



## Never A Frown With Goalden Brown!

When we asked Lee Brown if he'd like to make a quick return to Plough Lane as today's WOPA special guest, his response was immediate and unequivocal. "Coooooerrrr, would I!" So welcome back to Lee, who Dons fans will particularly remember today for setting up the only goal of the game in this corresponding fixture last season, prompting the scenes of unbridled jubilation that followed.

Having hung up his boots in the summer after a long career that began with a solitary substitute appearance in the Championship for his first club QPR back in 2010, Lee had loan spells with Salisbury City and Hayes & Yeading United before a seven-year association with Bristol Rovers following his departure from Loftus Road.

He made 321 appearances for the Gas across the Conference Premier, League One and League Two, scoring 22 goals in his customary attacking left-back position. His solitary season outside the EFL with Rovers saw him named in the divisional Team of the Year and also gain England C representative honours, in addition to helping Rovers bounce back into the Football League at the first time of asking.

Moving on to Portsmouth in 2018, Lee won his first piece of silverware at the end of 2018/19 when his Pompey side defeated Sunderland 5-4 on penalties at Wembley Stadium after a 2-2 draw in the Checkatrade Trophy Final. Lee stepped up to take – and successfully convert – the first spot kick himself. Lee was a regular for much of his four years at Fratton Park, totalling 131 appearances, but towards the end of the January 2022 transfer window, he moved on to AFC Wimbledon to add much-needed experience and good to a young Dons squad.

Brown proved to be an ebullient character, on and off the field, who played 78 games for the Dons over the course of the next two-and-a-half years, occasionally operating in central defence when needed, and was offered the chance to continue beyond the expiration of his contract in July but opted to concentrate on the property development business – B3 Homes – that he began whilst at Bristol Rovers, sensibly planning ahead for his post-football career.

Good to see you again Lee, thank you for your service in a Wimbledon shirt and enjoy your day with us back at the home of the Dons.

