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Henno's Notes

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Having read some comments on the forum discussing players within the reserve team, I felt it appropriate to bring you up to speed with events and decisions that have been taken in the last few weeks.

After completing what was a very successful season for the reserve team, I have now spoken with each player individually to discuss what I feel is best for them at this stage of their careers. While I have no doubt in my mind that if the team stayed together next season we would again be challenging for honours in all competitions, my role as manager is not to build a team, but to try and progress players through and into the first team squad, while also giving an opportunity to players from within the younger sections of the club. Therefore, some very difficult decisions have had to be taken with players I have tremendous respect and time for. It has been agreed that Dan Westerman, Jason Long, Adam Woodyard, Dean James, Jamie Lawrence and Ricky Freeman are all to leave the club as their first team opportunities are at this time limited following the promotion of the first team and the introduction of new signings. I feel they are too good to play in the reserves for another season and need to move on and test themselves at a higher level. Tom Bradbrook, who was excellent on the occasions he played for the reserve team has also left the club, as I am sure you are all aware.

It is never easy to release good players, but you have to look at what is best for both the player and the club going forward. I would like to thank these players for their commitment and attitude throughout the season, and I wish them all every success in their future careers.

Moving forward, over twenty players have so far been invited to attend trials later this month where hopefully we will find some quality players to join the club. Players are also being brought up from the under 18's to the reserve team this coming season, in addition to players that have been retained from last years team, such as Sean Eferakho and Luke May.

Thanks again for your continued support,

Henno