

OFFICIAL MATCH DAY E-PROGRAMME

TAIBACH RFC

VS

UPPER SWANSEA VALLEY

APRIL 13 14:00 @ TATA RFC

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TAIBACH
RFC

KICK OFF 2PM
@ TATA RFC



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Hi everyone,

Today we are delighted to welcome Upper Swansea Valley (USV) to The Plough for this Ospreys U18's Championship fixture. A warm welcome to the players, caches and supporters of USV and a huge thank you to our supporters as always. Please ensure our referee today, Richard Williams, is shown the utmost respect. Refereeing is an enjoyable but challenging task and it is vital that we support our officials at all times.

A special mention to Ralph Lewis, coach of USV and fellow Port Talbot Panther to Andrew and Simon. Ralph has the rare opportunity to walk home from an away game today, good luck Ralph!

After an expansive 7 try performance against Cwmtwrch recently everyone was disappointed at the very late cancellation from local rival Briton Ferry. The boys are aiming for a win today to push on up the league table.

Today is game #23 for us, a fantastic effort. The return of youth rugby to Taibach is a great achievement and the beginning of a new chapter. It shows the desire of the squad to play rugby every week. The majority of the squad finished junior rugby very strongly and have been joined by a group of older players to boost the squad.

They are a fantastic bunch of boys who have developed a strong team bond and ethos. The boys train hard and are

always keen to learn. They have worked hard to prepare for youth rugby by improving their skills, team plays and game patterns so that they can succeed this season. They are all focused on improving as individuals and a team, competing hard in all games, achieving the best success they can and of course, enjoying rugby!

Thank you to all our supporters and the club who have supported the team and coaching staff to get this youth team out on the pitch. A massive thank you also to our very generous sponsors who have allowed us to create the best possible environment for the team. The new kit looks amazing, the team has been kitted out in new leisurewear and bags, the Veo camera is ready to go and we also have 15 GPS trackers to help the boys analyse and improve their fitness and conditioning. The scene has been set for a great season.

As a squad we would like to show our support for all our steelworkers who are going through so much at this time. Like all clubs in Port Talbot the links between rugby and steel have always been so strong. All of the youth section and everyone at the club is 100% behind all the staff, contractors and families affected.

On behalf of the coaching team, thank you all.

Enjoy the game



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October 07, 2023

Distance: 5.09KM	High Intensity Running: 281M
Top Speed: 26.91KPH	Metres per minute: 60
Sprint Distance: 284M	No. of sprints: 9.0

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PLAYERDATA - SESSION AVERAGES

Taibach v Cwmtwrch

Try-lights

Rugby Touring

With just 2 weeks until the Youth travel to Gloucester on tour we thought we would share some further memories of Taibach tours from the history books. Once again, thanks to David Jones for sharing.

EASTER SATURDAY.

After Lunch the Party will travel to Nottingham to play

OLD PAVIORS R.F.C.

Kick-off 3.30 p.m.

After the game the Players will be entertained by Old Paviors R.F.C.

EASTER SUNDAY.

Free Day.

EASTER MONDAY.

After Lunch the Party will travel to Matlock, Derbyshire, to play

OLD BAILEANS R.F.C.

at Cromford Meadows. Kick-off 3.30 p.m.

After the game the Players will be entertained by Old Baileans R.F.C.

EASTER TUESDAY.

Journey home. Time to be decided upon.

Time runs out for Island side

Jersey 10,
Taibach 12

TAIBACH, on their 18th visit to Jersey — it would have been 19 but for an "out of character" Easter trip to Leeds last Easter yesterday afternoon.

Jersey looked to have the game sewn up when, with 15 minutes left, they scored and converted a try to lead 10-6, but Taibach came back well to grab a face-saving try which was converted from a fair distance to give them a deserved 12-10 victory.

Again it was the old familiar story of Jersey superiority in the backs being squandered by lack of drive and united commitment up front.

