

= Marc Pugh =

Marc Anthony Pugh (born 2 April 1987) is an English professional footballer who plays for Premier League club Bournemouth . He plays mainly as a winger but can also play as a midfielder .

Pugh started his career with Burnley , where he progressed through the youth system . He was released by the club having made his first team while on loan at Kidderminster Harriers and signed a short @-@ term contract with Bury in 2006 . Pugh later signed a professional contract at the club and after rejecting an extended contract in 2007 he signed for Shrewsbury Town . He was loaned out to Luton Town and Hereford United , joining the latter permanently in 2009 .

Pugh left Hereford after one season to sign for Bournemouth in 2010 , where he was top scorer in his first two seasons . He won promotion from League One in 2013 and the Championship two years later , making over 200 appearances for the club . Pugh has played and scored in all five of England 's nationwide football divisions .

= = Career = =

= = = Burnley = = =

Pugh started his career with First Division club Burnley where , at a young age , he started as a Centre of Excellence player , and gradually worked his way up through the ranks to become an apprentice in 2003 . As a first year apprentice he played for the youth and reserve teams and due to his great goalscoring record , which led to him being named on the bench for two first team matches in the League Cup , they decided to keep him on for a third year . As a third year apprentice he scored 15 goals for the club 's reserve and youth team . This led to him to being loaned out to Kidderminster Harriers of the Conference National in November 2005 to play first team football . He made his debut for Kidderminster after coming on as an 86th minute substitute in a 3 ? 1 defeat to Stevenage Borough . He converted a Simon Heslop cross during a match against Dagenham & Redbridge to score his first career goal , which helped Kidderminster to a 3 ? 1 victory . Also , during a match he displayed a smart piece of skill which involved flicking the ball over an opponents head with his heel , then crossing the ball in for a teammate to score ; this move was featured on Soccer AM 's showboating section .

He returned to Burnley on 13 December 2005 after picking up a groin injury , but returned to Kidderminster for a second loan spell on 7 January 2006 . This spell ended on 26 January 2006 so Pugh could concentrate on his career at Burnley , having made 10 appearances and scored 1 goal while at Kidderminster . He learned that he would not receive a professional contract at Burnley in February 2006 , which was partly because both Chris McCann and Kyle Lafferty had both already received professional contracts and they were only second year apprentices .

= = = Bury = = =

Having just been released from Burnley , Pugh signed for League Two side Bury on a short @-@ term contract on 23 March 2006 , following a three @-@ week trial . Bury were entangled in a relegation battle , and Pugh made his debut two days later after coming on as an 80th @-@ minute substitute for Lewis Gubern in a 2 ? 1 home win over Rochdale . He marked his first start for Bury with a goal from 10 yards in a 1 ? 1 away draw with Lincoln City on 15 April 2006 , after which manager Chris Casper commented " Mark 's a good player and he 's got a bright future if he keeps his feet on the ground " . He finished the 2005 ? 06 season by playing six games and scoring one goal for the club . As a result of his good performances , and helped by the fact that Bury had survived relegation in 18th @-@ place , Bury manager Chris Casper offered him a new one @-@ year contract at Gigg Lane ; his first professional contract .

Pugh was a regular first @-@ team player in 2006 ? 07 , playing particularly well in the first half of the season , and was offered an extended contract at the club in January 2007 . Pugh rejected this

in February 2007 , saying he " wanted to keep his options open " . Casper revealed his disappointment at this and Pugh later said financial reasons were his motivation to reject a new contract . He was offered renewed contracts throughout the season but still took none of them , which Casper blamed on his agent . Pugh finished 2006 ? 07 with 41 appearances and 4 goals for Bury ; they finished in 21st @-@ place in League Two .

