

## **CAERAU PLAYERS' PROFILES 2011-12**

**Christopher Barlow** - Age 23 Position Goalkeeper Chris learned his trade while on the books at Cardiff City. He was a regular for Maesteg Park before signing for Caerau at the start of 09/10 season. Solid between the sticks and does an excellent rendition of Bat out of Hell.

**Christian Lewis** - Age 23 Position Left Back Vinny has been a Caerau player from a youngster. Good in the air and solid in defence. Very effective left footer with a good eye for goal. 2010/2011 player of the year

**Ryan John** - Age 27 Position Right Back/Right Midfield Known to everyone as Bunny. Caerau boy through and through, Bunny has played for Maesteg Park and Llangeinor. Works tirelessly up and down the wing. Team Captain.

**Richard Stevens** - Age 29 Position Central Defender/Sweeper Stalwart of the defence. Left Caerau and played a couple of seasons with Ton Pentre and Maesteg Park, but always a Caerau player at heart, awesome in the air, always communicating with a wicked free kick. Club Captain

**Matthew Rea** - Age 27 Position Central Midfield/Defender The shoe bomber, no one quite knows why he's called that!!! Matt is solid in midfield, and as it transpires a good defender, excellent in the air and has very quick feet enabling him to go forward at pace. Solid in the tackle.

**Dale Price** - Age 28 Position Central Midfield. Having played Welsh Premier with Carmarthen Town and won mostly every trophy in the Welsh League, Dale has decided to come back and play for his home Club. He was instrumental in our promotion and is a real team player, on the pitch in the changing room and in the bar.

**Paul Evans** - Age 26 Position Right Midfield. Paul joined us from Croeserw and hasn't looked back since, always the first in training and always wants to play football. Paul has excellent ball control and loves to go forward at defenders. Lets hope he can stay injury free this season.

**Andrew Williams** - Age 22 Position Left/Centre Midfield Known as Blueby. Andrew had an excellent 2010/2011 season last year and

always gives 110%. Loves to go forward and take players on. Scored some quality goals last season, hoping for more of the same.

**Christopher Lee** - Age 27 Position Central Midfield Chris has been on the books with Lido and Maesteg Park. He was outstanding last season and doesn't stop working, a real work horse in midfield

**Kyle Morris** - Age 23 Position Central Midfield On the books with Cardiff City and under 16's Wales International, dazzling going forward, quick feet and set piece specialist.

**Lee O'Brien** - Age 35 Position Player Coach/Central Midfield/Striker Lee 3<sup>rd</sup> season with Caerau after signing from Maesteg Park he made an immediate impact with his experience and no nonsense approach. Excellent in the air, holds the ball up well and spreads it about. Real team player.

**Robbie Hugglestone** - Age 25 Position Midfield Another excellent acquisition for Caerau. Robbie signed from Bettws last season and again had a big say in our League position. Strong on the ball and going forward, and an all round team player. Someone did mention he's the best looking footballer this side of the Severn Bridge.

**Corey Davies** - Age 20 Position Left Midfield/Striker Corey completed his first season with us 2010/2011, a young man with bags of pace and a good eye for goal, the Club is expecting more of the same this season. Last season's top goal scorer

**Ryan Jones** - Age 26 Position Forward Good to see Ryan back where he belongs after signing from Caerau Boys Club. Has had an excellent pre season and has made his intentions clear, a real dogger with the ability to hold the ball up well. Will be a real handful for defenders to cope with.

**Lloyd Williams** - Age 17 Position Left Midfield Lloyd came through from our youth side and even at his tender age has made a difference when he plays. Scored his first senior goal away at Pontypridd Town last season. A real squad player with an excellent attitude, who is always available.

**Adam Jenkins** - Age 17 Position Midfield Adam is another product of the youth side. A young player with a tenacity and skill that doesn't look out of place against the stiffest of opposition. Again a real squad player who will make a difference.

**Rhys Casey** – Age 22 Position Defender/Sweeper Rhys has had an excellent pre season and has really fitted in well and not surprising really, considering his pedigree. Another product from Glyncoirwg who breed them tough and they don't come much tougher than this solid young man, strong in the tackle.

**Steven Conaty** – Midfield. Another Caerau player coming home to play for his home club. Steve seems to have been around forever, former clubs include Ton Pentre, Bridgend Town and Goytre Utd. A physical player who will score goals. Loves to take players on.

**Nick Maggs** - Midfield/Forward. An excellent signing who will bolster up the front men, strong in the challenge with an ability to hold the ball up and not averse to scoring the spectacular. Former clubs include Ystradgynlais, Ammanford, Briton Ferry Llansawel and Llangeinor

## **CAERAU FOOTBALL CLUB – A BRIEF HISTORY**

### **Established – 1901**

Association Football was first played on an organised basis at Caerau in the year 1901. The first secretary was Mr Charlie Holloway, and the earliest recorded game was against a team from Plasmarl, Swansea on a field where Brynglas Terrace now stands. In approximately 1912 the Club commenced playing on its present ground at Humphries Terrace. After the 1914 – 1918 war the Club reformed and the pavilion was erected in 1920. Caerau won the first Welsh Amateur Cup in 1920. During the period 1920 – 27 many internationals played for Caerau, including Jock Hume and Kenny McDonald. In 1929 the company was disbanded and a year later a new committee reformed the Club and continued until 1939 when Caerau won the Welsh Amateur Cup for the second time. During the Second World War there was a permanent search light based at the ground to track enemy bombers on their way to and from Swansea. After the war the Club signed ex Cardiff and Hull player Jack Prescott. In 1946 and 1950 Caerau won the Welsh Amateur Cup with Owen Davies who played for Wales and Leicester and Glyn Williams (JJ) who later played for Cardiff City and was chosen to play for Wales against Switzerland in 1952. It has been said that the

players were earning more playing for Caerau than the miners who were putting in a full shift down the pit.

During the 50's Caerau played the English FA Amateur Cup winners, Willington of County Durham, the match was played at Maesteg RFC where Caerau ran out convincing winners 5 – 2. Caerau also won the Welsh League Cup and were runners up on three occasions. Caerau have won the Welsh League twice, 1969 and 1977 and have been runners up once. Caerau won the Corinthian Cup in 1963 and were runners up in 1979. Caerau also ran a team in The South Wales Amateur League. They were Div 1 champions in 1979 and Division 2 champions in 1963 and 1976. In 1992 Alan Curtis asked to play for Caerau as his father Alby had done before him in the 50's. Alan scored twice in his debut game against Skewen.

By the new millennium it appeared as if the writing was on the wall for Caerau, having had a few reprieves from relegation. Then in 2003 Caerau left its long relationship with the Welsh League and was relegated to the South Wales Amateur League. A new committee was formed and with the help of one or two of the original committee settled into life in the feeder leagues. 2008/2009 season saw Caerau coming close to promotion only to finish runners up in the League and in the Senior Cup. Fully galvanised the Club started 2009/2010 season in full swing and ended the season as South Wales Amateur League Champions and W. John Owen Cup Winners. The Club's first season back in the Welsh League has been astonishing, all hinging on the last game of the season where we needed to win by 11 clear goals to secure a third position finish to guarantee a promotion spot. The final score was an incredible 13 - 0, equalling the Club scoring record. The all important 11th goal coming courtesy of Andrew Williams. We now look forward to life in Division Two.