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WHO WE ARE

Pro Player Pathways (Global) is a unique offering from UCS for the elite and gifted Student Athlete, providing a truly unique international playing and academic experience.

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UCS employed lecturers deliver all academic content

PRO FOOTBALL & EDUCATION

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Pro Player Pathways:
Where Education Meets Global Football Opportunity

Pro Player Pathways offers a unique and transformative opportunity for talented footballers to pursue their academic goals while accessing professional football opportunities around the world. Our program is specifically designed for high-calibre players who have been released from professional clubs in the UK. Individuals whose ability and potential remain of an exceptional standard, yet whose domestic options may have become limited.

Recognising the immense level of competition within English football, Pro Player Pathways provides an international platform for players aged 18 and above to continue their careers at a professional level. Through our extensive network of global contacts, we open doors to first-team football environments in Canada, the United States, Ireland, Europe, the UAE, Asia, Australia, and New Zealand.

Unlike traditional college or University football programmes, our focus is on integrating players directly into first-team squads in real, competitive environments where they can continue to develop, gain experience and showcase their abilities at the highest level. Many of our opportunities also offer exposure to prestigious European competitions such as **UEFA Champions League, Europa League and Europa Conference League.**

Pro Player Pathways bridges the gap between education and elite sport, empowering released professionals to reignite their football careers on the global stage while continuing to grow academically and personally.

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UCS is the Higher Education arm of VLUK

A Nationwide government funded and regulated training provider. We educate approximately 1500 learners in each Academic Year, with a proven track record of outstanding learner outcomes in the sports and performing arts industries.

Our core philosophy revolves around bringing theoretical knowledge to life through industry-specific practical learning. We believe in developing core academic skills for all learners to engage in further and higher education, with appropriate exit routes to positive destinations being a key focus.

Our target is for all learners to be confident young people who are engaged in lifelong learning, developing softer skills, and becoming competitive in the workplace and employable in their chosen industry.

All programmes require commitment to study and engagement; in return, our dedicated team will support you every step of the way to help you succeed.

HAMISH THOMSON

Hamish, a former Livingston centre-back, enrolled on our programme and signed immediately with UMF TINDASTÓLL in Iceland. Hamish went into the starting eleven and performed excellently, scoring a goal on his home debut.

Having the opportunity to train full-time allowed Hamish to improve his physical condition, which in turn improved his level of performance. Once the season in Iceland came to a close, he moved back to Scotland and signed a professional contract with Forfar Athletic in the Scottish Championship. Hamish was a mainstay in the starting 11 performing outstandingly for the duration of the season. As Hamish is now entering his second year on the programme he is excited about moving to Gibraltar and competing in European football.

"I HAVE LOVED EVERY MINUTE OF THE COURSE. THE CONTENT DELIVERED WITHIN THE LECTURES GOES HAND IN HAND WITH THE WORK EXPERIENCE I AM RECEIVING PLAYING PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL"

- Hamish Thomson

LINCOLN RED IMPS

Luke Wall, Leon Moore and Sam Henderson have all enjoyed outstanding success with **Lincoln Red Imps** in Gibraltar, helping the club secure both the **League title and League Cup.** Their achievements have opened the door to an exciting opportunity to compete in the **UEFA Champions League** next season.

By moving abroad, these student-athletes have been able to successfully combine **higher education with professional football,** gaining invaluable experience both on and off the pitch.

Luke Wall, a graduate of the **Blackburn Rovers Academy,** was in exceptional form during the latter stages of the season, playing a key role in the club's success and showcasing his ability at the highest level of the game

THUSO NYONI

The former Mansfield Town midfielder secured a fantastic move to Bochenski KS in the Polish third division. Thuso is a strong dominating midfielder who can also operate as a centre-back.

He has performed admirably and has seen his performance levels continuously improve the more time he spends at his new club. Thuso has his eyes set on representing the Zimbabwe national team if he continues to impress.

KIAN JOHNSON

Grow Abroad, Return Stronger — Kian Johnson's Journey

Learn, mature, and develop — then come back stronger.

That's exactly what **Kian Johnson** did.

Throughout his degree, Kian lived in **Dubai,** dedicating himself to every aspect of his football development while balancing his studies. His hard work, determination, and growth paid off, as he returned to the **UK a much stronger player.**

Today, Kian has signed a **professional contract with Scunthorpe United,** taking the next step in his football career.

With PPP, your journey abroad can transform your game — and your future.

