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**A magazine dedicated to the
JD Cymru Premier, North &
South leagues and others
bringing you news, views
and stats.**

The 3rd difficult season

We're coming to the end of the football season and what a season with a few more twists and turns no doubt.

This is the 3rd edition and I've made some changes down to the fact that time has been limited and with us being so close to the end of the season, I'll probably have to bring out an end of season edition sooner rather than later. As I've said before, working with news in football can be hard as often the stories change or the data does and being someone that wants the information to be right, often it becomes a nightmare when I look at stories I added 2 weeks later and they are now wrong.

For this edition I have removed the stats at the end as with one game to go, I wanted to start pulling together an end of season piece on all teams so will dedicate an edition to that so apologies for this.

Over the summer, I plan to revamp the magazine but it will continue and hopefully better now I have a system in place.

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The New Saints Win Title

The New Saints have once again stamped their authority on Welsh football by securing their 17th Cymru Premier title in the 2024 to 2025 season, marking an impressive fourth consecutive league triumph. However, this season was far from routine for the reigning champions.

For the first time in their history, TNS properly qualified for European competition. While this was a significant milestone and a source of pride, it also had a noticeable impact on their domestic campaign. Balancing the demands of European fixtures with league responsibilities proved challenging and led to a dip in form not often seen from the Saints.

TNS have lost six league matches so far this season, more than they have in any single campaign in recent memory. To put that into perspective, it matches the number of games they might typically lose across three full seasons. Two of those defeats came against title-chasing Penybont, who pushed TNS harder than most sides in recent years.

Penybont led the way for large stretches of the campaign, showing consistency and resilience while keeping pace with the champions. They even topped the table at various points and looked like genuine contenders. However, they ran out of steam as the season wore on, with a string of injuries and fatigue taking their toll during the business end of the campaign.



Despite the increased pressure and challenges, TNS still found ways to win, often showing the hallmark traits of a top side. They consistently scored crucial goals at key moments in matches, striking early to gain control, just before half time to shift momentum, and late in games to secure vital points. These are the kinds of moments that define strong and winning teams, and TNS delivered them time and again.

They also continued their reputation for free-flowing attacking football, scoring plenty of goals throughout the campaign. Aramide Oteh has led the way with 13 goals so far, with Jordan Williams close behind on 10. Adam Wilson has chipped in with 8, while both Danny Davies and Sion Bradley have each added 7. The spread of goals across the squad has made TNS dangerous from all areas of the pitch and difficult for opponents to contain.

One of the defining periods of their season was a 15 match unbeaten winning streak in all competitions. Beginning in late December, it carried the team through the heart of the season and played a huge role in reestablishing control of the title race, as well as progressing in both cup competitions. They delivered some emphatic performances during that stretch, including a 5–0 victory over Flint Town United and a 6–1 away win against Newtown.

On the European stage, TNS made history by becoming the first Welsh domestic side to both score a goal and win a match in European competition. This landmark achievement signals a new chapter for the club and a step forward for Welsh football as a whole.

Many fans have said in recent years that the league has become predictable, with TNS too far ahead for anyone else to compete. But this season felt different. There were moments when it looked like a genuine title race could emerge, and that change might be on the horizon. Whether that momentum carries into next season remains to be seen.

It will also be interesting to see how TNS handle things next year if they manage to reach the later stages of European competition. That could bring even more pressure on their league campaign and perhaps open the door for another team to step up and challenge.

It has been an impressive domestic season nonetheless. In addition to winning the league, TNS lifted the Nathaniel MG League Cup and will contest the final of the JD Welsh Cup against Connah's Quay in April. Another trophy would further underline their dominance in the domestic game and cap off what has been a season full of challenges, milestones, and yet more silverware.




Llanelli Town Clinch JD Cymru South Title

Llanelli Town AFC have been crowned champions of the JD Cymru South for the 2024/25 season, sealing the title with a 1-1 draw against Afan Lido on April 4. The result capped off a remarkable campaign for the Reds, who had finished as runners-up in each of the previous two seasons.

Under the guidance of manager Lee John, Llanelli overcame a sluggish start—drawing four of their opening five games—before finding their rhythm. Between October and February, they surged to the top, winning 11 of 14 matches. With just two league defeats all season, their consistency proved crucial in what was a tightly contested title race.

For much of the season, Llanelli were pushed all the way by Trethomas Bluebirds. The two sides were neck and neck across the campaign, trading places at the top in a battle that kept the title race on a knife edge right into the final weeks. In the end, Llanelli's resilience and big-game performances gave them the edge when it mattered most.

A major factor in their success was the January signing of striker Liam Eason from Pontypridd United. Having already scored 16 goals before the move, Eason added another 10 in Llanelli colours. His 89th-minute equaliser against Afan Lido not only secured the point that clinched the title but also brought his season total to 26 goals—putting him firmly in pole position for the Golden Boot.



Eason spearheaded a dynamic attack alongside Ethan Cann and Danny Williams, while at the back, goalkeeper Scott Coughlan registered nine clean sheets. The experienced Sean Cronin anchored the defence, supported by promising youngsters Taylor Jones and James Lester.

Llanelli's league form was matched by an impressive run in the JD Welsh Cup, where they reached the semi-finals. A standout result in the cup came in the fourth round, when they knocked out Cymru Premier side Haverfordwest County with a 2-0 win. Their cup journey ended in the semi-final with a narrow 2-1 loss to Connah's Quay Nomads, despite taking the lead through another Eason penalty.

The Reds will lift the JD Cymru South trophy in front of a home crowd at Stebonheath Park after their final game against Trefelin on April 12. With the title now secured, Llanelli can look forward to a return to the Cymru Premier—and the challenge of top-flight football once again.

Cardiff City Clinch Third Successive Genero Adran Premier Title

Cardiff City have secured the Genero Adran Premier title for the third consecutive season following a 3-1 win over The New Saints on Sunday.

After an unbeaten league run in 2022/23 and a treble-winning campaign last season, this latest title stands out due to the significant changes the squad underwent last summer and the challenges faced throughout the year.

Key players Siobhan Walsh, Seren Watkins and Rhianne Oakley all departed the club, leaving manager Iain Darbyshire with the task of rebuilding his side. The transition was not without setbacks. Cardiff lost to Swansea City in an early-season derby and suffered a defeat to Briton Ferry Llansawel just after Christmas. That result left them trailing league leaders The New Saints heading into 2024. from set pieces has been a consistent threat throughout the season.

However, since the start of the new year, Cardiff have found consistency. The team won seven of their last eight league matches, regaining control at the top of the table.

One of the turning points has been the return of Shannon Evans. Previously a striker, she has excelled in a new role at centre-back alongside Megan Bowen and summer signing Nieve Jenkins. In attack, new arrivals Fiona Barry and Laura Curnock have made a strong impact, scoring 11 league goals between them.

Despite the influx of new talent, it is one of the squad's longest-serving players who has stood out most. Ffion Price, a Cardiff native and full-back, has scored 12 league goals and contributed numerous assists. Her delivery from set pieces has been a consistent threat throughout the season.

"I've got an immense sense of pride"

Iain Darbyshire, Cardif City Manager





Cardiff will lift the trophy after their final match of the campaign against Briton Ferry Llansawel at Cardiff City Stadium on Sunday 13 April.

“I’ve got an immense sense of pride,” Iain Darbyshire said. “**This season has been difficult, there has been a lot of change and a lot of players moved on in the summer. We set ourselves the challenge of maintaining our title but we knew it was going to be difficult and that there would be bumps in the road. I’m just so proud of the players, taking on all the information. We found a way to win and that’s what champions do.**”

“It’s been great to have other teams push us. **TNS pushed us for large parts of the season, Briton Ferry have been right up there and Wrexham have come on strong. It’s good to have competitors because it makes us get better.**”

“I’m absolutely ecstatic, so delighted,” midfielder Kerry Walklett added. “**To get it over the line with two games remaining, I’m just blown away. The girls have been fantastic all season. We’ve really had to grind this out, so I’m over the moon.**”

“It’s been a total re-build. If you look at the starting eleven this time last year and the starting eleven today, there’s some totally new faces and some people who hadn’t even played in Wales before. It’s been a case of sticking to our principles, sticking to our character and always dying for the badge. Even when things haven’t quite gone our way, we’ve stuck together and ground out results.”

Haseldin To Stay On At Wellmen for 2025/26

Holywell Town has officially confirmed that Johnny Haseldin will continue as first-team manager for the upcoming 2025/26 season. In a statement released by the club, they paid tribute to Haseldin's long-standing impact and outlined his continued importance heading into the new campaign:

Holywell Town is pleased to confirm that Johnny Haseldin will continue as first-team manager for the 2025/26 season.

Haseldin first took charge as player-manager at the start of the 2012/13 season and has since become a key figure in the club's modern era. Over the past 12 years, he has helped shape Holywell Town into one of the most respected and consistent sides in Welsh football.

Following a competitive 2024/25 campaign, which sees the club securing a strong 3rd-place finish in the JD Cymru North, Johnny's commitment to Holywell Town remains unwavering. His leadership on and off the pitch continues to be a driving force behind the club's progress.

During his time in charge, Haseldin has overseen 443 matches and recorded an outstanding 288 victories, with his teams scoring 1,201 goals and maintaining a win rate of 65.15 percent. His tenure has been defined by an attacking style of football, strong standards, and a clear vision for the future.

In addition to his work with the first team, Johnny is currently working towards his UEFA A Licence. This key coaching qualification will ensure both he and the club meet the necessary criteria for promotion to the Cymru Premier, should the opportunity arise.

The club is proud to move into the 2025/26 season with Johnny at the helm and will continue building on the strong foundations already in place.



Mark Cadwallader Extends Contract

In a major boost for the club, Mark Cadwallader, the team's top goalscorer, has signed a new 18-month contract, keeping him at the club until June 2026.

Cadwallader has been in blistering form this season, netting an impressive 23 goals in all competitions—20 in the league and 3 in cup matches. His goal-scoring exploits include two league hat-tricks, with standout performances against Ruthin Town and Caersws.

With his ability to deliver in crucial moments, his contract extension provides continuity and firepower as the club aims to build on its attacking momentum. As the season unfolds, Cadwallader will undoubtedly be a key figure in the team's pursuit of success, with his goals proving to be a vital asset in their campaign.

