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A highly ambitious and successful Goalkeeper Coach with a wealth of Experience, expertise and a proven track record developing and coaching Elite Academy, International and Professional Club Goalkeepers throughout Great Britain and around the world.

A visible leader who has established a portfolio of high level experience through positions held at The Irish Football Association, Glasgow Rangers FC, NIFL elite scholarship programme, The NI-GK Institute and a much decorated professional playing career spanning 20 years.

COACHING QUALIFICATIONS



- IFA Advanced Goalkeeping Diploma (2016)
- IFA Goalkeeping Youth Certificate (2002)
- Coever Goalkeeping Certificate (2015)
- IFA Level 1 (2014)
- IFA Junior Team Manager Certificate (2005)
- IFA Grassroots Coaching Certificate (2005)
- Safeguarding Children in Football (2017)
- First Aid (2014)
- Full Access NI Clearance Check

COACHING EXPERIENCE



The Northern Ireland Goalkeeper Institute

Coaching Director

2012 - Present

- Devise and design a coaching curriculum and programme tailored to the development requirements of the position of goalkeeping
- Plan, prepare and deliver goalkeeping coaching sessions and training ground routines to enhance the development process
- Contribute to the player recruitment and talent identification processes for elite goalkeepers for the Institute
- Proactively support goalkeepers along the development pathway to facilitate their progression into the professional club environment and to achieve College Scholarships
- Arrange transport to and from goalkeeping coaching sessions
- Hold regular meetings with the players to discuss their development and set future learning goals

Key Achievements

- ✓ Seven players from The Northern Ireland Goalkeeper Institute have made their professional first team debuts



The Northern Ireland Football League's
Elite Scholarship Football Programme

Head of Goalkeeping

2017 - Present

- Responsible for the full time goalkeeping development of all first and second year Elite Athletes and scholarship students based in a full-time football and educational programme



Rangers FC

Head of Academy Goalkeeping & Goalkeeping
Coordinator in Northern Ireland

2017 - Present

- Responsible for the weekly development of over 100 goalkeepers across Northern Ireland (ages 7-17)
- Coordinate and manage 7 Goalkeeping coaches within the Elite Performance at Rangers FC Goalkeeping Academy



Larne Football Club
Crusaders FC

First Team Goalkeeper & Goalkeeping Coach
First Team Goalkeeping Coach & Goalkeeper

2018 - 2020

2016 - 2018

- Combined goalkeeping coaching duties while still playing for and representing the first team
- Devised, designed and delivered specific aspects of tailored training for goalkeepers, working with groups and individuals, in coordination with other coaching staff and in line with respective club's coaching philosophy
- Planned, prepared and implemented innovative training sessions for goalkeepers, focusing on technique and incorporating warm-up, small sided games and speed work
- Take members of the squad for individual training sessions to enable them to work on specific aspects of their game
- Led tactical analysis sessions with the goalkeepers, highlighting opposition penalty takers and set-piece plays



Irish FA Elite Performance Programme

Lead Goalkeeping Coach (U14-U21)

2013 - 2017

- Implemented and managed a professional coaching structure of development for all goalkeepers and coaches on a daily basis
- Provided player performance reports, analysis, and individual goalkeeping specific training and development programmes

• Lead goalkeeping development of all first and second year scholarship students based in a full-time football and educational programme

ADDITIONAL CURRENT ROLES

Current Head of GK Coach Education for:

- CleanSheet International Goalkeeping
- Modern Goalkeeping Solutions
- The Football Management Company

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Worked with and contributed to the development of a number of players who went on to secure professional contracts or represent their respective country at a youth international level. Examples include:

- Bobby Edwards: FC Cincinnati
- Matt Broomall: Richmond Kickers
- Nathan Gartside: Derry City FC
- David Walsh: Linfield FC
- McKenzie Pauley: Larne FC
- Michael Argyrides: Dundela FC
- Connor Mitchell: Larne FC & ex-Burnley FC
- Tiernan Parker: Luton Town FC
- Joakim Milli: Lecce
- Oliver Webber: Crystal Palace FC & Northern Ireland U21
- Lauren Perry: Forfar Farmington FC & Northern Ireland
- Liam Hughes: Celtic FC & Northern Ireland U21
- Danielle Di Giorgio: PSNI FC
- Conor Brennan: East Kilbride FC & Northern Ireland U21
- Rory Brown: Glentoran FC and ex-Wolverhampton Wanderers FC
- Nathan Gartside: Derry City FC and Northern Ireland U21



CLUB VISITS

I feel it's vitally important in my development as a coach to visit professional clubs and get an understanding of how each individual club structures, implements & develop goalkeepers at youth and senior professional level.

- 2015 Manchester City FC
- 2015 Everton FC
- 2015 Burnley FC
- 2016 Blackburn Rovers FC
- 2017 Riga Utd FC
- 2017 Rangers FC
- 2014-2018 Quarteira FC (Annual Visit)
- 2019 CleanSheet Intl (Montreal)
- 2019 Modern Goalkeeper (New Jersey)
- 2020 Huddersfield Town FC



PLAYING CAREER

- Played over 500 professional games in Northern Ireland's Premier League and Championship
- Played in European Competitions, Champions League, UEFA Cup and represented Northern Ireland 4 times at junior International level

TESTIMONIALS



"Michael is a fantastic Goalkeeping Coach, full of modern ideas, innovating sessions and shows unrivalled enthusiasm & dedication in his approach to the development of young goalkeepers across Northern Ireland." - **Shay Given: Former Newcastle United FC, Manchester City FC & Republic of Ireland Goalkeeper**

"Michael's work with our youth, elite performance and underage international goalkeepers was fabulous. His organisation, professionalism and coaching ability played a major part in the overall development of our youth international goalkeepers who have now progressed into fulltime professional football in England." - **Jim Magilton: Elite Performance Director, Irish Football Association**



"Without Michael's outstanding coaching, daily off-field guidance and total belief in me as a person, I would not have been able to secure my first professional contract with FC Cincinnati in the MLS. A fantastic coach, dependable and loyal. I would seriously urge any goalkeeper or professional club to avail of Michael's services." - **Bobby Edwards: FC Cincinnati**

"I have seen Michael's work with the goalkeepers first hand, during his visit to Huddersfield Town. His knowledge of the position, attention to detail in planning, presentation and product delivery of his sessions is first class." - **Paul Clements: Head of Goalkeeping, Huddersfield Town FC**



"I had the opportunity to work with Michael at the end of my professional career, he was instrumental in helping me achieve a move to Crusaders FC. The day to day work on the pitch was partnered with a fantastic relationship off it. A league title win and my first appearance in European football was the perfect way to end my career and I will always be grateful to Michael for helping me to achieve that." - **Brian Jensen: Former Burnley FC and Crusaders FC Goalkeeper**