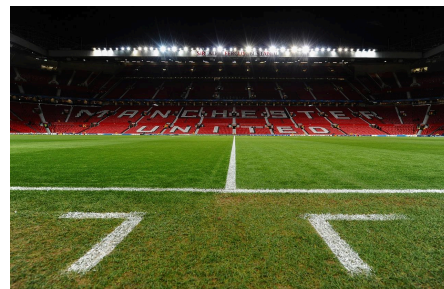


# Manchester United's Academy



## 1) Discussion

- a) Who are the best young players in your country?
  - b) What clubs have good academies for young players? Who are some of the players from the academy?
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## 2) Vocabulary

### a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

1) Milestone (noun)

2) To Graduate (verb)

3) Numerous (adjective)

4) Tight-knit (adjective)

5) Remarkable (adjective)

6) Heritage (noun)

a) The traditions, achievements, beliefs, and values in the history of a club or business.

b) Extraordinary; impressive or exceptional.

c) Many; a large number of something.

d) Closely united; having strong friendships or relationships within a group.

e) An important event or achievement that marks a significant point in progress.

f) To successfully complete a course of study or training.



**b) Complete the sentences with the vocabulary from exercise 2a.**

Milestone

To graduate

Numerous

Tight-Knit

Remarkable

Heritage

- 1) Sadio Mane's journey from a small town in Senegal to becoming one of the world's best players is truly \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) The team's success is due in part to their \_\_\_\_\_ defence, which has only conceded a few goals this season.
- 3) Winning the championship was a \_\_\_\_\_ for the team, marking their first major trophy in over 10 years.
- 4) Flamengo takes pride in its rich football \_\_\_\_\_, which includes iconic moments and legendary players.
- 5) Cristiano Ronaldo has scored \_\_\_\_\_ goals throughout his career, making him one of the top scorers in football history.
- 6) After years of hard work, Sarah is set to \_\_\_\_\_ from the football academy next month.



### 3) Quick Read - Read the article quickly and answer the question.

- a) How has Manchester United's academy helped their success and history?

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#### Manchester United's Academy

Manchester United's academy is a place where young players learn and grow to become great footballers. It started in 1937 and has been making a big impact ever since. When Ethan Wheatley came on in a match vs Sheffield United on April 24th it marked the milestone of the 250th player graduating from the academy into the first team. This shows how successful they are at helping young players become professional footballers.

Many famous players have come from Manchester United's academy. Players like George Best, Bobby Charlton, Ryan Giggs, and Paul Scholes all started there. They not only became great players but also showed what it means to be part of the club.

One of the most famous groups to come out of Manchester United's academy is the Class of '92. This special group included players like David Beckham, Paul Scholes, Gary Neville, Phil Neville, Nicky Butt, and Ryan Giggs. They all came through the academy together and went on to have incredible careers at Manchester United. Winning numerous trophies, including the prestigious UEFA Champions League, they became legends of the game. It shows the academy's ability to produce not just individual talents but also tight-knit teams that achieve remarkable things together. Their story continues to inspire young players around the world.

One amazing thing about the academy is that in every match since 1937, there has been a player from the academy in every matchday squad. This means that the academy is very good at preparing players for the first team environment.

As Manchester United continues to play in big matches, the academy remains an important part of the club. Every new player who graduates adds to the club's heritage, history and success. The academy keeps Manchester United's tradition of excellence alive, inspiring young players to dream big and work hard to achieve their goals.



#### 4) Discussion

- a) What are your thoughts on Manchester United's academy?
- b) Which of the players from the article do you think had the best career?
- c) Do you think it's better to focus on the academy players or buy players from other clubs?

