

MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

Friday 17th September 2021

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Welcome from the Penarth RFC Chairman

Welcome to all club members, sponsors, supporters and visitors to the return of rugby and the new 2021-22 season, the 140th since the club commenced playing in 1880. Just the fact that we can now all get back together and play, support and enjoy rugby is a victory in itself and we look forward to competing firstly in the WRU Bowl and in November in Division 3A of the WRU East Central League.

With no senior rugby related events to speak of in the last 18 months it is difficult to know exactly what to say as we embark on a return to rugby. What I can say though is that whilst there may not have been any senior or youth rugby the club has not sat still and has sought to make positive changes not only for the benefit of itself but also for the wider community. We have been busy working on the ground and facilities with the changing rooms and gym being particular focus areas, a big thanks goes to the tireless work of our volunteers in particular Chris Mortimer, Richard Merrett, Matt Bolton and Jason Allen who have been relentless in their enthusiasm.

The club has also sought to become more of a community asset, we have started a Mental Health Monday initiative to give anyone who wants it the opportunity to come and talk about anything in a safe and understanding environment. Alongside that we started the Bears in the Wood project on a Wednesday evening as a woodworking workshop to develop skills and give some focus to people who may have been struggling without their usual distractions due to Covid. We have also involved ourselves wherever we can in community events and we are working with several local charities to build relationships and provide whatever support we can.

There was some rugby last year and the Mini and Junior sections continues to grow and develop at relentless pace. At the last count we had nearly 400 children at all age groups from U6 all the way up to U16. It is great to see many former players involved and the engagement of the kids and parents is really pleasing to see. We hope to continue to grow this side of the club because it really is the foundation



of any rugby club, and the success of our senior teams is intrinsically linked not only to the quality of the players we are producing through our junior section but also the numbers of kids that we are able to keep playing the game.

The make up fabric of the 1st XV squad this year continues to be a testament to the importance of not just having a strong mini/junior and youth section but also doing all we can to ensure that those sections of the club are feeding players through

to the senior side. We have welcomed even more former mini and junior sections into the senior ranks this season and look forward to once again not running just one but two senior sides and also aiming to run a vets side once a month to continue to provide playing opportunities to all members. So if you do fancy dusting off your boots do let us know

I am pleased to confirm that the coaching team for this season will be Matt Bolton and Paul Williams, who is stepping back into 1st team coaching alongside his role as director of rugby overseeing all on-field and coaching matters throughout the club. With a youthful and talented squad, along with a few grizzled old veterans, it is hoped that this year with no formal promotion and relegation in the league section will be one I which we can continue to build and develop ahead of a return to the higher leagues when promotion is reinstated next season.

On the playing front I am pleased that Rhys Morgan will be captaining the side for a third season and once again he will be ably supported by former Youth team captain Miles Jones who will be vice captain.

We are aiming to run a far more active social calendar this season with events taking place on a regular basis so please keep up to date with developments on our website and via social media on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

We would like to thank the volunteers, coaches, parents, supporters and Players for all coming together and moving the club forward during the last "unusual" 18 months.



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Canton RFC

At the end of the 2018/19 season Canton RFC topped the table of Division 3B, East Central, with 86 championship points to win promotion to Division 3A East Central. "The Dervishes" as they are nicknamed won 17 and drew one of the 20 league matches to secure promotion ahead of St Albans RFC with 74 points and Treherbert RFC with 70. Canton FC, one of the oldest clubs in Welsh rugby, was launched in 1876, four years before the formation of the Penarth club in 1880. One of the three founders of the "Cardiff and District Rugby Union", Canton FC was arguably the most successful of the many clubs operating in the Canton suburb, a genuine hotbed of rugby, which included Canton Rovers, Wanderers, Crescents, Wednesday, United, Harlequins, Crusaders, Institute, Albion's, Raglans, Wesleyans, Villa, Canton Loco, Canton Parish Church & Canton St Mary's teams. The club played initially on a field in Alexandra Park in Canton, while the headquarters, shifted frequently from Boars Head in Canton, to the Royal Exchange Hotel on Cowbridge Road and back. In 1893, the 'Cardiff and District' Mallet Cup competition began, with Canton RFC winning the trophy seven times. It is argued that the 1906/7 season was the most successful in Canton's club history, with the "Dervishes" winning both the Mallet Cup and the League undefeated. A feeder club to Cardiff FC from the early days, Canton has provided the metropolitan club with a steady stream of talent including players who eventually ended up wearing the Welsh jerseys of the likes of William James Wood 'Buller' Stadden, Albert John Hybart, William Matthew 'Billy' Douglas, David Henry 'Dai' Lewis, Quentin Dick Kedzlie, Vivian Pugh Henry Huzzey, Frank James Hawkins MC (Pontypridd RFC), Robert Francis 'Bobby' Williams and William James 'Billy' Jenkins. Other notable players included William Edgar 'Jar' Jarman, Arthur Henry Emery, William Alfred Prance & Fred Richards. During the period, Joseph 'Boyo' Brookman and the six Harding brothers contributed to the success of Canton rugby teams, with Hubert John 'Hube' Harding, Joseph Webber 'Joe' Harding & Ernest 'Ernie' Harding, making significant contributions, the latter having played for the Blue & Blacks in their record winning season. More recent Canton players who reached the top either via Cardiff or Bridgend, include Glen Webbe, Mike Knill, Wayne Lewis and John Hickey.

Cardiff Harlequins RFC

The original name of the Cardiff Harlequins (Quins) club was Cardiff High School Old Boys (CHSOB) RFC, a club formed in 1928 by the schoolboys of the famed Cardiff school. Originally a soccer playing school, Cardiff High switched to rugby due to the pressures of the schoolboys themselves in 1921. This is when for the first time a school Old Boys team was formed and they commenced by playing the school in their maiden



Division 3A East Central - at a glance

OVERVIEW

The division will be the same regarding the teams but 18 month break between the end of the 2019/20 season and the start of the 2021/22 season make predictions particularly difficult. Canton topped the tree last time but time may not have been kind to them. Pontyclun will be pushing for honours again, as will Llanharan who have brought in a number of players over the summer. The Valleys' teams will remain strong adversaries for anyone and both Tylorstown and Penygraig will fancy their chances. The Seaside's should certainly be in the mix as well as their young squad matures and the same can be said of Fairwater who were just starting to hit their straps. At the other end of the table the 4 other Cardiff-based sides, Pentyrch, Clwb Rygbi, Old Illts and Cardiff Quins will be hoping that the break came at a good time for them and that they can now rebuild and work their way back up the table.

