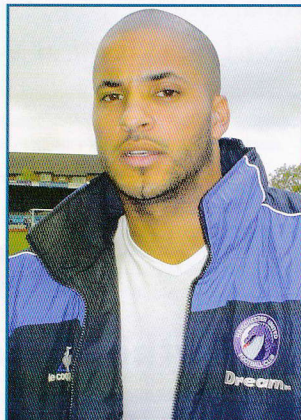




# HARCHESTER'S STAR MAN RYAN NAYSMITH



The son of disgraced former Dragons manager, has enjoyed his own bad boy image at the club. It was Stuart Naysmith who instrumental in his sons move across the Midlands, after he to had been signed from rivals Birmingham City. Ryan's arrival at Harchester, was an attempt by his father to get him away from trouble that followed him around whilst at the Blues.

His fathers earlier appearance in Harchester colours, left Ryan 'rotting' in his former clubs reserves and consequently lead him off the rails. In those circumstances his football became a chore and he stopped enjoying the game. Off the field trouble followed him around, loan sharks, manslaughter and burning down the players lounge with subsequent arson charges, saw things spiral out of control for the promising left winger.

Dad bailed him out in an attempt to put his promising career back on track, signing him for Harchester 2 years ago. This season his seen the naive, easily led youngster mature both on and off the field. The major turning point for Naysmith was the death of the ticket tout who had been black mailing him. Although the death was an accident Ryan had to grow up very quickly to deal with it. Manager and Dad Stuart saw a great opportunity for his son and bring in some much needed cash for the Dragons when a transfer deal was arranged with Liverpool. This deal was scuppered at the 11th hour by Luke Davenport, not wanting to break up his main supply for his goals and the excellent partnership the two had developed. This pushed Ryan over the edge and a stint in 'rehab' gave him much needed time to sort himself out.

Being thrown back in at the deep end on his return to Harchester, he secretly turned to performance enhancing drugs, to cover over his lack of fitness. The later private admission of drugs abuse, bought on by the arrival of Drugs testers at the Wolves game, saw him missed the crucial end of season victory over Manchester United. But the seasons end threw up more questions for the ever popular Naysmith junior. Will he cope with never seeing his dad again? Is he the answer to Englands left sided midfield problem in Euro 2004? And will he be enjoying Champions League football at Harchester next season.

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