



## MEET THE COACHES



## GARETH PROSSER

### COACH BIOGRAPHY

#### Gareth Prosser - Academy Manager



A former scholar at local rivals West Bromwich Albion, Gareth joined Wolves in July '08 from Derby County, where he spent two years also as Assistant Academy Manager. As part of the new footballing structure at Wolves, Gareth Prosser was appointed Acting Academy Manager in January 2013, a role that was made permanent in July '13. Gareth was promoted after five years as the Assistant Academy Manager for the club. In this time, the provision in place for the Academy players has greatly improved with a more holistic programme of development in place, including more contact time for the players. Gareth was heavily involved in the Elite Player Performance Plan development at the club, resulting in the Wolves Academy achieving Category One status, one of only 10 clubs to achieve this rating in 2012. In his time at Derby, Gareth worked with players such as Will Hughes & Jeff Hendrick who have all gone on to play regularly in the first team at Derby. Prior to Derby County, Gareth worked for the FAW as Football Development Officer for Flintshire, a role which also involved him working with the FAW regional & National U16 squad, as well as in coach education. Gareth delivered & lead courses up to & including the UEFA B qualification. Gareth has also represented Wolves on behalf of the Premier League as a head coach on the Premier League's flagship international programme 'Premier Skills', which has taken him to countries including India, Kenya, Senegal, Botswana & China to coach other coaches. Gareth graduated from Liverpool John Moores University in 2004 with a BSc [Hons] Degree in Coaching Science. During his time at University, Gareth worked in the Academy at Tranmere Rovers for four years, working with players such as Thomas Ince & Scott Wootton. Gareth passed his UEFA Pro Licence in 2014 & has completed the Diploma in Football Management Course in conjunction with the University of Liverpool & the League Managers Association.

## MARC CAMPBELL

### COACH BIOGRAPHY

#### Marc Campbell - Assistant Academy Manager 9-16



Marc arrived at Wolves in 2005 & started work as a Community Officer for the Community Trust department. In July 2008 he started working with the younger age groups of the Academy & in February, 2009, he became a full time member of the Academy staff. As assistant academy manager, Marc's role is to ensure the schoolboy programme at the academy operates effectively for staff & players & to help coordinate the coaching programme alongside the full & part time staff to maximise the provision for the schoolboy players. He is also responsible for working alongside the education & welfare team for the Full-time players at Thomas Telford School. Marc also works closely with Global Image Sports, where together they coordinate international coaching, coach development & recruitment opportunities for players in England, North America, Canada & Singapore. Marc is currently taking his UEFA 'A' coaching license & holds the FA advanced youth award along with other FA age-specific coaching qualifications [Youth Modules 1,2 and 3], a BA [Hons] degree from the University of Birmingham.

## DANIEL WATSON

### COACH BIOGRAPHY

#### Daniel Watson - Assistant Academy Manager 9-16



- 11+ years with the Academy
- Began as a part time community coach
- Scouted by Bob Bennett
- Recruited by Marc Campbell to work with U7-U12's
- Integral part in many of the current top U18 and U16 players
- UEFA B License
- Youth Modules 1-3
- Advanced Youth Award
- Level 3 Supporting Teaching & Learning Diploma
- Spent 3 years working as a Teaching Assistant at local primary school

## JONATHAN HUNTER-BARRETT

### COACH BIOGRAPHY

#### Foundation Phase Lead Coach 5-12s



Jonathan was appointed full time in September 2014 following working in the academy as a part time coach for three seasons. Before joining Wolves in 2011, Jonathan worked as a Sport & Delivery Coordinator & a part time coach at Walsall FC. Jonathan's role with Wolves sees him oversee the Foundation Phase programme, applying his vast experience of working with 5-12 year olds. Jonathan holds a BSc Hons in Sports Coaching, UEFA B Licence qualification, & FA Youth Awards 1-3.



## JAMES MEARA



### COACH BIOGRAPHY

- UEFA B License
- USSA B
- FA Level 1.2.3

James was born in Hammersmith, West London & lived there until the age of 9 when he moved out to Hertfordshire. He joined Watford F.C. as a 10 year old at their academy & progressed through the years to the age of 16. As a 16 year old he was involved in the squad that won the FA Youth Cup in 1989, beating Manchester City in the final. The next year he was offered a two year full time Academy Player position at Watford which he accepted. After the two year academy contract Meara signed & played as a professional at the club for the next three years. He made his professional debut away at Tranmere Rovers FC in the 1992-93 season. At the end of his fourteen year association with the club he signed a two year contract at Doncaster Rovers FC. The following years Meara played semi pro in England & acquired his coaching licenses.

## RYAN HOWARD



### COACH BIOGRAPHY

Ryan is an academy coach at Wolves working across a number of age groups, predominantly in the foundation phase (U7-U12's). Ryan has worked in the academy for two seasons, joining in 2016. Before joining Wolves, Ryan worked for The Football Association for 3 years, educating teachers and coaches in the local community, and for Birmingham City Ladies, working in their regional talent club. Ryan is presently completing a masters degree in Sport & Exercise Psychology at Loughborough University, holds a first class honours degree in BSc Sports Coaching Science and has completed the UEFA B licence and FA Youth Award.

## HARVEY PARKES



### COACH BIOGRAPHY

- UEFA B license
- Wolverhampton Wanderers FC - Assistance U12 coach
- FA Level One Coaching Badge | FA Learning Emergency Aid Course | FA safeguarding
- Level Two in sports coaching
- Level Two in health & safety in the work place
- FA Level Two in football coaching
- FA Youth Model level one
- FA Youth Three Model
- Basic First Aid for Sport course
- Coerver Coaching Youth Diploma Level One | Two
- FA Youth Award
- Ajax FC | CPD
- Netherlands National Youth Team | CPD
- Leicester City FC Women's team - Head Coach of the Women Development team (2015)
- Derby County FC - Academy Scout & Head Coach for the U15s | 10s | 13s Dev. Team (2016)
- Birmingham City FC - Academy Coach (2017)
- University of Birmingham - Assistant Head Coach of the Men's Football Team

## MARC MCLAREN



### COACH BIOGRAPHY

A full time coach with Wolves Academy since July 2016, Marc's primary responsibility is as U9/U10 cell lead coach within the foundation phase. Marc also assists in the running of the pre-academy (U7/U8) and works with the Full time U13 and U14 players. Before joining the academy in January 2015, Marc worked as an Academy Development Coach at West Bromwich Albion as well as in grassroots and schools football. His qualifications include Levels 1&2 in football coaching, UEFA B licence, Youth Modules 1-3 (Youth Award), an Elite Coach Apprenticeship Scheme (ECAS) graduate (Premier League accredited), holds a 1st Class BA Honours degree in Sports Development and Coaching and is currently enrolled on the FA Advanced Youth Award for the upcoming season. Marc has also travelled across the world to countries including USA, Canada and Singapore coaching and delivering to players and coaches across all age groups and ability levels.



## DANIEL TIPPER



### COACH BIOGRAPHY

- Work for Wolverhampton Wanderers FC within their foundation phase with the U10's
- UEFA B licensed coach
- Previous coaching experiences involved working for Norwich City FC, working within their centre of excellence to progress players onto the academy.
- FA Youth Award (modules 1-3)
- Futsal level 1 certificate.
- BSc Hons degree in sport studies at the University of Hertfordshire and a Master's degree in Sport Coaching at the University of Loughborough