

= Alan Julian =

Alan John Julian (born 11 March 1983) is a semi @-@ professional footballer who plays as a goalkeeper for National League club Bromley .

Julian started his career at Brentford , progressing through the youth side and making his first @-@ team debut in 2002 . After failing to cement a place as Brentford 's number one goalkeeper , he left to join Stevenage Borough in February 2005 . Julian was a regular fixture in the side , helping the club win the FA Trophy in May 2007 . He left Stevenage to join Gillingham on a free transfer in May 2008 . Julian was released by Gillingham in May 2011 , having played 80 games for the club during his three @-@ year tenure . He spent a season at his former club , now called simply Stevenage , before being released in May 2012 , and subsequently joined Newport County a month later . He was released by the club in May 2013 , and subsequently joined Dartford on a free transfer .

= = Club career = =

= = = Early career = = =

Julian joined Brentford aged nine , following a successful trial . He progressed through the various youth ranks and eventually signed his first professional contract in 2002 . He made his debut for the club in the Brentford 's 1 ? 0 victory over Plymouth Argyle in the Football League Trophy on 12 November 2002 . During the match , Julian was " forced into numerous good saves . His best stop came in the 21st minute when he managed to claw away a stinging drive from Hasney Aljofree , and moments later he also denied Blair Sturrock with a low block " . He made a further three appearances during the 2002 ? 03 season , keeping a clean sheet in a 1 ? 0 win over Mansfield Town . At the end of the season , Julian signed a new contract with Brentford , keeping him contracted to the club until 2005 . Julian remained at Brentford during the club 's 2003 ? 04 campaign , playing his first match of the season in a 4 ? 0 away defeat to West Bromwich Albion . He made a total of 14 appearances for Brentford during the season . Julian left Brentford in February 2005 , claiming " the time had come " for him to experience first @-@ team football on a regular basis .

= = = Stevenage Borough = = =

He signed for Stevenage Borough on a free transfer on 4 February 2005 , making his debut in Stevenage 's 1 ? 0 win over Scarborough . Julian kept seven clean sheets for Stevenage in 17 appearances during the second half of the club 's 2004 ? 05 campaign , including in a 1 ? 0 victory against Hereford United at Edgar Street in the play @-@ off semi @-@ final second leg ? a win that meant Stevenage were one game away from reaching the Football League for the first time in their history . He played in the play @-@ off final against Carlisle United at the Britannia Stadium , which Stevenage lost 1 ? 0 . He remained at Stevenage during the 2005 ? 06 season , " attracting interest from scouts " as a result of Stevenage 's strong start to the season . Stevenage kept 12 clean sheets during the season , although failed to make the play @-@ offs following a 2 ? 0 defeat at Forest Green Rovers , finishing sixth . Julian made 45 appearances for Stevenage during the campaign and was voted ' Supporters Association Player of the Year ' .

At the end of the 2005 ? 06 season , Graham Westley , the man that had brought Julian to Stevenage , left the club and was replaced by Mark Stimson . Stimson signed goalkeeper Danny Potter and stated that Potter would be the club 's first choice goalkeeper . Julian was subsequently an unused substitute for Stevenage 's first two games of the season . However , after Potter was sent @-@ off in Stevenage 's home game against Crawley Town , Julian made his first appearance of the season , coming on as a 63rd @-@ minute substitute in a 3 ? 2 defeat . Julian remained first choice goalkeeper from then onwards , making 53 appearances for the club during the 2006 ? 07 season as Stevenage finished eighth in the Conference National . Eight of Julian 's appearances

during the season came in the club 's successful FA Trophy campaign , keeping four clean sheets in the process . He also made a number vital saves in the club 's semi @-@ final second leg against Grays Athletic , which Stevenage went on to win by a 3 ? 1 aggregate scoreline . Julian started in the Final , which Stevenage won 3 ? 2 against Kidderminster Harriers at Wembley Stadium in front of a crowd of 53 @, @ 262 . The win meant that Julian was part of the first team to win a competitive final at the new stadium .

