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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

A HUGE WELCOME TO ALL THE PLAYERS, STAFF, DIRECTORS & FANS OF THE NEW SAINTS FC.



We are finally here - the first home game of the season and what an exciting campaign ahead we face!

After an excellent pre-season, losing narrowly 2-1 to Newport County, and wins against Pontardawe, Bideford, Cardiff City U21 and Merthyr Town, the squad is looking to compete well this season, with a very clear target of finishing in the top tier, and earning a European play-off place.

This is the second game of the season after a well-deserved 0-0 draw and a point away to UEFA Conference team, Haverfordwest last Friday. The game was fast and furious, with the Dragons gaining the better of the chances, and if it wasn't for some "World Class" goalkeeping in the "Bluebirds" nets, we could have easily returned home with 3 points last week!

Today will be another big test, as we face last season's league winners and Champion's League qualifiers, TNS. Last season we lost both home and away encounters 2-0, but there is little doubt we are a stronger team this year, so a performance to match last week, won't see us far away, I'm sure. COME ON BOYS!

It's our second year at this level, and it's fair to say we learnt a lot of lessons from last season both on and off the pitch, which we are looking to improve upon this season.

On the pitch we have strengthened in several areas so a huge welcome to George Ratcliffe (new contract), Corey Shephard, Jan Maertins, Keston Davies, Tyler Jackson, Owen Pritchard and Ethan Vaughan who join the club. Also, a big thank you to Eliot Richards, Corey Jenkins, Harry Irving, Aaron Hillier, Ellis Hibbert, Morgan Davies, Lee Baldock, James Bloom, James Sadler, Oli Dalton and Joe Evans, currently on loan to Cardiff Met, who have all moved on to pastures new, we wish them well and thank them for their commitment and service to the club.

We also welcome Lee Kendall, Mark Pearce, and Sara Gray to strengthen the staff, we hope you enjoy your first season with the club.

Off the pitch we have continued to strengthen too, and attracted several new Ambassadors,



including my wife, Sarah Ragan, Lisa Epps, David Dulieu and Samantha Howells, who we must congratulate, along with partner Darren on the birth of their very recent newborn, another member of the Pontypridd United fan club no doubt! Welcome to the four of you, it's great to have you on board, we hope you enjoy the journey.

Looking ahead, the club has set its stall out to attract a few more owners to achieve our target of 20 equal owners, following the model of several English League clubs. At Pontypridd United we believe "It's not the power of one – but the power of many" which will pay dividends for this club as we strive to become a stronger club year-on-year, and a model we are confident will one day not only achieve great things, but also be in existence for many years to come, something our Community deserves.

A BIG HELLO and THANK YOU to all our PONTY HEROES and BUSINESS PARTNERS at

Pontypridd United - without you guys none of this would be possible, so from me and all the board, a VERY BIG THANK YOU.

And finally a "BIG SHOUT OUT" to today's "Match Day Sponsor" **JDS Fire & Security Systems**, thank you John Shanahan and team, we hope you have a great day.

We hope everyone enjoys the game today (along with the burgers and bar – thank you Emma and team), and we look forward to seeing you all back at Pontypridd United for our next home game which is scheduled for Friday 25th August (19:45) vs. local rivals Penybont. We hope you can make that one too. So, let's make as much noise as possible for our lads today!!

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Paul Ragan | Pontypridd United Chairman

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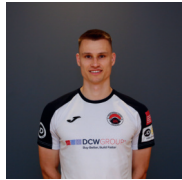
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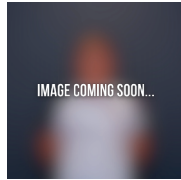
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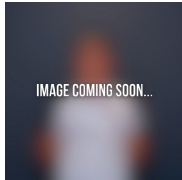
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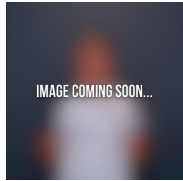
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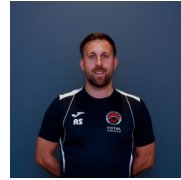


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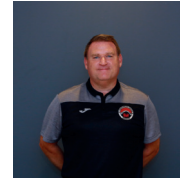
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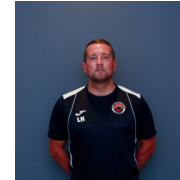
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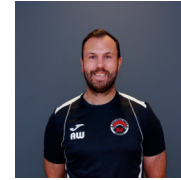
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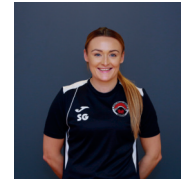
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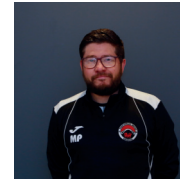
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MAX JAMES

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

A HUGE WELCOME TO ALL THE PLAYERS, STAFF, DIRECTORS & FANS OF THE NEW SAINTS FC.

'TNS' as they are usually called have the most successful record in the Welsh Premier League with a fantastic 16 League titles. TNS originate from the village club of Llansantffraid who won the Welsh Cup in 1996 and entered the European Cup Winners Cup. At the time a local computer company called Total Network Solutions of Oswestry arranged a £250,000 sponsorship deal which incorporated their company name into the club's name, just as Inter Cardiff FC changed their name to InterCableTel FC the season before. At Pontypridd United, we recognise the importance of our club partners and sponsors, and we are welcoming new businesses regularly. If you would like to get involved, please don't hesitate to contact myself, or our Chair Paul Ragan.

Last Friday we played our first game of the season away at Haverfordwest County FC and we congratulated them on their excellent progress into the second round of the Europa Conference League. I don't think that anybody in the ground would have been disappointed in the standard of football played. Our lads were tremendous and would certainly need to be the same this afternoon.



