

Footballcv.com – Newsletter

September 2007

Trial Days - 2007

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

Sun, Sept 23rd at Sutton United F.C (London) (Over 18's through to Under 12's)
Wed, Oct 24th at Rushden & Diamonds F.C (Midlands) (Over 18's through to Under 16's)
Sun, Nov 11th at Stalybridge Celtic F.C (Manchester) (Over 18's through to Under 14'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.

More 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.

Fri, November 30th (6 -9 pm) at Goals Centre, Hayes (London) (Over 18 - Under 14's)
Sun, December 2nd (1 -4 pm) at Goals Centre, Leeds (North) (Over 18 - Under 16's)
Fri, December 7th (6 -9 pm) at Goals Centre, Wimbledon (London) (Over 18 - Under 16's)
Fri, January 4th (6 -9 pm) at Goals Centre, Leicester (Midlands) (Over 18 - Under 16's)
Sun, January 6th (6 -9 pm) at Goals Centre, Dagenham (Essex) (Over 18 - Under 12's)

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

footballcv trials camps 2008

footballcv have been running week long camps for a couple of years now with great success.

We are delighted to confirm a new series of camps will now be run at Nene Park, home of Rushden & Diamonds Fc and the footballcv academy for 2008.

The camps will be run during school holidays and further details including costs will be confirmed in the near future. They will consist of visits from professional players, nutritionalists, psychologists, managers and coaches and will culminate in a trial match in front of Premiership and Football League scouts.

The footballcv camps will be on:

Sunday, February 17th - Friday, February 22nd at Nene Park, Rushden & Diamonds FC
Sunday, April 13th - Friday, April 18th at Nene Park, Rushden & Diamonds FC

summer camps - to be confirmed

Anyone interested in these camps should contact us by email to info@footballcv.com or 0870 240 0523.

Our recent Residential Football Camp in Ascot once again proved to be a hit with the members who attended the event. The event was attended by over 60 players and included a very informative and positive visit from Reading F.C. goalkeeper Adam Federici. Having received a number of e-mails, letters and phone calls praising the event, below is a summary of some members thoughts;

"I did enjoy the week and was happy with everything and believe my words where ever I go in my football I will always remember people and be proud of being a member of the camp, and will let them know how good you guys are. Just being around the coaches, learning from them and believing in your football was just some thing to write home about. Thanks alot".

Nas, footballcv.com member.

"Thank you so much for a lovely camp i thoroughly enjoyed it everything about it. Thank you so much for organising the camp. Please tell all the coaches I said thank you once again".

Zenon, footballcv.com member.

Footballcv academy news

Premiership and England Under-21 Star, **Ashley Young**, officially opened the prestigious FootballCV Academy on Monday September 3rd.

Based at Rushden & Diamonds' Nene Park ground in Northamptonshire, the Academy is the first of its kind in the world – an independent, private, residential football academy, totally dedicated to the footballing and educational needs of its students.

The Academy will be home to 27 lads who were chosen from hundreds of hopefuls for a place at the Academy. As part of their development they will play a number of friendlies against Premiership and Football League opposition in addition to daily training programmes. The lads will also compete in the Football Conference Youth League against the likes of Birmingham City and Oxford United.

After training each day, the squad will head to the classroom to continue a comprehensive football education with seminars, workshops, visits to football games, and guest speakers including some of the biggest names in football.

Monday was the first training session for all of the Academy members and they will now be hoping to impress not just the team of former professional footballers and coaches who will guide them through their two year stay with the Academy but Ashley Young, the quicksilver Aston Villa forward.

As a richly promising Academy product himself, Ashley Young will be able to give added inspiration, advice and hope to the Academy squad, all of whom are committed to forging a career in professional football.

Kevin Wilson, the former Northern Irish International and Academy Team Manager, said "The FootballCV Academy is a revolutionary concept which gives young footballers the opportunity to make a career in the game, either becoming a player or via the qualifications the players will gain. I am delighted to be a part of the Academy and to assist the progress of the lads into the professional game. They've all worked hard to get to this point and we'll make sure we give them the best platform to make the most of their talents. We'll give Ashley a very warm welcome and I'm sure he can show the lads exactly what they can achieve if they work hard to maximise their talents."

For more information visit www.footballcvacademy.com which will have regular match reports and updates on the Academy team – the FCV Reds.

Other News

Footballcv.com have completed Assessment Trials for the LFE (League Football Education) and The PFA (Professional Footballers Association) 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."

