

= Clayton Donaldson =

Clayton Andrew Donaldson (born 7 February 1984) is a Jamaican international footballer who plays as a striker for Championship club Birmingham City .

Donaldson started his career with Hull City in 2002 , scoring on his first team debut in the Football League Trophy later that year . He was sent out on loan to non @-@ League clubs on four occasions , and with chances in the first team at Hull limited , he was released in 2005 and subsequently joined York City . In his first season at the club , he was voted as their Clubman of the Year and his second season saw him finish as the team 's highest scorer and third highest scorer in the league .

He joined Scottish Premier League team Hibernian in July 2007 , after signing a pre @-@ contract agreement with them in January whilst with York . After a season at the club he left to return to England with Crewe Alexandra . After three years with Crewe , being the top goalscorer in League Two in his last season , he joined Brentford in 2011 . He spent three years with the club , helping them gain promotion into the Championship in 2013 ? 14 , before signing for Birmingham City at the end of that season when his contract expired . He played internationally for the England National Game XI , who represent England at non @-@ League level , with whom he earned two caps , before accepting an invitation to represent Jamaica in 2015 .

= = Early life = =

Born in Bradford , West Yorkshire , Donaldson grew up in Manningham and attended Manningham Middle School and Rhodesway School . He played football for his school side before joining his hometown club Bradford City , who he supported as a child . Donaldson was released by the club aged 16 , with only one player , Lewis Emanuel , being retained from his age group . He was soon signed by Hull City , having been spotted by their youth team coach Billy Russell .

= = Club career = =

= = = Hull City = = =

Donaldson was a trainee with Hull 's youth system when scoring from close range on his first team debut in Hull 's Football League Trophy 3 ? 1 away defeat to Port Vale on 22 October 2002 , having replaced Gary Alexander as a 60th minute substitute . He was sent out on loan to Northern Premier League Premier Division club Harrogate Town in November 2002 , and scored in the 68th minute of his debut , a 3 ? 1 away win over Gateshead on 12 November . He stayed with Harrogate for three months , in that time scoring five goals in 10 appearances before returning to Hull . He made his Football League debut for Hull on 8 February 2003 , coming on as an 81st @-@ minute substitute for Damien Delaney in a 1 ? 0 defeat at home to Lincoln City . Two days later , he signed a two @-@ year professional contract with Hull . He made one further appearance in the 2002 ? 03 season , as a substitute away to Boston United .

In August 2003 , Donaldson joined Football Conference side Scarborough on a one @-@ month loan . His debut came in a 2 ? 1 home defeat to Burton Albion on 23 August 2003 , and made only one more appearance before his loan expired . On his return to Hull he made two further appearances , both as a substitute in the Football League Trophy , before joining Football Conference club Halifax Town on a one @-@ month loan in February 2004 . Having made his debut as a 58th @-@ minute substitute for Jake Sagare in a 2 ? 0 away defeat at Margate on 8 February 2004 , Donaldson finished his spell at Halifax with four appearances . With little prospect of a first team place at Hull , he rejoined Harrogate on a one @-@ month loan in September 2004 , and scored in the 18th minute of his second debut for the club , a 3 ? 0 home win over Lancaster City on 18 September . He was voted the Conference North Player of the Month for October 2004 , having scored three goals from five games in that period . His second loan spell with Harrogate ended

having scored four goals from 11 appearances . At the end of the 2004 ? 05 season , Donaldson was released by Hull , as manager Peter Taylor was unable to guarantee him first team football .

= = = York City = = =

After his release by Hull , Donaldson was spoken to by Barrow , but was eventually signed by York City in June 2005 , with manager Billy McEwan saying : " He 's a young player who is very hungry for his chance and he 'll bring competition up front " . He made his debut for the team against Crawley Town in August . His first goal came in a 1 ? 0 win against Cambridge United in September . During his first season with York , Donaldson scored 18 goals and was awarded the Clubman of the Year award before the final game of the season against Hereford United on 29 April 2006 . He agreed a contract extension with York for the 2006 ? 07 season in July .

York manager McEwan compared Donaldson to Paulo Wanchope in September , but following York 's 2 ? 0 defeat against Oxford United later that month , McEwan criticised Donaldson 's selfishness in attack , saying it cost them the game . In late 2006 , Donaldson became subject of much transfer speculation . Wolverhampton Wanderers manager Mick McCarthy watched him in York 's 1 ? 0 victory over Altrincham , during which he scored his 12th goal of the season , in November 2006 . He was also watched by Scottish Premier League side Hibernian . In response to this speculation , Donaldson said : " I don 't read too much into the speculation . I 've heard it before and nothing has happened so I will just keep my head down and enjoy my football until a point comes when the manager or board come and tell me they have had an offer they want to consider " .

