



Aidan Hyland played 202 official games for VEC Football Club in the 10 seasons between 2013 and 2023, scoring a remarkable 201 goals along the way. It was a great achievement for *Aidan* to be voted VEC's Player-of-the-Year by his peers on two occasions: in 2014-2015 and again in 2017-2018. Moreover, he was the top goal-scorer in the Club in his first season and in the following 5 seasons.



The VEC FC players who played the most games alongside Aidan in those 10 seasons:

Pat MEGHEN, Séamus STAUNTON, Gavin MURPHY, Raimonds JAUDZEMS, Joey BYRNE, Rob NEWE, Neal BRESLIN, Anthony DUNNE, Mick KINSELLA, Richie HANNIFY, James McGAURAN, Killian FINLAY, Jack NOLAN, Conall O'SHAUGHNESSY, Steve QUIN, Peter O'BRIEN, Paul O'SULLIVAN, Andy MYLER, Dani GONZALEZ, Tom WRYNNE, Neill LOVE, Jordon HOWARD, Oisín KINSELLA, Carl O'GORMAN, Dan SMYTH.

And the main managers over those 10 seasons: Paul HUTCHINSON, Dave SPRING, Kev O'HANLON, Simon ROCHE.



- **Aidan Hyland** made his debut for VEC FC on 24th August 2013, playing in the 4-1 win against Harding IF FC in the UCFL Premier Division in Terenure.
- In that first season, **Aidan** was the Club's leading goalscorer, and moreover, he was the Club's leading goalscorer for the following 5 seasons as well, scoring 37 goals in 2016-2017 – thus beating Joey Byrne's 12-year old Club record of 36 goals in a season. That record still stands.
- **Aido** started 34 of our 37 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. He only missed the cup game against Leixlip in April and then, in order to play for the League team, he magnanimously stepped aside for our cup game against Aston Village in January.
- Then, in addition to winning the UCFL Premier Division in the 2016-2017 season, **Aido** was in the double-winning squad that won the UCFL Premier Division and the Challenge Cup in 2018-2019.
- **Aidan** 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.
- It was an honour for the Club that **Aidan** was selected for the UCFL League Team, where he played against The Defence Forces (twice), the Carlow League, the AUL and the Leinster Senior League between 2016 and 2018.



In summary, **Aidan's** haul of silverware in his 10 seasons with **VEC FC** reads as follows:

- 3 x UCFL Premier Division Winners' medals: 2015-2016; 2016-2017 & 2018-2019
- 3 x UCFL Challenge Cup Winners' medals: 2015-2016 (*Beating South William Street Celtic 4-1 in Home Farm*) and 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*). In fact, he scored in all three of them!
- 2 x Richard Knight Cup Winners' medals: 2015-2016 (*Beating FC Sportslink Ailesbury 5-1 in the VEC Sportsgrounds*) and 2021-2022 (*Beating Tallaght Utd. 1-0 in Tolka Rovers ground*).
- 2 x UCFL Premier Division runners-up medals: 2019-2020 & 2021-2022.
- 2 x UCFL Barton Shield Winners' medals: 2015-2016 (*Beating Arthur Griffith FC 4-3 on penalties*) and 2019-2020 (*Beating Coolock FC on penalties*) - both in VEC Terenure.
- 1 x Richard Knight runners-up medal: 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 the VEC*).