appearance. They went on playing for two full seasons, before a shortage of playing fields forced them to disband. However, the rugby-mad schoolboys maintained the pressure until the Old Boys club was revived in 1928. Since the launch of rugby as the main winter sport, the school produced a steady stream of talent, of whom John Roberts, Bill Roberts and Harry Bowcott were among the first to win the coveted Wales cap. In 1962 the club became one of the very few in Wales to own their own ground, having purchased the freehold of a piece of land of the former Sports club of the Melingriffith Tinplate Company. Though originally an Old Boys club CHSOB opened its doors to all-comers in 1966 and then in 1970s took a long lease from the Cardiff City Council of the Forest Farm land to expand. During the 1990s, with the late World Rugby Chairman Vernon Pugh as player and coach, the club decided to rename themselves, acquiring the vacant name of Cardiff Harlequins, which initially confused both club historians and statisticians, as the original Cardiff Harlequins FC used to be a fairly strong local club following its formation in the early 1880s, when they played on a field on Penarth Road in Cardiff. The original Quins FC battled Penarth FC for supremacy in the newly launched Cardiff and District Cup in the first tournament final in 1886. The first Cardiff Harlequin to win an international cap was Percy Bennett, though the club's greatest claim to fame was to have had among its players the legendary Gwyn Nichols, who captained Cardiff and Wales. In 1892 Nicholls left the Harlequins to join Cardiff and after leaving its Penarth Road home, the club disbanded in the early 1890s. The modern day Quins saw many of their talented players joining top clubs to eventually win the coveted Welsh cap, including Cecil Davies, WEN Davies, (who made his top class debut with Penarth), Sid Judd and Merion Roberts. Last season, the club played in Division 2 East Central, where only eight points made the difference between survival and relegation. They finished the season with 43 points from five wins and one drawn match, eight points behind both Llanishen and Taffs Well to descend into Division 3A East Central.



Clwb Rygbi Cymru Caerdydd (CRCC) RFC

Clwb Rygbi Cymru Caerdydd or Clwb Rygbi as it is known by both its Cardiff opponents and supporters is a comparatively new rugby club on the Cardiff scene, having been formed some 50 years ago by a group of Welsh-speaking rugby enthusiasts. From the outset,

the founders decided to form a rugby club whose twin objectives were to play and enjoy the game and at the same time foster the Welsh language among club members. This is how Clwb Rygbi Cymru Caerdydd was born during the 1967/68 season, however, despite its stated objective of becoming a beacon of Welsh language and culture in the Wales capital city, it is not an exclusive Welsh-speaking club by any means - in fact many of its players are born and bred in England and speak only English. The main recruiting centres of Welsh-speaking players for the club are the Welsh language schools at Llanharan and Rhydfelin and the club has had among its Presidents, two legends of the game RH (Rhys) Williams and Carwyn James, both Welsh-language speakers. The first CRCC player to gain international recognition was fly-half Rhodri Lewis, who was capped by the Welsh Districts against Denmark in 1996. He was followed by Alun Evans in 2001 and 2003 and Rhodri Scott in 2003. The club won the Worthington Wales District Cup in 2003 and was runner up in 2006. From its humble beginnings CRCC gained both in status and ambitions and having been granted probationary WRU status in 2007, they became full members in 2009. They are running now two senior fifteens and a ladies team, as well an assortment of age-groups of Minis and Juniors, all using the Pontcanna Fields for training and matches. One of the club's founders was former BBC TV Welsh language commentator Martyn Williams, whose son Gareth is the club's head coach. Last season, the club managed to avoid relegation finishing 10th in the table of Division 3A East Central, with 41 championship points from six wins out of 22 matches.

Fairwater RFC



Located in North-West of Cardiff the club was launched in 1966-1967 by four rugby players, three local lads David Minto, Tom Driscoll and Reg Regan and John Morgan, a former captain of St David's who had moved to Fairwater. With its headquarters at the Bulldog pub, the club thrived for a while, running four senior sides and a Youth team. The highlight of the period was winning the Mallett Cup at the end of 1973-74 season by defeating Llandaff RFC 3-0 and losing to CIACS in the final of the same competition, a year later. But players started to move away in increasing numbers and by 1984, the once thriving club had to disband. In 1988, former Secretary Phil Regan, who had been working abroad for several years, returned to Fairwater and immediately relaunched the club with the active help of group of dedicated volunteers including Many Brito, Mike Smith,

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Ray Leigh, Brendan McAlloon, Howard Fox and with Peter Phillips as coach. Former Pontypridd flanker and Wales Youth captain Wayne Peckham took over as player-coach and the club went from strength to strength, winning the Welsh Brewers Cup in 1991. They reached the final again in 1992 and 1995 and in 2000 the club gained WRU status and to celebrate they defeated Nant Conwy 16-6 in the final. After Peckham, Brendan McAlloon took over as coach, but he stepped down four years ago, replaced by former club regular Ricky Theaker, with Ryan Crimmins as assistant coach. Two years ago, Fairwater, fielding a young and promising team won 12 of its 22 fixtures, to finish seventh in the league table with 58 championship points. Last season, they improved their status as they challenged both Cowbridge and Treharris for promotion to Division 2 East Central. Last season, they won 18 matches out of 22 to finish with a hefty pack of 86 championship points, four points short of the total needed for promotion.



Llanharan RFC

It is believed that the club was in existence before 1891 the year it regards as its official birth date. The earliest team photograph dates from 1898, when Llanharan was a small farming community, but not much else is known about the prowess of that team. In 1919, after the Great War, the club, together with Pontyclun and Taffs Well applied to join the WRU (at the time still called Welsh Football Union) and all three were admitted, but asked to "put their grounds in order." In its early years, the club used local inns such as the High Corner stables and Turberville Hotel as dressing rooms and for after match functions. In 1948 a purpose built wartime hut was ferried from RAF Llandow airfield to the Welfare Ground to act as the club's first dressing rooms. In 1962 a clubhouse was built from another wartime hut, transported piece by piece from the RAF Stormy Down camp and progressively enlarged into three bars and a concert hall, on the site of the old British Restaurant. In 2002 Llanharan RFC moved to new premises in the former British Legion club, literally on the opposite side of the road alongside its main field, called the Dairy Field. Unsurprisingly Llanharan RFC who play their matches at The Dairy Field, named after a local Milk Depot which closed in the late 1960s, are nicknamed "the Diarymen". The club purchased the ground in 1989, having previously played on the Welfare Ground and built a 440 seats grand stand and spacious changing rooms funded in part by subscriptions from the members and in 2010/11 they added floodlights. Llanharan RFC marked the advent of the national league by playing their first game on the new field against Aberavon Quins to open the 1990/91 season. It is said that the colours of the club, black and blue, have been adopted following an act of charity of the Cardiff club who gave the impoverished village club a set of their old jerseys to be able to play. Unlike the Cardiff's "Blue and Blacks", the Llanharan supporters call their team the "Black and Blues". The club's first team is supported by a well-managed development structure, which includes all age-groups from U7 to U17, Youth and a successful Second

team. Last season, Llanharan had a poor season by their standards and managed only two wins out of 22 matches. Their relegation will help to rebuild the side and challenge for promotion to Division 2 East Central.



