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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

A big welcome to all visitors and players from Pentyrch RFC. Also a warm welcome to all officials for tonight's match.

This 'under the lights' fixture marks the end of a stop/start and challenging season; but there is no better encounter to top it off than a must-win game against a team who join us in Division 2 next year, and have provided the toughest test in the last 2 seasons.

A win tonight will see us snatch the Division 3 East Central title from under-the-noses of Penarth, our Malcolm Thomas Cup Final opponents (Monday 22nd May @ Glamorgan Wanderers)

Division 2 next season will present different challenges and opportunities, but our playing and coaching staff have demonstrated that we have the passion, fight and pride for Llanharan RFC to face anything and anyone in our way.

The support on and off the pitch has been incredible, and we are thankful to our sponsors who have been invited here tonight as guests so we can show our gratitude, without whose financial backing our club would not be experiencing our recent success.

Join us in celebrating our promotion (and hopefully the title) in the clubhouse after the game!

HUGH JAMES

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MORE FROM THE SCRIBE Pentyrch

Rugby football came early to Pentyrch largely because of the influence of Morgan Thomas, the newly-arrived headmaster who had experienced the sport at far away colleges. A 'Football Club' was formally created at School House in 1883. Pentyrch teams playing away took with them that element of notoriety which it was alleged had characterised the community for centuries. The saying 'Rhwng gwyr Pentyrch a'i gilydd' (let it be between them only) indicated a special bond that set this 100% Welsh-speaking team apart from many in the area. They travelled in one of the local blacksmith's brakes and became known as "William Mathews' Donkeys".

In the early 20th century, they were banned from the Cardiff District for over robust play! How things were to change!

Pentyrch moved to a new playing field ('Y Dwrlyn') after WW2 and gained membership of the Welsh Rugby Union in 1957. The 1970s saw a massive increase in the fortunes of the club, largely due to the arrival of ex international the late Brian Davies, who created an exciting culture of running rugby. A memorial bench for Brian was recently unveiled at the clubhouse.

Earlier this season Gary Samuel, another prominent man in the club, indeed in Welsh rugby, also sadly passed away.

After a mixed bag of success for many years, this campaign has been particularly successful. Obviously, like ourselves, Pentyrch topped their cup group, but of course lost at the Dairy. They have suffered just three league setbacks – to leaders Penarth twice and Penygraig.

After last Saturday's second Penarth reverse, they arrive tonight needing something from this game to ensure promotion. We, of course, must win to add the championship to our own promotion.

Could be guite a game!.

HUGH SMITH

THE SCRIBE LOOKS BACK TEN YEARS

SWALEC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP APR 28 2013 LLANHARAN 43 BRIDGEND ATHLETIC 33 (HT 12-28)

We finished our championship season on a high, launching a startling comeback from a half time 28-12 deficit to claim a thrilling "double" over the Athletic.

We seemed to have created a mountain to climb as the visitors built up the score, but there was a clear elements factor at play, Bridgend having first use of the slope and wind.

Even so, it was still a remarkable recovery as a shaky start saw the Athletic grab tries inside ten minutes, courtesy of a charged down kick, then an interception, both converted.

However, we hit back with two of our own, Gabriel Davies's telling break allowing Garin Smith to show his paces and streak in at the corner flag, then Harley Thomson cashing in on a dropped ball to sprint home from his own half.

He converted to narrow the score to 14-12, but the territorial advantage helped the away side to complete their tries bonus point before half time, and it looked like a controlling 28-12 lead at the turn around.

Ten minutes into the 2nd half though, Llanharan got back in the game. Promising young centre Davies made the running for strong second row man Bill Carey to finish off, and then Rhys Walker capitalised on a Ross Pritchard chip, Thomson converting both as the gap narrowed to two points again and we clinched our own bonus point, number seventeen of the campaign.

As the game moved into the final quarter, we took the lead with a superb cameo of running and handling. Walker launched the pressure with some good retrieval work on the right touchline, then slick handling with Smith again prominent sent Williams over to make it 33-28 with the kick.

Victory seemed assured as Ryan Evans found the space to set up Thomson's second, his conversion creating a twelve points gap.

Yet the Athletic found reserves from somewhere to get a hand on a losing bonus point with a try from replacement Matt Muir.

However, just as at Waterton Cross back in the winter when Ryan Evans's last effort drop goal took victory from them, this time it was Harley Thomson who stole the spoils with a good final kick penalty, completing a personal haul of 23 points for the former Wales Under 18 man.

The win consolidated our final mid table position.

Said head coach Matthew Lloyd: "We've come a long way in twelve months", praising his players for their never relenting commitment and effort.

It was, though, a poignant occasion for physio Jonathan Windsor, who put away his magic sponge after eleven tears on the touchline.

