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ABERYSTWYTH
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PAUL RAGAN.

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

A HUGE WELCOME TO ALL THE PLAYERS, STAFF, DIRECTORS AND FANS OF ABERYSTWYTH TOWN FC, WE HOPE WE MAKE THE DAY AS HOSPITABLE AS WE CAN FOR YOU.

In our inaugural year competing in the JD Cymru Premiership, we are still searching for our very first point at this level – I have a very warm feeling about today however, so let's get behind our boys and be as vocal as we can!!

After a close fought 1-0 defeat against Flint Town two weeks ago at home, we travelled to Caernarfon Town last weekend. Despite a strong first half, we underperformed second half and lost the game 2-0. We are certainly learning quickly it's a game of very fine margins at this level, but on a positive note we remain confident that remaining in this league for the very first time is a clear objective we will achieve.

We have had several players out since the start of the season also with injuries and bans, but I'm pleased to see that these players are starting to return, which can only see us strengthen.

Since becoming the Chairman at Christmas, my mission has been to implement a family feel and united aspect to the club, in addition to ensure the club is ready to hold its own in the Welsh Premiership.

Both our men's and women's teams will be competing at the highest level in Welsh Football - what an achievement! It doesn't stop there, our Academy, Junior and Grassroots teams continue to attract more interest from the community. We are without doubt an expanding force in Welsh Football. The only way is up, and I am sure the new season is going to be a good one for Pontypridd United.



We are an all-inclusive club, and despite our affiliation with Pontypridd, we are in fact a much wider club, attracting interest from players, fans, and businesses from the surrounding areas too. This is a key reason why we took the decision to recently announce the change of name from Pontypridd Town AFC to Pontypridd United FC.

A big hello to our businesses club members, some of who are here in support today. We are taking on new businesses every week which is great news – thank you for your support. As a club we recognise the importance of our partners enjoying the journey with us and benefitting from the many networking opportunities and events that they will experience with Pontypridd United.

Have a great day, GET BEHIND OUR BOYS, and don't forget we now have a café/bar selling drinks and snacks at the front of the USW main building.

LETS GO DRAGONS!

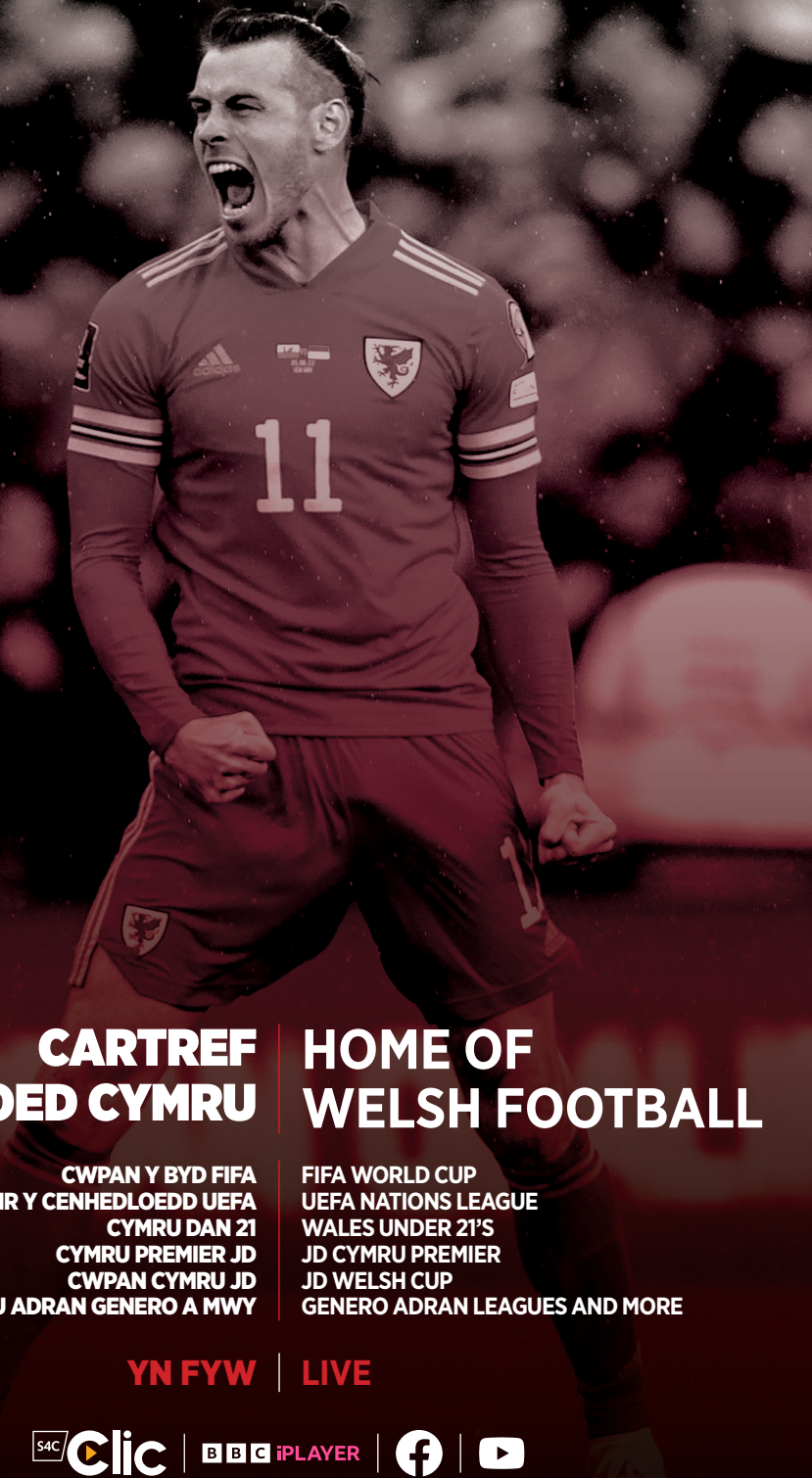
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2022-23 FIXTURES.



