

= Adam Miller (footballer) =

Adam Edward Miller (born 19 February 1982) is a retired footballer . He began his career with Ipswich Town but failed to make the first team and played for several non @-@ league teams before joining Queens Park Rangers , where he made his Football League debut in December 2004 . He later joined Stevenage Borough , but followed manager Mark Stimson to Gillingham in late 2007 . He has represented the England National Game XI and played at Wembley Stadium in the final of the FA Trophy .

= = Early life = =

Miller was born in Hemel Hempstead , but grew up in the Monkwick district of Colchester , where his family still lived as of 2004 . He attended The Stanway School in the town . At the age of 17 he joined Ipswich Town as a trainee . At around the same time he was called up to represent Northern Ireland at under @-@ 18 level , qualifying by virtue of the fact that his maternal grandfather was born in the country .

= = Career = =

Miller proved unable to break into Ipswich 's first team and was permitted to undertake a trial with Southend United in August 2000 . He played for the Essex club 's reserve team , which led to him being offered a professional contract , but Alan Little was dismissed as the club 's manager shortly afterwards , and the offer of a contract was withdrawn . In October 2000 , Miller was released from his contract at Ipswich and dropped into non @-@ league football , joining Canvey Island of the Isthmian League . In the 2000 ? 01 season he made 36 appearances for the " Gulls " and helped the team reach the final of the FA Trophy , although he was an unused substitute for Canvey 's victory over Forest Green Rovers in the final . The following season he was a key member of the team that finished second in the Isthmian League Premier Division , playing 48 times in total .

In August 2002 , after two final games for Canvey , he moved to Grays Athletic in a swap deal which saw Jeff Minton go in the opposite direction . Although he played 26 times for Grays in the 2002 ? 03 season , scoring six goals , he was made available for transfer at the end of the season . He joined Gravesend & Northfleet in September 2003 , but played just four games for the club before moving on to Aldershot Town a month later . His form at Aldershot won him The Non @-@ League Paper 's Young Player of the Year award for the 2003 ? 04 season , and also led to a call @-@ up to the England National Game XI in February 2004 , although it was to be his only cap for the semi @-@ professional national team .

In November 2004 , Miller played for Aldershot against the reserve team of Queens Park Rangers , the team he had supported since childhood . Rangers manager Ian Holloway , who had received promising reports about Miller from scouts , was sufficiently impressed to sign the player after watching him in person . Although the exact amount was undisclosed , the transfer fee was the highest ever received by Aldershot Town . Miller made his Football League debut on 4 December 2004 in a 2 ? 1 defeat to Nottingham Forest , and played in more than half of the team 's remaining league matches that season . By late September 2005 , he had made just one league appearances since the start of the season , and was sent to Peterborough United on what was originally intended to be a three @-@ month loan . A month later he was recalled to Loftus Road , but he was not to feature again in the Rangers team . In January 2006 , he had a brief trial with Oxford United but the following week he joined Stevenage Borough of the Conference National , initially on an 18 @-@ month contract .

Miller featured regularly for Stevenage , and was in the starting line @-@ up for the 2007 FA Trophy final , the first competitive match at the new Wembley Stadium , in which Borough came back from two goals down to beat Kidderminster Harriers and win the Trophy .

Stevenage manager , Mark Stimson , was appointed as the new manager of Gillingham in November 2007 , and quickly moved to sign Miller and his team @-@ mate John Nutter on loan .

Miller made his debut for the Kent club in the 2 ? 1 home win over Hartlepool United on 24 November 2007 , and signed a permanent contract in January 2008 , set to keep him at the club until 2010 . During the team 's ultimately unsuccessful struggle to avoid relegation from League One in the 2007 ? 08 season , Miller was identified as a key player and singled out for praise by Stimson , who said " If eight players play like Adam Miller we won 't be in this position but if we 've only got one or two we will be " . The following season he remained a regular selection in Stimson 's team , acting as captain in Barry Fuller 's absence , but injury kept him out of the team at the end of the season as Gillingham clinched a place in , and ultimately promotion through , the play @-@ offs . In the 2009 ? 10 season , however , he failed to hold down a regular place in the team , and in November 2009 went to Dagenham & Redbridge on a one @-@ month loan . Miller 's debut for Dagenham came on 14 November in a 1 ? 0 away win against Accrington Stanley . He returned to Gillingham at the end of his loan spell , but Stimson announced that the club was considering paying off the remainder of the player 's contract . Despite this , Miller played regularly during the remainder of the 2009 ? 10 season . At the end of the season he left Gillingham and joined Cambridge United . Miller played several times at the start of the 2010 ? 11 campaign , but was seriously injured in early September against Eastbourne Borough . Two years later , he announced his retirement from football as a result of the injury . He subsequently set up a company leasing luxury cars to other footballers .

= = Honours = =

FA Trophy : 2001 , 2007