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CONNAH'S QUAY NOMADS

PAUL RAGAN<mark>.</mark>

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

A HUGE WELCOME TO ALL THE PLAYERS, STAFF, DIRECTORS, AND FANS OF NEWTOWN AFC, WE HOPE WE MAKE YOUR EVENING A HOSPITABLE ONE.

GOOD AFTERNOON to USW SPORT PARK – The home of Pontypridd United FC.

A bit about 'The Nomads', they were founded in 1946 under the name Connah's Quay Juniors by Everton and Welsh National player Thomas George Jones. The club name changed to Connah's Quay Nomads in 1951. Currently sitting in 2nd place in the table, they play their home games at the Deeside Stadium in Connah's Quay, where they have played since 1998.

As for us, this is our 13th game in our inaugural year competing in the JD Cymru Premiership, and we as a club are under no illusions it's a huge step up from last season. After a dominant performance against Airbus winning 4-0 last weekend we feel that the boys are carrying a lot of momentum which should show in today's match up against the Nomads. It's also a big two weeks ahead, a win today could see the men jump to 7th place; the highest league position the club has ever achieved in its history. Next Saturday, the men travel north to play Ruthin Town F.C. in the FAW Welsh Cup, a win would see us progress to the fourth round.



In terms of our league playing statistics, we are performing around mid-table compared to other teams in the league, which is a great achievement. However, the one statistic we have underperformed on is scoring goals! In short, we are dominating games in part, and creating chances, but just not finishing. On the bright side however, I'm excited to see Ben Amun back in action today following his impressive hattrick last week, he linked up well with the improving on-loan from Newport County Lewis Twamley, which is great news for the club.

Looking ahead. the future looks bright with the signing of Jamal Salawu who came off the bench against Airbus. Also promising for November/December is the return to fitness for Elliot Richards, Owain Jones and Luke Cummings. In addition, discussions are already underway with regards to strengthening the squad further during the January transfer window – with our target to avoid any relegation battle this season remaining on course, and for those optimists amongst us, a Europa League spot "does" still remain a possibility!

Moving onto other positive news, we are pleased to have completed our renovation and re-fit process for the new Pontypridd United FC headquarters, a big step in the further commercialisation of our club. This premises has already proven to help bring the club together, through means of hotdesking, productivity, and networking.

DOUBLE HEADER ALERT!

Later this afternoon the Pontypridd United Women's team will be attempting to avenge a 5-0 away defeat to Cardiff City in the Welsh Cup last week. The two teams met at the beginning of the season in which Cardiff City narrowly came out on top, and I'm sure the women will be looking to avenge that defeat at 5pm today. Let's all get behind our Manager James Fishlock and the team today, the bar will remain open after the Men's game until after the Women's game. Don't forget to check out the Women's fixtures on www. pontypriddunited.co.uk, they normally play on Sundays, and I know they would welcome the support.

I also wanted to acknowledge continually the strong support we get on the Girls and Junior sides led by Louisa Hayhurst and Chris Hayhurst, respectively. The same applies to all the coaches, managers and parents who work tiresomely to ensure the Juniors continues to expand – well done to everyone involved.

A further continued thank you to Ben and the Team at the Academy also, a key focus this season is to ensure we compete well as a UEFA Category B Academy, and it great to see the results improving all the time – keep up the great work all. Finally, it would be remiss of me not to say a BIG HELLO and THANK YOU to all our business club members and especially to our match day sponsor. We are taking on new businesses every week which is great news – and 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 GIRLS, and don't forget we have a café/ bar selling drinks and snacks at the front of the USW main building.

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Paul Ragan | Pontypridd United Chairman





