

CAMBRIAN & CLYDACH VALE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
PLAYER PROFILES 2014/15

Jarred Howells (Goalkeeper) – Jarred is now serving his eighth season at the club and has developed into one of the top goalkeepers in Welsh League. He is a commanding presence who gives confidence to those around him and is an excellent all round keeper.

Daniel Lever (Defender) – An experienced defender now in his eighth season at the club. Dan is a consistent performer who is comfortable in possession, but also has a tremendous desire and commitment to succeed.

Scott Hayward (Defender) – Scott is a solid no nonsense defender who can play anywhere across the backline. A player with the winning mentality needed to challenge at the top of Welsh League.

Josh Ryall (Midfielder) – Josh is maturing into the all-round midfielder, loves to get stuck in but also has finesse with some quality passes and loves a strike from range.

Craig Mason (Forward) - Craig is a product of Cardiff City Academy. He left the club to further his education in Scotland before returning to Wales in 2013. He is a Welsh youth and schoolboy international and can play in several positions. He is a real athlete.

Sebastian Hagggett (Forward) - Looking to prove himself in Division One having scored goals at the lower levels of the Welsh League. Played several times at the end of last season for Aberbargoed Buds where he produced a good return.

Warren Jones (Midfielder) - Warren is a strong tackling midfield player with a real desire and passion for the game. As a youngster, he spent several years at Cardiff City football Club. His never say die attitude often rubs off on others.

Conner Wickham (Midfielder) - Another former Cardiff city player who has bags of potential but sometimes gets lost to the game. He is a former youth International and is looking to be more consistent this season. He has Brilliant feet.

Josh Powell (Defender/Midfield) - Josh is another versatile player and a former full time member at Cardiff city Football club. He was unfortunate to have had his short professional career interrupted by injury and has played in Division 1 of the Welsh League for the last two seasons with Ton Pentre, AFC Porth and Goytre AFC.

Jack Howe (Defender) - A recent recruit from Merthyr Town where he has played as a full back for the past two seasons. Pace to burn and loves to get forward from defensive areas.

Jordon Branch (Defender) - A talented full back who has had a difficult two seasons with injury. A former Cardiff City youth player and Port Vale senior player. Has played in the English league pyramid system but now settled back in Wales.

Ryan Griffiths (Goalkeeper) - Another recent recruit who has also player for Merthyr Town. Regarded as one of the best shot stoppers on the Welsh League circuit. Has played also for Aberdare Town, AFC Llwydcoed and Cwmaman Institute. Ryan has represented Wales at under 18 level.

Jordan Coles (Midfielder) – Jordan works as a personal trainer and brings his fitness into his style of play. A strong midfield player who covers every blade of grass. Formerly of Aberdare Town, Ton Pentre, AFC Llwydcoed and Penrhiwceiber Rangers.

Josh Owen (Midfielder) - Josh joins us this season from AFC Porth where he progressed through their youth structure. A quality player who is still maturing and improving. Gained a number of promotions with his former club. A real capture for the new management team.

Keiron Coles (Defender) - A real character who lightens up the changing room. The management team worked tirelessly to capture his signature in the summer from his former club AFC Porth and he is seen as a key figure in the team's progression. Plays with a real desire and never knows when he is beaten.

Alex Davies (Midfielder) – Youth team player who has caught the eye in training and friendly matches and is knocking on the door for a start. Covers the ground tremendously well with bags of energy. Has an eye for goal and is not afraid to get stuck in.

Jacob Duckett (Midfielder) – At 17 Jake is a class act and was rewarded last season with a Boys Club of Wales under 18 cap. Great skill and pace with a sweet left foot, definitely one to watch this season.

Harri Jones (Defender/Midfield) – Another of the youth lads knocking on the door Harri is equally comfortable at the back or further forward. As with Alex and Jake, `H` is a product of the clubs successful UEFA Academy.

Gareth Welsh (Defender) – Welshy returns to the club after a few seasons away, unbelievable pace, strength and ability. Amazing how quick he covers the ground for a big lad.

Liam Reed (Forward) – A recent signing from Ton & Gelli. `Reedy` has bags of skill with pace to burn. Could be a surprise package this season. Great character and dull as a brush.

