

Introducing Ryan Oakley

Midfielder Ryan made a total of 25 appearances for the Under 18s last season, scoring one goal. In addition, he made four appearances at Reserve level.



Name: Ryan Oakley
Position: Attacking midfield
Academy squad No: 44
Date of birth: 8th December 1992
Place of birth: Norwich
Family: Dad Kevin, Mum Suzanne and Brother Dennis
Hobbies: Seeing friends and family
Favourite film: Lock Stock and Two Smoking Barrels
Taste in music: R&B
How did you come to join the Academy?
'I was scouted whilst playing for Hellesdon under 10s'.

News and Views

Good afternoon fellow supporter welcome to Colney for our second home match in a week, after today the boys are on the road again with a match at Motspur Park, Fulham I'm sure they would appreciate your support should you be able to make it.

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Last week saw another important home win for the Under 18s with an early goal from Jack Werndly sealing the victory. Unfortunately for Jack he picked up an injury very late in the game and for the second time this season an ambulance entered the Colney training ground to attend to an injured youth player. I am sure you will join FONCY in wishing Jack, as well as all players currently sidelined, a speedy recovery.

The win maintained our early season position as top of Academy Group A, which after 8 matches the current top four are :-

Norwich City - 18 points  
Crystal Palace - 15  
Arsenal - 14  
Fulham - 13

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There was a mixed bag of results last season against Chelsea in the Academy League.

The home match at Colney saw Norwich run out 2-1 winners with the goals coming from Patrick Drmola and George Francomb after Norwich hand gone a goal behind.

The return game at Chelsea saw the result reversed. Sam Kelly scored for Norwich to bring the scores back to 1-1 but a George Francomb own-goal in the final minute condemned Norwich to a 2-1 defeat.

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We look forward to seeing on the 6<sup>th</sup> November when we entertain Southampton Under 18s here at Colney, kick off 12 Noon.

**Richard Bland – Editor**

## From the Archives - 1992/93 Youth Cup

Going back in time, Chelsea were City's opponents in the 4<sup>th</sup> Round FA Youth Cup match at Carrow Road. City won the game 3-2 in front of around 800 spectators and went on to reach the semi-finals where they lost out to Leeds United.

The Canaries went behind after 35 minutes but Justin Harrington (who had replaced Shaun Carey early on) equalized before half-time. Norwich again fell behind early in the second half but two goals in quick succession from Jamie Cureton and Darren Eadie on 71 and 75 minutes secured the match for Norwich.

**City Line-up:** Andy Marshall, Stacey Kreft, Deryn Brace, Shaun Carey, Neil Liffen, Richard Mellon, Scott Snowling, Jamie Cureton, Glyn Roberts, Scott Ewins, Darren Eadie.

**Subs:** Justin Harrington (for Carey, 8 Min) Johnny Wright (for Snowling, 80 Min).

While Marshall, Cureton and Eadie went on to well-documented careers, we take a look at the subsequent careers of three other members of that team.

**Stacey Kreft:** Earned a professional contract after his apprenticeship but never played for the first team despite making the squad a few times. Left City in the summer of 1996 and went on to play for Netley Central and Bashley, nearer to his Southampton origins.

**Deryn Brace:** Left Norwich in 1994 and went back to his Welsh roots in joining Wrexham. Played over 100 games for Wrexham during his stay until 2000 and also won Welsh Under-21 caps. In 2002 at the age of 27 he became manager of Haverfordwest, guiding them to a UEFA Cup spot in his second season in charge. He also works full-time as a postman and stepped down from his manager's post due to his work commitments in October 2006. He then rejoined Carmarthen Town as a player. He was appointed as player-manager of Carmarthen in May 2007 where he remained for three years before stepping down in June 2010.


**Shaun Carey:** Made 68 appearances for Norwich before being released in 2000. He represented the Republic of Ireland at under-21 level and went on to win Nationwide Conference championship medals at both Rushden and Chester. He was awarded a benefit game between King's Lynn and Norwich in October 2006 when out injured with a double fracture of his leg.

## Introducing Alex Stephens

Midfielder Alex made a total of 13 appearances for the Under 18s last season. In addition, he made three appearances at Reserve level.



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| Name:                                 | Alex Stephens                                          |
| Position:                             | Midfielder                                             |
| Academy squad No:                     | 45                                                     |
| Date of birth:                        | 30th September 1992                                    |
| Place of birth:                       | Willesden                                              |
| Family:                               | Dad Andrew, Mum Fay, Brother Ashley and Sister Charly  |
| Hobbies:                              | Shopping and listening to music                        |
| Favourite film:                       | Drake                                                  |
| Taste in music:                       | R&B and Hip Hop                                        |
| How did you come to join the Academy? | 'Scouted while playing for Watford at under 16 level'. |