Julian remained at Stevenage for a fourth consecutive season , starting in the club 's first game of the 2007 ? 08 season , a 2 ? 1 defeat at Crawley Town . He kept his first clean sheet of the season in Stevenage 's 3 ? 0 home win against Weymouth . This served as the catalyst for a run of eight games without conceding a goal , equalling a Conference National record when they beat Farsley Celtic 4 ? 0 at Broadhall Way . Julian went a total of 778 minutes without conceding a goal . After manager Mark Stimson left Stevenage to join Gillingham , Julian refused to sign a new contract , stating he wanted to " keep his options open for the summer " . As a result , he was transfer @-@ listed in January 2008 . Despite being on the transfer @-@ list , Julian remained first choice goalkeeper under new manager Peter Taylor until Stevenage 's 3 ? 1 home defeat to Torquay United on 12 April 2008 , his final appearance of the season . He made 44 appearances during the 2007 ? 08 season . During his three and a half @-@ year tenure at Stevenage , Julian made a total of 159 appearances in all competitions .

= = = Gillingham = = =

Julian joined Gillingham on a free transfer on 21 May 2008 , joining up with former Stevenage manager Mark Stimson . He made his debut for Gillingham in the club 's League Cup first round 1 ? 0 home defeat against Colchester United on 12 August 2008 . Four days later , Julian made his first league start for Gillingham , playing the whole match in a 1 ? 0 home loss to Luton Town . He did not make another first @-@ team appearance until November 2008 , when he kept a clean sheet in a 1 ? 0 away win at Macclesfield Town . A week later , he kept another clean sheet as Gillingham beat Bury 1 ? 0 at Gigg Lane in the FA Cup . After six weeks without a first @-@ team appearance , Julian played in Gillingham 's 2 ? 0 away loss at Dagenham & Redbridge . His next first @-@ team appearance was five months later , playing in a 1 ? 0 away victory at Rochdale , with Gillingham having already secured a play @-@ off place . It was Julian 's last appearance of the 2008 ? 09 campaign as Gillingham secured promotion back to League One after a 1 ? 0 play @-@ off Final win against Shrewsbury Town . He made six appearances during his first season with the club , keeping three clean sheets .

Ahead of the 2009 ? 10 campaign , manager Mark Stimson admitted he was undecided as to whether Julian or Simon Royce would start in the club 's opening fixture of the season . Julian ultimately started in the club 's 5 ? 0 home win against Swindon Town on the first day of the season . After three straight defeats in the space of a week with Gillingham conceding seven goals , Julian was replaced by Royce ahead of the club 's League Cup game against Blackburn Rovers . After the game , Julian only featured twice in the space of four months , both appearances coming in Football League Trophy fixtures . Julian handed in a transfer request in November 2009 as a result of a lack of first @-@ team appearances . However , Gillingham received no offers for the player , with manager Mark Stimson saying " I haven 't had a phone call . He 's been on the loan circuit for four to six weeks and I haven 't had a call . You don 't just say I 'm on the transfer list and six teams come in for you " . He remained at Gillingham , and after appearing in Gillingham 's 2 ? 1 away loss at Huddersfield Town in December 2009 , Julian remained as a first choice goalkeeper until the end of the season . The club went the whole season without an away victory , and were relegated back to League Two on the final day of the season following a 3 ? 0 defeat to Wycombe Wanderers . Julian made 33 appearances during the 2009 ? 10 season , keeping eight clean sheets .

