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## LLANHARAN v PONTYCLUN <br> DIVISION 3 EAST CENTRAL



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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.

## HUGH JAMES

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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 $1^{\text {st }}$ 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 $3^{\text {rd }}$ 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 <br> <br> SWALEC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2012/13 

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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 $21^{\text {st }}$ minute, after James Stevenson had given the visitors a 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 199596 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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PRINGS



| $05 / 04 / 2023$ | LLANHARAN | $v$ Pontyclun |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $08 / 04 / 2023$ | Canton | $v$ LLANHARAN |
| $15 / 04 / 2023$ | LLANHARAN | $v$ St Albans |
| $19 / 04 / 2023$ | Penarth | $v$ LLANHARAN |
| $22 / 04 / 2023$ | Tylorstown | $v$ LLANHARAN |
| $26 / 04 / 2023$ | Pontyclun | $v$ LLANHARAN |
| $29 / 04 / 2023$ | LLANHARAN | $v$ Fairwater |
| $06 / 05 / 2023$ | LLANHARAN | $v$ Canton |
| 12/05/2023 | LLANHARAN | $v$ Pentyrch |

## Admiral

LEAGUE - EAST CENTRAL 3

| POS | TEAM | PL | W | D | L | TB | 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 |

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## Recruitment



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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
FULLBACKICEFNWR
14 RYAN RUSSELL
WWMASGEHWR
HARLEY THOMSON EENRECANOWR
12 ROSS PRITCHARD
वentreanowe
TOM BUCKLE
wneascluwr
10 LEWIS COGBILL
9 LEON BURTON
1 TOM HARRIS
pagon remanalin
2 GETHIN CASHMORE HOOKER/BACHWR
3 JACK DAUNCEY
PROPR RHENG FAEN
OWAIN HOWE
5 MORGAN PARSONS
LOCKMR AIL RENG
6 IEUAN EVANS
fack thomson
JACK THOMSON
8 IEUAN PRING
NO.8/WYTHWR

REPLACEMENTS
JACK WALKER
SAM RICHARDS
LLOYD GREGORY
RICHARD BYERS
STUART GRIFFITHS


## PONTYCLUN

15 OWENLEWIS
14 JOE ELKS
13 OLLY SMYTH CENTREICANOLWR
12 JoE WILLIAMS
11 MORGAN JAMES
10 TOM GREEN OUTSIDEHALF/MASWR
9 tom green Scavinhal fmewne
1 JACK SMYTH PROPN RHENG FLAEN

2 IESTYN HERRIDGE HOOKER/BACHWR
3 MORGAN BOSANKO PROPN RHENG FLAEN
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