

= Greg Young =

Gregory James " Greg " Young ( born 25 April 1983 ) is an English semi @-@ professional footballer who plays as a defender for Northern Premier League Premier Division club Buxton .

Young started his career with the Sheffield Wednesday youth system and after being released in 2002 he joined Grimsby Town of the First Division . He made his first team debut on the last day of the 2002 ? 03 season with the team having already been relegated and he suffered a second relegation the following season , during which he made 19 appearances . During the 2004 ? 05 season he spent two periods on loan at Conference National team Northwich Victoria before joining Halifax Town in 2005 .

He made 35 appearances for Halifax during the 2005 ? 06 season and started in the 2006 Conference National play @-@ off Final at the Walkers Stadium , which was lost to Hereford United . Following loans with former club Northwich and Conference North team Alfreton Town he joined Altrincham in early 2008 . He played for Altrincham as a semi @-@ professional and after making over 100 appearances in two and a half seasons he joined York City in 2010 . After a season at the club he returned to Alfreton .

= = Career = =

= = = Grimsby Town = = =

Born in Doncaster , South Yorkshire , Young started his career with the Sheffield Wednesday youth system , where he also played in the reserve team . He was released at the end of the 2001 ? 02 season , and was signed by fellow First Division team Grimsby Town in July 2002 following a trial , initially playing in the reserves . He eventually made his first team debut by starting in a 2 ? 1 defeat to Reading on 26 April 2003 , the last day of the 2002 ? 03 season , with Grimsby having already been relegated to the Second Division . He signed a new contract with Grimsby on 3 June 2003 , with manager Paul Groves saying " Greg has improved since he arrived at the club . He did well on his debut at Reading , but it did show that there is a big step up from the reserves for him to make . "

His first appearance of the 2003 ? 04 season came as a half @-@ time substitute in a 1 ? 0 victory at Blackpool on 30 September 2003 . The season saw him initially used as a stand @-@ in left back as cover for injuries , but after the arrival of Nicky Law as manager , he became a regular starter as a central defender . Young was described as the " stand @-@ out performer " in a 4 ? 4 draw at Chesterfield on 27 March 2004 , despite suffering a dislocated shoulder during the match . He made a " brave " return in the final game of the season on 8 May 2004 , a 2 ? 1 defeat at Tranmere Rovers , which condemned Grimsby to relegation to League Two . He finished the season with 19 appearances for Grimsby and he signed a new two @-@ year contract with the club in June 2004 .

He was still suffering from the shoulder injury in June and under new manager Russell Slade Young endured a frustrating spell . A cold Young was suffering from in August required treatment from physio Dave Moore as it put him out of action . He joined Conference National team Northwich Victoria on a one @-@ month loan on 7 October 2004 , after having made five appearances for Grimsby up to that point during the 2004 ? 05 season . He made his debut two days later in a 0 ? 0 draw with Crawley Town and in his third game scored in a 3 ? 1 victory over Forest Green Rovers . He was recalled by Grimsby later that month due to injuries after making three appearances for Northwich . He rejoined Northwich on another one @-@ month loan on 3 December 2004 , with injury restricting him to three appearances before returning to Grimsby on 6 January 2005 .

= = = Halifax Town = = =

Young moved to Conference National team Halifax Town on a free transfer on 25 February 2005 after signing a one @-@ and @-@ a @-@ half @-@ year contract . He made his debut as a 57th

@-@ minute substitute in a 2 ? 2 draw with former club Northwich the following day . His first goal for the club came on his sixth appearance against Tamworth after heading in a Martin Foster corner kick , with the game ending in a 3 ? 3 draw . He finished the season with 13 appearances and two goals for Halifax . Young suffered an injury in August 2005 and he made his return in a 4 ? 0 victory over Tamworth on 10 September 2005 . His only goal of the 2005 ? 06 season came after he headed in from a Matt Doughty corner for the opening goal in a 1 ? 1 draw with Stevenage Borough on 14 April 2006 . He played in both legs of Halifax 's play @-@ off semi @-@ final victory over Grays Athletic , which the team won 5 ? 4 on aggregate . He started in the 2006 Conference National play @-@ off Final at the Walkers Stadium on 20 May , being substituted on 61 minutes , which was lost 3 ? 2 to Hereford United after extra time . He finished the season with 35 appearances and one goal .

He was affected by a shoulder injury towards the end of the season and he had a successful operation on this in May 2006 . After recovering from this operation he made his return in a 2 ? 1 victory at Cambridge United on 29 August 2006 . He joined Northwich for the third time after signing a one @-@ month loan in November 2006 , after having made eight appearances for Halifax up to that point during the 2006 ? 07 season . He made three appearances for Northwich before being recalled by Halifax on 18 December 2006 . He made three appearances after returning and his season was ended due to a knee injury sustained on 1 January 2007 in a 1 ? 1 draw with Altrincham , after having made 11 appearances for Halifax that season .