LLANHARAN:

15 JAMES MORRIS14 RHYS WALKER 13 GARIN SMITH (RYAN EVANS 66) 12 GABRIEL DAVIES11 MORGAN WILLIAMS10 HARLEY THOMSON 9 ROSS PRITCHARD1 TOM PIPER 2 RHYS CLEVERLY (RHYS HAINES 45) (GAVIN NASH 72)3 NATHAN HUISH (C)4 ANDREW ROSEN (KIERAN MARTIN75) 5 BILL CAREY6 HUW THOMAS7 LEWIS YOUNG8 JAMES LOCKE (CARL LEATHER 45)

Llanharan scores: Harley Thomson 2 (plus cons 4 and pen), Rhys Walker, Garin Smith, Morgan Williams, Bill Carey.

Bridgend Ath scores: Sean Derrick 2, Steve Lewis (plus cons 4), Morgan Evans, Stuart Morris

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DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM

Join us to celebrate our 2022/23 promotion season!

Tickets @ £25 per person and includes a welcome drink, 3 course meal and entertainment until late.

Contact Chris Langdon 07803 407184 chris.langdon@btinternet.com





NATIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION 3 EAST CENTRAL

2022/23 FIXTURES



12/05/2023

LLANHARAN REMAINING FIXTURE

LLANHARAN v Pentyrch



Teams	Р	W	D	L	Pts
Penarth	22	20	0	2	96
LLANHARAN	21	19	0	2	93
Pentyrch	19	16	0	3	78
Promotion					
St Albans	19	13	0	6	59
Fairwater	19	11	1	7	55
Pontyclun	20	8	0	12	42
CRCC	20	7	1	12	40
Canton	21	6	0	15	38
Cardiff Quins	21	8	0	13	36
Penygraig	19	6	0	13	35
Tylorstown	20	3	1	16	22
Old Illtydians	21	2	1	18	1

Home games at The Dairyfield, Llanharan. CF72 9RD

Matchday Sponsorship
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Secretary Gareth Morgan for
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12/13-May-23 FIXTURES

LLANHARAN V Pentyrch Cardiff Quins V Penygraig Old Illtydians V Canton Pontyclun V Fairwater St Albans V Tylorstown

Recruitment





The Rhinos train currently at Y Pant on Thursdays for winter training 6-7pm

Looking for new players to join us, all abilities welcome.







MANAGEMENT

LLANHARAN



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PITCH SIDE PERIMETER BOARD SPONSORSHIP

PITCH SIDE PERIMETERBOARD

Benefits of this package include:

- A large perimeter board to be displayed at all 2021/2022 Llanharan RFC home fixtures.
- Discounted rates for future seasons.
- Access to an annual sponsors day event, to include a buffet and 2 free drinks.

MATCH AND MATCH BALL SPONSORSHIP

EXCLUSIVE MATCH SPONSORSHIP

Benefits of this package include:

- 10 invited guests for pre match, half time and post match hospitality for your chosen fixture.
- Logo placement supported by a statement naming your organisation as the Official Match Sponsor on the pre and post match website report for your chosen fixture.
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- Regular messages delivered over the loudspeaker system announcing your organisation asthe Official Match Sponsor before and during your chosen fixture.
- The opportunity to select the Llanharan RFC man of the match and present the post match award to the selected player at your chosen fixture.
- Logo placement supported by a statement naming your organisations the Official Match Sponsor on pre and post match social media posts of your chosen fixture.

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Interested in hiring a venue then call the club on 01443 222209 or

Our Social Secretary Su Gardner-Ponting 07894465622

FEELING LUCKY?

Club Lottery Tickets are available behind the bar. Draws are made every Thursday.

This weeks JACKPOT stands at £5000!

The Line-ups



LLANHARAN

- **15** RYAN RUSSELL
- 14 TOM PREECE
- 13 LEE ARTHUR
- **12** ROSS PRITCHARD
- TOM BUCKLE
- 10 SCOTT JONES ©
- **LEON BURTON**
- **WILL THOMAS**
- 2 **JACK WALKER**
- 3 **JACK DAUNCEY**
- 4 **OWAIN HOWE**
- **KIERAN MARTIN**
- **JACK THOMSON**
- LLOYD GREGORY
- **IEUAN PRING**

- 8

- **GETHIN CASHMORE**
- SAM RICHARDS
- TOM HARRIS
- LOUIS STANSBURY
- **LEWIS COGBILL**

PENTYRCH

- **15** GETHIN THOMAS
- **14** GARMON ROBERTS
- **GRUFF ROBERTS**
- TOM MARLEY
- **NATHAN WILLIAMS**
- 10 MORGAN HAYWARD
- **KIERAN WILLIAMS**
- SAM SCANLON ©
- 2 **GWILYM REED**
- 3 **ADAM CONWAY**
- **BEN JONES**
- **BEN WILLIAMS**
- **RHIDIAN ROBERTS**
- MIKE OWEN
- 8 **NICK JONES**

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- **CHRIS BOWLER**
- **MAC GREEDY**
- **ETHAN WILLIAMS**
- **DAN ANGELL**
- **AODHA HESSION**

LLANHARAN v PENTYRCH Friday 12 May 2023 DAIRYFIELD KICK-OFF 19:30

MATCH OFFICIAL

GARETH JOHNS