By chance, two of our new signings happen to be linked with the first two teams we are playing this season. Central defender Keston Davies was a professional footballer for three years with our visitors TNS, while midfielder Corey Shephard, was previously at Haverfordwest County. Our other new signings, Owen Pritchard and Ethan Vaughan are ex Cardiff City players while Jan Maertins has signed from Taffs Well and Tyler Jackson from Llantwit Major – we are delighted to have all six join us this season!

We would like to thank the many Business Club partners for their continued support, and our Ambassadors who have invested in the club. We would also like to thank our Heroes and volunteers who help the club especially on match days.

We hope you all enjoy the game and refreshments during the match. The Pottery Bar & Restaurant opposite the ground is open post-match - we hope everybody has a safe journey home.



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PHASE 1:

AUGUST.

04/08	LLANELLI TOWN (A)	(NATHANIEL MG CUP)	(1-4)
11/08	HAVERFORDWEST COUNTY (A)		(0-0)
19/08	THE NEW SAINTS (H)		(0-1)
25/08	PENYBONT (H)		(0-0)
29/08	ABERYSTWYTH TOWN (A)		(0-1)

SEPTEMBER.

02/09	BARRY TOWN UNITED (H)		(1-0)
08/09	CARDIFF MET UNIVERSITY (A)		19:45
16/09	BALA TOWN (H)		14:30
19/09	ABERYSTWYTH TOWN (A)	(NATHANIEL MG CUP)	19:45
23/09	CAERNARFON TOWN (A)		14:30
26/09	NEWTOWN (H)		19:45
30/09	THE NEW SAINTS (A)		14:30

OCTOBER.

07/10	HAVERFORDWEST COUNTY (H)		17:15
17/10	BARRY TOWN UNITED (A)		19:45
21/10	CONNAH'S QUAY NOMADS (H)		14:30
28/10	CARDIFF MET UNIVERSITY (H)		14:30

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NOVEMBER.

04/11	BALA TOWN (A)		14:30
19/11	COLWYN BAY (H)		14:30
28/11	NEWTOWN (A)		19:45

DECEMBER.

02/12	CAERNARFON TOWN (H)		14:30
16/12	CONNAH'S QUAY NOMADS (A)		14:30
26/12	ABERYSTWYTH TOWN (H)		14:30
31/12	PENYBONT (A)		14:30

JANUARY.

13/01	COLWYN BAY (A)		14:30
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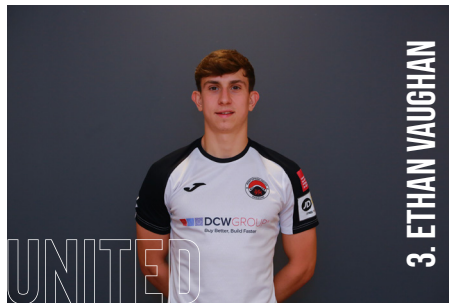
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SEPTEMBER.

17/09	THE NEW SAINTS (H)	14:00
14/09	WREXHAM AFC (H)	14:00

OCTOBER.

01/10	ABERYSTWYTH TOWN (A)	14:00
08/10	SWANSEA CITY (A)	14:00
22/10	CARDIFF CITY (H)	14:00
29/10	CARDIFF MET UNIVERSITY (A)	14:00

NOVEMBER.

05/11	BARRY TOWN UNITED (H)	14:00
19/11	THE NEW SAINTS (A)	14:00

DECEMBER.

17/12	WREXHAM AFC (A)	14:00
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JANUARY.

14/01	ABERYSTWYTH TOWN (H)	14:00
21/01	SWANSEA CITY (H)	14:00
28/01	CARDIFF CITY (A)	14:00

FEBRUARY.

04/02	CARDIFF MET UNIVERSITY (H)	14:00
11/02	BARRY TOWN UNITED (A)	14:00

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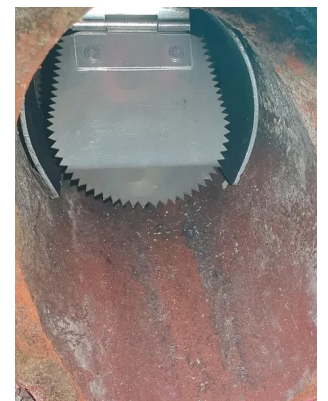
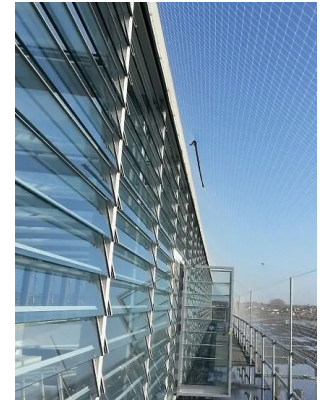
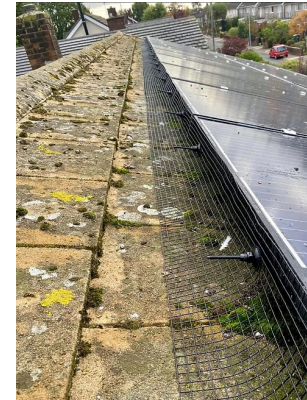


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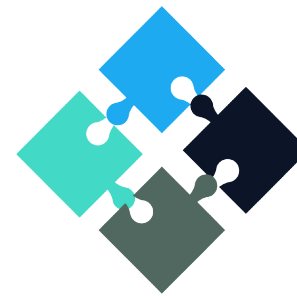
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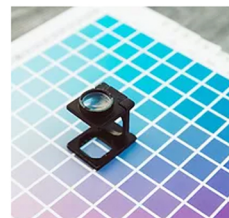
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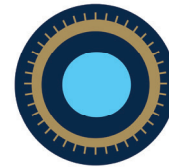
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