

# Hillsborough charges against Sir Norman Bettison are dropped

All criminal charges against Sir Norman Bettison relating to his conduct as a South Yorkshire police chief inspector in the force's response to the 1989 Hillsborough disaster have been dropped.

The former Merseyside and West Yorkshire chief constable had been charged with four counts of misconduct in a public office, all relating to alleged lies he told about his role in the aftermath of the 1989 tragedy in which 96 Liverpool supporters died.

Bettison had made an application for the charges to be dismissed, which was due to be heard at Preston Crown Court on August 21st. During the short court hearing, prosecutor Sarah Whitehouse QC told the judge that the charges were being withdrawn and the prosecution discontinued as the 'state of the evidence has changed'. Ms Whitehouse said the CPS had a duty to review the evidence and the decision was reached there was no longer a realistic prospect of conviction.

Families of those who died in the Hillsborough disaster are now calling for a review of the decision.

Bettison was not charged for his actual conduct or role in the South Yorkshire police's response to the disaster. Instead, the CPS alleged that Bettison lied about his role in statements he made years later, in 1998 and 2012. Two charges alleged that in late 1998, during his application process for the Merseyside position, Bettison described his Hillsborough role as "peripheral" and told the Merseyside Police Authority he had "never attempted to shift blame on to the shoulders of Liverpool supporters". The two further charges related to press releases he issued in September 2012 after the Hillsborough Independent Panel published its report, in which he stated that he had never "besmirched" Liverpool supporters or suggested privately or publicly they had caused the disaster.

Prosecutor Ms Whitehouse told the court that the case was being discontinued because Mark Ellaby, a key witness to Bettison's alleged statements whose evidence supported three of the charges, had died. Then, last week, the Independent Office of Police Conduct (IOPC) revisited another key witness, an 85-year-old woman, and "significant contradictions" emerged in her evidence.

She said that there was "no longer a realistic prospect of conviction on three of the four charges", which left the single charge that Bettison had lied in 1998 when he described his Hillsborough role as 'peripheral'.

Paul Greaney QC, representing Bettison, told the court it had always been his client's case that he was referring to his involvement on the day of the disaster as peripheral, not what he did in relation to South Yorkshire police's response to it. He said the prosecution had been "reduced to the interpretation of a single word", and the CPS decided that misconduct in a public office could no longer be proven to the "very high criminal standard" required. Greaney criticised the IOPC, saying that for years its

investigators had failed to pursue obvious lines of inquiry to sufficiently test the strength of the witness's evidence.

He also criticised the Liverpool MP Maria Eagle for making speeches in parliament in 1998 and 2012 after the independent panel's report, in which she highlighted Bettison's role in the South Yorkshire police response. That work included Bettison going to parliament in November 1989, following Lord Justice Taylor's landmark official report into the disaster, to show a group of MPs a video compilation.

In October 2012, Bettison resigned from his then position as chief constable of West Yorkshire police and retired. Further evidence of his work after the disaster emerged at the new 2014-16 inquests into the 96 deaths.

Greaney alleged that during its investigation, the IOPC had encountered "naked political interference" and came under "considerable political pressure to place the 'peripheral' issue at the heart of its investigation".

In a short statement outside the court, Bettison said he had been "driven from the job" in 2012.

"My involvement in the events around Hillsborough has often been misrepresented, even in parliament," he said. "Since then, I have been forced to deny, strenuously, that I was guilty of any wrongdoing in the aftermath of the disaster."

Following the decision, Margaret Aspinall, Chair of the Hillsborough family support group whose 18-year-old son James was killed in the disaster, said: "We have grave concerns about the handling of this case by the CPS and can confirm that we will be exercising our right to an independent review under the right to review scheme.

"It is our view that the wrong charge was brought in the first place and we will be using the review process to argue this point strongly. We know how our supporters will feel about this decision and, of course, we all share all of those feelings."

Pledging to "fight on" while saying that the families struggle at times to "find the strength to keep going", she urged supporters to be restrained with any comment so as not to prejudice the continuing prosecutions against five other men.

David Duckenfield, the South Yorkshire police chief superintendent in command of the semi-final at Hillsborough, is charged with 95 counts of manslaughter by gross negligence.

