

BARRY TOWN'S PLAYERS' PROFILES 2011-12

Daniel Bradley. Goalkeeper. Dan made his debut against Taffs Well in the first game of the 2006-07 season. Dan was the Supporters Player of the Year for the 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 seasons and is the longest serving current player.

Brendan Cropley. Goalkeeper. Brendan is a vastly experienced keeper who was with Norwich City as a youth. He has since played for Hinckley Utd, Merthyr, UWIC, Afan Lido, Bryntirion and Bridgend. Brendan has represented both English and Welsh Universities. Brendan is a Lecturer in Sports Psychology.

Atif Bashir. Defender. Atif was born in Berlin and played as a junior with Hertha Berlin and as a youth with Cardiff City. He has Welsh Premier experience with several Clubs and Welsh League football counting Taffs Well, Maesteg Park and Bridgend amongst his Clubs. Atif is also a current Pakistan full international player.

Geraint Frowen. Defender. Geraint joined the Club after signing from Bridgend Town. He made his debut against Garden Village. Geraint counts Everton and Leicester amongst his Clubs and he was also part of the 2006 Wales University team whilst at UWIC.

Damon Searle. Defender. Veteran defender and former Wales U-21 international, Damon made 466 Football League appearances for Cardiff City, Stockport, Carlisle, Rochdale, Southend and Chesterfield. Damon signed for The Dragons in 2008 before joining manager Gavin Chesterfield at Haverfordwest then rejoining The Dragons midway thru' last season. Damon is also Assistant Manager.

Lewis Cosslett. Defender. Lewis is a product of the youth system. He made his senior debut towards the end of the 2006-07 season against Pontardawe Town. He has since made over 100 appearances. Lewis is the son of Coach and former player Mike.

Daniel Clare. Defender. Dan joined Barry Town after playing previously at Croesyceiliog. He has also played at Llanelli and Cwmbran Town. Dan made his debut against Aberaman in Sep 10.

Ryan Evans. Defender. Ryan joined The Dragons in Dec 11 from Ely Rangers. He is a product of the Ely youth system and is seen as a good prospect at the Club.

Michael Hartley. Midfield. Michael is a former Cardiff City junior who played over 40 games for Haverfordwest County in the Welsh Premier. Michael has also played for Bryntirion Athletic and Bridgend Town in The Welsh League. He made his debut against Garden Village in Sep 10.

Michael Parkins. Midfield. Michael returns to the Club after suffering with a long term injury. A former youth player at Cardiff City he also captained the Welsh under 19 side. He has played in the Welsh Premier for Cardiff Grange

Quins and Cwmbran Town. He has also played for Weston and Bridgend Town. **Nickie Jones.** Midfield. Nickie has over 100 Welsh Premier appearances under his belt having played for Afan Lido, Port Talbot, Newtown, Neath and Carmarthen. Has also been at Torquay United and returns for his second spell for The Dragons.

James Saddler. Midfield. James previously played for Ely Rangers and is highly thought of at the Club. James signed for The Dragons in Sep 10 and made his debut against Aberaman.

Scott Jones. Midfield. Scott returned to The Dragons towards the end the 2009-10 season having previously played for the Club. Scott is a former player with Cambrian & Clydach and Goytre United.

Rhys Lewis. Midfield. Rhys joins the club from Blaenrhondda. He impressed in training and will make a good addition to the squad.

Ryan Jenkins. Forward. Ryan returned to the Dragons last season after spending time at Pontypridd. Ryan counts Man City, Leeds Utd and Nottm Forest as former Clubs. Formerly at UWIC and was part of the Wales Universities squad.

Anthony Nagi. Forward. Anthony signed for Barry Town in Feb 11 after playing for near neighbours Caerau (Ely). Anthony made his Dragons debut against Caldicot. He has also played for Ely Rangers.

Joshua Bell. Forward. Josh is a product of Barry Town's youth team. He signed for The Dragons senior team in Dec 06 and made his debut against UWIC.

Lee Baldock. Forward. Lee signed senior forms for Barry Town in Mar 11 although he had been a member of the Youth team for some time. Lee has also played for Sully Sports in the SW Senior League.

