

= John Mousinho =

John Michael Lewis Mousinho (born 30 April 1986) is an English professional footballer who plays for Burton Albion as a midfielder .

Mousinho began his professional football career at Brentford , having previously been on the books at Chesham United and Notre Dame Fighting Irish , the latter whilst studying at the University of Notre Dame . He spent two and a half years at Brentford , before joining Wycombe Wanderers in June 2008 on a free transfer . Mousinho played regularly for Wycombe for two seasons ; witnessing both a promotion and relegation during his tenure at the Buckinghamshire club . He rejected a contract extension from Wycombe in June 2010 , and instead opted to join Stevenage on a two ? year contract . In his first season at Stevenage , Mousinho helped guide the club to back @-@ to @-@ back promotions , scoring the winner in the 2010 ? 11 League Two play @-@ off final , as well as finishing as the club 's joint top goalscorer for the season . Following an injury @-@ hit season during the 2011 ? 12 campaign , Mousinho left Stevenage and joined Preston North End . In his final season at the club , he was loaned to Gillingham and back to Stevenage before being released and joining Burton in June 2014 .

= = Career = =

= = = Brentford = = =

Born in Isleworth , Greater London , Mousinho was signed by then Brentford manager Martin Allen during the 2005 ? 06 season , after returning from the United States where he was studying and playing at the University of Notre Dame . He was recommended to Brentford by Martin Allen 's son , having previously been on the books at Chesham United . He made his Brentford debut in October 2005 in a 1 ? 1 against Oxford United in the Football League Trophy ; playing the whole match . He made his league debut for the club two months later in a 4 ? 1 away win over Tranmere Rovers , coming on as a 76th @-@ minute substitute . Initially he acted as cover for regular right @-@ back Kevin O 'Connor , but was then played in a central midfield role . He was also the outfield player chosen to play as goalkeeper against Gillingham in 2006 , when Clark Masters was sent @-@ off , and there was not a substitute goalkeeper available ; the game ended 2 ? 2 with Mousinho playing 75 minutes in goal .

Mousinho was then sent on loan to several non ? league clubs in the form of Woking , Slough Town , and Yeading respectively mid ? way through the 2005 ? 06 season . He failed to make any first ? team appearances for Woking , with his loan spell lasting just two weeks . He was loaned to Slough Town just days later , and made his debut for the club in a 2 ? 1 away win over Fisher Athletic , before scoring his first goal for the club in a 3 ? 2 win over Bromley ? Mousinho scoring a goal in the 58th minute as Slough came from two goals down to win the match . In April 2006 , he was loaned out to Conference South side Yeading , where he played a total of six times , making his debut in the club 's 4 ? 0 defeat to Basingstoke Town . Martin Allen stated that Mousinho 's loan moves were " positive " and " definitely not the end of his time at Brentford " .

On return to his parent club , Mousinho played a lot more frequently during the 2006 ? 07 season , a total of 39 times , and was subsequently rewarded with an extended contract which was due to run until June 2009 . The following campaign , he scored his first goal for the club in a 2 ? 1 win against Barnet ? tapping in the rebound from Kevin O 'Connor 's missed penalty , and also scored Brentford 's first against Dagenham & Redbridge shortly after . However , he only played a total of 24 times in all competitions , 15 times less than during the club 's previous campaign . At the end of the 2007 ? 08 season , Mousinho was transfer ? listed by manager Andy Scott because he did not feature in the club 's future plans and , as a result , his first ? team chances would be limited .

= = = Wycombe Wanderers = = =

His contract was terminated by mutual consent with a year to run on 16 June 2008 and he joined Wycombe later that day . On joining Wycombe , Mousinho said " It 's been my local club since I was quite young so I 've been down here a few times and it was the lure of that , plus the chance to work with Peter Taylor , that made me jump at the chance " . He made his debut for Wycombe in a 1 ? 1 draw against Morecambe , and scored his first goal for the club shortly after in a 2 ? 0 away victory over Chester City . Shortly after this , Wycombe triggered a one ? year extension clause in his contract , subsequently keeping him at the club until 2010 . Mousinho scored his second goal of the season in Wycombe 's 3 ? 3 draw against his former employers , Brentford , netting in the first ? half of the game with a volley . Two weeks later , he provided the assist for John Akinde 's goal in the club 's 1 ? 1 draw with Barnet . He played a total of 38 times in all competitions during his first season with the club , scoring twice as Wycombe earned promotion to League One after finishing in the third and final automatic promotion place . The following season , he played a further 41 games for the club , scoring once in a 5 ? 2 home defeat to Brighton & Hove Albion , but Wycombe were relegated at the end of the season . During his two years at Wycombe , he played a total of 79 times for the club , scoring three goals .

