

CWMAMAN INSTITUTE PLAYERS' PROFILES 2011-12

Kurt Rogers - A resident of Cwmaman but signed 2 years ago from local rivals ENTO Aberaman. Kurt is only 20 but has tremendous potential to be a great goalkeeper; he is over 6ft tall and very agile.

Ryan Griffiths – Ryan lives in Aberaman. His previous Club's include Merthyr Tow where he played Youth and 1st Team in the Southern League, Aberaman where he played in the Welsh League. He represented Wales at Youth level and is a first class Goalkeeper who will be a major asset for the Club.

Scott Woodford - A local Lad, who joined the club 4 seasons ago to play for our Youth team, has great presence, very pacey and strong in the air. Only 20 but can be a great asset to the team, can play central defence or full back.

Carl Jenkins - Carl previously played for Llwydcoed, Neath with whom he won Welsh League Division 1, playing for them in Welsh Premier, then he played for Aberaman, Bridgend Town, also a short spell here at Cwmaman, a bundle of energy whose engine never stops, also chips in with a fair amount of goals from midfield, he will be a massive influence to our side. The Squad's Captain again this Season.

Lee Williams - Another defender that we welcomed back to the Club last season after spells at Bettws and Aberaman of the Welsh League. Lee lives in Cwmdare.

Jarrold Price - Jarrod comes for Aberaman, previous clubs Cwmaman Institute (Amateur League), AFC Llwydcoed, Neath Athletic where he won the Welsh League Championship and Bridgend Town. He also represented Neath in Welsh Premier and lately Haverfordwest County. A very versatile player who can play across the centre of the park in various rolls and has also scored goals wherever he's played. Jarrod is the brother of our Manager Leighton.

James Cooper – James lives in Bargoed, he joins us from Cwmbran Town. His previous Clubs Merthyr and Newport County at Youth level, Taffs Well, Aberaman and Cwmbran Town in the Welsh League.

Ross Williams – Ross lives in Cwmbach and he rejoins the Club after a couple of seasons away. His previous Clubs include Aberaman, Llwydcoed and Ton Pentre in the Welsh League and Cwmbach from the Senior League.

Ross Leeke – Ross lives in Aberaman and rejoins the Club after having transferred to Aberaman halfway through last season. It's great to have him back and we're all sure that he'll be a big asset to the Squad.

Nathan Prodger – Nathan was born in Welshpool and is now living in Abercynon. Nathan is a Striker who spent all his youth attached to TNS of the Welsh Premiership. He made 1 appearance for the 1st Team against Porthmadog in the Welsh Cup. He then moved to Caersws and last season to Llansantffraedd of the Mid Wales Spar League.

Josh Sweeney – Josh lives in Llantwit Fardre, a Centre Half who signs for us from Cwmaman Welfare of the Amateur League, Another Player who is keen to make his mark at a higher level and will make a good addition to our Squad.

David Airey - Played all his football at Cwmaman, from Junior through to Senior. A striker, who will always get you goals, has a tremendous work rate and a player who gives his all for Cwmaman.

Gareth Jones - Gareth is from Abercynon, A defender who has returned to the Club after spells at ENTO Aberaman and Newton of the Welsh Premier League.

Chris Vardon – Chris lives in Cwmdare, his previous Clubs include AFC Llwydcoed, Bridgend Town, Ton Pentre, Neath and Pontypridd Town all in the Welsh League. He returns to Cwmaman after a couple of years away scoring goals for all his previous Clubs. We welcome Chris back into our Squad as quality goal scorers are hard to find. Chris is also studying Sports Massage and this will be a big help to us Dai Scarle's ministration in the pre-match preparations with the squad

Stuart Evans – Stuart returns to us after just over a season away at AFC Llwydcoed. Stuart was part of our successful Division 3 Promotion side 2 seasons ago. Stuart can play Centre Half or Left Back and his experience will be vital to our Squad this season. Stuart lives in Mountain Ash and we welcome him back to the Club.

Jordan Coles - Jordan lives in Abernant, his previous clubs include AFC Llwydcoed, Penrhiwceiber Rangers and Ton Pentre all of the Welsh League, Jordan is a talented midfield player who will be a major asset to our squad, We signed Jordan from Ton Pentre where he was a member of their Welsh League Division 2 Championship winning side last season,

Leighton Price ~ Joint Manager/Player - In his 6th season in the role. A wealth of experience at Amateur League and Welsh League level. A product of Cwmaman's youth set up who has also played for ENTO Aberaman.

Laith Jawad ~ Coach/ Player - Laith has joined the Club as 1st Team Player/Coach. His Football and Coaching knowledge is vast and he will be a major part of the Management Team. His previous Clubs are Llantwit Fardre, Barry Town, Bridgend Town, and Cambrian and Clydach. Laith will be in charge of all Training and Coaching of the 1st Team. Laith has also registered as a Player and will be a part of the Squad.

Philip 'Pip' Edwards ~ Joint Manager

Dai Scarle ~ Medic

Colours – Blue with Yellow Trim, Blue Shorts and Socks.
Alternative – All Red.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF CWMAMAN INSTITUTE FC – FOUNDED 1965

Cwmaman Institute FC currently has senior sides in Division 1 of the MacWhirter Welsh League and Division 2 of The Aberdare League. We also run several junior sides including Mini-Football Under 12s, 14s and Under 16s in the Aberdare League and Youth in the MacWhirter League Central.

Founded in 1965 as Ivy Bush FC, the early days were very successful for the club. They succeeded in winning several cups and the Aberdare Valley League in 1968-69. The club started to grow in the 1970's with the formation of junior teams. In 1976 it was decided to change the name of the club to FC Cwmaman. After this name

change the club really started to take off with the building of new facilities on the site of the old colliery and club started to reap the benefits with a period of success. After winning the Aberdare League three years in succession they applied to enter the South Wales Amateur League only to be turned down on a number of occasions. This however all changed in 1983 when the club was finally admitted to the Second Division of the Amateur League. The season of 1984/85 saw the club win the Second Division of the league and promotion to the First Division, only to be relegated the following season. In the 2006 – 2007 Season the Club won the South Wales Amateur League and the resulting play-off against Sully Sports to gain promotion to the Welsh League 3rd Division finishing in a creditable 5th place in the first season.

2010 - 2011 again saw the Club have one of its most successful seasons. The First Team gaining promotion to the 1st Division, their 3rd promotion in 5 years, after coming Runners-Up in the 2nd Division, the Aberdare League Seniors coming Runners-Up in the 1st Division of their League and winners of The Gilbert Morgan Cup, the Under 16A Team winning their League and the Under 14s coming in 3rd in theirs. Unfortunately the Youth and Under 16B sides struggled this year, but success will come with perseverance. The Mini Football was again a credit to the Club, ensuring the future of football in the Village.

Over the last 20 or so years the club has been witness to many ups and downs, and in 1999 it was time for a change of name again to secure the future of football in Cwmaman. It was decided that the Club was to move to a new base, the Cwmaman Public Hall and Institute and was duly renamed Cwmaman Institute FC. We are looking forward to a bright future, and will now as always look to build on our successful youth policy of developing our younger players with the hope of seeing them represent the club in one of our senior sides. With many new faces joining the Club the future looks bright indeed.

Cwmaman Institute FC are always striving for success both on and off the football field, and would like to say thank you to all the players and members that have helped the club live up to its motto.

"Egni a Lwydd - Effort will succeed."