

## Footballcv.com – News Update

### UK Trial Evaluations Announced

Footballcv.com are pleased to announce a series of our highly successful 'Trial Evaluation' sessions. These small-sided trials are designed to inform players of strengths and weaknesses in their own performance in a trial-game situation.

Two professional scouts will be in attendance at all Trial Evaluation events and will evaluate each players performance, with a report for each trialist provided within two weeks following the trial evaluation date.

<b>Fri, July 27<sup>th</sup> (6.30-9.30pm)</b>	<b>at Goals Centre, Leicester (Midlands)</b>	<i>(Over 18's through to Under 16's)</i>
<b>Sun, July 29<sup>th</sup> (1-5pm)</b>	<b>at Goals Centre, Dagenham (London)</b>	<i>(Over 18's through to Under 12's)</i>
<b>Sun, Aug 5<sup>th</sup> (1-4pm)</b>	<b>at Goals Centre, Sheffield (Yorkshire)</b>	<i>(Over 18's through to Under 14's)</i>
<b>Sun, Aug 12<sup>th</sup> (1-3pm)</b>	<b>at Goals Centre, Middlesbrough (Teeside)</b>	<i>(Over 18's through to Under 16's)</i>
<b>Fri, Aug 17<sup>th</sup> (6.30-9.30pm)</b>	<b>at Goals Centre, Willenhall (W.Midlands)</b>	<i>(Over 18's through to Under 14's)</i>
<b>Sun, Aug 19<sup>th</sup> (1-4pm)</b>	<b>at Goals Centre, Southampton (South Coast)</b>	<i>(Over 18's through to Under 14's)</i>
<b>Fri, Aug 24<sup>th</sup> (6-10pm)</b>	<b>at Goals Centre, Heathrow (London)</b>	<i>(Over 18's through to Under 12's)</i>
<b>Sun, Aug 26<sup>th</sup> (1-3pm)</b>	<b>at Goals Centre, Plymouth (Devon)</b>	<i>(Over 18's through to Under 16's)</i>

All Bookings can be made online or by phoning 0870 240 0523.

### Trial Days - 2007

The following is available to book with **many more to be confirmed soon:**

**Sunday, Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>** at **Sutton United F.C (London)** *(Over 18's through to Under 12's)*

***N.B All trials are attended by Premiership, League and Non-league clubs and are run on the same principal. More Trials Days will be announced on the website shortly.***

### footballcv trials camp

**Sun, August 5th – Fri, August 10th** Residential Camp - Ascot, Berks. (12– 19 year olds).

The camp is run in association with camp specialists Let Me Play.

Matthew Lord, Director of the Camp said "The camp is an opportunity for young people to not only come together and enjoy a week of football but also to learn about the dedication and hard work that goes into being a professional athlete.

We are glad to be back at the superb facilities of the school for another week of camp, to meet another group of young people and to see whether any of them have what it takes to make it as a professional – it really is a unique opportunity".

***Last year member Tom Bird attended and has subsequently signed for Chelsea!!***

If you would like to apply to come to camp, please visit [www.letmeplay.co.uk](http://www.letmeplay.co.uk) to download an application form, email [info@letmeplay.co.uk](mailto:info@letmeplay.co.uk) or call 0845 009 0933 for more information.

### LFE trials a success!

Footballcv.com have just completed Assessment Trials for the LFE (League Football Education) and The PFA (Professional Footballers Association) last week and feedback from the series of trials has been excellent.

The events held at Bisham Abbey, Rushden and Diamonds and Northwich Victoria proved a great success, with players, parents and scouts alike hailing the 3 day programme.

The trials themselves are designed to provide Apprentices with the opportunity to showcase their talents in front of representatives from Football League clubs, Nationwide Football Conference clubs and clubs from levels 5 to level 9 of the English Football pyramid. However scouts from the Bundesliga, Scottish Premier League and the United States of America also attended.

Richard Jobson, of the Professional Footballers Association, commented ““From the PFA's point of view, we were delighted in the way in which the trials were organised and run on the three nights last week. Thanks and congratulations must go to all the staff at footballcv.com for all their hard work and effort which ensured that the project was a major success.”

David Roe, of League Football Education (LFE) added “On behalf of LFE I'd just like to thank all the footballcv.com and PFA staff that attended the trials for their hard work in making them run so smoothly. The feedback we've had from players, parents and scouts has been excellent.”

