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Trevor Morley



Trevor Morley was born in Nottingham on March 20th 1961. He was on the books at Derby County before joining Corby Town. Nuneaton manager Graham Carr signed Morley for £5,000 from Corby Town in January 1981 but he was unable to turn around his new club's fortunes and Boro lost their struggle against relegation from the Alliance Premier League and were relegated to the Southern League Midland Division.

Morley became a cornerstone of the side that won promotion in 1981-82 and finished second in the Alliance Premier/Gola League in seasons 1983-84 and 1984-85. Trevor made 222 appearances for Nuneaton, scoring 65 goals. He also played in six Non-League Internationals for England.

In June, 1985 he joined former Boro manager Graham Carr at Northampton Town in a £30,000 deal. and captained Northampton to the Fourth Division title in season 1986-87. During his time with "The Cobblers", Morley was recognised as a cultured attacking or midfield player, and scored 39 league goals in 139 appearances. His efforts with Northampton won him a move to Manchester City, who paid £235,000 for his services. After almost two years with City, he moved to West Ham United in a deal that saw Ian Bishop also move to Upton Park. Morley was valued at £450,000.

After finishing top scorer for West Ham in the 1990-91 season when the "Hammers" were promoted to Division 1, he scored only five goals in 32 appearances as West Ham were relegated the following season. Back in Division 2, Morley flourished again and was top scorer with 22 goals in 49 appearances with West Ham again promoted after finishing runners up to Newcastle United.

Following another barren spell at the top level, Morley was allowed to leave Upton Park and joined Reading, where he played between 1995 and 1998. He received a terrible facial injury in a clash with John Gittins of Portsmouth and had to have reconstructive surgery and plates fitted into his skull. Trevor then played in Norway before taking up a scouting role with Arsenal. He took on a managerial role with Norwegian fifth division club Bergen Sparta, before moving into other non-footballing roles as well as working as a TV pundit.