

Llanwern - Pen Pictures – Season 2014-15

Ben Fletcher. Goalkeeper, came from Albion Rovers. Keen, works hard, fine shot stopper, big presence.

Robbie James. Full back, fit, energetic, technically aware footballer. Ex Cardiff Corries.

Jermaine Poole. Defender Quick, versatile across the back line.

Liam Screen. Wide defender or midfield. Quick, can attack and defend.

Liam Palmer. Defender. Good quality crosser of the ball, long throw expert.

Mike Bishop. Centre half. Tall, strong, very experienced.

Dominic Dwyer. Centre half. Strong, athletic., experienced.

Adrian Harvey. Centre back, ex Bridgend Street player. New this season.

Liam Whiskey. Busy, energetic midfielder, improving all the time.

Mathew Hibbs. Right side midfielder. Experienced, skilful, with an eye for goal.

Sam Hartrey. Midfield. Skilful, with great passing range and ability to read game well. Club captain.

Nicky Hooper. Midfield. Skilful attacking player, lots of experience. Top scorer last season.

Daniel Hooper, Another experienced attacking midfielder, Nicky's brother. Wales Futsal International

Gareth Delve. Very quick and skilful wide player with a great ability to open up defences and score goals.

Alex North. Striker. Experienced at this level, a great finisher in front of goal.

John Lilygreen. Striker. Versatile, skilful, hard worker, a proven goal scorer at this level.

Jonathan Dunn. Skilful, very quick forward player who can play well wide as well as down the centre.

Zak Misbah. Joined this season. Tall striker with excellent ball skills. Experience as trainee at Blackburn Rovers and with Merthyr, & Barry Town

Jordan Jones. Joined this season. Experienced, speedy attacker who can play on either flank or as a striker.

Jordan Francome. Defender. Joined this season from Cardiff Corries

Management

Gareth Morgan. Manager. Former Croesyceiliog and Cwmbran Celtic manager. Though still young, he has been coaching and managing for several years. Possesses UEFA "B" coaching badge

George Enescu. Asst. Manager. Very experienced former Welsh League player and manager.

Peter Fordham. Coach. Young, enthusiastic, recently qualified as coach at UEFA "B" level

Rhodri Morgan. Brother to Gareth, experienced club physio and goalkeeping coach.

LLANWERN AFC – A HISTORY

The club was formed in 1963 as Spencer Works AFC and joined the Newport and District Leagues, winning the Premier "B" championship in 1967/8. With the opening of the clubhouse and playing fields in 1969/70, the club won the Gwent Premier League title in 1970/1 and 1971/2 and was elected to the Welsh League for the 1972-3 season, where it has remained ever since. They spent most of the next twenty seasons in the middle division of the League until 1988, when they changed their name to Llanwern AFC. This coincided with an improvement in the clubs' fortunes and promotion back to the leagues' top division at the end of the 1992-3 season. They spent a number of years in and out of the top division and in 2002, they for the first time ever, won the Welsh League Cup.

Problems over the sale of the Corus works and its sports club and grounds, led to the decision in 2003 to re-locate to the Newport Stadium, where we have been until now.

League re-organisation led to us dropping to Division Three four seasons ago and we had two mediocre seasons before new manager Gareth Morgan came in and started a revival. After a mid-table finish in 2012-3 all his hard work paid off with us gaining promotion back to Division Two last season.

We were to have moved from the main Stadium to the adjacent "third generation" pitch ("3G") a couple of years ago but plans were changed and we stayed on at Newport Stadium, which became "our" ground with Newport County moving to Rodney Parade. We have virtually sole use of the Stadium, except for it being used occasionally for FAW representative matches and training/coaching sessions with selected squads.

We still play on the "3G" pitch, using it for our training sessions through the winter.

Management, Former Croesyceiliog and Cwmbran Celtic manager Gareth Morgan came in two seasons ago with a brief to strengthen and invigorate the team to bring us success in League and Cup

He had a difficult first season but finished with a cup semi-final appearance and seventh place in the table, which was a definite improvement on the previous seasons.

We finished with the nucleus of a very good squad that he and his coaching team built on for last season and their efforts brought success with promotion back to Division Two, with only two defeats in 36 league games, a wonderful record.
