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PAUL RAGAN.

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

A HUGE WELCOME TO ALL THE PLAYERS, STAFF, DIRECTORS, & FANS OF HAVERFORDWEST COUNTY.

Phase 2 of the JD Cymru Premiership is well underway, and we continue to look to achieve our goal of staying in this league. Four points out of a possible six so far is great, but we know we can't let it slip and that our performances must be at their best, 100% of the time.

Our 4-0 victory over Airbus was a great way to kick off Phase 2. The whole team showed what they could do at this level, and it was great that the win was topped off with a hattrick for Ben Ahmun. Our second game of Phase 2 vs Aberystwyth was certainly a different kettle of fish. Our performance from the get-go was not good enough. Aber punished us and proved why you cannot switch off at this level. Having said this, credit must go to all the lads for the character they showed coming back from 3-1 down, in the closing stages of the game, to miraculously draw 3-3 and come away with an important point.

Looking towards today's game, Haverfordwest are going to make it very tough for us. The visitors lost their opening game of Phase 2 vs Caernarfon but responded well with a 3-1 win over Flint. I firmly believe we have enough quality in our squad to get another victory over them. In Phase 1, we secured a 3-2 win at home



and in the reverse fixture, we were unfortunate to not to come away with all three points. The boys, as always, have my full backing and I wish them all the best today.

As you all know, January was a busy transfer window for us. We brought in four talented youngsters who have immediately made a positive impact within the squad. All four played their part in our 4-0 victory over Airbus as well as our 3-3 draw against Aber. As well as the four new outfield players, we are delighted to welcome goalkeeper George Ratcliffe to the club. George signed with us early last week having been a free agent since leaving Cardiff City. George is one Wales' most promising





young goalkeepers, and we are over the moon that he has joined us to help with our ambitions. It is great to have you here George, we hope you enjoy your time with us.

In other news, our recently renovated Ponty HQ has made a huge difference in club focus and effort. It remains a great location for managerial and coaching staff to meet with one another more often, which strengthens morale and progress.

Finally, a BIG HELLO and THANK YOU to all our business club members at Pontypridd United, particularly to our match day sponsor today, Be Business Fit.

The good news, we are taking on new businesses every week—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. We look forward to many successful years ahead.

We hope you enjoy the game and look forward to seeing you back at Pontypridd United for a 14:30pm kick off on the Saturday 11th March vs Caernarfon Town.

LETS GO DRAGONS!

Paul Ragan | Pontypridd United Chairman

















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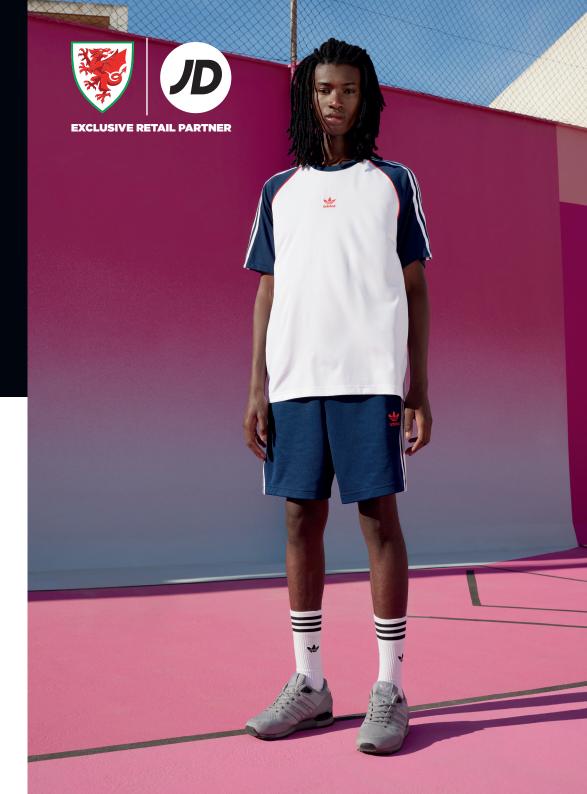
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PHASE 2 FIXTURES.



FEBRUARY.

11/02 **AIRBUS UK BROUGHTON (H) - (4-0)**

18/02 ABERYSTWYTH TOWN (A) - (3-3)

25/02 HAVERFORDWEST COUNTY (H) - 14:30

MARCH.

11/03 **CAERNARFON TOWN (H) - 14:30**

18/03 FLINT TOWN UNITED (A) - 14:30

25/03 AIRBUS UK BROUGHTON (A) - 14:30

APRIL.

01/04 ABERYSTWYTH TOWN (H) - 14:30

07/04 HAVERFORDWEST COUNTY (A) - 14:30

15/04 CAERNARFON TOWN (A) - 14:30

25/04 FLINT TOWN UNITED (H) - 12:45



PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

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

What an exciting game it was at Aberystwyth last Saturday, Some might say they couldn't go through that very often but were elated when our lads, after conceding a third goal in the 86th minute to make the score 3-1, then scored 2 goals in the final 4 minutes. For the Dragons it almost felt like a win but for Aberystwyth a loss.

