= Scott Carson =

Scott Paul Carson (born 3 September 1985) is an English professional footballer who plays as a goalkeeper for Championship club Derby County .

Carson joined the Leeds United football academy in 2002 , making his full first @-@ team debut for Leeds against Manchester United in February 2004 . He made his first appearance for the England under @-@ 21 team in the same month and later set a record of 29 caps for the under @-@ 21 side .

In January 2005 , he moved to Liverpool for a £ 750 @,@ 000 fee and was called up for the England senior team later that year . He made nine appearances for Liverpool , including the UEFA Champions League quarter @-@ final victory over Juventus in April 2005 , before going on loan to Sheffield Wednesday , Charlton Athletic and Aston Villa in successive seasons to gain experience .

Following the 2007 UEFA European Under @-@ 21 Championship , Carson made his full debut for the England senior team against Austria in November 2007 . After his return to Liverpool from his loan spell at Aston Villa at the end of the 2007 ? 08 season , he joined West Bromwich Albion for a £ 3 @.@ 25 million fee in July 2008 . In 2011 he moved to Bursaspor of Turkey . After two years in Turkey , he moved back to England with Wigan Athletic , where he remained until 2015 when he signed for Derby County .

= = Club career = =

= = = Leeds United = = =

Born in Whitehaven , Cumbria , Carson grew up in Cleator Moor , where he attended Ehenside School . Although a promising rugby league player as a youth , he instead chose to concentrate on football , playing in goal for his school team from the age of " about 11 or 12 " . He quickly rose through the youth teams at local side Cleator Moor Celtic to play for the men 's team when he was 15 . He joined the Leeds United football academy in July 2002 after impressing former Leeds defender Peter Hampton while playing for non @-@ league Workington in the FA Youth Cup . He spent less than a year in the academy and half a season with the reserves before making his first @-@ team debut in January 2004 , coming on as a late substitute after Paul Robinson was sent off against Middlesbrough . Two weeks later , he made his full debut , starting against Manchester United in a 1 ? 1 draw at Old Trafford , and made one further appearance in the 2003 ? 04 season against Chelsea in May 2004 . Robinson left Leeds in May 2004 and Leeds signed Scottish international goalkeeper Neil Sullivan two months later to compete with Carson for a first @-@ team place , and to help Carson develop and improve . Carson 's contract was due to expire at the end of the 2004 ? 05 season but Leeds were keen to retain him and in December 2004 offered him a new long @-@ term contract . However , he chose to join Liverpool , who paid Leeds a £ 750 @,@ 000 fee for him , in January 2005 .

= = = Liverpool = = =

Carson joined Liverpool on a four @-@ and @-@ a @-@ half @-@ year contract and was to provide competition for Jerzy Dudek for a first @-@ team place . He made his first team debut for Liverpool in March 2005 in a defeat to Newcastle United , and made three consecutive appearances in April , including the home leg of the UEFA Champions League quarter @-@ final victory over Juventus . He was an unused substitute when Liverpool were victorious in the 2005 UEFA Champions League Final and 2005 UEFA Super Cup .

= = = = Sheffield Wednesday (loan) = = = =

Carson made only four appearances in the 2005 ? 06 season , all in cup competitions , and in

March 2006 , was allowed to move to Sheffield Wednesday on loan . Wednesday sought his services to help solve their goalkeeping crisis , while Carson was looking to gain more first team experience and to challenge for a place in the England 2006 FIFA World Cup squad . He kept five clean sheets in nine games for Wednesday , whose assistant manager Kevin Summerfield hailed his contribution as a key factor in helping the club escape relegation . He returned to Liverpool at the end of the season and in July 2006 , extended his contract with Liverpool until 2011 .

= = = = Charlton Athletic (loan) = = = =

In August 2006 , Carson joined Charlton Athletic on loan for the 2006 ? 07 season , after Charlton failed in a bid for Norwich City goalkeeper Robert Green . Carson explained that " Liverpool want me to get some experience and then hopefully I can go back next season and be challenging Pepe [Reina] for the number one spot . There were a couple of Championship clubs interested but I need to be playing Premiership football because Robert Green , Ben Foster and Chris Kirkland are going to be playing week in , week out so I need to be performing . " He played in 36 of 38 Premier League games , missing only the two matches against Liverpool due to the terms of his loan deal . Although he was unable to prevent Charlton from being relegated at the end of 2006 ? 07 , his outstanding form led him to be named as the Charlton Athletic Player of the Year , the first loan player ever to receive the award .

= = = = Aston Villa (loan) = = = =

Carson returned to Liverpool at the end of the season and in June 2007 , Liverpool manager Rafael Benítez confirmed that he would be part of the first @-@ team squad for the 2007 ? 08 season , saying ? He must fight with Pepe Reina now for a starting place . ? Carson remained second choice to Reina , however , and faced further competition following the signing of Charles Itandje in August 2007 ; as a result , Carson was loaned out again , this time to Aston Villa at a cost to Villa of £ 2 million . Benitez said of the deal , " We do not want to sell him , we are very happy with Scott . But he needs to play to keep up his England place . " Aston Villa manager Martin O 'Neill preferred Carson to Thomas Sørensen and Stuart Taylor , and Carson played in all but three of Villa 's 38 league matches , missing the two games against Liverpool as he was ineligible to play , and kept 11 clean sheets during the 2007 ? 08 season . He received the first red card of his career when he fouled Carlos Tevez in Villa 's 4 ? 1 Premier League defeat to Manchester United .

