

CV/Resume:

John Robinson

Wikipedia Link: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_Robinson\\_\(footballer\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Robinson_(footballer))

My career began in the UK in 1987 when, at the age of 16, I signed my first professional contract with Brighton and Hove Albion. At this time, the team was at the height of their success in the Championship Division of the League.

I joined Charlton Athletic in 1992 and spent the next eleven years playing for the club. During my career with Charlton the team was promoted twice, to the English Premiership. Charlton became the League Champions in the season 2000 to 2001, and in the season 2002 to 2003 we finished 7<sup>th</sup> place in the English Premiership, the club's highest position to date, in the top division in England.

In September, 2003 I left Charlton Athletic and spent one season playing for Cardiff City.

I retired from professional football in 2004, after my dad passed away. I was 33 years old.

Over my eleven year career in the international set up, 2 years as u21, 9 years in the senior team I had the opportunity to play with some of the greatest footballers of the decade including Mark Hughes (Manchester United, Barcelona & Chelsea), Neville Southall (Everton & Stoke), Ian Rush (Liverpool), John Hartson (Arsenal, West Ham & Celtic), Chris Coleman (Fulham), Mark Bowen (Tottenham, West Ham & Charlton), Gary Speed (Leeds, Everton & Newcastle), Dean Saunders ( Liverpool & Aston Villa), Craig Bellamy ( Liverpool, West Ham & Manchester City) and my room mate of 6 years, Ryan Giggs (Manchester United).

During my International career I played in a number of World Cup and European Championship qualifying matches playing against countries that included Holland, Italy, Brazil, Argentina, Portugal and Denmark to name but a few.

Playing against this caliber of team allowed me the opportunity to play against some of the world's greatest players including Berkamp, Seedorf,(Holland), Ronaldo, Cafu, Rivaldo, Roberto Carlos,(Brazil) Baggio, Del Piero, Maldini(Italy) Raul,(Spain) Roy Keane,(Republic Of Ireland) Crespo, Veron(Argentina), Beckham(England), Peter Schemichael(Denmark), and Figo(Portugal) to name a few.

After a very successful and fulfilling career as a professional footballer I now have the opportunity to train and inspire young footballers through my own Soccer School. Formed in 1996 the club grew to become one of the biggest in England & now in Florida, by providing a variety of camps, personal training, team training, fitness training, coaching programs, pre-season training, goalkeeping training and soccer tours. I have also formed two youth Academy clubs in Southwest Florida Florida Knights & in June, 2013 I was appointed the Head Coach for the USL/PDL semi-professional team SWFL Adrenaline. January 2015, I was formed the SWFL Adrenaline youth program & became there Technical Director until March 2016.

In May, 2014 I started my own club called Elite Soccer Academy SWFL in 2 locations Lee & Charlotte County.

May 2015 through my many soccer contacts I was able to partner with the worlds #1 soccer college recruitment agency, as it was important we had that opportunity available for our youth players.

In 2016 I became Sports Recruiting USA Soccer Operations Head Of Payer ID in America. Also in 2016 I organized & started the Sports Recruiting College Showcase. 2016 in Florida, 2017 Michigan & we have confirmation that in 2017 we expand to the Middle East. Looking to expand in 2017/2018/2019, to other American States, Middle East, Australia & United Kingdom.

#### Career Statistics:

- \* Associated with a professional soccer club since age of 8
- \* Signed professional forms at age 16
- \* Professional Clubs: Brighton & Hove Albion, Charlton Athletic, Cardiff City
- \* Played over 520 games in the top 2 divisions in England
- \* Played 5 times for Wales U21 Team
- \* Played 30 times for Wales Full International Team
- \* Played in European Championship & World Cup Qualifiers
- \* Promoted twice to the English Premiership League
- \* League Champions in 1999-2000 English Championship Division
- \* Championship Play Off Final Winner 1998-1999 Season (final at old Wembley stadium)
- \* Retired age 33 years old (due to my dad passing away)

#### Personal Achievements:

- \* 1st Bobby Charlton Soccer Camp Skills Winner aged 12 – trip to Real Madrid
- \* Ambassador in the South East England for Bobby Charlton Soccer School

#### \* **Brighton & Hove Albion:**

Player Of Year; 1998-1999 Season

#### \* **Charlton Athletic:**

2017 Inducted Into Charlton Athletic Hall Fame

Player Of Year 1995-1996 Season

Runner Up Player Of The Year 1996-97 & 1999-2000 Season

Junior Reds Player Of Year 1999-2000 Season

**\* Cardiff City:**

Player Of Year 2003-2004 Season

**\* Wales Full International Squad:**

International Player Of The Year 1999-2000 Season (voted by fans, media, staff, & players)

**\* Professional Players Association**

Selected for their Team Of The Season (voted by fellow professionals), 1997-1998 & 1999-2000

**Other:**

\* Coached at Charlton Athletic south east of England academy teams & clinics for players aged 10-15yrs

\* Founder of John Robinson Soccer School in England & America

**USA Youth Competitive Clubs:**

\* 2012 & 2013 season – 2012 formed partnership with Global Premier Soccer (GPS) and North Fort Myers Knight youth club and formed Florida Knights youth soccer club, based in SWFL, 2012 season formed 17 teams, 2013 season formed 23 teams. Left due to owners changing ethics not about the kids.

\* 2014 Season – Formed partnership with SWFL Adrenaline and Bonita Storm Youth Soccer Club, to help BYSC stabilize club from 2013 season of 1 team to 10 teams in 2014 season. Left due to BYSC not paying our coaches.

\* 2015 Season – Started SWFL Adrenaline Academy youth club & named Soccer Program Director & configured all soccer programs from youth to men's PDL. Formed 18 teams in 1<sup>st</sup> season.

\* 3 Seasons – Helped form over 47 teams for three clubs, and each time reason for leaving was change of direction from owners, hence why I have decided to go on my own and form Elite Soccer Academy SWFL.

\* 2016-17 Season – Formed own club Elite Soccer Academy SWFL – formed 12 teams (167 players)

\* 2016-17 Season: - 12 senior players received college scholarships worth over \$1,000,000 from youth competitive club

\* Player from Elite Soccer Academy club selected for MLS Youth club FC Dallas

**USL/PDL:**

\* June 2013 - Confirmed head coach half way through 2013 season.

\* 2014 & 2015 Season - Head Coach for USL/PDL club SWFL Adrenaline (semi professional) – Help recruit players from all over America working closely with college coaches, MLS players recruitment director &

other Academy clubs, as well through partnership formed with SRUSA with players from England

\* 1<sup>st</sup> season (2014) as head coach of PDL team qualified for conference play offs & Qualified for US Soccer US Open Cup by finishing in the top 15 ranked in the Nation.

\* 2<sup>nd</sup> season (2015) finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place 2 points behind 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

\* 2014 & 2015 PDL Season helped 3 players receive professional trials in England & 3 players from PDL team earned professional contracts with USL Pro & NASL clubs in America

**Sports Recruiting USA:** (SRUSA) Leading college recruitment agency in the world.

\* 2014 – USL/PDL club partnered with SRUSA (1<sup>st</sup> club in America to do so) after researching the company

\* 2016 to present – Director Of Soccer Operations Elite Soccer Academy SWFL - Competitive club (1<sup>st</sup> in America) partnered with SRUSA to be our college recruitment company that works for our players

\* 2016 – Help start SRUSA College Showcase Tournaments

\* 2016 to present – Sports Recruiting USA Head Of Player ID (USA)

**Coaching Licenses:**

Looking to take my US Soccer B License in August 2017