LUCA CHADLI

Study. Live. Play Professional Football — in the Faroe Islands

Have you ever dreamed of combining your education with professional football abroad? That's exactly what our striker **Luca Chadli** did during the **2025 season.** Living and playing in the breathtaking **Faroe Islands.**

Based in the capital city of **Tórshavn,** Luca immersed himself in the island's unique culture and stunning natural surroundings.

He experienced the **peaceful lifestyle,** the **close-knit community,** and the **incredible landscapes** — all while pursuing his studies and competing in Faroese football.

Join the next generation of students who are discovering the world through sport and study. **Live the adventure. Learn globally. Play professionally.**

LUI BRADBURY

Former Leeds United and Reading player Lui Bradbury joined Pro Player Pathways in late 2024 and quickly made an impressive impact on the international stage. Signing for FC Jazz in Finland, Lui enjoyed an outstanding debut season, recording 25 goal contributions in just 28 games. An exceptional return for the dynamic attacking midfielder.

Based in Pori, Finland, Lui embraced both the sporting and cultural challenges of life abroad. After joining the programme in October 2024, he was on the plane to Finland by December, ready to begin a new chapter in his professional journey. His dedication, professionalism, and adaptability allowed him to thrive both on and off the pitch, earning the respect of teammates, coaches, and supporters alike.

Lui's success is a testament to the opportunities and support provided by Pro Player Pathways. We are proud of his achievements and look forward to following his continued progress as his career develops in the years ahead.

"PRO PLAYER PATHWAY HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE. IT'S GIVEN ME THE CHANCE TO PLAY PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL IN FINLAND WHILE STUDYING FOR A DEGREE IN FOOTBALL COACHING. I'VE BEEN ABLE TO EXPERIENCE A NEW COUNTRY AND CULTURE, GAIN VALUABLE PLAYING EXPOSURE AT A GOOD LEVEL AND KEEP PROGRESSING ACADEMICALLY TOWARDS A DEGREE. THE EDUCATION AND SUPPORT TEAM HAVE BEEN FANTASTIC, THEY ARE ALWAYS FLEXIBLE, SUPPORTIVE, AND THERE TO GUIDE ME WHEN NEEDED."

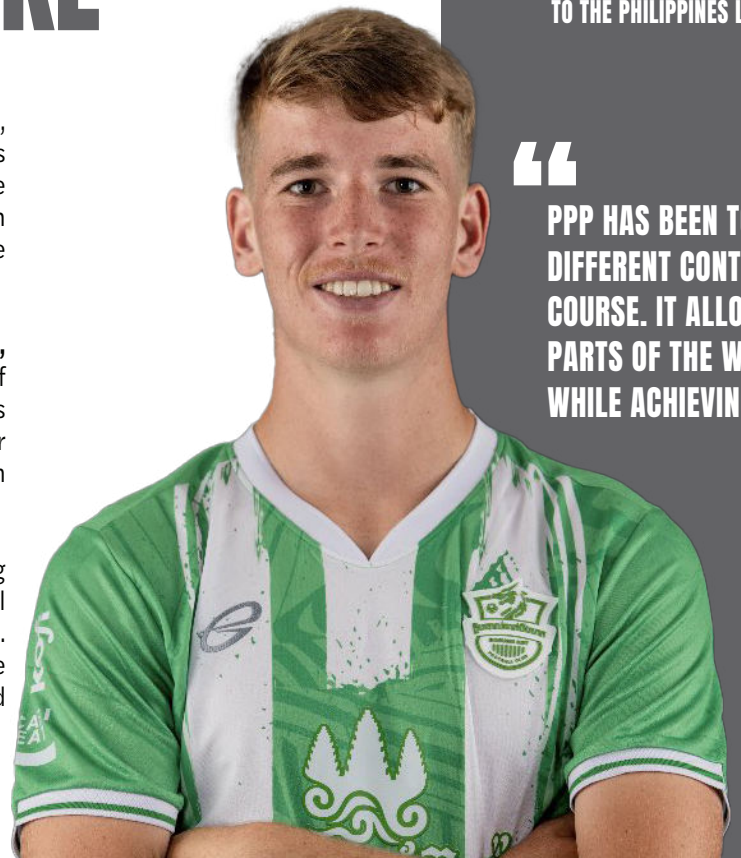
- Lui Bradbury

THE STOKOE TWINS
DANIEL AND LUKE

The Stokoe twins joined **Pro Player Pathways** in 2022, embarking on a journey that combined world-class football experiences with continued education. Their time with us has taken them across the globe, offering both athletic and personal growth through exposure to diverse football cultures and environments.