Graham Mackrell, the former secretary and safety officer for Sheffield Wednesday, is charged with three breaches of safety legislation; former South Yorkshire police chief superintendent Donald Denton and chief inspector Alan Foster are charged with doing acts tending and intending to pervert the course of justice, as is the force's former solicitor, Peter Metcalf. Duckenfield's trial, which is listed first, is due to start in January.



# Know the Game Plan!

## Team effort to ensure security this season

Football fans are being reminded to 'Know The Game Plan' and report any security concerns to stewards or staff.

Officers have been working with the Premier League, EFL and individual clubs to enhance measures designed to keep supporters safe, and to raise and awareness of the threat from terrorism among club employees and supporters alike.

While there is no specific threat to football grounds, the project is part of a wider police plan to work more closely with different sectors such as retail, hospitality and entertainment to help protect the public.

Other sports such as rugby, tennis and cricket have also been supporting the 'Know The Game Plan' initiative, while former England internationals Alan Shearer, David Seaman and Paul Parker took part in a police campaign during the recent World Cup.

Nearly a quarter of a million sports event stewards have been issued with a short guide giving key advice to help protect crowds of spectators.

National Coordinator for Protective Security, Chief Superintendent Nick Aldworth said:

"The chance of being caught up in a terrorist attack is low but we want the public to feel confident to come forward and report any concerns if they see something suspicious to matchday staff or police.

"The more clubs encourage supporters to do this, the more likely they are to act on their instincts and not worry they might be mistaken or wasting time.

**"Most concerns will turn out to be nothing and that's absolutely fine. It's far better to say something than risk an important piece of information being missed.**

**"Our mantra is Action Counters Terrorism. If you see something, don't hesitate to ACT."**

Bob Eastwood, Security and Operations Adviser for the EFL added: "Getting supporters to think about security is just part of the work football has been doing in partnership with the police. Over the last 12 months we have held many events all over the country so counter-terrorism officers and stadium security managers can share their knowledge and do all we can to stay a step ahead.

"The safety of all fans is football's number one priority and we all have a role to play in doing everything we can to keep each other safe – police, officials and supporters."

As part of the 'Know The Game Plan', all fans are asked to:

- arrive early, allowing more time for security checks
- minimise what you carry, fewer bag searches will speed up entry to the ground
- be vigilant at all times and if you see anything suspicious, tell a steward right away
- call 999 if you see anything that could pose an immediate threat to safety
- listen to the public address instructions and follow them in an emergency
- evacuate immediately if told to do so, do not wait around to film events on your mobile
- move right away from the stadium as quickly as possible for your safety and to allow clear access for any emergency vehicles
- follow the local police force on Twitter for updates once you are safe

To find out more, visit [Know The Game Plan](#) or [@TerrorismPolice](#)



## Bradford benefits from stewarding support thanks to FSOA partnership

By Peter Houghton, FSOA Finance Officer

With the 2018/19 season now under way, in the FSOA office we have been looking at ways to ensure that our relationship targets with our Platinum Sponsor, Showsec International, are met. The fixture computer has thrown up some interesting early season matches and both Bradford City v Barnsley and Grimsby Town v Lincoln City have provided us with opportunities for EFL League 1 and League 2 clubs to take advantage of the initiative.

Previous Post Match Reports showed that the last two matches that Barnsley have played at Bradford City have been in the month of April and they have been end-of-season matches where neither team could gain promotion or suffer relegation. In addition, they have taken place around the anniversary of the Valley Parade fire and the visitors from South Yorkshire have embraced and shown their support and respect for this and joined in with the fundraising attempts.

This time though it was a "start-the-season" clash when there was a possibility that the West Yorkshire/South Yorkshire rivalry could surface as there were key points to play for. With this in mind, we thought it might be useful for Jonathan Heaton, Safety Officer at Bradford City, to seek the benefit of a team of Showsec stewards to assist him on the day. In addition, looking, once again at previous Post Match Reports, we saw that the Grimsby Town v Lincoln City fixture could deliver some interesting challenges so again, we suggested to our colleague Nick Dale at Grimsby to contact Showsec for help. Both of the above matches have been agreed and we're inviting each of the Safety Officers to give us some authentic feedback on their experiences in time for the next newsletter.

