

BEN ARCHER

Talent Identification & Opposition Analyst | BJArcher001@hotmail.com | Dual British/Australian Citizen

PFSA Level 2 accredited recruitment and opposition analyst operating within professional football environments. Experienced delivering structured talent identification and tactical opposition reports integrating video analysis and contextual performance data. Trusted to work under strict confidentiality agreements. Focused on role fit, behavioural profiling, and recruitment risk mitigation.

CERTIFICATIONS

- Level 2 (Certified) Professional Scout (Professional Football Scouts Association)
- AFC D License (Foundations of Football + Skills Training Certificate)
- AFC C License in progress

EXPERIENCE

2025 – present

Junior Football Coach | Abermain Rams FC

- Lead coaching and team management for Under 6 teams
- Provide coaching and technical assistance for Under 9s teams
- Lead team selection and management for representative squads.

2024 - present

Talent Identification & Opposition Analyst | Freelance

- Delivered talent identification and recruitment analysis services within professional football environments under strict confidentiality agreements
- Produced structured player dossiers assessing tactical role fit, behavioural indicators, league translation factors, and recruitment risk
- Conducted video-based opposition analysis including build-up structure, pressing triggers, transitional dynamics, and set piece play
- Evaluated contract status, market positioning, and squad redundancy to inform recruitment strategy
- Operated within defined reporting frameworks to ensure clarity, comparability, and decision-support utility for technical staff
- Contributed to both first-team and pathway-level profile assessments

2025 – 2026

Freelance Match Data Scout | IMG Arena

- Captured and validated live match data within professional football environments, ensuring statistical accuracy under time pressure
- Maintained structured performance datasets across multiple technical and tactical variables
- Operated within strict procedural frameworks to ensure consistency, reliability, and data integrity

2024 – 2025

Freelance Talent Identification Scout | Newcastle United Jets FC

- Delivered data-supported talent identification reports to assist shortlisting of Bosman profiles

- Contextualised performance metrics by tactical role, league strength, and usage to identify upside and risk
- Assessed behavioural indicators and game intelligence through structured video analysis
- Contributed written scouting dossiers aligned to defined recruitment parameters and squad needs

Achievements:

- Completed commissioned scouting reports for:
 - Denis Genreau (signed by Melbourne Victory)
 - Ahmet Arslan (signed by Sydney FC)
 - Youstin Salas (signed by Brisbane Roar)
 - Elseban Rashabi (signed by Melbourne City)

EDUCATION

Sept 2025 – present

PhD | School of Allied Health & Sport Science | Adelaide University
Embedded Qualification: Graduate Certificate in Sports Analytics

Sept 2023 – Sept 2024

Graduate Certificate in Project Management | University of Newcastle

Jan 2019 – Dec 2020

Master of Business Administration (Global) | James Cook University

Jan 2004 – Dec 2007

Bachelor of Arts | Australian National University

TECHNICAL COMPETENCIES

Video and Scouting Platforms

Scoutlyst

Wyscout

Data & Analysis

Excel

SPSS

Analytical Focus Areas

Role-based performance profiling

Behavioural & game intelligence assessment

Recruitment risk evaluation

League translation analysis

Structural opposition breakdown

Match-state trend analysis

Reporting & Documentation

Structured scouting dossiers

Coach-facing opposition summaries