AUGUST.

- 13/08 FLINT TOWN UNITED (H) - 17:45**
20/08 CAERNARFON TOWN (A) - 14:30
27/08 ABERYSTWYTH TOWN (H) - 14:30
30/08 CARDIFF MET UNIVERSITY (A) - 19:45

SEPTEMBER.

- 03/09 THE NEW SAINTS (H) - 14:30**
10/09 BALA TOWN (A) - 14:30
17/09 AIRBUS UK BROUGHTON (H) - 14:30
24/09 CONNAHS QUAY NOMADS (A) - 14:30
27/09 PEN Y BONT (A) - 19:45

OCTOBER.

- 01/10 CAERNARFON TOWN (H) - 14:30**
14/10 NEWTOWN AFC (H) - 19:45
22/10 THE NEW SAINTS (A) - 14:30
29/10 AIRBUS UK BROUGHTON (A) - 14:30

NOVEMBER.

- 06/11 CONNAHS QUAY NOMADS (H) - 14:30**
18/11 ABERYSTWYTH TOWN (A) - 20:00

DECEMBER.

- 02/12 CARDIFF MET UNIVERISTY (H) - 19:45**
11/12 BALA TOWN (H) - 14:30
16/12 NEWTOWN AFC (A) - 19:45
23/12 PEN Y BONT (H) - 19:45
26/12 HAVERFORDWEST COUNTY (H) - 14:30
31/12 HAVERFORDWEST COUNTY (A) - 14:30

JANUARY.

- 07/01 FLINT TOWN UNITED (A) - 14:30



FIXTURES SUBJECT TO CHANGE*

MAX JAMES.

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

WE WELCOME THE MANAGEMENT, PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS OF ABERYSTWYTH TOWN TO THE USW SPORT PARK THIS AFTERNOON.

The 'Seasiders' as they are known were formed in 1884, some 138 years ago, and became founder members of the League of Wales as it was called in 1992.

I was able to visit their excellent ground many years ago as Chairman of Inter Cardiff and at the time, Aberystwyth's current Chairman, Donald Kane, was also a player for the club, racking up over 500 appearances.

The 'Seasiders', like ourselves, had their first home league game televised last Saturday, which they were defeated by our near neighbours Cardiff Met.