Our second goal was a stunning one for Tom Davies who fired the ball in from the edge of the penalty area and the third scored with a close range header from substitute Eliot Richards. Our first goal was scored by Owain Jones a former player of Aberystwyth with just nine minutes left. Unfortunately it was felt that there were too many players falling to the ground after very light contact and complaining to the referee as well as slowing up the game. Its amazing that rugby players who play in a more physical game do not feint injuries or continually run up to the referee complaining and swearing like we see in the professional football game.

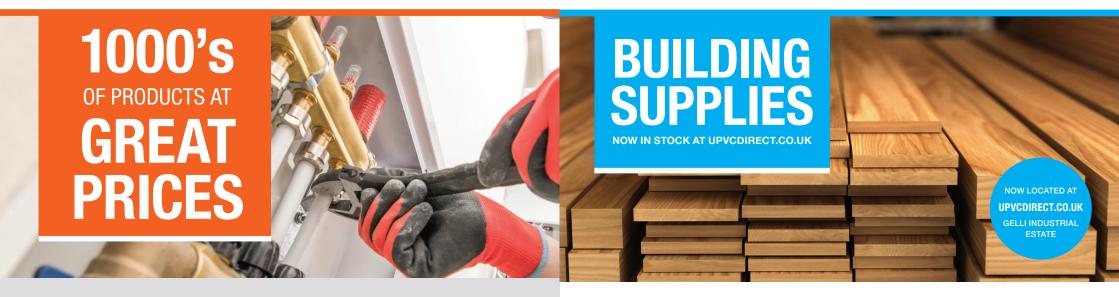
We were told that a change of rules will only see the referee stop the game for a head injury, yet we now see the game stopped every time a player stays on the ground. I'm always very annoyed to see players rolling over many times and sometimes from a standing still



tackle. We then see players deliberately when in possession and running inside the penalty area, put their leg across in front of the chasing defender to get a penalty. I think the time has come to review the rules for the referee as at the time they are accepting too many players feinting injuries as well as abusing them. These views are mine and not the views of the club.

We hope everybody enjoys their visit to Pontypridd United and remember we have refreshments available in the front reception area, and after the game we are looked after by the Pottery Bar and Restaurant opposite our entrance on the other side of the dual carriageway. We hope everybody has a safe journey home.

MAX JAMES.
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The aim of our HQ is to facilitate our community working together in a warm, safe and hard-working environment. This will help the club reach new heights, which we hope will transcend onto the pitch.

Find us at 3 Centre Court, Treforest Industrial Estate, Pontypridd, CF37 5YR. The building is open Monday to Friday between 08:00am and 17:00pm.



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Fun Fact - Oscar has never seen Pontypridd United lose! Oscar is certainly our lucky charm!

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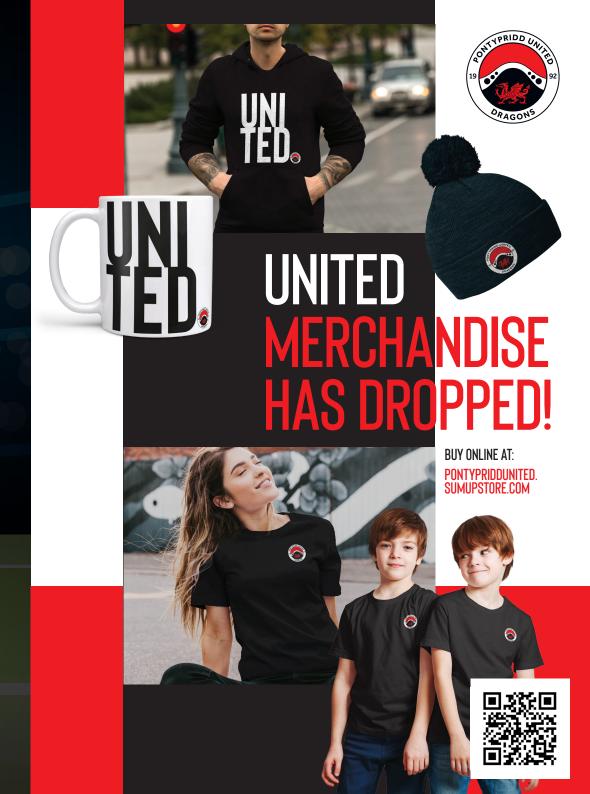
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TEAM TALK

ANAIS TRINCI

For episode 12 of the Ponty Football Show, women's first team player Anais Trinci featured as a guest. In the show Anais spoke about her time at the club as well as what it means to play for Pontypridd United, before looking forward ahead to Phase 2 of the Adran Premier. Listen to the full episode via our Youtube Channel (*Pontypridd United Men*) or by listening on GTFM Radio.

QI

You've been at the club for almost two years now. How do you think it's gone personally and for the team?

