

= Richard Brodie (footballer) =

Richard Jon Brodie (born 8 July 1987) is an English professional footballer who plays as a striker for National League club York City .

Brodie started his career with Whickham and , after being their top scorer in the 2005 ? 06 season , moved to Newcastle Benfield in 2006 . He signed for York City in January 2007 and finished 2006 ? 07 with one goal and played in the Conference National play @-@ off semi @-@ final . He started 2007 ? 08 with only three goals in 2007 , but finished the season with 14 goals . Early in 2008 ? 09 , Brodie was loaned to Barrow and scored four goals during a one @-@ month period . He finished the season as York 's top scorer with 19 goals and played in their 2009 FA Trophy Final defeat at Wembley Stadium . The next season saw Brodie play in York 's defeat in the 2010 Conference Premier play @-@ off Final at Wembley Stadium and again finish as top scorer , this time with 34 goals .

He joined Crawley Town in August 2010 for an undisclosed fee , and with them he won the Conference Premier title in 2010 ? 11 . He joined Fleetwood Town on a season @-@ long loan for 2011 ? 12 , winning a second Conference Premier title in as many seasons . Brodie had loan spells with Morecambe and Grimsby Town over 2012 ? 13 , and after being released by Crawley joined Gateshead . He was loaned out to Hereford United and Southport , and joined the latter permanently in 2014 . Having been Southport 's top scorer with 14 goals in 2014 ? 15 , Brodie joined Aldershot Town but finished 2015 ? 16 with Stockport County . He earned two caps for the England C team from 2008 to 2009 .

= = Club career = =

= = = Early career = = =

Brodie was born in Gateshead , Tyne and Wear and grew up in the town as a Sunderland A.F.C. supporter . He attended Whickham School and played football for the Gateshead district team as a teenager . He later played youth football with Whickham Fellside Juniors from the age of 10 to 16 , Redheugh Boys Club , scoring six goals in a 14 ? 2 victory over Consett Badgers in March 2004 , and the Durham County under @-@ 18 team , featuring in the FA County Youth Cup in November . Brodie started his senior career in 2004 after making substitute appearances for Whickham in the semi @-@ professional Northern League Division Two before playing for them permanently aged 17 . He scored a hat @-@ trick for Whickham in a 5 ? 3 victory over Marske United in November 2005 . He scored 21 league goals in 35 appearances for Whickham and was their top scorer in the 2005 ? 06 season .

Brodie moved to Northern League Division One club Newcastle Benfield in the summer of 2006 and he became a popular player at the club . This move came after impressing Benfield manager Paul Baker in a match between the teams , in which Brodie impressed with his physicality . While playing semi @-@ professionally , Brodie took a part @-@ time apprenticeship in joinery and later worked as a full @-@ time joiner . He scored the first goal for Benfield in a friendly against Newcastle United in September , which finished as a 4 ? 3 defeat . Brodie scored the second goal in a 2 ? 0 victory over Cammell Laird with a direct free kick from 25 yards . He helped Benfield to victory in an FA Vase tie against Castle Vale in December by scoring their second goal in a 2 ? 0 victory , which set up a fifth round tie against Truro City . He was taken on trial by Premier League team Bolton Wanderers and he played for them in a juniors tournament in France , which ended unsuccessfully after he was played out of position at centre @-@ back . He scored three goals in 11 league appearances for Benfield .

= = = York City = = =

After impressing against Conference National club York City in a FA Cup fourth qualifying round tie

, Brodie trialled with the club and played in their reserve team , whilst also being allowed to play for Benfield in the FA Vase . He signed for York on transfer deadline day , 31 January 2007 , on a contract until the end of 2006 ? 07 for a nominal fee . He scored two minutes into his York debut with the third goal in a 4 ? 0 victory away to Altrincham on 10 February 2007 , having entered the match as a 64th @-@ minute substitute . He was sent off during a North Riding Cup match for York 's reserves against Scarborough in February 2007 , but a suspension did not come into place until 14 days later , meaning he was able to play league @-@ leaders Dagenham & Redbridge . York ranked fourth in the Conference National and Brodie played in both legs of the play @-@ off semi @-@ final defeat to Morecambe , losing 2 ? 1 on aggregate , and finished the season with 14 appearances and one goal . In May 2007 , York exercised their option to extend his contract for 2007 ? 08 .

