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# PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

All the news from Roundwood ahead of a trip to Craven Cottage on Friday night...



Leam Richardson

## On team news...

"We've had a bit of a head count following the Blackburn game, as we all know we've got a tight squad at the minute so we're hoping that everyone who was available at Ewood Park will be available for another big challenge on Friday.

"In terms of the long-term absentees, it's very doubtful we'll see any of them at Craven Cottage, but they are all working incredibly hard to get back in contention.

"Fingers crossed, we'll have them available in the near future."

Leam Richardson

## On the return of Peter Kioso...

"Peter is someone who I think can really add something to our squad. He's had a great loan spell, which you would expect from a player of Peter's quality.

"He comes back here with good credentials and will certainly add some more quality to the group. I've competed against Peter many times throughout my career and I just want to reiterate that he'll be a really good addition for us.

"I know a lot about him and his strengths and I think he can come in and help us improve."



Leam Richardson

## On Jamie McCart and the transfer window...

"Jamie McCart will be staying at Barnsley, there was a break clause that had to be mutually agreed by both clubs and they want to keep hold of him.

"Other conversations in terms of other players who are either here on loan or out elsewhere are taking place all the time.

"We are hopeful that we can do some business with the position that we're in and the injuries that we're currently carrying. We're not going to just be adding numbers for the sake of it, though.

"We want to add quality and competition for places and to do that we need to make sure that the players are right for us. We'll be working hard to try to do that."



## On Sean Morrison's displays...

"I can only complement Sean's performances, as I did at the weekend. His availability, his professionalism but also the way he's been able to perform. He has been a fantastic leader for the two lads at the side of him, so credit goes to him for that.

"Sean is a senior player and knows how to look after himself, he knows the challenges that this division presents and he understands the output that he needs produce when he goes out on the pitch.

"He's managed to do that on a consistent basis and I just want to reiterate that it is credit to him as a professional."



**Last Meeting**  
Rotherham 0-1 Fulham

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017

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### Home comforts

The Cottagers have won six of their 10 home league games this term, including the recent win over Arsenal.



Tom Eaves

**On a new lease of life under the new boss...**

“It has definitely felt like there has been a lift for me in the last few weeks. I wasn’t playing under the previous manager and I feel like now I’ve had a new lease of life.

“I was talking yesterday and realised that I hadn’t started a game throughout the whole of 2023 which really surprised me, so I certainly feel like I’ve got a new lease of life now.

“I didn’t not feel confident previously, I just felt like I hadn’t had many minutes on the pitch. It can be hard to showcase confidence in five or six minute spells.

“The new head coach has put trust in me and I want to repay that, hopefully I can get a good run in the team now.”

Tom Eaves

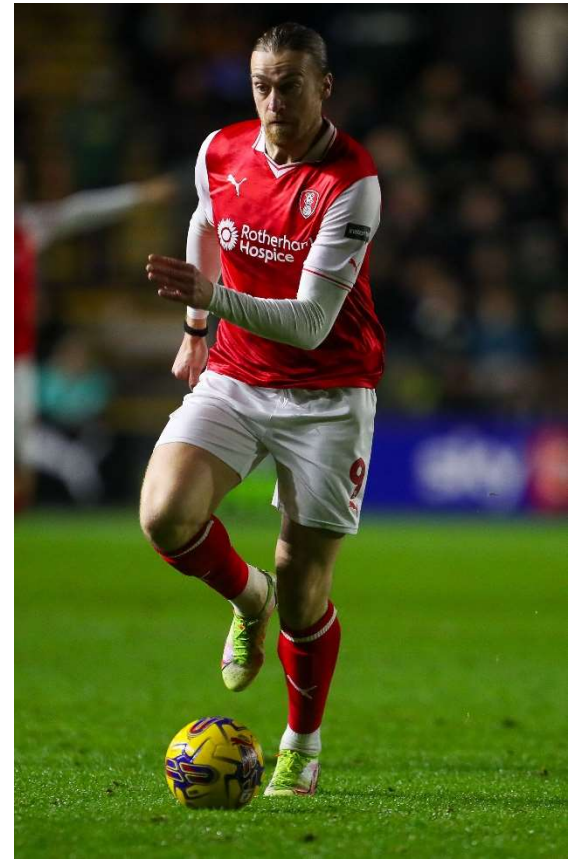
**On his recent exploits in front of goal...**

“It is good to score goals again, it is what I was brought in to do. I think it comes down to opportunity and I feel like I’m certainly a better player when I start games.

“I get fitter and sharper when I play and hopefully as I’ve said I will be able to do that. A lot of my goals have come from in and around the box.

“When I went through tougher spells, fans were coming up to me and wishing me well, it was nice to get that from them and it shows how much they really care.

“It is nice to repay them and I want to continue doing that.”

**Tom Eaves on a strong dressing room...**

“It is a great group with a lot of big personalities in the dressing room, which can only be a good thing.

“There are plenty of players in there who have been in this kind of situation before and they are able to help some of the lads that haven’t.

“There are people who have flourished in this situation and come out the other side. I’ve been in relegation battles and it’s good to know that there are people who have been in this situation before.

“When the chips are down, you have to all stick together and close the book on what has gone wrong. That’s what I think we have to do.”



Tom Eaves

**On an Emirates FA Cup trip to Craven Cottage...**

“I’m not too sure what team they are going to go with but they have always been a really good footballing side.

“I love playing at Craven Cottage, it is actually one of my favourite grounds. I’ve scored there before and it was a goal that I was really happy with.

“For me, the league is the priority, it would be nice to go to Craven Cottage and get a win, so we’ll see what happens. We want to win every game we play, so once we cross the white line, that will be our focus.”

