

# GUERNSEY FC 2023/24 PLAYER BIOS

## GOALKEEPERS

### Josh Addison

Goalkeeper who made his debut against Chatham Town at Footes Lane in September 2016 due to the absence of regular number one Chris Tardif.

Addison was the hero in September 2020, scoring and saving in the shootout as the Green Lions beat FC Isle of Man 5-4 on penalties to win the inaugural Skipton Cup.

By the end of the 2022-23 season he had made his 60th appearance for the club, making some crucial saves on Guernsey's road to survival. Excels in his distribution and is not afraid to play the role of sweeper.

### Jason Martin

Stopper who was a serial trophy winner with St Martin's in the local game and has Muratti Vase experience. Began training with GFC in the summer of 2022 but spent most of 2022/23 as back-up to Addison.

## DEFENDERS

### Ben Le Tocq

Left sided defender who represented Rovers in the local game before making the step up to GFC post-pandemic. Making his debut in the opening game of Guernsey's 2021-22 season, he set up Ross Allen to score the Green Lions' second in a 4-1 win against Sutton Common Rovers.

Featured early on in the 2022-23 season but soon fell out of favour as other players emerged in the squad.

### George McNeela

Young defender who made a trip away with the Green Lions early in the 2021-22 season, finally making his debut in February 2022 as a substitute against Bedfont Sports.

### Jacob Fallaize

Imposing centre-back and son of GFC coach Colin. First travelled with the squad in September 2015 and made his debut as a late substitute against Carshalton Athletic a month later. As a youngster, Fallaize was used both in defence and up front in his first few appearances. Scored his first two goals for the club against Walton & Hersham in April 2016, making him the club's second youngest goalscorer.

Now very much a central defender, Jacob has become a first team regular, scoring some key goals from set pieces and scooping both the Fans' and Coaches' Player of the Year awards in the 2022-23 season.

### Jamie Dodd

One of the team's most dependable players, club captain Dodd is a dominant defender who typically plays as a centre-back, but was a marauding left-back in his younger years.

Dodd was Guernsey FC's unquestioned player of the season for 2012-13 after he picked up a hat-trick of Fans', Coaches' and Players' Player of the Year awards.

Dodd is strong in the air, reads the game well and has superb ability to carry the ball out of defence, while his long throws pose a danger to any defence and have been the source of many key goals for the club.

Surpassed Dominic Heaume as the club's all-time record appearance holder in late 2018 and became the first player to reach 300 games for the club.

### **Joe Alvarez**

Made his debut in the Green Lions' first ever cup fixture in September 2011, playing briefly for the club in its earliest seasons.

In 2018 he was named captain of local outfit Sylvans, and spent several years as a solid performer in the Priaulx League.

Joe returned to GFC ahead of the 2022-23 season, and soon became a regular starter at left-back, combining speed and stamina with an inclination to get forward, and good defensive awareness.

### **Keanu Marsh**

Energetic right-back who made his debut as part of Guernsey's youngest-ever squad at Hythe Town in January 2016. Has also represented the island at most age levels of youth football.

While injuries hampered his availability earlier in his career, he has since become a regular at right-back, but also has the pace and ability to perform in a more attacking role.

### **Seb Vance**

Son of manager Tony, and a talented young prospect. Having captained the Guernsey under-18s to victory in a local senior cup competition in 2021-2022, he made two appearances for the Green Lions in their successful relegation battle the following season.

Composed and a good reader of the game, Seb will hope to feature more regularly in 2023-24 following those impressive cameos.

### **Tom Martin**

A versatile player who has played at left-back, centre-back and on the left wing. Martin brings energy and passion when featuring in the side.

Brought up his half-century of appearances in the 2022-23 season, and will be aiming for more regular minutes going forward.

### **Tom Vaudin**

A new face on the GFC scene in 2022-23, Vaudin soon found his feet at Isthmian South Central level, developing into a dynamic and reliable defender. His sterling performances in his debut campaign were duly recognised with the Young Player of the Season award.

### **Tyler McKane**

Adventurous full-back who has captained Guernsey U21s in numerous junior Muratti wins.

Plays his local football for Rovers, helping them to back-to-back Priaulx titles in 2017 and 2018.

Began training with the Green Lions in the summer of 2019 after being part of Chris Tardif's Island Games squad in Ynys Mon, where he played a key role as the Sarnians earned a silver medal.

## **MIDFIELDERS**

### **Brandon Wallace**

Technically gifted young winger who had a breakout season in 2022-23.

Despite not finding the back of the net in his debut campaign, Brandon frequently got fans on their feet with his exciting style of play and willingness to take on and beat defenders.

A pacey attacker with a very bright future.

## **Charlton Gauvain**

Having spent time with Bristol City's academy between the ages of 8 and 15, his pedigree was immediately apparent as he began training with the first team on his 16th birthday and showed flashes of quality in his debut season.

Became a first-team regular from 2017 and is a potent attacking threat with his dribbling ability and shooting. He has a knack for the spectacular, and won the GFC Goal of the Season awards two years running. His strike from the halfway line against Ramsgate in August 2018 went viral online and was featured on Sky Sports' Soccer AM programme.

Charlton has developed into a tenacious midfielder capable of playing in several different roles, and an unfortunate injury in preseason forced him out of the majority of 2022-23, however he did return to help complete Guernsey's escape from relegation.