Managing Director of footballcv.com, **Graham Starmer**, was delighted with the feedback from the trials – "This is the second year footballcv.com have run the trials for apprentices and first year pro's who have been released from the Football League clubs and hope this relationship with all parties continues.

I would like to think it is another sign of how far we have come in the last few years"

Over ninety scouts attended the trials to watch 180 players on show. **Brian Prandle**, Wrexham AFC Chief Scout, said "All three events were very well organised and I found that it was easy to identify players under the format used. There was no shortage of skill and endeavour on show and as a result I've certainly taken some of the players into consideration."

Gordon Taylor, PFA Chief Executive noted that: "These Assessment Trials will become one of the most significant events in the football calendar, ensuring that disengaged talent is not entirely lost to the game at such a young age."

Over the summer FootballCV returned from a very successful weekend at the Grassroots show, the event itself was visited by thousands of people from a broad spectrum of football

backgrounds, including Managers, Coaches, Players, Parents, Referees, Leagues and many more.

With the Exhibition full to the brim, Footballcv took its prime location at the entrance to the Skills Zone and spoke with hundreds of people regarding the Trials day experience and the exciting new Academy which starts its inaugural season this forthcoming September.

The Academy Manager, **Martin Harris**, said "It's was fantastic to see so many people visit our stand over the weekend, especially our members, who took time out to come and speak to us. The event also allowed us to meet many old and new friends in the football industry, which we hope will develop into and forge new partnerships".

The weekend ended with the Footballcv Academy taking centre stage in the Coaches Arena. Two of Footballcv's UEFA A qualified coaches, former Forest striker **Lee Glover** and Northampton Town youth coach **Sean Parrish** put some of the Academy players through their paces in an exhibition of drills to assess ability in a selection process.

Over the weekend Footballcv ran a competition on the stand to win a signed England shirt by Spurs and England Star **Aaron Lennon**, this was won by Steph Portley of Northamptonshire.

Player News

The success stories for footballcv.com members continue to roll in with more members to report on.

Andy Brown has been invited to Premiership **Middlesbrough** for a six week trial. The fifteen year old from Tyne & Wear had been pre-season training at Chester-le-Street FC through footballcv.com but now has the chance to make his dreams come true after 'Boro scouts spotted him.

He is also being monitored by Blackburn Rovers, Hartlepool and Darlington.

Seventeen year old **Teng Deng** last week signed for **Barnet**. Teng wrote to us to say - "Following my trial at Rusden and Diamonds in August i was invited to play a pre-season friendly game for Rushden and impresses however the following week i went on trial at Barnet football Club and signed for their Under 19's. Thank you very much footballcv.com".

Omar Ali has signed for one year with Second Division **Grimsby Town** after one of their scouts spotted him at a footballcv Trials Day. The Scottish forward is one of many players footballcv.com have helped this year alone.

Samuel Dickin, who only registered with footballcv in April was invited for trials at **Ipswich Town** and **Plymouth Argyle**. He subsequently undertook a six week trial period at Plymouth Argyle and has been signed by them.

Sam's delighted parents contacted us "We were very impressed with the number of hits on his profile page in such a short period of time and you are doing a wonderful job helping youngsters to fulfill their dreams. Keep the good work up and best wishes for the future."

Jordan Wolden a member of footballcv.com for three years has signed a two year contract at Premiership club **Wigan Athletic**.

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.

Twelve year old **Danny Bircham** impressed the scouts on the 'players panel' at the Trials Day at Dagenham & Redbridge FC so much that all three have offered the youngster trials.

Danny appeared in the Under 14's in central midfield and impressed enough to be offered further trials at **Arsenal** this week and **Watford** and **Charlton Athletic** the week after.

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".

Michael Redgrift has signed extended schoolboy terms with **Boston United** and will compete for them in the Puma Youth League.

16 year old **Tate Newmarch** from Toronto Canada, is currently involved in a 10 day trial/training session with English Premiership side **Everton F.C.** This follows Tate completing a number of trials with professional teams in France earlier in 2007.

20 year old member **Byron Webster**, has signed a professional contract for Czech Republic Premier League team **FK Most**. Byron will be looking to establish himself at FK Most as the team challenges for the Czech league title and qualification for European football.

16 year old footballcv.com member **Tom Read** has signed for **Hednesford Town F.C.** Academy.

