



TONY CAIG

UEFA A GOALKEEPING COACH & COACH EDUCATOR



A highly accomplished Goalkeeping Coach who has established a proven track record in player development at first team and Academy level through roles at leading clubs in England, Scotland, and Canada, as well as with national associations.

I transitioned into coaching after an 18-year professional playing career and have continually displayed an aptitude for designing innovative coaching programmes specific to the needs of goalkeepers from the Academy to first team level.

As a mentor to goalkeepers and colleagues, I am adept at managing high-performing coaching teams and operating as a key member of a multidisciplinary team. I am skilled in talent identification, video analysis, and technical and tactical session planning.

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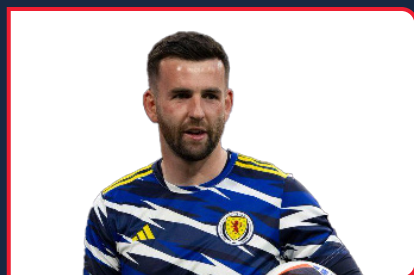
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"Tony is a top-class goalkeeping coach, as well as coordinator. He wants to improve every day in his development by networking with other coaches worldwide. When I was at Newcastle United's Academy, he showed great management skills to lead his colleagues."

Rene Stam: Goalkeeping Coach, DHC



"The level of detail Tony put into improving me technically, tactically, and physically as a goalkeeper was brilliant. Each working week had a purpose, covering as many possible scenarios that I was likely to face. The improvements Tony made to my performance levels were so great, I moved on to a club in the English Championship. I'm forever grateful to him for the time he put into improving me every day we worked together."

Liam Kelly: Rangers FC & Scotland

COACHING QUALIFICATIONS & ANALYSIS SOFTWARE EXPERTISE



- UEFA A Goalkeeping Diploma (2018)
- UEFA B Licence (2015)
- Scottish FA Goalkeeping Licence (2015)
- FA Advanced Youth Award (2024)
- UEFA Goalkeeping Licence Tutor (2018)
- StatsBomb Expertise
- Wyscout Expertise
- Hudl Expertise



ELITE COACHING EXPERIENCE

• Irish Football Association	Senior Men's National Team Goalkeeping Coach	2024 - Present
• Newcastle United FC	Head of Academy Goalkeeping	2022 - Present
• Dundee United FC	Head of Goalkeeping Performance	2021 - 2022
• Scottish Football Association	U16 to U21 Goalkeeping Coach & Scout	2018 - 2020
• Livingston FC	First Team Goalkeeping Coach & First Team Coach	2018 - 2021
• Newcastle United FC	Academy Goalkeeping Coach	2017 - 2018
• Annan Athletic FC	First Team Goalkeeping Coach	2017 - 2018
• Bury FC	Head of Goalkeeping	2017
• Hartlepool United FC	Head of Goalkeeping	2015 - 2017
• Carlisle United FC	Head of Goalkeeping & First Team Coach	2011 - 2015
• Carlisle United FC	Player-Goalkeeping Coach	2009 - 2011
• Gretna FC	Player-Goalkeeping Coach	2007 - 2009
• Canadian Soccer Association	Regional U17 & U19 Goalkeeping Coach	2006 - 2007
• Vancouver Whitecaps FC	Player-Goalkeeper Coach	2006 - 2007



CURRENT ELITE COACHING ROLES



Newcastle United FC

Head of Academy Goalkeeping

2022 - Present

- Design, develop, and review an elite goalkeeping coaching curriculum and training programme
- Contribute to the establishment and implementation of a goalkeeping CPD programme
- Conduct succession planning for goalkeeping coaching staff
- Lead on talent identification and recruitment of goalkeepers for the Professional Development Phase
- Oversee and lead the U21 goalkeepers coaching programme; plan and deliver technical sessions
- Support the delivery of first team goalkeeping sessions

Player Development

- ✓ Max Thompson was selected for England U18, Jude Smith was selected for Scotland U21, and Reece Byrne was selected for Ireland U19

PROFESSIONAL PLAYING CAREER

Represented Newcastle United FC, Hibernian FC, Charlton Athletic FC, Blackpool FC, Hartlepool United FC, Carlisle United FC, Workington AFC, Chesterfield FC, Houston Dynamo FC, Gretna FC, Vancouver Whitecaps FC, and Barnsley FC.