Llandudno announced on their X account



Caddy Commits His Future

We're pleased to announce that current top goalscorer, Mark Cadwallader has signed a new 18 month contract, keeping him at the club until June 2026



Warren Reaches The 200 Club

Danny Warren has been a standout performer for Airbus UK Broughton this season, playing a crucial role in their JD Cymru North title challenge.

Having joined Airbus from Mold Alexandra, where he spent seven years, Warren brought a wealth of experience and a proven goal-scoring record to his new club.

Since arriving, he has been in red-hot form, netting 23 league goals and 27 in all competitions, while also providing 10 assists. His ability to both score and create has made him one of the most influential forwards in the league, helping Airbus push Colwyn Bay in a tight race for the title.

Warren's consistency in front of goal is nothing new—he recently reached the 200 career goal mark in just 216 games, highlighting his reputation as one of the most clinical finishers in Welsh football. His experience from his long stint at Mold Alex has been invaluable in leading the line for Airbus, and as the season nears its climax, his contributions could be the difference in securing the championship and promotion to the Cymru Premier.

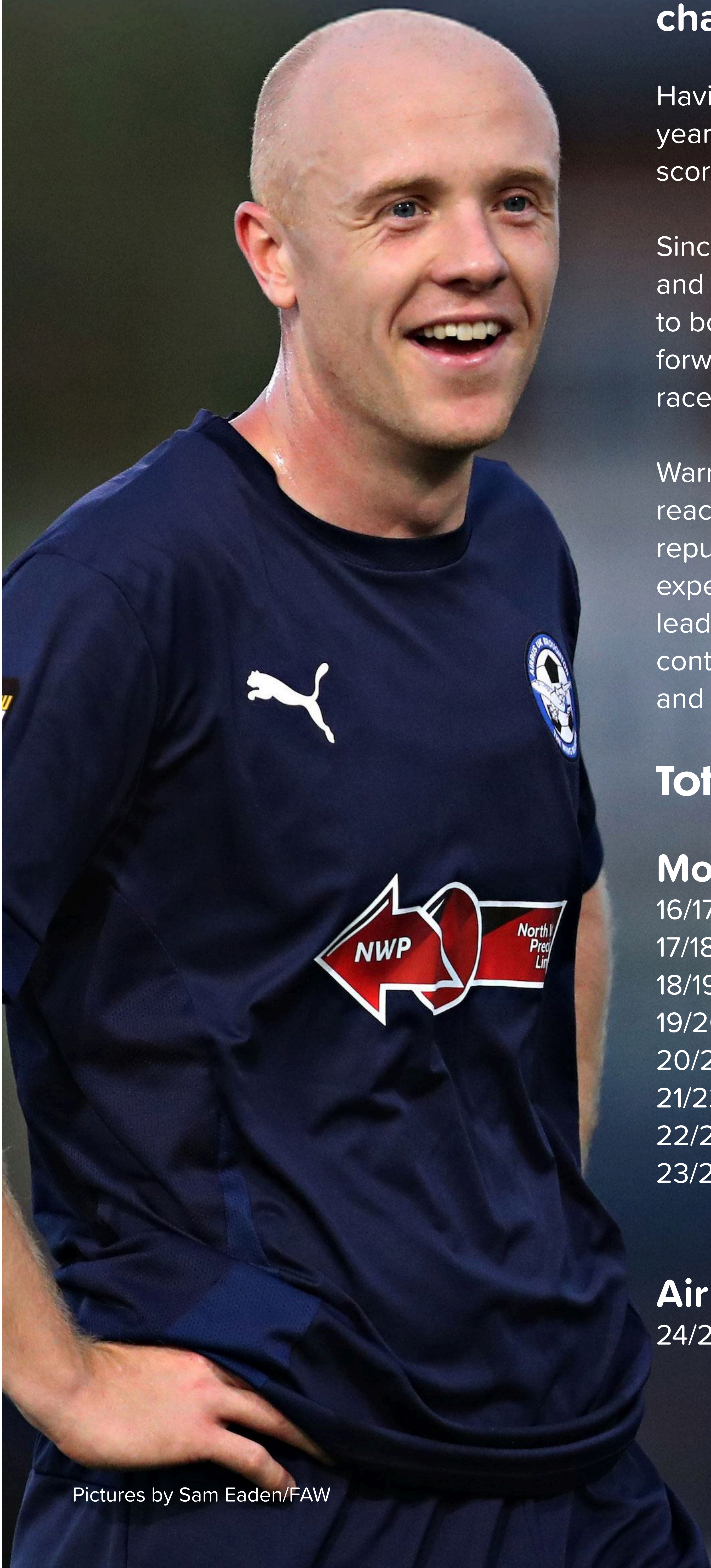
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Mold Alexandra - Games 187 Goals 179

16/17 - 9
17/18 - 25
18/19 - 25
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20/21 - Abandoned - COVID
21/22 - 47
22/23 - 18
23/24 - 34

Airbus - Games 33 Goals 27

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Kai Edwards Surpasses 350 Cymru Premier Appearances

Welsh football stalwart Kai Edwards has reached a significant career milestone, surpassing 350 appearances in the Cymru Premier. The Connah's Quay Nomads central defender has been a key figure in Welsh domestic football for over a decade, demonstrating consistency, versatility, and leadership across multiple clubs.

Edwards, who started his career in Wrexham's youth setup, has played for several top Welsh sides, including The New Saints (TNS), Neath, Prestatyn Town, Llandudno, Holywell Town, and multiple stints at Connah's Quay Nomads. His experience and defensive prowess have contributed to title challenges, cup runs, and European campaigns for his clubs.

Having rejoined Connah's Quay in 2023, Edwards remains a vital part of the Nomads' defense, offering not only reliability at the back but also valuable experience to younger players. His milestone of 350 Cymru Premier appearances cements his status as one of the league's most enduring and respected figures.

As he continues to play at a high level, fans will no doubt be eager to see how many more appearances the Welsh defender can add to his already impressive tally.



Caersws FC Part Ways with Manager Luke Williams as Club Secures JD Cymru North Safety

Caersws Football Club has confirmed the departure of first-team manager Luke Williams, who left his role before the club guaranteed their safety in the JD Cymru North. In the interim, Dave 'Pixie' Taylor was brought in as assistant manager to help guide the team through a tense run-in — one that ultimately ended in relief, as the Bluebirds secured their place in the division for next season.

A Challenging Season with a Positive Ending

Williams, 37, took over in 2022 following the departure of Mark Griffiths. His time in charge saw moments of promise but also a tough 2024–25 campaign. By the time of his departure, Caersws had endured a difficult run of results that left them hovering dangerously close to the relegation zone.

Across 29 league games, the Bluebirds finished with 10 wins, 4 draws, and 15 defeats, scoring 45 goals and conceding 52.

Despite the late-season uncertainty, the team did just enough in the final fixtures to stay clear of the drop. A superior goal difference to Ruthin Town proved vital, with Caersws narrowly surviving what had been a tense relegation scrap.

Club's Official Statement

In a statement, the club confirmed Williams' departure while expressing their gratitude for his work

"We can confirm that Luke Williams has left his position as first-team manager of Caersws Football Club. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Luke for his significant efforts over the past two and a half years. There will always be a warm welcome for him at the Recreation Ground. We are currently considering various options before making a decision on the manager position moving forward."

Dave 'Pixie' Taylor Steps In

After Williams' exit, Caersws turned to experienced coach Dave 'Pixie' Taylor, who joined as assistant manager and played a key role in stabilising the team during a crucial final stretch of the season. While a permanent managerial appointment is yet to be confirmed, Taylor's influence provided timely support at a vital moment.

What's Next for Caersws?

With safety now secured, Caersws can look ahead to next season with a renewed sense of focus. A new manager will be appointed in due course, and planning for the future is already underway.

The 2024–25 campaign may not have been smooth, but survival gives the Bluebirds a platform to regroup, rebuild, and aim higher in the season to come.

Wilde & Harrison Sign On: Colwyn Bay Lock In Long-Term Leadership

Colwyn Bay FC has taken a major step in securing its future by announcing that manager Mike Wilde and assistant Danny Harrison have signed new three-year deals with the club. The decision caps off a remarkable first season for the duo, who joined the Seagulls' ranks in May 2024 and have since led the side into a thrilling JD Cymru North title race with Airbus UK Broughton.

The club's vision, ambition, and loyal supporters were key motivators for Wilde and Harrison to commit their long-term futures to the Bay. Wilde described the decision as a **"no brainer,"** saying, **"The club share the same ambition, vision and objectives as ourselves... the fanbase is one of the main reasons why we want to continue with this project."**

Wilde's enthusiasm for what lies ahead was unmistakable. **"It's exciting times at Colwyn Bay Football Club – I'm made up to be a part of this project and fantastic football club,"** he added.

Assistant manager Harrison echoed the sentiment, highlighting the support they've received since taking charge. **"Since we took over in the summer the support from the board and of course the fantastic fans has been absolutely first class,"** he said. **"We still see this opportunity as a continuation of the project we started in the summer of last year."**

For the Colwyn Bay board, the extension reflects a deep confidence in the management team. Chairman Brian Madden said, **"Mike and Danny have built a great squad and steered the team in the right direction... securing both him and Danny for the next three years demonstrates a strong commitment from both the club and the coaching team."**

With a passionate fanbase behind them and the full backing of the club, Wilde and Harrison now turn their focus to finishing the season on a high—and building something even bigger at Llanelian Road.



Jack Lansdown: A Goalkeeper's Legacy at Llantwit Major

Llantwit Major goalkeeper Jack Lansdown has officially announced his retirement, bringing an end to an illustrious career that has spanned over 400 appearances for the club. With four league championships to his name, including the 2021-22 Cymru South title, Lansdown has left an indelible mark on the team and its history.

His contributions have extended beyond domestic competitions. Representing Llantwit Major at the European level, he played a key role in the Fenix Trophy and also represented the league in the UEFA Regions Cup. His performances on the field have solidified his status as one of the club's most iconic players.

Lansdown's final match will take place on Saturday, April 12th, when Llantwit Major face Cwmbran Celtic away. The club has promised a fitting tribute to honor his years of dedicated service.

