



Denmark, Sweden & England

## :: Why Use PSC?

Since 2002, PSC have organized over 125 professional team tours across 30 different countries in Europe and North America. We have provided tours for top level elite professional first teams such as Costa Rica National Team, Argentina Men's & Women's National Team, Venezuela Women's National Team, Valencia, Real Valladolid, Norwich City, OSG Nice, Marseille, Celta Vigo, AFC Bournemouth, Wolverhampton Wanderers, West Bromwich Albion and Swansea City FC.

During the last 14 years the company has placed over 600 North American players professionally around the world. With multiple placements in the EPL and MLS, PSC have established themselves in recent years as the leading force in placing players professionally across Europe and USA and the most successful and consistent professional pathway in North America for aspiring soccer players.







## Highlights of the Residency

- Competition against Elite clubs in England & Scandinavia.
- Daily professional coaching of the highest level for 4 weeks.
- Preparation & Showcasing in 3 European countries.
- Opportunity to visit Copenhagen, Malmo, Manchester, London & the Midlands.

- Test yourself against elite opposition and get international exposure.
- Accommodation and three meals per day.
- Guest professional coaches and speakers from Europe.
- 6-9 Competitive Games against Elite opposition.
- Player Profiles and Video created for all players.



## Residency Aims

The aim our program is to give players the opportunity to play and train in Europe over an extended period of time with a view to developing, showcasing and generating professional opportunities. The program provides a holistic approach to soccer training — offering technical, tactical, mental and physical career guidance and development. Playing competitive games and receiving day-to-day training from PSC's elite staff and special guest coaches, players will enjoy a significant amount of exposure to professional clubs in Europe.

PSC will look to place players within professional teams if individuals prove they are capable of competing at the professional level. Players will be put in an elite environment in England and Scandinavia with experienced professional coaches of the highest level.



### **Residential Placement**

### SHEFFIELD UNITED, ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

- PSC Texas Pro Soccer Tryout attendee Leo Londe lived the dream in England this summer as he went on trial with English Premier League side Sheffield United. The 20-year-old trained with EFL Championship side Birmingham City, League One side Burton Albion and then earnt a trial with the Blades after impressing on the PSC Summer Residential program.
- Leo was first seen by PSC staff last year where he stood out as a 19-year-old but not enough to earn a direct trial or contract. Last summer, after working with PSC's Residential Program for 4 weeks, he has developed his game enough to stand out in showcase games and earn trials in the English Premier League and Championship. His journey serves as hope for aspiring pro footballers, showing that their path to the EPL may start at a PSC tryout. Leo has now signed with North Texas SC in MLS Next Pro after his success in Sheffield.
- **Leo** commented: "A week at Sheffield United felt more like a whole year, the welcoming from the coaching staff and players was just amazing and helpful. What I really enjoyed is that everyone works really hard. I can't thank the PSC staff enough for giving me these opportunities at the highest level in England."





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### BARNSLEY FC, ENGLISH LEAGUE ONE

- PSC 2022 Residential goalkeeper **Paul Cooper** signed in England's League 1 with **Barnsley FC** on a 2 year contract.
- Cooper's story exemplifies how unpredictable signing professionally can be and how important it is to put yourself in front of the right people whilst performing well. Having impressed in the opening weeks of PSC's residential program the team went to play Barnsley FC where Paul stood out with a commanding performance.
- Shortly after, Barnsley found themselves in need of a goalkeeper and reached out to PSC Director **Lee Holmes** to enquire about Paul's availability. After impressing further during a week trial with the Yorkshire-based club he signed a one-year deal to become the first player signed from the 2022 UK Residential Program.
- Paul commented: "My experience with PSC has been one I will never forget as I have learned a lot of things and made a lot of new friends so I would highly recommend more people to get involved Also they have been a massive help with my deal making sure the terms were the best they could so I can't thank them enough."





