

= Matt Jarvis =

Matthew Thomas " Matt " Jarvis (born 22 May 1986) is an English professional footballer who plays as a winger for Championship club Norwich City .

After an unsuccessful spell as a youth team player for Millwall , Jarvis began his professional career with Gillingham , making his Football League debut for the Kent @-@ based team at the age of 17 . He made more than 100 appearances for Gillingham and became a target for a number of larger clubs , eventually signing for Wolverhampton Wanderers in June 2007 . He became a first team regular for the club , helping them win promotion to the top flight in 2009 . In August 2012 , he joined West Ham United for an undisclosed club record fee . In September 2015 , he joined Norwich City on a loan deal until the end of the season , and made that move permanent in January 2016 .

He received his first call @-@ up to the England squad in 2011 and made his debut as a substitute against Ghana in a friendly at Wembley Stadium .

= = Early life = =

Jarvis was born in Middlesbrough , North Yorkshire . His parents , Nick and Linda , both played table tennis professionally and each reached number one in the sport 's British rankings . Later they set up the table tennis supplies company Jarvis Sports , which relocated from Guisborough to Guildford in the same year that Jarvis was born .

During his years at school in Surrey , Jarvis excelled at several sports , becoming a county champion in both swimming and athletics . He also gained ten GCSE qualifications .

= = Club career = =

= = = Gillingham = = =

Like his older brother Ben , Jarvis started his career on the books of Millwall , but was released by the club . With the help of a member of the Millwall coaching staff , however , he was taken on by Kent @-@ based club Gillingham as a trainee . On 4 November 2003 , at the age of 17 , he made his Football League debut in a match against Sunderland when a number of senior players were missing due to influenza . He came on as a 76th @-@ minute substitute for Richard Rose in a match which his team lost 3 ? 1 . He next played for the first team in an FA Cup defeat to Burnley on 24 January 2004 , and went on to feature regularly in the team in March and April . In total he made two starts and eight substitute appearances during the 2003 ? 04 season , but also continued to play for the youth team , helping them reach the last sixteen of the FA Youth Cup . Shortly before the end of the season he signed his first professional contract with the club when manager Andy Hessenthaler gave him a three @-@ year deal .

In the 2004 ? 05 season Jarvis became a regular in the Gillingham first team , playing in 30 Football League matches , although he was out of action for five weeks in January and February after undergoing an operation on a hernia . He also scored his first goal for the club in a win over Wolverhampton Wanderers on 30 October 2004 . Gillingham , however , were relegated from the Football League Championship at the end of the season . In the 2005 ? 06 season he was again a regular , and scored seven goals , his best season tally to date .

Midway through the 2006 ? 07 season Gillingham offered Jarvis a new contract , which the club described as the most lucrative it had ever offered to a player of his age . Jarvis rejected the contract offer , but later claimed via his agent that he would be happy to remain at Priestfield Stadium if the club " demonstrated that it could match his ambitions " . A number of Premier League and Championship clubs showed interest in signing Jarvis , and Plymouth Argyle made an unsuccessful bid for the player , manager Ian Holloway commenting that " we did make a bid but it got knocked back " . Towards the end of the season Nottingham Forest of Football League One made an offer of £ 650 @, @ 000 , hoping to circumvent the transfer window by taking the player on

loan until the end of the season , but the bid was turned down by the player 's agent .

Jarvis ended the season having been named in the PFA 's League One Team of the Year , and with Charlton Athletic expressing their interest in him . However , Gillingham chairman Paul Scally stated that he believed the player 's agent had already agreed a deal with another club . Scally also claimed that Jarvis had the potential to play for England by the time he was 24 .

= = = Wolverhampton Wanderers = = =

Jarvis rejected a further improved contract offer by Gillingham , to join Wolverhampton Wanderers of the Championship in June 2007 , signing a two @-@ year contract with the option to extend his stay by a further year . The clubs agreed a transfer fee but the exact amount was not disclosed .

Jarvis suffered hip and groin injuries during pre @-@ season training and was unable to take any further part in training until September . He finally made his debut for his new club on 20 October 2007 , when he came on as an 88th @-@ minute substitute in a 2 ? 0 home victory over Charlton Athletic . After regaining full fitness , he became a first @-@ choice player at Molineux , making a further 27 appearances during the 2007 ? 08 season . He scored his first goal for the club in a 1 ? 1 draw with Leicester City in December 2007 , in a season where the club missed out on a play @-@ off place by virtue of goal difference .

After a strong start to the following season for both club and player , Jarvis injured his hamstring in the defeat to Reading on 30 September 2008 and was expected to be out of action for approximately six weeks . He made his return in the 1 ? 0 defeat to Queens Park Rangers on 6 December , and remained a first choice player as the club won promotion to the Premier League as champions .

He made his Premier League debut against West Ham United in August 2009 and played regularly during the 2009 ? 10 season , scoring three times to help them achieve top flight survival . In September 2010 , he signed a new contract which would have kept him at the club until the summer of 2015 , and was once again a regular in the Wolves team during the 2010 ? 11 season , scoring four Premier League goals , his highest tally for four seasons . On 19 May 2011 , Jarvis was awarded both Supporters ' Player of the Season award and Players ' Player of the season awards .

Jarvis submitted a transfer request on 11 August 2012 , after media reports linked West Ham United with the player . Wolves rejected several bids for the player , without naming the club involved . On 23 August , Wolves accepted an offer from West Ham of a reported , initial £ 7 @.@ 5 million , rising to £ 10 @.@ 75 million .

= = = West Ham United = = =

On 24 August 2012 , Jarvis signed a five @-@ year contract , with the option for an additional year , for a transfer fee which was a club record but was officially undisclosed . Jarvis made his debut for West Ham on 25 August in a 3 ? 0 away defeat to Swansea City . He scored his first goal for the club on 1 October , opening the scoring in a 2 ? 1 win away to Queens Park Rangers at Loftus Road . In his first season , he attempted the most open @-@ play crosses in the Premier League , 171 , and was successful with 42 of them , also the highest in the Premier League .

= = = Norwich City = = =

On 1 September 2015 , Jarvis signed on a season @-@ long loan for Norwich City . Eleven days later , he scored his first goal for the club against Bournemouth in a 3 ? 1 win . On 24 December 2015 , Jarvis signed a permanent deal with Norwich , to take effect in the January transfer window , for a reported fee of £ 2 @.@ 5 million .

= = International career = =

Jarvis was called up to the England national squad in March 2011 for matches against Wales (a

Euro 2012 qualifier) and Ghana (an international friendly) . After not being selected for the matchday squad against Wales , he made his debut as a substitute against Ghana at Wembley Stadium on 29 March , coming on for Jack Wilshere in the 70th minute of a 1 ? 1 draw . In doing so , he became the first Wolves player for England since Steve Bull in 1990 .

= = Personal life = =

Jarvis has been married to his wife Sarah since June 2011 . In January 2013 , he was interviewed for , and appeared on the cover of , gay lifestyle magazine Attitude to discuss homosexuality in football .

= = Career statistics = =

= = = Club = = =

As of match played 15 May 2016 .

= = = International = = =

As of match played 29 March 2011 .

= = Honours = =

Wolverhampton Wanderers

Championship : 2008 ? 09

Individual

PFA League One Team of the Year : 2006 ? 07