



# PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE NEWSLETTER

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Merry  
*Christmas*

## Welcome...

I want to start by wishing everyone within the PDC family a Merry Christmas and a happy new year. I hope all our young footballers enjoy the festive period and spend quality time with their families. It has been a super year for the PDC throughout 2022 with the development of PDC games week, the emergence of our U16'S APDC team competing superbly against other league clubs and our other APDC teams being more than a match for other big Academies, indeed we have beaten teams like Huddersfield Town, Sheffield Wednesday, Leeds United, and Hull City to name but a few at different age groups.



The Academy is now half way through it's second year and within that time five players have made their first team debut with Emmanuel Ilesanmi and Brad Williams contributing to the excellent 4-1 away at Rochdale last weekend. Plus we had Finn O'Boyle score on debut just over a month ago in the 2-1 win over Morecambe. The pathway for all our young footballers is there and if they apply themselves and work hard they will get the opportunity to develop with us. We also had record numbers playing for the PDC during October half term and we now look forward to the December games that are upcoming. It would be fantastic if we could have more of the PDC supporting the first team at home match days and I would recommend the matchday experience. I am sure the first team players would benefit from the support and there are a couple of fantastic fixtures over the festive period.

We now look forward to 2023 and will give our upmost to develop the PDC further and our fantastic coaches will continue to give their all to develop every player that attends.

Merry Christmas,

*Paul*

Paul Stansfield, Academy Manager

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# WALSHY'S OVERVIEW



The PDC and APDC have been working very hard this month working with their coaches mainly on pressing and transitions both attacking and defensive. The sessions have been at a high tempo and have had quality throughout amongst all age groups. We've had our 2nd round of PDC vs APDC where we've been able to invite some of the players that have been performing and impressing their PDC coaches into an in-house game vs or mixed in with the APDC. Looking to build this into our training curriculum for the rest of the season, we look forward to closing the bridge between PDC and APDC.

The APDC games programme has been active throughout the month where we've invited Darlington and Doncaster Elite over to play our U9's - U12's. Our U13/14's were invited over to Hull City where they came out on the winning side of a very entertaining game. Our U15's have had two games back-to-back performing really well in both. Finally, Our U16's have been over to Middlesborough and Sheffield United where both games were contested brilliantly with lots of goals and quality on display. We look forward to another month of games just before the Christmas break.

## COACHES ROUNDUPS

### Under 15/16s

**Tom Hullock**

The U15/16s groups this month, have continued to progress well. Some of the topics they have looked at include forcing and pressing wide and attacking transition from deep. In both these topics, all the boys showed willingness to learn and were eager to improve and get the most out of every session. Also this month the APDC U15's put in a dominant performance against Pro Elite where they came out comfortable winners. Within the game the boys got to demonstrate the things they have been learning in training within the last month and it was nice to see them get a positive result.

### Under 13/14s PDC

**Neil Harvey & Rob Cheetham**

Despite the challenging weather, attendance levels have remained high with the boys still eager to impress in the rain and cold. Last Wednesday saw perhaps the highlight of the season so far, a twenty-plus passing sequence and goal from the team in yellow bibs (you know who you are) that contained exactly the sort of decision-making and control of play that we have been looking to achieve. The standards for 2023 have now been set. Additionally, some of the boys were selected to play a competitive 9-a-side game with the APDC in what was an entertaining if goalless affair - kudos to the goalkeeper coaches for keeping it that way.

### Under 13/14s APDC

**Josh Walsh**

This month, for the U13/14's APDC it's been all about transitions. They have been working on their attacking transitions from deep (counter attacking) and defensive transitions as soon as they lose possession in order to regain the ball quickly. The U13's mixed with some of the U12's at the beginning of the month to play Harrogate & District U13's 'B'. The boys did really well and controlled long spells in the game in possession showing patience and creativity to breakdown a resilient opposition. We finished the month vs Hull City U13/14's over in Hull. We came on the winning side of a 5-4 game, the highlights being some of the counter attacking goals scored during the game.