Last Friday night we took a five hour coach trip to Caernarfon where we stayed overnight, before playing the home side on a very windy afternoon.

Once again we were without five key players but we were very comfortable throughout the game, despite the eventual scoreline. We are hoping that a few of those missing players will return for today's game.

Nobody will forget our home game last Saturday, when we became the first Welsh Premier club in 25 years to be based in RCT. Although the defeat did not reflect the way we



played, I feel sure the supporters enjoyed their evening at the game and I hope to see them again this afternoon. It was commented by a number of supporters that it was good to have printed programmes at the game, besides the online edition, as many like to read it during the game as well as at home.

As a club we like to include everybody on our new journey in the Welsh Premier League and would love to receive your comments.

We would also like to thank Sgorio and S4C for their excellent live TV coverage of the game.

We hope you enjoy this game today and remember that the cafe/bar, located at the front of the USW main building, have drinks and snacks available, and after the game we are entertained by the Pottery, just over the road from the ground. Please have a safe journey home.

MAX JAMES.
PONTYPRIDD UNITED PRESIDENT

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Rob has been involved in the Club since the days we played in Ynysangharad Park. He dots the i's and crosses the t's making sure everything runs like clockwork. He also ensures our opposition are given a very warm Ponty welcome.

Rob is seriously passionate about the football and more importantly Ponty! This passion and warmth of character comes across in everything that he does at the club pre-match and through the PA system on match day.



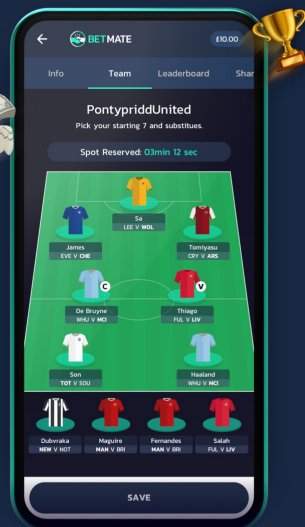
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TEAM TALK

JAMES FISHLOCK.

Ahead of the new season we caught up with **James Fishlock** who joins the women's side as the interim manager from Cardiff City Ladies while our manager Fern Burrage-Male takes maternity leave.

Q1

Welcome to the club James. How have you settled into the team so far?

I've settled in really well, the players, staff and committee have been really welcoming.

I feel part of the team already and it's been good to get to know some of the players and catch up with the players I already know.

Q2

What appealed to you about joining Pontypridd United as manager?

I think the fact that the club is so inclusive and has a true one club philosophy with a desire to develop and improve, that was a really strong selling point for me.

The club are in the top women's league in Wales so that was a big draw too. I still have a big desire to challenge myself as a coach and the opportunity to work with this group of players, and hopefully improve them, was also a huge attraction to me.

Q3

How do you think the first few sessions have gone so far and what is the team morale like?

The sessions have been good, the girls have worked really hard, asked good questions and the level of understanding has been really impressive.

Fitness levels are improving and the quality on the ball has improved session on session. They are a really close group, they all get on really well together and it's clear that the team spirit is excellent.

Q4

What are your main objectives leading into the beginning of the season?

My objectives are to be as well prepared as possible and to start the season well. We've got a lot of hard work ahead of us to do that but I'm confident we will do it. We want to close the gap on the teams that finished above us last season of course and continue to develop the club both on and off the pitch.

Q5

What about the new signings, what have they brought to the squad so far?

The new players have been great, they've fitted in straight away and have added real quality and experience. It's always good to have new voices within the group, so we couldn't be happier with them all.

Recruitment is an area we want to be strong in, but we have to make sure that we bring the right players and staff in. We want to make sure we add value on and off the pitch.

More importantly we've been able to retain the majority of the group from last season so there's not going to be a huge turnover of players, which is a really positive sign for us going forward.

Q6

How is training, does it feel like the squad is gelling well now?

Training has been excellent since I took over, the application from the players has been really good and we've been able to work on lots of different aspects of our game.

The girls are an extremely close group and the new players and staff have fitted in really well.

Q7

How has pre-season been? What has gone well? What needs improving?