Jersey's two tries both came as a result of swift passing and good support play. Taibach's both came from forward pressure — the first from a five-metre scrum and the second from a lineout on the Jersey goal-line. Slack defence by Jersey's pack led to both scores.

The scoreline flattered Jersey. Taibach might so easily have had a couple more tries when players lost the ball in the very act of going over for tries.



The Pernod Challenge Cup

But it was Jersey who opened the scoring, Taylor feeding Mee, in the line from full-back, and winger Jordan stepping inside the cover defence for a fine try.

Taibach had to wait until well into the second half to open their account and it was No. 8 Phil Berni who drove over in the rear of a five-metre scrum to leave Arnold an easy conversion for a 6-4 lead.

Jersey's hopes were raised with another good three quarter move which was finished off by Wilkes-Green on the left, the speed of the passing giving the winger ample room to cross. Mee converted and Jersey led 10-6.

Taibach inched their way back downfield and into the Jersey 22 and were finally rewarded for their efforts with a try by Peter Sexton at a lineout on the Jersey line.

Arnold, to Taibach's delight and to Jersey's chagrin, converted handsomely.

Jersey — T. Mee; J. Jordan, I. Small, J. Taylor, J. Wilkes-Green; J. Walls, K. Barry; B. Partridge, S. Whiteside, I. Anderson, D. Botrel, R. Allan (capt.) D. Liddiard, L. Galbally, A. Rous.

Taibach — C. Arnold; N. Edwards, P. Player, P. Moran, N. Thorne; R. Jones, P. Nutty, C. Taylor, A. Williams, D. Margetson, D. Wellington, P. Sexton, B. Dobbin, P. Berni, P. Morgan.

Referee: Mr. D. Tranter.

Jersey 25, Pontycymmer 24

Many changes in Jersey's pack on Saturday meant little in the way of possession against a strong Welsh "eight" from Pontycymmer, but the kicking of Taylor just saved the day for the Island side.

Jersey won by three goals, a try and a penalty to two goals and three tries.

It was a nail-biter with Jersey's backs so superior but not getting enough ball to show their talents.

The forwards — front row excepted — were played off the park so it was a case of Pontycym-

mer's pack against Jersey's backs. The honours were just about even with the only difference on the day being that, in Taylor, Jersey had a place kicker. Four of his kicks were successful as against two of McEachen's for Pontycymmer.

Taylor it was who kicked Jersey into a 12th minute lead with a 35-yard penalty. Scrum-half

MAX HEWITT reports

Walters, once with Bridgend, snatched a blindside try for the visitors to put Pontycymmer in front, but a Taylor break and Jordan try on the right, plus a Taylor conversion, put Jersey 9-4 ahead.

Lamentable tackling let Salford in on the right for a try for Pontycymmer before Partridge won possession and started the move which ended with Noble dummaying in on the left for a try.

Wilkes-Green scored a try which was converted to give Jersey a 19-8 half-time lead.

Pontycymmer No.8 Banner ploughed through some shoddy tackling for the visitors' next try, but Burton relieved the tension a little with a blindside try again superbly converted from near touch.

Jersey, at 25-12, seemed to be coasting to victory but the forwards just got worse and worse in the face of some determined Welsh play and Pontycymmer scored twice more, through D. Standing, in the centre. Fly-half McEachen at last got his sights right and converted both to bring the scores to a point difference.

Jersey — R. Furness; J. Jordan, J. Taylor, P. Noble, J. Wilkes-Green; J. Walls, D. Burton; I. Anderson, S. Whiteside, B. Partridge, R. Goudge, R. Nightingale, S. Toudic, D. Liddiard, J. Sowerby.

Pontycymmer — I. John; A. Salford, D. Tilley, J. Baugha, D. Standing; J. McEachen, A. Walters, S. Thomas, D. Churchill, R. Lewis, K. Standing, M. Phillips, D. Griffiths, B. Banner, S. Roderick.

Referee: Mr. I. Swindale.