Brodie made his first appearance of 2007 ? 08 after being introduced as a 61st @-@ minute substitute at home to Cambridge United on 11 August 2007 , but was unable to help the team as they lost 2 ? 1 . His first goal of the season came with the opener in a 3 ? 2 home defeat to Rushden & Diamonds on 30 August 2007 , and this was followed up with a goal in the following match , a 2 ? 2 home draw with Altrincham . Having not scored since , he received abuse from some sections of the York support during the 6 ? 0 home victory over Rushall Olympic in the FA Cup fourth qualifying round on 27 October 2007 . Following this , manager Billy McEwan said " I was disappointed to hear the young players like Richard Brodie getting stick . How can we develop young players if we don 't support them ? " Brodie and Onome Sodje scored in extra time to give York victory in the Conference League Cup fourth round match away to Stafford Rangers on 22 December 2007 , which set a new club record of six successive away victories . Brodie went on to score two goals in stoppage time to give York a 4 ? 3 away win over Droylsden , which drew praise from manager Colin Walker .

He suffered an ankle injury in a reserve match against Darlington on 8 January 2008 , and returned to the team for a 2 ? 2 draw away to Altrincham 11 days later . He was dropped from the team against Halifax Town in favour of loanee Leo Fortune @-@ West , and even though manager Walker assured Brodie that he was in the club 's long @-@ term plans , Brodie reacted angrily to being substituted for Fortune @-@ West at home to Ebbsfleet United on 29 March 2008 . He finished his first full season at York with 14 goals in 48 appearances , as they finished 14th in the Conference Premier . In April 2008 , the club took up its option of extending his contract until the end of 2008 ? 09 . Newly promoted Conference North club Gateshead made an inquiry for Brodie in June 2008 , which was rejected by York . Gateshead later had a four @-@ figure bid rejected , which would have been doubled if they would have won promotion into the Conference Premier the following season .

Following Martyn Woolford 's departure from York , Brodie played on the left wing in the 1 ? 0 away victory over Crawley Town on the opening day of the season . His first goal of the season came after being assisted by Simon Rusk in a 2 ? 2 away draw with Northwich Victoria . After coming on as a substitute in the 68th minute , he was sent off in the 76th minute of a 3 ? 1 away defeat against Wrexham on 7 October 2008 , after initially being shown a yellow card for kicking the ball away and then receiving a second card for a tackle on Carl Tremarco , which resulted in him being suspended for York 's match against Woking .

= = = Barrow loan = = =

He joined York 's Conference Premier rivals Barrow on a one @-@ month loan on 23 October 2008 , having made 15 appearances and scored three goals for York up to that point in 2008 ? 09 . After Brodie scored two goals on his debut for Barrow in a 4 ? 0 away victory Tamworth in the FA Cup fourth qualifying round , Barrow 's joint @-@ manager Darren Sheridan said " He did well and he gives us more options for the team . It was a great debut from him and we know there is still more to come in the next few games " . This performance led to him being nominated as Player of the Round for the fourth qualifying round , which was eventually awarded to Sam Hatton of AFC Wimbledon . Barrow revealed that they were hoping to sign him permanently in January 2009 if his

loan spell at the club proved successful . He made his league debut for Barrow in a 3 ? 1 home victory over Forest Green Rovers and he scored against Gateshead in the Conference League Cup third round for Barrow , the match finishing 3 ? 1 after extra time . It was agreed for Brodie 's loan at the club to be extended following the match , but York overturned this decision a day later . He made his final appearance for Barrow in a 1 ? 0 home defeat to Weymouth on 22 November 2008 , finishing the spell with seven appearances and four goals . He later ruled out the possibility of rejoining Barrow in January 2009 , saying he was committed to York .

