

LLANWERN PLAYERS' PROFILES 2011-12

Ben Fletcher – Goalkeeper. Joined this season from Albion Rovers. Young, keen, fine shot stopper, big presence.

Andrew Larcombe-wing back or striker. Young, quick, plenty of talent. Last season's "Player of the Year" and "Most Appearances"

Ashley Sully - midfield. Former Newport County Academy player. Busy player with a good touch.

Chris Pearce – Striker. Returns to us after a few seasons playing at higher level. Great left foot and eye for goal.

Denis Spiteri- Former Swansea City apprentice, Cinderford and Caerleon player. Now plays as sweeper, great touch and laid back in possession.

Gareth Southan – Striker. Came late last season and scored nine goals in 12 games plus numerous "assists" to show his ability at this level

Liam Screen Wide defender or midfield. Joined us late on last season. A quick, aggressive player who can attack or defend. Great prospect.

Marcus Power - Joined us in 2004 and is a loyal, one club man. Skilful, can play in midfield, wide or through the middle. Top scorer for past three seasons.

Mathew Pimm- Defender/midfield. In his third season with us, can play comfortably in numerous positions

Mike Binning – Centre back- Very experienced at Welsh Premier and Welsh League level. Dominant, very strong in the air, good tackler .

Michael Vaux – In fifth season with us. Very quick striker who can also play well at wing back or full back

Mike Aviss - Centre half. Rejoins us after a season away, A no nonsense defender with a sweet left foot

Rhys Aherne. – Defender. Joined last season. Has played at centre half, full back and in midfield. Did well last season, great prospect for the future.

Ricci Morgan – Midfield. Young, bustling mid fielder. Joined last season. Good engine, passes well to keep possession.

Richard Shier -In his second spell- rejoined us in 2006. Attacking midfielder who always gives 100% , defends well and scores goals. Team captain, an example to us all.

Tom Elwick - Defender. With Caldicot last season. Can play anywhere in back four. and in midfield. Adds experience and quality to our squad.

Tom Hooper Defender and midfield. Experienced at Welsh Premier and Welsh League level, he rejoins us from Caldicot. Equally comfortable in defence or midfield, a dedicated player with lots of energy, vision and ability.

Wayne Morley Midfield Joins us from Caldicot .A former Tottenham professional. Very experienced player, wide range of skills, good touch. A real asset to this year's squad.

Simon Truman- Midfield. Wealth of experience in English leagues and in the Welsh League (Goytre United, etc). His ability and experience will be invaluable to us this season.

Management

Our manager, Laurence Owen continues in the position he has held for a number of years. His co-manager Steve Morgan left us near the end of last season and will manage a Gwent County team this year. We wish him well.

Martin Elwick, well known in the area as a player and manager of Albion Rovers, joined us near the end of last season and teams up again with Laurence as Team Coach. With their combined experience of local and Welsh League football, we feel sure that this season will be much better on the pitch.

LLANWERN AFC HISTORY

The club was formed in 1963 as Spencer Works AFC and joined the Newport and District Leagues, winning the Premier "B" championship in 1967/8. With the opening of the clubhouse and playing fields in 1969/70, the club won the Gwent Premier League title in 1970/1 and 1971/2 and was elected to the Welsh League for the 1972-3 season, where it has remained ever since.

They won promotion in their first season (as runners-up) and two seasons later they finished as First Division champions and were promoted to the top (Premier) Division. After two seasons there, however, they were relegated back to Division One, where they remained for the next sixteen years.

In 1988, they changed their name to Llanwern AFC. This co-incided with an improvement in the clubs' fortunes and promotion back to the leagues' top division at the end of the 1992-3 season. This was followed by the club building a stand (1993) and full ground enclosure (1994), nearly all by its own efforts, to meet the ground criteria of the Welsh League. After five seasons in the top division (Division One) they were relegated back to Division Two in 1997/8. However they returned to the top flight in 200/1 as runners-up and a year later, they, for the first time ever, won the Welsh League's League Cup.

Ground problems over the sale of the Corus works and its sports club and grounds, led to the decision in 2003 to re-locate to the Newport Stadium, which coincided with two successive seasons of relegation. Over the last five seasons, we have been in Divisions Two and Three but our ambition is obviously to regain our place in the top division of our league – and the sooner the better!

Committee,

Long serving Chairman Dave Jones and Club Secretary/Treasurer Alan Watkins continue in those positions.

We are pleased to announce, though, that we have a President to fill a long standing vacancy. Jon Ross, who runs Total Teamwear and a number of other companies and who is a valued sponsor of this club, has agreed to take up this position and assist in any way he can to bring success to this club. We are very grateful to have him on board.