Reflecting on his impact, a club spokesperson expressed their admiration, stating: **"Jack has represented the Major over 400 times and won every division we played in."** They went on to highlight his unwavering commitment: **"He has always worn the shirt with pride, dedication, and passion – even when it had a fish, dinosaur, or Mr Blobby on it!"**

His influence on the team extends beyond statistics and achievements. **“The impact Jack has had on our club cannot be expressed in words alone. We will be eternally grateful for everything he has given us over the past two decades, from lifting the Cymru South title, a certain penalty save, heroic saves in our European triumph over BK Skjold, and countless more moments over the years.”**

As his final matches approach, the club is encouraging supporters to show their appreciation. **“We encourage all of our supporters to make the effort to support Jack over the final few games of his career and give him the thanks he deserves.”**

Supporters will have to come to terms with a Llantwit Major team without their long-serving goalkeeper. **“The Windmill will be a very different (and quieter!) place without him on the field, but we are sure he will take his place amongst the Windmill Army.”**

Jack Lansdown’s retirement marks the end of an era for Llantwit Major, but his legacy as a club legend is firmly cemented in its history.


WE CAN TODAY ANNOUNCE THAT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS SEASON WILL BE THE LAST FOR CLUB LEGEND JACK LANSDOWN, AS HE WILL RETIRE FROM FOOTBALL FOLLOWING OUR FINAL FIXTURE VS. CWMBRAN CELTIC. JACK HAS REPRESENTED THE MAJOR OVER 400 TIMES, AND WON EVERY DIVISION HE PLAYED IN. HE HAS ALWAYS WORN THE SHIRT WITH PRIDE, DEDICATION, AND PASSION - EVEN WHEN IT HAD A FISH, DINOSAUR, OR MR BLOBBY ON IT!

THE IMPACT JACK HAS HAD ON OUR CLUB CANNOT BE EXPRESSED IN WORDS ALONE, AND WE WILL BE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL FOR EVERYTHING HE HAS GIVEN US OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES, FROM LIFTING THE CYMRU SOUTH TITLE, A CERTAIN PENALTY SAVE, HEROIC SAVES IN OUR EUROPEAN TRIUMPH OVER BK SKJOLD, AND COUNTLESS MORE MOMENTS OVER THE YEARS.

WE ENCOURAGE ALL OF OUR SUPPORTERS TO MAKE THE EFFORT TO SUPPORT JACK OVER THE FINAL FEW GAMES OF HIS CAREER AND GIVE HIM THE THANKS HE DESERVES. THE WINDMILL WILL BE A VERY DIFFERENT (AND QUIETER!) PLACE WITHOUT HIM ON THE FIELD, BUT WE ARE SURE HE WILL TAKE HIS PLACE AMONGST THE WINDMILL ARMY

SUITABLE TRIBUTES TO HIS SERVICE FOR THE CLUB WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON.

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Connah's Quay Nomads Reinstated After Brief Suspension Over Compensation Dispute

Connah's Quay Nomads have been reinstated into Welsh football after a chaotic 24 hours in which the club was suspended by the Football Association of Wales (FAW) over an unpaid compensation fee. Although the payment has now been made, the club has issued a strong statement criticising the FAW's handling of the entire situation.

The suspension was announced late on Friday, April 4. The FAW said Connah's Quay had failed to pay over £9,000 in training compensation to Llandudno FC, and had missed a deadline set for 4:00 pm that day. According to the FAW, the payment was tied to a disciplinary panel ruling and included additional fees. The ban, which affected the men's, women's, and academy teams, was lifted the following day after payment was confirmed.

The Nomads responded with a detailed statement outlining their frustration. "After a whirlwind 24 hours, the club would like to explain what exactly happened," it read. The story, according to them, started back in May 2023 when Llandudno FC lost its academy licence. As a result, several academy players from Llandudno applied to join Connah's Quay's Tier 1 academy. The club signed some of those players and began coaching them.

Three of the older players earned scholarship contracts for the 2024–2025 season. Then, in autumn 2024, the club received invoices from Llandudno demanding compensation of up to £5,000 per player. Connah's Quay said they ignored the invoices because they believed the players were free agents, given that Llandudno's academy had been shut down by the FAW.

Llandudno then filed a complaint, which led to a disciplinary hearing in February 2025. Connah's Quay was represented at the hearing but says they received no outcome or communication throughout March. During that same month, the club said its volunteers were already working flat out to complete financial and legal documentation to secure their domestic and European licences, putting in over 50 hours of work.

According to the statement, the next contact came on the afternoon of April 4, when the club's company secretary received a phone call from the FAW's Disciplinary Manager. He was told the club had just three hours to settle the bill or face suspension.

The club says it had never received any formal notice of the decision and that the FAW then produced an email, allegedly sent on March 3, which set out a 30-day deadline to make the payment. “The club have checked and double-checked and simply cannot source this email,” the statement read. “Of course it would not be in our interest to ignore such an email given the consequences of non-payment.”

Just after 5:00 pm that same day, the suspension was confirmed, cutting off all of the club’s teams from participation in Welsh football. That included the first team, who still have key fixtures ahead, the women’s side who recently secured the Genero Adran North title, and academy players mid-season.

Club owner Gary Dewhurst did not hold back in his response. “I am extremely disappointed in the FAW’s actions yesterday, but not surprised,” he said. “Having spoken briefly to the FAW Disciplinary Manager yesterday, I was alarmed at the arrogance and even worse, the sneering laughter when I accused the Discipline Department of corporate bullying.”

Dewhurst went on to condemn the pressure placed on the club’s volunteer staff. “Calling our company secretary, who is a volunteer, and threatening him with a club-wide suspension unless £9,000 was paid in the next two hours is frankly shameful. It is not befitting of an organisation that claims to support bullying and mental health initiatives.”

He also questioned the principle behind the compensation demand itself. “What this Player Compensation strategy is meant to achieve I don’t know, as the Llandudno Academy was shut down by the FAW. We took several lads on and are now being punished for developing the players. It’s perverse.”

Although the ban has now been lifted, the club’s relationship with the FAW appears to have taken a serious hit. The incident has highlighted broader concerns around communication, transparency, and how grassroots clubs are treated within the Welsh football system.

Whether the matter ends here remains to be seen. But the Nomads have made it clear that this experience will not be forgotten anytime soon.

Nomad's Women Secure Title.

Connah's Quay Nomads secured the Genero Adran North title in style with a dominant 12-0 victory over NFA.

After coming close in previous seasons, Jordan Parry's side finally got their hands on the trophy, capping off a flawless league campaign. The Nomads have won every match so far, scoring 64 goals and conceding just five, with one fixture still to play.

Captain Polly Wild-McGregor has been instrumental, netting 21 goals in 12 appearances, while the arrival of Ella Jones—last season's title-winner with Llandudno—added even more firepower to an already formidable attack.

With a Tier 1 licence application submitted and accepted, the Nomads now await the promotion play-off against the Genero Adran South champions which looks like being Pontypridd.



Picture by John Smith/PAW

Aberystwyth Relegated from JD Cymru Premier

Aberystwyth Town's remarkable run in the top tier of Welsh football has come to a heartbreaking end, as the club has officially been relegated from the JD Cymru Premier after a difficult and ultimately fruitless 2023–24 campaign.

Aberystwyth Town's historic spell in the top tier of Welsh football has come to an end, as the club has officially been relegated from the JD Cymru Premier following a grim 2023–24 campaign.

The Black and Greens, a founding member of the league and a continuous top-flight presence since 1992, endured one of the most difficult seasons in their history. After slipping to 12th place by week 9 of the 32-game season, they were unable to climb off the foot of the table, finishing bottom and confirming relegation with several games to spare.

Aberystwyth have lost 23 of their 30 league matches, scored the fewest goals in the division, and conceded the most — statistics that painted a bleak picture of their form throughout the campaign. Despite a strong following and some brief flashes of hope, including a spirited Nathaniel MG Cup run that took them all the way to the final, league survival proved out of reach.

In the wake of relegation, the club released a heartfelt statement acknowledging the disappointment while looking firmly toward the future:

“Sadly, after 33 years of continuous membership, our Men's First Team have been relegated from the First Tier of Welsh Football.

As Club Directors, we recognise the devastation this will cause our loyal supporters and we would like to reassure our followers that we share your devastation.

We are enormously grateful to our supporters who have stuck with us throughout this most difficult season, ensuring an average Cymru Premier crowd of 365 — despite the disappointing campaign.

Our amazing following at the Nathaniel MG Cup Final gave a glimpse of the potential of our Football Club. We remain wholly committed to the development of the Club — both on and off the pitch — and are hugely excited by the opportunities of the upcoming years.

We would like to reassure supporters that we are already planning for a successful campaign next season in Tier 2, and will do everything in our power to ensure the Black and Greens return to the Cymru Premier at the earliest opportunity.

Fe godwn ni eto! / We'll be back!”

With their geographical location factored in, Aberystwyth Town are expected to compete in the JD Cymru South next season — a league that will bring fresh challenges but also a chance to reset, rebuild, and push for a swift return to the top flight.

Though this chapter has closed, the spirit of the club and its supporters remains unshaken. If the club's history has taught us anything, it's that Aberystwyth Town won't stay down for long.

Llay Miners Welfare and Prestatyn Relegated from JD Cymru North

Llay Miners Welfare and Prestatyn Town have both been relegated from the JD Cymru North, with their drop to tier three confirmed despite the season still having games to play.

For Llay, it brings an early end to their first-ever campaign at this level, having earned promotion via the Ardal Northern play-offs last season. Their return to tier three follows a tough campaign in which they managed just two league wins and were hit with a three-point deduction for fielding an ineligible player in two matches — an issue the club believes was caused by a potential clerical error by the Football Association of Wales (FAW).

While results didn't go their way, Llay stuck to a positive style of football, often trying to play with purpose. However, their open approach came at a cost, with the team scoring 34 goals but conceding 77 so far.

There was also change off the pitch, with Phil Hudson departing as manager by mutual consent after less than four months in charge. Hudson, formerly of Brymbo and Ruthin Town, had taken the job after a brief spell with Denbigh Town during pre-season. He was replaced by Jord Scott, who took over for the remainder of the campaign.

Prestatyn Town's relegation has also been confirmed, ending a difficult season in which they have conceded 100 goals so far and scored just 35. A former Cymru North title-winning club, the Seaside were unable to find any consistent form this time around.

In November 2024, the club made a managerial change in an effort to spark a revival, appointing Gareth Thomas — formerly of CPD Y Rhyl 1879 — as first team manager, replacing Chris Morrell. Despite the change, the team was unable to claw its way out of the relegation zone.

