



If ever a problem became an opportunity to be grasped with both hands, then the problem of Tony Lormor's transfer request was one. A week after the popular forward went on the list, the deal to bring **David Reeves** from Preston to Saltergate was done, Tony going to Deepdale along with around £100,000 in cash, and the promise of more, linked to appearances. An earlier enquiry for David's transfer

saw a £250,000 price tag slapped on him by North End, and Lormor's value to the Spireites was in excess of £50,000, so his transfer constitutes a record, of sorts, for Chesterfield.

The twin brother of Wimbledon's Alan Reeves, David was born in Birkenhead in 1967 and was taken on by Sheffield Wednesday from the junior side Heswall in 1986. A permanent move to Bolton in 1989 saw him make 111 starts for the Trotters, scoring 29 times, but it was as a Carlisle player that he came more to our notice, playing 127 times and scoring 47 goals, including scoring both in Carlisle's 2-1 win here in 1995 that condemned us to a play-off meeting with Mansfield. For that, David - many thanks!

David made an immediate impact, scoring in his first two games after his transfer here to build an instant rapport with the fans. He held the ball up well, was an excellent finisher with a strong shot, and possessed an enormously energetic work-rate. He remained hugely popular with the fans through a traumatic 1999-2000 season, which very nearly saw him sold to Stoke City on transfer deadline day. At the time, he was one of the club's few remaining saleable assets, and the lack of a reasonable offer of a new contract from the club made the deal inevitable. It fell through minutes before the deadline when two Stoke players refused to make the opposite journey on loan until the end of the season. Weeks later, Duncan and Randall were on their way and Reeves was retained.

Promotion from the Third Division followed after one season, but at a huge cost. The expensive new contracts given by manager Law and Chairman Brown to the likes of Reevesie were a millstone round the neck of the club, which had fallen into administration after Brown's abrupt departure and was being run by a supporters' trust. Costs had to be cut, and Reevesie had to go. Oldham stepped in and made him an offer. Mark Allott and Mark Innes came the other way and the club saved money on the deal.

After a good start David struggled at Boundary Park and, when Dave Rushbury needed experience in his side, Reeves made a surprising return to Saltergate. Physically, he wasn't the same player that tormented the Spireites for Carlisle in May

1995, but his experience and infectious spirit counted for much in two consecutive successful struggles against relegation. Eventually, though, the need arose for a more physically effective presence up front and David was released in the summer of 2004. Supporters met the news with sadness, but little surprise.

David has moved around the local non-league circuit since leaving us for a second time. Having left the position of assistant to Marcus Ebdon at Alfreton Town at the end of the 2006-7 season, David signed for Sutton Town for the 2007-8 season. By the turn of the year he was at Gainsborough Trinity, serving as Assistant Manager to Paul Mitchell. In recent years David has moved away from active involvement in the game, entering into a player agency and personal management business with Steve Blatherwick. In 2011 David formed his own company, Revo Sports Management and still attends Chesterfield games on a regular basis.

For Chesterfield: 214 + 25 Football League appearances, 58 goals.

Career: 552 + 67 Football League appearances, 167 goals.