

CRAIG JOHNSON

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Passionate Football Scout with over 10 years experience in scouting, data accuracy and management. Independent problem-solver focused on providing in depth and accurate reports on players from under 18 to first team level. Works well under tight deadlines.

WORK HISTORY

Regional Emerging Talent Scout, 11/2017 - Current Leeds United Football Club

- Emerging Talent scout at U18-U23 & 1st team within the Midlands and Yorkshire region
- Report on players from the Premier League and Football League to see if they fit the Leeds United model
- Report on players from Category 1, 2, and 3 academies to potentially sign for the Leeds U18 and U21 teams and develop to play for the 1st team
- To also scout 1st team games within the Football League to look for potential 1st team targets and compile reports using Scoutastic.
- Assess player performances to identify strengths and weaknesses.
- Develop relationships internally and externally with key stakeholders, scouts, coaches and agents to gather as much information as possible on key player targets.
- Update depth charts and send in requests for games to attend in advance
- Held a coordinator role during this time at the club, leading a small group of Midlands scouts. Identify and track targets flagged up by the scouts, make sure reports were uploaded in timely manner, send requests in for all scouts in advance.

ACADEMY FOOTBALL SCOUT, 01/2014 - 11/2017 WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS

- To provide team reports and individual player reports on players from 1st team level, U23, U18 and downwards around the Midlands, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire area
- To focus on youth development and scout young talent to potentially sign for Wolverhampton's academy and U23 teams
- To compile reports on Scout7 from live games and video games from across Europe using Wyscout.

FOOTBALL SCOUT, 08/2013 - 12/2013 BURNLEY FC

- To provide reports for upcoming opponents and individual player reports for the Head of academy recruitment and Head of



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SKILLS

- Compiling full team scouting reports, individual player reports and opposition analysis reports
- Data Inputting
- Ability to prioritise workload and work as both an individual, and as part of a team
- Use multiple programs such as Scoutastic, ISF Scout7, Wyscout, PMA, SAP, Citrix, Microsoft Office applications
- Take on key roles, lead tasks and training exercises
- Actively learning to speak Polish
- Schedule management
- Player evaluations

recruitment

- Cover games around the North, West and East Midlands area and mainly cover academy and U23 Premier Development League as well as Football League first team games.

EDUCATION

Talent ID Certificate Level 1

The FA

Talent ID Certificate Level 2

The FA

Emergency Aid Certificate

The FA

Safeguarding in Children Certificate

The FA

Soccer Scouting & Management Certificate

Sports Management Worldwide

Technical Scouting Level 1

Professional Football Scouts Association

Opposition Analysis Level 1 Certificate

Professional Football Scouts Association

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Asked by my then boss Kieran Scott to move from Burnley to Wolverhampton Wanderers with him to take up an academy scouting position.
- Head hunted to join Leeds United from Wolverhampton Wanderers in 2017.
- Provided early identification and scout reports for Leeds on Joe Gelhardt and Crysencio Summerville prior to their moves.
- Part of the scouting team at Wolves that won promotion from League One to the Championship in 2013/14.
- Part of the scouting team at Leeds that won Promotion from the Championship to the Premier League in 2019/20, and also the U21s winning promotion from PL2 to PL1 in 2020/21 and 2022/23 seasons.

REFERENCES

- Mr. Kieran Scott, Director of Football – Middlesbrough Football Club, Kieran.scott@mfc.co.uk, 07807371687
- Mr. Ian Marshall, First Team Scout (National) – Leicester City Football Club, Ian.marshall624@gmail.com, 07590214636