Other results:

Jersey United Banks 0, Oxford Marathons 16; Betches OB 3, St. Jacques's Guernsey 3, St. Helier 15, St. Jacques's 6; Jersey 2nd XV 4, Taibach 50; Jersey 4th XV 4, Pontycymmer 12.

Pernod Cup

Jersey entertain seven teams, five of them from the mainland at a special end-of-season tournament at St. Peter next Saturday.

At stake will be a new trophy — the Pernod Challenge Cup, presented by Pernod through their local agents, J. H. Jaffe and Co. Ltd.

The tournament, which starts at 12 noon on Saturday, will be between full sides playing 15 minutes each way and the final is expected to be around 8 p.m., followed by the trophy presentation and a barbecue at the club.

The teams taking part along with host club JRFC, are ACAS Cardiff, Cardiff City Police, North Petherton, Penclawdd, St. Joseph's Cardiff, St. Helier and possibly Jersey's United Banks.

On the eve of the tournament have invited all the teams taking part to a special "Family Hour" reception at the St. Peter clubhouse.

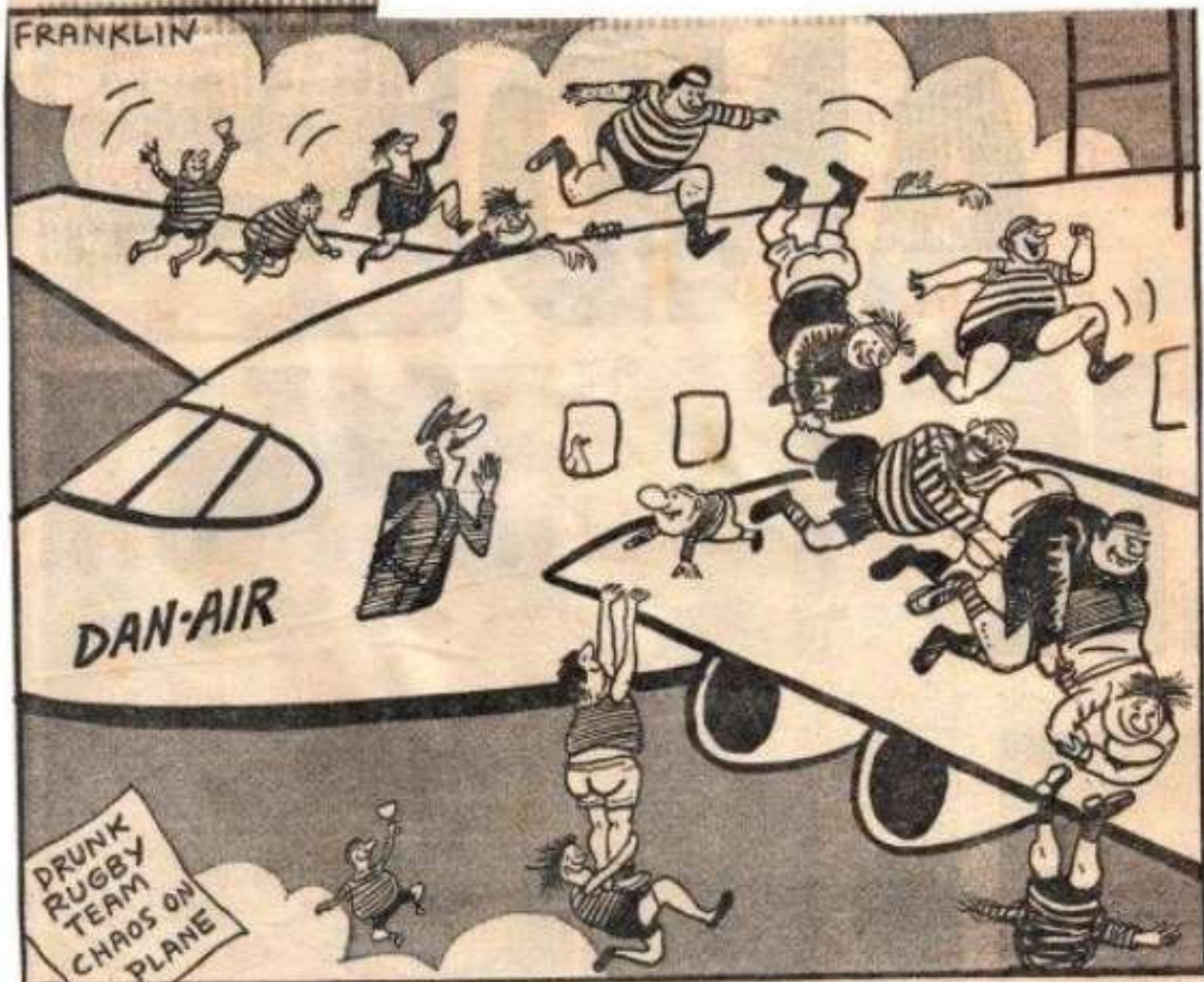
The final game of the 1978/79 season takes place the day after the Pernod tournament and will be against Jersey's old West Country friends from North Petherton.