### Under 11/12s

**Tom Hullock**

In the last month, the U11/12s APDC and PDC have continued to impress in games and training. In the sessions, we have covered a variety of topics which include in-possession areas such as building out from the back and individual movement to score. All of the groups have shown a better understanding of these topics after they have been covered. Also in the last month, the APDC put in two fantastic performances against Darlington and Halifax winning both games, the first being 9-1 and then the second being 4-2. In both games it was pleasing to see the boys continuously attempting to build out from the back and trying to be brave in possession, which relates to the topics they have done this last month.

### Under 9/10s

**Becky Wilson**

Throughout November, the PDC have been continuing with working on keeping possession of the ball and the transition to defending once you lose the ball. With a focus on defending the box. The U9/10's have been doing great and a number of players really impressed and were invited to play an in-house match with the APDC, all the boys invited did very well. The U9/10s APDC group on the other hand have continued to work on the passing patterns and playing out from the back with the emphasis on switching the ball out the other way. The boys played against a good side in 1 Football Academy coming out with a 4-3 win thanks to goals from Zac, Jake and Thomas. This was a great example of everything that we have been working on over the last few weeks.



## Keepers

**Ian Watson**

The keepers have spent most of the last few weeks flying around their goals, focusing on the different types of diving saves. We've seen some brilliant stops, down low and high into the top corners. Flinging yourself through the air doesn't come naturally to many and it's been great to see some of the younger keepers let themselves go more and more. They can also teach the TV pundits a thing or two about when it's right to lead with the 'wrong hand'!

From Jordan, Sharkey and myself, we wish all the keepers a very merry Christmas and a 2023 chock-full of clean sheets.

## GIRLS PDC

**Becky Wilson**

The girls PDC has continued to grow with a number of new faces involved. The groups have shown a great understanding of problem solving, playing under pressure and keeping possession in a tight area. The decision-making aspect is not only individually but also as a team and this collectively helps to keep possession when under pressure. It's never too late to get into football. We welcome player of all abilities to join our girls PDC.

Friday evenings @St John Fishers, Harrogate

**U7's** - U11's 5.45pm - 6.45pm / **U12's** - U16's 6.45pm - 7.45pm





# U18 ACADEMY

Amazing to see four of our Academy players in the first team squad for the League Two fixture at Rochdale with Brad Williams (pictured right) coming on to make his EFL debut in the 4-1 win! Once again this shows the continued belief and trust from the club as a whole in the Academy



## FORE...

Recently several of our academy prospects headed to Rudding Park driving range to improve their understanding of healthy lifestyle habits. As part of their learning, the lads were equipped with tools to apply these practices moving forward!



## FIXTURES & RESULTS 2022/23

DATE	OPPOSITION	RES	SCORER/S
<b>August</b>			
Thu 18	Bradford City	YC	0-3
Sat 27	Hartlepool United	YA	0-0
<b>September</b>			
Sat 17	Grimsby Town	YA	1-2
Sat 24	Mansfield Town	YA	2-0 O'Boyle, Ilesanmi
<b>October</b>			
Sat 1	Doncaster Rovers	YA	5-2 O'Boyle (2), Williams (2), Ilesanmi
Sat 15	Rotherham United	YC	1-1 Brodella
Sat 22	Burton Albion	YA	2-1 O'Boyle, Williams
Sat 29	Huddersfield Town	YA	2-1 Taylor, O'Boyle
<b>November</b>			
Tue 1	Stockport County	FAY	1-2 O'Boyle
Fri 4	Morecambe	YC	3-3 Brodella, O'Boyle (2)
<b>December</b>			
Sat 3	Huddersfield Town	YA	1-2 O'Boyle
<b>January</b>			
Sat 7	Mansfield Town	YA	
Sat 21	Doncaster Rovers	YA	
<b>February</b>			
Tue 7	Burton Albion	YA	
Sat 11	Scunthorpe United	YA	
Sat 18	Bradford City	YA	
<b>March</b>			
Sat 4	Hartlepool United	YA	
Sat 11	Rotherham United	YA	
Sat 18	Lincoln City	YA	