The pre-season games so far have been good and have given us lots of things to take away and work on, which is what you want.

The weather played a big part and certainly when we look back, our fitness levels were really good, considering the extreme heat during those games. We've done some good things during the games and some not so good things also but that's why you play pre-season games.

Q8

Our first game is against Cardiff City, how are you feeling about that game?

It's an exciting first game for us all. We're aware of the challenges Cardiff City will pose to us and everyone else in the league, I'd say they're favorites for the title this season. But for us, we focus on our game plan, and we look to implement that on the day.



WOMENS FIXTURES.

04.09.2022	14.00	CARDIFF CITY	VS	PONTYPRIDD UNITED
11.09.2022	14.00	PONTYPRIDD UNITED	VS	THE NEW SAINTS
18.09.2022	14.00	ABERYSTWYTH TOWN	VS	PONTYPRIDD UNITED
25.09.2022	14.00	PONTYPRIDD UNITED	VS	CARDIFF MET
02.10.2022	14.00	SWANSEA CITY	VS	PONTYPRIDD UNITED
16.10.2022	4.00	PONTYPRIDD UNITED	VS	ABERGAVENTNY
23.10.2022	14.00	BARRY TOWN UNITED	VS	PONTYPRIDD UNITED
13.11.2022	14.00	PONTYPRIDD UNITED	VS	CARDIFF CITY
27.11.2022	14.00	THE NEW SAINTS	VS	PONTYPRIDD UNITED
06.11.2022	14.00	PONTYPRIDD UNITED	VS	ABERYSTWYTH TOWN
04.12.2022	14.00	CARDIFF MET	VS	PONTYPRIDD UNITED
18.12.2022	14.00	PONTYPRIDD UNITED	VS	SWANSEA CITY
22.01.2023	14.00	ABERGAVENTNY	VS	PONTYPRIDD UNITED
29.01.2023	14.00	PONTYPRIDD UNITED	VS	BARRY TOWN UNITED

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TEAM TALK

STEVE SAVAGE.



Q1

How well do you think Pontypridd United have performed so far this season?

I think the lads have done really well. It was great to kick off our competitive season with a 2-0 win in the MG Nathaniel Cup.

Our patterns of play, how we set up, what we wanted to achieve was really good, so I'm really pleased with that performance.

It is only to start of journey, but it was nice to get off with a win, two goals and a clean sheet, and hopefully we can take that through into the Cymru Premier.

Q3

Can you tell us about Pontypridd United's home ground?

Pontypridd United's home is based at the University of South Wales Sport Park in the Treforest Industrial Estate. The site covers 36 acres with a variety of pitches, including natural grass and 3G. Pontypridd United's first team play on a fantastic 4G pitch, it's a great setting.

The sport park is a really good vibrant hub. There is lots of parking and we're looking forward to welcoming fans to the ground and make sure they have a really good experience.

The sport park is not just dedicated to football, there's hockey, rugby, netball as well as much more. It would be nice to embrace everyone in those different sports and encourage them watch the football and hopefully support Pontypridd United in the JD Cymru Premier.

Q2

How have you managed the transition from Tier 2 to the Cymru Premier?

It been a bit hectic, that is probably a polite way of saying it, but no it's been really good. The club have been super supportive, we have got really good people behind the scenes making sure that we got our licence, our jump from Tier 2 to Tier 1 and then going from the JD Cymru South into the JD Cymru Premier.

It's been chaotic, but we have been really embracing the challenge that we've got and we are looking forward to the challenge ahead.

UNITED. BY OUR HISTORY

1991

Pontypridd & Ynysybwl
FC is formed.



1992

Pontypridd & Ynysybwl
FC is renamed
Pontypridd Town.



2016

Pontypridd Town vs
talkSPORT All-Stars



2022

The club are
promoted to the
Cymru Premier.



2008

Clayton Jones saves
the club from
collapse.



2017

The club moves to
the USW Sport Park -
our new home.



2022

Our club of 700+ players
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MATCH DAY ONE CAPTURED.

PONTYPRIDD UNITED vs Flint Town United - 13/08/22
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