WING FORWARD!

THE SUN MAY 15TH 1985

**Drunk ruggie
player hops
out onto the
wing of a jet**

6 THE SUN, Thursday, May 16, 1985



"WHAT'S THE LATEST SCORE?"

The Ambush Story

About 3 years ago in a rugby meeting some of the committee mentioned converting the back shed into a junior/youth rugby room. The current youth coaching team kept this in mind, started planning and waited for the right time to start the project.

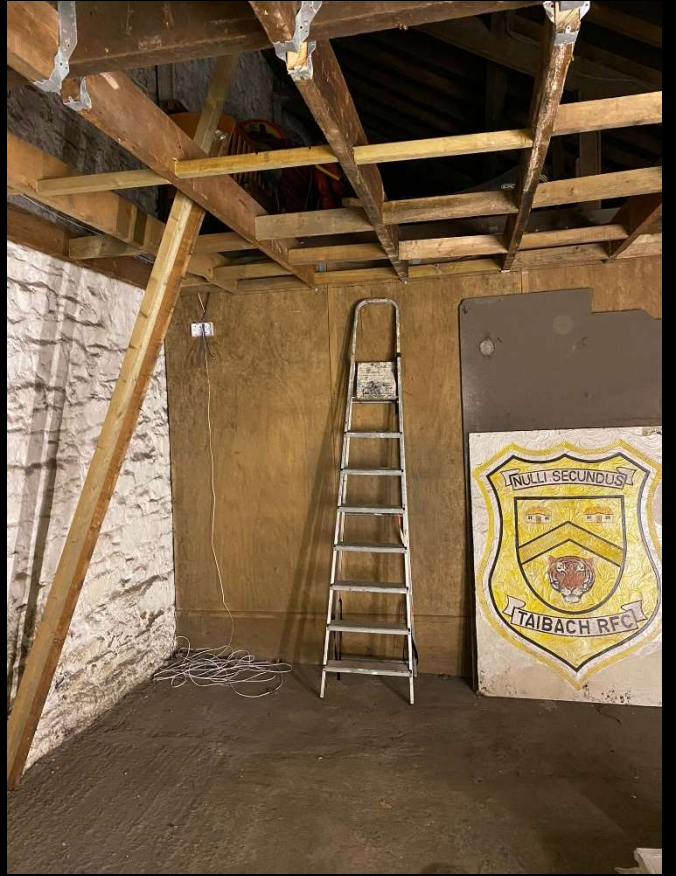
It took a while but in November 2023 we took delivery of some recycled timber (thanks to J2R and Paddy) and the project truly began. Months of hard work, blood (on occasions), sweat and tears from the current youth coaches and other willing helpers and the room became a reality.

