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**RAITH ROVERS PLAYER DEVELOPMENT FUND : STANDING ORDER**

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# RAITH ROVERS PLAYER DEVELOPMENT FUND



HELP US CREATE THE NEXT GENERATION  
OF RAITH ROVERS PLAYERS

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THE DIFFERENCE IS OUR DETAIL

To compete and improve in modern football, Raith Rovers need a steady flow of young talented players to break into and be the foundation of the first team for years to come. We don't have the resources to buy these players. While we will continue to use the free transfer market and loan system, we believe it is far more important to develop our own players of the future within the club.

*Raith Rovers U20s Development Squad* provides our young players with a pathway to the first team. In recent seasons, Ross Callachan, Lewis Vaughan, Ross Matthews and David Bates have successfully made the transition and Lewis and Ross are currently thriving this season in our push for promotion. We need more home grown players like them coming through, providing our management team with exciting youngsters they've watched develop under the coaching of our Under 20s manager, Craig Easton.

The next batch of players have already experienced first team action. Modern Apprentices Rory Brian, James Berry, Jamie Watson, and Jack Smith have all made their debuts in competitive matches. So, too, have first year Development Pros, Dave McKay and Yaw Osei, whilst Ryan Stevenson, Euan Valentine and Kyle Bell have all featured on Barry Smith's bench.

This is what it's all about - giving these 16, 17, 18 and 19 year old players **first team experience along with regular competitive U20 Development fixtures and the opportunity to develop their game every day in training.** This combination prepares them to push for a regular first team place as early as possible.

Development is at the forefront of the players' progress and part of that is also winning. We were proud to be crowned **SPFL Development League East Champions** last season. The team was excellent in their first full season together and thoroughly deserved the accolades after such a triumph.



We will try to recruit as locally as we can for the Development Squad. James Berry, Fionn McLeod Kay and Jamie Watson are three players who are not only Rovers fans, but have been involved with the club from a young age. More will be added - links with Fife Elite Football Academy (FEFA) and local clubs have been built and strengthened over the last 12 months, and the squad's growing reputation is attracting more and more interest.

Running the Development Squad obviously comes at a cost - at least £110,000 per year. This is £60,000 more than our current budget allows. So, we're asking fans to **support this vital project by making regular contributions to our Player Development Fund.** This continuous stream of funding through monthly standing orders will work alongside other initiatives, such as corporate sponsorship and other exciting fundraising activities. If you can afford to support the squad, please fill out the form on the back of this leaflet.



**EVERY PENNY WILL GO DIRECTLY TOWARDS PRODUCING THE NEXT GENERATION OF RAITH ROVERS PLAYERS. THESE YOUNG PLAYERS ARE THE FUTURE OF THE CLUB.**

*"It's been an absolute pleasure to coach these players every day. We've got a great squad who are very competitive, focused and are determined to give everything to fulfil their dream of becoming professional footballers. I'm very proud that we already have players experiencing first team football this season and contributing positively to results on the pitch. However, it's only the beginning, and hopefully they, and many more young players after them, can rack up a multitude of Raith Rovers appearances in the future. We can't do this without your support. By donating, you are playing a vital part in the future of these young men and ultimately the future of Raith Rovers Football Club."*

**Craig Easton, U20s Development Squad Manager**