Joseph Byrne played 498 official games for **VEC Football Club** in the 22 seasons from 2004 to 2026, scoring a remarkable 263 goals!
He made his debut on 21st August 2004 against St. Canice's Utd. in VEC Terenure.
He was also Club Chairman in 2024-2025 & 2025-2026





VEC FC - Quadruple Squad - 2015-2016
Back (l to r): Kev O'Hanlon (Manager), Pat Meghen, Conall OShaughnessy, 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.



The **VEC FC** players who played the most games alongside Joey in those 22 seasons:

Anthony DUNNE, Neil SPRING, Séamus STAUNTON, Pat MEGHEN, Rob NEWE, Gavin MURPHY, Raimonds JAUDZEMS, Brian WARD, Gavin O'SULLIVAN, Richie HANNIFY, Neal BRESLIN, Steve QUIN, Aidan HYLAND, Paul O'SULLIVAN, Brian QUINN, Stephen VAN LOON, Ronan COTTER, Peter MORRISSEY, Simon ROCHE, Ross KAVANAGH, Killian FINLAY, Mick KINSELLA, Phil McHUGH, James McGAURAN, Paul HUTCHINSON, Darragh McGINLEY, Peter O'BRIEN, Rav JENNINGS, Jack NOLAN, Michael KEATING, Conall O'SHAUGHNESSY, Jefferson DE CASTRO, Rory O'DWYER, Tom WRYNNE, Dara DOHERTY, Marc DOHERTY, Oisín KINSELLA, Andy MYLER, Carl O'GORMAN, Jordan HOWARD, Rob NEWE, Neill LOVE, Tom DELANEY, Alan SCULLION, Seán O'SHEA, Shane SPRING, Colin POWER, Kev O'HANLON, Dani GONZALEZ, Sicco LANSU, Alan KEANE, Gary DURKAN, Seán LYNCH, Paddy COOK, Paul LANGAN.

And the main managers over those 22 seasons: Dave SPRING, Paul HUTCHINSON, Kev O'HANLON, Simon ROCHE, Carl O'GORMAN.













- **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 200th goal in December 2017 in the away win against Clontarf Ath. In the Challenge Cup and then he reached the 263 mark in May 2026. A remarkable record that now won't 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 22 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)*.