



Juniors Pathway Champion (4 to 11 year-olds)

Hi, I'm James,

Being involved in team sports in my formative years, I fondly remember the friendships and confidence I gained and how proud I was to be part of not only a team but a club. Now, being a father of 4 young boys, I've been searching for the same positive experience for them. When I heard the news, I was very excited that AFC Fradley was being formed and anyone could join up.

Being first through the gates at the opening Soccer Camp, I was instantly blown away by the passion and commitment that AFC Fradley was bringing to the community; I was so impressed that I joined up to assist with Soccer Camp, Skills Camp, and a team in the Club's first season. Since then, I have been amazed by our coaches' commitment to delivering multiple-level sessions from ages 4 to 11 and witnessed the impact on the players while watching them learn to communicate, play collectively, and build confidence with their new teammates. This experience reinforced my personal commitment to enabling inclusive team sports for all.

As a Pathway Champion, I want to see players progress into competitive teams while encouraging a winning mentality, having fun, keeping active, building character, and creating long-lasting friendships in a safe, friendly, and fun environment.

My goal is to assist players in progressing from Soccer Camp each season to Mini Football and beyond to the Junior age groups, enabling AFC Fradley to create multiple teams and form a solid foundation for the club's future.

I aim to share my own positive experience and encourage next season's new coaches to become an integral part of our growing coaching team.

Chairman Darren Peck says,

James is perfect to help support our youngest footballers; having four young men himself, he almost has a team on his own. James is passionate about the inclusion of all into team sports and is committed to AFC Fradley and all that it stands for. Present at every training session and always first to step up to get things done, a great asset to have in our club.

