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AIRBUS UK BROUGHTON

## PAUL RAGAN.

#### CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

A HUGE WELCOME TO ALL THE PLAYERS, STAFF, DIRECTORS, AND FANS OF AIRBUS UK BROUGHTON.

The next ten games will define our future for next season, the ambition of which is clearly to remain in the JD Cymru Premiership. We always knew our inaugural season would be tough at this level, and how we perform over the next 10 weeks will define this.

To improve our chances we have made FOUR new signings in the January transfer window. So a huge Pontypridd welcome to Jack Karadogan and Harrison Bright from Newport County, Tom Davies from Cardiff City, and Ben Margetson from Kidderminster Harriers, we hope you all enjoy your time with us.







In terms of our performance, we continue to play spells of strong football, creating a decent amount of in game chances, but it's fair to say we have struggled defensively these past few months, but we hope to improve on this from today.

In other news, our recently renovated Ponty HQ has made a huge difference in club focus and effort. This premises continues to prove successful at bringing the club together, through means of hotdesking in the 'Huddle', productivity throughout the building, and networking at our Business Club Events. It also remains a great location for managerial and coaching staff to meet with one another more

often, which strengthens morale and progress.

Following on from that I would like to show my continued admiration for the strong support we get on the Girls and Junior sides led by Louisa Hayhurst. Again, thanks to all the coaches, managers and parents who work tiresomely to ensure the Juniors continues to expand—a further 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's great to see their hard work paying off.

Finally, a BIG HELLO and THANK YOU to all our business club members at Pontypridd United and several recently joined Club Ambassadors, namely Aermach (Junaid & Rhys), Pardeep Bhakar and Darren Daniel. 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 25th February vs Haverfordwest County.

#### **LETS GO DRAGONS!**

Paul Ragan | Pontypridd United Chairman

















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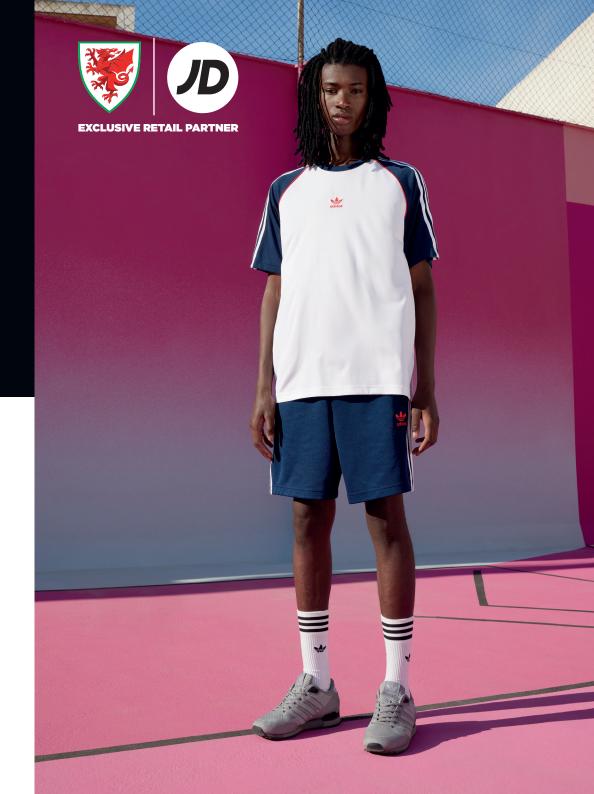
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## PHASE 2 FIXTURES.



#### FEBRUARY.

11/02 AIRBUS UK BROUGHTON (H) - 14:30

18/02 ABERYSTWYTH TOWN (A) - 12:45

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

#### MAX JAMES.

#### PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

WE WELCOME THE MANAGEMENT, PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS OF AIRBUS UK BROUGHTON TO THE USW SPORT PARK THIS AFTERNOON.

The club was formed just after the second World War in 1946 as Vickers-Armstrong and spent many years in the Chester & District League and the Welsh National League (Wrexham Area) when they won the title of the Second Division in the 1991/92 season. They then spent four years in Division One and were promoted to the Premier Division at the end of the 1995-96 season. Four years later they won promotion to the Cymru Alliance and changed their name to Airbus UK. After another four seasons they won the League in the 2003-04 season which earned promotion to the Welsh Premier League. They have had some enjoyable times in the Welsh Premier, including playing in Europe on three occasions and winning the League Cup.

