

MEET THE COACHES

Name: Mark McCann

Nickname: n/a

Age group you coach: U16s

Football team you support: Liverpool FC

Footballing idol growing up: Kevin Keegan & Kenny Dalglish

First football match you ever attended: Liverpool vs Middlesbrough

Best football memories:

Watching Liverpool win a run of leagues and European cups. On a personal note, watching young players I've coached develop into good players and even better people.

Why/how did you become a coach and what do you enjoy most about coaching:

I became a coach as I wanted to stay involved in football. The most enjoyment I got out of coaching was helping Rockview United FC u18s win the Mid Ulster and Mid Ulster Cup for whom my son Niall played for. Plus, watching my son Niall graduate from MMU with his Sport Coaching and Development degree and knowing that I started him on that path.

What's the best thing about being a coach at Warrenpoint Town FC:

I've been here a few months and I can see straight away things are done properly. There seems to be a great bunch of coaches here who I get on with really well. Plus the under 16s are a good group and are working hard.

What advice or tips would you offer young footballers:

My work with the Respect Project in Newry has taught me to make sure young players respect themselves and their sport and to work hard both on and off the pitch. If they do this they should develop into much better players and more importantly better people.