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# CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME

"It is my pleasure as Chairperson of Pontyclun Football Club to extend a warm welcome to those visiting Ivor Park today. Whether as an official, a member of the visiting team, a home supporter or an impartial observer, we trust you will enjoy the game and our hospitality on offer.

Please respect those around you and remember there is no place for racism as we are fully supporting the FAW campaign to 'Show Racism the Red Card'.

Pontyclun Football Club was founded in 1896. How the club has progressed during those years has been quite phenomenal. From initially starting in the Bridgend league and then founder members of the Cardiff & District league with one senior team we are now able to offer football starting at Under 5's right through to our Veteran's team at Over 60's. Currently with more than 500 players, which is some achievement for a small village club.

I hope that all our players and coaches remember our club motto of 'Gorau Chwarae, Cyd Chwarae' translated roughly as 'The Best Play, Is Team Play' which has since been adopted by the Football Association of Wales.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all my colleagues of the football club committee, which is without their valuable hard work and diligence the efforts of striving towards Tier 2 would be impossible.

Finally, to all our sponsors many thanks for your continued support. I hope you all enjoy today's game and wish you a safe journey home."

*T.Davies*



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MANAGER'S

# NOTES

“Hello everyone, welcome to today’s game against Ely Rangers. Last time out we fell short against a tough Fairwater side. Last season we struggled to create chances to score, we have worked hard on our final third during pre-season and it showed last week as we had chances in abundance. The next step is to finish those chances now. They had two good opportunities last week and scored them both. We’ve had a positive reaction to the defeat this week and are looking to bounce back with purpose today.

The is no easy game in this league and the league has quality throughout. Today will be no exception. We will need to raise our levels from last week to get a positive result. Enjoy the game and I’ll see you in the clubhouse post-match.”

*G. Davies*

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# OUR HISTORY

*'GORAU CHWARAE, CYD CHWARAE'*

Pontyclun Football Club has been part of the South Wales football scene for over a century. Founded in 1896, it's not certain where the club played its earliest home games but there is documentary evidence that Ivor Park became the home ground in 1920 when Wyndham Damer Clarke, formerly of Talygarn house, gave the preferential use of the land as a football field.

A member of the Bridgend & District league in the early years, the club joined the Cardiff & District league immediately after World War I. In 1922 the club was admitted to the Football Association of Wales - one of the few amateur clubs to achieve such status. In 1968, the club was admitted to the Welsh Football League whilst continuing to run senior teams in both the Rhondda and Pontypridd leagues.

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*'GORAU CHWARAE, CYD CHWARAE'*

Over the club's success and relegations over the long period in the Welsh League, undoubtedly the club's proudest moment in the club's long history came at the end of the 2002/03 season when Pontyclun won the Welsh League Division 3 title. In the same season, the reserves were runners-up in the Welsh League Reserve East Division.

The club played in Division 2 until relegation in 2007/08 and unfortunately, in 2011/12, the club were relegated from the Welsh Football League after 44 consecutive seasons of membership.

The 2016/17 season was a time for celebration as the club secured the championship of the South Wales Alliance League by 10 points and as a result, regained their place in the Welsh Football League. After 3 years back in the Welsh Football League, the club were selected to participate in the Ardal Southern League. Today we find ourselves back in the South Wales Premier League Premier Division for the first time since 2017 as we look to make things right and aim for promotion in the 2025/26 season.



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GET TO KNOW

# ELY RANGERS

Ely Rangers' origins date back to 1963 at a time when former club chairman Graham Clarke was playing for Ely YMCA. The club did not have enough players to field a full side, so they merged with Heath Park Rangers and after just one season, a chance meeting with other boys from Ely whilst on holiday in Butlins, Ely Rangers was formed in 1965. The club joined the Cardiff Combination League and quickly established themselves as a major playing force. In 1967-68 they were crowned champions of the First Division and with two seasons in the Senior Division they won the first of five championships. The club's success was not limited to the league as they won the Combination Cup five times, the City Supporters Cup four times and the Senior Cup twice.

In 1983, due to the clubs' ambition to achieve South Wales Amateur League status, the club moved into Station Road, Wenvoe and were accepted into the Amateur League. In the 1996-97 season Ely Rangers won the First Division Championship under manager John Boulton. Rangers had to then content a play-off with old rivals Caerau Ely, at Ninian Park, and won the game 3-0 in front of 1,300 spectators to claim their place in the Welsh League for the first time. The clubs' highest point in the Welsh League came in the 2001-02 season where they finished 8th in the First Division.

Alongside the First Team, Ely Rangers run two Reserve Teams playing in the Cardiff & District League and Vale League respectively as well as a Youth Team which plays in the South Wales Youth League. Ely Rangers also have a thriving Mini & Junior section with over 400 children ranging from U6 to U16.