Lewis Clare. Forward. Lewis signed from Goytre in Dec 11 having also played for Croesyceiliog. Lewis joins his brother, Dan, at Barry Town. He played a few pre-season games for the Club scoring a scorcher at Sully.

Christian Doidge. Forward. Christian was signed from fellow Welsh League Club Croesyceiliog in Nov 11 and has quickly made himself a favourite of the fans. He has also played previously with Cwmbran Celtic.

Gavin Chesterfield. Manager. A former player with Exeter, Merthyr and Welsh Premier experience with Rhayader, Llanelli and Port Talbot, Gavin took over the reins in Jun 07. He left in Nov 10 to take on the Manager's role at Haverfordwest but left before the end of the season and returned to The Dragons in Jun 11.

Mike Cosslett. Coach. A Mike is an 'A' licence coach who has been at Jenner Park for many years as a player and also as a Manager of one of the Youth sides. Mike left to join Gavin at Haverfordwest but returned to assist previous Manager Leon Dennis in Feb 11.

HISTORY OF BARRY TOWN

Barry Town has had a long and rich history since the club was formed as Barry FC in November 1912, although our history can actually be traced back to around 1892 when a club called Barry and Cadoxton District was formed. The suffix 'Town' was added in 1931. The Club were Welsh Southern League Champions in 1921 and were Welsh Cup winners in 1955 when they beat Chester. The Club played Southern League football in two spells for over 60 years (1913 to 1982 (less the War Years) and 1989 to 1993) before finally returning to Welsh football in 1993.

In the 1980's the club came to the fore as a footballing force in the Welsh League (National Division) with 6 championships between 1982 and 1989 (5 in succession) before rejoining the English pyramid system. The Club has also won The Welsh League Challenge Cup on 6 occasions and were finalists on 4 other occasions. In 1993-94, Barry Town's first season back in Wales and with Andy Beattie at the helm, the Club won The Welsh League becoming Champions by a record 21 point margin and also won all Cups competed for (Welsh Cup, League Cup and FAW Trophy). The team beat Cardiff City 2-1 in the Welsh Cup Final at The National Stadium in front of a 15,000+ crowd.

The Club were promoted to the League of Wales for the 1994-95 season finishing 7th and competed in The UEFA Cup for the first time as a result of the previous season's Welsh Cup success, losing to Zalgiris Vilnius (Lithuania). In 1995-96 the club became the first full time professional team in the League of Wales and embarked on a remarkable period of success winning the Championship for the next 4 seasons. During this period the Club had Terry Boyle, John Lewis, Eddie May and Paul Giles as Managers.

Former Fulham player Gary Barnett was appointed Manager in Jul 96 and made history by leading Barry Town to becoming the 1st League of Wales club to progress in European competition. The Club reached the First Round proper of The UEFA Cup, beating FC Dinaburg (Latvia) and Vasutas Budapest (Hungary) in the Qualifying Rounds before losing out to Aberdeen (4-6 on agg.), however the Club went on to win the League Championship, Welsh Cup and League Cup to end a very successful season.

In 1997-98 continued the success when the club achieved another first by going through the league season undefeated and also retained the League Cup. They was no success in Europe as the club, as expected, lost over two legs to Dinamo Kiev in The Champions

League qualifying round (Dinamo had Rebrov, Shevchenko and Lughny amongst their players). The Club retained their title but were unfortunate to be drawn against Dinamo again in 1998-99 Champions League Qualifying Round with the inevitable result.

The club won a third successive title in 1998-99 and went on to win both the League Cup and Premier Cup, beating Wrexham in the final at The Racecourse. Gary Barnett decided that it was time to step down and seek new pastures. Richard Jones was appointed Player-Manager in Aug 09 but it was to prove a difficult season for the Dragons. They managed to finish 2nd despite having a much depleted squad due to a string of injuries. The League Cup was retained with a magnificent 6-0 win over fierce rivals Bangor City. In 2000-01 the Dragons regained the title under new manager Peter Nicholas, and completed the double with a Welsh Cup Final win over TNS at The Racecourse.

