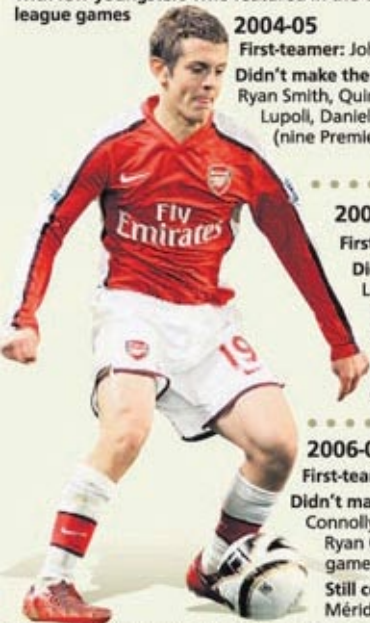


Who are the academy award-winners?

Words Tom Dart

Jack Wilshere, below, and his Arsenal team-mates provided another Carling Cup sensation on Wednesday, but since 2005 the production line in North London has not been prolific, with few youngsters who featured in the Carling Cup going on to play more than ten league games



2004-05

First-teamer: Johan Djourou

Didn't make the grade: Sebastian Larsson, Ryan Smith, Quincy Owusu-Abeyie, Arturo Lupoli, Daniel Karbassiyoon, Patrick Cregg (nine Premier League games between them)

One from seven



2005-06

First-teamer: Nicklas Bendtner

Didn't make the grade: Sebastian Larsson, Patrick Cregg, Fabrice Muamba, Quincy Owusu-Abeyie, Arturo Lupoli, Anthony Stokes, Matthew Connolly, Kerrea Gilbert (11 Premier League games between them)

One from ten



2006-07

First-teamer: Denilson

Didn't make the grade: Matthew Connolly, Armand Traoré, Joe O'Ceairuill, Ryan Garry (four Premier League games between them)

Still could make it: Mark Randall, Fran Mérida, Jay Simpson

One from eight



(excludes players who also featured frequently in games other than Carling Cup ties, such as Theo Walcott)