YA Youth Alliance North East YC Youth Alliance Cup FAY FA Youth Cup



	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Lincoln City	10	6	2	2	35	25	10	20
2 Bradford City	10	6	1	3	31	15	16	19
3 Grimsby Town	11	6	1	4	25	22	3	19
4 Huddersfield Town	12	6	0	6	22	21	1	18
5 Doncaster Rovers	10	5	1	4	21	21	0	16
6 Mansfield Town	10	4	2	4	22	20	2	14
7 Scunthorpe United	9	4	2	3	16	14	2	14
<b>8 Harrogate Town</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>
9 Burton Albion	9	4	0	5	16	18	-2	12
10 Hartlepool United	9	2	2	5	5	23	-18	8
11 Rotherham United	11	0	2	9	13	32	-19	2

# INSPIRATIONAL TALK BY CHARLIE FOGARTY

Charlie Fogarty MBE provided an amazing, inspirational workshop giving an insight into his unfortunate life events that turned his world upside-down. He suffered brain damage by getting hit by a car as a scholar. I have included some information on the workshop below. He has played for Irelands Cerebral Palsy Football Team and represented his country in a number of tournaments.

Motivational speaker Charlie Fogarty works throughout football to inspire academy players to greater heights by telling his story of overcoming adversity, having once been a youth player himself at West Bromwich Albion, Birmingham City and MK Dons.

Charlie's journey and circumstances have taught invaluable lessons of focus, determination and making the impossible possible. Charlie has been appointed an MBE because of the work he does in delivering his message to change lives one speech at a time and firmly believes that with hard work and a never give up attitude that "Anything is Possible".

Charlie also discusses the importance of positive mental health and how having a supportive network of family, friends and associates really does make in difference in helping you achieve your goals.



# PDC PLAYER PROFILES

Remember to send in your profile and photo and you could be featured here next issue!

## Finn Ryder



**Position:**  
Centre Midfield

**PDC Coach:**  
Becky Wilson

**How has PDC coaching improved you:**  
Controlling the ball and creating space

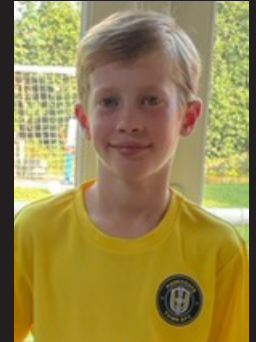
**What are your strengths:**  
Crossing and accurate passing

**What do you need to improve on:**  
Changing speed

**What do you enjoy the most in PDC:**  
The drills at training

**Favourite Town player:**  
Josh Falkingham

## Isaac Ritson



**Position:**  
Right Wing

**PDC Coach:**  
Ian Watson & Jordan

**How has PDC coaching improved you:**  
It has been really helpful, to deal with players putting pressure on you on the ball

**What are your strengths:**  
Speed and stamina

**What do you need to improve on:**  
Physicality / strength

**What do you enjoy the most in PDC:**  
The coaching

**Favourite Town player:**  
Jack Muldoon - he came to our school!

## Izzie Jessop



**Position:**  
Striker

**PDC Coach:**  
Kez & Chloe

**How has PDC coaching improved you:**  
They talk to me and make me think what I can improve on, like taking earlier shots instead of taking too many touches

**What are your strengths:**  
Dribbling and shooting

**What do you need to improve on:**  
Deciding when I should shoot or pass rather than run with the ball

**What do you enjoy the most in PDC:**  
I really like the coaches

**Favourite Town player:**  
Jake Muldoon

## Jasmine Crompton



**Position:**  
Not totally sure yet - Keeper!

**PDC Coach:**  
Becky/Kez/Cass/Chloe

**How has PDC coaching improved you:**  
Starting to gradually build on confidence and team work

**What are your strengths:**  
Very observant, likes variety in exercises/activities.

**What do you need to improve on:**  
Everything!

**What do you enjoy the most in PDC:**  
Honestly - I love every bit of it!

**Favourite Town player:**  
We watched the ladies team last Sunday at Rosset and saw 'Abbie' throw herself around quite a lot which was quite brave of her. I was really impressed.



# DECEMBER AT THE PDC



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