

## **CHEPSTOW TOWN PLAYER PROFILES**

### **SEASON 2014 – 2015**

**NICHOLAS KING** – Goalkeeper. A recent signing from 1<sup>st</sup> Division side, Caerau Ely. Nick is an excellent shot stopper and should prove an ideal replacement for previous keeper, Gareth Wesson. Nick's previous clubs were Bridgend Street and Cardiff Met. University.

**ASHLEY PALMER** – Full back / midfield. Ash was given the accolade of "Players' Player" award for his whole hearted performances throughout last season. Whilst full back is his favoured position Ash will give 100 per cent wherever he is asked to play.

**JAMES MUNDAY** – Centre back. James returned to the club last season after a spell with local Welsh League rivals, Caldicot Town. James is a strong defender whose consistent performances last season was one of the factors in the club's push for promotion at the end of the season.

**STEPHEN PEEL** – Full back. Stephen joins the club from neighbouring Welsh League side Cwmbran Celtic. After missing most of last season following a serious leg injury he is now back to full fitness and proving to be an excellent signing.

**DAVID HARVEY** – Defender / midfield. Dave, like his twin brother Jack, is a product of the club's youth system. After three seasons of regular first team football Dave is now an experienced member of the squad and should now have the confidence to hold down a regular starting position in the team.

**SAM RUSHWORTH** – Midfield. Sam has a chance this season to push for a regular first team spot following last season when he was in and out of the starting eleven. A strong runner who offers good support to the defence and players up front. Manager, Dave Livermore is also expecting Sam to have his name on the score sheet more often this season.

**RICHARD STANSFIELD** – Midfield. Richard is a strong midfield player and after a spell away from first team football last season it is hoped that Richard will be pushing for a regular position in the starting eleven. A very skilful player who can also be relied upon to score on a regular basis.

**LEO ROSS** – Striker. Leo joined Chepstow pre-season from Gwent County League side, Pill FC. Leo is a prolific goal scorer and has already proved to be a great asset to the side and a favourite with the Chepstow supporters.

**LOUIS FEELEY** – Midfield / forward. Louis joined the club in October from Welsh League 1<sup>st</sup> Division side, Goytre. Louis has already shown himself to be a skilful, strong running midfield player and has already established himself as a regular 1<sup>st</sup> team player.

**LEWIS GRANT** – Midfield. Lewis has joined the club during the second half of the season after being transferred from fellow Welsh League side, Cwmbran Celtic. Lewis is a hard tackling midfield player who should prove to be a regular member of the 1<sup>st</sup> team squad.

**MATTHEW BOARD** – Midfield / forward. Matty is another product of the club's youth system who is now experiencing a regular taste of 1<sup>st</sup> team football. Matty has shown excellent promise in pre-season training and is hoping for a regular place in the starting lineup.

**JON NELSON** – Midfield. Jon is a member of the FAW Futsal squad who joined the club mid season. He has not yet established himself in the starting lineup but has already shown himself to be a very skilful player and useful member of the 1<sup>st</sup> team squad.

**RICO ZULKANIAN** – Midfield. Another recent mid season signing from 1<sup>st</sup> Division side, Taffs Well. Rico is a most skilful player but has not played many games due to a leg injury. Rico is another member of the FAW Futsal squad.

**JERMAINE POOLE** – Defender. A mid season signing from 3<sup>rd</sup> Division side, Llanwern. Jermaine has yet to command a regular place in the starting line up but will prove to be a useful member of the 1<sup>st</sup> team squad.

**CRAIG LEWIS** – Forward. Craig returned to the club early season from 1<sup>st</sup> Division side, Monmouth Town. Craig is a strong running forward with an eye for goal but has yet to establish a regular 1<sup>st</sup> team spot.

**MARK ORGAN** – Midfield / winger. Mark has been a regular player for the reserve team for the past two seasons and has the ability to stake his claim for a regular place in the 1<sup>st</sup> team squad.

**JOSEPH THOMAS** – Midfield. Joseph is another recent signing from Cardiff League club, AFC Rumney Juniors. Joseph comes to the club with a high reputation and should prove to be a useful member of the 1<sup>st</sup> team squad.