Old Iltydians RFC

The club has been named after a well-known Cardiff School, St Iltyd's Boys' College founded by De La Salle Brothers in 1924 to cater for the local Catholic community. Originally located in Splott, the school merged in 1987 with Heathfield House School, another Catholic educational establishment founded in 1867, the oldest Catholic secondary school in Wales. The rugby club, formed more than 90 years ago in September 1928, was originally a closed, Old Boys club confined to graduates of St Iltyd, but as the school did not have enough pupils to sustain the growth of the club and in order to increase the recruitment options, it became an open club in 1932 securing the use of the Blackweir ground, which they used for the following 30 years. It was then, with Terry Donovan as captain that the club got its name of Old Iltydians, which they still use today. Nevertheless, the link with the school proved very beneficial, as it kept the club active, except for a short gap of two years during the Second World War when it stopped playing. In 1947 the club toured Ireland followed by tours to exotic destinations in Bahamas and USA in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s. They celebrated the Silver Jubilee with a lavish banquet, which followed a match between the club and an all-international XV captained by Ireland's Des O'Brien at Arms Park. In 1966 the club became a WRU member and a year later moved to a new ground in Leckwith, in the vicinity of the school. In 1976 a new move to the opposite end of Cardiff in Rumney enabled the club to blossom, as they run four senior fifteens and two Youth teams every weekend. In 1985, the club moved to its current base at Moorland Park in Splott where they have been ever since. Many young Iltydians, who started their careers with the club, left in search of greener pastures elsewhere. Penarth was one of the clubs to benefit from this exodus, with the outstanding Edgar Welsh joining the club before his move to Cardiff. There was also club captain and fullback Kevin Bush, a Wales trialist in 1953, who eventually became Penarth Secretary, Chairman and eventually President, though in the hearts of the diehards Iltydians, he was always regarded as an Old Iltyd product. The first player from Old Iltydians to win a Wales cap was PC Alex Finlayson in 1974, while the Pontypool scrum-half David Bishop was the second in 1984. Coached by Matthew Silva and Dai Griffiths the club finished the 2017-18 season eighth in the table of Division 3a East Central, with 38 points, just above Treharris 9th with 31 points. Last season, the Iltydians won 10 of the 22 matches to finish eighth in the table with 49 points, sandwiched between Penygraig with 51 points and Pentyrch with 42. The President of Penarth RFC, John Davey, is a former St Iltyd school player.



Penarth RFC

Penarth rugby club was originally formed in 1880 as a private venture by the Batchelor brothers, Cyril and Llewellyn, sons of Sir John Batchelor, a Mayor of Cardiff and leading liberal politician and had its first headquarters at the family home at the Kymin near the sea front in Penarth. In 1882 the Batchelors' club joined forces with another local club Penarth Dreadnaughts to form Penarth FC, with Jack Neath as its captain. Over the years many the club joined the elite of Welsh clubs, with fixtures against Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, Llanelli, Neath, Aberavon to name but a few. The jewel in the Penarth crown was until 1986 the Good Friday fixture against the Barbarians, the beginning of the South Wales tour of the nomadic club. Many Penarth players won the coveted Welsh cap, many of them after leaving the club, but unlike many other clubs, the policy of Penarth RFC has been to claim international honours only for those players who got selected during their time with the club. This is why the likes of Dai Evans, Reggie Gibbs, Leon Dyke, Charles Bryant, Tom Johnson and many more, are not listed as Penarth internationals, though they played for Penarth before moving clubs and getting capped. The first Penarth FC international player was Richard 'Dick' Garrett who played at centre against the visiting Maoris in 1888, in the first Wales match against a overseas visitors and was also a member of the great 1890 team, the first to defeat England.

In 1892 he was joined in the Welsh team by his friend George Rowles, the club scrum-half, the only time Penarth had two players in the national team. During the 1930s, Penarth fullback and skipper Jack Bassett was the first Penarth player to captain Wales, while in 1908 Len Thomas and JC Dykes were the club's first Lions. The last Penarth player to don the Welsh jersey was fullback Frank Trott in 1946, though this was in an uncapped War International match. Ironically, Trott had already appeared for an Army XV against France in 1945, in a match regarded now by the French Federation as their first official test after the war. Another Penarth fullback and Captain Kevin Bush, a future Chairman and President, missed his cap by a whisker after an outstanding final trial in 1953. There have been no more senior Wales caps for Penarth since, though several Youth players represented the country at various age-groups, the last one being backrower Owen Lloyd, who played for Wales U20 in the 2017/18 U20 Six Nations. At the end of the 2017/18 season Penarth finished bottom of the table in Division Two East Central and got relegated to Division Three A East Central. Last season, Penarth struggled to regain consistency and although it was quite clear that they were making progress, they found themselves again battling to avoid the relegation. The return of several young players from trips abroad led to a remarkable recovery in the second half of the season, when Penarth managed to win six consecutive matches (with attacking bonus points), to finish 8th in the table with 52 points.



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Pentyrch RFC

The newly-arrived school headmaster Morgan Thomas is credited with the launch of the game in the village of Pentyrch, though the majority of the players were local miners, farmers and ironworkers. The early accounts

mention 20-a-side rugby being played on the Forlan fields in 1882, with a rugby club formed the year after, with Col Henry Lewis of Greenmeadow among its early patrons. The first "official" match of the new Welsh speaking club was held in the village against a Cardiff team from Whitchurch. Located on the admin outskirts of Cardiff District, Pentyrch remained nevertheless a Valley club at heart, having been expelled from the Cardiff District Union for its alleged "robust" approach to the game, during final days of the 19th century. The club nicknamed 'the Tyrchs', nevertheless joined the Pontypridd District and managed to win both the League and the knock-out shield. Though born in Taff's Well, twenty-year old No8 Tom Lewis started his playing career with Pentyrch winning the first of his three Welsh caps in 1924, during his time with the Cardiff club, which he captained during the 1932/33 season. From 1949 onwards the club enjoyed a period of prosperity, when, with Ross Johnson as skipper, they won the Mallett Cup three times in succession. Their success was recognised by the Welsh Union who awarded the club full membership in 1957. Playing at Parc-y-Dwyrlyn fields the club enjoyed

another period of success during the 1970s, when Brian Davies created a strong culture of 'running rugby'. Another boost was the arrival of former Clwb Caerdydd scrum-half and BBC commentator Huw Llewellyn-Davies, who is now the club President. Pentyrch finished the season 9th in the League table, with 42 championship points, from seven wins and a drawn match, one point in front of Clwb Rugby who finished 10th.

