

## **GOYTRE UNITED PEN PICTURES SEASON 2011-12**

**Wyn Walters**, Goalkeeper Welsh premier experience, good shot stopper signed from Afan Lido

**Paul Jones**, Midfield, very quick tricky winger, signed from Bridgend Town and scores goals.

**Richard French**, Midfield, third season at the club, quick energetic player.

**Stuart Hoskins**, Midfield, Strong tall player, excellent in the tackle with a great future.

**Jacob Daly**, Midfield, Quick, lively winger, several seasons with the club.

**Jerome Maynard**, Defender, Quick fit player, excellent tackler, and reads the game well.

**Mark Napieralla**, Defender, signed from Pontardawe, good workman like player, with an excellent engine.

**Michael Waters**, Midfield, second spell at the club, excellent left sided player with plenty of skill.

**Steven Hughes**, Midfield, signed from Swansea local league football, excellent ball player and great prospect.

**Ryan Morgan**, Defender, strong quality defender, also plays in midfield and adds further quality to the squad.

**Robbie Walters**, Striker, prolific striker who scores for fun, will add that all important finishing touch.

**Craig Steins**, Striker, quality player and prolific goal scorer, previous clubs Neath and Merthyr Tydfil.

**Rhys Harris**: Promoted from Reserves, good tricky winger and has an eye for goal. Will play in most positions.

**Liam McGinley**: Promoted from Reserves, strong tackling midfielder, great passer of the ball and scores many goals.

**Adam Carpenter** - Quality, skilful midfield player, excellent passing skills and vision, signed from Merthyr Town in the summer.

**Ricki Morgan** - Busy midfield player, excellent energy and enthusiasm in the middle of the park, ball winner and good passer.

**Steven Cox** - Strong defender, very good in the air, very experienced and provides steel in our defence. Can play in various positions.

**Richard Ryan** - Goal scoring legend at our club, prolific striker who knows exactly where the net is. Will provide and contribute to a formidable strike force.

**Manager: Derek Michael Brazil** (born 14 December 1968 in Dublin) is an Irish former footballer who played for the Republic of Ireland B team. A defender he began his career with Rivermount Boys Club before being signed by Manchester United where he played under both Ron Atkinson and Alex Ferguson, making two first team appearances. During his time at Old Trafford, he played on loan with Oldham Athletic and Swansea City before joining Cardiff City in 1992 for £85,000. Derek then spent four years at Cardiff City and was part of the side that won the division three title in 1993.

**Asst Manager/Coach: Darren Lyons** Second spell at the club, a very well respected player and coach. Has equipped himself well as club coach and is a great motivator and winner. Darren possesses a great ability to get the best out of players.

**Physio/Coach: Roger Williams** Several seasons at the club, excellent physio, always on hand to help, contributes to coaching and training and has a wealth of experience.

## **GOYTRE UNITED CLUB HISTORY**

In the spring of 1963 a new era began for the footballing village of Goytre. A tin box holding what funds the club had was handed to new football secretary Boris Suhanski. Boris was a 37 years old football lover and was keen to re-establish Goytre as a football village. Together with fellow founder members John H Tobin and David G Evans the journey began. Utilising these funds Goytre United Football Club was reborn. Times were hard for the village football club during the sixties and early seventies but patience and commitment from a hard working committee started to pay dividends. The Club were members of the Port Talbot and District Football League but were promoted to the South Wales Amateur League in the late sixties. After a successful opening spell things became more difficult and the Club was eventually relegated back into the Port Talbot League in the late seventies. This was a setback to all concerned at our Club, but the Club had to take stock and a re-building process took place. Part of that re-building process took place in 1982 when the Goytre United AFC Social Club opened its doors. The Social Club went from strength to strength; our hard

working committee acted as staff on a voluntary basis to serve the community and is still being run in this way today. Countless hours are being spent behind the bar serving, with all funds being made to help the cause of our village football team. Also without the continuous support of our club members and locals our efforts would have been wasted. A period of ten years passed when we competed in the Port Talbot and District League, during this time the Club grew in stature on and off the field and in 1988 was re-elected back into the South Wales Amateur League. In the 1989/90 season the Club secured promotion into the First Division of the South Wales Amateur League. Also in this year our 350 all seating grandstand was built which is a proud result of all the hard work and commitment over the years. Now called the Boris Suhanski Stand it is a great tribute to the man himself. History was made in the 1990/91 season when we were promoted into the Welsh Football League and on the 24th August 1991 we played our first match against Milford United. Since our elevation into the Welsh League steady improvements have been made both on and off the pitch and in the millennium we erected our floodlighting. Our ground at Glenhafod Park Stadium is now the envy of most and is a symbol of what may be achieved when people pull together. In the 2003/2004 season the Club ended the season in the runners up spot in division one and just missed out on promotion to the Welsh Premiership behind eventual champions Llanelli. In the 2004/2005 season our club won the prestigious League Challenge Cup sponsored by Shamrock Travel for the first time at Ton Pentre. Promotion to the Welsh Premiership is the Clubs ambition and with the progress we are making this is not too far away. Further history was made in the 2005/06 season when the club lifted the prestigious Welsh League First Division Championship, only losing three games in the process throughout the whole season. An excellent achievement by our club. Further history was made by the club in the 2007/08 season when we won the MacWhirter Welsh league Division One Championship and the Nathaniel League Cup. We are the only club to achieve the League and Cup Double in our area. In the 2008/09 season the club continued its consistency by finishing Runners Up in Division One. Further celebration followed in the 2009/10 season when we lifted the MacWhirter Welsh league Championship for a third time.