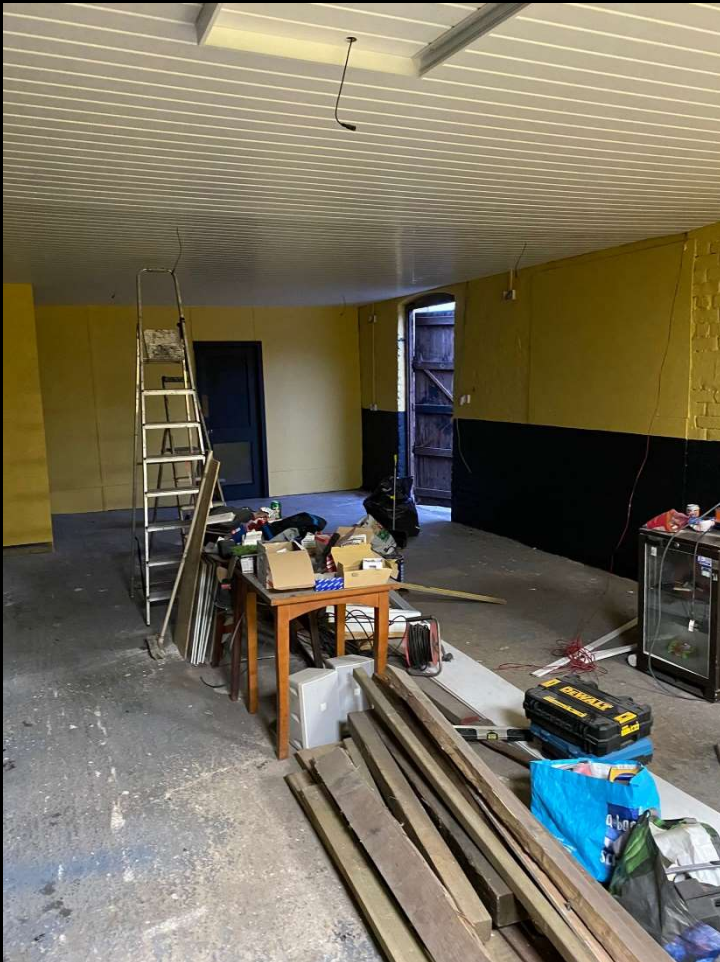
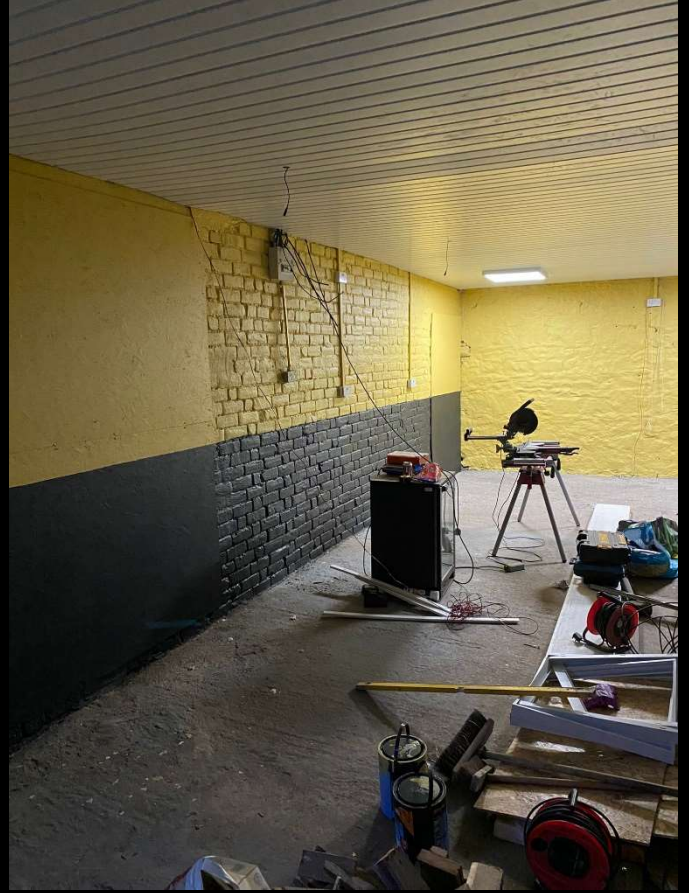
Just over a year ago, following our 25-20 semi-final win over Kenfig Hill, The Ambush opened for the first time.