**CALLUM GEORGE** – Goalkeeper. Callum has returned to the club after some time away last season. During his previous spell with the club Callum gained experience of first team football and he will be eager to regain the number one position again.

#### **MANAGEMENT TEAM:**

**DAVE LIVERMORE** – Manager. Dave has deservedly been promoted to first team manager following a spell of being in charge of the reserves. Dave has been a loyal member of the club both as a player and manager and has a wealth of experience to bring to the job and is hoping to carry on the good work of the club's previous managers.

**CHRIS LILLYGREEN** – Assistant Manager / Coach. Chris has been a valuable member of the first team management team for several seasons and will be relied upon to give new manager, Dave Livermore, considerable advice and assistance. Chris has had considerable football league experience and scored a record 98 goals for Newport County between 1983 – 1993.

**GARY PROCTOR** – Coach. Gary has recently joined the management team after previously being in a similar position with 1<sup>st</sup> Division side, Taffs Well. Gary brings a wealth of Welsh League coaching experience to the club and has already proved to be popular with the 1<sup>st</sup> team squad.

## **CHEPSTOW TOWN HISTORY – Founded in 1878**

**Chepstow Town FC is the most easterly of all Welsh League clubs. Formerly known as Chepstow Castle FC fixtures have been played at various venues around the town from Bulwark to St. Arvans and also at St. Mary's institute ground which is where the Tesco supermarket is now located.**

**Up to the beginning of the First World War all matches played were in the local East Gwent League. The resumption of football after the war in the 1919-1920 season saw Chepstow Town become co-founders of the Welsh League. Welsh League football was enjoyed until the mid 1920's which then saw the club relegated to the Mon. County League. In 1928 the club then entered the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League and they became champions of this league in the 1931-1932 season. Home matches during the club's time in this league were played at the St. Mary's institute ground. During World War Two the St. Mary's ground was taken over by the Ministry Of Defence and used as a supply depot for the war effort.**

**At the end of the war, returning local servicemen wanted to revive football in the area. The club was then reformed incorporating Chepstow Boys Club and Fairfield FC. The club subsequently rejoined the Mon. County League. In these immediate post war years Chepstow Town FC became the dominant club in the area and it was not uncommon for crowds of 200 to 300 to watch the club's matches.**

**The period of the mid 1950's to the mid 1960's was one of great success for the club on and off the field and this was rewarded with promotion back to the Welsh League. This culminated with Chepstow Town FC becoming Division 2 champions in the end 1964-1965 season. Regrettably due to the high cost of travelling expenses and financial problems the club were forced to drop out of the Welsh League. Chepstow Town then entered the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division of the newly formed Gwent Premier League and quickly advanced to gain promotion to the 1<sup>st</sup> Division.**

**Due to Chepstow Council's road expansion plans and the proposed re-development of the St. Mary's ground the club was relocated to the present Larkfield Park ground in the late 1980's. In 1997 the club gained promotion to the Welsh League and remained there until being relegated back to the Gwent County League in 2007. Despite this setback Chepstow Town were determined to regain Welsh League status and this was achieved last season with the club finishing as Gwent County League Division 1 champions.**

**Over the years the club has been graced with some notable managers including Brian Harris (Everton and Newport County) and Barry Vassallo (Arsenal and Plymouth Argyle). Chepstow Town players who became professional footballers were Ollie Burton (Newport County, Norwich, Newcastle United and Wales); Colin "Rocky" Hudson (Newport County and Cardiff City) and Harry Harris (Newport County, Portsmouth and Wales).**

**Since being promoted to the Welsh League Division 3 in 2012 Chepstow Town achieved promotion to Division 2 immediately at the end of that first season by finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Cardiff Met. University and AFC Llwydcoed. Last season despite a tremendous run at the end of the season Town narrowly missed out on promotion by finishing 4<sup>th</sup> on goal difference.**

**With a new Chairman, Mark Pring, at the helm and a new 1<sup>st</sup> team manager, Dave Livermore, the club are hoping to improve on last season's performance by achieving their aim of promotion to the Welsh League 1<sup>st</sup> Division.**