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| <p>The German Canaries wish the Academy a successful season<br/>2010/11<br/>visit us at<br/><a href="http://www.german-canaries.de">www.german-canaries.de</a></p>                                                           |                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p>Wishing the Academy every success for the season<br/>From Gary Booty<br/>The Frame Room<br/>Dixon Centre<br/>Reepham Road</p>                                                                                             | <p>1<br/>2<br/>3<br/>4<br/>5<br/>6<br/>7<br/>8<br/>9<br/>10<br/>11<br/>Subs<br/>12<br/>13<br/>14<br/>15<br/>16<br/>17</p>                           |                                                                                                                                                           | <p>The Norwich City FC Chaplains<br/>Arthur Bowles and Bert Cadmore<br/>Wish the Academy, and all at FONCY, every success for the Season<br/>Find out about Score at<br/><a href="http://www.scorechaplancy.org.uk">www.scorechaplancy.org.uk</a></p> |
| <p>All the very best for 2010/11<br/>To our friends at FONCY and the Academy<br/>'On the Ball City'<br/>Capital Canaries</p>                                                                                                 | <p>Referee :<br/>Assistant Referee :<br/>Assistant Referee :</p>                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                           | <p>To all at NCFC Academy<br/>The best of luck for 2010/11 Season<br/>From Nick and all the Staff at Norfolk China</p>                                                                                                                                |
| <p>Good Luck to all the Academy Lads<br/>From John and Kathy<br/>At FONCY HQ</p>                                                                                                                                             | <p><b>Saturday 16th October 2010</b></p>                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                           | <p>Good Luck to all the Academy Lads<br/>Hope to see you soon on our away travels<br/>Club Canary Regulars</p>                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>In the bloom of our youthful prime,<br/>"The sky's the limit" seemed our measure,<br/>But now, approaching stoppage time,<br/>No one can bear the price of pleasure.<br/>OK - here's my £25<br/>Erica Halfhold-Nelson</p> | <p>Wishing the Academy a successful 2010/11<br/>From Kevin and Wendy<br/>C&amp;H Quickmix<br/>Ready Mixed Concrete Specialists<br/>01603 741212</p> | <p>Good Luck to the Academy for the coming season from<br/>G &amp; G Fencing Ltd<br/>The Industrial and security fencing specialists<br/>01603 787586</p> | <p>Have a Great Season<br/>All the Best<br/>Roy Blower<br/><br/>PhotozOnline<br/>Proud to be photographing the 2010/11 NCFC u18 Academy Home Matches<br/>Available from <a href="http://www.photozonline.co.uk">www.photozonline.co.uk</a></p>        |

Late last season Academy Manager Ricky Martin approached the FONCY committee and requested our financial assistance to provide the Academy with some dedicated transport in the form of a minibus, to which the committee were happy to agree.

FONCY chairman John Landamore was joined by vice chairman Roy Blower and committee member Colin Tovell at Colney recently for the official handover of the new Academy team bus that FONCY have leased for the Academy for the 2010/2011 season.

The vehicle will be used on a daily basis to collect the scholars from their digs to bring them to Colney as well as take them to college. Added to that, the vehicle will also be used for the schoolboys as and when required.

Academy manager Ricky Martin was joined by the scholars when John handed over the keys.

Whilst you cannot see from the photograph below, the minibus has been signwritten with both the City crest and the FONCY logo, so whenever it is on its travels the good name of Friends of Norwich City Youth will be spread far and wide.



Good afternoon and welcome back to Colney for today's match against Chelsea. I would like to welcome Neil Bath, Academy Manager, Dermot Drummy, Youth Team Coach and the staff, players and supporters of Chelsea FC to Norwich.

Our relationship with Chelsea has enabled us to provide a different environment for some of our matches, for example last season we travelled to Chelsea on a Friday evening to play under floodlights at Chelsea's Training Ground.

Last week saw us continue our good home record with a good solid team performance and a 1-0 win over Portsmouth. I was really pleased with the way the lads adapted to a different team shape from all previous matches this season. This change was introduced to enable the players to adapt to a new system as part of their playing education and also to help us combat the Portsmouth team shape. Changes in formations and tactics are a major part of the player's education at this level as we try to prepare our players in the roles and responsibilities that are required with each playing system.

This week Jack Werndly and Taylor McKenzie both underwent operations on injuries they have picked up recently. I would like to wish both players a full and speedy recovery and hope to see them back in action for the Youth Team again soon.

Enjoy today's game. **Ricky**

First of all I would like to say well done to the Under 16's last weekend, who after a poor first half performance, showed the commitment and desire in the second half to earn a good result against Portsmouth.

As always with contact sport you find that players do pick up injuries, we have been unfortunate to find ourselves in that position on quite a few occasions already this season, the upside of this is the fact that we have a great physiotherapy department who look after the needs of the players with the best of treatment. On that note I would like to say a big well done to the medical department and wish the boys concerned a speedy recovery

Looking forward to today's game against Chelsea who will provide a stern test for our boys and fingers crossed for another entertaining game.

Cheers **Gary**