Between them, the twins have played in **Ireland, America, Cambodia, and Finland**, representing the spirit of adventure and resilience that defines Pro Player Pathways athletes. Their journeys demonstrate the power of our global network in providing meaningful, first-team opportunities around the world.

Today, **Daniel Stokoe** is preparing for his next exciting chapter — a move to the **Philippines**, where he will continue to develop his career in professional football. The Stokoe twins' story exemplifies the unique possibilities that arise when talent, ambition, and opportunity come together through Pro Player Pathways.



"PPP HAS BEEN A HUGE BLESSING. I ALWAYS WANTED TO GO ABROAD TO PURSUE A PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT, BUT DIDN'T HAVE THE CONNECTIONS TO DO SO. PPP HELPED ME MASSIVELY IN GETTING MY FIRST PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT IN IRELAND. I DID ALL THIS WHILE STUDYING FOR A DEGREE IN COACHING. I AM NOW DUE TO MOVE TO THE PHILIPPINES LATER THIS MONTH TO CONTINUE MY FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT"

- Daniel Stokoe

"PPP HAS BEEN TOP, THEY ALLOWED ME TO GO TO THREE DIFFERENT CONTINENTS IN THREE YEARS BEING ON THE COURSE. IT ALLOWED ME TO EXPERIENCE DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD THROUGH PLAYING FOOTBALL WHILE ACHIEVING A DEGREE ALL AT THE SAME TIME."

- Luke Stokoe

ANDERSON PINTO

Former **Tottenham Hotspur Academy** player **Anderson Pinto** has carved out an impressive journey through the **Pro Player Pathways** programme, showcasing his talent and determination across multiple continents. His first professional experience came in **Bulgaria** with **FC Pirin Razlog**, where he gained invaluable first-team experience and continued to develop his game in a competitive European environment.

Driven by a long-held ambition to play in Asia, Anderson took the next step in his career by joining **Loyola** in the **Philippines Football League** during his second year on the programme. His outstanding performances and consistency quickly caught attention, earning him a transfer to **Cebu FC**, one of the league's top title challengers.

While with Cebu, Anderson competed in the **Shoppee Cup** — South Asia's equivalent to the **UEFA Champions League** — gaining exposure to top-level continental competition. His journey reflects the spirit of Pro Player Pathways: providing elite players with the global opportunities and support needed to progress their professional careers while embracing life-changing experiences around the world.

Football in the Philippines: A Growing Opportunity

Over the past two years, Pro Player Pathways has made significant progress in establishing strong connections with professional football clubs across the Philippines. This collaboration has already opened exciting doors for our athletes. We now have four players currently competing in the country's first division and another soon to join.

Why Manila?

The capital city is the beating heart of the Philippines. Manila offers young players a dynamic mix of competitive football, modern city living, and vibrant culture. Train and play at a high level of professional football while enjoying everything the city has to offer. With English widely spoken and a welcoming community, Manila is the perfect place for ambitious footballers to grow, compete, and live life to the fullest.

AUSTRALIA
WHERE FOOTBALL MEETS LIFESTYLE

Pro Player Pathways offers exciting opportunities for players across Australia. A country that perfectly blends **elite football** and an **unrivalled lifestyle.**

Our players have thrived in cities such as **Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, and Tasmania,** gaining top-level experience while enjoying Australia's dynamic sporting culture.

Train, Study, and Live the Dream
Australia offers the ideal balance for aspiring footballers — **professional coaching and competition,** and a lifestyle centred around health, community, and the outdoors.

From **city energy to coastal calm,** players can enjoy both **beach life and urban living** while developing their game and growing as individuals. With its beautiful weather, welcoming people, and passion for sport, Australia provides the perfect environment to **learn, play, and thrive.**

Sam Irons - Melbourne

JOEL AUTY

Study. Live. Play Professional Football — in New Zealand

Ever imagined studying while playing football on the other side of the world?
That's what Joel Auty did during his first year with PPP, combining his education with top-level football in New Zealand.

Joel lived in the vibrant capital city of Wellington, where he immersed himself in the local culture, explored the stunning coastline, and experienced life in a football-loving community.

On the pitch, his season was a huge success, winning both the league and cup double with his team.