With a game still to be played, both clubs now turn their attention to preparing for life in tier three. Backed by strong local support, they will be aiming to regroup, rebuild, and return stronger in the future.

Taff's Well & Goytre Utd Relegated From JD Cymru South

With one round of fixtures remaining in the 2024–25 JD Cymru South season, the relegation picture is starting to take shape.

Taff's Well and Goytre United have both been confirmed as relegated, while the final spot hangs in the balance between Cwmbran Celtic and Penrhiwceiber Rangers, who are level on 27 points. Afan Lido, meanwhile, have secured safety heading into the final weekend.

Taff's Well's fate was sealed on March 22 following a 1–1 draw away at Baglan Dragons. Needing a win to keep their slim hopes alive, the Wellmen were undone by a late equaliser that confirmed their drop to the third tier. Their season has been marked by inconsistency, finishing with just three wins, six draws and twenty losses. Defensive issues plagued them all year, conceding over 70 goals, with little success at the other end.

Goytre United have also endured a disappointing campaign. Despite a change in management in January with Stephen Kelleher taking the reins, they were unable to turn the tide. A 2–0 defeat to Pontypridd United confirmed their relegation, ending a long spell in the second tier. Their tally stands at six wins, five draws, and eighteen defeats heading into the final week.

Now all eyes turn to the final day, where Cwmbran Celtic and Penrhiwceiber Rangers are locked on 27 points. Goal difference may prove decisive, and both sides will be fighting to avoid the final relegation place. Afan Lido, previously in danger, have pulled clear thanks to a late-season run of form that included a comeback win over Ammanford and key points against fellow strugglers.

The stage is set for a dramatic final round — with one club set to survive, and another to follow Taff's Well and Goytre United into the third tier.

Ben Ahmun: Leading the Line and Extending His Stay at Haverfordwest County

Haverfordwest County AFC has secured a key piece of its attacking puzzle for another year, with striker Ben Ahmun agreeing to a new one-year contract. The experienced forward, who joined the Bluebirds last summer, has been instrumental in the club's campaign, topping the goal-scoring charts with nine goals and proving to be a vital presence on the pitch.

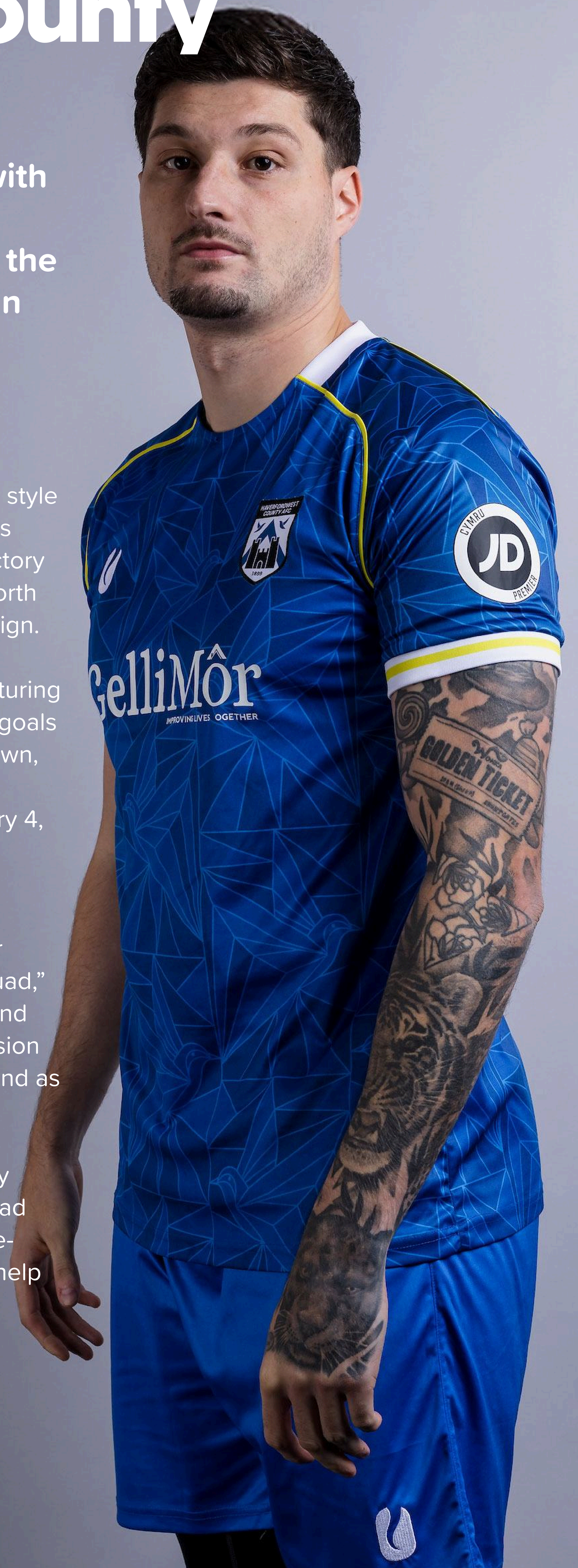
Ahmun wasted no time in making an impact, announcing himself in style with a decisive penalty in County's season opener against Connah's Quay Nomads. Just a week later, he found the net again in a 2-1 victory over Caernarfon Town, helping the team to back-to-back wins in North Wales and setting the tone for a strong start to the 2024-25 campaign.

At 33, Ahmun has demonstrated his durability and consistency, featuring in all but one of the club's 30 JD Cymru Premier fixtures so far. His goals have come at crucial moments, with strikes against Aberystwyth Town, Barry Town United, Flint Town United, and Bala Town adding to his impressive tally. One of his standout performances came on January 4, when he netted twice in a dominant display against Briton Ferry Llansawel at the Ogi Bridge Meadow.

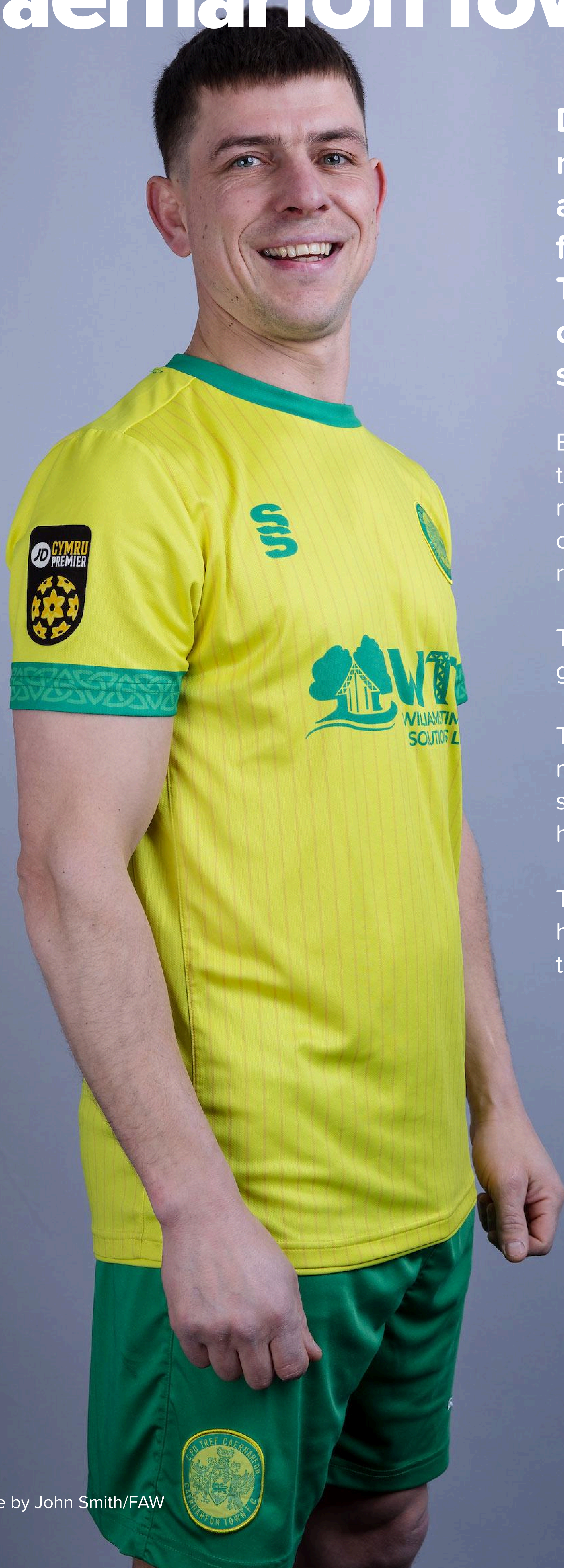
For manager Tony Pennock, securing Ahmun's services for another season was a priority. "Ben has been a fantastic addition to our squad," Pennock says. "He brings a different dynamic to our forward line, and his experience in the Cymru Premier has been invaluable. His decision to stay is a big boost for us, both for the remainder of this season and as we plan for the future."

That future is something Ahmun himself is excited about. "I've really enjoyed my first year here," he shares. "I feel settled within the squad and with the management team. The club has big ambitions, and re-signing was an easy decision. My goal is to keep contributing and help the team achieve the success we're striving for."

With Ahmun leading the line and County's ambitions firmly set on progress, the coming season promises to be one to watch.



Darren “Cofi Messi” Thomas Reaches 400 Appearances for Caernarfon Town FC



Darren Thomas has reached a major milestone in his career, making his 400th appearance for Caernarfon Town FC. A fan favourite known as the “Cofi Messi,” Thomas has been a central figure at the club since joining during the 2012/13 season.

Born and raised in Caernarfon, his contributions on and off the pitch have made him one of the most recognisable and respected players in the club’s recent history. Known for his creativity, energy and commitment, he has played a major role in Caernarfon’s rise through the Welsh football leagues.

This season he has made 23 appearances and scored 2 goals, continuing to show his value to the squad.

The club and supporters have marked the 400-game milestone with widespread praise and appreciation across social media and local coverage, celebrating a player who has given so much to his hometown team.

Thomas's achievement reflects more than longevity — it highlights the kind of dedication and connection to the club that is rare in modern football.

Veteran Strikers Dominating the JD Cymru Leagues

In a footballing world where speed and physicality are often prized above all else, the JD Cymru League is proving that experience still has a place at the top. This season has seen a resurgence of veteran strikers, all aged 33 and above, who continue to defy expectations by finding the back of the net regularly and influencing games with their intelligence and composure.

