

CAMBRIAN & CLYDACH VALE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

PLAYER PROFILES 2011- 12

Jarred Howells (Goalkeeper) – Jarred is now serving his fifth season at the club and has developed into one of the top young keepers in Welsh League. He is a commanding presence who gives confidence to those around him and is an excellent all round keeper.

Steven Turner (Defender) – “Turner” is in his second season at the club after joining from amateur league side Brynna FC. He is a no-nonsense defender who plays with enthusiasm and commitment.

Daniel Lever (Defender) – An experienced defender now in his fifth season at the club. Dan is a consistent performer who is comfortable in possession, but also has a tremendous desire and commitment to succeed.

Liam Williams (Defender) – Liam has come through the club's youth system and after a strong season in the Reserve team, has made the step up into the first team. Another committed but composed defender.

Scott Hayward (Defender) – Scott has returned after a short spell at Bridgend Town and will add plenty of strength and power into the team. A player with the winning mentality needed to challenge at the top of Welsh League.

Jamie Rewbury (Defender) – Jamie will be in his second consecutive season at the club after a few seasons at Merthyr Town. A former Swansea city pro and Welsh international, Jamie has a footballing brain and two feet that most pro footballers would envy.

Daniel Stanton (Defender) – Daniel was last season's youth team Player and Players Player of the Year. Now making the step up, Daniel is another footballing centre half with plenty of tenacity and enthusiasm for the game.

Tom Walbeoff (Defender) – Tom joins the club from Ely Rangers. An excellent young footballer who is strong in the air and quick across the park. A good addition to the squad.

Lee Matthews (Midfield) – Lee will captain the team again this season. Lee's a hardworking all rounder with Welsh Premier Experience and has the ability to dominate games. A match winning mentality and a great character within the squad.

Dane Williams (Midfield) – Dane is in his fourth season at the club after spells at Merthyr Tydfil and Ton Pentre. He is a dynamic

midfielder who is a proven goal scorer and a creative influence in the final third.

Ceri Morgan (Midfield) – Ceri joined the squad last season from Afan Lido and is another creative and dynamic midfielder with bags of potential in possession. Ceri has previous Welsh Schoolboy caps and has represented Merthyr Tydfil.

Liam Hutchinson (Midfield) – A product of our youth team, “Hutchy” has developed into a fantastic young footballer with an in depth range of passing and knowledge of the game.

Scott Seldon (Midfield) – Scott has come through the youth system at the club and was last year voted as our Player of the Year. He is an athletic, energetic wide man who can score goals.

Ian Thomas (Midfield) – Ian has represented the club at youth and reserve team level and is now gaining valuable experience from being involved with the first team. A tenacious midfielder with a good passing ability and capable of scoring goals.

James Mahoney (Midfield) – “Jimmy” is another fine product of our youth team and has made an impact in the team over the past two seasons. Jimmy is a lively, tricky player capable of terrorising defenders.

Robert Blatchford (Midfield/Striker) – Rob has signed this season from Barry Town. He is a versatile player with bags of pace and ability in possession and lots of Welsh League experience.

Huw Bowtell (Midfield/Striker) – Huw has been with the club since youth football and has played for the team since our amateur league days. He is a goal scorer and talented footballer with plenty of creativity in the final third.

Michael Jones (Striker) – Mike rejoined the club last year after a spell at Merthyr Tydfil. A product of our youth system, Mikey is effective in a number of positions and can score goals from anywhere.

Jason Bertorelli (Striker) – “Berty” is in his fourth consecutive season at the club. Last seasons top scorer, Berty can score a variety of goals and is both quick and athletic in possession. His pace and trickery are a threat to any defence.

Coaching Staff

Jarred Harvey (Manager) – Jarred was appointed manager midway through last season and has already had a massive impact within the squad. A Former Hull City player, Jarred is a UEFA “A” Licensed

coach and works for the clubs community arm, the Cambrian Village Trust. Jarred is one of the top young coaches in South Wales and loves a challenge.

Chris Ingram (Ass. Manager/Coach) – Chris has joined the coaching staff as assistant for the new season and has previous coaching experience at Cirencester Academy and Cardiff City FC. A former professional at Cardiff City, Chris has a great rapport with the players.

Steve Hughes (Physio) - “Stevie” has had a long association with Cambrian as a player and a coach. Steve has been involved since our progression from South Wales Amateur League. He is a character in the dressing room and is known as “Tiger” or “Pig” to all at the club.

Duncan Roberts (Goalkeeper Coach) – “Big Dunc” has joined the coaching team this season and will work closely with the clubs Goalkeepers. He has a wealth of experience at Welsh Premier League level and was a former pro at Mansfield Town, Oldham Athletic and Norwich City.

CAMBRIAN & CLYDACH VALE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB HISTORY

Cambrian United was formed in 1965, taking its name from the local colliery. After success in the Rhondda & District League, the club was elected to the South Wales Corinthian League in 1972. They won the second division championship at the first attempt and followed up the following season by winning the Corinthian Cup with a 5-2 extra time victory over Cardiff Corries.

In season 1977-78 the side were runners up in the first division losing out on goal difference to near neighbours Ton and Gelli. In 1980, the club joined with the very successful Clydach Vale Boys and Girls Club seniors but the merger was a spectacular failure and almost led to the club losing its Amateur League status after a number of poor seasons during the decade.

The 1990's saw the rebuilding process begin and the second division title was won for the second time in 1992. In 1994, manager Neil Foulkes joined the club and celebrated by winning the Corinthian cup a season later. In 1996-97, the club had a terrific year winning the FAW Trophy by defeating Rhyl Delta 2-1 at Jenner Park and won a second successive Corinthian Cup beating Cardiff Civil Service 4-2. In addition, they were league runners up to Ely Rangers. There then

followed a run of four more runners up spots in six years and another Corinthian Cup triumph, this time by a 4-1 margin against Llantwit Fardre, before the Championship was finally won in 2004/5. In 2000, the club had re-merged with the Boys and Girls Club.

The club is also very active off the pitch working closely with the local Village Trust to develop facilities in the area. Two full time soccer coaches are employed to work with local schools and major improvements have taken place at the ground. An all weather, floodlit astro turf area has been built at a cost of £116,000 and a clubhouse facility opened in October 2005 after the club and the Trust successfully generated the £130,000 required. Floodlighting on the ground was completed at the start of August 2007.

The Club entered the Welsh League for the first time in season 2005/6 and a very successful year ended with the Third Division Championship being won after close rivals West End had been deducted three points. Season 2006/7 turned out to be even more memorable as promotion was gained to the top division of the Welsh League with a second placed finish behind champions Garw. In addition the Youth side won the MacWhirter Cup defeating Pontardawe Town 5-2 in the final as well as finishing runners up in their division. In the 2007/8 season, the clubs first ever in Division One began with an incredible 5 straight wins and although the small squad could not sustain this long term, a creditable ninth place was achieved.

The club also embarked on a new venture, taking over and forming the new RCT UEFA Academy programme. This has gone from strength to strength over the past few seasons and the club now runs age groups from 7 through to 19 at elite level.

A major change also took place on the Management Committee in 2008, with former England Manager Terry Venables agreeing to become chairman of the club. Terry was already Patron of the highly successful Cambrian Village Trust and has close links with Clydach Vale, where his mother was born. In the 2009/10 season, the team achieved its highest ever league position, finishing runners-up on the last day of the season in dramatic fashion as Goytre United pipped us to the title by one point. Last season the club continued its development with a respectable third position in the Welsh League Division One.