= = = Shrewsbury Town = = =

With many clubs interested in his services , Pugh signed for fellow League Two side Shrewsbury Town on 29 May 2007 for a compensation fee . Shrewsbury manager Gary Peters revealed that he had already attempted to sign him earlier in the season as part of a swap deal when striker Glynn Hurst moved to Bury . He made his debut in a 4 ? 0 away win over Lincoln City , setting up Andy Cooke for the third goal with a cross . He suffered an injury in November 2007 and underwent a scan , which was believed to be a cartilage problem . Days after discovering the results of the scan , which revealed he was suffering from acute tendinitis , he returned to training . He scored his first goal for Shrewsbury on his return in a 4 ? 0 home victory over Dagenham & Redbridge , turning in a Marc Tierney cross in the 78th @-@ minute before assisting Tierney for Shrewsbury 's final goal . He scored a further two goals that season following the arrival of Paul Simpson as manager , and finished 2007 ? 08 with 38 appearances and 4 goals , for a Shrewsbury side that ranked 18th @-@ place in League Two .

After struggling to feature in the team at the start of 2008 ? 09 , Pugh joined fellow League Two side Luton Town on a one @-@ month loan on 12 September 2008 . His debut came in a 3 ? 1 home win over Aldershot Town a day later , after which manager Mick Harford said " He is an out and out winger , and he put in some good crosses . But he hasn 't played a lot of football this season and he maybe faded a bit " . He returned to Shrewsbury after playing in four matches for Luton . He was loaned out to League One team Hereford United on 26 March 2009 , and made his debut two days later in a 1 ? 0 home loss to Huddersfield Town . Pugh scored his first goal for Hereford with an equaliser against Hartlepool United on 4 April 2009 , to make the score 2 ? 2 , although Hereford eventually lost 4 ? 2 . He finished the loan spell with nine appearances and one goal , as Hereford were relegated after finishing bottom of League Two . He was released by Shrewsbury after having the remaining year of his contract cancelled on 26 June 2009 .

= = = Hereford United = = =

Pugh re @-@ joined Hereford on a permanent basis following their relegation into League Two , signing a one @-@ year contract on 30 June 2009 . Upon this move , he realised that he " needed to knuckle down and get on the football ladder now , because this could be my last opportunity " . He scored twice on his second debut for Hereford , the first from a long @-@ range shot in the 39th @-@ minute and the second a 90th @-@ minute equaliser , as they drew 2 ? 2 away to Morecambe on 8 August 2009 . Pugh finished 2009 ? 10 as Hereford 's top scorer with 13 goals in 46 appearances . His goals were credited with helping stabilise Hereford , as they finished in 16th @-@ place in League Two . He left Hereford at the end of the season after rejecting a new two @-@ year contract .

= = = Bournemouth = = =

On 4 June 2010 , Pugh signed for newly promoted League One team Bournemouth on a three @-@ year contract , for a compensation fee . The fee of £ 100 @,@ 000 , which was decided by a tribunal , was described as " quite excessive " by Bournemouth vice @-@ chairman Jeff Mostyn . Pugh made his debut on 7 August 2010 in a 1 ? 0 away defeat to Charlton Athletic , and his first goal of 2010 ? 11 came after heading in a Liam Feeney cross in a 5 ? 1 home win over Peterborough United on 14 August . He was praised for a " virtuoso performance " by the Bournemouth Daily Echo . Pugh had a strong start to his Bournemouth career , and was leading the

club's goalscoring charts with six goals by mid @-@ October 2010 . Bournemouth qualified for the League One play @-@ offs with a sixth @-@ place finish , and Pugh played in both legs of their semi @-@ final with Huddersfield . They were eliminated after a 4 ? 2 defeat on penalties , having drawn 4 ? 4 on aggregate over the two legs . Pugh was Bournemouth 's top scorer in 2010 ? 11 , with 13 goals from 47 appearances .

Pugh was one of Bournemouth 's most consistent players as they made an indifferent start to 2011 ? 12 , having scored 4 goals from 11 appearances by mid @-@ September 2011 . Bournemouth opened contract talks with him in December 2011 , and he opted to bide his time over the offer of a new three @-@ and @-@ a @-@ half @-@ year deal to concentrate on his playing performances . Pugh finished 2011 ? 12 as Bournemouth 's top scorer for the second season running , with 12 goals from 49 appearances , while they finished in 11th @-@ place in League One . He was voted the Bournemouth Daily Echo Supporters ' Player of the Year ; this newspaper described him as " a rare shining light during an up @-@ and @-@ down campaign " . He decided not to sign a new contract with Bournemouth in July 2012 , and the club was willing to listen to offers for him .