Key Achievements

- ✓ 1995 English Football League Division Three champions and EFL Trophy finalist with Carlisle United FC
- ✓ 1997: Gained promotion to English Football League Division Two and won the EFL Trophy with Carlisle United FC
- ✓ 1997: Selected in the PFA Division Three Team of the Year
- ✓ 2010: National League Goalkeeper of the Year



"As Head of Goalkeeping at the Scottish FA, I utilised Tony in a number of areas, such as youth national teams and coach education. Tony was a valuable member and a key part of the success that the goalkeeping department had, including the association being one of the first to receive the UEFA B Goalkeeping Licence. Tony has been a key part of various youth national teams' recruitment of goalkeepers, both with his knowledge and skill set but also with his contacts in the game to provide key details on potential Scottish goalkeepers. I found Tony to be a reliable and trustworthy person who brings a great work ethic and personality to the group."

Fraser Stewart: Head of Goalkeeping, Kilmarnock FC & Former Head of Goalkeepers, Scottish FA



"Tony is a determined, modern goalkeeping coach and has been for many years. He's always looking for small margins to improve his goalkeepers on any level. Tony has a high standard for himself and people around him: this combination makes him unique in his way of coaching."

Khalid Benlahsen: Goalkeeping Coordinator & U21 Goalkeeping Coach, KNVB

CURRENT ELITE COACHING ROLES CONTINUED



Irish Football Association

Senior Men's National Team Goalkeeping Coach

2024 - Present

- Liaise with and work in conjunction with the men's national team Head Coach
- Establish and implement an elite training programme, preparing and leading high-quality coaching sessions
- Member of the multidisciplinary team; contribute to planning and preparing for FIFA and UEFA international matches

KEY ELITE COACHING ROLES



Dundee United FC

Head of Goalkeeping Performance

2021 - 2022

- Worked in partnership with the Head Coach to develop and recruit first team and U18 goalkeepers
- Planned, prepared, led, and evaluated goalkeeping coaching sessions and training routines; assisted with match preparations
- Designed, developed, and delivered a forward-thinking Academy Goalkeeping Curriculum for the U10 to U18 squads

Key Achievements

- ✓ 2021/22: Finished fourth in the SPFL Premiership to qualify for the 2022/23 UEFA Europa Conference League

Player Development

- ✓ Jamie McCabe was selected for Scotland's U16 training camp



Livingston FC

First Team Goalkeeping Coach & First Team Coach

2018 - 2021

- Designed and led the coaching programme for first team goalkeepers and contributed to goalkeeper recruitment
- Assisted with coaching the defensive team units, including outfield players, as well as set plays

Key Achievements

- ✓ 2020/21 Scottish League Cup finalists
- ✓ 2019/20 and 2020/21: Secured top-six finishes in the SPFL Premiership
- ✓ 2017/18 SPFL Premiership Play-Off Final winners to secure promotion to the SPFL Premiership

Player Development

- ✓ Contributed to Liam Kelly and Robby McCrorie's development while they were on loan from Rangers FC; both have since been selected for Scotland's men's national team



KEY GOALKEEPERS WORKED WITH

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| • Jordan Pickford | • Benjamin Siegrist | • Shay Given | • Robby McCrorie |
| • Dean Henderson | • Trevor Carson | • Ben Amos | • Max Stryjek |
| • Tim Krul | • Jack Newman | • Liam Kelly | • Mark Gillespie |
| • Fraser Forster | • Martin Dubravka | • Nick Pope | • Connor Hazzard |
| • Bailey Peacock-Farrell | • Luke Southwood | • Pierce Charles | • John Ruddy |
| • Odysseas Vlachodimos | | | |

COACH EDUCATION



Scottish FA

Tutor

2018 - Present

- Mentor candidates on the UEFA A and B Goalkeeping Licences; assess them and aid their progression towards achieving qualifications
- Design and deliver theoretical and practical sessions to further candidates' personal development