

## **TREDEGAR TOWN'S PLAYERS' PROFILES 2011-12**

### **Kris Morris- Age 30 Goalkeeper**

Introduced to Tredegar by the late Steve Morris at the age of 17, very experienced and Tredegar's Keeper for the last nine years. On a good day one of the best keepers in the Welsh League.

### **Jaroslav Franezyk Goalkeeper**

Polish player who joined club last season when Kris Morris was injured. Brilliant shot stopper very quick off his line and had an outstanding season last year.

### **Scot Mantle- Age 25 Defender/Midfield**

Seventh year in Welsh league football, is comfortable in midfield as well as defence. Tredegar youth product and coached at Cardiff city, improved has a player over the last few seasons very quick feet trains hard and is a dedicated club member.

### **Liam McCan 22 defender**

Third season in Welsh League football having been signed from local side Tredegar Athletic, very good in the air and reads the game well for a 22 year old will have benefited from last years experience in Welsh league, club hoping he will develop into a good centre half. Excellent prospect.

### **James Price Captain 23 defender/midfield**

Third season in Welsh league football signed from Tredegar Athletic, very enthusiastic and can play mid field or defence good in the air, player of the year last season.

### **Nicky Ward- Defender**

Started in Welsh league football at Tredegar a few seasons ago before moving on to play for Cwmbran Town in the Welsh Premier, suffered from injuries last few seasons but when fit one of the best defenders in Welsh league.

### **Ian Morris- Midfield**

Ian started at the club as a ten year old and developed right through the youth system at Tredegar. Very comfortable on the ball and makes things happen from midfield. Very popular with the players Scores his fine share of goals from midfield

### **Gareth Stevens 25 Midfield /Defender**

Back playing for the Town again this season after missing last season strong on the ball plays simple but effective passes around the field. When he scores they are usually spectacular efforts. Work commitments will limit his appearances. Cwm Lad.

### **Ian Pettit Age-23 Midfield/ Forward**

Pocket size terrier who gives is all every game, chases and harasses defenders all the time, must learn to convert more of his goal chances, Third season in Welsh league after moving up from local football.

### **Nathan Pettit Age 20 – Forward/ midfield**

Brother of Ian, second season in Welsh League football who like is brother gives 100% commitment very quick and agile big things expected of Nathan this season.

### **Paul Reed Age 24 Forward/midfield**

Local lad, very sharp what he lacks in size he makes up in tenacity. Fifth season at club can be a pain for any defender to mark. Scores some spectacular goals has the ability to get even better

### **Nathan Cowdell Age –23 Striker**

Another local lad who has returned to Welsh league football after a few seasons break. Holds the ball well to bring others into the game could be more clinical with is finishing but when he does score usually spectacular efforts.

### **Neil Mathieson**

Back with the Town again this season after playing last year for Treowen Stars. Top scorer when at the club previously if he can recapture that form will be a great asset to the club.

### **Adam Callum forward**

First season at club, strong on ball with an eye for the goal great things expected of him this season.

### **Sean Rees**

Second season at club, quick two good feet should score more goals but can be a real handful for defenders.

### **Jonathan Brain**

Joined this season from local club Tredegar Athletic, all at the club hoping he can make the step up to Welsh league football.

### **Bradley Harris**

Back playing football after a few seasons off, useful player to have in squad.

**Shane Davies** Player manager. Second season back at the club he was captain a few seasons ago, took on the role of manager last season and did a great job, very versatile player can play anywhere.

### **Mike Cope defender**

Very experienced player with an excellent attitude. Plays anywhere along the defence, previous clubs Merthyr Tydfil and Troedyrhiw.

### **Lee Brooker**

Another Tredegar stalwart Tredegar Town through and through. Played for all the Tredegar junior and youth teams switched to rugby last year but always keen to help club out in a crises.

## **A BRIEF HISTORY OF TREDEGAR TOWN**

Tredegar Town AFC was formed 40 years ago in 1968 by its present life president Cliff Bethel to provide a recreation for those young men who preferred playing association football to Rugby Union the team was originally known as the Ryhd Boys Club and was known throughout Wales for sending players to represent Wales at school boy and Boys Club of Wales level. In 1983 the team changed to Tredegar Town AFC and moved on to senior level football initially plying their trade in the North Gwent Division 1 league rising to a premier division place sometimes in the eighties. With the introduction of the Welsh league Pyramid of non-league clubs Tredegar gained a place in the more challenging Gwent County F A League and played their games at the recreation ground. The team steadily gained credibility throughout the nineties rising from division 3 to division 2 then to the top division, then in season 1997/98 they won the Gwent County League and applied to the Welsh League for membership and joined the Welsh league in season 1998/99. After one season they finished runners up in the league and gained promotion to Welsh League Division 2 in 2000/01 and remained in this division until they were relegated in season 2009/2010. In August 2004 Tredegar moved from the recreation ground the ground they had played at for 36 years to a purpose built ground at Tredegar Leisure centre and when lights were added with help of funding from the Welsh League and local council Tredegar are proud to have some of the best facilities in the Welsh League.