

## **ELY RANGERS PLAYERS PROFILES 2014-2015**

**ASHLEY HART**, Keeper reliable and good shot stopper.

**DANIEL GRIFFITHS**, Defender ex youth player.

**ADAM GRIFFITHS**, brother of DAN another ex youth team player.

**ANDREW MUSCAT**, Mr reliable has been at the club for a few seasons.

**KYLE OFFER**, Midfield player has a good engine and good passer of the ball.

**SAM PHELPS**, Defender joined the club last season from Cardiff Corries.

**CRAIG KAVANAGH**, Midfield player with a good turn of speed,

**TOM CLARKE**, Midfield the play maker of the team ex Bristol rovers.

**JACOB HOWELL**, Striker, quick and scores goals.

**DOMINIC PATES**, Striker, plays of the front man good eye for goal.

**JOSH ALLEN**, Utility player can play in many positions.

**NICKY GARDNER**, Midfield player great engine and ability.

**GRAHAM CUMMINGS**, Midfield he has been at the club for many a season.

**JAMES COTTERILL**, Defender returned to the club this season.

**JORDAN COTTERILL**, Striker returned to the club this season from Barry Town United.

**JAYKE COTTERILL**, Midfield ex youth player.

**JOSH COTTERILL**, Forward another ex youth player.

**JOE COAKLEY**, Utility player first season at the club.

**KEVIN HASLAM**, Utility player back after a long injury out.

**CALUM MILLER**, Midfield player strong on the ball.

**JAMES CREAGHAN**, Deputy keeper.

**STEVEN MOORE**, Another utility player.

**BEN HEWINGS**, Striker with pace.

**JONATHAN SPARKES**, Defender good young player.

**ASHLEY PARK**, Defender joined the club from Cardiff Corries this season.

## **MANAGEMENT PROFILES 2014-2015**

**MANAGER, DAMIEN FLYNN**, This is Damien's first position as manager of the club, joined last season as second team coach, excellent prospect to guide our young team.

**ASSISTANT MANAGER, NATHAN COTTERILL**,

Nathan's first full season with the club, will bring a wealth of experience to the club, and will still be playing.

**PHYSIO, JASON CLARKE**, Jason has been at the club for a long time, played for many seasons as a quality defender, and looked after the second team for a while.

## **ELY RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB HISTORY**

Ely Rangers origin dates back to 1963 when current chairman Graham Clarke was playing for Ely YMCA at that time the club did not have enough players to put out a side, so the joined with Heath Park Rangers. After one season a chance meeting with other boys from Ely whilst on holiday resulted in the formation of Ely Rangers in 1965.

The club joined the Cardiff Combination League and quickly established themselves as a major force in local league football, winning many league championships and cups along the way. Following this successful period the club were on the look out for a ground to enable them to apply to join the South Wales Amateur Football League.

In 1983 the club moved into Station Road, Wenvoe, were the club have played ever since along the way making many ground improvements under the guidance of Chairman, Graham Clarke, with the help of other long standing members of the club who are still at the club today, still trying to further improve the ground.

The next step forward was to obtain Welsh League status. This was achieved in 1997 after winning the Amateur League they had to have a play off with local rivals Caerau (Ely) who had won the Senior League This took place at Ninian Park in front of over 1,300 spectators to claim a place in the Welsh League for season 1997-98.

The Rangers spent three seasons in division three finishing in fifth position twice and then runners up, division two was a short stay just one season finishing in third spot.

In 2001-02 season the club entered the first division and finished in eighth position in the first season but it has been a struggle since then as we are an amateur club and have to compete with the other sides that are able to pay their players.

After five years it was back to division two, however in 2008-09 we regained division one status by finishing runners up but were relegated to division two at the end of the following season.

And that is where we are today still aiming for that division one spot again. What we have is loyalty of players for most of them and a good family spirit, that's what keeps us going. Plus we now have a very strong junior section run by Graham Clarke's sons Spencer and Jason and a loyal band of parents who support the club all along the way, with many of the junior players progressing into the youth teams and then the senior section and may this continue for a long time.