

ELY RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB - PLAYER PROFILES 2011-12

IAN PAUL DAVIES. Goalkeeper, Back at the club after a season away safe hands good shot stopper.

ASHLEY HART. Goalkeeper, Good reliable keeper combines goalkeeping duties with coaching.

GARETH WEST. Most reliable defender or wing back good engine last years player of the year.

JAY MATTHEWS. Wing back or wide player good engine always gives of his best.

JASON CLARKE. Veteran of the club combines playing and running the second team.

GRAIG HEWINGS. Good utility player one of the most experienced player at the club good solid all-rounder.

RYAN EVANS. Good prospect ex youth player solid reliable defender good in the air.

DANNY GRIFFITHS. Good left sided player has good vision with a powerful shot.

OWEIN MATTEY. After a season off back at the club great prospect strong all-rounder solid defender.

GRAHAM CUMMINGS. Longest serving first team player can still hold his place with the young ones.

GARETH FUNDALSKI. Strong tackling mid field player has good engine holds the ball up well.

STEVE ARTHUR. Mr Solid in the mid field good ball winner strong in the tackle.

JAMIE McLAGGON. Good left sided player can operate along the left hand side good engine.

ROBERT GREATREX. Good utility player mainly operates in the mid field but gets his fair share of goals.

CALUM MILLER. Operates around the mid field but like to get forward and score goals.

LUKE TREZISE. Great young player power full front runner big and strong.

CRAIG KAVANAGH. Ex youth player plays down the right quick with a good eye for goal.

ANTHONY SOUTHARD. First season at the club mid field dynamo who scores goals.

JASON KAVANAGH. Helps run the second team.

DAVID PUGH. Stalwart of the club still a good goal scorer.

STEVEN PUGH. Like his brother good to have around the club.

KIERAN LOCK. Solid reliable defender can do a good job.

NEIL COLEMAN. Good leader of the front line two good feet gets goals.

KEVIN HASLAM. Another good utility player

JAMES SHAFER. Goalkeeper good hands great shot stopper.

WAYNE MATTHEWS. (MANAGER) Can still put the boots on when required

GRAHAM CUMMINGS. (ASSISTANT COACH) First season as assistant coach will do well.

DAVID 'DUBBA' RICHARDS. (PHYSIO) Great in the dressing room with the players keeps them on their toes, the joker in the pack.

ELY RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB HISTORY

Ely Rangers origin dates back to 1963 when current chairman Graham Clarke was playing for Ely YMCA at that time the club did not have enough players to put out a side, so the joined with Heath Park Rangers. After one season a chance meeting with other boys from Ely whilst on holiday resulted in the formation of ELY RANGERS in 1965.

The club joined the Cardiff Combination League and quickly established themselves as a major force in local league football, winning many league championships and cups along the way. Following this successful period the club were on the look out for a ground to enable them to apply to join the South Wales Amateur Football League.

In 1983 the club moved into Station Road, Wenvoe, were the club have played ever since along the way making many ground improvements under the guidance of Chairman, Graham Clarke, with the help of other long standing members of the club who are still at the club today, still trying to further improve the ground.

The next step forward was to obtain Welsh League status. This was achieved in 1997 after winning the Amateur League they had to

have a play off with local rivals Caerau (Ely) who had won the Senior League This took place at Ninian Park in front of over 1,300 spectators to claim a place in the Welsh League for season 1997-98.

The Rangers spent three seasons in division three finishing in fifth position twice and then runners up, division two was a short stay just one season finishing in third spot.

In 2001-02 season the club entered the first division and finished in eighth position in the first season but it has been a struggle since then as we are an amateur club and have to compete with the other sides that pay out money to players. What we have is loyalty of players for most of them and a good club spirit, that's what keeps us going.

The club regained Division One status as a result of ending season 2008-09 as runners-up in Division Two.