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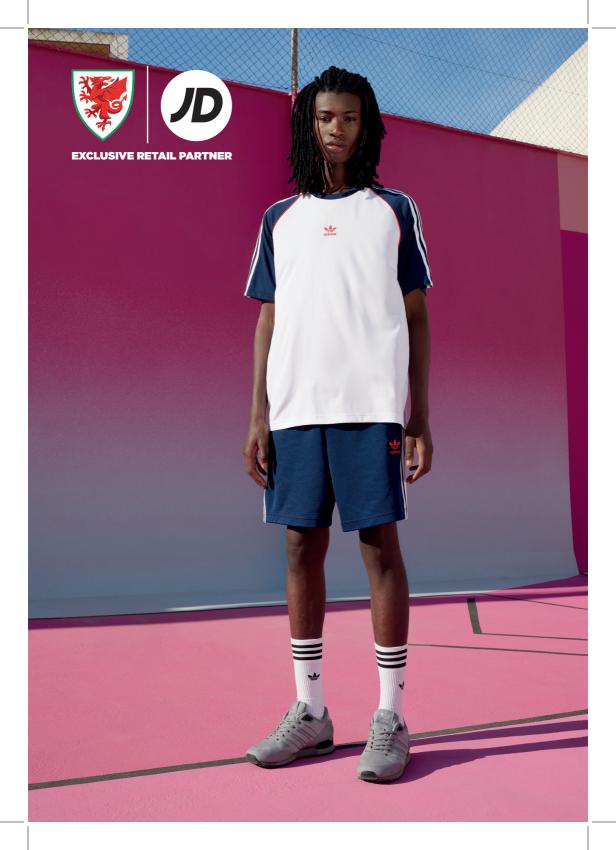
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AUGUST.

 13/08
 FLINT TOWN UNITED (H) - (0-1)

 20/08
 CAERNARFON TOWN (A) - (2-0)

 27/08
 ABERYSTWYTH TOWN (H) - (2-1)

 30/08
 CARDIFF MET UNIVERSITY (A) - (3-0)

SEPTEMBER.

03/09	THE NEW SAINTS (H) - (0-2)
10/09	BALA TOWN (A) - (POSTPONED)
17/09	AIRBUS UK BROUGHTON (H) - (1-0)
24/09	CONNAHS QUAY NOMADS (A) - (1-0)
27/09	PEN Y BONT (A) - (1-1)

OCTOBER.

 01/10
 CAERNARFON TOWN (H) - (3-1)

 14/10
 NEWTOWN AFC (H) - (1-4)

 22/10
 THE NEW SAINTS (A) - (2-0)

 29/10
 AIRBUS UK BROUGHTON (A) - (0-4)

NOVEMBER.

- 06/11 CONNAHS QUAY NOMADS (H) 14:00
- 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



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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

WE WELCOME THE MANAGEMENT, PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS OF CONNAH'S QUAY NOMADS TO THE USW SPORT PARK THIS AFTERNOON.

The Nomads arrive here on the back of a winning run of nine matches, which points to a difficult game for the Dragons.

The Nomads were founded 76 years ago as Connah's Quay Juniors just after World War II and later adopted the present name in 1951. They joined the Flintshire League and then moved into the Welsh League North, before moving through a number of leagues until they were founding members of the League of Wales in 1992. They held their place in the league until 2010, but in 2012 they returned which has seen them enter the European Competitions eight times and the Scottish Challenge Cup. In 2020, the Nomads won the Cymru Premier and Welsh League Cup double.

Last Saturday, our lads played Airbus UK Broughton and came away with an excellent 4-0 win, with Ben Ahmun scoring a first half hattrick.

We must welcome our new player Jamal Salawu to the club who finally signed for us after a long process, which started before the end of the summer transfer window. We look forward to seeing Jamal enjoy his time with us and we also welcome his mum and dad as new supporters of our club.



We must also welcome our Chairman, Paul Ragan, and wife Sarah, Media Director, back to the club after a long, deserved holiday in Canada. We must thank fellow Director Hugh Field and wife Valda for taking over the responsibility of looking after the Business Club reception area on match days.

Finally, to everybody at the game, thank you for your support and please enjoy the food and drinks at the front of the main building both prior to the game and at halftime. You are also welcome to join us at the Pottery Restaurant/ bar after the game which is just left and across the road from our entrance. Have a safe journey home.

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TEAM TALK CLAYTON GREEN.

Club captain **Clayton Green** featured on episode six of The Ponty Football Show. 'Greeny' discussed how he personally has settled into the club since joining in the summer, as well as revealing how he felt taking up the captains armband. Read more below:

Q1

How have you settled into the club since joining in the summer?

"Pretty well I think. Obviously it was 'Savs' who brought me in. I worked with 'Savs' a number of times in the past from University football on a couple of different occasions. 'Savs' also brought back a lot of the boys which I played with at Uni level, so it's been quite an easy settling in period I'd say."

