+20 3
13 Ryan HALL	3	-	4 -
14 Joel NOUBLE	20+4	4	20+4 4
15 Jermaine ANDERSON	19+3	4	19+3 4
16 Dinesh GILLELA	3	-	3 -
17 Joseph HUNGBO	2+3	-	2+3 -
18 Reece WYLIE	-	-	- -
19	-	-	- -
20 Toby EDSER	26+8	3	26+8 3
21 Ben SHROLL	1	-	1 -
22 Giles PHILLIPS	18	-	18 -
23 Killian COLOMBIE	8+4	-	8+4 -
24	-	-	- -
25 Shadrach OGIE	26+2	2	26+2 2
26 Lewis KINSELLA	+1	-	91+2 -
27 Craig TANNER	7	3	20 7
29 Joe RABBETTS	-	-	1 -
30 Ricky MILLER	10+4	2	10+4 2
35 Brad JAMES	11+1	-	11+1 -
36 Mike FONDOP-TALOM	3+2	1	3+2 1
44 Ross MCCORMACK	1+2	-	1+2 -

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- 1 Mitch Walker
- 2 George Fowler
- 3 Alex Finney
- 4 Jamie Sendles-White
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- 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



STOCKPORT COUNTY

Manager: Simon Rusk

- 1 Ben Hinchcliffe
- 2 Sam Miniham
- 3 James Jennings
- 4 Liam Hogan
- 5 Ash Palmer
- 6 Lois Maynard
- 7 Adam Thomas
- 8 John Rooney
- 9 Richie Bennett
- 10 Connor Jennings
- 11 Jordan Williams
- 14 Mark Kitching
- 15 Jamie Stott
- 16 Jordan Keane
- 17 Macauley Southam-Hales
- 18 Ryan Croasdale
- 19 Alex Reid
- 21 Joshua Barnes
- 22 Harvey Gilmour
- 23 Finley Stanyer
- 24 Jack Hopkins
- 26 Ross Fitzsimons
- 28 Will Collar
- 29 Tom Walker
- 30 Harry Cardwell
- 31 Elliot Newby
- 32 Jack Stretton
- 33 Nathan Shaw
- 34 Paddy Madden



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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Aldershot Town vs Stockport County
 Altrincham vs Yeovil Town
 Barnet vs Solihull Moors
 Boreham Wood vs Sutton United
 Bromley vs Wealdstone
 Eastleigh vs Chesterfield
 Hartlepool United vs Dagenham & Red.
 Notts County vs Wrexham
 Torquay United vs Woking
 Weymouth vs Maidenhead United

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	GD	PTS
Sutton United	29	25	61
Hartlepool United	32	13	57
Torquay United	29	18	51
Stockport County	29	16	48
Wrexham	29	11	47
Notts County	27	13	46
Chesterfield	28	12	45
FC Halifax Town	29	10	44
Eastleigh	29	5	43
Bromley	29	3	41
Altrincham	32	-2	41
Boreham Wood	29	4	39
Maidenhead Utd	26	3	39
Yeovil Town	31	-4	39
Aldershot Town	29	-5	38
Dagenham & Red	29	-8	37
Solihull Moors	28	-4	35
Woking	27	-4	31
Wealdstone	29	-26	29
Weymouth	29	-12	27
King's Lynn Town	28	-25	24
Barnet	27	-44	13
Dover Athletic	0	0	0

NEXT UP AT THE EBB STADIUM

Yeovil Town

Saturday 10 April 2021

Kick-Off 3pm

Vanarama National League

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Scott Jackson

Assistant: Hugh Gilroy

Assistant: Harry Moore

Fourth Official: Daniel Todd