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Football fame is the spur!

LOOK out Glenn Hoddle – Naseem Bashir is after your shirt!

For the 15-year-old footballer's dream is to play for Tottenham Hotspur.

And Naseem of Branch Road, Loudwater, is well on the way to achieving his ambition to become a professional footballer.

At least four League clubs have watched him, and during the school holidays Naseem regularly travels to Arsenal to train and play in their youth team.

He already plays in the District and County teams and turns out for Penn and Tylers Green on a Sunday, and last year was chosen to go on two English Schools FA coaching courses.

Naseem said: "The first team I played for was the school at Loudwater, then I started with Loudwater Boys Club and at nine I was in their U11's team.

"They sent me for district trials and I've been in the district team for five years now. I went for U14 county trials and have been in their squad since.

"I've had quite a lot of clubs looking

at me. Luton rang the school, and Coventry and Portsmouth have shown interest. I think they like me as I'm quite skilful.

"When I played in Croydon at U11's the Arsenal scout gave me his card and they started watching me about a year and a half ago."

Chosen

After passing the English Schools FA course at Aylesbury Naseem was one of 62 boys from all over England chosen for second course with Dave Sexton, but he didn't make it to the England Youth Team.

Naseem said: "I thought it was all over but then I was chosen for the Bucks, Herts and Beds divisional team.

"I do want to be a professional footballer and this year I'm going to try to get on schoolboy forms with a major club. My favourite teams are Arsenal and Tottenham and players are Kenny Dalglish and Hoddle.

"I don't like to think what happens if I don't make it – all my reports say 'Naseem should pay more attention to his academic work rather than his football.' So I just hope I get there."