Terry Evans (Defender) – The old man of the bunch but defies his age by consistently performing week in week out. A former pro whose record speaks for himself, and is a great example for all the young lads at the club.

James Mahoney (Forward) – Jimmy has electric pace and great skill and is a match winner on his own at times. Needs to be more consistent and when he does the shirt will be his own.

Huw Bowtell (Forward) – Longest serving player at the club and leads by example on the pitch. Gets kicked from pillar to post every week but still manages to maintain his high standards. Key player

David Haggett (Manager) - Former Welsh schoolboy international and professional youth international captaining his country on a number of occasions. Joined Manchester United in 1976 and signed as a professional with them in 1977 he returned home to Wales in 1981 when his career was ended through injury. A retired police officer who has worked with various Welsh League clubs for several years. Currently working with the highly successful Cardiff City football academy. Holds the UEFA B licence and looking forward to the challenge with his new club.

Shaun Fackrell (Assistant Manager) - A former Welsh league player representing Cambrian, Ton Pentre and AFC Porth. Has worked for the Cardiff City Academy and more recently our academy. Promoted to assistant manager this season and looking forward to the challenge. Has a real desire to be successful which rubs off on his players. Holds the UEFA B licence qualification.

Tom Ramasut (Coach) - Former professional player with Norwich City/Bristol Rovers and Barry Town. Welsh under 21 international. Currently working for Cardiff City Football Club and has Welsh League experience with a number of clubs. Currently working towards his UEFA A licence. Well respected within the game.

Steve Hughes (Trainer) – “Pig” is a former player who now looks after the squad as trainer, great character to have in the dressing room and in the dug out.

HISTORY

Cambrian United was formed in 1965, taking its name from the local colliery. After success in the Rhondda & District League, the club was elected to the South Wales Corinthian League in 1972. They won the second division championship at the first attempt and followed up the following season by winning the Corinthian Cup with a 5-2 extra time victory over Cardiff Corries.

In season 1977-78 the side were runners up in the first division losing out on goal difference to near neighbours Ton and Gelli. In 1980, the club joined with the very successful Clydach Vale Boys and Girls Club seniors but the merger was a spectacular failure and almost led to the club losing its Amateur League status after a number of poor seasons during the decade.

The 1990's saw the rebuilding process begin and the second division title was won for the second time in 1992. In 1994, manager Neil Foulkes joined the club and celebrated by winning the Corinthian cup a season later. In 1996-97, the club had a terrific year winning the FAW Trophy by defeating Rhyl Delta 2-1 at Jenner Park and won a second successive Corinthian Cup beating Cardiff Civil Service 4-2. In addition, they were league runners up to Ely Rangers. There then followed a run of four more runners up spots in six years and another Corinthian Cup triumph, this time by a 4-1 margin against Llantwit Fardre, before the Championship was finally won in 2004/5. In 2000, the club had re-merged with the Boys and Girls Club.

The club is also very active off the pitch working closely with the local Village Trust to develop facilities in the area. Two full time soccer coaches are employed to work with local schools and major improvements have taken place at the ground. An all weather, floodlit Astro turf area has been built at a cost of £116,000 and a clubhouse facility opened in October 2005 after the club and the Trust successfully generated the £130,000 required. Floodlighting on the ground was completed at the start of August 2007.

The Club entered the Welsh League for the first time in season 2005/6 and a very successful year ended with the Third Division Championship being won after close rivals West End had been deducted three points. Season 2006/7 turned out to be even more memorable as promotion was gained to the top division of the Welsh League with a second placed finish behind champions Garw. In addition the Youth side won the MacWhirter Cup defeating Pontardawe Town 5-2 in the final as well as finishing runners up in their division. In the 2007/8 season, the clubs first ever in Division One began with an incredible 5 straight wins and although the small squad could not sustain this long term, a creditable ninth place was achieved. The club also embarked on a new venture, taking over and forming the new RCT UEFA Academy programme. This has gone from strength to strength over the past few seasons and the club now runs age groups from 7 through to 19 at elite level.

A major change also took place on the Management Committee in 2008, with former England Manager Terry Venables agreeing to become chairman of the club. Terry was already Patron of the highly successful Cambrian Village Trust and has close links with Clydach Vale, where his mother was born. Last season after challenging for the title over the last few seasons Cambrian & Clydach became champions of the Welsh League for the first time in its history