## **Member News**

Following a spate of Trials Days at the grounds of **West Ham United, Charlton Athletic, Leicester City** and **Norwich City** in May there has been a great deal of news and interest in footballcv members.

Twelve year old **Danny Bircham** impressed the scouts so much that several clubs offered the youngster trials. Danny appeared in the Under 14's in central midfield and impressed enough to be offered further trials at **Arsenal** and also **Watford** and **Charlton Athletic**. Danny's father, Nicky, was delighted for his son saying "This was his second footballcv trials day but at the first he wasn't at his best but on Sunday he played well. This is a nice problem to have and i can't thank footballcv enough for the opportunity this may give him".

Another member who has received interest from a football league club is 15 year old **Mark Howell**, Mark who attended our recent Charlton event is currently in talks with Coca Cola league championship side **Southend United**.

**Jordan Wolden** a member of footballcv.com for three years has signed a two year contract at Premiership club **Wigan Athletic** last night. Jordan , now fourteen years old, joined footballcv back in 2004 and found success last year after he joined Bolton Wanderers for nine months. Unfortunately Jordan was released and re-joined footballcv.com. He was due to attend the Trials Day at Northwich Victoria until Wigan's offer came in.

Footballcv are pleased to announce that **Joseph Sheldon** has been offered a 2 year extension to his contract at **Southend United**. Joseph was originally spotted by Southend at the Dagenham and Redbridge trials in March 2006 and after a brief trial period with the centre of excellence U14's squad, signed a year contract for the season of 2006/7. At Easter he went to France where he played alongside U16 players, two years his senior. Southend unfortunately lost in the final on penalties to the Danish side Copenhagen after a 1-1 draw. Joseph's Father, Mark, commented “It was a tremendous experience which went a long way to aid Southend to make the decision they have for Joe”. As from September, Joseph will be representing the U16's at Southend and Mark further added “As ever Joe is really grateful for the chance given to him by footballcv.com”.

**Jordan Robertson** produced such an eye-catching performance in the Under 14's trial match at Leicester City that a host of clubs are chasing him. Football CV has had enquiries for the forward from **Stevenage** from **Preston North End, Birmingham City, Leicester City, Walsall** and **Peterborough United**. The player is currently weighing up his options.

Another member to have signed for a league club is 13 year old **Ryan Kikabhai**. Ryan has recently been offered and accepted a 3 year contact with **Stockport County**.

From the Rushden and Diamonds trials day, 17 year old **Joseph O'Toole** has been offered a trial with Coca Cola League Two side **Grimsby Town** and has also received communication from Nationwide North side Moor Green. Grimsby Town from the same event have also invited for further trials, two 16 year olds, **Paul Smyth** and **Magnus Neilson**.

Another member to have received interest from a club going up the division's is **Joseph OToole**, the 17 year old defender spotted recently at the Rushden and Diamonds trials day has been offered a further trial with newly promoted Premiership club **Birmingham City's** youth team.

Fifteen year old midfielder, **Adam Weston**, playing in the under 16's age group at our Northwich Victoria, Trials day impressed the watching scout from **Bolton Wanderers** and has been offered a trial with their under 16's.

**Bolton** also took an interest in 13 year old forward **Liam Noon**, who from the under 14's age group was offered a further trial at the Premiership club. Liam has since completed his trial period with Bolton Wanderers and has now been invited to train with the academy during the pre season programme. Liam's delighted father recently wrote us to say "I must take this opportunity to thank everyone at Football CV on Liam's behalf on what has been a fantastic couple of months in Liam's life. Liam is like every thirteen year old boy in the country and aspires to be a professional footballer. Football CV has given him a chance to fulfil his dream. He thoroughly enjoyed the Trials Day - it was a fantastic experience and very well organised. Keep up the great work!"

From the same under 14's game at Northwich, Championship side **Preston North End** have offered a 6 week pre-season trial to 13 year old defender **Kyle Harrison**. Kyle's mum, Lesley, commented "My son Kyle recently attended the Northwich Victoria trials day, which is the second trials day he has attended. He feels they have given him the experience and confidence to play football with lads he doesn't know, in unfamiliar surroundings. Kyle enjoyed his game and felt it went well". Following the trial game the Preston North End scouts showed an interest in Kyle and through Footballcv have invited him to Preston in the Summer. Lesley further added "He is very excited at the chance he has been given. We would like to thank Football CV".

