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PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

All the news from Roundwood ahead of the a
Yorkshire derby against Huddersfield Town



Leam Richardson

On what he can do as Head Coach in one week to try and get the group in a place to win a football match...

"We're in our own stadium and we have to be on the front foot.

"We have to make sure we're fully-equipped to take on the next club that comes to face us and like I've said before we have to give a strong account of ourselves both individually and collectively."

"It's emotional, it's technical and it's tactical.

"I think if you could bottle confidence up you would be very, very successful. For strong reasons, the confidence levels have been waning a little bit over the last month or two and it is my job to lead, push forward and drive standards and habits to make sure that we don't have another week like the one we've just had."



Leam Richardson

On whether there is anything he can say to try and lift the spirits of the supporters...

"It's their football club isn't it and they rightly want to support a team that gives a strong work ethic, application and attitude towards their job.

"They are the key words when you think of the word 'professional'.

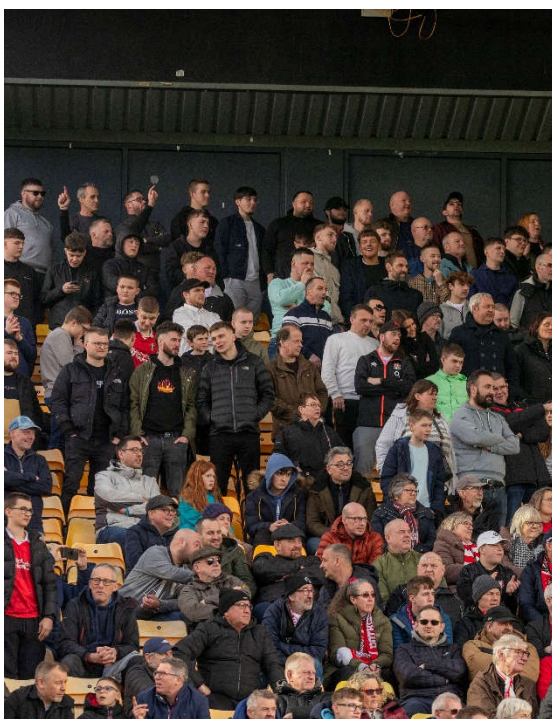
"You have to remain professional regardless of what situation you are in and you have to represent yourself and the football club to the best of your ability every single time you play.

"Sometimes it might not be your day but as fans and supporters of the football club I feel it and I understand it. I feel exactly what they are feeling and I don't need the Chairman or anybody else to tell me about how much it hurts at the moment.

"I have my own professional pride that drives me and it always has done.

"We've been in a situation since I've been in the building that we need to get out of by putting our best foot forward however that may look.

"That starts every time we come into work and take the pitch and it will be the same on Saturday."



Last Meeting

Huddersfield Town 2 v 0 Rotherham
Saturday 16th September 2023

Goals from Josh Koroma and Sorba Thomas sealed victory for the Terriers when the two sides last met.

Plenty has changed since then with Neil Warnock in charge of the hosts on the day. They have since been managed by Darren Moore and are now under the stewardship of Andre Breitenreiter.

Recent form

Huddersfield Town

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A return for a Rawmarsh lad

Rotherham United will welcome Academy graduate Ben Wiles back to AESSEAL New York Stadium for the first time as an opposition player this weekend.

The popular midfielder joined the Terriers in the summer for an undisclosed fee and has made 24 appearances for the Terriers but is yet to score.

Leam Richardson

On whether he has had to deliver 'home truths' and have some honest conversations around the club since he was appointed...

"I have. It's my job to lead and make sure that there is an attachment and a thoughtful process.

"I had a meeting with the Chairman two or three weeks into the job and gave him exactly my thoughts of the organisation as a whole.

"I told him how I think I see it needs to be built and how it can move forward.

"The best thing you can do as a football club is be proactive, not reactive.

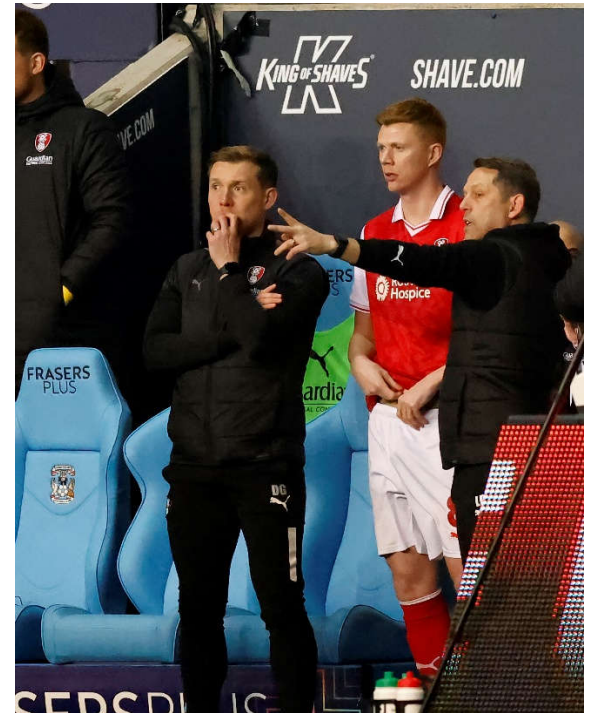
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"It has become apparent since we spoke that those things have become prevalent and I think the best thing you can do as a football club is be proactive, not reactive.

"Once you're reactive you make bad decisions because it is emotion drive by results.

"We need to get back to that as a club, which is something that Rotherham United have been for many years under the stewardship of the Chairman."



Hakeem Odoffin

Odoffin on his desire to bounce back from the disappointments of last week...

"There's no hiding from how hurt the players are and everyone around the building is.

"It's been tough but all we can really do now is look forward.

"It's a feeling that you don't want to feel and you don't want the fans to feel it.

"It's about us all getting together and galvanising each other to show some pride in the upcoming games and repay them with some results.

"This weekend we have another opportunity to put things right and to put our best foot forward and show that we can turn in performances and we can get results.

"On a personal level it is about washing everything that has happened away and learning from it. We have to put it to the side and view these next games as opportunities to prove myself and ourselves to everyone that does support us and takes the time to come and watch our games.

"It is a about pride now and Saturday is a great opportunity to show that in front of our own fans and I'm looking forward to it."

Leam Richardson

On 'finishing the season in the right way' and how difficult that can be when they are in the league position they are in...

"It's difficult of course it is.

"There are certain things I can say and others that have to stay private.

"I am sure fans appreciate that although I am sure that they would always want to know as much as they could - sometimes it just isn't possible.

"From my point of view, rest assured, when I turn up to work every single day, I know what it means to fans, financially and emotionally. It is my job to drive these standards and make sure in the coming months and seasons that we are in a really good vein of form within the football club, where certain processes are followed and certain departments are functioning a lot stronger than what they are now."

"They are professional athletes who are committed to their trade and their own personal pride and the family members who took them around the country when they were young boys trying to make a career in the game.

"Regardless of the situation that we find ourselves in, it is very important that we stay focused and recognise the privilege we have and what it means to people."