This afternoon is the beginning of the most critical part of the season when the bottom six clubs fight to keep out of the two relegation positions. Our club is very pleased to welcome four new signings in Jack Karadogan and Harrison Bright from Newport County on loan, Tom Davies on loan from Cardiff City and Ben Margetson transferred from Kidderminster Harriers. We are also pleased to see some of our long term injury players gradually returning to the squad, in particular Luke Cummings and Owain Jones



The club would also like to welcome our new Ambassadors, Junaid and Rhys from Aermach. The Ambassadors are a very important group of businessmen and women who have joined us on our journey to become one of the leading football clubs in Wales. If there is anybody who would like to support the club please contact our Commercial Director Darren Haines and he will be happy to assist you.

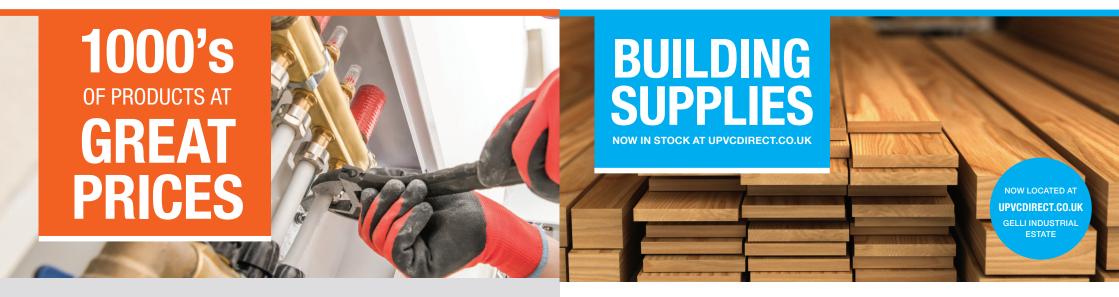
We hope everybody enjoys their visit to Pontypridd United and remember we have refreshments available in the front reception area, and after the game we are looked after by the Pottery Bar and Restaurant opposite our entrance on the other side of the dual carriageway. We hope everybody has a safe journey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

MAX JAMES.
PONTYPRIDD UNITED PRESIDENT



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Pontypridd United Football Club are delighted to announce the opening of our new Headquarters.

Our HQ is based in the Treforest Industrial Estate, just down the road from the USW Sport Park – the home of Pontypridd United. The building has three floors all occupying workspaces, as well as social areas for our wider team to work and enjoy.

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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SUPERPOWER: JACK OF ALL TRADES
& MASTER OF TECHNOLOGY

Arthur is always happy to help. From stewarding in the rain, selling Ponty merchandise to helping sort our latest technology challenge.

Arthur also plays in our reserves team and is a Ponty United fan through and through.

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#### TEAM TALK

## ANDREW STOKES.

With Phase 1 over and Phase 2 about to start in the JD Cymru Premier, men's first team manager Andrew Stokes featured on the Ponty Football Show to give a sum up on the season so far before looking forward to the coming months which will be crucial in our hopes of staying in the division.

QI

Following the conclusion of Phase 1, what is your assessment so far?

"It has been challenging, but it was nothing that we did not expect. What I will say is that is has been really enjoyable because we can really see what we are building on and off the field. I know we are going in the right direction, we now just have to deliver on the pitch."

Q2

What has been the most challenging aspect you have found since being in the role as first team manager?

"The challenge comes from different things and different ways, and every game we play is a different challenge. I have really enjoyed the tactical battles with opposition managers because you are changing things as you see the game which i think is important, you have to adapt. I don't think I have found anything difficult but in six months I have seen an improvement in certain aspects of my management. I am enjoying the challenge and long may it continue."

Q3

How pleased are you with the club's January transfer window and our four new additions to the squud?

"A key thing to remember is January is a real tough window to add new players - we knew that. We discussed certain things on what we wanted to bring in. To get the four boys we got in, I am really pleased. Any club can sign in January, but for me it is about signing the right player and the right person that fits what we are about."