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Penygraig RFC

The club is located in the village of Penygraig in the Rhonda Valley and got its name from a colliery started in 1858. The club Penygraig RFC was founded in 1877, (three years older than Penarth) and during the late 19th and early 20th century became one of the strongest in Welsh rugby. There is a special bond between Penarth RFC and Penygraig RFC in the form of PC David 'Dai' Evans, one of the regulars of the Penarth team of the 1890s who moved to Penygraig with his job in 1893, to become the first police officer and Penygraig player to be selected by Wales in 1894. Though the family of Percy Bush, the mercurial Cardiff and Wales outside half, originated from Penygraig he was born and bred in Cardiff, where he started and ended his playing career. In 1905, Wales legend William 'Willie' Llewellyn played for Penygraig between his stints with Cardiff and Newport. In 1908 Penygraig was deemed strong enough by the WFU to be granted a fixture against the visiting Wallabies on their

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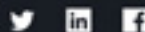
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maiden world tour losing 3-11 at Tonypandy. During the years between the Wars and after the Second World War the club was considerably weakened by a constant haemorrhage of quality players to Rugby League. At the beginning of the 21st century the club experienced a revival, with the senior team winning the Silver Ball Trophy and finishing top of the WRU 3rd Division East to promote to the 2nd Division in 2002/03. The Silver Ball final was surrounded in controversy as several Pontygraig players refused to provide samples for a drug test at the end of the match. Subsequently 18 Pontygraig players got suspended for more than a year, though the club appealed the WRU decision. Two seasons ago, the club finished top of the Division 3B East Central, to gain promotion to Division 3A East Central. Last season they finished 7th in the Leagues, with 51 championship points from 10 wins and one drawn match out of 22 fixtures.



Pontyclun RFC

Founded in 1887 (though rugby matches had been played in the village during the 1880s) Pontyclun Rugby Football Club became a Welsh Football Union club (as it was called at the time) ten years later, in 1897. Their membership was discontinued in 1888 for what the Union called "unpaid subscriptions", but they were readmitted soon after the Great War in 1919. The club regards fullback Thomas Edgar 'Tommy' Rees who started his career with Pontyclun, as their first international player, though by the time he had won his first cap, against Ireland in 1926, he was already playing for London Welsh. In 1928 Tommy Rees "went North" joining Oldham RL club to become one of the selected few who became dual internationals, when he was selected for Great Britain Rugby League team for a test against Australia in 1929. The legendary Wales outside half Cliff Jones became the club President in 1949 a position he held until his untimely death in 1990.

Two years ago, Pontyclun who had relegated from Division Two Central only a couple of seasons ago, was engaged in the battle for promotion with both Abercwmboi and Taff's Well, but had to acknowledge defeat in their quest for second division status. The "Badgers" finished third with 78 Championship points from 15 wins out of 22 matches, five points behind the promoted Taff's Well RFC. From the outset of the previous season, they got involved in the battle for promotion, but seven defeats doomed their hopes of promotion. They finished fourth with 67 championship points from 13 wins and 2 draws, two points more than Tylorstown RFC who finished fifth with 65.



Tylorstown RFC

The village of Tylorstown, located in Rhondda Valley, has got its name from Alfred Tylor, the man who started coal-mining in the area in the 19th century. The rugby club nicknamed "The Tigers" because of the amber & black stripes of their jerseys, was launched in 1903, though it is said that that early rugby matches had been played in the area in 1895. The club became a WRU member in 1937, but

having folded during the war years, it had to reapply to join the Union after the war. This was the second time the club ceased activity, having already disbanded during the Great War. The most famous player to have started his career in the village is former Wales and British & Irish Lions winger John Bevan, who won 10 caps for Wales between 1971/73 and made 14 appearances for the victorious Lions of 1971. He also played in the memorable Barbarians v New Zealand match of 1973, when he scored a try. Nicknamed 'the Ox' for his strength, he joined Warrington RL club in 1973 for whom he made 332 appearances, scoring 201 tries. He won 17 Wales Rugby League caps and also represented Great Britain Rugby League six times. He became Director of Coaching of WRU in 1997 and joined the Monmouth Grammar school in 2001. Lynn Howells, the Head coach of both Wales and Romania has also played for the club.

Two years ago, 'The Tigers' won promotion to Division 3A, by winning 18 of the 22 matches (with two draws) in Division 3B, to finish top of the table with 93 championship points. Last season, they won 12 of the 22 fixtures to finish fifth in the table, with 65 points, two points behind the fifth placed Pontyclun.



St Albans RFC

It is believed that the club was formed initially by members of the Cardiff St. Albans Brass Band, launched in 1896 by a group of musically-inclined workers from Dowlais Iron Works, who had formed a drum and fife band. The early evidence of rugby being played in the area dates from September 1896 when the South Wales Argus mentioned St Albans playing Roath Park Hornets in "Cardiff and District" Union shield. The Brass Band originals joined forces with some of their likeminded rugby friends from Splott and Tremorfa to form the club that commenced playing at Splott Park, where they took residence for the following 74 years. In 1970, St Albans RFC, by now nicknamed "the Buns", had left their Splott Park home to take up residence at Tremorfa Park, where they had for the first time access to a clubhouse, the Billet block on the old Cardiff airport. In 2002 the Buns moved home once again to a neighbouring facility, which remained their main residence to this day. In 1956 St Albans won both the Ninian Stuart Cup and the District Sevens trophy. They won the Stuart Ninian Cup four more times as well as four Mallett Cups and have won the Welsh District Cup three times.

All this combined with the development work of the club, convinced the Welsh Union to confer WRU status to the blockbusting club. Players of quality emerged from within the Black and Amber ranks, with the likes of Terry McAuliffe Duncan Brown, Jim 'Buller' Sullivan, John Southam and Ned Foster playing for Cardiff, while Jerry Williams, Kevin Bush and Terry Donovan joining Penarth. At the end of last season "The Buns" secured promotion to Division 3 A East Central, by finishing Division 3 B as runners up to Canton RFC, with a sound record of 16 wins and one draw out of 20 matches played.