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## ORANGE COUNTY SC, USL CHAMPIONSHIP

- Following standout performances at PSC's 2022 UK Residential program and 2023 LA pro tryout Chase Gozdieski has signed full time with **Orange County SC Academy** of the USL and was also placed with USL League One team, CV Fuego.
- The sixteen-year-old midfielder spent the summer of 2022 in England training with PSC Residential Director Lee Holmes after being recommended to PSC by Glen Malone of MLS Next side City SC.
- Lee Holmes, who was instrumental in Chase's development and signing, was delighted to see Chase get his well deserved opportunity: "Off the field Chase has done everything correctly since the start and shown the character and personality needed to progress into the professional game. On the field he has taken on board what we have tried to teach him and his game has developed to a point where this opportunity is well deserved. He is now the fourth player from the residential program to receive a professional offer and hopefully we can match, or even beat, that success in our 2024 Residential program."
- Chase commented: "The PSC Residential Program in England was by far the most beneficial component to my soccer development today. Every training session was physically and mentally demanding and required a high level of intensity."
- Read Full Article Here









## Copenhagen, Denmark

PSC players will be housed in ishoj, Denmark which is a 20 minutes train ride to Copenhagen City Center.

Players will receive quality breakfast, lunch and dinner on site at the Ishoj Football Training Center that has accommodated many teams from Denmark's Football Association in the past.

Training fields are located 200 yards away from the housing and players will be sharing cabins for the 6 nights in Denmark as they spend the first week training, preparing and testing themselves against Scandinavian opposition. With the beach a 10 minute walk away then it will be a fantastic setting for week 1 of the residency program in Scandinavia.

During their free time in Denmark, players will be able to hop on the train to see the capital city of Copenhagen. In the area there is a number of professional football teams including HB Koge that signed one of PSC's first American signings back in 2012 to a 2 year Premier League contract.





### Malmo, Sweden

PSC players will get the opportunity to visit Malmo for 2 days during the residency program. Players will receive breakfast, lunch and dinner daily during their time in Malmo and stay at the First Hotel in the city center in a shared room.

Malmö is a coastal city in southern Sweden. It lies at the eastern end of the striking Öresund Bridge, a long road and railway bridge—tunnel running to Copenhagen, Denmark. In the city center, Lilla Torg is a cobblestone square with cafes, half-timbered houses and shops selling local handicrafts.

The city is home to one of Sweden's top clubs Malmo FF and was the starting point for legendary striker, Zlatan.





## **England**

- PSC players will be based at the Jury's Inn,
   Derby. Breakfast & Dinner will be provided at the hotel (lunch at the university restaurant).
- Jurys Inn Derby is located just north of Derby City Centre, in the historic Cathedral Quarter, just a ten-minute walk from the main shopping area and a four minute taxi ride from the train station.
- During the program then players will get the chance to visit Manchester, London and Derby and have an unforgettable football experience in the birthplace of the game!

## **Residency Schedule**

	AM	PM
August 4th	- Arrival into Copenhagen, Denmark Airport	- Evening Team meal, light session & meeting
	(before 3pm)	
August 4-10	- Daily training and games in Copenhagen,	- Daily training and games in Copenhagen, Denmark
	Denmark	
August 10-12	- Visit Malmo, Sweden	- Visit Malmo, Sweden
August 12	- Fly to Manchester, England and visit Man	- Private transfer to Derby, England
	United or Man City stadium.	
August 12-27	- Daily training and games in Derby, England	- Daily training and games in Derby, England
August 27	- Travel to the city of London	- Sightseeing in the city of London
August 28	- Fly home from London Heathrow, England	



# Professional Placement Opportunities



#### **Expectations & Aims**

- The aim of the residential program is to place players in a professional environment and provide them with an elite football experience. It is also <u>essential</u> for PSC agency staff to evaluate if the players on the program can perform at a high level and prove that they have the ability to earn a contract or further trial with a professional club.
- If PSC see enough potential in a player then they will look to find a suitable club for the player even if none of the attending clubs / coaches offer a contract to the player. Nothing is guaranteed and players will be expected to perform at a high level consistently if they are expecting to earn a contract or extended trial with a club.
- In the past we have had many successful showcase and residential players that have gone onto earn contracts through attending clubs and agency staff recommendations. Only players who have performed well and prove they are capable of playing professionally will be recommended to clubs.