"It is also great having good links with clubs like Newport County and Cardiff City, as we are able to bring in good young professionals who are hungry to show what they can do. The boys fit exactly what we need and the way we play."

Q4

With Phase 2 about to start, what are your thoughts going into the final stages of the season?

I am excited! We have got to look at where this club was and where it is now. We have a brilliant support behind the scenes whether that be our volunteers, the supporters who come to join us, our hard working board, the coaching staff and the players - we are all ready! We have worked so hard to get to this position, we ain't going to let it slide, we are going to give absoulte everything for each other! The aim hasn't changed, it is still the same - come April 22nd, this club WILL be in the JD Cymru Premier next season!



### WOMENS FIXTURES.

26.02.2023	14.00	ABERYSTWYTH TOWN	VS	PONTYPRIDD UNITED
05.03.2023	14.00	PONTYPRIDD UNITED	VS	ABERGAVENNY
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26.03.2023	14.00	ABERGAVENNY	VS	PONTYPRIDD UNITED
02.04.2023	14.00	BARRY TOWN UNITED	VS	PONTYPRIDD UNITED
09.04.2023	14.00	PONTYPRIDD UNITED	VS	ABERYSTWYTH TOWN











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## 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 is renamed Pontypridd United

#### MATCH DAY TWENTY-TWO CAPTURED.

**PONTYPRIDD UNITED MEN** vs Bala Town (2-1) Photographs provided by Darren Griffiths













# THE PONTY FOOTBALL SHOW.

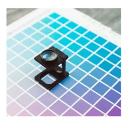
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## THE SEASON SO FAR.



Pontypridd United Football Club in the JD Cymru Premier – sounds good doesn't it?

The 2022/23 season saw Pontypridd United make history as the club debuted in the JD Cymru Premier for the first time.

Despite a hugely successful season prior, work had to be done throughout the club to get them prepared and ready to compete for the new season. The first change saw the club be renamed from Pontypridd Town to Pontypridd United with a new ethos and philosophy being introduced. This would bring the club together, from its mens & womens first team, the academy, the girls & junior teams and its grassroots teams, to essentially become 'One Club' who are 'United' together.

This was soon followed by the incomings of a new management team and a group of talented Welsh Premiership proven players. This was the start of new and bright era for the club with the objective to grow become a real force in the JD Cymru Premier.

On August 13th 2022, the club kick started their campaign at home against Flint Town United. By match day three, the Dragons secured their first three points of the season with a memorable 2-1 victory over Aberystwyth Town at the USW Sport Park.

With the club being new to the league, getting results was always going to be difficult and Pontypridd certainly found it hard in the early stages. Despite this, throughout September and October, the club picked up some valuable points against Airbus UK Broughton, Caernarfon Town and Penybont keeping them in the mix with the other clubs around them.



Results in November going into December did not go Pontypridd's way and a big factor was due to the extensive list of injuries.

Luck was certainly not on the club's side as they would often get into the situation where one player would return, but another would drop out. The unfortunate injuries would stretch the squad thin, but it gave opportunities to other players who seek a regular spot in the starting eleven.



Image Credit: Darren Griffiths

Going into the Christmas and New Year period, the Dragons would go on to have their best run of the season. Four points in back-to-back games against Haverfordwest County, followed by a huge win vs then third placed Bala Town saw the club climb the table out of the relegation zone and back in the mix with the bottom half of the table. Along with this, several key men returned from injury reinforcing the squad at the turn of the new year.

With it now being 2023,
Pontypridd United will be
looking to kick on and secure
their place in the league for
next season. Players are back fit and
talented additions
have come in to
strengthen the
squad. "Phase
2" is now here,
and the club has
a great chance

to stay up and

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maybe even get the chance to compete for a European spot if they have a great run.

Whatever happens, there is no doubt the club is on the rise and huge credit must go to everyone involved within the club who have all come together and helped make it happen. It has been up and down so far, but the club have learned from their mistakes and have gotten stronger from it. This season is just the start, and a bright future is on the horizon without a doubt.



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## PONTY ON TOUR.





#### Colin In NASHVILLE!

Our very own Ponty Hero, Colin, was out in Nashville, USA. It didn't stop him from showing his love for Pontypridd United. Colin wore his own Ponty scarf over the pond with our badge clearly out on view to the Nashville locals!

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

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