

= Barry Cogan ( footballer ) =

Barry Christopher Cogan ( born 4 November 1984 ) is an Irish semi @-@ professional footballer who plays as a midfielder . He is currently a free agent having spent one season at Dartford . He started his career with Belvedere before moving to Millwall , for whom he played as a substitute in the 2004 FA Cup Final , and making 24 appearances for in the Football League . In August 2006 , Cogan signed for Barnet playing one season playing 39 appearances and scoring three goals in League Two , before being signed by Ronnie Jepson for Gillingham in June 2007 . He was loaned to Grays Athletic in March 2008 , scoring five goals in 13 Conference National appearances . Cogan signed for Grays permanently in July 2008 following his release from Gillingham . He then moved to Crawley Town in June 2009 , after Steve Evans had tried to sign him the previous season . Cogan left Crawley in November 2010 by mutual consent , joining Dover Athletic a few days later .

= = Career = =

= = = Club career = = =

= = = = Millwall = = = =

Born in Sligo , County Sligo , Cogan joined Millwall from Belvedere at 15 years of age , waiting four years , until 20 April 2004 , before making his debut in a Championship game against Watford , replacing Peter Sweeney in the 80th minute . Cogan signed his professional contract in November 2004 . Cogan remained at Millwall for two further seasons , making 30 appearances in all competitions , including playing in the 2004 FA Cup Final after coming on as a substitute , and two UEFA Cup games against Ferencvárosi TC .

= = = = Barnet = = = =

In August 2006 , Cogan was signed by League Two club Barnet from Millwall for an undisclosed fee . He remained there for just one season before he was released by manager Paul Fairclough . He made over 40 appearances in all competitions , scoring three goals , all in matches won by Barnet .

= = = = Gillingham = = = =

Cogan joined Gillingham in June 2007 , being tipped by new manager Ronnie Jepson to fill the void left by Matt Jarvis , who had joined Wolverhampton Wanderers . He made his debut for Gillingham in the 3 ? 0 defeat at Watford in the League Cup on 14 August , and scored his first goal for the club in the 3 ? 1 home victory over Leyton Orient on 2 October 2007 . Following a string of bad results , Jepson resigned , and Mark Stimson was named as his permanent replacement in November 2007 . Stimson saw Cogan as surplus to requirements , and offered him a chance to go out on loan in February 2008 . He rejected this initial chance , but subsequently joined Grays Athletic for a month on 14 March 2008 , scoring five goals in thirteen Conference National matches . Gillingham released Cogan at the end of the 2007 ? 08 season , after he made just 21 appearances in all competitions .

= = = = Grays Athletic = = = =

In June 2008 , Grays Athletic announced that Cogan had signed for the club , following a medical examination to test his fitness , on a trial basis . His first goal of the 2008 ? 09 campaign came in the home win against Kidderminster Harriers on 7 September 2008 , receiving a pass from Jamie Taylor on the right @-@ wing to make the score 3 ? 1 . Cogan scored in the 47th minute of Grays ' 1 ? 1 draw against Woking on 18 October . In October 2008 , Grays Athletic announced that players had

been asked to take a 50 % pay cut due to financial difficulties . During the FA Cup Fourth Round Qualifying tie against AFC Totton , Cogan scored a penalty in the 85th minute after Phil Warner handled a cross from Ishmael Welsh . His next goal came almost two months later when he netted both goals in Grays ' 2 ? 1 victory over Barrow at the New Recreation Ground on 20 December . His first goal of the game came after Barrow 's goalkeeper , Alan Martin , spilled a cross from Ishmael Welsh which Cogan pounced on from barely a yard out . In the 56th minute , Cogan had a shot from the edge of the penalty area after out muscling defenders Steve McNulty and Paul Jones . In Grays ' next match against Canvey Island in the Essex Senior Cup on 23 December , Cogan scored a late penalty in the 90th minute to equalise the game 2 ? 2 and send the game into extra time . Grays Athletic eventually lost 3 ? 2 after extra time . The club released news that the players were again being paid in full and over the " Christmas period and for January " . On 14 February 2009 , Grays travelled to face Wrexham at the Racecourse Ground . He scored to equalise the game at 1 ? 1 after the Wrexham goalkeeper struggled with George Beavan 's initial shot whilst Cogan scored the rebound . He then set up Grays ' second , crossing the ball to Andy Pugh , who scored a consolation goal as Grays lost 3 ? 2 . He then scored in Grays ' 2 ? 1 home victory over Altrincham on 7 March . Cogan finished the season as Grays ' top goal scorer in all competitions .

== == Crawley Town == ==

Crawley Town manager Steve Evans signed Cogan on 8 June following his release from Grays Athletic . Evans admitted he tried signing Cogan three times the previous season , but had his attempts rejected . Cogan had other offers , but Crawley assistant manager Paul Raynor stated that the club 's South London location appealed to him . He made his debut for Crawley on 8 August , in the 4 ? 0 away defeat to Mansfield Town , replacing Daniel Powell as a substitute in the 52nd minute . Having made only three appearances in the 2010 ? 11 season , Cogan was released by mutual consent on 16 November 2010 . Evans stated that Cogan wanted to " play some first team football " .

== == Dover Athletic == ==

Cogan signed for Dover Athletic a few days after leaving Crawley , making his debut coming on as a substitute for Sam Long in the 2 ? 1 home defeat against Woking in the FA Trophy on 20 November .

== == Dartford == ==

In July 2015 , he signed for National League South side Dartford on a free transfer , following a successful trial with the club . He was released on 24 May 2016 following the end of the 2015 / 16 season having made 26 league appearances for the club scoring one goal against Bishop 's Stortford in a 2 @-@ 1 away victory on 24 October 2015 .

== == International career == ==

Cogan was called up to the Republic of Ireland under @-@ 21 squad for the Madeira International Tournament , where he made his under @-@ 21 debut against Madeira on 27 February 2004 .