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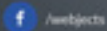
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WRU BOWL

Penarth 19 v 21 Pontyclun

PENARTH FALL SHORT

The first home game in over 18 months did not quite go to plan for Penarth as a sloppy first half display and a lack of discipline ultimately cost the Seasiders victory as they came up just two points short. Pontyclun struck first against the run of play from a line out deep in their own half the where they launched a slick move which caught the Seasiders short in midfield and saw their right winger cross for the opening score.

Penarth reacted well and after a period of sustained pressure Owen Lloyd broke off the back of a scrum to feed the ever alert Spencer Robinson who darted through the defensive line to score out wide with Andy Richards adding the extras to level the scores at 7-7.

The remainder of the first half however was an indication of where Penarth desperately need to improve and that is in the area of discipline. A number of mis-demeanours were picked up by the referee and the Pontyclun kicker was in no mood to let Penarth off the hook slotting two penalties to re-establish the lead.

On the stroke of half time there was a bizarre run of play which resulted in Pontyclun hacking the ball deep into the Penarth half and winning the race to the ball and the line to score a try and leave themselves 7-18 up at half time.

Whilst Penarth's efforts in the second half were not quite enough to win the game the display they put on will certainly be a consolation to the coaching team who watched on their side dominated proceedings, although not initially affecting the scoreboard. When the inevitable score did come, with 20 minutes to play, it was somewhat of a throwback as the pack converted a 5 metre lineout into an irresistible rolling maul and eventually a try for second row Cameron Sultana.

Unfortunately Penarth failed to clear their lines from the resultant kick off and having handed over possession on their own 22 then compounded the problem by conceding a penalty right under the posts allowing Pontyclun to open a 9 point gap.

Penarth pressed on and finally got their rewards with yet another dominant lineout catch and drive which saw Sultana add a second try on the full time whistle to leave Penarth agonisingly short with a final score of 19-21.

PENARTH: Rhys Morgan (C), George Roberts, Andy Richards, Chris Mortimer (Danny Davidson), James Crothers, Kevin Maddox, Spencer Robinson (Ellis Shewring), Harry Wood, Liam Richards (Luke Ellis), Alan Doyle, Cam Sultana, Ben Heywood, Josh Spragg (Geraint Williams), Miles Jones, Owen Lloyd (Andy Lang).

PENARTH ATHLETIC

Penarth Athletic 5 v 54 Cardiff Met IV

The first game of the season for the Athletic XV was a tough one after original opponents St Josephs pulled out on Thursday night to be replaced with the young enthusiastic Cardiff Met IV team. Whilst the Athletic were able to hold their own in the set piece and the tighter aspects of the game the speed and skill of the students was clear for all to see and they ran in 8 tries in total with only a solitary one from Penarth courtesy of Aled Rees.

Penarth Athletic Squad: sam Harries, Rob Rees, Sam Davies, Ryan Jones, Lloyd Ellis, Josh Barden, Gruff Shewring, Jack Thomas, Aled Rees, Tom Parkinson, AJ Jones, Jack Peterson, Sean O'Sullivan, Elliott Smith, James Coslett, Geraint Evans

TODAY'S VISITORS



OLD PENARTHIAN'S RFC

Welcome to the players, coaches, club officials and supporters of our close neighbours Old Penarthians RFC for today's fixture in the WRU Bowl Group B3. Old Pens currently sit in fifth position in the group having so far only completed the fixture against us in August in a group where they are the only Division 3B EC side.

The pandemic came at a bad time for the Old Pens with signs showing that their experienced squad filled with ex-Seasiders, in particular Rhys Lakin and Chris Poole two stars of the 2009-10 Penarth promotion season, were ready to launch a promotion bid in 2020/21 only to be scuppered by a lack of rugby.

The first competitive match of this season saw Penarth take the spoils with a 48-7 victory at Cwrt-y-vil, to wrestle the local bragging rights back from the Old Pens who had held them since their 21-8 Boxing Day victory back in 2018.

Old Pens are sure to want to get their first win of the Season this evening and Penarth will no doubt want to get back to winning ways in what is sure to be yet another cracking derby..

James Docherty (Hon Sec)

WRU BOWL - GROUP B3

	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 Llanharan	4	1	3	0	13
2 PENARTH	2	1	0	1	5
3 Pentyrch	2	1	0	1	1
4 Pontyclun	1	0	0	1	0
5 Old Penarthians	1	0	0	1	0



Today's match is
of those club players, m
who have sadly passed away s

In particular, Stuart Davies, Brian Morg



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James Candy	Cefnwr	1
George Kynaston	Asgell Chwith	14
George Roberts	Canolwr	1
Danny Davidson	Canolwr	1
James Crothers	Asgell Dde	1
Rhys Morgan	Maswr	1
Spencer Robinson	Mewnwr	9
Harry Wood	Prop Pen Rhydd	1
Tom Griffiths	Bachwr	2
Alan Doyle	Prop Pen Tyn	3
Ben Heywood	Ail Rheng	4
Alex Shore	Ail Rheng	5
Josh Barden	Blaenasgellwr	6
Miles Jones (Vice Capt)	Wythwr	8
Harry Roberts	Blaenasgellwr	7

Replacements from:

16 Aled Rees, 17 Ellis Shewring, 18 Josh Spragg,
19 Liam Richards, 20 Ryan Jones

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5	Full Back	Nathan Facey
4	Right Wing	Chris Poole (Capt)
3	Centre	John Crimp
2	Centre	Rhys Lakin
1	Left Wing	Craig Haines
0	Outside Half	Steffan Crimp
9	Scrum Half	Gareth Clancy
1	Loose Head Prop	Sam Hall
2	Hooker	Joe Page
3	Tight Head Prop	Ant Pritchard
4	Second Row	Josh Mellor
5	Second Row	James Roach
6	Flanker	Tim Downing
3	Number Eight	Joel De Clair
7	Flanker	Louis Chandler

Replacements from:

16 Tony Kemp, 17 Josh Alcock,
 18 Tom Hillman, 19 Matthew Stingl

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Division 3A East Central Penarth RFC Fixture List 2021/22

2021	Fixture	Score (F/A)
8 Aug	Old Penarthians (A) WRU Bowl	48 - 7
26 Aug	Llanharan (A) WRU Bowl	12 - 46
4 Sept	Pontyclun (H) WRU Bowl	19 - 21
11 Sept	Pentyrch (A)	15 - 37
17 Sept	Old Penarthians (H)	.....
25 Sept		
2 Oct	Pentyrch (H)	.....
9 Oct	Llanharan (H)	.....
16 Oct	Pontyclun (A)	.....
23 Oct	Bowl Knockout Rd	.....
30 Oct	Bowl Knockout Rd	.....
6 Nov	Bowl Knockout Rd	.....
13 Nov	League commences	.....
18 Nov	Old Illydians (H)	.....
27 Nov	Fairwater (A)	.....
4 Dec	Cardiff Quins (H)	.....
11 Dec	St Albans (A)	.....
18 Dec	Penygraig (H)	.....
2022		
8 Jan	Canton (A)	.....
15 Jan	Llanharan (A)	.....
29 Jan	Clwb Rygbi Caerdydd (H)
19 Feb	Tylorstown (A)
5 Mar	Pontyclun (H)
12 Mar	Pentyrch (A)

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WRU BOWL

Pentyrch 37 v 15 Penarth SEASIDERS SHIP SEVEN

There are several conclusions we can draw from this bizarre, chaotic fixture which probably ends Penarth's serious interest in this season's Bowl competition.