This does highlight the value of Safety Officers submitting Post Match Reports, as not only does it help fellow Safety Officers with their planning, but also ourselves here in the FSOA Office spot potential opportunities for Safety Officers, especially those in League 1 & League 2 to ask for help.

# Final spaces remain for October Conference 2018

All overnight rooms have now been sold for this year's October Conference & Exhibition - with just a handful of spaces now remaining for day delegates.

The event will be staged at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, in Stratford-upon-Avon, on October 16th and 17th.

More than 20 partner organisations are signed up to exhibit at the event to showcase the latest technologies and solutions available in stadium safety, including CCTV solutions, drugs detection dogs, IT support systems and steward training providers.

A packed agenda of speakers has been lined up for the event covering a range of topics including an update from the Counter Terrorism Unit, GDPR, the World Cup, Safe Standing, Safety Officers' experiences and the Manchester Arena bombing. Boxing legend, Frank Bruno MBE, will then entertain guests as our VIP after-dinner speaker. (See full agenda on next page)

The menu for the evening dinner can also be found opposite. Could anyone wishing to order the vegetarian option, please let the FSOA office know at least three weeks before the event.

John Newsham, FSOA Business Development Manager, said: "We are delighted to unveil our agenda for our much-anticipated October Conference & Exhibition, which promises to be another fantastic event.

"All overnight room allocations have now been filled and there are only a handful of places available for day delegates so please book your place soon if you don't want to miss out. We are looking forward to seeing all of you there for what promises to be another wonderful event."

The FSOA wishes to once again extend its thanks to main conference Sponsor, Showsec, Associate Sponsor, Dallmeier, and boat sponsor, Event Detection Dogs.

## Conference Menu

### Starters

Chicken liver parfait  
 Spiced pear chutney, crostini, micro cress

Marinated feta and watermelon salad (V) (GF)  
 Sunflower seeds, rocket, balsamic

### Mains

Roasted rump of lamb  
 Potato and garlic gratin, merlot sauce

### Vegetarian

Roasted vegetable wellington (v) (VE)  
 Tomato and Red Pepper Coulis

**All dishes are served with seasonal vegetables**

### Dessert

Sticky Toffee Pudding (GF)  
 Caramel Sauce

Selection of fine English Cheese  
 Celery, grapes, crackers & house chutney,  
 coffee or tea.

## Meet our exhibitors



**To book your place at the conference, call the FSOA office on 01254 841771**

# Conference Agenda

October 16th

Time	Activity
<b>3pm</b>	Hotel reception/registration for rooms
<b>5pm</b>	Meet on outside decking for boat trips
<b>5.15pm</b>	Dallmeier boat boarding
<b>5.30pm</b>	Event Detection Dogs boarding
<b>6.30pm</b>	Curry/Fish n Chips. Followed by fun in the Seymour Bar. With comedian Shaun Styles hosted by Andy Ashworth

October 17th

Time	Activity
<b>9am</b>	Registration and Exhibition ~ Please visit and engage with the exhibitors and sponsors who are supporting the association
<b>10am</b>	Conference ~ Introduction to the day from John Newsham
<b>10.05am</b>	Chairman's Welcome and the FSOA moving forward ~ Mark Miles
<b>10.25am</b>	Nomination for Honorary Memberships ~ Jim Chalmers
<b>10.35am</b>	Dallmeier - Steve Hodges
<b>10.40 am</b>	SGSA Green Guide Up-date ~ Rick Riding
<b>11am</b>	CTU Threat of Terrorism update - Claire Worley
<b>11.30am</b>	Morning break for refreshments and Exhibition visit
<b>12pm</b>	GDPR ~ Jez Gobran
<b>12.20pm</b>	The Manchester Arena bombing - Showsec's Alan Wallace
<b>12.45pm</b>	Lunch and Exhibition. Please visit our exhibitors