**CLUB CHAIRMAN** SPENCER CLARKE

**MANAGER** MATTHEW SALTER & JASON LEWIS

**HOME GROUND** STATION ROAD, WENVOE

**NICKNAME** THE RANGERS

**CLUB CAPTAIN** ANDREW MUSCAT

# AUGUST

*\*fixtures subject to change*

**HOME**



SAT 2 AUG | 14:00 KO

DRAGON SIGNS FAW AMATEUR TROPHY

**HOME**



SAT 9 AUG | 14:30 KO

SWPL PREMIER DIVISION

**HOME**



SAT 16 AUG | 14:30 KO

SWPL PREMIER DIVISION

**AWAY**



WED 20 AUG | 18:15 KO

SWPL PREMIER DIVISION

**AWAY**



SAT 23 AUG | 14:00 KO

JD WELSH CUP

**HOME**



SAT 30 AUG | 14:30 KO

SWPL PREMIER DIVISION

# SWPL PREMIER DIVISION

		MP	W	D	L	GD	PT
1	ABER VALLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	AFAN UNITED	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	BRIDGEND STREET	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	CLWB CYMRIC	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	ELY RANGERS	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	CWMAMAN	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	LLANTWIT FARDRE	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	PENCOED ATH BGC	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	PENYDARREN BGC	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	PONTYCLUN	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	PORT TALBOT TOWN	0	0	0	0	0	0
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On Saturday 12 July we travelled to Tamworth to face our friends at Bolehall Swifts followed by a night of beer tasting at several local establishments.

The squad met at Ivor Park early morning, leaving 8:05am sharp for the 2-hour drive. Arriving shortly after 10:30am the boys re-grouped for a breakfast only to return to the hotel shortly after to find one of our vans had gone 'missing'. A few phone calls made but no real hope of anything being returned we were now without our playing kit, match equipment and some questionable nightlife outfits and of course, the van. The only logical option was, to borrow the away kit of Bolehall Swifts who were extremely helpful throughout the whole day who not only provided alternative playing kit but provided all the match equipment we needed, bottles of water, energy drinks and snacks as well as anything else we could have possibly needed. A true testament to this fantastic community club.

A quick trip to Sports Direct to replace the lads stolen boots and shin guards, 30 minutes after our scheduled kick-off time we were underway. A very warm and sunny day at the BE Recruitment Stadium proved very difficult to play in for both teams. However, both sides had spells of positive build-up play and created plenty of chances either end. The officials gave several drinks breaks through the game to help ease the tough conditions and despite the entertaining and impressive standard on show, the match finished 0-0.

Post match, we were looked after in the clubhouse by the Swifts, a pint for each of the Pontyclun group before Bolehall Swift's chairman, Craig Haywood presented us with a club pennant and scarf which was graciously received by First Team Manager, Glyndŵr Davies. Again, a very kind gesture which topped off a fantastic day of immense hospitality and kindness.

**Once again, the club would like to thank Craig and everyone at Bolehall Swifts for all they did for us on what could have been a miserable and soul-destroying day. We look forward to welcoming you all at Ivor Park next year and good luck for the season ahead.**





