



A WELCOME TO YOU ALL FROM **THE DREAM TEAM**

Andy Ansah, Head Coach, Harchester United

It is with great pleasure that I bring Harchester United to the New Bucks Head for today's mouth-watering fixture against heroes that have graced the turf of this impressive non-league ground.

The sad part about our visit today is the circumstances that bring us here. Something that has mirrored our imaginary situation on the programme but here today this is real life, this is a real football club with its real fans on the brink of disappearing. It makes us all humble on the show when we see the circumstances that surround clubs like Telford United and we are very glad and privileged to lend our support in any way and hope that today makes the newly formed Supporters Trust of this historic club a lot of money.

As many of you are aware we not only appear on Sky One's Dream Team but we play a handful of real football matches around the country to raise money for football-related causes and charities that are dear to us. We have played in front of select crowds in Ireland and we visited Shropshire last year where we experienced a very painful defeat at the hands of Telford's rivals Shrewsbury Town. After experiencing the defeat last year, our first and only competitive defeat in the last three years, so we come into this game with a lot of determination. Any team that Shakey has a hand in putting together is not to be taken lightly and has, so far, proved to be a tough prospect and we will be taking it very seriously and have every intention of winning the game.

In the show this year the players have experienced some major ups and downs but have always remained focused on the task in hand. The club has been surrounded by scandal but the boys have stuck together and been loyal to the club. There are obvious comparisons between our fictional situation and the real-life situation here at Telford but we know that by sticking together, backing your Trust, the club can and will survive. We must remember the reason why we are here today amongst all the fun and the re-acquaintances of old players who have played a major part in the history of this football club and that is the survival of Telford United FC.

Our lads are really looking forward to the game against the Telford heroes. I am sure that many of the players treading the turf today will appear in supporters' of Telford United's own Dream Team and the day will be an enjoyable one for everybody concerned. Spread the message, let's all help get this club back on its feet and make it part of the local community again. Keep your eye out on Sky One for Series 8 of Dream Team coming in the Autumn by which time we at Harchester will be looking out for Telford United's results in the Football Conference.

Keep the faith and thanks for your support

Andy Ansah

