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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Dairyfield for this Division 3 East Central encounter under the lights!!

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

Tonight's game see us catch up on the backlog of games, I'm sure both sides are eager to put on a good performance. Tonight's game is a local derby so I'm sure we'll all enjoy some friendly banter and good rugby.

I know it's a mid week game, but I'd like to welcome you all to enjoy a refreshment or two in our clubhouse after the game.

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MORE FROM THE SCRIBE Pontyclun

It appears the game first materialised in Pontyclun in the 1880s, but it was a far from straightforward process. The team once walked off after disagreeing with the ref and was even expelled from the WRU for non-payment of subscriptions. However, along with ourselves and Taff's Well they were re-admitted in 1919.

They now enjoy top class facilities at Windsor Park, having played at Maesyfelin by the Ivor and, much earlier, on the land where Y Pant now stands. After basing themselves at places like the Bute and 'Stute' a new clubhouse was built at Windsor Park and it first opened its doors on 30 March 1980.

The roaring twenties were just that for the club with a succession of good teams and Pontyclun providing a stream of talent for first class clubs and a Welsh international – Tommy Rees or Tommy Italy as he was known. The club had a good reputation even holding their own against 1st class sides.

It is at this time in 1927 the club fixed its now Black and White colours which are still used to this day.

The 1928-29 season stood out as the club did not let opposition score a single try against them at home that year.

Whilst the club's facilities in those days were quite primitive, a home match was a great occasion with the Talygarn Brass band often marching at the head of the teams from changing rooms at the Windsor to the pitch at Mill field.

Cliff Jones, the President of Pontyclun RFC, became President of the WRU in the 1980/81 season, the first person to be president of a club and the WRU at the same time. He did a lot to enhance the standing of his local club.

Pontyclun has always been prominent in the age grades, but surprisingly has never risen above modest heights in the league structure. Their progressive nature is also reflected in a Women's rugby team the Falcons (congratulations on the Welsh cup success on the weekend), and a Walking Rugby outlet for the less mobile.

The pandemic was an unwanted interruption, the Badgers sitting as they were second in the table, just Canton above them, their 3rd good season in a row.

Early season this time round saw an encouraging run of victories but a disrupted schedule over the winter months has seen their fortunes slide somewhat, although a convincing win over CCRC indicated what they are capable of. On Saturday a clear perspective came from the closely fought encounter with league leaders Penarth.

THE SCRIBE LOOKS BACK TEN YEARS

SWALEC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2012/13

April 6

LLANHARAN 36 NARBERTH 39 (HT 26-22)

We had victory snatched from our grasp as a last-ditch effort by Narberth in the 6th minute of time added on brought a try with the final move of the game.

It reflected a remarkable comeback by a team that saw our rampant home outfit race to a bonus point 26-3 advantage as early as the 21st minute, after James Stevenson had given the visitors a first minute load with a panelty.

first minute lead with a penalty.

It was all the harder to bear as the ref didn't see the ball being deliberately knocked out of replacement scrum half Tom James's hands at a scrum put in, the set piece from which the match saving attack was launched.

For the crowd it was a rip-roaring affair with six tries apiece, and at least we gathered two bonus

points, bringing the season's haul to a remarkable fifteen.

We had the better of things territorially aided by a sound forwards display where Cardiff dual Dan Partridge was a mighty force is all quarters, while behind there was a hat trick of tries and three conversions for former Wales Under 18-man Harley Thomson.

At 36-27 Narberth had to get two scores to win, and get them they did.

Yet it still seemed odds on a home victory as the pack pressed near the line, but a lost head followed by that controversial set piece just inside the Narberth half ended with Russell diving over wide out.

He failed with the conversion and it was the last kick of a thrilling contest, the Otters duly celebrating with gusto.

Home coach Matthew Lloyd was disappointed with the result and some of his side's "naive" play, but reflected positively on the performance.

Said the former Sardis Road man: "I was very pleased with the commitment. Harsh lessons throughout the season have been dealt with, but this is a young Llanharan team that is continuing to do well and is developing. The coaches asked for commitment and that was delivered."