Ten year old **Adnaan Ahmed** was another to impress the **Preston** Scout from the same Trials Day, and has been offered a further trial with them.

From the over 18's age group at Northwich, left back **Phil Doran** not only received interest from England in the shape of **Witton Albion**, recent playoff finalist's in the Unibond Premier League, he has also received communication from Norwegian Football club **Hamarkameratene**. **Hamarkameratene** or Ham Kam FC for short, are based in the town of Hamar and are the current Norwegian First Division leaders.

17 year old forward **Freddie Andrews** who also caught the scouts eye at the fantastic Walkers Stadium, has recently agreed to have an extended trial at Welsh Premier League champions, **The New Saints (TNS)**.

**Craig Pickstone**, a 15 year old midfielder at the Norwich event, impressed the watching Scout from **Birmingham City** and is in the process of having further talks with them.

Member's on the move include 20 year old **Byron Webster**. Byron who made his debut as a 17 year old for York City, went on to make 25 first team appearances scoring 1 goal. He signed for Conference North club **Harrogate Town**, towards the end of the season and finished one place below the playoffs.

Also on the move is 23 year old member and central defender **Paul Lorraine** who has recently signed for Blue Square Premier side **Woking FC**.

Not only have we had members catching the eye of clubs here in Britain and Europe, member **Gareth Hamer** is on his way to America. The 18 year old has been offered and accepted a 4 year scholarship at **Bethel College** in **Kansas**. Gareth fly's over in August to start, and while there, will combine his football with a degree in Athletics Training and Coaching.

Finally and carrying on with the American theme **Sean Roberts** who has previously received trials at **Clyde, Greenock Morton** and **Partick Thistle**, has just received two offers of scholarships from colleges in the United States.

## **New academy launched!**

September 2007 will see the opening of the first Footballcv.com Academy.

The Academy will be based at Rushden & Diamonds F.C. using their fantastic facilities. The entrance criteria will be for boys 16 to 18 years of age who will have just left school.

The Academy will cater for educational and football development, using fantastic facilities based at one of the UK's most-developed football clubs.

### **Why is this unique?**

The Academy will be like no other in the country in that up to 30 hours a week will be spent on intense football training and playing provided by former professional players and coaches. We hope this will lead you into becoming a professional footballer. And you will also have the opportunity to come out with some qualifications as well.

### **Manchester United Visit**

The footballcv Academy is delighted to confirm Manchester United have invited the academy players up to their training ground at Carrington next season.

The academy will be able to see the first team squad train and will have a tour of the state of the art training headquarters of one of the world's biggest clubs.

The trip will culminate in a tour of the museum at Old Trafford. The Premiership leaders have confirmed the footballcv academy will be allowed an exclusive tour although the date will be confirmed when the season starts in August.

This trip is the first of many excursions planned for the academy that will also include:

- Trial matches in front of major club scouts
  - Competitive matches in National Youth League
  - Friendlies against Premiership and Football league opposition
  - Sessions with former pro-footballers and managers
  - FA Referees seminars
  - Sessions about contracts with a FIFA-approved Player's Agent
  - Expert coaching sessions for all outfield positions and goalkeeping
  - Top UEFA/FA qualified football coaching
  - Physiotherapy sessions / first aid training
  - Sessions with a sports performance coach
  - Nutrition, health & lifestyle advice
  - Freestyle-skills sessions
  - Visits to pro and semi-pro games with analysis
  - Team building activities
  - Media training
  - Sport Psychology
- and much more

There are limited places still available for the first year intake starting in September - please ring **0870 240 0523** to attend an Open Day or visit **[www.footballcvacademy.com](http://www.footballcvacademy.com)** for more information.

Please note if you are under 16 years of age you can still register your interest for future places.

## **Other News**

### **Arsenal next big to support footballcv.com**

Ken Fishera scout for Arsenal FCand various lower league clubs recently supported the footballcv concept saying:

“The footballcv Trials Days I have attended have always been run to a high standard and the coaching staff helpful and organised.

The lads taking part are given an insight into the professional game and can see what would be required to play at a higher level.

There have been a number of players that I have been able to offer further trials to using my contacts at senior non-league level leading to footballcv trialists playing at a higher level.

I will always attend trials in the future and hope one day to ‘unearth a gem’ for the Premiership too.”

### **Competition news**

Dean Hudson, from North Yorkshire won April’s monthly competition of a Kelme football by predicting the 1-1 draw between Chelsea and Manchester United.