

## CARDIFF METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY FC PLAYERS' PROFILES – 2014-15 SEASON

- 1. Will Fuller** – An MSc Sports Psychology Student. Grabbed his 1<sup>st</sup> team opportunities with both hands in the latter stages of 2013-14 season. Regular 1<sup>st</sup> team player in 2012-13 BUCS Championship winning team. Excellent shot stopper.
- 2. Liam James** – A 1<sup>st</sup> year student with an impressive pedigree. Recruited from Aberystwyth Town where he played consistently in the Welsh Premier League. Played for Wales U'16/17s. Will be a great asset to the club in coming years.
- 3. Matt Hudson** – A 3<sup>rd</sup> year Sports Coaching student. Switched to left back from Centre half in pre-season and has made great strides in his game. He is strong in the tackle and deceptively quick for a big man.
- 4. Bradley Woolridge** – An MSc Sports Psychology student. Team Captain and last season's Coach's Player of the Year. A good leader that typifies the ethos of the club.
- 5. Emlyn Lewis** – A 1<sup>st</sup> year SCRAM student. Again, another recruit from Aberystwyth Town. A commanding and intelligent defender that has a promising future.
- 6. Steve Bowen** – A final year postgraduate student that is in his 6<sup>th</sup> season at the club. His valuable experience will be of great benefit to the younger players in the team. Another player that has switched positions in pre-season, a move that has benefited his all-round game.
- 7. Charlie Corsby** – A PhD student who is an energetic midfielder. Links the defence to attack with some intelligent runs and passes. Has the potential to disrupt even the best of defences.
- 8. Tim Nixon** – An MSc Sports Psychology student. A quick winger with good technical ability. He has the talent to make a significant impact in games and will be hoping to make a big impression on the league this year.
- 9. Elliot Scotcher** – A 3<sup>rd</sup> year Sport and PE student. A creative, skilful midfield player who has previously been with Cardiff City and Ipswich Town. A key member of the squad who has the game to go back into the pro ranks.
- 10. Adam Roscow** – A 2<sup>nd</sup> year Sports Performance Analysis student. The find of last season. Tormented opposing defence with his strong and skilful running. One to watch this year.
- 11. Jordan Lam** – A 2<sup>nd</sup> year Sport and PE student. Deceptive and elusive winger that can hurt defences. Another who can make a significant impact on games. Must be more consistent this year. Hails from Devon.
- 12. Joel Letori** – A 2<sup>nd</sup> year Sport and PE student. Impressive performances for the reserves last year earned him a call up to the 1<sup>st</sup> team. Some resolute displays have made him a contender for a starting place this year. Another to hail from Devon.
- 13. Josh Coffey** – A 2<sup>nd</sup> year Sport and PE student. Attacking midfield player who had his season cut short by injury last year. An impressive pre-season has made him a contender for a regular starting place in this year's 1<sup>st</sup> XI campaign.
- 14. Adam Long** – A 2<sup>nd</sup> year BA Business Management student. Has shown some good form in pre-season and will be in contention for a regular starting place for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI in 2014/15 season.
- 15. Nathan Facey** – A 3<sup>rd</sup> year Sport Science student. A skilful winger/forward who made a significant impact for the reserve team Championship winning team. Has the potential to be a regular first team starter.

16. **Chris Baker** – A 2<sup>nd</sup> year Sports Management student. An accomplished player who can list Neath FC as one of his previous clubs. He will be valuable addition to the 1<sup>st</sup> team squad and has been impressive during pre-season.
17. **Hadji** – A new addition to the squad as a 1<sup>st</sup> year Sports Coaching student. A tough tackling midfield player who has shown great promise in pre-season. A real character that will fit in well with the squad.
18. **Matt Witherington** – A 2<sup>nd</sup> year Sport and PE student. A young goalkeeper who was impressive in last year's reserve team. A composed GK that will look to push for a starting place this season. Previous club West End.

### **CARDIFF METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY FC HISTORY**

Cardiff Metropolitan University was formed in 1951 as Cardiff Training College, playing in the local leagues. In 1964 the club took advantage of the re-organisation of the Welsh Football League to win a place in the bottom division. Under the gifted leadership of Stuart Griffiths, they became a nursery for future caps at amateur level, while Dai Davies and David Williams went on to win international honours at the highest level. During this 'golden age' the club appeared in six national cup finals between 1968 and 1976, twice winning the Welsh Amateur Cup and on one occasion the Welsh Intermediate Cup.

In 1975 they won promotion to Division One and the following season they were champions and promoted to the Premier Division. The students had gained a reputation for playing attractive football, but already the strains of playing outside academic terms were obvious and they were relegated in 1979. In 1990, the whims of academia demanded that they change their name again, this time to Cardiff Institute of Higher Education, but the new title did not guarantee a brighter future and two years later the club found itself back in the bottom division.

Fortunately, Norman Dawkins, a former student and Welsh amateur cap, joined the staff and virtually single-handed he pulled the club together on and off the field. In 1996 the institute changed its name to University of Wales Institute, Cardiff, and this time a change of fortune was evident as within two seasons they were back in the top division, winning the Welsh League Cup in 1999.

In 2000-01 another Cardiff club, Inter Cardiff, were encountering financial difficulties in the League of Wales, and UWIC bailed out the club by merging their resources. The club, playing as UWIC Inter Cardiff, survived a difficult season, but could not financially sustain a semi-professional squad and, reverting to a student base, they were relegated in the following year.

The club, quietly shedding the 'Inter Cardiff' appendage, enjoyed some successful years in the Welsh League's top tier and in 2003-04 reached the Welsh Cup quarter-finals. But a student team always suffers from an annual turnover of its playing squad and in 2007 UWIC were relegated to the second division.

In 2009, UWIC appointed ex-Welsh international Christian Edwards – now a post-graduate student – to regenerate the football programme. Despite a mid-table finish, the controversial restructuring of the league left the club unable to avoid being placed in Division 3, but the team showed its true potential with a run to the Welsh Cup quarter-finals and a prolonged challenge for promotion.

In 2011 UWIC formally ended its association with the University of Wales and became Cardiff Metropolitan University, and in turn the club changed its name to Cardiff Metropolitan University FC.