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ELLIOTT GODFREY

After AFC Wimbledon reached Conference South (at the third attempt) in 2008, the Dons manager returned to one of their toughest Ryman Premier Division opponents Hampton & Richmond to sign 17-goal attacking midfielder Elliott Godfrey (along with his Beavers team mate Alan Inns). The move suited Godfrey nicely as he could still fit in his day job as a self-employed carpet fitter. And the difference in environment from his previous club soon became apparent.

"The expectations here are massive, but I'm enjoying the added pressure. Wimbledon will get back in the Football League and I want to be part of the journey. I realised

how much this club wanted success when we walked out at Newport County on the opening day of the season and saw more than a thousand of our fans had made it down to South Wales. I was blown away. They never stopped singing and got us the three points as much as the players did."

Born in Toronto, Elliott's family moved back to the UK from Canada when he was three years old but it later qualified him to represent the country of his birth eleven times at both U20 and U23 level, including a game against Brazil. Living in Hertfordshire, he came through the Watford youth system, winning the Reserve Premier League and making a brief first team bow for the Hornets as a substitute



at Preston North End. When his contract at Vicarage Road wasn't renewed, he dropped in to non-league with Hampton and made 104 appearances at the Beveree-based club.

Godfrey soon got on the scoresheet with a goal in his second game, a 2-1 win against Thurrock at Kingsmeadow, and earned himself a league champions medal at the end of the season as AFC Wimbledon went straight through and up to the Blue Square Premier as Blue Square South winners, chipping in with 7 goals from 33 games, in a slightly less forward role behind Jon Main. But he still did enough to earn this accolade from his buddy Inns. "He has the best touch of anyone I've ever played with. If you feed him the ball, he will score goals."



Elliott found the demands of almost full time football in the BSP more demanding as new recruits arrived but still played 16 matches and added three goals. After a short loan spell at Staines Town, he joined Boreham Wood for the 2010/11 campaign, then spent a year at Hendon before rejoining Staines and then four seasons with Wealdstone. Winding down his playing days, he enjoyed spells at St Albans City, Cheshunt and King's Langley. Still working in the flooring and blinds installation business, he is making his first matchday special guest visit to Plough Lane today (with his wife Jade and their three children) and we hope they all have a great day with us.

