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PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

All the news from Roundwood ahead of the hosting of
Norwich City at AESSEAL New York Stadium



Matt Taylor

On the club's investment into the future in this window...

"The Ben Wiles deal has allowed us to put this bid for Sam on the table.

"We've been as ambitious as we possibly can with what we can achieve and we saw that with Christ Tiehi.

"That's another investment into that age of player at 24/25.

"They have a little bit experience of the Championship and are people that we feel can go on to play a better standard - even than ourselves.

"These are investments but the short-term investment is what we see on the pitch straight away.

"I'm sure our fans will come to the game - like they did against Leicester - with a bit of excitement at the chance to see some of these players for the first time."



Matt Taylor

On the club-record deal for Sam Nombe...

"It's an opportunity that came on the back of Ben Wiles, moving to Huddersfield.

"He's a player that we've worked with and admired since that time

"He's got a good profile for a centre forward he's a bulldozer a battering ram and a real handful and hopefully he'll be our handful against opposition back lines.

"He's a slightly different profile and he's a runner. He's got a bit of power. Pace is a very difficult thing to defend against.

"He's 24 years of age, so he's an investment for the football club as well.

"Pace and power is an incredible thing to defend against and it will unsettle defenders, so we're looking forward to seeing that.

"There isn't just a short-term expectation and we've got that longer-term aspect.

"We've got to give him time for his game to get up to Championship speed. He had an experience of it three-and-a-bit years ago when he went on loan to Luton and he wasn't quite ready then, but we certainly feel his is ready to take it on now.

"The fact that we have other good forwards in the building means that we can offset personnel at different stages."



Last Meeting

Norwich City 0 v 0 Rotherham United

Monday 10th April 2023

The last time the two sides met was at Carrow Road at the back end of last season, where they played out a hotly-contested but ultimately goalless draw.

Recent Results

Norwich City

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Canaries flying under Wagner

The Norfolk-club have enjoyed an unbeaten start to the 2023/24 campaign under boss David Wagner. A 4-4 draw is the only slight imperfection on their record, which includes three league victories.

Matt Taylor

Taylor on longer-term injured edging close to returns...

"I imagine we'll have five out of six back in the next couple of weeks - Shane Ferguson aside.

"Then maybe two have a chance for this weekend.

"It shows how close we were, if that game that we played on Tuesday had been next week or the week after, the team would have looked totally different.

"We're looking forward to potentially welcoming back a couple this weekend and then another three or four over the international weekend.

"Even without the recruitment aspect, we're suddenly five or six players stronger and they are five or six senior citizens.

"These are players who we need on the pitch and we need available and we can't wait to get them back.

"Barring Shane who has just had a second bit of surgery, I suspect the rest will be in contention for that first game back after the break."



Taylor on Tom Eaves...

"It's important to say he's comfortable in terms of where he is right now.

"We suspect there might have been a collision of some sort that tightened that pectoral muscle up, but it wasn't a nice experience for anyone - namely Tom.

"The doctors were on-hand straight away and the paramedics went straight to hospital with him.

"He's had tests since then but we're one set of news away from him being all clear and back into training tomorrow.

"What was once a worrying moment, we now know is just muscular."

* Rotherham United have since had it confirmed that Eaves' injury was muscular-related.

Matt Taylor on...

Taylor on whether there is any likelihood of further business...

"Every manager wants another five or six. We have to be realistic in that one or two is our aim.

"Right now, as I sit here, one or two may have to leave on loan or permanently.

"We understand where we are and what we can achieve and what the market is doing elsewhere.

"I'll be sat here more comfortable next week if we have two more bodies in the building. Things will have to happen before that goes through. We have offers out to various clubs for various players.

"We'll see how that develops but I am expecting some more business to be done before the deadline."