Discover how far your studies and your game can take you.

Joel Auty - New Zealand

TREY WILLIAMS

From England to Australia, Cambodia and Thailand — Trey's Global Football Journey
Former Queens Park Rangers attacking midfielder, Trey, joined PPP in 2022, eager to combine his football ambitions with international experience.

After spending valuable time developing his game in Adelaide, Australia, Trey took the next big step in his career, signing with Angkor Tigers in the Cambodian Premier League.

His journey reflects what PPP is all about: developing players, building global opportunities, and shaping confident, adaptable professionals both on and off the pitch.

Today, he is the Head of Football at a leading football academy in Bangkok, where he continues to inspire and develop the next generation of players in Asia.

WASIRI WILLIAMS

Chasing European Dreams — Wasiri Williams' Journey

Do you have ambitions to play in a European competition?

That's exactly what Wasiril Williams, a former Swansea City player, achieved during the 2024–2025 season.

Wasiri moved to Latvia, becoming an integral part of his team and competing in the Europa Conference League. He travelled across Europe, facing elite clubs and making an immediate impact by scoring on his debut in the competition.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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The qualifications secured through **UCS** as part of this programme will enhance and protect the career prospects of every participant, allowing to pursue potential careers in the fields of:

- Professional Footballer
- Sports Analysis
- Talent Identification
- Sports Coaching
- Strength and Conditioning
- Teaching
- Sport Psychology
- Sports Nutrition

BSc SPORTS COACHING

Students will achieve a Bachelor of Science in Sports Coaching built up across the 3 years of the Degree programme

Year 1 - HNC/Higher National Certificate (HTQ)

Year 2 - HND/Higher National Diploma

Year 3 - BSc/Bachelor of Science

YEAR 1 UNITS

HTQ HIGHER NATIONAL CERTIFICATE (HNC) IN COMMUNITY COACHING - LEVEL 4

Nutrition

Fundamentals of sport & Exercise Psychology

Anatomy & Physiology

Professional Skills

Coaching Practice & Skill Development

Training Fitness Testing

Lifestyle Coaching

Community Coaching

YEAR 2 UNITS

HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMA (HND) IN SPORT AND EXERCISE SCIENCE (COACHING SCIENCE) - LEVEL 5

Research Project

Advanced Coaching

Performance Analysis

Talent Identification & Development

Exercise Physiology

Psychology for Performance

Innovation in Coaching

YEAR 3 UNITS

BSC (HONS) SPORT COACHING
(BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH HONOURS) - LEVEL 6

Creating Performance Coaching Environments

Advanced Professional Practice

Team & Group Dynamics in Sport

Performance Analysis Applications

Dissertation

PRIVATE (GLOBAL) STUDENT/ATHLETES

Athletes outside of the UK wishing to study from anywhere in the world who may not be able to access student finance and would like to study alongside their professional training can do so as a private student. Learning is accessed virtually from your existing location/academy or from a football location recommended by us.

For more detailed information and costing please email:
HeadOffice@ProPlayerPathways.co.uk

POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Upon the completion of the learner's Bachelor of Science in Coaching, the learners have opportunities to progress onto Postgraduate courses. This exit route includes both Masters and **Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)** that will enhance their employment opportunities.

Once the learner has decided to specialise within a specific career they are provided with opportunities to further enhance their skills and knowledge in this area by enrolling onto a postgraduate course. This will allow learners to enhance **career prospects** in their desired profession.

MASTERS

Learners can pick from numerous exit routes including a Masters in; **Sports Coaching, Sport Analysis, Strength & Conditioning and many more.** A learner will have the opportunity to expand their knowledge relating to their professional field, as they will acquire skills in new technologies and methods that have developed in their area.

Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) Should a learner decide to pursue a career in teaching the BSc qualification will enable them to enrol onto a PGCE. This qualification will provide opportunities to teach in primary, secondary or further education, dependent on which level of education our learner pursues.

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AMERICA
FAROE ISLANDS
ICELAND
NORWAY
SCOTLAND
WALES
IRELAND
ENGLAND
SPAIN
GIBRALTAR
FINLAND

ESTONIA
LATIVA
LITHUANIA
MALTA
SWEDEN
POLAND
KOSOVO
DUBAI
CAMBODIA
PHILIPPINES
AUSTRALIA
TASMANIA
NEW ZEALAND

HOW TO APPLY

To register your interest please submit your information via the QR code below

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