Australian member **Alexandr Milinasavic** recently attended a trial at League Two side **Grimsby Town F.C.** and impressed the club enough for them to offer Alexandr a further trial in 2008.

16 year old Romanian member **Alexandru Tanase** impressed scouts from Premiership and Championship clubs at the recent Trial Evaluation at Willenhall.

Samuel Shillingford has signed for the youth team at Great Yarmouth Town FC and has already played for the first team.

Further support has been recieved by footballcv.com;

Flackwell Heath FC - Geoff Turner Chairman "We thank you for supplying this invaluable service and fully endorse your venture. We have at least half a dozen players coming to our pre-season camp who have been acquired via footballcv.com"

Merthyr Tydfil FC - Jonathan Henderson U18 Manager "Merthyr Tydfil Football Club support footballcv.com"

Camberley Town FC - Paul Barry 1st team Manager "Camberley Town Football Club support footballcv.com"

Hednesford Town FC - Nigel Birch "Hednesford Town Football Club support footballcv.com"

Northampton Town's new signing **Giles Coke** checked out at Sixfields this week but it isn't the first time he has appeared in Northamptonshire looking to pursue his footballing career. The 21-year-old was released as a youngster by Queens Park Rangers and enrolled as a member with Northampton-based FootballCV.com as he looked to get a second chance at making a living from the professional game.

Midfielder Coke appeared at a trials day in Kettering, where he impressed and was promptly snapped up by Ryman Isthmian Football League Division One side Kingstonian. After a successful first season at K's in 2004/05 he came to the attention of a number of Football League club scouts, then with six goals in 32 starts under his belt he signed for Mansfield Town in March 2005.

With several Championship clubs keeping a close eye on his progress at Field Mill he agreed a new one-year contract their last summer, before making the switch to the Cobblers at the start of July. The ex-FootballCV.com trialist now has over eighty appearances under his belt and remains grateful for the opportunity the website database for all ages provided him with.

"I always found FootballCV.com to be very helpful and their trials not only put you in the spotlight but were also a very good experience", commented the midfielder. "I hope my story helps persuade the older FootballCV.com members that non-league is a very good route into professional football."

Coke, won't be the only player on Northampton Town's books next year with a tie-up with FootballCV.com after sixteen-year-old **Odysseas Economides** signed a two-year scholarship with the League One outfit, something the youngster is very much looking forward to. Odysseas' father Dinos Economides explained: "I would like to thank FootballCV.com and their Academy who kept Odys's dream of becoming a professional football player alive. Thanks to the professionally and well organised trials, Odys made one more step forward and we truly believe that the trials and the FootballCV.com Academy will give the opportunity to a lot more youngsters to also fulfill their dreams."

Ian Sampson, First Team Coach at Northampton Town was full of praise for footballcv saying "I have personally attended footballcv trials days in the past and always found them very useful. The club has now benefited with the signing of Odysseas for the youth team and it is great to see Giles, one of their first members, joining the club."

Footballcv are always pleased to hear from our member's, especially about their experiences on our Trials Days or to advise us how they are getting along with their new club. Over the last few weeks we have received many message's of thanks - here are just a few.

Jordan Robertson who created great interest after his performance at the Leicester City Trials Day with over 6 clubs chasing his signature from the Premiership down to the Conference has recently signed for a year with ambitious Coca Cola Division Two side **Peterborough United**.

Richard Arnold wrote on Jordan's behalf "I just wanted to thank you all at footballcv for your trial days that we have attended; they have managed to get Jordan on his way to hopefully a promising career in football which has been his dream from a young age".

Richard went on to add "Jordan has signed for one year at Peterborough United with a view to progressing on to better things. It's not about being at the top clubs; it's about getting your foot on the ladder, playing other clubs of a higher standard and getting yourself out there, learning and working hard. Only then will you learn what its like, but if your good enough and you want it, Footballcv can get you on your way, but don't give up if it doesn't happen straight away we've been members for years and its been worth the wait!"

Like Jordan, 14 year old defender **Daniel Birkinshaw** also attended the trials day at the impressive Walkers Stadium. His father Keith wrote to thank Footballcv and advise "Just a quick note to say how impressed we were with the trials day, Dan enjoyed the event very much, although he was very nervous about playing in such a large arena, and has already said he can't wait for the next one!"