While younger players often grab the headlines for their energy and flair, these seasoned forwards have demonstrated that footballing instincts, tactical awareness, and sheer finishing ability do not fade with age. In a league that prides itself on its competitive nature, these veteran strikers have been instrumental in their clubs' success, with some even pushing for promotion or league titles.

Key Players Making an Impact

While Liam Eason of Llanelli leads the overall scoring charts with 25 goals, several veteran strikers have been among the top scorers in the JD Cymru League this season. Below, we take a closer look at these seasoned goal-scorers and their contributions this season.



Jamie Breese

Club: Holywell

Age: 33

Goals: 21

Breese joined Holywell in January 2024 from Llanidloes and has scored consistently in the JD Cymru North. Over his time in the league, he has amassed an impressive 58 goals in 86 games, with 37 of those coming for Holywell. He also played in the JD Cymru Premier for Caernarfon and Newtown, scoring 24 goals in 74 appearances for Caernarfon.



Craig Lindfield

Club: Colwyn Bay

Age: 37

Goals: 20

A former Liverpool, Bournemouth, and Accrington Stanley striker, Lindfield has again delivered consistently in the JD Cymru North, netting 44 goals in 82 games for Colwyn Bay and Airbus. His contributions have been vital in Colwyn Bay's push for promotion to the JD Cymru Premier.



Lee Trundle

Club: Trefelin
Age: 48
Goals: 19

The most senior striker on the list, Trundle has had an illustrious career, playing over 500 games and scoring over 200 goals across England and Wales, most notably for Swansea, Wrexham, and Leeds. In recent years, he has continued playing in the Welsh leagues for Ammanford, Neath, Llanelli, Haverfordwest, and now Trefelin, where he has scored 19 league goals this season. Trundle also netted 26 goals in 59 games in the Welsh Premier League for Neath and has 47 goals in 86 appearances for Trefelin and Ammanford combined.



Mark Cadwallader

Club: Llandudno
Age: 36
Goals: 20

Cadwallader remains a reliable goal source, especially impressive given that he primarily operates as a central midfielder, often in the number 8 or 10 role rather than as an out-and-out striker. He previously scored 23 goals for Flint Town in the JD Cymru North during the 2019/20 season and has played in the JD Cymru Premier for Flint, Rhyl FC, Connah's Quay Nomads, Airbus, and Aberystwyth. Across his Premiership career, he has netted 43 goals in 222 appearances.



Gareth Tedstone

Club: Trethomas Bluebirds
Age: 34
Goals: 16

Tedstone continues to make his mark as a crucial player for his club, with Trethomas Bluebirds currently fighting for the JD Cymru South title. In Trethomas' promotion-winning campaign of 2023/24, he was instrumental, scoring 23 goals in 24 games to help secure their place in the league.



Mike Hayes

Club: Flint Mountain
Age: 37
Goals: 13

In Flint Mountain's debut season in the JD Cymru North, Hayes has provided valuable experience and a keen eye for goal. Having previously played in the Welsh Premier League for Bala, Connah's Quay Nomads, Caernarfon, and Airbus, he has scored over 130 goals in over 400 appearances across his career.

10 Minutes with Mark Cadwallader

Do you feel your experience gives you an edge over younger defenders?

100%. You can't buy or train experience. It's a massive part of my game, and I use the advantage as much as I can.

How has your playing style evolved over the years?

My game has always been about energy and fitness. The more runs into the box, the more opportunities to score. Whereas I might have made 20 runs into the box 10 years ago, I now just have to be a little more selective and pick and choose when to go. My recovery, obviously, at 36 isn't as quick as when I was 26, so being a bit more selective with my runs forward is massive. I've always had an eye for goal, so not much has changed from that point of view.

Most people see me as a striker, but I've played most of my career as a 10. That position suits me much better because I can make more use of my energy, and I'm much harder to mark. I don't have the pace or skill to beat a defender one on one, but I can make it difficult for defenders by running off the back of midfielders and getting in behind or finding space in the box.

How has your training and preparation changed as you've gotten older?

I love training hard and putting 100% into it. However, I have to be mindful of my recovery and making sure I'm 100% ready for a game at the weekend. So just managing the workload is important to make sure I don't do too much, but that can prove difficult as I love my running.

Do you focus more on recovery and conditioning?

Yes, as mentioned above, managing workload is important. Having ice baths where possible and trying to do low-impact training helps me keep ticking over between training and games.



What advice would you give to younger players about maintaining their fitness and longevity in the game?

I am massive on fitness, and the young lads at Llandudno will tell you that, as I'm always on their case to do more. I think the biggest mistake young players make is thinking they are doing enough. The reality is you're not. There is always more you can do. Everyone can find at least another 10%. It's just having the discipline and desire to get out and do more. That can be staying behind after training, doing more work in the gym, or simply getting the running trainers on and getting some work done on the road.

I'm a massive fan of road running, and I know people will say I'm old fashioned, but it has always given me a good indication of where I'm at with my fitness. I think most of the people who tell me it's not football specific and that you should do pitch runs, etc., still don't go and do pitch runs and just end up doing nothing.

It's fine to have your own ideas and styles, but whatever it is and whatever works for you, just get out there and get it done. You don't have to be the fittest in the team, but you do have to keep improving on yourself. If 22 minutes is your 5k time, try and get that down to 21 minutes, and so on. Just keep improving on yourself and don't worry about anyone else.

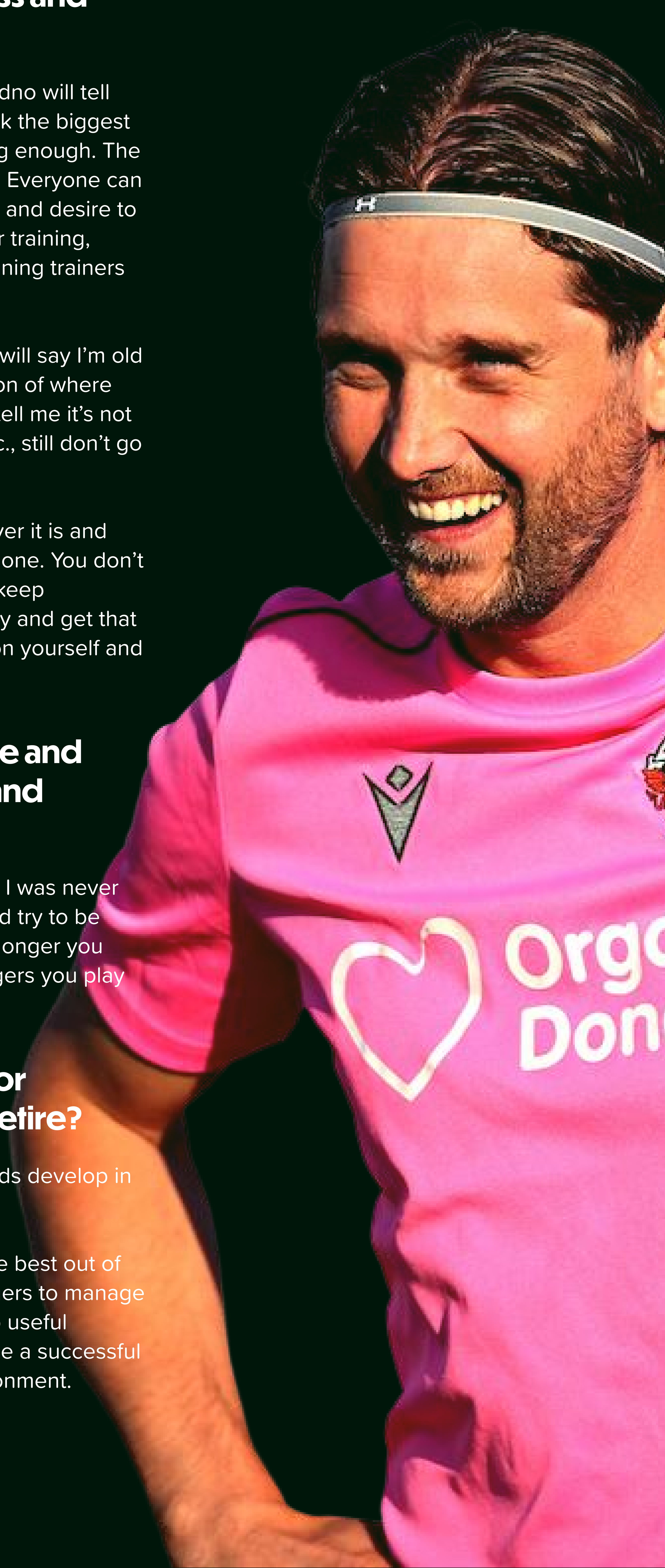
How important is football intelligence and positioning compared to raw pace and physicality?

I wouldn't have played for as long as I have without it. I was never blessed with pace, so I had no choice but to adapt and try to be smarter on the pitch. Football intelligence comes the longer you play. You pick more and more things up off the managers you play for and the players you play with.

Would you ever consider coaching or management once you eventually retire?

100%. I'm really enjoying trying to help the younger lads develop in my later years.

I love the psychology behind it all and trying to get the best out of people. I've played for arguably the three best managers to manage in the Welsh Premier League, so you can't not pick up useful information along the way. I've seen what it takes to be a successful manager, and I would love to test myself in that environment.



10 Minutes with Jamie Breese

Having played in both the Cymru North and Cymru Premier, how does the level of competition compare?

It's been a few years since I last played Cymru Premier so its hard to say. I think if you look at the standard of the Cymru Premier now and the caliber of players within, I'd say it's a lot stronger than it was say a few years back. TNS are obviously the team you look at, and the intensity of football that they play. That's not to say the Cymru North is a push over. There are some really competitive teams with some good players that maybe should be making the jump to the prem to test themselves in that environment.

What does a typical training week look like for you now?

I like to keep myself ticking over if I can throughout the week. I can say the older you get the harder it gets to stay match fit. I go to the gym Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings before work to do upper body weight work. Wednesday is usually a training day or if I'm not training then I like to get out on the treadmill and do at least a 4 or 5km run. Recovery wise, I bought myself a cold plunge tub to go outside about a year ago, so after every gym session or a run on the treadmill I get out in that for 3-4 minutes. I have found this really helps with recovery and helps reduce any niggles and stiffness I have after training or matches. Summer months are easier, trying to get in that at 7am in the middle of winter when its freezing outside, can be a challenge but it does feel good after.