He joined Conference North team Alfreton Town on a one @-@ month loan in August 2007 , making his debut and return from injury in a 2 ? 1 defeat to Southport on 18 August . He made six appearances before returning to Halifax on 18 September 2007 . He made an immediate return to the team after coming on as a substitute on 88 minutes in a 1 ? 1 draw with Rushden & Diamonds on 22 September 2007 .

= = = Altrincham = = =

Young was released by Halifax while they were enduring financial difficulties and he signed for Altrincham as a semi @-@ professional on a contract until the end of the 2007 ? 08 season shortly afterwards on 4 January 2008 . He made his debut a day later as a 60th @-@ minute substitute in a 4 ? 0 defeat to Oxford United and his full debut came after starting in a 2 ? 1 victory over Kidderminster Harriers . His only goal of the season came from the edge of the box in a 2 ? 1 defeat at Burton Albion on 8 April 2008 . He finished the season with 22 appearances and one goal for Altrincham and he signed a new two @-@ year contract in the summer of 2008 .

Young featured for Altrincham in their FA Cup first round game and first round replay against League Two team Luton Town , with the latter being lost 4 ? 2 in a penalty shoot @-@ out . His first goal of the 2008 ? 09 season came after he scored from close range in a 1 ? 0 victory over Northwich Victoria on 26 December 2008 . His second goal of the season was the winner in a 1 ? 0 victory at Wrexham on 13 April 2009 , a result that ensured Altrincham would not finish the season in the relegation zone . He finished the season with 51 appearances and two goals .

He contracted mumps in September 2009 and made his return to action against Rushden on 3 October . Young 's first goal of the 2009 ? 10 season came with the winner in a 1 ? 0 victory over Wrexham in an FA Trophy first round replay . His first league goal of the season came after scoring the winning goal in a 2 ? 1 victory at Ebbsfleet United after heading in a Doughty corner on 16 January 2010 . Young 's fourth goal of the season came against Wrexham came after he scored an 82nd @-@ minute equaliser on 9 March 2010 . He scored the winning goal in a 3 ? 2 victory over Kidderminster after shooting from 12 yards on 3 April 2010 . He finished the season with 44 appearances and six goals .

= = = York City = = =

Young joined fellow Conference Premier team York City on a one @-@ year contract on 24 May 2010 and so returned to playing full @-@ time . He made his debut in a 2 ? 1 defeat at Fleetwood

Town on 30 August 2010 and he scored York 's only goal in the 87th minute with a header from an Alex Lawless cross . After initially being used as an outfield substitute Young played in goal for the second half of York 's 5 ? 0 defeat at Luton Town on 18 January 2011 , conceding one goal , after Michael Ingham was sent off in the 15th minute .

Young returned to former club Altrincham on an emergency loan until the end of the 2010 ? 11 season on 7 February 2011 . His first appearance after returning to the club came in a 2 ? 1 defeat at Kidderminster on 12 February 2011 . After making 11 appearances and scoring one goal for Altrincham , Young returned to York after being recalled on 20 April 2011 due to an injury to Danny Parslow . He did not play following his return and finished the season with 12 appearances and one goal for York .

== = Alfreton Town == =

Young signed a two @-@ year contract with former club Alfreton Town , who had recently been promoted to the Conference Premier , on 1 June 2011 . He finished the 2011 ? 12 season with 35 appearances for Alfreton .

== = Gainsborough Trinity == =

On 14 June 2012 , Young signed for Conference North side Gainsborough Trinity and made his debut in their 2012 ? 13 opening day 1 ? 0 defeat at home to Gloucester City on 18 August .

== = Buxton == =

Young signed with Buxton of the Northern Premier League Premier Division in July 2014 . He made 47 appearances and scored six goals as Buxton finished tenth in the table in the 2014 ? 15 season .

== = Style of play == =

Young primarily plays as a left @-@ footed centre @-@ back and is also able to play at left @-@ back . While at Altrincham , he was also deployed as an auxiliary striker . While being a " classy centre @-@ half " , he is an " aggressive player who likes to win the ball " and his play has been described as " shackling " . On his goalscoring record , Young said " It ? s something I have worked on in my own game during the last couple of years . I made a point of improving my scoring record and I ? ve done that slightly " in 2010 .

== = Personal life == =

Young studied for a degree in sport and exercise science at university while playing part @-@ time for Altrincham .

== = Career statistics == =

As of match played 26 April 2014 .