

LLANTWIT MAJOR PEN PICS 2013-14

JACK LANSDOWN Very good shot stopper and comfortable with the ball at his feet, often playing as the 11th outfield player. Has the ability to become a very good keeper at Welsh league level. Very important member of the squad

ANDY SHAW One of the fittest players in the squad, even at the age of 35. Loyal servant of the club who could and maybe should of played at Welsh league level a lot sooner. Great athlete that has the energy to get up and down for the full 90 minutes

RHYS GOULD (captain) Started to show his true ability and maturity last season. Out and out centre back who is quick, strong and good in the air. When focussed on the task in front of him, can provide a tough challenge for any centre forward

LEE JONES A player who should have played at Welsh League level from his youth. A great engine to assist with his all round footballing ability. An exciting season ahead for a player who is eager to make his mark at this level.

WAYNE FAUX A rarity of a player who is so efficient every time he plays. Not afraid to keep things simple and very rarely gives the ball away. Has the ability to play in a number of positions. Very important member of the squad

STEWART LINDSAY has been one of the longest serving players at Llantwit Major and has always wanted to grace the Welsh League, he always gives 100% and has been a consistent goal scorer. He will be hoping to continue that at a higher standard and in doing so has become the highest goal scorer in Llantwit history. Good luck baldy...

RHYS LLEWELLYN A new player who joins us from Penybont. A good solid centre half and will be looking to organise our defense.

SEAN NASH Sean is the key to this Llantwit side. His strength and ability to hold up the ball is imperative with a touch and awareness to match Has played at a higher lever and has been a success in every club he has played for, he is a big player for Llantwit and has set himself high standards for this forthcoming season.

LEWIS JAMES joins us from Sully and will fit in at left back comfortably this season.

DANIEL JAMES joins us from Sully and has settled in very well at Llantwit Major AFC. A good organiser and talker, will look to organise our midfield this year.

JOHN BUTLER is a terrific midfield player who joins us from Pontyclun. We hope he finds his home here at Llantwit Major AFC and provide us with a solid central Midfield.

MIKE FLAVEL is a lightening quick, tricky left winger who came to us during preseason. A very important member of the squad at Llantwit Major.

DARREN ROBINSON Darren has been instrumental in turning this Llantwit side and club into what it's rapidly becoming, not only for his ability and composure on the pitch but for his ideas and man management off the pitch. Darren sets himself very high standards and very rarely drops below them, this in turn demands better from others around him. He has made the club an enjoyable environment to learn and work in. No doubt he will be demanding more and more from himself and his players this season and hopefully, for many more years to come.

DAVID HARTLEY-SMITH second season at the club and as a player with bags of experience he should fit into the squad with ease. It is hoped that with the positive encouragement towards the youngsters at the club and show them the right way to play. David will fulfil his potential and prove to be a great addition to the club.

THOMAS REES rejoins the club after a season away. Can either play left Midfield or left back.

GETHIN JENNINGS has been a regular in the reserves and the youth a for a few seasons now and has had the odd game for the firsts the last two seasons and is now looking to make that step up.

DAVID BEVAN has played for years for Llantwit in all positions but has yet to try his hand a goalkeeping. A welcome return for the veteran to the first team squad.

LUKE COX transferred from Penybont, a very exciting winger and also has an eye for goal.

DALE STEPHENSON transferred from Penybont, strong centre forward who can hold the ball up, will be a threat to opposition defences this season.

PHILLIP CLAY (MANAGER) has bags of Welsh league experience and also a former player.

LLANTWIT MAJOR A BRIEF HISTORY

Llantwit Major Football Club was formed in 1962. A selection committee selected the team until entry to the South Wales Amateur League 2nd division was gained in 1971. Life Member Gwyn John was appointed as the first team manager. Manager John's team were promoted to the 1st Division after finishing second in the 1976/77 season. Llantwit consolidated in the division before claiming their first Amateur League title under new manager Alan Foster in the 79/80 season. This was closely followed by their second championship just a year later after retaining the title and adding the Corinthian Cup to achieve the double. This kick started a golden period in the 80's where the club won another double of league and Corinthian Cup in 83/84. The hat-trick of Corinthian Cups came in the 86/87 season. The club were also runners up in the league on a further two occasions during the decade. The 90's by contrast was a very mixed period for the club, first relegation in 91/92 under Rob Sherman's leadership, followed by promotion two years later with Steve Manning at the helm. Fast forward two years and relegation once again, this time with record appearance holder Pete Lingham as player/manager. However the club made sure they were in the first division again at the turn of the millennium, the management duo of Kev Pycroft and Phil Clay gaining promotion by winning a comfortable 2nd division title. The club spent the next decade consistently flirting with the league title without ever looking like serious title contenders with Llantwit stalwarts Tim Watts and John Guy providing much needed stability in charge. The club also came runners up in the Corinthian Cup in 2005. John Guy stepped down as manager in 2010 following a decade as manager to move upstairs as Chairman. Guy did this selflessly in order to allow the introduction of fresh ideas into the club from new boss Kevin Rees in partnership with Watts. Rees and Watts introduced fresh blood into the playing staff gaining instant success by lifting the FAW Senior Cup in 2010/11. The bedrock of the new players was Darren Robinson whom is now player/coach/manager along with the irrepressible Watts.