#### Why August?

This is a great time to be in England and Scandinavia. It is pre-season and teams are looking for games and recruitment is in full swing.

# Common Questions



#### What is the standard like?

■ PSC will be competing against clubs from different levels around Europe. We aim to put players in a realistic showcase environment for their level of play so they can look to impress on looking scouts and agency staff.

#### What Happens if I get an offer?

Any offer for a player on the tour will be negotiated by PSC Management. If you are currently signed with an agent then that will be the players responsibility to deal with that (PSC will work directly with any club that has interest for a tour player). PSC will discuss any contract offer on behalf of the player and will look to find the best terms and deal for the showcase player. We offer players realistic feedback at the end of the tour to help players develop.



# Professional Coaches

PSC have a plethora of top level elite coaches to choose from. The 2024 Residency program will be led by former English Premier League & Championship player, Lee Holmes and UEFA Pro licensed coach, Gareth Holmes. Here is a selection of coaches who have attended our events in the last 12 months:



## : LEE HOLMES,: Residency Director

Lee Holmes is an English former professional footballer who played as a midfielder for a number of clubs including Southampton, Derby County, Portsmouth and represented England at U16. U17 and U19 level.

Holmes began his career with Derby County and became their youngest ever player at just 15 years of age, as well as the youngest goalscorer at 16, and at the time the youngest footballer to appear in the FA Cup (aged 15).

Lee also heads up PSC's UPSL team in Phoenix, Arizona that have become back to back State Champions in 2023. During the last 2 years he has placed numerous PSC players in England and USL Championship.



#### **GARETH HOLMES**

Ex Nottingham Forest & Derby Academy Director

Gareth is a UEFA Pro licensed coach and has spent his entire coaching life working in some of the top academies in England.

He worked at first team, U23 and U18 levels at Nottingham Forest and Derby County.

He will be running the residency program alongside Lee Holmes and was instrumental in placing 2023 player, Leo Londe in the English Premier League last summer. Gareth will also be the Head Coach for the PSC 2025 UK Collegiate program in Derbyshire, England.





# Tom Huddlestone & Manchester United Guest Speakers

Over the past few years, we have been fortunate to have the expertise of Tom Huddlestone, former Tottenham Hotspurs legend and England international, who is now works within Manchester United's U23 set up.

We are also privileged to have Danny Butterfield, who has played in the Premier League for Crystal Palace and Southampton and has extensive experience in developing England internationals and coaching at the highest level.

These invaluable experiences that we provide for our tour players help them elevate their games to the next level.

# MARK TAYLOR CEO / Company Director

Mark possesses several years of experience working with professional clubs in the football industry and has a BA Honors degree in Sport Management. He has established links with professional teams and coaches all around the world.

He exclusively represents a number of players from the English Premier and Football Leagues and a number of players from various top foreign leagues in North America and Europe.

PSC Soccer Academy uses Mark's expertise for the organizing and arrangement of elite showcase tours and training camps to Europe and Asia.



### TOM TAYLOR

## Head of North America Operations

Tom has played professional soccer in England, Norway and America from 2003 until 2011. His playing career has included spells with Derby County, Walsall, Grimsby Town (England), Viking Stavanger (Norway), Real Maryland, Portland Timbers and Wilmington Hammerheads (USA). He is an FA Licensed coach and also holds a USSF B Coaching License and was First team Coach at Tulsa Roughnecks of the USL in 2015 & 2016 seasons and Wilmington Hammerheads prior to that.

Since 2010 he has been responsible for operations of PSC Soccer and turning it into the United States most successful soccer academy for placing players into the pro game in Europe and USA. He has a plethora of contacts throughout the professional and college game in order to assist aspiring soccer players.



#### : MARTIN O'CONNOR

PSC Coach and
Birmingham City Scout

A former English Premier League player who played and captained English teams including Birmingham City, Crystal Palace and Walsall FC, among others. A holder of the UEFA A license he has been a professional coach for over 15 years including a recent spell as Head Coach for Walsall FC in England's League 1.

