

ABERTILLERY BLUEBIRDS – PEN PICTURES – 2010/11

Lee Bancroft, 27, Midfield/Forward – Lee plays down the right or as a striker. Lee is technically astute and has an eye for goal, making him a very important player for the team.

Luke Lewis, 24, Midfield/Forward – Luke can operate on the left wing or upfront. Strong in the air and dangerous in and amongst the box Luke chips in with his fair share of goals.

Tom Indge, 25, Goalkeeper – The current Bluebirds number one, Tom had a great season last year despite the club getting relegated. Looking to maintain his starting spot this term, he will continue to give 100% on the field.

Karl Rudakov, 34, Goal Keeper – Karl is an experienced goalkeeper who joined the Bluebirds four seasons ago. Following the arrival of Tom Indge he has filled in admirably whenever required, making some telling contributions along the way.

Michael Vagg, 25, Defence – Michael is starting his 10th season with the Bluebirds and has been a regular with the 1st team over this time. Playing at left back or centre half he offers 100% commitment and is dedicated back up goalkeeper.

Tom Heard, 24, Forward – Tom is a pacey forward who scored the all important goal that sealed Macwhirter Welsh League football. Tom will be looking to rack up a few more goals this season and maintain fitness levels after a frustrating spell with niggling injuries.

Rhys Hodges, 21, Defence – Rhys performed admirably during his debut Welsh League season. Strong in the air, and in the tackle, the Bluebirds are looking for much the same this term.

Richard Clark, 24, Defence – Richard is a versatile defender who has been at the club for eight years. Able to play right across the back four, good with the ball at his feet and more than capable in the air.

Jason Lowman, 33, Defence/Midfield – Jason has been with the club since youth level and has featured for the first team in each of those seasons. His experience helps amalgamate the youthful squad and he also gives the squad versatility as he is capable of playing in a number of positions through defence and midfield.

David Gibbs, 30, Defence/Midfield – David can play at right back or right wing. Good on the ball and from set pieces, David is expected to chip in with his fair share of both goals and assists this season.

Martin Roan, 28, Defence/Midfield – This season will be Martin's 12th with the Bluebirds, having joined the club as a 16 year old. Either footed, Martin can play in defence or midfield on both flanks making him a valuable asset to the club.

Joe Heard, 23, Defence/Midfield – Joe has been a mainstay in the team since joining the Bluebirds, operating at left back or wide on the left flank. An excellent crosser of the ball who provides a vital service to the front men.

Matthew Fowler, 31, Defence/Midfield – Matthew joined the Bluebirds the previous season from local rivals Abertillery Excelsiors. Having also previously played for Norwich and Port Talbot, Matthew is going to add experience to the team. Calm on the ball and with an uncanny ability to pop up with the ball in midfield, Matthew should be a good addition to the squad.

Brett Morgan, 24, Midfield – Brett operates through the centre of midfield and has a calming influence when in possession. Brett often opts for the easy ball. He is also full of running and firm in the tackle.

Paul Samuel, 30, Midfield – Paul has been at the club since under 10s and is the engine of the team. His tireless running means that he tends to break up opposition moves whilst also creating gaps on the field when the Bluebirds are in possession.

Ryan Carniff, 23, Midfield - Ryan joined the club from local rivals Tredegar Town pre season. With quick feet & the ability to score goals, he is an exceptional addition to the squad.

Rowan Tipping-Graham, 19, Midfield/Forward - Rowan also joined this season from Tredegar Town & his phenomenal pace & ball control looks set to see him become a first team regular this season.

Joshua Bull, 18, Forward - Signed, mid season, from local Gwent County side Blaenavon Blues, Joshua has settled into Welsh League football with consummate ease & finds the net on a regular basis.

Joel Worgan, 19, Forward - Another summer signing from Tredegar Town, Joel will be knocking on the door for a regular run in the first team this term.

Lewis Clark, 24, Midfield/Forward - Club captain 'Lewi Clark' rejoins the fray this season after a spell @ Abertillery Excelsiors. An all round player with everything in his locker & sure to be a success back @ his spiritual home of Cwmnantygroes.

Ross Hancocks, 19, Forward - Ross joined the Bluebirds under 18's set up two seasons ago & quickly established himself as a prolific goalscorer. Moving into the third team last season & then joining up with the Reserve League side mid season he hit the back of net 27 times. Looking to force himself into a regular first team slot this season.

Owen Goodenough, 22, Forward - After a brief foray to Croesyceiliog, OG returned to his spiritual home @ the Nant & is keen to rediscover his scoring form & help the boys gain promotion to Division Two.

ABERTILLERY BLUEBIRDS HISTORY

Abertillery Bluebirds Football Club was founded in 1989 as a youth side which competed in the Gwent County Under 18's league.

The following season, the club applied to join the North Gwent football league and was granted a spot in the first division. With Phillip "Fred" Roan appointed manager, the first adult game for the Bluebirds came against Ebbw Vale on Abertillery astro turf in which we drew 1-1, Neil Mapp scoring the first competitive goal in senior football.

From then on, the club has competed in all North Gwent Leagues, Gwent County Leagues and currently, Welsh League Division 3, building an impressive honors list on the way.

The 2006/07 season was the most successful season in the clubs history with the 1st team convincingly winning the Gwent County 2nd Division, adding the Amateur Cup and County Motors Cup along the way. The 2nd team also won a very competitive North Gwent Premier Division.

The 2009-10 season saw the Bluebirds obtain back to back promotions, finishing runners-up in the MacWhirter Welsh League 3rd Division by a solitary point.