= = = West Bromwich Albion = = =

Carson returned to Liverpool at the end of the 2007 ? 08 season but in July 2008 joined West Bromwich Albion on a four @-@ year contract for a £ 3 @.@ 25 million fee , possibly rising to £ 3 @.@ 75 million , with an option for the club to extend the contract by another year . Carson , who had played for five different clubs since making his debut for Leeds in 2004 , explained that he wanted to get settled at one club , saying " I 've been like a nomad for three or four years . It 'll be good to get some roots and hopefully settle . I can see myself here for four or five years , even longer . " He made his debut in a 1 ? 0 defeat to Arsenal in the opening game of the 2008 ? 09 Premier League season . Despite relegation to the Championship Carson kept his first team place and after the departure of captain Jonathan Greening he was given the captaincy . West Bromwich Albion won promotion back to the Premier League , finishing second , 12 points clear of third place Nottingham Forest with Carson keeping 15 clean sheets out of 43 games . He had been playing regular football for the Midlands side , but in the 2010 ? 11 season , his form seemed to dip and in January 2011 , Carson was briefly dropped to the bench for Welsh goalkeeper Boaz Myhill . After the appointment of Roy Hodgson as West Bromwich Albion head coach , he swiftly found himself back in favour at The Hawthorns .

= = = Bursaspor = = =

On 1 July 2011 , Carson completed a move to Turkish Süper Lig club Bursaspor for a £ 2 million fee . Carson enjoyed a good first season with Bursaspor . He was an ever @-@ present as they finished eighth , conceding thirty @-@ five goals in thirty @-@ four games , the fifth @-@ lowest in the 2011 ? 12 Süper Lig season . He also received a runner @-@ up medal for the 2011 ? 12 Turkish Cup .

In his second season in Turkey , he played twenty @-@ nine league games and conceded thirty @-@ three goals , helping his team concede the sixth @-@ fewest number of goals in the 2012 ? 13 Süper Lig season . Bursaspor finished fourth and qualified for the 2013 ? 14 UEFA Europa League .

= = = Wigan Athletic = = =

Carson joined Wigan Athletic for £ 700 @,@ 000 on a three @-@ year deal on 4 July 2013 .

= = = Derby County = = =

After Wigan 's relegation to League One , Carson signed a two @-@ year deal with Championship club Derby County with an option for a third year ; the fee was undisclosed .

= = International career = =

Carson was first called up to the England under @-@ 21 squad in October 2003 , a month after his 18th birthday , for the 2004 UEFA European Under @-@ 21 Championship qualifier against Turkey . At the time he was yet to make his competitive debut for Leeds United 's first team , and had previously played only four games for England at other levels . He made his under @-@ 21 debut in a 3 ? 2 win for England against the Netherlands in February 2004 . He was selected in the squad for the 2007 UEFA European Under @-@ 21 Championship , and in the third game against Serbia , he earned his 28th under @-@ 21 cap , eclipsing the record held by Gareth Barry and Jamie Carragher . His 29th and final cap came against the hosts , the Netherlands , in the semi @-@ final , which finished level at 1 ? 1 after extra @-@ time . In the resultant penalty shoot @-@ out , he saved one of the 16 penalties he faced and also scored one himself , but England lost 13 ? 12 . Carson has since been overtaken by James Milner as the England Under @-@ 21 team 's most @-@ capped player .

In May 2005 , while still a member of the under @-@ 21 side , Carson was called up to the England senior team squad for the team 's tour of the United States later that month . A year later , he came on as substitute for Robert Green , who had suffered a serious injury , in the England B international friendly against Belarus in May 2006 . The injury to Green , who had been named in the England squad for the 2006 FIFA World Cup , led to Carson , who was on standby , being promoted to the England squad for the tournament , although he did not make any appearances . Carson continued to be selected for the England senior team squad , and in May 2007 , made his second appearance for the England B team in a 3 ? 1 win over Albania . Following the 2007 UEFA Under @-@ 21 Championships , he made his full England debut in a friendly against Austria in November 2007 when he kept a clean sheet . A week later , he made his competitive debut in a crucial match against Croatia , which England lost 3 ? 2 , resulting in their failure to qualify for UEFA Euro 2008 . Carson was held particularly culpable for the first goal , when Niko Kranj?ar 's speculative shot from 30 yards dipped and bounced in front of him , with Carson only succeeding in parrying the ball into the net . England coach Steve McClaren was sacked the next day , as commentators criticised McClaren for selecting an inexperienced goalkeeper for the match .

New manager Fabio Capello named Carson in his first England squad for the friendly match against Switzerland in February 2008 , but the goalkeeper did not make the final squad for the match against France the following month due to injury . After failing to make Capello 's squads for the next five internationals , Carson was recalled to the England squad in October 2008 for the 2010 FIFA

World Cup qualifiers against Kazakhstan and Belarus . He won his third England cap in November 2008 , in a friendly against Germany in Berlin when he came on for the second half . In doing so he became the first West Bromwich Albion player to play for England for 24 years . He won his fourth cap as a second @-@ half substitute against Sweden on 15 November 2011 .

= = Personal life = =

Carson married Amy Barton on 17 May 2008 in Egremont ; the couple have three children .

= = Career statistics = =

= = = Club = = =

As of match played 17 May 2016 .

= = = International = = =

As of match played 15 November 2011 .

= = Honours = =

Liverpool
UEFA Super Cup : 2005
West Bromwich Albion
Football League Championship runner @-@ up : 2009 ? 10
Bursaspor
Turkish Cup runner @-@ up : 2011 ? 12
Individual
Charlton Athletic Player of the Year : 2006 ? 07