At 33, do you approach the game differently compared to when you were in your early 20s?

I approach every game in the same way for as long as I can remember. Just making sure you have done enough in the week to get yourself in the best shape possible for game day. I don't think there is anything I do now that I didn't do 10 years ago.



You've played for Caernarfon and Newtown in the JD Cymru Premier—how has that top-flight experience shaped your current playing style?

I wouldn't say it shaped my current playing style as I've always been a player that prefers the ball over the top rather than to feet. I feel I can cause more damage going in behind. Playing against experienced players who are a bit more street wise and played the game at that high level for a while, you have to work on certain aspects of your style whether that be timing your runs better, little movements off the ball to give you a bit more time and space when you do receive it to feet, or even getting in the gym and working on that upper body strength to give you more of a chance when fighting for balls in a 1v1 chase. It was them aspects of my game I soon realised I needed to work on.

Do you see yourself playing for many more years, or are you starting to consider coaching or mentoring younger players?

My mind has plenty of years left but the body is starting to say different. As you get older the commitment becomes harder as well, especially when you have a family. Your Saturdays are usually taken up driving to and from games, which are more than 1hr away especially where I'm from. I don't think a coaching role would be for me. For someone who has played football since the age of about 4, the tactical side of things has never interested me. I just want to turn up and play football. It will be retirement for me and enjoying going to watch my lad play football just like my dad has done with me for so many years. I'm quite looking forward to that, and helping him on his football journey if that's what he wants to do.



International Call Ups

Three Welsh based players were been called up for international duty in March

Connah's Quay's Sam Durrant was called up to the Sri Lankan National Team for their friendly against Laos and Asian Cup Qualifier against Thailand

Llandudno's Mo Ali was called up to the Somalia International team for the World Cup Qualifiers against Guinea and Botswana.

Newtown's goalkeeper Julian Schwarzer-Garcia was called up the Philippines for their game against Asian Cup game against the Maldives.



Aberystwyth Town FC and The New Saints FC charged

Aberystwyth Town FC and The New Saints FC have been charged with a Disciplinary Offence under FAW Rule 38.1.13 following the Nathaniel MG Cup Final on Friday, 28 February 2025.

The final, held at Rodney Parade, saw The New Saints FC claim a 1-0 victory over Aberystwyth Town FC, with Araminde Oteh's near-post finish in the 48th minute securing the trophy. However, the match was marred by post-game incidents, leading to disciplinary proceedings.

Aberystwyth Town FC has been charged with failing to ensure its players conducted themselves in an orderly manner and refrained from violence, as well as engaging in threatening, abusive, obscene, or provocative behavior, conduct, or language.

Similarly, The New Saints FC has been charged with failing to ensure both its players and manager maintained orderly conduct and refrained from violence, threatening, abusive, obscene, or provocative behavior, conduct, or language.

Additionally, The New Saints FC manager, Craig Harrison, faces a separate charge under FAW Rule 38.1.9 for alleged improper conduct, including the use of abusive language and aggressive behavior following the final whistle.

As per FAW Rule 43.1.2, those charged have seven (7) business days to respond, indicating whether they admit or deny the charges.



Debut To Remember From Flint Mountain

Guest Writer - Daniel Moffat

Flint Mountain FC was established in 2009. In that time, the club experienced a sudden rise through Welsh football, and by 2022, the club had found itself in Tier 3. Last year, the club confirmed their promotion to the JD Cymru North division, and they sit in mid-table after what has been a season to remember.

Flint Mountain began their season with an incredible 7-0 win at home against Ruthin Town. However, over the next couple of games, the team struggled as they went on to win just two of their next ten games in all competitions.

Manager Adam Shannon needed to turn results in their favour, and that change came at the end of September with three consecutive league wins. This included a 2-1 win away at the reigning Champions, Holywell Town, despite being down to ten men for the majority of the second half. The team went on to win another two games by the end of 2024, putting them in a good position to finish in the top half of the league.



They started 2025 with yet another 7-0 win, this time away at Gresford. 23-year-old Jack Sconce was the standout on the day as he scored twice and got himself three assists. It's been yet another impressive season at the club for Sconce who has scored six and got 13 assists so far this season, making him top of the assist chart ahead of Holywell's Danny Andrews.

Despite a heavy 5-1 defeat to top-of-the-league Colwyn Bay early in the year, the club have enjoyed their success on the pitch. They recently went on a three-game winning run. Beating the likes of Denbigh Town, Mold Alex and Bangor 1874 without conceding a goal.

With just a handful of games left, the club will be proud of how they have been able to compete and adapt in new environments, as it looks like they will be playing in Tier 2 again.

The history of the club and Adam Shannon's success with the team suggests the club will improve once again after a great first season in the Second Tier.



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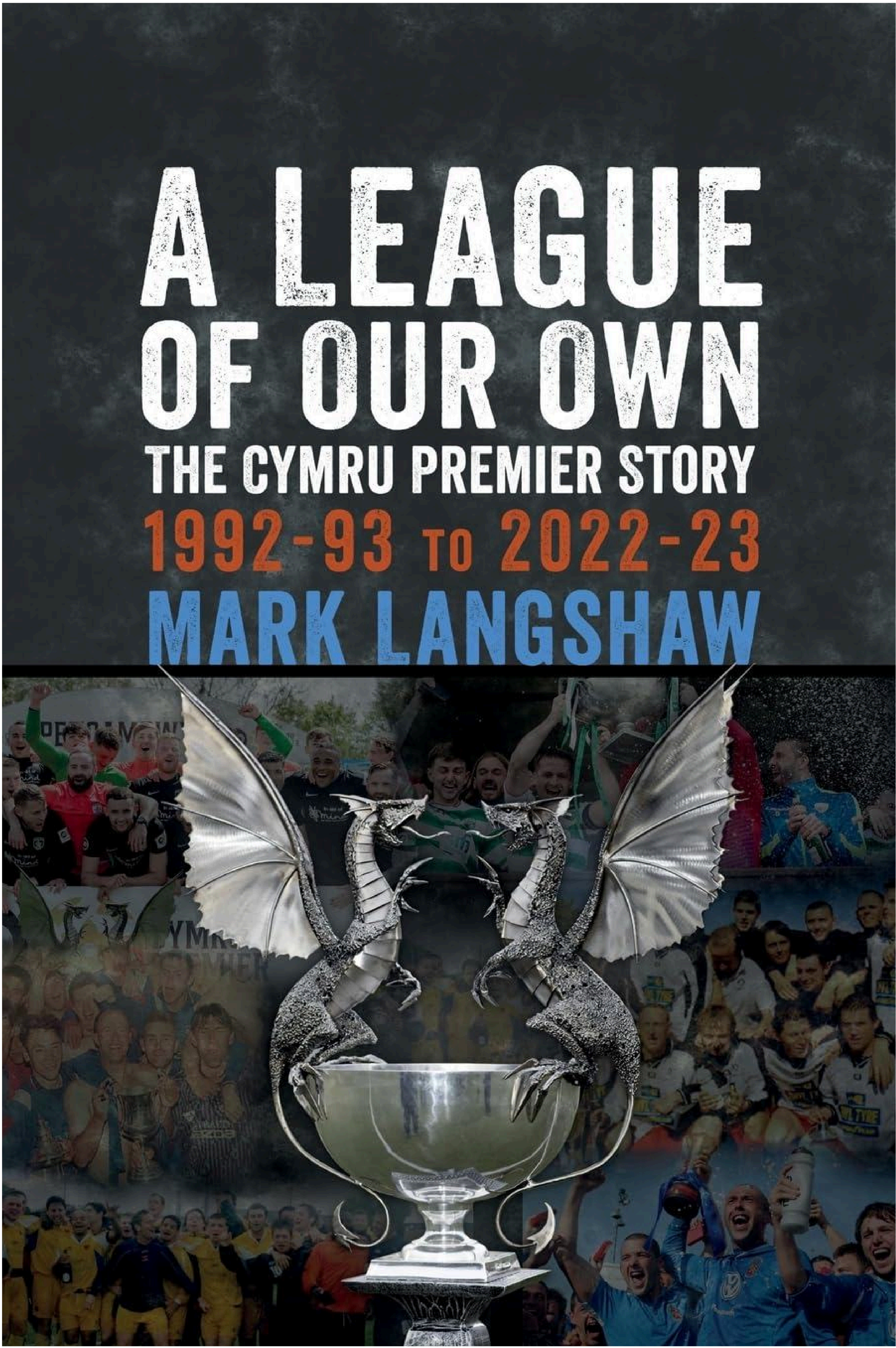
A League of Our Own is the first book to chronicle the fascinating journey of the League of Wales, from its inception in 1992 to its evolution into the Welsh Premier League in 2010 and the Cymru Premier in 2019.

The league’s debut season was a mix of triumph and uncertainty—while its creation marked a major milestone for Welsh club football, the absence of the nation’s 11 biggest clubs, including the so-called 'Irate Eight,' led to legal battles, friction, and distrust between the governing body and its members.

Meticulously researched and written by freelance football journalist Mark Langshaw, The Cymru Premier Story brings this history to life with over 90 illustrations, comprehensive final league tables for every season, and detailed appendices covering the league’s most successful clubs, top scorers, average attendances, and European representatives. The book also includes more than 20 exclusive interviews with key figures who helped shape the league, offering unique insights into its formation and growth.

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Rhyl 1879: A Footballing Phoenix Rising Again

For over a century, Rhyl F.C. was the pride of North Wales, a footballing powerhouse that thrilled fans with moments of magic. From Welsh Cup triumphs to European adventures, the club built a legacy that made Belle Vue Stadium a fortress.

But in April 2020, financial woes delivered a crushing blow, forcing the club into extinction. Just when it seemed like Rhyl's footballing heartbeat had stopped, a new dawn arrived: CPD Y Rhyl 1879.

The Rebirth of Rhyl

If there's one thing Rhyl fans know, it's resilience. Determined not to let their football heritage vanish, a passionate group of supporters, former board members, and local businesses rallied together to create CPD Y Rhyl 1879. Their mission? To bring football back to the town and reclaim Rhyl's place in Welsh football. And let's just say, they didn't come back quietly.

