



Abbey Rangers

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Announcement: Abbey Rangers U23 Management Team

Abbey Rangers is delighted to announce the appointment of TJ Barbato as our new U23 manager.

TJ has a wealth of experience as a player with many clubs in Surrey and he was a part of teams that were winning league and cup doubles until his playing career was cut short by an ACL injury in 2017.

At that point he turned his focus to management and started coaching youth teams where he helped to nurture and develop players with four young talents signed by Fulham, QPR and Brighton. After success at youth level TJ then moved into men's football and has been managing the Saturday Reserves at Abbey Rangers where he has been an integral part of the adult section of the Club over recent seasons.

Joining TJ as coach of the U23's will be Luke Stone who has been at Abbey Rangers for several years managing our Sunday 1st team. Luke has also shown tremendous talent over many seasons with the development of his team and players and he will be a strong addition to the U23 coaching team.

When assessing all the applications for these U23 vacancies it has been a true pleasure to promote from within our Club – there's a strong synergy in helping develop our own managers and coaches who in turn will now be responsible for the progression of players towards the 1st Team squad. The development pathway at Abbey Rangers is in full flow on many levels.

We wish TJ and Luke all the best in their new roles and look forward to supporting them in this next exciting phase of their coaching journey.