= = = Stevenage = = =

In late June 2010 , Mousinho rejected a contract extension at Wycombe , which led to Wycombe manager Gary Waddock saying " we wanted to keep John , but he 's decided to go elsewhere . It 's an open secret where he 's going " . Two days later Mousinho joined newly promoted League Two outfit Stevenage on a two ? year deal , officially signing for the club on 1 July . A day later , he was assigned the number 21 shirt ahead of the 2010 ? 11 season . Mousinho made his Stevenage debut in the club 's 1 ? 0 loss to Bradford City in the club 's second game of the season , playing the whole game in the centre of midfield . He scored his first goal for Stevenage in October 2010 , scoring the equaliser in the club 's 1 ? 1 draw with Rotherham United . A month later , Mousinho scored twice in Stevenage 's 3 ? 0 victory away at local rivals Barnet . Mousinho scored his fourth goal of the season in a 1 ? 0 away win at his former employers , Wycombe Wanderers , at Adams Park , scoring with a low drilled shot from 30 yards out . Ten days later , Mousinho scored both of Stevenage 's goals in their 2 ? 0 away win against Burton Albion at the Pirelli Stadium . This subsequently meant that all six of Mousinho 's goals were scored away from Broadhall Way , although this record ended when he scored a penalty in Stevenage 's 2 ? 1 home win against Bradford City on 2 April 2011 . Mousinho was sent @-@ off for the first time in his Stevenage career on 30 April 2011 , receiving a straight red card in Stevenage 's 2 ? 0 defeat at Northampton Town . The red card meant that Mousinho served a three @-@ game suspension . Stevenage appealed against the sending off , but were unsuccessful . He subsequently missed the club 's 3 ? 3 draw against Bury , as well as Stevenage 's 3 ? 0 aggregate play @-@ off win against Accrington Stanley . Mousinho returned to the first @-@ team for the 2010 ? 11 play @-@ off final against Torquay United at Old Trafford on 28 May 2011 , a game in which he scored the only goal with a strike from 20 yards out in a 1 ? 0 Stevenage victory . During his first season with the club , Mousinho finished as the club 's joint top goalscorer with eight goals in 44 appearances .

Mousinho missed the start of the 2011 ? 12 season due to suffering a calf injury during pre @-@ season , subsequently missing Stevenage 's first three games of the campaign . He returned to first @-@ team action on 16 August 2011 , starting in a 3 ? 1 away victory against Bournemouth , scoring Stevenage 's second goal of the game from the penalty spot . Mousinho 's second goal of the season came in Stevenage 's 5 ? 1 win against Sheffield Wednesday at Broadhall Way , beating defender Rob Jones for pace before driving a shot from 20 yards past goalkeeper Richard O 'Donnell . He injured a metatarsal bone in his right foot in Stevenage 's 1 ? 0 away victory against Hartlepool United in the FA Cup on 12 November 2011 , and was subsequently ruled out of first @-@ team action for six weeks . Mousinho suffered another setback in January , when scans revealed further damage to the metatarsal bone . After a brief substitute appearance in Stevenage 's reserve game against Southend United in early April 2012 , Mousinho returned to first @-@ team action on 14 April 2012 , coming on as a late substitute in the club 's 6 ? 0 away victory at Yeovil

Town . In the club 's next match , a " vital " game against fellow play @-@ off contenders Carlisle United , Mousinho came on as a substitute in the 73rd minute and scored the winning goal three minutes later as Stevenage ran out 1 ? 0 winners . He made 23 appearances during an injury @-@ hit season , scoring three goals . Just three days after Stevenage 's play @-@ off semi @-@ final defeat , on 17 May 2012 , Stevenage announced that Mousinho had turned down an improved contract and was leaving the club after two years .

= = = Preston North End = = =

Mousinho joined League One side Preston North End on a free transfer on 29 May 2012 , signing a two @-@ year deal with the club . The move reunited him with former Stevenage manager Graham Westley . He was named as club captain for the 2012 ? 13 season . Mousinho made his Preston debut in the club 's opening game of the season , playing the whole match as a new @-@ look Preston side beat Championship team Huddersfield Town 2 ? 0 at Deepdale . He scored his first goal for the club on 1 January 2013 , netting the only goal of the game courtesy of a first @-@ half header in a 1 ? 0 away win against Hartlepool United .

On 7 November 2013 , Mousinho signed for Gillingham on loan until 2 January 2014 . On 31 January , he returned to Stevenage on loan for the remainder of the season .

Mousinho was one of six players released by Preston manager Simon Grayson on 20 May 2014 , following their failure to win promotion to the Championship .

= = = Burton Albion = = =

Following his release by Preston , Mousinho was signed by League Two club Burton Albion on a two @-@ year deal on 6 June 2014 . Manager Gary Rowett revealed that Mousinho had been the club 's primary transfer target that summer .

= = Personal life = =

Mousinho is of Portuguese descent , with his father 's side of the family hailing from Lisbon .

He grew up supporting Tottenham Hotspur , and states his footballing heroes were Darren Anderton and Teddy Sheringham after watching the attacking football Tottenham played during the early 1990s . He plays the guitar , and mostly likes listening to indie music . Amongst his favourite television programmes are Fonejacker and Facejacker , with Mousinho impersonating many of the show 's characters in his Stevenage ' Two Minutes to Win It ' challenge prior to the club 's play @-@ off game with Accrington Stanley during the 2010 ? 11 season .

= = Honours = =

Wycombe Wanderers

League two promotion winners 2008 @-@ 09

Stevenage

League two playoffs winners 2010 @-@ 11

Burton Albion

League two champions 2014 @-@ 15

League one promotion winners 2015 @-@ 16

= = Career statistics = =

As of 27 April 2013 .