"For myself, it's been really good to get my confidence back, to start enjoying football again. As a team I can see from the first day that I came here, to now that as a club, men's, women's and junior sides that it's progressed massively over the last year. The club is really on a high.

Q2

What is it like being part of Pontypridd United and what is the message you as players are given by the coaches?

"I think it's a great environment to be in. I think that both coaches (Fern Burrage-Male & James Fishlock) have it as a family run club. So they set that out as the main thing that when you come to Ponty you're in a family and you're as a unit together. You're not individuals performing, you're as a team. I think that the majority of the girls know that when you come to Ponty, it's more of a team morale rather than just players working for themselves."

Q3

With just missing out on top four, has that given you motivation to do even better in Phase 2 and finish as high as possible?

"It's taken a lot of people down, they feel like we need to react now and prove people wrong and prove to people that we deserve to be in the top four."

"I think every single person in the team and this club probably thinks that we deserve to get there. I think we just need to tighten up on a few areas."

"I think it brings motivation for this team, and hopefully through Phase 2 we can see that we are really motivated to prove a point to the league and prove a point to anyone that is maybe doubting us."

Q4

What would you say to fans who are thinking of coming down to watch Pontypridd United play?

"I think it's a massive family environment - fans that are around at the moment would probably agree. I think it's an exciting environment to be around when we're playing football."

"When we're home I don't think we've lost many games. So that's a massive thing to take away: when we are at here, we're hard to beat, we're hard to break down"



WOMENS FIXTURES.

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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 is renamed Pontypridd United

MATCH DAY TWENTY-FOUR CAPTURED.

Aberystwyth Town vs **PONTYPRIDD UNITED MEN** (3-3) Photographs provided by Sarah Ragan



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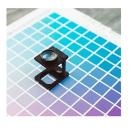
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MATCH REPORT



18/02/23 | Aberystwyth Town 3-3 PONTYPRIDD UNITED MEN



ELIOT RICHARDS SCORED A LAST-MINUTE EQUALISER AS PONTYPRIDD UNITED CAME BACK FROM 3-1 DOWN TO DRAW 3-3 WITH ABERYSTWYTH TOWN.

Pontypridd's second game of Phase 2 of the JD Cymru Premier was a roller coaster of emotions as secured an important point to stay out of the relegation zone.

It looked to be a goalless first half at Park Avenue, but Aberystwyth hit Ponty with a sucker punch blow with only minutes left to play. Jonathan Evans made no mistake by tapping home the opener after Ash Morris parried out an initial Daniel Evans strike when the Ponty defence was breached. Aber went into the break deservedly ahead with Ponty struggling to replicate the energy and performance from their win vs Airbus.

In the second half, the pressure kept piling on Ponty with Aber clearly smelling an opportunity to seek three important points. Not before long, the home side's efforts paid off as Mark Cadwallader flicked home their second goal of the day. From an excellent corner, Cadwallader snuck in ahead of Ben Ahmun and superbly flicked the ball towards the near post, catching out Morris. From this moment it looked like Pontypridd were going to need a miracle to get back into the game.

As the 80th minute struck, a bit of luck fell Pontypridd's way. Owain Jones, who scored against his former club earlier in the season,



Image Credit: Sarah Ragan

repeated the act as Aber's Matthew Turner poorly spilt a long-range effort by Tom Davies. Jones' goal gave Ponty a lifeline and manager Andrew Stokes went to try and capitalise on it with a couple of attacking substitutions, most notably the introduction of forward Eliot Richards.

With Ponty throwing numbers forward, their defence became more open which increased the risk of a counterattack by Aber. The hosts excellently capitalised on this which allowed Cadwallader to return to the 18-yard box, fire home and seemingly secure all three points. With the score at 3-1 and only three minutes left to play, all seemed lost for the Dragons.

The Dragons did not let the third goal get them down however as they continued to throw numbers forward. In one of their attacks, Davies produced a moment of magic as he smashed a perfect half-volley into the back of the net. This would be Davies' first goal for the club, and it proved to be crucial in what eventually followed.

Deep into the final minute of added time, Richards became the hero as he headed home a dramatic equaliser. The excellent Davies, who also assisted on his debut vs Airbus, added to his goal by producing a fabulous cross which Richards guided well into the back of the net. Richards' header was his first goal of the season, his first in Pontypridd United shirt and one of his most important, having secured a valuable point for the Dragons in their pursuit of safety.

After that incredible comeback performance, Ponty stay above the opponents in the league and more importantly remain outside of the relegation zone.

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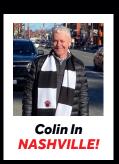


Craig In ABERYSTWYTH!

Our very own Ponty Hero, Craig, went all the way out to Aberystwyth to support the boys from the touchline. In his very own Ponty jumper and Ponty hat, Craig showed what it truely means to be a Pontypridd United sponsor and that spirit clearly transended on the pitch as the boys produced a miraclulous late comeback.

Thank you for your continued support Craig! You are well and truly a Ponty Hero!

If you have travelled across the globe and continued to support the club, send over your images and we will share them in future programmes.







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