

## **Karleigh Osborne**

He may have only played 23 league games for the Club but for Karleigh, his spell at AFC Wimbledon was a successful and memorable one that he loved. The experienced centre-back spent the 2015/16 season on loan with Neal Ardley's side and went on to become a key cornerstone of the squad known as the Wolfpack.

Speaking after watching the Dons gain promotion to League One at Wembley Stadium, Karleigh commented: "I'm over the moon for the boys and captain Barry Fuller. He's been with me since I've come in through the good and bad times. He's a special person. I'm over the moon for him as he's led the team out and produced a good performance. "Football is a crazy game and you never know what is going to happen but I'm living for today and the boys are going up to League One and I love it. I'm so pleased for the Club. It's been a special dressing room and this matches one of them with where I've been before.

"Lyle has been amazing. The Beast gets his pen and his goal. These guys work so hard. They're all fantastic people at the Club and they're honest people which can be rare in football."

Prior to signing for Wimbledon, the defender made his name at Brentford, rising through the youth ranks to play 184 games at first-team level, captaining the

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side on numerous occasions as he lifted the League Two title at Criffin Park.

Then came moves to Millwall and Bristol City, the latter of which resulted in more silverware for Karleigh as he won League One with the Robins.

Announcing his retirement from playing in June 2019, the defender has since gone on to hold coaching positions with Brentford Women and Walton Casuals.

We look forward to welcoming Karleigh to the Cherry Red Records Stadium, Plough Lane this afternoon as our special guest.



