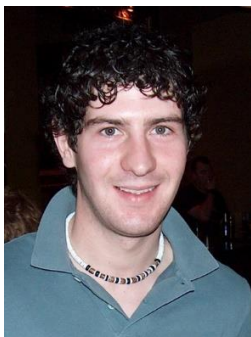




Joseph Byrne played 432 official games for VEC Football Club in the 18 seasons from 2004 to 11:11:2023, scoring a remarkable 250 goals ... and he's not finished yet!  
 He made his debut on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2004 against St. Canice's Utd. in VEC Terenure.



**VEC FC - Quadruple Squad - 2015-2016**  
 Back (l to r): Kev O'Hanlon (Manager), Pat Meghen, Conall O'Shaughnessy, Richard Hannify, Alan Keane, Neal Breslin, Mick Kinsella, Killian Finlay, Andy Myler, Dave Spring (Manager)  
 Front (l to r): Steve Quin, Ray Jaudzems, Seamus Staunton, Aidan Hyland, Anthony Dunne (capt.), Gav Murphy, Joey Byrne, Paul O'Sullivan, Niall Flynn.





- **Joey** played 21 games in the remarkable and historic 2015-2016 season where VEC were **quadruple** winners, winning the UCFL Premier Division, Challenge Cup, Richard Knight Cup and Barton Shield.
- Then, in addition to winning the UCFL Premier Division in the 2016-2017 season, **Joey** was in the double-winning squad that won the UCFL Premier Division and the Challenge Cup in 2018-2019.
- **Joey** was also on the VEC FC team that – for the first time in the Club’s history – reached Round 7 (last-16) of the FAI Junior Cup, eventually succumbing 2-0 to a good Boyle Celtic team in Roscommon in February 2017.
- He was top goal-scorer for VEC FC in his first three seasons and again in 2010-2011. In that first season, he broke the Club record for the most goals scored in a season, netting 36 goals in 36 games – a record he held for 12 seasons, until Aidan Hyland scored 37! In his second season, he broke the Club record for scoring in consecutive games, scoring in 9 consecutive games and he held that Club record until Aidan scored in 12 consecutive games in 2014!
- In October 2017, **Joey** surpassed Noel Ryan’s long-standing Club goal-scoring record of 198. He scored his 200<sup>th</sup> goal in December 2017 in the away win against Clontarf Ath. In the Challenge Cup and then his 250<sup>th</sup> goal at home to AGP FC in the Premier Division win in November 2023. A remarkable record that will hardly be beaten!
- It was a great achievement for **Joey** to be voted VEC’s Player-of-the-Year by his peers in his first season - 2004-2005.
- It was an honour for the Club that **Joey** was selected and played for the UCFL League Team in 2006-2007 and 2010-2011 and then playing against Wexford and the AUL Leagues in 2016-2017.



In summary, **Joey’s** haul of silverware in his 18 seasons with **VEC FC** reads as follows:

- 4 x UCFL Premier Division Winners’ medals: 2008-2009; 2015-2016; 2016-2017 & 2018-2019.
- 4 x UCFL Challenge Cup Winners’ medals: 2010-2011 (*Beating Stedfast Utd. 2-0 in Home Farm*); 2015-2016 (*Beating South William Street Celtic 4-1 in Home Farm*); 2018-2019 (*Beating Drumcondra AFC 6-3 in the Oscar Traynor Centre in Coolock*) and 2021-2022 (*Beating Tallaght Utd. 1-0 in Home Farm*).
- 2 x Richard Knight Cup Winners’ medals: 2015-2016 (*Beating FC Sportslink Ailesbury 5-1 in VEC Terenure*) and 2021-2022 (*Beating Tallaght Utd. 1-0 in Tolka Rovers*).
- 4 x UCFL Barton Shield Winners’ medals: 2004-2005 (*Beating Clontarf Ath. 3-2 in the AUL*); 2010-2011 (*Beating Clontarf Ath. 1-0 in the AUL*); 2015-2016 (*Beating AGP FC on penalties in VEC Terenure*) and 2019-2020 (*Beating Coolock FC on penalties in VEC Terenure*).
- 3 x UCFL Premier Division runners-up medals: 2017-2018; 2019-2020 & 2021-2022.
- 2 x Richard Knight runners-up medals: 2004-2005 (*Losing 0-2 to Stedfast Utd. in Baldonnel*) and 2017-2018 (*Losing in extra time to Harding IF at FAI HQ in Abbotstown*).
- 1 x UCFL Barton Shield runners-up medal: 2018-2019 (*Losing 0-1 to Harding IF in VEC Terenure*).