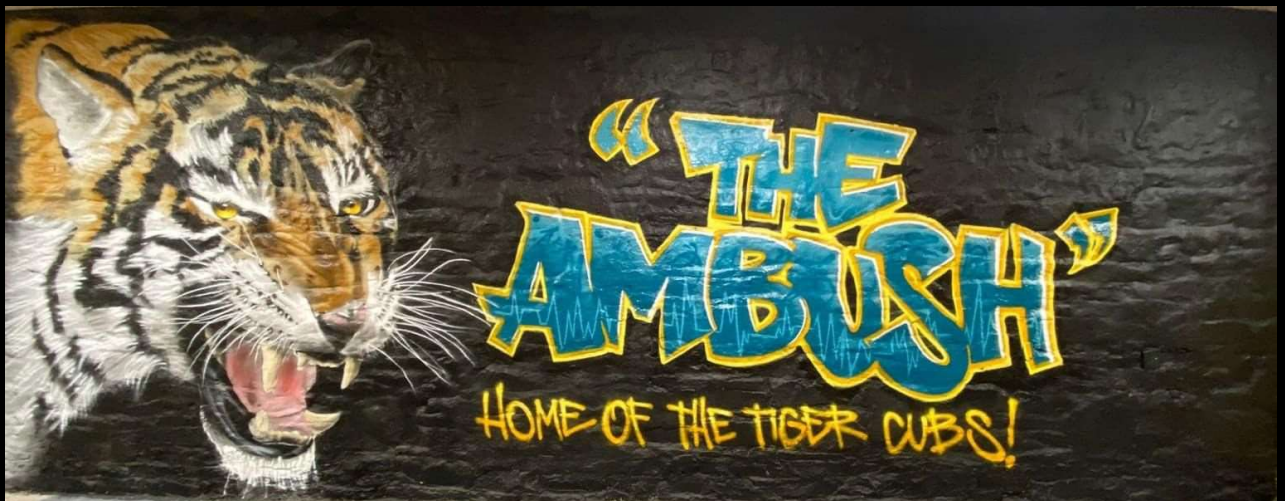
Support from local businesses, individuals and the club proved invaluable in creating this amazing room for mini & junior Tigercubs and of course our youth team.

The Ambush is something totally different that no other club has. It has been hugely beneficial for players of all ages and as well as the post-match festivities it has also hosted mental health awareness talks, bonding days and Burger Boyz nights.

We thought a year on we would share some before, during and after pictures of the project.







**Thank you to all below for their donations &
help to make The Ambush possible:**

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J2R Demolition & Paddy Williams

Al Rush IFA

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Paul Parry UPVC

JES

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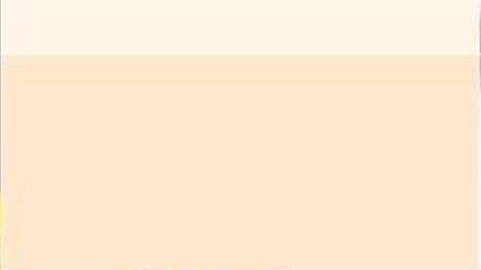
Second Row

Artificial floral & deco mesh arrangements for all occasions

Iestyn Langdon



Second Row



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Jayden Terry



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Rhys
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Veo Camera



We were very grateful to receive a grant last year from Persimmon Homes to purchase the Veo Camera. Thanks to the Club and our 23/24 Veo sponsors - Sinclair Mercedes – we have been able to use the camera again for analysis and promoting the achievements of the team.