= = = Return from loan = = =

He made his first appearance for York following his return a day after making his final appearance for Barrow , coming on as a 61st @-@ minute substitute for Liam Shepherd in a 2 ? 2 draw at home to Crawley on 23 November 2008 . Brodie scored York 's equaliser in the following match away to Salisbury City on 29 November 2008 with a goal in the 83rd minute , which finished as a 1 ? 1 draw in Martin Foyle 's first match as manager . After picking up a yellow card against Salisbury , his fifth of the season for York , he was handed a one @-@ match suspension which saw him miss the match against Grays Athletic . He scored with a 25 yard shot on his return away to Histon on 9 December 2008 , which finished as a 1 ? 1 draw . He scored twice against Northwich in the FA Trophy first round as York progressed with a 2 ? 0 away victory , Foyle rating Brodie 's first as the " goal of the season " . Foyle also stated his desire for Brodie to stay at York , after continued reports of interest from Barrow . Barrow joint @-@ manager David Bayliss said he was unlikely to table a bid for Brodie during the January 2009 , claiming " If we had a hell of a lot of money we could maybe get him away but we haven 't " . Foyle responded by saying he had no intention of selling Brodie .

Brodie scored the winning goal for York in a 2 ? 1 away victory over Oxford United in the FA Trophy second round , ensuring their progression to the third round . He scored York 's first goal in a 2 ? 1 home win over AFC Telford United in the FA Trophy semi @-@ final second leg , with the tie being won 4 ? 1 on aggregate , which saw the team reach the final at Wembley Stadium . A yellow card picked up against Kidderminster Harriers on 28 March 2009 resulted in Brodie receiving a two @-@ match suspension , meaning he would miss matches against Grays and Oxford , after being booked on 10 occasions during the season . He returned to the team for a 2 ? 1 home defeat to Northwich on 11 April 2009 , and during this match he was fouled in the penalty area , with the penalty kick being scored by Mark Robinson . Brodie scored against Weymouth in a 2 ? 1 away victory on 24 April 2009 , which ensured York 's survival in the Conference Premier . They finished the season 17th in the table . Brodie started in the 2009 FA Trophy Final at Wembley Stadium on 9 May 2009 , which York lost 2 ? 0 to Stevenage Borough . He finished the season as York 's top scorer with 19 goals in 46 appearances , and in May 2009 the club exercised its option to extend his contract for 2009 ? 10 .

Gateshead made an undisclosed five @-@ figure bid for Brodie in May 2009 , which was rejected by York . He signed a new two @-@ year contract with York in June 2009 . He scored York 's goal on the opening day of 2009 ? 10 in a match away to Oxford , which finished as a 2 ? 1 defeat . After a run of entering three matches as a substitute , he started against Gateshead away and scored York 's first goal with a 12 yard shot in a 2 ? 1 victory . Brodie won a penalty against Crawley after being fouled by Dominic Collins , which he scored six minutes into the match , before passing the ball to Michael Gash , who scored the second goal in a 2 ? 0 victory . Following the match , Foyle commented on their partnership , saying " They are doing well together because Michael leads the line very well and Richard looks to hit the flanks . " After receiving a yellow card in a home match with Oxford on 17 October 2009 for kicking the ball away , which was his fifth booking of the season , he was handed a one @-@ match suspension for York 's match against Luton Town . York claimed the booking was the result of mistaken identity , as Adam Smith was the player who committed the offence , and an appeal with The Football Association was lodged . The ban was overturned and he played for York in a 1 ? 1 draw on 20 October 2009 , assisting Neil Barrett 's goal for York with a pass .