Under the new management of Andy Hessenthaler , Julian started the 2010 ? 11 season as first choice goalkeeper , starting in the club 's first game of the season , a 1 ? 1 draw with Cheltenham Town on 7 August 2010 . However , similarly to the 2009 ? 10 season , Julian lost his first @-@ team place after a winless run at the start of the campaign . New signing Lance Cronin impressed in

an away draw against Morecambe , and kept Julian out of the first @-@ team for five weeks . After Gillingham 's 7 ? 4 away loss at Accrington Stanley , Julian regained his first @-@ team place , playing in a 2 ? 1 home win against Stockport County on 9 October 2010 . Julian was part of the side that ended Gillingham 's 35 game winless away streak when they won 1 ? 0 against Oxford United at the Kassam Stadium on 20 November 2010 , making a number of key saves during the game . He remained as first choice goalkeeper throughout the season as Gillingham finished in eighth position in League Two , narrowly missing out on a play @-@ off place after losing three out of their last four games . Julian made 41 appearances for Gillingham in all competitions during the 2010 ? 11 season , keeping 12 clean sheets . Despite being the club 's first choice goalkeeper during the campaign , Julian was told that he no longer featured in the club 's plans , and was subsequently released on 11 May 2011 . He made 80 appearances in all competitions for Gillingham during the three years he spent at the club .

= = = Return to Stevenage = = =

In June 2011 , Julian re @-@ joined his former club , now renamed simply Stevenage , on a free transfer , three years after leaving the club . The move meant that Julian would be playing under the management of Graham Westley once more , who first brought Julian to Stevenage in 2005 ? Westley said " Alan sees the opportunity in the long term and we all know how much quality he will bring into the squad . He is a different type of character but another man that you would happily go into the trenches with " . On signing for Stevenage , Julian said " I had a great time at Stevenage before and coming back now and we are in League One , it is a dream come true " . As a result of Chris Day dislocating his finger , Julian started in the club 's first game of the 2011 ? 12 campaign , keeping a clean sheet in Stevenage 's 0 ? 0 home draw against Exeter City . He played the first three games of the season , before first choice goalkeeper Chris Day returned from injury . Julian made just two further appearances during the campaign ; in a 2 ? 2 draw with AFC Wimbledon in the Football League Trophy , and an appearance as a second @-@ half substitute in Stevenage 's 2 ? 2 home draw against Huddersfield Town . He was released by Stevenage when his contract expired in May 2012 .

= = = Newport County = = =

In June 2012 , Julian joined Conference National side Newport County on a free transfer . In Newport 's first pre @-@ season game ahead of the 2012 ? 13 season , away to Caldicot Town , Julian suffered a knee ligament injury . He subsequently missed the first three months of the season , before eventually making his first @-@ team debut for Newport on 17 November 2012 , in a 3 ? 1 home defeat to Hyde . Julian went on to make eleven appearances during a campaign in which Newport would return to the Football League after a 25 @-@ year absence following the club 's 2 ? 0 play @-@ off final victory over Wrexham in May 2013 .

= = = Dartford = = =

He was released by Newport at the end of the season , and subsequently signed for Dartford . On securing the signing of Julian , Dartford manager Tony Burman stated ? " After meeting Alan a couple of times , I was impressed with his professionalism and I am looking forward to having someone of his experience here at Dartford " . Julian was voted Dartford 's player of the season for the 2013 ? 14 season .

= = = Sutton United = = =

Following his departure from Dartford , Julian signed for Sutton United . However , following an injury in pre @-@ season , Julian found opportunities limited , before eventually making 14 league appearances . He eventually left the club along with fellow goalkeeper Tom Lovelock in January

2015 .

== = Bromley = = =

Soon after , he joined Sutton 's league rivals Bromley . He made his debut for the club in a 2 ? 1 away win over Basingstoke Town .

== International career ==

Julian has played once for the Northern Ireland U21 side , playing in a 0 ? 0 draw against Switzerland U21 in August 2004 .

== Honours ==

Stevenage

FA Trophy (1) : 2006 ? 07

Newport County

Conference National play @-@ offs (1) : 2012 ? 13

Individual

Stevenage Player of the Year (1) : 2005 ? 06

Dartford Player of the Year (1) : 2013 ? 14

== Career statistics ==

As of 9th May 2016 .

== = International = = =