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# PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

All the news from Roundwood ahead of Friday's Yorkshire derby against Leeds United



Wayne Carlisle

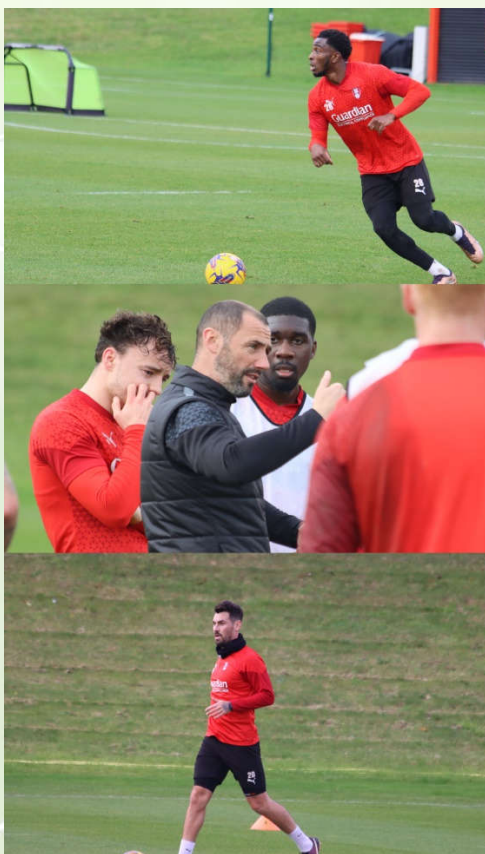
## On being asked to oversee first team matters during the interim period...

"It has been a busy time, to say the least. We had the news surrounding Matt on the Sunday and by Monday there had been contact from Rob Scott our Head of Recruitment to ask whether myself, Scott Brown and Dan Green would be happy to oversee things during the interim period.

"In these situations you just have to grasp the bull by the horns. We got together pretty quickly and got a plan in place. We wanted to ensure that the players got the most professional preparation heading into a big game against Leeds United.

"All the staff around the training ground have been all hands on deck. On the pitch myself, Dan and Scott have been scrambling a little bit at times between sessions, we've got a lot of information into the players.

"Sometimes it has been a little hard to fill the gaps, but the lads have been absolutely brilliant with us, they've helped out themselves and bought into everything. That's all you can ask for from them."



Wayne Carlisle

## On the emphasis placed on ensuring a positive mood at Roundwood and the experience of leading the group...

"We got the players together on Sunday and told them that whilst we can't tell them how to feel, they are allowed to have a smile on their face and be happy.

"Ultimately, we all have to remember that we are doing a job that we all love doing.

"Every team that has come to the AESSEAL New York Stadium this season will say that they've been in a game. It hasn't needed me to get them believing in themselves again, I was just simply reminding them.

"The home performances have been excellent and we need to find a way to transfer that away from home, we'll continue to do that."

"There have obviously been a lot of names banded about, a lot of people interested in the job, too, but I can't worry about that.

"We've got enough going on here and we've all just got our heads down and ensured that this place is running like it should run.

"Selfishly, it is a fantastic learning experience for myself. You can go on courses and do various other things, but there is no substitute to actually doing the job.

"So that has been an excellent experience, albeit tiring and stressful! It has been enjoyable, myself, Dan and Scotty are all embracing the experience.

"We wish it was under different circumstances, but we're going to make the best of it and try to make it a good thing."



### Last Meeting

Rotherham 1 v 2 Leeds United

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019

The last time the two sides met ended in defeat for the Millers, who were narrowly beaten in South Yorkshire back in 2019. Semi Ajayi opened the scoring before a Mat Klich brace earned the visitors maximum points.

### Recent form

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### Farke Life

Leeds boss Daniel Farke is a Sky Bet Championship promotion specialist - or so it would seem. The 47-year-old German has enjoyed success in the division with Norwich City on two occasions and has his current side well-positioned for another tilt at promotion as they sit third after 16 games.



Wayne Carlisle

## On the senior players within the dressing room ‘stepping up’ this week...

"All the lads have been fantastic. The likes of Sean Morrison, Grant Hall, Lee Peltier, Sam Clucas and Jordan Hugill have had fantastic careers. They know what 'good' looks like and they know what the standards have to be like."

"I'm very conscious that we only have three of us overseeing things, so those guys have really stepped up and offered a helping hand where we need it, to make sure things are running as they should be."

### ...and the players who have represented the Millers on international duty recently...

"Viktor is back in the country, Dexter is due back in the early hours [of Thursday]. Dex and Jamaica managed to turn their game against Canada around and win, which is great news for him."

"We'll be glad to have Dexter back and have him involved on Friday."

### On his pre-Leeds United team news...

"As far as I know, Sam Clucas is looking likely to be out until early to mid-December. Cafu is having a scan today which we're still waiting on, but we're hoping that will be similar."

"Shane Ferguson is back on the grass and is back out running. We're looking to build him up towards a return at the end of December or maybe the start of January."

"It was brilliant to have Jamie Lindsay and Grant Hall back. Credit must go them, too, because while everyone else was having some time off during the start of the international break, those two were in working."

"They got themselves in and worked hard, which has put them in a good place and have given themselves a great chance to be involved on Friday."



Wayne Carlisle...

## On taking on Leeds United...

"It's a big game, a sell-out Yorkshire derby in front of the TV cameras. That right there is exactly the game that as a coach and a player you want to be involved in. I'm no different to that."

"I'm looking forward to it, we've worked hard this week and given the players the best possible preparation we can. All we can do now is look forward to taking the challenge head on."

"I don't think much needs to change in our home performances, a lot of what we've done is to remind the players of just how good they have been at home and that if they can continue to do that they'll be more than okay."

"The fans will get behind the team because they'll have a group of players who will work hard, roll their sleeves up and compete. Hopefully they get behind us, because that will really help us build momentum on the pitch."

"Everyone had got to play their part, we need people pulling in the same direction. We just need the fans to get right behind the team and give us a real boost."

"We've had some of the big teams come here and none of them have had a comfortable day, I expect Leeds will be the same."

Jamie Lindsay

## On his pending return to action...

"Since the Watford game I've been in nearly every day."

"I was in during the international break trying to get fit and then I've had a good week's training this week."

"I feel like I'm getting closer and I've been out a long time - since pre-season - and I've had to build my fitness up."

"The international break probably came at a good time for me personally to build up fitness and get used to training again."

"I've had a good few weeks on the grass and hopefully now I can be back involved and be back playing."

"You just miss it. It's like a bug, you wake up and you want to be involved. Even day-to-day being in the physio room when the lads are training but probably on Saturdays the most. I've been spending my time on bouncy castles with the kids, which isn't a bad thing but obviously I'd much rather be playing!"

