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PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

All the news from Roundwood ahead of the Easter weekend double-header against PNE and Millwall



Leam Richardson

On Christ Tiehi's injury and whether he will be ruled out for the remainder of the campaign...

"That's still an ongoing issue. We've had a second opinion and it doesn't seem as problematic as we first thought so we will manage that day-by-day and week-by-week and I won't commit to that timeframe of him being out for the season until that is categorically the case.

"Two specialists have had a difference of opinion so we'll continue to go down that road and work out the best course of action."

"I think he's represented himself very well and he's stuck to the task.

"He's always been available to train and to play and he's given a good account of himself more often than not.

"That's one of the reasons that we want to try and investigate [his injury] and get him back on the pitch for Rotherham United as soon as possible."



Leam Richardson

On Jordan Hugill's knee injury and the prognosis on that...

"It's very similar. He's been to see specialists to see what the best form of recuperation is for him moving forward.

"It's something that we're managing on a daily basis going into the final eight games.

"At the minute it isn't looking great [for him to be involved over Easter] and speaking to the lad himself, he's very aware of his own body and that he's a senior player.

"He's aware of what he can tolerate and what he can't and what he needs to do to be able to perform at optimum level. At the minute, he feels his body isn't allowing him to do that so we'll investigate and work out the best way forward for both him and the club."

On Tyler Blackett and the likelihood of him being available to start on Good Friday...

"We'll have to wait and see. We've had a number of days considering that and we're trying to keep everyone as available as we can because we'll be chopping and changing a bit with a quick turnaround in games."



Last Meeting

Rotherham 1 v 1 Preston North End
Saturday 23rd September 2023

Jordan Hugill was on-target against his old employers when the two sides last met at AESSEAL New York Stadium.

His 35th minute effort was cancelled out by Liam Lindsay's which earned the Lilywhites a share of the spoils in South Yorkshire.

Recent form

Preston North End

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9th for Lilywhites home and away

Our Good Friday hosts have enjoyed a near-identical record at home as they have on the road this term and find themselves placed in 9th position in both the home and away second tier tables.

Of their 19 league games at Deepdale, they have prevailed as victors on nine occasions.

Leam Richardson

On facing Preston North End and the challenge that awaits at Deepdale...

"They work hard and they are very well-drilled. They've been together a long time and they are very comfortable in their own skin.

"They've got good staff and a certain way of playing whereby they ask you a lot of questions.

"They've probably got a full squad of hearty, healthy Championship players who know their jobs and are very used to playing alongside one another.

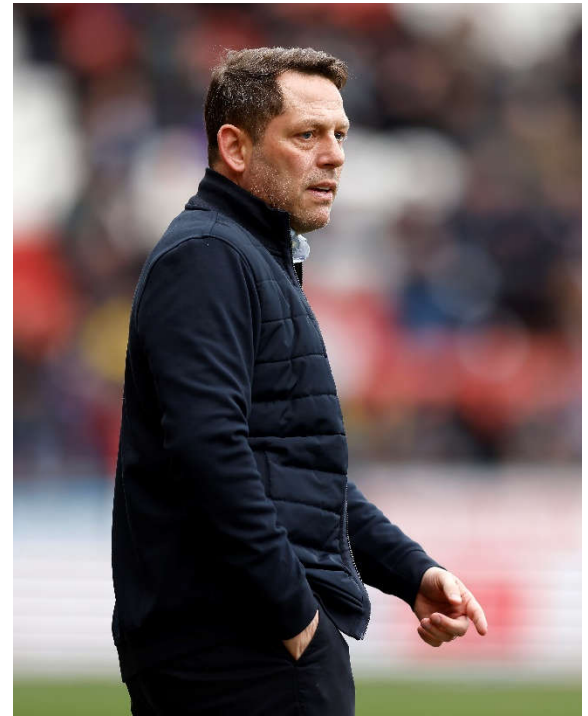
"They are pragmatic and they'll offer a real strong challenge on Friday."

On his message to the squad between now and the end of the season...

"It is to instil good habits and to represent themselves, the club and myself very well.

"I've asked them to be available to play in the games and to do all of the things that nobody can stop you doing as a professional and to continue to be just that, professional.

"That's in every game and every training session and every time we come together."



Seb Revan

On how much impact his loan with the Millers has had on his development...

"On a personal level I think the loan has been really successful for me. Thankfully, the manager has put a lot of trust and faith in me and I've been able to get a lot of minutes under my belt in a really competitive league.

"In terms of my own performances I think I've done well on the whole, so I'm pleased from a development point of view with how it has gone.

"I knew I was capable of playing at this level, but I didn't expect to have played as many minutes as I have done this season when I first arrived.

"My experience before this had been playing for Villa's Under 23s and featuring for club's on loan that were lower down the pyramid.

"It is always good to try and be as versatile as you can, especially in the modern game it's really important to be able to play more than one position.

"With this in mind the opportunity to play a variety of roles on the left has been crucial for me and something else which has really aided my development.

"Dan [Green] is someone who has really helped me. He was a good person to learn from when we were together and Villa and I was really keen to work with him again.

"He's always trying to push me each and every day and he's always happy to sit down with me and discuss clips from my performances, showing me what I have done well and where I can be better."

Leam Richardson

On whether Andy Rinomhota is back with the club following international duty with Zimbabwe...

"He came through the game having played another 90 minutes and he's on his way back as we speak. He'll be landing with us shortly.

"We've had good dialogue with Andy and he's done very well representing himself and the national team.

"It'll be great to have him back and involved."

On whether the draw with Huddersfield Town before the international break gave his side a boost...

"We've been losing by a solitary goal - barring the games at Coventry and Norwich - and the performance levels have been there or thereabouts, just falling the wrong side of scorelines.

"When you're in that moment it can spiral which is has done, so to get a positive performance and result it was good going into the break to try and get some work in and momentum moving forwards as well."