*'The calm before the storm'*



*'The gaffer loves castles, it turns out'*



*'What it's all about'*



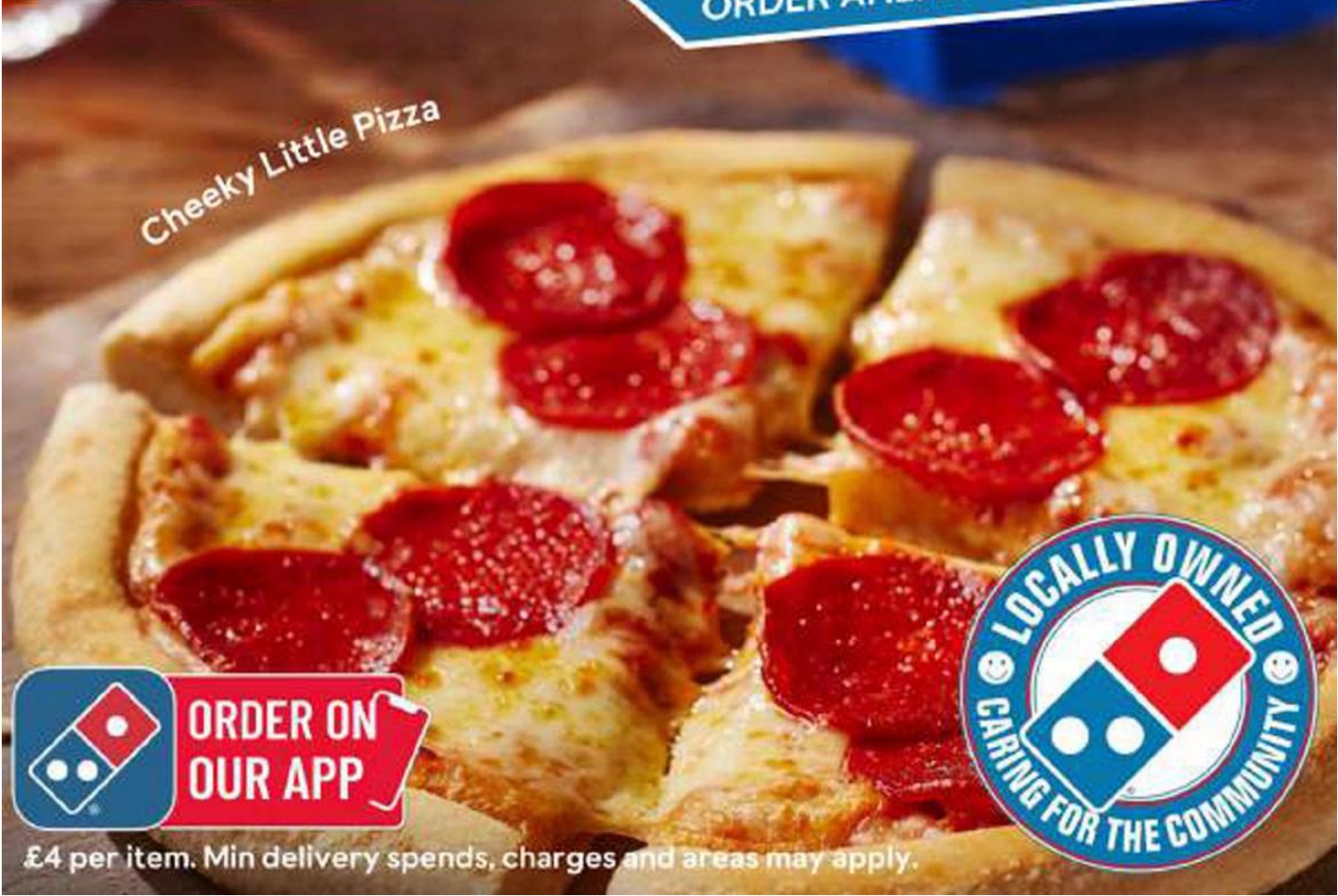
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PREVIOUS CLUB: CAMBRIAN UTD



**ETHAN RICHARDSON**

POSITION: WINGER

PREVIOUS CLUB: GARW SBGC



**LOUIS WILDE**

POSITION: MIDFIELD

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# SP TLIGHT



**NAME**

Jordan Lawrence

**POSITION**

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## MINI & JUNIOR

Our Pontyclun Mini & Junior sections have gone from strength to strength in recent years.

For this we can thank the volunteer coaches for their hard work and dedication.

These coaches and volunteers have a common goal: to provide the best football experience to all age groups, both boys & girls. It's about creating an environment where children in the community can thrive, make friends, improve their social skills and most importantly, have fun.

Currently we have over 400 registered children within our Mini & Junior section ranging from under 5's to under 16's including our U11's, U12's & U13's girls' teams.

We're very proud that we've managed to grow our girls' section, but we have plans to continue expanding our girls only age groups and providing them a safe and supportive place to express themselves through the love of the game.

Our players initially join to have fun and learn the benefits of being part of a team, but we've seen that as they progress, some may develop quicker than others and find themselves quickly identified to earn higher representation and recognition. Over the years we've been fortunate to have several players represent RCT Schools, Boys & Girls Clubs of Wales, FAW Academy Squads and, some have gone further and been offered trials or contracts at professional academies.

However, we passionately believe that all children have something unique to offer and it's that belief that drives our desire to ensure we keep as many children playing for as long as possible: some will play through the age groups, some will continue to the youth teams, some will hopefully go on and play in the senior section, or even higher. But all will have benefitted from being part of a team, a group of friends, a community.

We want every player that comes through our system to feel a proud association to Pontyclun Football Club and its wider community – this is what drives us.



## **DEVELOPMENT**

The Development Team at Pontyclun Football Club is a key part of the player pathway from Juniors to First Team. The focus is on performance and player development alongside exposure to senior football. Ultimately, we are looking to see the best of our home-grown talent break into the First Team.

The structure allows youth players who are ready, to transition into senior football and play amongst more experienced players. The aim is to maintain the strong link between youth and development football and provide a sustainable pathway to benefit both club and player. In the past year we have seen several youth and development players break into the First Team with a few now established in the First Team squad.

The development coaching team is led by Head Coach, Gary Dalton and is supported by Wayne Pearce, Derek Hopkins and David Burgess all of which have been working tirelessly on and off the field.

After a successful pre-season, the aim is to be competitive in the TERV league division one and continue to develop our young talent at Ivor Park. The development team consists almost entirely of U17 – U21 players which points to an exciting future for the club.

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