

AFC PORTH PLAYERS' PROFILES 2011-12

Steven Hall Goalkeeper, Age 26, Joined 2007, Previous Club Ton Pentre. Last season's player of the year, rock solid, unflappable.

Keiron Coles Defender, Age 20, Joined 2005, Previous Club AFC Porth Youth. Outstanding prospect, calm, cool, collected. Destined for big things

Jarrad Wright Defender, Age 19, Joined 2005, Previous Club AFC Porth Youth. Tall, athletic defender, or centre midfield, deceptively quick, strong in the air.

Adrian Needs Defender, Age 37, Joined 2007, Previous Club Merthyr Tydfil. "Bambi" general at the back, wealth of experience to pass on. .

John Noble Defender, Age 27, Joined 1993, Previous Club AFC Porth Youth. 18th straight season, dependable, won't let you down when called upon.

Lee Michael Defender Aged 30, Joined 2010, Previous Club Cambrian BGC. Strong no nonsense defender who can play a bit, danger at set plays.

Robbie Thomas Defence/Midfield Aged 23, Joined 2010 Previous Club Ton Pentre. Fit as a fiddle, bags energy, run all day long, strong in the tackle.

Stuart Brock Midfield Aged 25, Joined 2007, Previous Club Blaenrhondda. Tricky winger, unplayable at times, can dazzle himself, gets fair share assists.

Shane Davies Midfield, Aged 19, joined 2010, Previous Club Merthyr Town. All action, great passer, bags energy in the centre midfield.

Josh Owen Midfield, Aged 20,Joined 1996, Previous Club AFC Porth Youth. Feisty character, never one to shirk a tackle, showing great maturity.

Michael Hayward Midfield Aged 26, Joined 2011, Previous Club Dinas Powys. Possesses a great range of passing ability, superb first touch and creativity.

Gethyn Jones Midfield Aged 27,Joined 2011, Previous Club Ammanford. He's a skilful player that likes going forward and taking opponents on.

George Daly Midfield Aged 17,Joined 2010,Prev Club AFC Porth Youth. Creative, dynamic midfielder with bags of potential in possession, bright future.

Kristian Orchard Striker, Aged 28, Joined 2008, Previous Club Ton Pentre. Versatile player, play anywhere for the team, sublime left foot.

Craig Wells Striker, Aged 28, Joined 2008, Previous Club Cambrian BGC. Strong, powerful front runner, great link up play, works unselfishly for team mates.

Adam Wright Striker, Aged 20, Joined 2004, Previous Club AFC Porth Youth. Top class finisher, never gets fazed, last season's top scorer with 25 goals.

Christian Burge Striker, Aged 26, Joined 2009, Previous Club Bettws. Will be keen make up lost time after injury last season,

Geraint Williams Striker, Aged 31, joined 2011. Previous Club Ton Pentre. Hard working striker not afraid to get stuck in, leads line well.

AFC PORTH BRIEF HISTORY

AFC Porth are the latest in a number of teams to have represented the town of Porth, following on from Porth United, Porth Athletic, Porth Welfare, Beatus United, and AFC Rhondda.

In 1950 the late Mr Ray Hacker formed a company team called Beatus Utd, in the Rhondda League and were promoted to the South Wales Amateur League in 1964. A decision was made to change the name of Beatus United to the town name of AFC Porth in the season 1984-85.

AFC Porth were promoted to the Welsh league in 1991/92 and won the 2nd Division losing only 1 game, the league was at that time made up of 3 Divisions National, 1, and 2.

For season 1992/93 the Welsh Premier League was formed and although we were effectively promoted as the Welsh League reduced to 2 Divisions we again won the 2nd Division title, gaining promotion to Div 1.

In the next 8 seasons we did not finish lower than 10th, and if wasn't for the domination of Ton Pentre we could have conceivably won promotion to the Premier League, a bone of contention in some parts as Ton regularly won the 1st Division but turned down promotion on several occasions.

In 1995/96 it was decided to change the name to AFC Rhondda to give the club a bigger marketing profile, however we were relegated to Div 2 in 2001/02, there followed a bleak couple of years, culminating in relegation back to Div 3 in 2002/3.

It was decided to revert back to AFC Porth in 2004, but a further relegation in 2006/07 saw a return to the Amateur League.

Time for a revamp and Paul Evans was appointed manager in June 2007.

He brought a wealth of experience and with the new Committee's help was able to recruit, we won the South Wales

Amateur League in 2007/08 with an unbeaten League record, and returned to the Welsh League at the first attempt.

Not stopping there in our first season back we were promoted to Div 2 in 2008/09 as Div 3 runners up.

Paul Evans stepped down and Ex Cardiff City legend Scott Young took over in Oct 2009, and after a season of consolidation, he brought his own coaches, did some fine tuning of players at the club resulting in a thrilling final day promotion back to Division 1 for season 2011/12, the first for ten years.

AFC PORTH MATCH DAY SQUAD 2011-12

Steven Hall
Keiron Coles
Jarrad Wright
Adrian Needs
John Noble
Lee Michael
Robbie Thomas
Stuart Brock
Shane Davies
Josh Owen
Michael Hayward
Gethyn Jones
George Daly
Kristian Orchard
Craig Wells
Adam Wright
Christian Burge
Geraint Williams

Manager: Scott Young
Coaches: Rob Lewis/Shawn Fackrell
Physio: Billy Young