

Meet the Stones' new boys: Sam Cox



New midfielder Sam and (above) who pops up when you Google 'Sam Cox' too quickly. Our Sam's cleavage is not quite so impressive

Name & age: Samuel Peter Cox, 25.

Usual playing position? Central Midfield or Right Back

favourite position? Central Mid

Where do you live? Born and raised in North West London and now living in Elstree.

Single, attached, married? I have a girlfriend and we are coming up to our first year together!

Previous clubs? Tottenham Hotspur, Cheltenham Town, Torquay Utd, Histon, Barnet, Hayes & Yeading, Boreham Wood and the Guyana National Team.

Job outside football? Academy Coach at Tottenham Hotspur

How do you manage to fit football in with your working hours? Well because we train in the evenings here at Wealdstone it gives me the whole day to fit my Foundation work in, as I'm also a grass roots mentor for the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation. My Academy sessions are all in the evening, however I'm working on a way to fit it in with my training schedule (somehow!)

What do you see as your major attributes as a footballer? I would say my ability to win the ball, regain possession and start up attacks. I always give 100% and try to be a leader on and off the pitch.

Have any of your relatives played the game to a good level? My Dad used to play over Hackney Marshes! Haha he didn't make it to a professional level but he inspired me growing up.

Did you know any of the Stones players before signing? Yes, Matty Whichelow I played with at Boreham Wood and I consider to

be one of my very good friends. I also used to play against him, Eddie Oshodi and Jonathan North when they were all at Watford and I was at Spurs. I also played with Tom Cadmore at Hayes & Yeading, Elliot Benyon when I was on loan at Torquay United and also Scotty McGleish at Barnet.

What/who persuaded you to join Wealdstone? I would say Chairman Peter Marsden and Manager Gordon Bartlett. They were very interested in seeing me, knowing I was a free agent. I was really impressed with what they had to say and the direction the club was going in. I'm someone who always wants to better myself and the Chairman seemed to echo my philosophy. It's always nice when a club wants you, and they were very understanding about my International commitments with Guyana. What attracted me also was the great fan base we have here. They are what I call "proper football fans" and I'm looking forward to giving my everything for them.

Did you know much about the club's rich history before you joined? Yes of course, as a local lad I was fully aware of the history - I'm now very proud to be a part of it and I would love to create some history this season!
Have you played against the Stones before? Yes in the Con-

ference South, 2 seasons ago. I actually scored a last minute winner past Northy but that's all history now, I won't remind him! haha

Where do you see yourself in five years? Playing at the highest level I possibly can. Hopefully with a lot more trophies and a lot more International caps. I'm sure I'll still be doing my Academy work and developing young players but also having one eye on getting into management.

THE LAST... Goal you scored? Vs Wealdstone for Boreham Wood two years ago. Say no more :)

Assist? Against Curacao, in the Caribbean Cup, back in May. I won the ball in midfield, went on a run, then slid our striker in with a through ball to get the equaliser!

Car you bought? Mercedes CLA

Film you saw? Suicide Squad

Book you read? The Bible

Trophy won? Conference South Play-Off Trophy 2015

Time you were sent off? Must have been about 3 seasons ago for Boreham Wood, for a handball on the goal line! What a save it was though!

Holiday you had? I went to Kos, in June with the girlfriend.

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Best goal you've ever scored? Against Eastleigh a few seasons

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ago. I received the ball on the run going into the box, done a Step over, chopped the ball back onto my right foot and smashed it top corner! If you don't believe me check it on YouTube! hahah

Your most memorable moments?

1. Being named in the UEFA Cup squad against Shakhtar Donetsk in 2009 at White Hart Lane: I remember walking into the changing room and seeing my shirt "COX 62" in between Gareth Bales and Giovanni Dos Santos. I didn't come on but the whole experience was so surreal.

2. Winning the Conference South Play Off final at Boreham Wood as Club Captain. We had a great season and probably should have won the league, but beating Whitehawk in the final in extra time was an amazing feeling.

3. Becoming captain of my national team. It's always an honour to represent your country and play International football, but when I got named Captain of Guyana last May, it was a very proud and special moment for myself and my family. My first game as skipper was against Curacao, who were managed by Patrick Kluivert, one of my childhood heroes.

Best player you've ever played with.... and against? Best player I've played with is a close one between Luka Modric, Dimitar Berbatov and Gareth Bale... but I'm going to have to say Gareth Bale because of what he's gone on to achieve in the game. At the time we were both playing reserves together at Spurs, he was left back and I was right back. When he got his chance playing in the first team in a more advanced role, he thrived on it and the rest is history as they say!

The best player I've played against would probably be Samir Nasri. It was a pre season fixture for Barnet against Arsenal and I was playing centre-mid against him and Jack Wilshere. I'd played against Jack a lot over the years and was always a fiery contest when I did. But Nasri was on a different level. The way he moved with the ball and his change of pace was so good. Marking him that day

was a real challenge but one I really enjoyed!

Worst moment in football, and why? I would have to say last season at Boreham Wood. It was in March when I was called up to represent Guyana (right) which was a very proud moment for me. It triggered a change of behaviour towards me. On my return, things became very difficult. Things were said (online and in person) which were very disrespectful and it was a very sad and frustrating time for me, especially after what I had achieved there. The fans however were always behind me and I'll never forget the good times I had during my time at the club.

Best moment in football so far, and why? I would say signing my first professional contract in 2008. It's every boys dream to become a pro and after my two-year scholarship at Tottenham, I was rewarded with my first professional contract under Harry Redknapp - was one of my best moments in football.

Best team you've ever played in? I would say my youth team.. Most have now gone on to play across the EFL, Premiership and Internationally. Harry Kane, Danny Rose, Jake Livermore, Ryan Mason, Paul Mpoke, John Bostock, Yasser Kasim, Andros Townsend and Steven Caulker

have all gone on to play at full International level. Adam Smith is now a regular at Bournemouth in the Premier League, Yuri Berchiche is at La Liga outfit Real Sociedad whilst Callum Butcher, Tom Carroll, Alex Pritchard and Jon Obika have gone on to have

very successful league careers. Wasn't a bad side to be fair!

Favourite restaurant? Ma Petite Jamaica in Camden Town.

Favourite meal? Jerk Combo, Rice & Pea's with Plantain.

Biggest influence on your career ? Would have to be my Mum Gill and Dad Terry.

They have been there for me from the start.

Which five people would you LOVE to have round for a meal, and why? My Family would be my obvious first choice of course but not family members hmmm... Of all time? Let's see...

1. Michael Jackson- The King Of Pop is the greatest entertainer we have ever seen! Never got to see him in concert so he would definitely get a seat at the table.

2. Bob Marley- He was so inspiring and enlightening with his lyrics. An amazing musician I would love to have picked his brain at a dinner table!

3. The Rock- How can you not have the most electrifying man in Sports Entertainment round for dinner! Can you smell what The Rock is cooking?!

4. Will Smith- You always need some jokes at the table! It was close between him Kevin Hart and Eddie Murphy but I

think think Will Smith edges it because of his acting. Fresh Prince was my favourite programme growing up!

5. Jesus Christ- The King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He would be sat at the head of the table for sure!



Spot the international star... Yes, it's both of them! Sam with Harry Kane



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