He scored twice for York in a 3 ? 2 home victory over League Two team Crewe Alexandra in the FA

Cup first round on 7 November 2009 , which included the first and final goals . Following this , he was voted Player of the Round for the FA Cup first round . In the following match , he scored his first hat @-@ trick for York , with three goals in a 3 ? 2 home win over Chester City on 10 November 2009 . After picking up a yellow card against AFC Wimbledon on 21 November 2009 , Brodie was handed a one @-@ match suspension , which resulted in him missing a match against Gateshead . He was named the Conference Premier Player of the Month for November 2009 , during which he scored six goals in five appearances . Brodie scored his 20th goal of the season in a 2 ? 1 home victory over Wrexham , a result that equalled the club record for successive victories in all competitions with eight . This goal broke the club record for reaching 20 goals in a season in the quickest time , beating Arthur Bottom 's record by six days . Brodie played for York in the FA Cup third round against Premier League team Stoke City , in which they were beaten 3 ? 1 away . He scored two goals and provided an assist in a 4 ? 1 home win over Hayes & Yeading United , which broke the club record for consecutive league victories with eight . League Two team Grimsby Town made an offer for Brodie in January 2010 , with chairman John Fenty 's offer being rejected as it did not meet York 's valuation .

He was handed a two @-@ match suspension after receiving his 10th yellow card of the season during a 1 ? 0 home victory over Newport County in an FA Trophy second round replay on 26 January 2010 . He returned in a 1 ? 0 away win over Kettering on 6 February 2010 , before being handed a three @-@ match suspension as a result of being sent off during a 1 ? 0 away defeat to Ebbsfleet a week later after his elbow caught Dean Pooley . This resulted in a head wound that required three stitches for Pooley , and York 's directors and manager apologised to Ebbsfleet manager Liam Daish for the tackle . Following Chester 's expulsion from the Football Conference in March 2010 , the three goals Brodie scored against them were discounted as their results were expunged . He scored for the first time in 12 matches with two goals in a 4 ? 0 victory away to Grays on 30 March 2010 . He scored two goals against Barrow on 13 April 2010 in a 3 ? 0 home victory , a result that confirmed York 's place in the play @-@ offs .

Brodie was named as York 's Players ' Player of the Year for the season , as well as being awarded the Keith Walwyn Golden Boot , having scored 32 goals at that point . York finished fifth in the Conference Premier , and Brodie was the division 's joint top scorer alongside Matt Tubbs with 26 goals . He scored the winning goal on 89 minutes to give York a 1 ? 0 home victory against Luton in the play @-@ off semi @-@ final first leg . He played in the 1 ? 0 away victory in the second leg , meaning York won the tie 2 ? 0 on aggregate . After the match , Brodie was hit by a coin , with the squad being forced into the back of a stand after missiles were thrown at them by a section of Luton fans . He started in the 2010 Conference Premier play @-@ off Final at Wembley Stadium on 16 May 2010 , in which York lost 3 ? 1 to Oxford . He finished 2009 ? 10 with 51 appearances and 34 goals , making him York 's highest goalscorer in a season since Bottom scored 39 in 1954 ? 55 . York entered negotiations over a new contract with Brodie after the end of the season . At the Football Conference 's Annual Presentation Dinner , he was named the Conference Premier Player of the Year and a member of the Team of the Year .

York 's Conference Premier rivals Crawley had a £ 125 @, @ 000 bid for Brodie rejected during the summer of 2010 , and he scored his first goal of 2010 ? 11 with a penalty in a 3 ? 0 home win over Altrincham on 28 August . However , Brodie 's form for York early in the season had been unsettled by Crawley 's interest in signing him , which he claimed to have been aware of for " about a month to six weeks " after Crawley manager Steve Evans made an inquiry about him in July 2010 .

