

# Ferbrache tipped as future senior Sylvans regular

AS HE captains Elizabeth College in their CI Schools title quest, Brendan Ferbrache has been tipped to progress and become a fine senior footballer in the years ahead.

The left-footer is a fixture in the Sylvans under-18 team, primarily at left-back, but has also been seen regularly in recent weeks for his school, where he has been given the skipper's armband this season.

And he will still be hoping that he can help College to overhaul title favourites College of FE and become the first Sarnian skipper to win the silverware in a decade.

Ferbrache has also appeared as a left-winger at times this season, but he plays most of his football in a deeper role and one that suits him, according to his club coach.

Martyn de Garis is Sylvans' under-18 coach, as well as of the Priaulx team, in which he hopes that Ferbrache can make more and more appearances as this season progresses.

'Brendan's chances in the Priaulx have been limited thus far because of his school commitments and the amount of football he has been playing with them so far this season,' explained de Garis.

'But when that calms down after Christmas, then I am sure that he will get opportunities to play and there is no reason why he couldn't become a regular in the senior squad by the end of the season.'

'He has already trained with the seniors and been in and around the senior set-up and hasn't looked out of place, but for now

the priority is his schools and under-18 football.'

Clearly, Ferbrache's performances and ability have been enough to impress Guernsey under-18 coach Martin Scott, who named him in his most-recent team.

Ferbrache played the whole 90 minutes at left-back less than a fortnight ago as the island team were edged out 2-0 by London in the first round of the FA County Youth Cup.

That position is the one that de Garis thinks best suits the teenager, who believes that Ferbrache's strengths suit the modern-day role of an attacking full-back.

'You could also play Brendan on the left side of midfield, but he is far more effective arriving from deep and picking up positions from there.'

'He is capable of overlapping players and putting in excellent crosses, which is probably his main strength, so I think he will prove to be a very effective left-back.'

'The defensive side of his game still needs work, but that is the case with most players these days and he has the core skills there to work with.'

'Brendan reads the game extremely well, is comfortable on the ball and has a cool head and won't panic in different situations.'

'One of his biggest attributes is that he just gets on with his own game, often off the radar, and is willing to listen and learn to make himself a better player.'



Brendan Ferbrache (partially obscured) puts an opposition player under pressure.

(Picture by Adrian Miller, 6151914)

## HalfTIME TALK

This week footballer **Brendan Ferbrache** answers our questionnaire...

**Age:** 17

**Nickname:** El Capitano

**School:** Elizabeth College

**Brothers or sisters:** Two brothers

**What would you like to be in adult life:** Lawyer

**Favourite TV show:** Rules of Engagement

**Favourite music:** Imagine Dragons

**Favourite film:** Anchorman

**Favourite food:** Italian

**Favourite teachers:** Mr Garnett and Mr Tansey

**Sport:** Football

**Position:** Left-wing or left-back

**Club:** Sylvans

**Best friends in sport:** Charlie Thompson, Rory Brown and Billy Hunt

**Sporting hero:** James Milner

**Sporting hero locally:** Ross Allen

**Local sportsperson to watch out for:** Sammy Parr

**Least favourite professional sportsperson:** Wayne Rooney

**Favourite local coach:** Martyn de Garis

**Favourite local sports arena:** St Peter's

**Sporting highlight:** Captaining the College first team

**Sporting lowlight:** Losing the under-16 Muratti

**Funniest moment in sport:** Beating Victoria College 5-1

**What would you like done to improve your sport:** More fixtures

**Teams supported:** Man City