On 18 December 2006 , he rejected the offer of a new contract at York City , meaning he would be out of contact at the club at the end of the season . Scunthorpe United and Peterborough United Director of Football Barry Fry both watched him in December 2006 . Fry tabled a £ 100 @, @ 000 bid for Donaldson , but this failed to meet York 's valuation and they halted their bid at this amount . He was reportedly given a £ 500 @, @ 000 transfer valuation by York in January 2007 . A cash @-@ plus player bid from Accrington Stanley for Donaldson was rejected in January , which according to York was £ 25 @, @ 000 and was termed as an " embarrassment " by York manager McEwan , and Accrington then upped their bid to a six @-@ figure fee , but were told that Donaldson was not for sale .

Donaldson was suspended for three games following his 51st @-@ minute sending off for using his elbow in York 's 2 ? 1 defeat at Kidderminster Harriers on 20 January 2007 . York rejected a bid from Scunthorpe for Donaldson , with their approach falling short of York 's valuation , after which Scunthorpe manager Nigel Adkins said he would not pay " stupid money " for Donaldson . Hibernian announced that Donaldson had signed a pre @-@ contract agreement with them for a three @-@ year contract on 29 January 2007 , and as he was 23 years old a month later , York were not entitled to any compensation under FIFA regulations . York later turned down a £ 50 @, @ 000 offer from Hibernian , which would have allowed them to bring Donaldson to the club immediately . York boss McEwan wanted Donaldson to give his complete commitment for York for the rest of the season , who also revealed that the club intended to fight against the " international loophole " that meant Donaldson could join Hibernian for free . Donaldson 's agent , Andy Sprott , said suggestions he deliberately found Donaldson a deal in Scotland so York would not receive any compensation were " not the case " .

Donaldson was to return from his suspension for York 's reserves against Sheffield United at Bootham Crescent on 6 February 2007 , but the game was frozen off , and he eventually returned against Altrincham . His first goal for York since his suspension came against Cambridge United , scoring a hat @-@ trick on 13 March 2007 . He insisted he remained fully committed to York , after speculation concerning his commitment grew in April . He finished the 2006 ? 07 season with 26 goals for York , including 24 in the Conference National , resulting in him being third top scorer of the league .

= = = Hibernian = = =

Donaldson scored his first goal for Hibernian in a pre @-@ season friendly against Brechin City on 10 July 2007 . He made his Scottish Premier League debut against Hibs ' rivals Hearts in August 2007 and his first league goal came against Falkirk in September , after winning and scoring a penalty . Donaldson was later sent off in this match , which resulted in a suspension . His first game back was against Motherwell in the Scottish League Cup , who he scored against , after a solo run and shot . He scored his first hat @-@ trick for Hibs against Kilmarnock in the SPL later that month .

He was linked with a move to League One side Crewe Alexandra in February 2008 , after being unable to figure in Mixu Paatelainen 's plans at the club , meaning he was frozen out of the first @-@ team at Hibs . He finished the 2007 ? 08 season with 21 appearances and 6 goals , with his last goal of the season coming against Falkirk in December 2007 . Darlington of League Two were believed to be interested in signing Donaldson after the end of the season . He was eventually told that he was available for transfer by Hibs . Crewe were believed to be lining up a bid for him in July , who had money available after selling striker Nicky Maynard to Bristol City for £ 2 @. @ 25 million and held negotiations with Donaldson . The move stalled after a six @-@ figure fee had been agreed but Donaldson later agreed personal terms .

= = = Crewe Alexandra = = =

Donaldson 's move to League One side Crewe Alexandra was completed on 18 August 2008 on a three @-@ year deal for an undisclosed six @-@ figure fee . The contract could not be signed until international clearance was given from the Scottish Football Association , which was received on 22 August 2008 . He made his debut as an 81st @-@ minute substitute in a 2 ? 1 victory against Walsall on 23 August 2008 . Donaldson 's former club York made an attempt to re @-@ sign him on loan in October 2008 , but were told to make an inquiry four weeks later , due to him being injured . Despite this , he came on as a substitute in Crewe 's 3 ? 0 defeat to Scunthorpe on 11 October 2008 , which was followed by his first start in a 2 ? 2 draw with Milton Keynes Dons . He scored his first Crewe goals with a brace against Huddersfield Town in November , in a match that eventually finished as a 3 ? 2 defeat . He scored the winner in Crewe 's next game , an FA Cup first round tie against Ebbsfleet United , which saw them progress with a 1 ? 0 victory . He displayed the ability of long throw @-@ ins , which he initially developed while in the Hull youth team , on several occasions , including a 3 ? 2 victory over Scunthorpe , where he also scored . He scored three goals in four matches later in the season , with the final goal , against Carlisle United , proving to be his last of the 2008 ? 09 season . Donaldson finished the season with 43 appearances and 7 goals .