19 year old **Alan Davidson**, from our trials day at Rushden and Diamonds FC caught the eye of the watching scout from **Stoke City FC**. Alan a central midfielder has been offered a weeks trial with the Coca Cola Championship side.

14 year old midfielder **Craig Stanley** has received interest from two Coca-Cola Division 1 teams, **AFC Bournemouth** and **Swindon Town**, Craig who has previously been on trial with Premiership Giants Portsmouth is currently speaking to both interested parties.

Another midfielder, 13 year old **Christopher Kennet**, has been offered a place at his hometown club, **Stevenage Borough's** Academy for this forthcoming season. Chris, who last season was working his way up at Stevenage through their development programme, also received interest from Premiership side Reading through a Footballcv trials day. Reading are monitoring his progress.

Staying with the Conference theme, **Aldershot Town** have offered 12 year old member **Jake Goodall** a place with their youth set up for this forthcoming season. Jake's father, Frankie, who took the time to write to Footballcv to thank us advised, Aldershot, who contacted Footballcv after seeing Jake's CV on the website, will look to have Jake represent their U13's side.

17 year old's members **Gareth Govier** and **Alex McCarthy** who both hail from Wales, have attracted the attention of Southern League Premier side **Merthyr Tydfil**. Both have been invited down for a trial, with Youth Team manager Jonathan Henderson endorsing their support Footballcv.com.

It's not only player's in Britain who have received interest from clubs thanks to the help of Footballcv, **Aleksandar Milisaljevic**, a 17 year old forward who comes from Sydney, Australia attended the trials day at the famous Upton Park, home to West Ham United. He caught the eye of the watching scout from Coca Cola League 2 side **Grimsby Town** who offered Aleksandar a week's trial.

With clubs showing a great interest in Footballcv.com we have received further interest from clubs such as Blue Square North side **Redditch United** who have taken no less than 7 members for trials. Northern League side **Chester Le Street FC** have also been busy on the Footballcv site with 8 players receiving offers from the club.

Unibond Premier League side **Hednesford Town FC** have been in contact regarding 16 year old member and forward **Joshua Orhion**. **Camberley Town** from the Combined Counties League Premier Division have also spoken to 4 members, with 1st team Manager Paul Barry coming out to show his support for Footballcv.

Flackwell Heath who have recently been in contact with member **Paul London**, were grateful for Footballcv's help and Chairman Geoff Turner commented, "We thank you for supplying this invaluable service and fully endorse your venture. We have at least half a dozen players coming to our pre-season camp who have been acquired via Footballcv.com".

16 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,TNS.

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

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

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.

The Trials Day at **West Ham United FC** was a great success and with all who attended thoroughly enjoying the experience of playing on the famous Upton Park turf that has produced players such as Moore, Hurst, Peters, Brooking, Ince, Lampard, Ferdinand, Carrick, Cole and Defoe over the years!

Three members received some interest from the watching scouts with Arsenal in contact from one of the players in the Under 16's about further trials and two older players impressing non-league clubs AFC Wimbledon and Croydon Athletic.

The day was topped off for Hammers fans with West Ham legend **Tony Cottee** offering tips and advice throughout the evening to all members.

Tony gained seven England caps and scored over 146 goals in two spells for West Ham United. He also scored 99 goals for Everton and other previous clubs included Leicester City, Norwich City and Birmingham City scoring over 300 goals in his 18 year career. Tony now works for Sky TV as a football pundit.

Fifteen year old midfielder, **Adam Weston**, playing in the under 16's age group, impressed the watching scout from **Bolton Wanderers** and was 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 has been offered a further trial at the Premiership club.

From the same under 14's game, 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 Trials Day, and has been offered a further trial with them.

From the over 18's age group, 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.

It is great to hear from all our members, old or new, and Footballcv do appreciate the effort taken to write in. Please keep us informed how you are getting on and how you have found our trials day experience.

Competition News

Mahamoud Makmoth was the lucky winner of our latest competition, and received a copy of FIFA 07 game on the PSP courtesy of **GAME**.

footballcv.com has linked up with GAME over the last couple of years who have provided some great prizes for footballcv members.

Our new competition is also available to enter, your chance to get your hands on 'Cross Country Championship' PC game.

All you need to do is correctly predict the result of the game between Arsenal and Derby County on 22 Sep 07, by visiting our 'Competitions' section of the website.

Dean Hudson from North Yorkshire won the previous month's competition of a Kelme football by predicting the 1-1 draw between Chelsea and Manchester United.