= = = Crawley Town = = =

He signed for Crawley for an undisclosed fee on 31 August 2010 , the transfer being completed three minutes before the transfer deadline . The fee was reported by The Press to be around £ 300 @, @ 000 , although Crawley co @-@ owner Bruce Winfield dismissed this figure , saying " it was nowhere near that " . The Non @-@ League Paper reported the fee to be £ 275 @, @ 500 ; if true , this meant a new record had been set for the highest transfer fee between two non @-@ League clubs . After signing , Brodie said " What they 're trying to plan here and the aims this club have got

is to be a Football League club . They 've got as good a chance as anybody . " He made his debut as a 55th @-@ minute substitute in a 1 ? 1 home draw with Fleetwood Town on 4 September 2010 . On his first start , Brodie scored his first goal for Crawley with the second goal in a 2 ? 0 victory away to Histon on 11 September 2010 . Crawley rejected an offer for him from an unnamed League Two club in January 2011 . Brodie struggled to force his way into the Crawley starting line @-@ up on a regular basis , and finished the season with 13 goals in 45 appearances for Crawley as the club won the Conference Premier title and therefore promotion into League Two .

= = = Loan spells = = =

On 16 May 2011 , Brodie signed for Conference Premier club Fleetwood Town on loan for 2011 ? 12 for a five @-@ figure loan fee . Homesickness was cited as the reason for the transfer , with manager Evans saying " Richard is a very talented lad but it is no secret he has failed to settle away from his family home " . Brodie debuted as a 54th @-@ minute substitute for Magno Vieira in Fleetwood 's 2 ? 0 away win over Grimsby on 13 August 2011 . His first goal for Fleetwood was the team 's fifth goal in a 5 ? 2 home victory over Kidderminster on 20 September 2011 . Brodie 's fifth league goal for Fleetwood came on 26 December 2011 against Southport , when he scored a late equaliser in the 88th minute to make the score 2 ? 2 in front of 3 @, @ 029 supporters , a record home league attendance for Fleetwood . He scored twice during the away league match against the same club on 1 January 2012 , the first coming after just four minutes and the second coming in the 29th minute , which made the score 3 ? 0 to Fleetwood . Two minutes after scoring his second goal Brodie was sent off after receiving a second yellow card , although his team went on to win the match 6 ? 0 . He made 39 appearances and scored 10 goals in 2011 ? 12 and won his second Conference Premier winner 's medal in as many seasons , as Fleetwood won the title and therefore promotion into League Two .

Brodie joined League Two club Morecambe on 19 July 2012 on a six @-@ month loan deal . He made his debut in Morecambe 's 2012 ? 13 opener as a 54th @-@ minute substitute for Jordan Burrow in their 2 ? 1 away victory over Championship team Blackpool on 12 August 2012 in the League Cup first round . His first start came on 18 August 2012 in Morecambe 's 3 ? 0 win away to Exeter City on 18 August 2012 . Having scored six goals in 27 appearances , he returned to Crawley on 2 January 2013 as Morecambe were not in a financial position to extend his loan . On 4 January 2013 , Brodie joined Conference Premier team Grimsby Town on loan until the end of 2012 ? 13 . He made his debut the following day , starting Grimsby 's 1 ? 1 home draw with Hereford United , before scoring his first goal in a 4 ? 2 win at home to Alfreton Town on 2 February 2013 . Brodie was released from his loan spell on 25 March 2013 , the day after he missed a penalty in the 4 ? 1 penalty shoot @-@ out defeat against Wrexham in the 2013 FA Trophy Final at Wembley Stadium . He had scored two goals in 15 appearances for Grimsby .

= = = Gateshead = = =

Brodie was released by Crawley at the end of the season and went on trial with Hartlepool United , who were newly relegated into League Two . He instead signed for Conference Premier club Gateshead on 15 May 2013 on a one @-@ year contract . He scored on his debut away to Kidderminster on 10 August 2013 , although Gateshead went on to lose 3 ? 1 . After scoring twice in his first seven appearances for Gateshead , Brodie signed for their Conference Premier rivals Hereford United on a one @-@ month loan on 13 September 2013 , being reunited with former York manager Foyle . He made his debut later that day in Hereford 's 2 ? 0 home defeat to Aldershot Town , and scored his only goal for the club in a 1 ? 1 draw away to FC Halifax Town on 21 September 2013 . He returned to Gateshead after the loan expired , having made eight appearances and scored one goal for Hereford .

