



# Clayton Blackmore

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A highly experienced football coach who has successfully transitioned from a 27 year playing career to forward thinking player development and team management at multiple age groups.

Currently contributing to coaching from U12 to U18 level at Manchester United - monitoring the work of other coaches, providing critical guidance on how to engage with and nurture emerging talent, and working to maintain the club's high standards of player progression and performance.

A passionate football professional who is keen to return to team management at the Professional Development or reserve level, offering proven club loyalty as well as a commitment to helping players recognise and fulfil their potential.

## COACHING QUALIFICATIONS



UEFA A Licence - 2004



UEFA B & C Licences - 2001



*"Clayton was a talented footballer and had a good and warm personality, always friendly to his teammates and the staff at Manchester United. Over the last few years he has coached at the club's academy for different age groups, showing good enthusiasm and a good deal of patience when dealing with young people. I don't doubt that Clayton has the football knowledge and intelligence to impart those attributes to young players and I am extremely confident that he would be an asset."*

Sir Alex Ferguson - Former Manchester United FC Manager

## CAREER SUMMARY

Manchester United FC	U12 - U18 Academy Coach	2013 - Present
	U16 Academy Lead Coach	2010 - 2013
Porthmadog FC	Player Manager	2007
Bangor City FC	Player Manager	2006
Football Association of Wales	National U21 Team Manager	2004 - 2006
	Schoolboy U16 Team Manager	2001 - 2003



## KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Currently contributing to coaching design and delivery across all age groups at the Manchester United academy from U12 to U18 level, applying years of experience in the game as well as a strong understanding of the club's strategy and philosophy to help players progress through the academy
- Previously led the coaching and game day management of Manchester United's U16 team, delivering sessions that balanced the players' technical, tactical, physical and psychological development in order to suitably prepare them for the footballing demands of the U18s, U21s and first team
- Worked alongside former Wales international and current Stoke City U21 Manager Glyn Hodges to manage the Wales U21 squad, making the best use of the limited time available with the squad to suitably prepare them for UEFA European Championship qualifiers
- Managed the Wales schoolboy team in the Victory Shield tournament, creating a professional environment that fully engaged the players in their first elite competition as well as identifying improvements to their individual play that they could apply on their return to their club / school team
- Took over from departing managers at both Porthmadog and Bangor City while continuing to play for each club due to the experience gained at the highest levels of the game - motivating the players during challenging periods, delivering coaching sessions tailored to the opposition, selecting the team for match day, and making strategic in-game decisions either from the field or the touchline

## KEY CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✓ Appointed to an advisory role within the Manchester United academy having both established an excellent record with the U16s and demonstrated a natural capacity to identify, nurture and motivate young talent
- ✓ Led the U16 team to a highly successful 2011/12 season in which they lost only two games all year
- ✓ Led the Wales schoolboy team to a 3-0 victory over Scotland and 1-1 draw with an England team featuring Wayne Rooney in the Victory Shield
- ✓ Has coached numerous young players at Manchester United that have progressed to play for the senior team and / or other clubs, including Paul Pogba, Jesse Lingard and Joshua King (further details available below)



## PLAYERS COACHED



### Paul Pogba

Serie A winner, UEFA Champions League finalist and 2015 UEFA / FIFA Team of the Year player with Juventus; senior France international



### Joshua King

Current 1st team player with Bournemouth; former Blackburn Rovers player; senior Norway international



### Timothy Fosu-Mensah

10 1st team appearances in 2015/16; Netherlands U19 international



### Joe Riley

Two 1st team appearances in 2015/16, including a start in a crucial UEFA Europa League game



### Angel Gomes

Highly rated U18 player at 15 years old; part of the U18 squad from the 2014/15 season



### Jesse Lindgard

2010/11 FA Youth Cup winner; 39 1st team appearances in 2015/16 (seven UEFA Champions League); 11 England U21 caps



### Cameron Borthwick-Jackson

2015/16 Reserve Player of the Year; 14 1st team appearances in 2015/16; England U19 international



### James Wilson

Currently on loan at Brighton & Hove Albion; 17 1st team appearances in 2014/15; England U21 and U20 international



### Tyler Blackett

Currently on loan at Celtic; 12 1st team appearances in 2014/15; England U21 international



### Zachary Dearnley

1st year scholar who has been capped at U18 level for England

## MEDIA EXPERIENCE

Has made numerous media appearances as a guest, pundit and analyst for major TV and radio media outlets, including Sky Sports, BT Sport, Setanta, talkSPORT, BBC World Service, MUTV, etc.

sky SPORTS

BT Sport

talkSPORT

BBC

## PLAYING CAREER

Neath AFC	22 Appearances	2007 - 2010
Porthmadog FC	18 Appearances; 4 Goals	2006 - 2007
Bangor City FC	176 Appearances; 11 Goals	2000 - 2006
Leigh Genesis FC	1 Appearance	2000
Notts County FC	21 Appearances; 2 Goals	1999 - 2000
Barnsley FC	7 Appearances	1999
Bristol City FC (Loan)	5 Appearances; 1 Goal	1996
Middlesbrough FC	53 Appearances; 4 Goals	1994 - 1999
Manchester United FC	245 Appearances; 26 Goals	1983 - 1994
Wales National Team	39 Caps; 1 Goal	1985 - 1997



### KEY CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✓ Played in every position for Manchester United and became the only player ever at the club to wear every shirt from 2 - 11
- ✓ Won the inaugural 1992/93 Premier League title and 1989/90 FA Cup with Manchester United
- ✓ Won the 1990/91 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup and 1991 UEFA Super Cup with Manchester United
- ✓ Reached the 1989/90 League Cup final with Manchester United
- ✓ Won the 1994/95 Championship title with Middlesbrough to seal promotion
- ✓ Finalist in the 1995/96 League Cup, 1996/97 FA Cup and 1997/98 League Cup with Middlesbrough
- ✓ Won the 1999/00 Peter Swales Challenge Shield with Leigh Genesis