He broke his fibula during August 2009 , which resulted in him being ruled out of playing for eight weeks . He finished the 2009 ? 10 season with 39 appearances and 13 goals . His first appearance of the 2010 ? 11 season came in the opening game , a 1 ? 0 defeat to Hereford on 7 August 2010 , with his first goals coming after scoring twice in a 7 ? 0 victory over Barnet on 21 August . He finished the season with 48 appearances and 29 goals , including 28 goals in the league , making him League Two 's top goalscorer .

= = = Brentford = = =

Donaldson signed a three @-@ year contract with League One club Brentford on a free transfer on 1 July 2011 . He was named Brentford 's Player of the Year for the 2012 ? 13 season , in which he scored 24 goals from 56 appearances . After helping Brentford gain promotion into the Championship in the 2013 ? 14 season as League One runners @-@ up , manager Mark Warburton confirmed that Donaldson would be offered a new deal with the club .

= = = Birmingham City = = =

Donaldson turned down Brentford 's contract offer , and signed a two @-@ year deal with their 2014 ? 15 Championship rivals Birmingham City , to begin on 1 July 2014 when his Brentford

contract expired . He made his debut as a second @-@ half substitute in the opening @-@ day defeat at Middlesbrough , opened the scoring as Birmingham beat Cambridge United 3 ? 1 in the League Cup , and collected Wes Thomas 's through ball to run on and score in a draw with Ipswich Town on 19 August . Although attracting praise for his general play , Donaldson was disappointed with his lack of goals ; by the end of October , he had added only one more .

A change of management and change of formation ? Gary Rowett preferred to play Donaldson as a lone striker ? brought a change of fortune in front of goal . He scored both goals in a 2 ? 1 home win against Watford , who had been on a nine @-@ match unbeaten run , and followed up with the only goal of the visit to Rotherham United , when his shot was parried back out to him and he was alert enough to produce a more accurate and powerful second attempt . Donaldson 's " customary selfless performance " was rewarded with a brace in a 3 ? 1 win at Nottingham Forest , and a hat @-@ trick against Wigan Athletic prompted thoughts of a 20 @-@ goal season . An eight @-@ week lean spell put paid to that target ? he finished with 16 in all competitions , 15 in the league , ? but his efforts for the team were recognised with both Players ' Player and Supporters ' Player of the Season awards .

In the first month of the 2015 ? 16 season , Donaldson provided four assists for teammates but did not score himself . At home to Bristol City on 12 September , he completed a first @-@ half hat @-@ trick ; the match ended 4 ? 2 . His fifth goal of the season came in a 5 ? 2 win at Fulham on 7 November , the last match before he made his international debut for Jamaica . He returned with a groin injury that was predicted to keep him out for six weeks . Rowett suggested the damage could have been less serious had Donaldson not played the whole match despite being obviously unfit , but Jamaica coach Winfried Schäfer denied the accusations , stating that he had wanted to substitute Donaldson but the player insisted on continuing . He returned to first @-@ team action on 26 December , as a late substitute with Birmingham already 3 ? 0 down at Sheffield Wednesday .

= = International career = =

Donaldson was named in the England National Game XI team , who represent England at non @-@ League level , in October 2005 , for a European Challenge Trophy game against Belgium . He was named in the initial 35 @-@ man squad for the Four Nations Tournament in May 2006 . He was named in the initial 22 @-@ man squad , then eventually in the final 16 @-@ man squad for the team to play the Netherlands in November . He made his debut in this match , coming on as a substitute in the last 15 minutes , during which he set up Dagenham & Redbridge striker Craig Mackail @-@ Smith for the final goal in a 4 ? 1 victory .

He was included in the squad which played Northern Ireland in February 2007 . However , York manager Billy McEwan contemplated withdrawing Donaldson from the game , after Donaldson 's comeback for York against Altrincham in February . He eventually featured after being played from the start against Northern Ireland , but was substituted after 50 minutes for Paul Benson , who scored England 's only goal two minutes after coming on in a 3 ? 1 defeat .

In April 2015 , Donaldson stated that he wanted to play for Jamaica , his parents ' country . He had hoped to be selected for the 2015 Copa América or for the Gold Cup , but did not receive his Jamaican passport in time . He was called up for World Cup qualifiers in November against Panama and Haiti , and made his full international debut in the first of those matches , at Independence Park in Kingston on 13 November . He entered the match with Jamaica already 2 ? 0 down , replacing Darren Mattocks after 62 minutes , but was unable to affect the score . Donaldson started against Haiti , and scored the only goal of the match after 62 minutes with a header from a corner .

= = Personal life = =

His brother , Jahsiah Donaldson , signed schoolboy forms with Leeds United in July 2008 .

= = Career statistics = =

== Club ==

As of match played 7 May 2016

== International ==

As of match played 13 June 2016

== International goals ==

As of match played 13 June 2016 . Jamaica score listed first , score column indicates score after each Donaldson goal .

== Honours ==

Brentford

League One runner @-@ up : 2013 ? 14

Individual

York City Clubman of the Year : 2005 ? 06

Brentford Player of the Year : 2012 ? 13