Officially formed in 2020, Rhyl 1879 was ready to hit the ground running. But then, the pandemic had other plans. A delayed debut only fuelled the fire, and when they finally stepped onto the pitch in 2021, they made up for lost time with a thunderous 10–0 Welsh Cup win over Rhyl Dragons. Message received: Rhyl was back.

Rising Through the Ranks

Like a team possessed, Rhyl 1879 stormed through their first league season, securing promotion to the third-tier Ardal NW League. The fans, as passionate as ever, packed Belle Vue, turning it into a cauldron of noise. Fast forward to the 2024–25 season, and they're at it again, sitting at the top of the Lock Stock Ardal North West League. With an 8 point lead over second-placed Porthmadog and just 2 games to go, they're on the brink of yet another promotion.

At the heart of this charge is goal machine Dylan Proctor, who has already smashed in 27 goals this season. Not far behind is Archie Jones, with a tidy 11 to his name. Between them, they've been terrorising defences like seagulls going after chips on Rhyl beach.



North Wales Rivalries—Adding Spice to the League

No league campaign is complete without some heated rivalries, and Rhyl 1879 has had plenty of them. From intense battles with Porthmadog to feisty encounters with Holyhead Hotspur and Flint Mountain, the North Wales football scene is far from dull. Every match against these sides feels like a cup final, packed with drama, last-minute goals, and a healthy dose of banter between the fans. The revival of the club has reignited these rivalries, making each fixture a must-watch for the passionate Rhyl supporters.

The biggest grudge matches come with teams that have also had their sights set on promotion. Porthmadog, who trail behind in second place, have been breathing down Rhyl 1879's neck all season, making their head-to-head clashes even more significant. Then there's the history with Llandudno, a club that Rhyl fans have enjoyed sparring with both on and off the pitch for years. Football in North Wales is always competitive, but when Rhyl 1879 takes the field, there's an extra edge to the contest.

Securing the Future—Literally

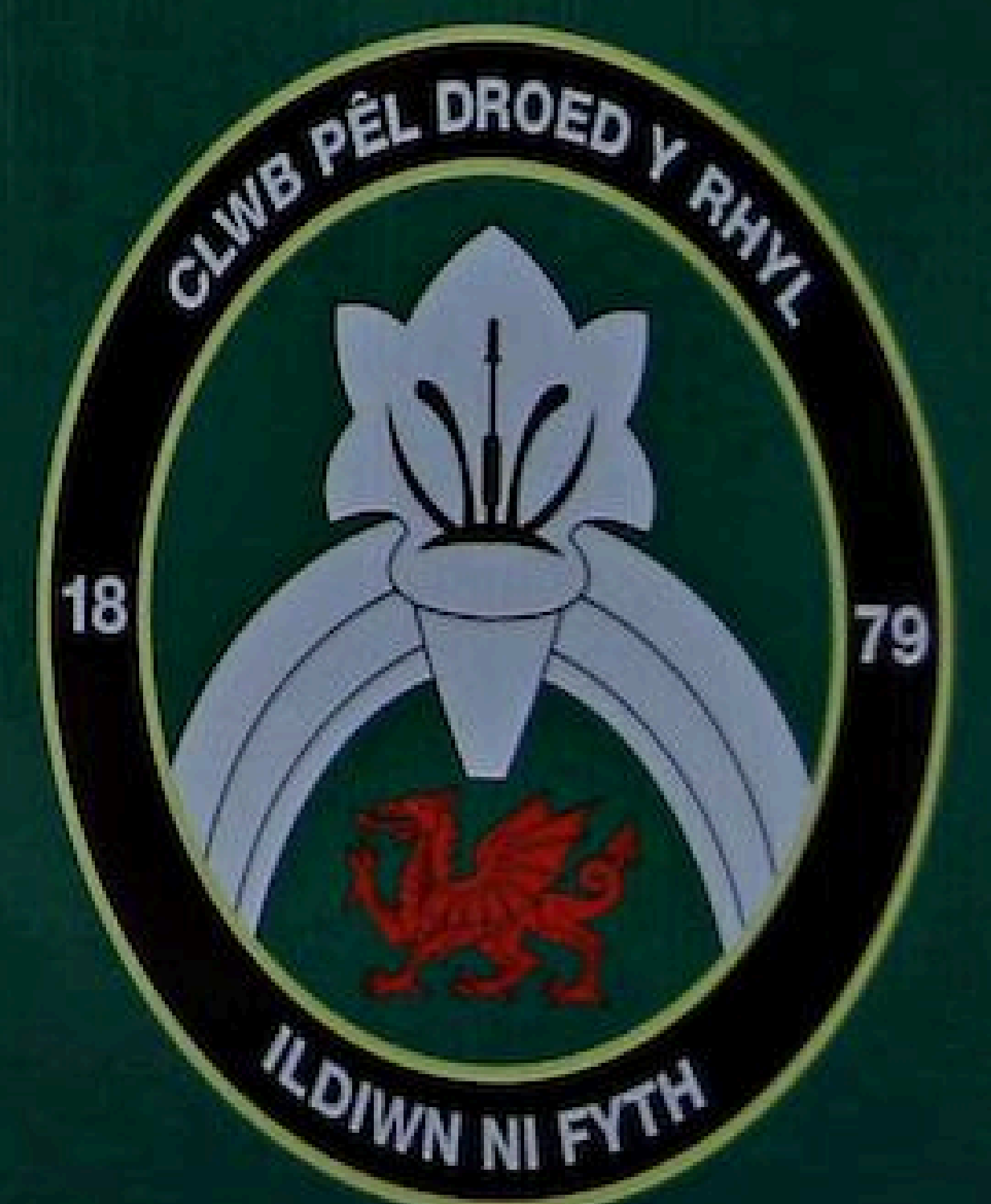
If dominating the league wasn't enough, the club made a monumental move in October 2024 by officially purchasing Belle Vue Stadium. Owning their home ground means Rhyl 1879's future is firmly in their own hands. The stadium, which has seen some of Welsh football's finest moments, is once again buzzing with excitement, as fans dream of climbing even higher up the football pyramid.

The ultimate goal? The Cymru Premier. It won't be easy, but with a squad full of talent, a fanbase full of passion, and a town that lives and breathes football, Rhyl 1879 is heading in one direction: up.

Rhyl Forever

Rhyl 1879 isn't just a football team. It's a movement. It's a story of never giving up, of rebuilding stronger, of refusing to let a proud football town fade into history. While the legacy of Rhyl F.C. will always be honored, the future is now, and it's looking brighter than ever.

The club's motto, Rhyl Forever, couldn't be more fitting. As the team continues to rise, one thing is clear — football in Rhyl isn't just back, it's thriving, and it's here to stay.





Mark Aizlewood's U-turn: Manager Stays On After Shock Exit Announcement

In an unexpected twist, Mark Aizlewood will continue as First Team manager despite his announcement last month that he would be leaving. The experienced coach, who had seemingly been preparing to step away from the club, will now lead the Old Gold into the upcoming Cymru Premier expansion season.

The decision follows a significant injection of sponsorship funding, with new backers insisting that Aizlewood remain at the helm as a condition of their support. The Club's committee and Aizlewood himself have accepted this arrangement, ensuring that the team maintains stability during a crucial campaign.

Aizlewood's change of heart will no doubt come as a surprise to fans, many of whom had already begun speculating about his potential replacement. Now, instead of a managerial search, the focus will be on strengthening the squad in preparation for the challenge ahead. Carmarthen Town currently sit 6th in the league, with their focus now shifting towards building for the future rather than securing promotion. With the Cymru Premier expansion looming, stability within the club remains crucial. The squad's consistency will be key, and with Aizlewood now staying, the hope is that his leadership will guide them through this transitional period.

Below is the club's official statement regarding the developments:

With the Cymru Premier expansion for the 2026/27 season confirmed, the Club's Board of Directors have been actively seeking new investment to give the Old Gold the best opportunity to obtain one of the three promotion places.

In a surprising turn of events, Mark Aizlewood will remain as First Team manager, despite announcing his departure last month. The decision comes as a condition set by new sponsors who have committed to supporting the Club for the upcoming season. Both the Club's committee and Aizlewood have accepted this arrangement, ensuring continuity in leadership as the team pushes for promotion.

We are therefore pleased to confirm that these new sponsorships, along with our existing sponsors, will provide us with an excellent opportunity to achieve our promotion ambitions.

Nevertheless, we continue to urgently seek additional sponsors, given our year-on-year reduction in the playing budget and the escalating costs of operating our academy, men's and women's teams, and maintaining our excellent facilities in good order.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our current sponsors, Vice Presidents, Season Ticket holders, and all of our supporters for their continued support and look forward to a successful campaign over the next 12 months.

The New Saints FC Pursue FIFA Action

The New Saints (TNS) remain embroiled in a financial dispute with Saudi Pro League side Al-Orobah FC over the transfer of striker Brad Young. Despite Young having already made 14 appearances for his new club—scoring two goals and providing one assist—TNS are still awaiting the payment they are rightfully owed.

FIFA has now intervened, imposing an international transfer ban on Al-Orobah after the club failed to meet a previous ruling. The decision required them to pay the first installment of \$150,000, plus 5% interest, within 45 days. With that deadline long passed, the ban will remain in effect for up to three consecutive transfer windows unless the outstanding amount is settled.

TNS chairman Mike Harris welcomed FIFA's action but expressed frustration over the situation.

“We appreciate FIFA's efforts in holding Al-Orobah FC accountable,” Harris said. “However, we shouldn't be in this position in the first place. We will continue to pursue every avenue to ensure we receive the transfer fee we are owed.”

Harris also issued a stark warning to other clubs considering dealings with Saudi Pro League teams.

“Al-Orobah's failure to act, despite FIFA's involvement, is just another example of why clubs should think twice before entering into business with them,” he added.

As Young continues his season with Al-Orobah, the off-field dispute casts a shadow over his move. With FIFA's sanctions now in place, the pressure is mounting on the Saudi club to settle its debt and resolve the issue once and for all.