## **Dave Merris**

Experienced midfielder Merris played and coached at Priaulx League side Belgrave Wanderers after moving to the island in the 2021-22 season. Beginning his career in the youth ranks of Rotherham United, his semi-pro CV has some famous names on it, with spells at York City and Harrogate Town among others.

Made his Guernsey debut in October 2022 as a substitute against Ashford Town, and has shown his class in midfield and occasionally at left back, as well as his excellent set-piece delivery.

## **Dave Rihoy**

Rihoy made his name as a diminutive pacy forward, overcoming serious injuries on several occasions. He has been a valuable player for the club, surpassing 250 appearances for the Green Lions and scoring plenty of goals in the process.

Another long-term injury restricted his appearances in 2015-16 but he came back towards the end of the season and notched his 50th goal for the club on the final day of the season.

Rihoy took on the mantle as the team's main forward in the following season in the absence of Ross Allen, winning the Golden Boot award in a difficult season. A serious injury in 2019 jeopardised his career and forced him to miss a whole season.

Rihoy has since returned to the squad with his experience and versatility proving invaluable.

## **Kieran Mahon**

Kieran left Guernsey at 16 to become the first Channel Islands player to join the Football CV Academy in Northampton.

It was during his time there that 'Kez' was not only named the Academy player of the year but he also earned the accolade of being the first ever player to graduate from the academy as a full time professional when Northampton Town signed him in 2008.

An energetic, tough tackling midfielder with an eye for an incisive pass, and despite suffering some serious injuries he remains as competitive as ever, and a key player for the Green Lions.

## **Liam Mahon**

The younger of the two Mahon brothers has been involved with the club since returning to the island after a spell as a youngster with Northern Premier League side Ilkeston Town.

After making his debut in the 2014-15 season he would keep his place in the side from mid-December with a string of encouraging performances both in central midfield and at right-back.

His good form continued into the start of the 2015-16 before an injury sidelined him and restricted his involvement for the remainder of the campaign.

Now an experienced player with more than 150 appearances for the club, he has been a regular starter in midfield in recent seasons.

## **Matt Loaring**

A promising youngster at the time of Guernsey FC's inception. He has grown with the club and become one of its record appearance makers, having played more than 350 times.

With excellent close control and a desire to take on defenders, combined with a real eye for goal, Matt has been a fan favourite for the Green Lions for many years.

A key player in the Guernsey team and one of the most dependable players at the club.

## **Tom Dodds**

Midfielder renowned for his ability to break up play, and a very reliable deputy across the back line too.

Broke into the team remarkably quickly in the 2016-17 season, becoming a mainstay in midfield and winning five end-of-season awards. In the 2018-19 season he showed he was just as dependable as a full-back and has been a key member of the squad since his debut season.

# **FORWARDS**

## **Danny Hale**

Renowned in local football as a dangerous marksman, 2022-23 was Danny's first full season as a Guernsey player and he was often deployed in wide areas, limiting his chances in front of goal.

He showed his goalscoring instincts with a magnificent strike in a valuable 1-0 win at Westfield, and those who have seen him train or play locally know there is much more to come following a debut season which yielded only two goals.

## **Glenn Le Tissier**

Nephew of Southampton legend Matthew, Glenn boasts an excellent goal record for local side Vale Rec, and a knack for the spectacular.

With fierce competition up front in the Green Lions squad he continues to fight for his place in the team, and take the chances that come his way.

## **Keene Domaille**

A young striker with good movement and an eye for goal, Keene has scored prolifically for Guernsey at youth level and since making his debut in February 2022, has featured most often from the bench from the Green Lions.

He has looked impressive in his starts, and is another exciting prospect in Guernsey's ranks.

## **Paris Pereira**

With over 100 appearances for the Green Lions, Paris is a hard-working forward who has had some misfortune with injuries.

His pace and work rate make him a handful for any defence, and he crucially scored a late equaliser against Sittingbourne to save Guernsey from relegation in 2018-19, having come from 2-0 down at half time.

## **Ross Allen**

Perhaps the name most synonymous with Guernsey FC.

An experienced striker with an incredible goal record; having netted more than 280 times across 300 appearances for the club. An all-round technician with excellent hold up play and playmaking ability in addition to his goalscoring, which he does with both feet and his head, often in spectacular fashion.

Aside from a short spell with Team Wellington in New Zealand when he participated in the FIFA Club World Cup, he has spent his whole career with the Green Lions, despite plenty of interest from clubs higher up in the football pyramid.

### **Sam Murray**

Having loyally plied his trade for Northerners in the Priaulx League for several years, Murray began training with the Green Lions for the 2022-23 campaign. Netted 11 times in his debut campaign.

Physically strong and a threat in the air, it didn't take him long to become a key player for Guernsey, and he was duly voted Players' Player of the Season.

### **Will Fazakerley**

Physically imposing with an eye for a spectacular goal, the former professional cricketer returned to the island due to injury having played for Leicester CCC.

After a prolific season helping Rovers retain the Priaulx League title, he opted to represent Guernsey FC in the summer of 2018 and became the club's first player to feature in every single match in a season, scoring 6 times in the process while offering a key physical focal point in attack.

Some hard luck with injury followed his ever-present campaign, but in both the 2021-22 and 2022-23 seasons he found the net from the halfway line, doing so first against East Grinstead Town and then Chipstead the following season.