Time	Activity
<b>1.30pm</b>	Safety Officer's Experience ~ Pitch incursion during semi-final at Hampden between Rangers and Hibs ~ Brian Muir
<b>2pm</b>	Safety Officer's Experience - Lessons learnt from music festival at Newcastle United - Steve Storey
<b>2.30pm</b>	Level Playing Fields ~ 'Where are we with access and inclusion at sports stadia?' ~ Owain Davies
<b>2.45pm</b>	'Safe Standing' - Open debate/discussion hosted by Mark Miles
<b>3.10pm</b>	World Cup operation Home and Away ~ Tim Gant & Chad Heuston
<b>3.30pm</b>	Refreshments and Exhibition
<b>4pm</b>	Open Discussion - Questions from the floor to the panel
<b>5pm</b>	Conference round-up and summary by FSOA Chair with introduction to the evening's proceedings
<b>7pm for 7.30pm</b>	Aperitifs in the bar prior to the evening dinner, followed by an evening with guest speaker Frank Bruno & hosted by Andy Ashworth

## Shrewsbury make history with safe standing area



Shrewsbury made a piece of footballing history earlier this month as they became the first club in the Football League or Premier League to open a safe standing area.

The safe standing area was officially launched at their Montgomery Waters Meadow stadium for their League One clash against Bradford.

Costing £65,000 to install, the section in the main stand behind the goal can house 555 supporters.

Speaking previously about Shrewsbury's safe standing section, EFL chief exec Shaun Harvey said: "It's an important step on the journey towards our stated aim of seeing standing in stadiums across the EFL. I wish Shrewsbury Town every success. The installation will be popular with the club's fans and, more widely, will prove a valuable opportunity to assess its use at an English football ground.

"We have had a clear mandate from our clubs to lobby for changes to the all-seater policy."

The government recently commissioned a review of the policy which demands all-seater stadiums.

Sports minister, Tracey Crouch, had previously been unmoved by calls to overturn the ban on standing which was introduced following the Hillsborough disaster and has been in place for more than 20 years. Crouch received criticism for the government's decision to reject an application by West Bromwich Albion for a safe standing trial in one of the club's stands. But it is understood she feels advances in stadium design plus a swell of public enthusiasm for introducing safe standing mean it is time to review the policy. A recent survey by the Football League last month indicated 94% of 33,000 fans wanted safe standing to be introduced. (Photograph courtesy of Shrewsbury Town FC Twitter)

## Torquay United to include safe standing terrace in new stadium plans

A safe standing terrace will form part of the new stadium being proposed for Torquay United, according to Chairman Clarke Osborne, who has launched a three-month consultation into the plans. The 10,000-capacity stadium, which could be increased to 30,000 for events like concerts, rallies and other major sports events, is part of a £40 million leisure complex which Osborne's Gaming International company wants to build at Barton's Nightingale Park.

But Gulls fans, many of whom have stood on Plainmoor's Popular Side for generations, are among supporters across the country who want to retain or restore 'safe' terraces, and Osborne has vowed to include a section in the new stadium.

He said: "My view is that safe standing adds to the atmosphere and to the convenience of the supporters. That's where they get their most enjoyment and, absolutely, I envisage it as part of the new stadium.

Osborne has just kicked off a three-month 'consultation' period involving Torbay councillors, officials, local residents and United supporters, followed by the start of a formal planning process in November.

For full article, visit <https://www.devonlive.com/sport/football/football-news/torquay-united-safe-standing-terrace-1873508>

## Mitre Group supports Shrewsbury with safe standing training

Training company, Mitre Group, have been working with Shrewsbury Town Football Club to ensure its club stewards are supported and have received the very latest training to help support them with the introduction of their Safe Standing area.

Jennie Bowmer, Managing Director at Derbyshire-based Mitre, spoke about the importance of continually evolving training programmes to ensure they are fit for purpose for the football industry.

Jennie said "We are so proud to work with many of the UK's leading clubs and stadia and have supported thousands of people through our stadia programmes. We are especially proud to be supporting Shrewsbury by ensuring all stewards have trained appropriately and that the training they receive also covers safe standing.

"We have developed our programmes as the moving landscape of sport requires it too – safe standing wasn't an area we needed to include a year ago, now it's high on the agenda for many other clubs – all of whom are watching the developments at Shrewsbury with great interest."