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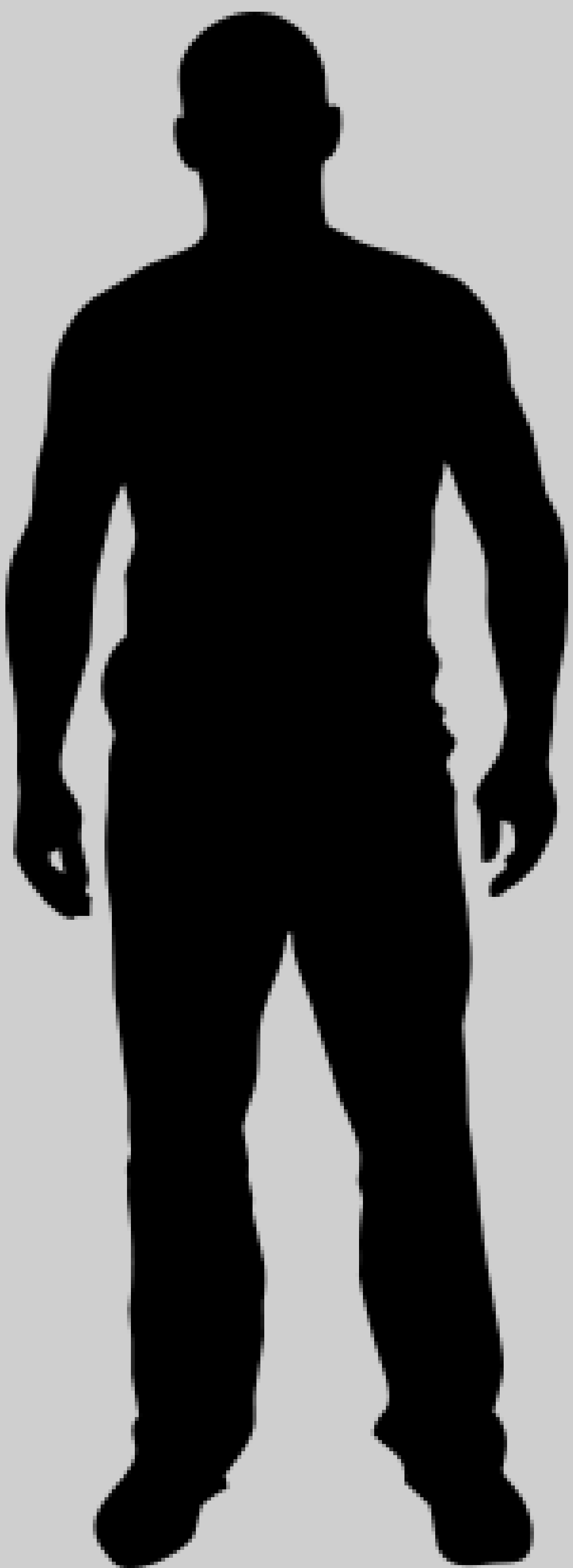


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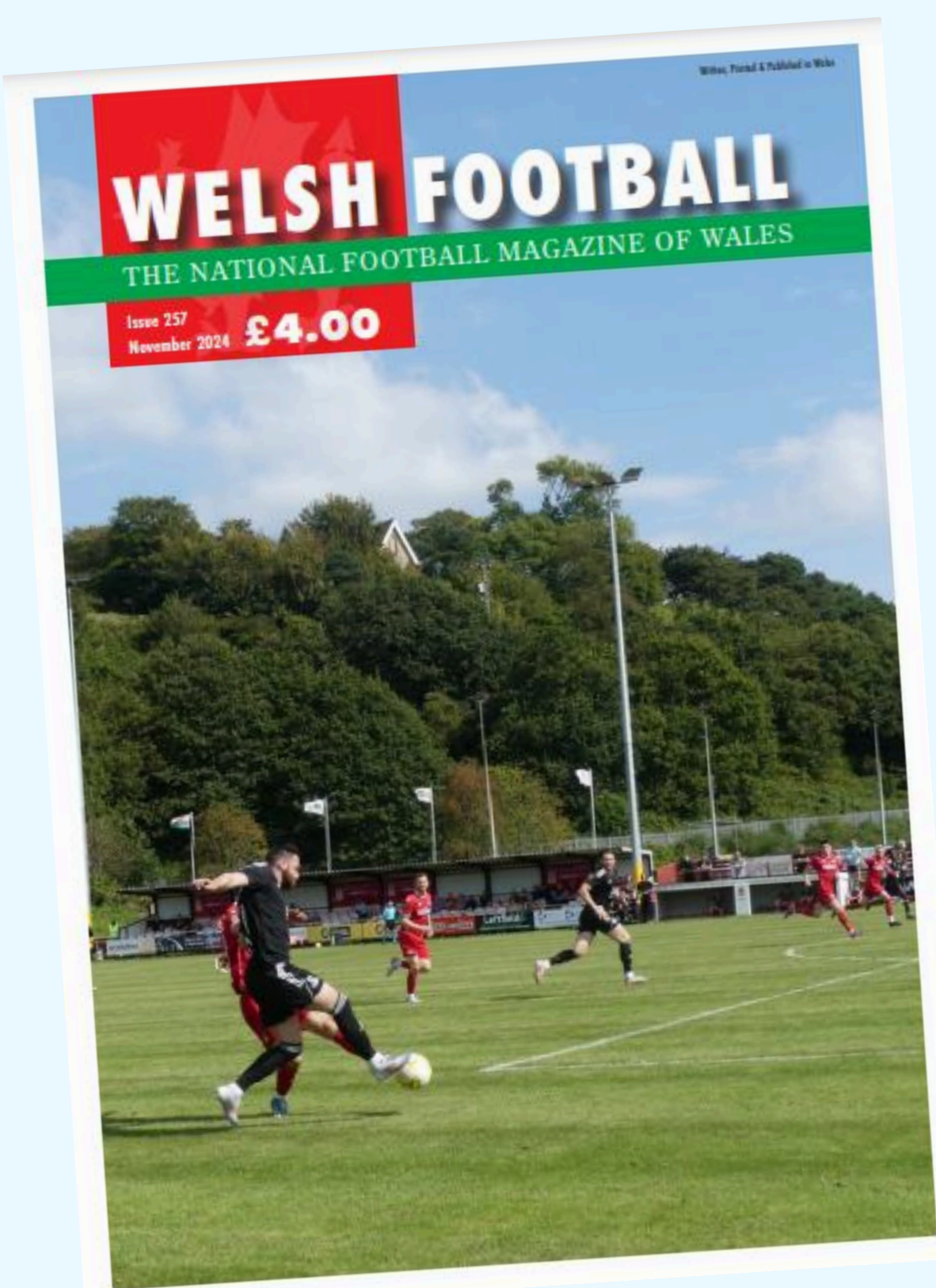
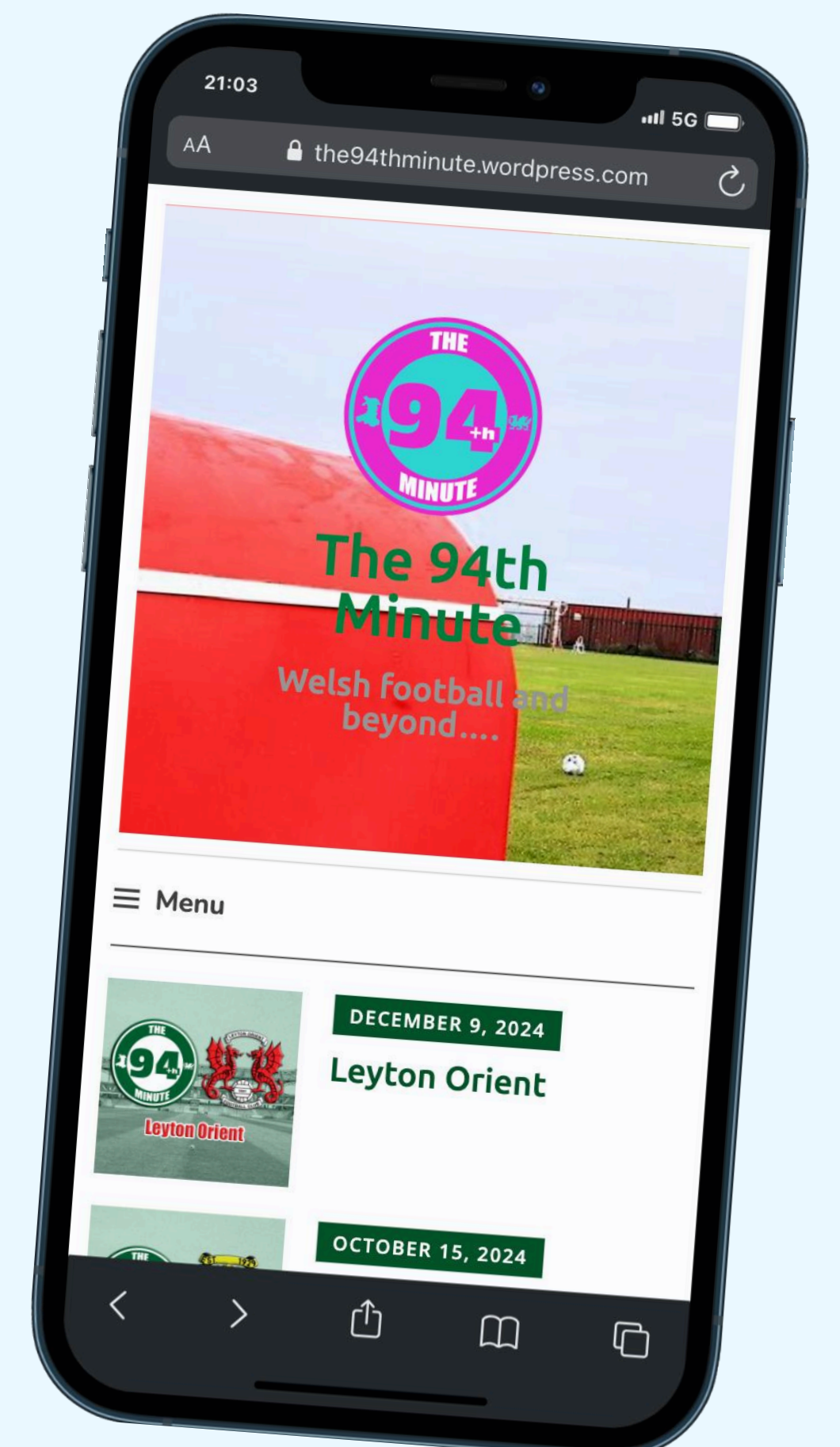


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94th Minute

Clint, a groundhopper from Flintshire in North East Wales, started this blog to document experiences visiting various football grounds. The goal is to promote the teams to fellow football supporters and provide useful information for other groundhoppers who might want to explore these grounds in the future.

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