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FORMER MEMBER MAKES BIG MONEY MOVE DURING TRANSFER WINDOW

Manchester United's signing of former FootballCV.com member Chris Smalling for a reported £7million is the biggest UK transfer in the window so far.

The transfer window is just hours from closing and so far the Red Devil's capture of the England under-21 international is the biggest deal completed in this country. The 20-year-old has joined on a four-year deal but will stay with Fulham on-loan until the end of the season.

Smalling was playing for non-league club Maidstone just 18 months ago when he was spotted by the Cottagers and having been watched six times in the space of four weeks he was handed a chance in a reserve team game. Within 15 minutes Fulham Manager Roy Hodgson, watching on the sidelines, had seen enough and offered him a professional contract.

This fairytale story gives hope to many; the young defender struggled to find an academy club at schoolboy level but refused to give up and registered with FootballCV.com as he looked to pursue the career he had always dreamed of.

Graham Starmer, Managing Director of FootballCV.com commented: "Whilst we can't make claim that Chris came through one of our trials days, as many of our success stories have, he became a member in April 2006 and it should give belief and hope to other members in their late teens what can happen in football in such a short space of time."

FootballCV.com, celebrating it's ten year anniversary, has helped hundreds of players progress with their football career, but Smalling is by far the highest profile member that has been on their books.



FootballCV.com is the brainchild of Peter Mallinger and Graham Starmer which was initially set up as a website for players to register their footballing CV.

Following great success, FootballCV.com began staging trials days at various clubs up and down the country in 2001 and six years later progressed to open the first private football academy in the UK that offers players aged 16-19 years old full-time coaching and educational courses.

Smalling is one a number of players who have been associated with FootballCV.com during those ten years who have gone on to carve out a successful career in the professional game and the company hopes many more of it's thousands of members will continue to progress and become success stories in their own right.

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About Football CV.com

FootballCV.com is a website database for footballers of all ages, used by managers of all levels. The extensive player database, football trials and assessment days give youngsters the chance to let their talent shine through. The FootballCV.com concept is the brainchild of Peter Mallinger (a former vice-chairman of Newcastle United and ex-Chairman of Kettering Town), Graham Starmer and David Mallinger (Inventor of 'Kickmaster'). All have been involved in the football industry for some years.

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