To start with, we can only wonder at the Seaside's strength in depth, as many familiar names were missing from this match day squad and the total number featuring in the four games so far this season reaches 52.

Pentyrch clearly fancied their chances and Penarth took some time to get going, conceding an early try after a scrum penalty was tapped and left wing Robbie Thomas scored on the overlap. The Seaside's settled into a decent rhythm and after nearly pulling off an equalising try, James Docherty converted a 25 metre penalty to make the score 5-3.

Then the match was held up for several minutes as Josh Hurley was taken off with a serious-looking injury, being replaced by Ellis Shewring. The delay did Penarth's concentration no good at all, as Pentyrch scored again, the outside-half winning the foot race from a chip ahead.

Some cracks in the Seaside's defence were beginning to show and this was to play no small part in allowing the hosts to run in so many tries. That's not to say that Penarth were lacking elsewhere, as a lovely grubber from James Docherty was caught on the bounce by George Roberts, but only resulted in a penalty. This was tapped and worked neatly out to the wing, where Tom Griffiths grounded to bring the score back to 10-8.

The next Penarth attack foundered as a chip ahead was picked off by the home outside centre, who waltzed through several tackles before feeding his supporting flanker for the third try. The fourth try, on the stroke of half-time, was a repeat of the first, as the right wing outpaced the cover to score in the corner.

Penarth began the second half in a much brighter mood. Docherty nailed an inch-perfect penalty on to the home 5 metre line and Spencer Robinson darted over from the line-out. But for the next 25 minutes, confusion reigned as the score remained stuck on 22-15. Docherty retired injured, to be replaced by a third scrum-half in Aled Rees, resulting in a further re-jig for the back line.

Things started to go against Penarth from here on in, not least of all the referee, and Pentyrch made the most of it with a fifth try in the corner.

The Seaside's didn't exactly give up after this, but further injuries seriously hampered their effectiveness and Pentyrch were able to run in two late tries to seal the deal.

PENARTH: Rhys Morgan (C), George Roberts, Andy Richards, Josh Hurley (Ellis Shewring), Jim Crothers, James Docherty (Aled Rees), Spencer Robinson, Geraint Williams (Sean O'Sullivan), Lloyd Ellis (Sam Davies), Ryan Jones, Cam Sultana, Lloyd Clarke, Tom Griffiths, Miles Jones, Harry Roberts (Josh Barden).



Penarth Club Captains 1880-2020

During the 140 odd years since the formation of Penarth RFC in 1880, 95 players have served the Club as Captains. The longest serving skipper was Wales and British Lions fullback Jack Bassett who captained Penarth FC for five consecutive seasons between 1927-1934, while Mike Clare, who equalled his record of five seasons, captained the club for four seasons between 2001-2005, to return to take over the captaincy for one more season after a two-year gap in 2007.

1880/81	Cyril Batchelor	1953/55	Kevin Bush
1881/82	Arthur Llewellyn Batchelor	1955/56	David Hughes
1882/85	John Neath	1956/57	Terry N Smith
1885/86	George Rowles	1957/58	Charles Holding / TN Smith
1886/87	Jack Hayes	1958/59	Harry Jobs
1887/91	Richard Garrett	1959/60	Bernard Templeman
1891/92	Herbert Morgan	1960/61	B Templeman / Doug Vizard
1892/93	Tom Hutchings	1961/62	John Price
1893/95	Herbert E Morgan	1962/64	Elwyn Jones
1895/96	William Gibbs	1964/65	Alun Jenkins
1896/97	George W Shepherd	1965/66	Bryn Evans
1897/98	Hubert G Alexander	1966/67	Frank Wilson
1898/99	HG Alexander / W.Gibbs / CH Thornley	1967/68	Colin Prescott
1899/00	Charles H Thornley	1968/70	Alun Jones
1900/01	Cyril Stranaghan	1970/71	Brian Mort
1901/02	Charles Warburton	1971/72	B Mort / JH Williams
1902/03	Charles Haywood	1972/73	John Huw Williams
1903/04	Reginald A Gibbs	1973/74	Alan Stamp
1904/05	Ralph C Thomas	1974/75	Alan Tame / Peter Griffith
1905/07	John CM Dyke	1975/76	Lyn Baxter
1907/08	Edward Hamilton	1976/77	John H James
1908/10	William H Gunstone	1977/78	Anthony Hodge
1910/11	Pascoe Howells	1978/79	Colin Owen
1911/12	Gerald Heslop	1979/80	Mike Knill
1912/13	Jack Hill	1980/81	Haydn George
1913/14	Arthur Bryant	1981/82	Ernie Williams
1914/18 The Great War		1982/83	Alun Davies
1919/20	Tom Crossman	1983/84	Viv Crane
1920/21	Tom Johnson/Jack Hill	1984/87	Robert McPherson
1921/22	Charles R McIver	1987/88	Baden Evans
1922/24	Malcolm Vyvyan	1988/89	Mark Owen / C Lewis
1924/25	Harry Norman	1989/90	Carwyn Lewis
1925/26	Newman David	1990/91	Roddy Crane / C Lakin
1926/27	Norman Payne	1991/92	Chris Lakin
1927/32	Jack A Bassett	1992/93	Chris Clarke
1932/33	Trevor Lee /AG Clark	1993/94	Tim Crothers
1933/34	Arthur G Clark	1994/96	Mark Edwards
1934/35	John Joel Davies	1996/97	M Edwards / G Swaine
1935/36	Bob Barrell	1997/98	Greg Swaine
1936/37	Dr Herbert Weston	1998/00	Craig Miller
1937/38	Thomas E James	2000/01	Dai Carter
1938/39	Frank R Trott	2001/05	Mike Clare
1939/45 2nd World War		2005/07	Andy Edwards
1945/46	Lindsay Morgan	2007/08	Mike Clare
1946/47	Stan Barrett	2008/09	Geraint Evans
1947/48	John Heslop	2009/11	Richard Merrett
1948/49	Jimmy Gibson	2011/14	Gary Power
1949/50	Derek W Evans	2014/16	Scott Mackie
1950/51	John S Davies	2016/18	Tom Luck / Alex Thau
1951/52	Maurice Walsh	2018/20	Rhys Morgan
1952/53	Terry N Smith	2021/22	Rhys Morgan

