

= Martyn Woolford =

Martyn Paul Woolford (born 13 October 1985) is an English professional footballer who plays as a winger for League One club Sheffield United .

Woolford started his career in the Northern Counties East Football League Premier Division with Glasshoughton Welfare after progressing through their youth system . After three seasons at Glasshoughton , he moved to the Northern Premier League Premier Division with Frickley Athletic and scored 14 goals during the 2005 ? 06 season . He joined York City in the Conference National in 2006 and spent two seasons with the club , being joint top scorer with 17 goals in the second season .

He moved to League One team Scunthorpe United in 2008 and featured in the 2009 Football League Trophy Final before scoring the winning goal in the 2009 League One play @-@ off Final against Millwall . After a season @-@ and @-@ a @-@ half of playing Championship football with Scunthorpe he signed for their divisional rivals Bristol City in 2013 . Two years later he signed for another Championship side , Millwall , but was released after their relegation to League One in 2015 . He also played for the England C team , who represent England at non @-@ League level , in 2008 , earning two caps . He made his debut against Grenada and earned his second and final cap against India .

= = Club career = =

= = = Early career = = =

Born in Castleford , West Yorkshire , Woolford started his career with Northern Counties East Football League Premier Division team Glasshoughton Welfare in 2002 after progressing through their youth system . Following the end of the 2002 ? 03 season he was given the award for the club 's Most Improved Player and early in the 2003 ? 04 season he established himself as an " emerging talent " . He played one game for the youth team of Doncaster Rovers in April 2005 , but was not taken on by the club , and was also rejected by Barnsley and Bradford City . After three seasons at Glasshoughton , he joined Northern Premier League Premier Division side Frickley Athletic in August 2005 , having impressed during several pre @-@ season matches . He was awarded an FA contract running to the end of the 2005 ? 06 season in October , with the option of another year . He made 40 league appearances and scored 12 goals for Frickley in the 2005 ? 06 season , with 14 goals in all competitions , after which the club exercised their option to extend his contract for another season .

= = = York City = = =

He had a trial with Stockport County of League Two during their pre @-@ season trip to Ibiza in August 2006 , but was not offered a contract . He was being tracked by Hartlepool United and York City , and also attracted interest from Guiseley . He eventually signed for Conference National side York on 31 August for an undisclosed five @-@ figure fee after having made four appearances and scored one goal for Frickley at that point in the 2006 ? 07 season . He made his debut a day later in a 0 ? 0 draw with Stafford Rangers after coming on as a 57th minute substitute . During his first start for the team , he was substituted for goalkeeper Arran Reid in the 17th minute after Tom Evans was sent off . He scored his first goal for York in the team 's 3 ? 2 home loss to Morecambe on 12 September . A week later , he scored both York 's goals in a 2 ? 1 away victory over Woking . He featured in both legs of York 's play @-@ off semi @-@ final defeat to Morecambe 2 ? 1 on aggregate and finished the 2006 ? 07 season with 45 appearances and eight goals , after which the club exercised their option to extend his contract for another season .

He signed a new contract with York in October 2007 , which would expire in the summer of 2009 . He played in a more central position behind the strikers during the 2007 ? 08 season . He scored

two goals in two minutes against Altrincham on 19 January 2008 , which earned York a 2 ? 2 draw , during which he played as a striker . Manager Colin Walker confirmed that several enquiries had been made about signing Woolford during the January transfer window . Woolford was set a 20 @-@ goal target by Walker in April 2008 , at which point he had scored 16 goals . He was watched by Crewe Alexandra 's director of football Dario Gradi in April 2008 , after which Walker insisted he was still a part of York 's plans for the next season . He finished the 2007 ? 08 season with 57 appearances and 17 goals . He rejected speculation linking him with a move away from York in June , saying he would only move to a club two divisions higher .