Veo are delving into some of our highlights and so far have selected one for their own Instagram promotions. Leon's huge handoff has had over 13,400 views to date!! Wow!!! What clip will they use next??



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Club News

You may be aware of a massive effort by a group of local people undertaking the huge challenge of walking the route of Hadrian's Wall to raise funds for Ysgol Maes y Coed in Neath Port Talbot. Colin "Dubs" Deere a club legend, panto star and huge supporter of youth rugby at Taibach RFC was one. He was joined by fellow club stalwart Mark Davies. From all of the youth section a huge well done to all involved.



https://www.gofundme.com/f/hadrians-wall-walk-for-austism?utm_campaign=p_cp+fundraiser-sidebar&utm_medium=copy_link_all&utm_source=customer

What's going on at the Club?

HOT SQUASH

8pm

Saturday, 13 April

TAIBACH RFC



TAIBACH RFC PRESENTS

A NIGHT AT THE RACES

GRAND NATIONAL DAY

SATURDAY 13TH APRIL 2024
6.00PM IN THE TALBOT SUITE

THE NIGHT WILL FEATURE:

THE GRAND NATIONAL LIVE ON TV AT 5.15PM IN THE LOUNGE & BAR
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Sam Pearce



Prop/Second Row



Stevie Lloyd



Fullback



**SUNDAY
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Tomas Midwinter



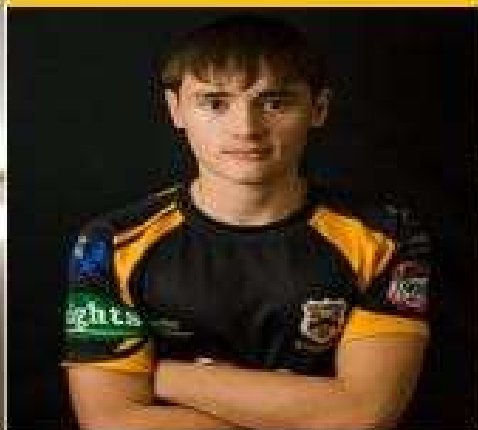
Scrum Half



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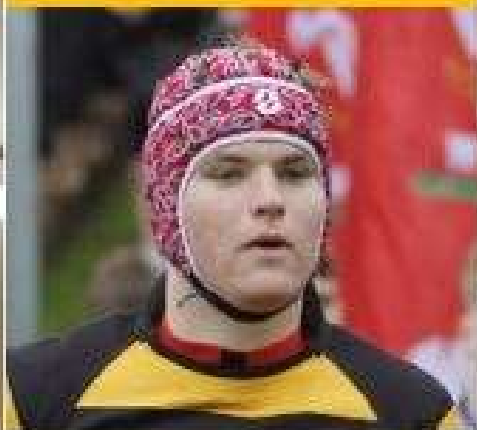
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Winger



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Knights



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Brodie Lewis



2nd row/backrow

Matt Harper



Backrow

James Davies

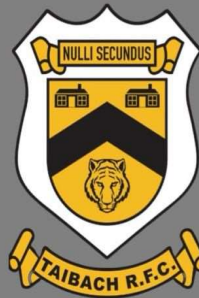


Backrow

Coming soon...

***Future programmes
will include***

- More try-lights
- Youth Legends



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Interested in sponsoring the 24/25 season youth team? Please contact one of the coaches.



Season 24/25 Sponsorship Opportunities

We are already planning ahead for next season and are aiming for it to be bigger and better than last season.

If your business would like to sponsor the team for the 2024/25 season please speak to one of the coaches.

All support greatly appreciated, without the help of the local community the boys would not have the rugby opportunities they have at present.



Taibach RFC Youth



Ospreys Youth Championship



Remaining Fixtures

13 April	H TATA 2pm	Upper Swansea Valley
19 April	H Friday 7pm	Waunarlwydd
27 April	Gloucester Tour KO 2pm	Bredon Star RFC Tewksbury - GL20 7QN
18 May	Club	Presentation Evening with the Seniors

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