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MEET THE COACHES

Head Coach: MATT BOLTON



Former Glamorgan Wanderers prop forward, **Matt Bolton**, has been re-appointed as Head Coach of Penarth First XV for the fifth consecutive season. Born in Wolverhampton, the 43-year old Bolton started his rugby career in the back row of Newport RFC, in Shropshire, a club for whom he also played hooker. In 1994 he went to UWIC in Cardiff, where he changed to loose-head prop, a position he retained for the rest of his playing career. In 1998, he captained Welsh Universities and played for Welsh Students against both their English and French counterparts.

After University, Bolton, by now a PE teacher with St. Cyres Comprehensive School in Penarth, signed a three-year professional contract with Caerphilly, at the end of which he joined Glamorgan Wanderers, where he carried on playing for more six years, five of which as skipper. He ended his playing career in 2009 and joined the coaching staff of the Wanderers as forwards coach, with Richard Hodges as Head Coach. In 2012 he became the Wanderers Head Coach, position he relinquished in 2014, when he joined Pentyrch for a year, as forwards coach. Matt has become an integral part of the club over the last few years and was a worthy recipient of the “Clubman of the Year” award at the annual dinner as recognition of the fact that his involvement at the club goes far beyond the rugby field.

PAUL WILLIAMS



This season sees the welcome return to first XV coaching duties of Club Director of Rugby Paul Williams. This is Paul’s third stint as part of the 1st XV coaching team following the promotion winning year of 2009-10 and a second stint between 2013-2015.

Caerphilly born Paul started his rugby journey at Dwr-y-felin Comprehensive School in Neath from where he progressed to the prestigious rugby academy that was Neath Tertiary College. Paul was an exciting outside half and earned representative honours with Wales Schools, Wales Students and Wales 7s. He started his senior rugby career with his hometown club Neath where he remained for the majority of his career before moving to Cardiff at the latter end of his playing days.

His coaching journey commenced on taking a job as a PE Teacher and Head Coach at Neath College, where he remains to this day, and has taken in Bridgend and Bedwas with stints in between at Penarth before answering the call to return to Neath to work alongside Gareth Llewellyn. After finishing up with Neath Paul has thrown himself into his role as Director of Rugby at Penarth overseeing all the coaching at the club from U6 right up to the senior side. After a couple of years in this role Paul returns to the cut and thrust of first XV coaching with a view to helping to develop the exciting young squad to reach their potential and move the club back up the leagues.

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MEET THE PLAYERS

THE SKIPPER



Thirty one year old **Rhys Morgan** continues as captain for a second season after a mixed but ultimately successful first term which saw Penarth finish in sixth place. The Cardiff born Welsh speaker

started playing for the club during the 2005-06 season. He has become a steady and versatile presence predominantly in the back line during the last 9 seasons playing predominantly at scrum half but also with equal ease at centre or fullback.

His leadership in a tumultuous year last season was a key element of Penarth's success and he has built a strong working relationship with coaches Matt Bolton and Tristan Davies and is a central figure both off and on the pitch. His versatility was highlighted further at the start of last season where he regularly filled in on the flank when required. To date he has made 171 appearances for Penarth scoring 146 points.

Having studied geography at Loughborough University Rhys is now a primary school teacher in Cardiff and over the summer got married to Lauren at Fonnon Castle. As well as being a fine rugby player Rhys has also played 1st XI cricket for Penarth. His younger brother Huw has also represented Penarth at both rugby and cricket, while his father Howard Morgan coached and refereed Penarth mini and juniors before being elected as Chairman of the section.

Rhys is Penarth boy born and bred and his childhood home backs onto the ground he says "I am delighted to have been asked to captain the club for the season ahead. After the rollercoaster of last year, it feels as though we are in a good place as a squad and in a strong position to build on the positive aspects of our game developed in latter half of last season and over the summer. Seeing the development of some of the younger boys last year was particularly pleasing and with a 2nd team this term providing more game time for the whole squad I can see us going from strength to strength".

RHYS MORGAN aka "Swede"

Position: 9 / 15 • **Height:** 5ft 10ins • **Weight:** 95kgs
Penarth Appearances: 186 • **Points:** 161



MILES JONES Vice Captain

Position: Back Row
Height: 5ft 11in • **Weight:** 95kg
Appearances: 46 • **Points:** 50



CHRIS MORTIMER

Position: Back Row / Centre
Height: 5ft 10in • **Weight:** 92kg
Appearances: 221 • **Points:** 160



JAMES DOCHERTY

Position: Fly Half / Full Back / Hooker
Height: 5ft 7ins • **Weight:** 85kg
Appearances: 275 • **Points:** 1588



MASON GOOD

Position: Hooker
Height: 6ft 1in • **Weight:** 95kg
Appearances: 100 • **Points:** 45



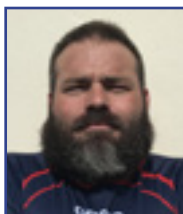
RICHARD BOWEN

Position: Back Row
Height: 5ft 7ins • **Weight:** 85kg
Appearances: 34 • **Points:** 75



KEVIN MADDOX

Position: Fly Half / Centre
Height: 6ft • **Weight:** 85kg
Appearances: 61 • **Points:** 101



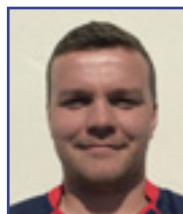
RICHARD MERRETT

Position: Prop
Height: 5ft 10in • **Weight:** 130kg
Appearances: 279 • **Points:** 150



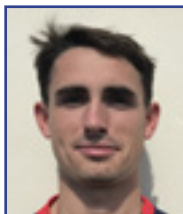
SEAN O'SULLIVAN

Position: Prop
Height: 5ft 11ins • **Weight:** 115kg
Appearances: 229 • **Points:** 10



ALAN DOYLE

Position: Prop
Height: 6ft • **Weight:** 116kg
Appearances: 103 • **Points:** 50



SPENCER ROBINSON

Position: Scrum Half
Height: 6ft 4in • **Weight:** 85kg
Appearances: 38 • **Points:** 90