= = = Scunthorpe United = = =

Woolford rejected a new contract with York during the summer of 2008 , with Cheltenham Town and another club believed to be interested in signing him . He eventually joined League One side Scunthorpe United for an undisclosed fee on a three @-@ year contract on 8 August 2008 , with the fee believed to be a six @-@ figure fee with a sell @-@ on clause . He made his Football League debut as an 87th @-@ minute substitute in a 1 ? 0 victory against Peterborough United on 23 August 2008 . He scored four minutes into his first start for Scunthorpe against Brighton & Hove Albion on 6 September 2008 , giving his side the lead , in a match which eventually finished 4 ? 1 . He came on as a 77th @-@ minute substitute for Scunthorpe in the 2009 Football League Trophy Final on 5 April 2009 , which was lost 3 ? 2 to League Two team Luton Town after extra time . Woolford scored the winning goal for Scunthorpe in the 2009 League One play @-@ off Final against Millwall on 24 May 2009 , with a goal in the 85th minute that gave the team a 3 ? 2 victory , and also assisting the other two goals . This resulted in promotion to the Championship for Scunthorpe and he was named man of the match .

His first appearance of the 2009 ? 10 season was in a 4 ? 0 defeat at Cardiff City on 8 August 2009 . He scored the winning goal for Scunthorpe against Derby County on 15 August 2009 , which finished as a 3 ? 2 victory . Woolford scored two goals against Newcastle United on 20 October 2009 to give Scunthorpe a 2 ? 1 victory . He finished the season with 46 appearances and five goals .

Woolford started the 2010 ? 11 season after playing in a 2 ? 1 victory at Reading on 7 August 2010 and his first goal of the season was the winner in the 83rd minute of a 2 ? 1 victory over League One team Oldham Athletic in the League Cup on 10 August .

= = = Bristol City = = =

Woolford signed a three @-@ and @-@ a @-@ half @-@ year contract with fellow Championship club Bristol City after joining for an undisclosed fee on 31 January 2011 . He made his debut in a 4 ? 0 victory at Preston North End on 5 February 2011 , in which he assisted a Brett Pitman goal .

= = = Millwall = = =

Woolford signed a two @-@ and @-@ a @-@ half @-@ year deal with Championship club Millwall on 9 January 2013 . He made his debut after starting in a 1 ? 1 draw away to Bolton Wanderers on 12 January 2013 . Woolford was released by Millwall on 7 May 2015 after their relegation to League One , having made 40 appearances and scored three goals in the 2014 ? 15 season .

= = = Sheffield United = = =

Woolford signed a two @-@ year contract with League One club Sheffield United on 14 July 2015 , having previously played under manager Nigel Adkins at Scunthorpe .

= = International career = =

Woolford was placed on standby for the England C team for their 2007 ? 09 International Challenge Trophy match against Wales in February 2008 . He was called into the squad in May for two games in the Caribbean after an injury to Dean Moxey . His debut came in a 1 ? 1 draw with Grenada on 31 May 2008 and was described as a " constant threat down the left " , and earned his second cap as a 67th @-@ minute substitute against Barbados on 2 June .

= = Style of play = =

Woolford plays as a left winger , where he has been described as being " fleetfooted " . He is versatile and has also played as a wing @-@ back , left midfielder and a striker and has also been used in a more " roaming , attacking role " to offer support to a lone striker .

= = Personal life = =

He was studying for a degree in civil engineering at Leeds Metropolitan University while playing for Frickley and a degree in surveying in 2006 . While at university , he worked on a building site . He achieved a Higher National Diploma in civil engineering and has said he is looking to complete this degree before the end of his football career . He comes from a family of professional sportsmen ; father Neil and grandfather Cyril were both rugby league players with Featherstone Rovers . He has cited his father 's encouragement as the main influence in his footballing career . He is a supporter of Manchester United .

= = Career statistics = =

As of match played 8 May 2016 .

= = Honours = =

Scunthorpe United

League One play @-@ offs : 2008 ? 09