Lawrence Ellerby, Safety Officer at Shrewsbury Town FC, said: "Mitre have been exceptional to work with and our partnership has been built on Mitre having a fantastic understanding of the sector and especially around the unique dynamics of standing supporters.

"The training of our Spectator Safety Stewards is unique in that we are the only club throughout England and Wales with a safe standing area and as such we have had to evolve the training of our stewards.

"The safety of all our supporters is of the paramount importance to us whilst ensuring we also enhance the match day experience – the training our stewards has received has been extremely thorough and equips our staff with the prerequisite of skills they require to carry out their duties."

Mitre have provided various accredited and non-accredited training for sports clubs throughout the UK for over 20 years and work with clubs at all levels of football from the Premier League to non-league clubs as well as rugby and cricket clubs.





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# Renewal Form

## Season 18/19

1st July 2018 to 30th June 2019

As the 17/18 season draws to a close, we would like to thank you for your continued support of the FSOA. Since its establishment in 1992, the organisation has played a pivotal role in transforming the landscape of football safety and your input is crucial to ensure we remain at the forefront of stadium and spectator safety going forward. We look forward to continuing our relationship for the upcoming season.

Club / Organisation .....

**Member 1 - Details**

Name: .....

Job Role: .....

Email: .....

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**Member 3 - Details**

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Job Role: .....

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Contact No: .....

Qualification: .....

**Member 4 - Details**

Name: .....

Job Role: .....

Email: .....

Contact No: .....

Qualification: .....

**Accounts - Details**

Name: .....

Email: .....

Contact No: .....

P.O. Number (if required) .....

Quantity of memberships:..... Sub total (£) :..... Total (£) :.....

## Annual Membership Fees

Details of our membership fees are outlined below, full details can be found on the following page.  
**National League Clubs and below are eligible for FREE membership on application.**  
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I /we wish to apply for the following membership:

Full	Associate
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Affiliate	Corporate

Signature: .....

Print Name: .....

Date: .....

**\* PAYMENT IS DUE BEFORE JULY 31st 2018**

**PLEASE NOTE** That it is a requirement of your membership that you post your match reports for EACH fixture or event held at your ground. Your membership could be suspended, on descretion of the management board, for failure to do so.

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### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

**FULL** - Full members are those who have successfully completed the Event and Match Day Safety Management Course (EMDSMC) or who hold a Level 4 Qualification and are employed as Safety Officers, Deputy Safety Officers, or Assistant Safety Officers at Sports Venues. Full membership is not limited to these definitions and may include persons with a relevant management safety roles within the events industry.

**HONORARY** - offered to persons, identified by the Management Committee, who by virtue of their current role and area of expertise are considered that their membership is of value to the Association.

**ASSOCIATE** members are those that fall outside the FULL Members definition and may include representatives from the SGSA, FA, EFL, Local Authority or emergency services, for example.

**RETIRED** – Full Members with more than five years' continuous service may apply for Retired Member status on retirement from the position of Ground Safety Officer, Deputy Ground Safety Officer at a sports venue or relevant safety management role.

**CORPORATE** – open to companies or other business organisations which are involved in, or have an interested in, ground safety.

All other applicants are Affiliate. Only FULL members are entitled to vote.

### TERMS:

\*FULL, AFFILLIATE & ASSOCIATE membership fee is £100.00 Plus VAT annually, RETIRED £30 Plus VAT and CORPORATE £500 plus Vat annually. Should you not be accepted for membership, your annual subscription will be returned.

\*Cheques should be made payable to 'The Football Safety Officers Association Limited' and forwarded with this renewal form to The FSOA office suite 5 Enterprise Centre, Blackburn Rovers FC, Ewood Park, Blackburn, Lancashire BB2 4JF

\*BACS Transfers are preferable, payable to the account provided on your `invoice

\*If membership renewal forms are not returned and completed by July 31st 2018, no invoice will be dispatched, your details will be removed from the database and your access to the members' area of the FSOA website withdrawn.

Please tick the box to acknowledge that by continuing with member access to the FSOA website you agree that your contact details can be accessed by other registered members for operational effectiveness. Your details will not be passed to any third parties without your approval.