"We didn't have the greatest of starts to the season, but recently it looks like we're finding our feet now and the results are starting to show that, whereas before we had a couple of good performances, but we didn't get the draw or the win that we probably deserved."

Q2

What attracted you to join Pontypridd United?

"The first thing was working with 'Savs'. I've worked with 'Savs' before and I know how he works, so that was obviously one attraction. I came down, met the chairman and looked at the facilities. You can't really get much better than this, so the facilities were obviously another thing. The club is also close to home for me, which is another thing, because the last thing you'll be doing is traveling hours and hours to training and games week in week out."

"Another reason is obviously the lads. I've played with a lot of them beforehand at different clubs in the Welsh Prem or at Uni level, so yeah just bringing all that together just seemed like a good option for me. Finally, staying in the Welsh Prem was one thing I was keen on doing. I have spoken to a few people about playing the highest level that you can for as long as you can, because it's only a short career."

Q3 How proud are you being named the club captain this season?

"When it was first mentioned to me, I was a little bit unsure, because I was thinking they've got a team here, they had a captain last year, how would the lads react to me just coming in and be a named Captain. Having said that, all the lads were supportive straight from the start and it made it easy for me to come in and feel like the captain. Being out there on the pitch and being able to be the leader is a good feeling."

Q4 Do you feel the team still has more to show this season?

"Yeah definitely, there are more gears we can go up definitely. We've just started improving recently. We've gone through a couple of games where we've not fully shown what we're all about, but we've also shown different sides to our game, where we can mix it up when it gets a little bit gritty, we've got that side to our game now."

"We can also play; we've shown good teams that we can keep the ball for long periods of time. We've shown teams that we've got both sides to our game and yeah, we can definitely kick it up another level."



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18.09.2022	14.00	ABERYSTWYTH TOWN	VS	PONTYPRIDD UNITED	(1-2)
25.09.2022	14.00	PONTYPRIDD UNITED	VS	CARDIFF MET	(3-4)
02.10.2022	14.00	SWANSEA CITY	VS	PONTYPRIDD UNITED	(4-0)
16.10.2022	4.00	PONTYPRIDD UNITED	VS	ABERGAVENNY	(3-0)
23.10.2022	14.00	BARRY TOWN UNITED	VS	PONTYPRIDD UNITED	(0-3)
06.11.2022	14.00	PONTYPRIDD UNITED	VS	CARDIFF CITY	
13.11.2022	14.00	THE NEW SAINTS	VS	PONTYPRIDD UNITED	
27.11.2022	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	
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1992

Pontypridd & Ynysybwl FC is renamed Pontypridd Town.





2008

Clayton Jones saves the club from collapse.



2016





2017

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

2022

The club are promoted to the Cymru Premier.





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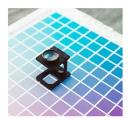
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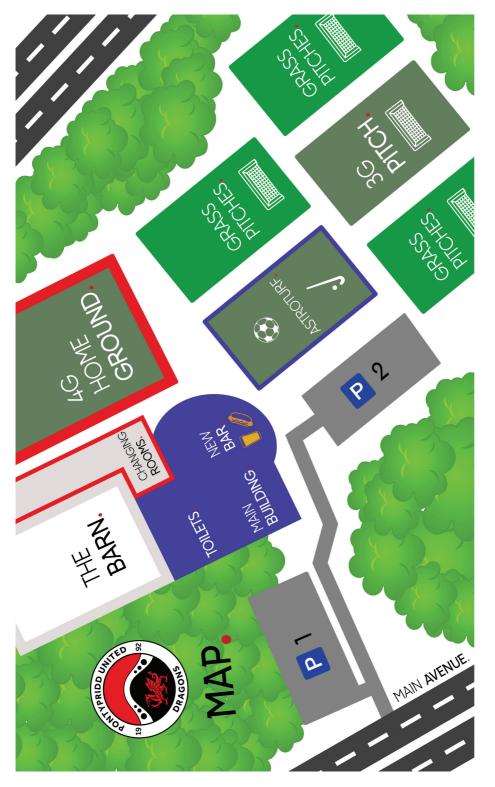
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