= = = Southport = = =

Brodie was loaned out again on 21 November 2013 , joining fellow Conference Premier club Southport initially until January 2014 . He made his Southport debut two days later in a 5 ? 1 defeat away to Aldershot and scored his first goal on 28 December 2013 in a 2 ? 1 away loss against Alfreton . On 3 January 2014 , Brodie 's loan deal at Southport was extended until the end of the season . He completed the loan spell with one goal from 18 appearances as Southport finished 18th in the Conference Premier . At the end of the season , Brodie was released by Gateshead in May 2014 .

Brodie joined Southport permanently on 18 June 2014 , being signed by his former York and Hereford manager Foyle . His first appearance after signing permanently came as a 62nd @-@ minute substitute for Scott Kay in a 0 ? 0 away draw with Torquay United on 16 August 2014 , before starting the following match , a 2 ? 1 home win over Altrincham a week later , scoring Southport 's first goal after reacting first to a John Marsden header that had hit the post . Brodie was Southport 's top scorer in 2014 ? 15 with 14 goals from 41 appearances as Southport finished 19th in the Conference Premier . He signed a new contract with the club in May 2015 .

= = = Aldershot Town and Stockport County = = =

Although he signed a new contract with Southport , Brodie signed for their National League rivals Aldershot Town on 14 August 2015 on a one @-@ year contract . He debuted the following day as a 58th @-@ minute substitute in a 3 ? 0 away defeat to Wrexham , but started the following match , a 1 ? 1 home draw with Dover Athletic , in which he scored Aldershot 's equalising goal on 36 minutes from a Jim Stevenson pass . Having scored five goals from 26 appearances , Brodie left Aldershot by mutual consent on 29 January 2016 , so he could move closer to home for family reasons . A day later , he joined National League North club Stockport County and played for them on a part @-@ time basis . Brodie scored on his debut with a close @-@ range header in Stockport 's 2 ? 1 away defeat to Harrogate Town on 2 February 2016 . He scored four goals from 13 appearances as Stockport ranked ninth in the National League North . He was released by the club in May 2016 .

= = = Return to York City = = =

Brodie re @-@ signed for York City , who were newly relegated into the National League , on a one @-@ year contract on 17 May 2016 .

= = International career = =

Brodie was named in the England C team , who represent England at non @-@ League level for a friendly away to Bosnia and Herzegovina on 16 September 2008 . He started the match , but was substituted after 60 minutes , the match finishing a 6 ? 2 defeat . He was named on standby for the 2007 ? 09 International Challenge Trophy match against the Belgium under @-@ 21 team on 19 May 2009 . He was given a second call @-@ up for the match away to Poland under @-@ 23 team on 17 November 2009 . Brodie started the match and had a goal disallowed , before being substituted on 65 minutes after picking up a foot injury .

= = Style of play = =

Brodie plays as a striker and was described by the Times & Star as a " prolific " goalscorer . After making his debut for York in February 2007 , Dave Flett of The Press said Brodie " looks a potent package of pace and power with a competitive streak that should strike fear into countless Conference defenders " . Foyle 's guidance while manager at York was credited as benefiting Brodie . He stated " I 've worked hard trying to improve my game and I 'm starting to score different types of goals " in December 2009 . He was described by the Huddersfield Daily Examiner as " one of non @-@ league football 's hottest properties " in January 2010 . After signing for Crawley in August 2010 , manager Evans said " The lad is a terrific player , he works very hard for the team and gets a

goal " .

= = Personal life = =

Brodie coached and mentored the Southport College team in 2014 ? 15 , and organised a charity match between them and the Redheugh Boys Club in May 2015 to raise money for Diabetes UK . His partner is expected to give birth to their first child in the summer of 2016 .

= = Career statistics = =

As of match played 23 April 2016

= = Honours = =

Crawley Town

Conference Premier : 2010 ? 11

Fleetwood Town

Conference Premier : 2011 ? 12

Individual

Conference Premier Player of the Year : 2009 ? 10

Conference Premier Team of the Year : 2009 ? 10