The reward was again a place in the Champions League for the 2001-02 season when the Dragons achieved yet another record by becoming the first League of Wales/Welsh Premier Club to win a Champions League tie, beating FC Shamkir (Azerbaijan) both home and away. Although going out to FC Porto in the next round the Dragons recorded a magnificent 3-1 home win against the 11th seeded team from Portugal. Porto's team included Jorge Costa, Ricardo Carvalho, Candido Costa and Helda Postiga.

Coach Kenny Brown, the former West Ham and Norwich City player took over the reins from Nicholas during the 2001-02 season when Nicholas joined Colin Addison at Swansea City. Kenny led the Dragons to a second successive League Championship and Welsh Cup double. The club were unsuccessful in Europe falling at the first hurdle to Latvian Champions, Skonto Riga. The Skonto team provided many of the players who were so successful at the European Championship in Portugal for Latvia.

A third successive double followed in 2002-03. Success in Europe, however, eluded the Dragons again in 2003 when although winning the second leg of their tie against FK Vardar Skopje of Macedonia 2-1, a disappointing 0-3 reverse in Macedonia saw them bow out.

Financial problems saw the club go into Administration in September 2003 with all the full-time players leaving. Matthew Case and his players from N & M Construction, a Vale of Glamorgan League team fulfilled the first few fixtures of the season before former Aston Villa, Cardiff City and Shrewsbury Town defender David Hughes was

appointed manager. Despite financial restrictions he managed to keep the Club going by signing players who were willing to play for pride rather than money.

The Club was purchased on 10th December 2003; the day the Club was due to fold. In February 2004 Colin Addison, the former Derby County, Atletico Madrid and Swansea City manager was appointed as Director of Football with responsibility for all team matters. David Hughes stayed on as Colin's Assistant. Despite improved performances the Dragons finished 4 points adrift at the bottom and were relegated to The Welsh Football League. David Hughes, the former manager and Addison's Assistant retook the reigns in Jul 09 but resigned in Dec 04 along with the majority of the team due to ongoing financial restrictions. Former Barry Town player Gavin Price took over with another former player Ashley Griffiths as Assistant. A dispute with the local Council over inherited playing fees for Jenner Park saw the Club refuse to pay the debt which resulted in the Club being locked out of Jenner Park. The Club were given permission by The Welsh Football League to play at Port Talbot for 1 game and from Jan 05 to May 06 at the home of Treforest FC.

The Club returned to Jenner Park for the start of the 2006-07 season but the cost of repaying the outstanding debt with the local Council had a severe impact on the playing budget. The team struggled throughout the season and apart from a brief period in Dec were always in the bottom 3. Gavin left the Club towards the end of that season and player Jeff MacLean took the helm for the remainder of the season. Unfortunately as the deadline for signings had passed, Jeff was unable to bring in any new blood and the Club eventually finished bottom of the Division and was relegated to Division Two, the Clubs lowest ever league status.

Former UWIC manager Gavin Chesterfield was appointed manager in Jun 07 with Jeff Shaw and Mike Cosslett as Coaches. They earned The Dragons promotion at the first attempt finishing Runners-up to Bettws. The trio then led the Club to 3rd position in Division One in the 2008-09 season despite the lack of funding and great credit must go to the Management Team, the Players and Supporters for this achievement. The Supporters Committee had in fact taken over majority of the financial responsibilities for the Football side of the Club in January 2009.

The 2009-10 season saw the team finish a creditable 7th position. With no playing budget Gavin persuaded players to play for the team but

towards the end of the season injury problems mounted up and it was a struggle to field a fit starting eleven. Damon Searle agreed to become Gavin's Assistant in July 2010 to further strengthen the Coaching side of the Club. The nucleus of the previous season's team had signed up along with a few new faces. Gavin and Damon left in Dec 10 to take over at Haverfordwest and Leon Dennis took over for the rest of the 2010-11 season. The team struggled for the rest of that season and narrowly missed relegation.

The Supporters Committee took over the running of the Club in Jul 11 and Gavin and Damon returned. The Committee are busy raising the funds necessary to keep the team going through the 2011-12 season as the current Chairman has withdrawn all funding for the senior team. It looks as if it could be a hard season ahead but all are working hard to bring success under very trying circumstances.