Pugh remained with Bournemouth for 2012 ? 13 , with the club not receiving any offers for him over the summer of 2012 . He started the season in indifferent form , much like the rest of the team , and had a brief spell on the bench during September 2012 . He described Eddie Howe as a manager who " expects and demands the best " upon his re @-@ appointment at Bournemouth ; Pugh scored in the returning manager 's first match in charge , a 2 ? 0 home win over Leyton Orient on 13 October 2012 . Pugh signed a new three @-@ and @-@ a @-@ half @-@ year contract with the club in November 2012 , tying him to the club until the summer of 2016 . He cited the return of Howe and Bournemouth 's promotion credentials as his reasons for signing a new contract . He established himself as an important player for Bournemouth in 2012 ? 13 , as they pushed for promotion . They finished the season with promotion into the Championship as League One runners @-@ up , Pugh having contributed with 8 goals from 46 appearances .

He formed an effective partnership with fellow winger Ryan Fraser as Bournemouth enjoyed their best start to a season in the second tier in 2013 ? 14 . Im mid @-@ November 2013 Pugh stated his belief that Bournemouth had made a " decent start " to the season ; by this point he had scored 4 goals from 16 appearances . He believed his playing intelligence improved by playing against more attack @-@ minded full @-@ backs in the Championship , saying that " They are still quick to react and you have got to use your brain a little bit more than in League One . It 's developed me as a player because you need to learn how to perform in different situations against different players " . Pugh made 45 appearances and scored 5 goals in 2013 ? 14 as Bournemouth finished in 10th @-@ place in the Championship , which at the time was the highest league ranking in the club 's history .

In Bournemouth 's first match of 2014 ? 15 , a 4 ? 0 away win over Huddersfield on 9 August 2014 , Pugh opened the scoring after only 26 seconds with a composed finish from Matt Ritchie 's cross . On 25 October 2014 , Pugh played as Bournemouth beat Birmingham City 8 ? 0 away to set a club record win , in which he second the first hat @-@ trick of his career in the second half . Pugh and full @-@ back Charlie Daniels formed a partnership on the left @-@ hand side of the pitch during 2014 ? 15 , the duo starting all matches but one of a 14 @-@ match unbeaten run for Bournemouth . He scored the first goal in a 3 ? 0 win over Bolton Wanderers on 27 April 2015 with a left @-@ footed shot into the top corner ; this result all but sealed Bournemouth 's promotion into the Premier League . He played in a 3 ? 0 away win against Charlton on 2 May 2015 , which confirmed promotion and , thanks to Watford drawing their last match , the Championship title . This was the first time Bournemouth had been promoted into the top flight in the club 's 125 @-@ year history . Pugh was one of Bournemouth 's most consistent players in 2014 ? 15 , and contributed with 9 goals from 44 matches .

Pugh scored his first Premier League goal in Bournemouth 's 4 ? 3 away win over West Ham United on 22 August 2015 , with a curling shot past Darren Randolph in the 66th minute . This goal meant he had scored in each of the top five divisions of the English football league system . In November 2015 , Pugh signed a new two @-@ and @-@ a @-@ half @-@ year contract with Bournemouth , tying him to the club until the summer of 2018 .

= = Style of play = =

Pugh primarily plays as a winger but can also play as an attacking midfielder . He has been noted for his dribbling skills and his ability to get past opposition players , and in February 2015 was praised by manager Eddie Howe for adding " real intelligence with his movement " .

= = Personal life = =

Pugh was born in Bacup , Lancashire to Tony and Denise . He grew up in Stacksteads and attended All Saints ' Catholic High School , Rawtenstall . He is married to Laura , with whom he has two daughters .

= = Career statistics = =

As of match played 17 May 2016 .

= = Honours = =

Bournemouth

Football League One runner @-@ up : 2012 ? 13

Football League Championship : 2014 ? 15