Our carefully selected partners may, from time-to-time, have information, services and offers that may be of interest to you. Please tick here to opt out if you do NOT want to receive information from the FSOA about industry-related products and services.

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## NEWS FOR MEMBERS

### Upcoming Meetings:

NW region: September 20<sup>th</sup> at Everton FC

EM region: September 27<sup>th</sup> at Leicester Cricket Club

WM region: September 27<sup>th</sup> at Wolves FC

NE region: September 27<sup>th</sup> at Sheffield Wednesday FC

**\*Please join us in welcoming new members: Jonathan Tibbatts, from Slough Town FC, Graham Reeves, from Darlington FC, Steve Walker, from Stockport County FC and James Mildenhall, from Expo 2020 Dubai. We are also delighted to welcome new Corporate Partner, Abbey Group.**

\*Ken Chapman has left Millwall FC and the new Deputy SO is John D'arcy while Steve Copp joins Luton Town FC as SO

\*Paul Chapman, the current Safety Officer at Burton Albion FC, is retiring at the end of this season. Paul has given more than 20 years' service to the club and has decided to call time at the final whistle of their last match of this season.

Burton Albion are therefore advertising for a replacement Safety Officer full time to work with Paul this season. The job advertisement can be found on the FSOA website under 'recruitment'. We wish Paul all the best for his retirement.

\*Please note that both Andy Batley of Norwich City FC and Dave Storr of Bristol City FC have requested assistance/information from other members. Please visit the forum to see their requests and please make contact with them if you can assist in any way.

## New contract to promote FSOA



The FSOA has extended its contract with marketing consultants, The M Word Media, in a bid to improve its image, boost its profile and increase membership.

The company has produced the FSOA's monthly newsletters for more than a year, but has now taken on more responsibility for the organisation's branding going

forward, including the development of a new-look website, creation of professional-looking marketing materials, media presence and social media output.

Victoria Nash, Co-Director of The M Word Media, said: "We are delighted to have been given the opportunity to expand our work with the FSOA to best showcase the vital work of the organisation and the expertise of its members.

"The FSOA has played an integral role in the development of stadium safety standards over the past 25 years and it is important that its presence - whether this be online, in the press, amongst members, or on social media - is professional and consistent, whilst truly reflecting the organisation and its values.

"We are looking forward to working with everyone within the FSOA to best promote its continued work as the organisation moves forward into the future, ensuring it remains at the forefront of sports safety for years to come."

Please ensure that payment for your membership renewal has been made before the 1<sup>st</sup> September  
This is to ensure continuation of membership and access to the members' forum on the website.

## Showsec secures new three-year contract with Rotherham United FC

Long-standing FSOA partner and support, Showsec, has cemented its involvement with Rotherham United Football Club by signing a second three-year contract with the club. The contract, which will see Showsec provide Stewards and SIA Door Supervisors alongside other security providers to the club, is recognition of Showsec's ongoing commitment to Rotherham United and the local community. Showsec's record of providing high-quality security and crowd management services to the club has been instrumental to it gaining this new three-year contract. Paul Davis, Stadium Manager, said: "Showsec have proved to be a reliable, professional security provider over the past three and a half years working closely with our own safety management team to ensure New York Stadium is a safe, welcoming venue to visit. We look forward to developing our relationship over the next few years."

The partnership is a natural fit for Showsec and Rotherham United as both organisations are committed to an ethos of corporate social responsibility. Previously Showsec has forged valuable links with local charities in Rotherham, including donating tables to Rotherham Hospice at special Rotherham United events and functions. Being involved with the Club for a further 3-years will give Showsec valuable opportunity to continue its contributions to the local community.

The new contract is also welcome news for the town's economy, as Showsec will be looking to recruit more casual workers to meet the growing demand in the area. It is an exciting time to be involved as the club are newly promoted to the Championship for the 2018/2019 season. In this momentous new season, Showsec will be there to ensure all new home games proceed smoothly and safely.

Kayley Grieves, Area Manager for Sheffield, said: "We are very happy to secure another three years at Rotherham United. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the club and supporting the local area.

"The staff have done a fantastic job so far and we are really excited to continue our very solid working relationship with the club."