LLANHARAN:

15 LOREN QUICK14 RHYS WALKER 13 MORGAN WILLIAMS 12 HARLEY THOMSON11 SION SUMMERS 10 RYAN EVANS 9 TOM MARLEY (TOM JAMES 65)1 JAMES GREENFIELD 2 NATHAN HUISH (C) (RHYS CLEVERLY YC 50)3 TOM PIPER (RHYS CLEVERLY65) 4 ANDREW ROSEN 5 DAN PARTRIDGE (LEWIS YOUNG 67)6 HUW THOMAS 7 CALLUM THOMAS (SCOTT MALONE 65)8 ALED LLEWELLYN UNUSED REPLACEMENT:

RHYS HAINES

Llanharan tries – Harley Thomson 3 plus 3 cons, Sion Summers, Nathan Huish, Rhys Walker. Narberth tries; Will Lewis 2, Lawrence Reynolds 2, James Russell (plus 1 con). Ollie Rayland. Cons 2 pen 1 – James Stevenson .

1995/96

We enjoyed many a keenly contested 'friendly' with Pontyclun in the pre-league days, but records no longer exist for various reasons. Our contrasting league status meant that we did not do serious battle in that national league era. However, I have come across a 'friendly' back in 1995-96 which we won 72-5 at the Windsor.

Our team that day

Anthony Donovan, Arwel Davies, Dai Griffiths, Dai Martin, David Benjamin, Wayne Jervis, Steffan Jenkins, Wayne Merry, Mathew Harry, Dean Evans, Meredith Griffith, Jon Bunyan, Meirion Reynolds, Graham Pritchard, Simeon Brunker. Rep: Gethin Thomas. Scorers:

Tries – A.Davies 4, D.Benjamin 3, A. Donovan, D. Griffiths, W. Jervis, G. Pritchard, D. Martin. Cons – Jervis 4, Thomas 2.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION 3 EAST CENTRAL

2022/23 FIXTURES

R.F.C.

05/04/2023	LLANHARAN
08/04/2023	Canton
15/04/2023	LLANHARAN
19/04/2023	Penarth
22/04/2023	Tylorstown
26/04/2023	Pontyclun
29/04/2023	LLANHARAN
06/05/2023	LLANHARAN
12/05/2023	LLANHARAN

LLANHARAN Canton

V Pontyclun

V LLANHARAN

V St Albans

V LLANHARAN

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V Fairwater

V Canton

v Pentyrch



POS	TEAM	PL	W	D	L	ТВ	LB	PTS
1	PENARTH	15	13	0	2	11	1	64
2	LLANHARAN	12	11	0	1	8	0	52
3	ST. ALBANS	14	10	0	4	6	1	43
4	PENTYRCH	11	9	0	2	5	2	43
5	FAIRWATER	10	6	1	3	3	1	30
6	CRCC	14	5	1	8	3	4	29
7	PONTYCLUN	11	5	0	6	3	3	26
8	PENYGRAIG	13	5	0	8	3	3	26
9	CANTON	14	4	0	10	3	6	25
10	CARDIFF QUINS	14	3	0	11	2	1	15
11	TYLORSTOWN	12	1	1	10	1	5	12
12	OLD ILLTYDIANS	12	2	1	9	1	2	9

Home games at The Dairyfield, Llanharan. CF72 9RD

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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.







LLANHARAN RFC



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As part of our generous Vice Presidents package we are pleased to announce the fixtures that have been allocated for hospitality for the Season 2022/23, that includes a buffet and drink allocation.



V FAIRWATER 29/04/23

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PITCH SIDE PERIMETERBOARD

Benefits of this package include:

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EXCLUSIVE MATCH SPONSORSHIP

Benefits of this package include:

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- Regular messages delivered over the loudspeaker system announcing your organisation as the 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.
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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 JACK PRING

14 RYAN RUSSELL

12 ROSS PRITCHARD

TOM BUCKLE

TOM HARRIS

2 **GETHIN CASHMORE**

3 **JACK DAUNCEY**

4 **OWAIN HOWE**

MORGAN PARSONS

IEUAN EVANS

JACK THOMSON

IEUAN PRING

13 HARLEY THOMSON

10 LEWIS COGBILL

LEON BURTON

7

8

JACK WALKER

SAM RICHARDS

LLOYD GREGORY

RICHARD BYERS

STUART GRIFFITHS



PONTYCLUN

15 OWEN LEWIS

14 JOE ELKS

OLLY SMYTH

12 JOE WILLIAMS

MORGAN JAMES

10 TOM GREEN

TOM GREEN

JACK SMYTH

2 **IESTYN HERRIDGE**

3 **MORGAN BOSANKO**

RHYS WILLIAMS

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LLANHARAN v PONTYCLUN Wednesday 05 April 2023 **DAIRYFIELD KICK-OFF 19:30**

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