

## **CAERAU ELY'S PROFILES 2011-12**

**David Vincent** - Dave is a very strong powerful defender who loves a tackle, very strong in the air and Captain for the last two seasons, another young player who has come through the youth set up, youngest ever player of the year for the first team. Nickname - Vinny

**Joshua Payne** – Josh is young willing and a very able keeper who has already done the rounds at the age of 21, coming to us from Clevedon Town the season before last he brings some added experience that we need at this level. Nickname - Payneeee

**James Bennett** – James made a massive impression on us last year adding some great attacking options to the team and one of the reasons why we finished so well, great to have him back on board this season. Nickname - Jay

**Jon Jones** – Another from the youth set up, a player with a big heart and gives 100%, will play anywhere you ask and won't let you down, plays at full back and likes to get forward. Nickname - Boots

**James Cotterill** – James would be an asset to any team, is Caerau Ely through and through and is a massive boost to us this season, if he can keep himself fit he will be a big player for us again, also top scorer last season he knows where the net is Nickname - Cotts

**Jordan Cotterill** – A great front runner and goal scorer, on form is as good as it gets at this level and will be a pain to the defence of any team this season, again ran James close for top goal scorer Nickname – Cotts 2

**Steve Moore** – Third season back for Steve, who has been in the wilderness for some years, his passion for the game is great and his enthusiasm is what we need, works hard in mid field and wants the club to shine again. He tells us he is already a Legend. Nickname – Morsey OR LEGEND

**Keyon Reffell** – A great addition to the team, Keyon won joint player of the year last season and ran Tyrrell close for players player, although he is still only 20 he is holding his own in the first team, he has loads of ability and promises to be a legend in Caerau Ely's History so he tells us...Nickname – Kenco or Abuu (Josh) take your pick

**Liam Beattie** – An Ely boy, that came back to us in the middle of last season and made a big impact, his drive and need to win is

essential for his game (on times you will hear him scream with frustration) he loves to get at defences and causes havoc doing so, a great player to have on board.

**David Biggs** – Has recently joined us from Taffs Well, a player that would strengthen any side in this league, has played at a higher level over the bridge but needed to be nearer home, after facing most of this side before he knows what we are all about, a great addition to the squad.

**Lee Denner** – Another season for us from Lee, who is deceivingly quick on the ball for an old man, he likes to run past the opposition, leaving them wondering how? Has good feet and a great passer of the ball he brings experience that is vital.

**Tyrrell Webbe** – Tyrrell, has come through a tough period in his life and come through shining, he was our player of the Year and players player last season, has played at first team level for Cardiff City before a spell at Haverfordwest County the best is yet to come we're sure. Nickname – T

**Hywel Dinnick** – H has returned after his University stint, and is looking at playing as much as he can for us this Year, a very quick clever player who will add extra pace to the squad. Nickname - H

**Dan Payne** – Dan, (Josh's brother) is trying his luck at this level, he was with our youth last season but he wants the bigger challenge unfortunately he has been riddled with injuries but will work at getting fit and having a go, a hard working team player who will bring loads of effort.

**Tomas Sayce-Upton** - Our youngest squad member this season, hoping to show he can play at this level, Tom has worked hard pre season and shown some nice football in the friendlies a tough season ahead for him but he has shown he doesn't mind hard work.

**Dafydd Jones** - A bonus for us to get back Dav, although he is only available to us for periods in the season he will be without doubt a valuable asset. Nickname - Shaggy

**Phil Trigg** – Phil is staying for his second season so we must have done something right, he commands a back four slot and with out doubt has strengthened our defensive line, has been a great addition for us this season. Nickname - Trigger

**Bo Cordle** – Bo, has joined us this season, he is T's Cousin and a quality mid fielder, he has pace and likes to get at defences, he will no doubt grab some goals too. Nickname - Bo

**Jeff Eckhardt** – Jeff is deceivingly slow on the ball ha ha but will play when needed and when his legs and wife allow him.

**Tom Rutherford** – Young Tom, had a fabulous first season with us and was voted young player of the year, a lad that that is full of grit and determination and will battle for everything a winner who will sparkle again this season Nickname - Cheeseeyyyyy

**Dave Carroll** - Dave another player from the youth last year that made it into the 1<sup>st</sup> Team squad, one of the best attitudes in the club, he knows the task is tough and gives 100% every time, loving the banter with Payneee.

**Chairman** – Mark Rees  
**Secretary** – Mike Jones  
**1<sup>st</sup> Team Management** – Mike Jones & Jeff Eckhardt

## **CAERAU ELY AFC - A BRIEF HISTORY**

Caerau Ely were formed in 1955 joining the junior division of the Cardiff Combination League. A set of red jerseys given to the club by Mr. Ron Miller of Cross Bros. AFC was to determine the colours of the club forever.

The club started its playing days on the Ely Racecourse moving on to Glyn Derw School in the eighties and then finally moving onto the Cwrt-yr-Ala ground in Ely. In 1991 they gained entry to the new Senior League and then progressed to the CC Sports Welsh League in 1998 after beating Dinas Powys 1-0 in the play off held at Bridgend.

The history shows that after winning well over EIGHTY combined league titles and cups in its time, Caerau Ely has become one of the most successful clubs in Cardiff.

Season 04/05 we gained promotion from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division to the 2<sup>nd</sup> finishing in the third place, we were to carry on surviving near the bottom and scraping to safety at the end of most seasons, with most players probably leaving there best days behind them, we realised we had to look at the future.

Season 06/07 saw the coming together of Caerau Ely and the youth of Llanishen Dons football club. Caerau without a representative side in the youth league approached Llanishen to invite them to join the Caerau set up. The advantages for Llanishen were obvious in that they could play at a very good level and the advantages for Caerau were that they would have a new group of young players for the future.

The first season saw the youngsters finish third in the East division and also saw an amount of players move up and take their place in the senior side, the next season they finished 2<sup>nd</sup> with even more of a presence in the first side.

Season 09/10 was the biggest in our History ending in promotion to Division One, winning 8 drawing 2 and with 1 loss in the last 11 games we took third place and with a finish like that thoroughly deserved it. On times we played with a starting eleven that didn't have a player over the age of 21, so the youth policy adopted in 06/07 had finally paid off.

The first season in Division one has finished for us and the second about to start, with a very respectful 5<sup>th</sup> Place finish we can hold our heads up and say we did well, did we over or under achieve? Maybe this season will tell us, but we know the task is as hard maybe even harder because teams will now know what we are about.

We will battle for every point, we will work hard to the end, we will not give up with out a fight we will be looking at staying in this division and turning more heads this season that's for sure, with a couple of new additions the season looks bright, see you guys on the playing field...