He is a scout for English Championship club Birmingham City, and represented the Cayman Islands at international level, before becoming Assistant Head Coach at Walsall FC from 2009 – 2011.

While playing for Birmingham City, Martin captained the side that reached the League Cup final against Liverpool FC in 2001 - a contest that they narrowly lost following a penalty shootout. Martin has a plethora of experience at all levels of the game and has been on many successful PSC tours in recent years helping players with their development and guiding them with his wealth of knowledge within the program!



## JOEL LINDPEREJK Tallinna Kalev

Joel made over 100 appearances for his national Team (Estonia) as well over 100 appearances in the MLS with New York Red Bulls and Chicago Fire, winning MVP in 2010 as well as setting records in games played (34), games started (34), and minutes played (3,048). His seven goals and seven assists were ranked third and first on a team which included all time footballing legend Thierry Henry.

Joel is now Sporting Director at JK Tallinna Kalev and has signed 5 players from PSC in recent years and offered many more trials and contracts.



## :: Player Testimonials: :: Ethan & Aaron Russ

"Being able to learn from such high-quality coaches who were also successful professional players was incredibly beneficial as they gave insights for both what it takes to be a successful team and individual"

"Travel into Spain was very smooth. PSC did a great job informing us on what documents and paperwork was needed for travel, so it was smooth sailing. The off-field logistics were great, meals were run incredibly smoothly, more than enough food and it was quickly distributed to each player with accommodations to all food allergies."

"We would both highly recommend the tour. It is an incredible opportunity to showcase yourself in a professional environment. The number of contacts, coaches, and scouts watching you for an extended period of time is priceless."







## Player Testimonials:James Drye (UNLV)

The tour was absolutely amazing to experience. I had great coaches, and being able to talk with the other coaches over the tour was valuable as well.

The facilities were beautiful and everything off the field was very well organized by the PSC staff.

PSC has been a great group of people to work with and I couldn't have asked for a much better crew to be able to help me get to the next level in my career.



James Signed in Europe with BK7l Sandoy. During his tour to Finland & Sweden he was coached by Richard Goffe who offered him a pro contract after the tour and has now moved on to the Premier Division.



## : What's included?

- 25 Day Professional Football Experience in Denmark, Sweden & England.
  - Professional coaching of the highest level.
    - Sightseeing opportunities.
- Professional soccer training facilities for training and games; train and live like a professional player.
  - Video of all games.
  - All transportation for PSC activities.
  - Flight from Copenhagen to England.
  - Individual player analysis and evaluations.
  - Player 1 to 1 consultation and career guidance.
  - Staff Travel Costs & full time Medical trainer.
    - Shared Accommodation & 3 meals per day.
  - Video analysis sessions of performance
    - PSC kit and travel wear to keep.
  - Guest European professional players and coaches Q&A Sessions

Payment 1 = On Acceptance \$2500 (non-refundable deposit)

Payment 2 = \$3500 Before May 30th, 2024

Payment 3 = \$2900 Before July 15th, 2024 [TOTAL - \$8900.00]







## Past Showcase Videos

Residential Program Player Reviews

PSC Portugal and Spain promo video:

<u>PSC v Legia Warsaw promo in Malta video:</u>

#### Elite games against top-level opposition:

PSC Showcase Teams have faced all levels of opposition - from UEFA Champions League and UEFA Europa League competitors, to lower league professional clubs, and top amateur teams from around the world.



## Flight Assistance

Players can contact PSC's Travel Agent who will locate suitable flights for the players in order to prevent individuals from waiting at the airport for long periods of time.

We strongly advise players to book their flights with PSC's travel agent. This will make logistics easier incase of any travel delay or cancellation. Once a player is registered for a tour we will connect them with our travel agent.

#### Visa's

If you need to secure a travel visa please look to do so as early as possible. We are happy to assist in this process by writing a visa invitation letter for you, please contact us if you need this. If you have a US Passport then you do not need a visa to travel to England, Sweden or Denmark and have no action to take.





## For questions,please contact:

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