

MEET THE CORRIES SQUAD 2011/2012

Rob Bloor - Very athletic keeper, second season at club, previously with Maesteg Park
Gareth Wallwork - Solid and dependable defender who returns after spells with Cwmbran, Taffs Well and UWIC
Robbie James - Midfield, now a veteran with the Corries in his 10th season, tireless runner and gets his fair share of goals.
Gareth Delve - Very quick and skilful player who can play in various positions.
Jon Knight - Winger, signed from Lisvane, an established first teamer who can also play fullback.
Michael Bishop - Second season at club, equally at home in midfield or defence
Gareth Taylor - Strong tackling midfielder, although very adept as a centre back, previously with Taffs Well
Andy Smith - A fast and direct striker, has now finished his studies at UWIC
Sam Hartrey - Second spell at club, hard working midfielder - at Barry last season
Michael Thomas - Played mostly at Youth level last year hoping to make a breakthrough this season
Lloyd Jenkins - Dominating Centre Back - previously with Aberaman
Luke Lear - Recent signing, strong and holds the ball up well
Justin Pengilley - Second spell at club - versatile player, previously with Maesteg Park
Rhys Carr - Full back, loves to get forward, signed from Croesyceiliog
Mark Fletcher - Centre back, new addition this season after returning from USA
Dean Powell - Midfielder with excellent work rate, signed from local side AFC Whitchurch
Matthew Miller - Centre back, strong tackler, joined us from Caerau ((Ely) this season
Alex North - Busy front runner - Previously with Dinas Powys
Matthew Hibbs - Recently transferred in from Bridgend Town, very skilful front-runner

MANAGEMENT

George Enescu - Has taken over the reins after resignation of previous management, played for the club for a few years after joining from Lisvane.
Richard Gunney - Recently come in as Head Coach

SHORT HISTORY OF THE CORINTHIANS

The Corinthians were founded in 1898 when members of the Alpha Cricket Club decided to form a football team to keep in touch during the Winter months. For the first six years they only played friendlies from their base in Sophia Gardens before joining the Rhymney Valley League.

It was in Cup competitions that they first made their mark, when they won the Welsh Amateur Cup in 1914, beating Holywell 1-0, the match being played at Newtown. During this period the club also played in the English Amateur Cup on numerous occasions but never went past the third round.

After the Great War they established a new home at Pengam Farm, Tremorfa and in 1921 took the bold step of joining the professional Western League. Travelling expenses were high so they opted to join the Welsh League in 1924 to ease the burden on the players who were paying for their own travelling

Once again, just before the Second World War, they were forced to move. The outbreak of this War interrupted the Welsh League but the club continued to play, using several grounds before settling in Llandaff Road, Canton, a ground they saw as a permanent home, thanks to a loan from former player and club patron Fred Dewey.

Over the years there have been many noted players who made the professional ranks, Tom Forse, Neil O'Halloran, Richie Morgan, Nick Deacy and Wales keeper Graham Vearncombe.

In the sixties and seventies they were up and down like yo-yo's, although in the late seventies they finished runners-up in the Premier Division, a feat which was repeated in 1982. More glory was to come in 1985 when the Amateur Cup (now called the Intermediate Cup) was won.

These highs on the field seem nothing compared with the club's frantic quest for a permanent home when the ground in Canton was lost in the late sixties, unable to pay the original loan.

The Corinthians were very grateful to the Welsh League for allowing them to play on an unenclosed pitch at Pontcanna for one season. They then had a season at Maindy Stadium and a couple at Fidas Avenue, Llanishen before negotiating a ground share with Radyr Cricket Club in 1974 which brought the stability and enabled the club to achieve those successes.

The most remarkable fact about the Corinthians is that the club is still, in 2011 the same as it has always been 100 per cent amateur.

The Corinthians have won the Welsh Amateur Cup 5 times in 7 finals, sharing one (no replay) and the Welsh Intermediate Cup once.