OWEN REES

Position: Scrum Half
Height: 5ft 8in • **Weight:** 80kg
Appearances: 20 • **Points:** 5



JAMES CANDY

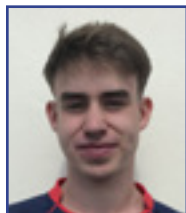
Position: Full Back / Centre
Height: 5ft 10in • **Weight:** 80kg
Appearances: 65 • **Points:** 62

MEET THE PLAYERS



GEORGE KYNASTON

Position: Full Back / Wing
Height: 6ft • Weight: 85kg
Appearances: 7 • Points: 10



ALEX SHORE

Position: Second Row
Height: 6ft 3ins • Weight: 80kg
Appearances: 15 • Points: 5



GEORGE ROBERTS

Position: Centre / Full Back
Height: 6ft • Weight: 86kg
Appearances: 30 • Points: 50



ROB REES

Position: Back Row
Height: 6ft • Weight: 100kg
Appearances: 11 • Points: 10



JAMES CROTHERS

Position: Wing / Centre
Height: 5ft 10in • Weight: 95kg
Appearances: 378 • Points: 380



HARRY WOOD

Position: Prop
Height: 5ft 9in • Weight: 101kg
Appearances: 31 • Points: 20



ELLIOTT SMITH

Position: Back Row
Height: 6ft • Weight: 100kg
Appearances: 125 • Points: 160



BEN HEYWOOD

Position: Second Row
Height: 6ft 5ins • Weight: 92kg
Appearances: 1 • Points: 0



HARRY WILLIAMS

Position: Centre / Wing
Height: 6ft 1in • Weight: 86kg
Appearances: 18 • Points: 75
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JOSH SPRAGG

Position: Back Row
Height: 5ft 11ins • Weight: 105kg
Appearances: 21 • Points: 10
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LIAM RICHARDS

Position: Hooker
Height: 5ft 8in • Weight: 91kg
Appearances: 25 • Points: 0



ANDREW LANG

Position: Second Row
Height: 6ft 2in • Weight: 116kg
Appearances: 24 • Points: 0



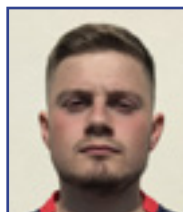
RYAN JONES

Position: Prop / Second Row
Height: 6ft 1in • Weight: 105kg
Appearances: 19 • Points: 0



MORGAN SMITH

Position: Fly Half
Height: 6ft 3in • Weight: 88kg
Appearances: 25 • Points: 42



SAM DAVIES

Position: Second / Back Row
Height: 6ft • Weight: 95kg
Appearances: 10 • Points: 5



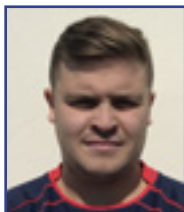
NATHAN FROST

Position: Back Row
Height: 6ft 2ins • Weight: 98kg
Appearances: 3 • Points: 5



GERAINT WILLIAMS

Position: Prop
Height: 5ft 10ins • Weight: 105kg
Appearances: 18 • Points: 5



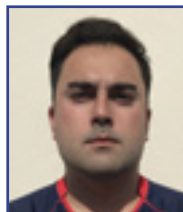
RYAN THOMPSON

Position: Centre
Height: 5ft 11ins • Weight: 105kg
Appearances: 0 • Points: 0



LLOYD ELLIS

Position: Prop
Height: 6ft • Weight: 120kg
Appearances: 1 • Points: 0



SAM HARRIES

Position: Back Row
Height: 5ft 10ins • Weight: 97kg
Appearances: 0 • Points: 0

* Penarth Cap (awarded for 100 matches)

*Number of appearances at the end of the 2018-19 season

MEET THE PLAYERS



JOE WILLIAMS

Position: Scrum Half
Height: 6ft • Weight: 83kg
Appearances: 0 • Points: 0



ANDY RICHARDS

Position: Fly Half / Centre
Height: 6ft • Weight: 87kg
Appearances: 12 • Points: 17



TOM GRIFFITHS

Position: Hooker
Height: 5ft 11ins • Weight: 89kg
Appearances: 14 • Points: 10



HUW LEACH

Position: Back Row
Height: 5ft 9in • Weight: 90kg
Appearances: 3 • Points: 0



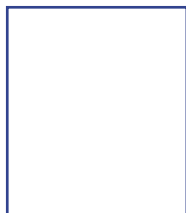
JOSH HURLEY

Position: Wing / Centre
Height: 5ft 9in • Weight: 90kg
Appearances: 7 • Points: 33



HARRY ROBERTS

Position: Back Row
Height: 5ft 11in • Weight: 92kg
Appearances: 21 • Points: 30



LUKE ELLIS

Position: Back Row
Height: 5ft 10in • Weight: 100kg
Appearances: 0 • Points: 0



ELLIS SHEWRING

Position: Scrum Half
Height: 5ft 9ins • Weight: 82kg
Appearances: 0 • Points: 0



BEN JONES

Position: Flyhalf / Fullback
Height: 5ft 9in • Weight: 80kg
Appearances: 0 • Points: 0



CAMERON SULTANA

Position: Second Row
Height: 6ft 2ins • Weight: 105kg
Appearances: 0 • Points: 0



WILL HARDY

Position: Wing
Height: 6ft 1in • Weight: 93kg
Appearances: 0 • Points: 0



JOSH BARDEN

Position: Back Row
Height: 5ft 9in • Weight: 90kg
Appearances: 0 • Points: 0



ALEX THAU

Position: Back Row
Height: 6ft 2ins • Weight: 105kg
Appearances: 124 • Points: 225



TOM LUCK

Position: Centre
Height: 6ft 2in • Weight: 100kg
Appearances: 97 • Points: 70



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*Number of appearances at the end of the 2018-19 season

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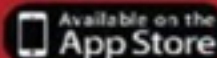
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A message from Minis & Juniors Coaching Coordinator Hugh Scott-Jones

Penarth RFC Minis and Juniors are an inclusive club and are open to players of all abilities. Starting with the youngest at Under 6, we run teams for Tag Rugby from Under 7s and then through all age groups up to U16s. The highly successful Penarth Youth team is next in line and then the Seaside's, the club's First XV. It is good to know that the majority of the current Penarth senior players have started off through the club Minis and Juniors and we encourage a fun, inclusive and developmental environment. Last season many of our Age Group teams played in festivals and tournaments in and outside Wales and went to the Gower, where over 150 players and parents spent three days camping. We are keen to attract new players, coaches and volunteers. No previous playing experience required. Many social activities also take place at the club from curry nights to BBQs and events around international matches.



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