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New additions to FIFA Lists



Bryn Markham-Jones, who originates from Wrexham, but now lives in Swansea has been selected for the FIFA International List of Referees for 2013.

The 25 year old becomes Wales' 40th International referee and joins Lee Evans (Llanllechid) and Mark Whitby (Swansea) on the International list for next year. Bryn replaces Huw Jones from Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant after Jones enjoyed three years as an International referee.

Bryn, who graduated from UWIC three years ago with a BSc in Sports Coaching, is currently studying for a PGCE and his other interests include training, reading, cricket and golf.

Markham-Jones has recently completed the UEFA CORE program held at UEFA headquarters, which is for the development of talented young referees throughout Europe.

He is now in his 4th season as a Welsh Premier League referee and last season, he took charge of the FAW Trophy Final and the North East Wales Cup Final.

He was also 4th official on the 2011 Welsh Cup Final at Parc Y Scarlets, when Llanelli beat Bangor City.

Markham-Jones started refereeing at the age of 16 in the Wrexham Youth League before progressing up the pyramid to the Welsh Premier League at the age of 22. Another notable appointment was being the 4th official on the 2011 FAW Welsh Cup Final.

So in the space of nine years, the talented referee has gone from the parks of the Wrexham Youth League to the International List, which shows the potential on offer to young referees in Wales

There is also one change to the Welsh FIFA Assistant Referee list as Caernarfon's **Gareth Wyn Jones** replaces Cardiff's Kim Fisher on the FIFA Panel. Fisher has to step down, as he is now a Talent Referee on the Welsh Premier League and Jones has been selected as Wales' sixth assistant referee for his place on the International list for the first time.

Jones has also graduated through UEFA's CORE programme, having been one of two assistants from Wales on the inaugural course in 2010/11. His excellent form last season saw him awarded the role of assistant on the Welsh Cup Final at Nantporth in the TNS v Cefn Druids match and he has continued his excellent form this term.

Another interesting fact about the two new FIFA officials is that they are both Welsh speakers.

RECENT RESULTS....

Friday 21st December

Afan Lido FC v Aberystwyth Town	0-0
Carmarthen Town v Port Talbot Town	1-0
The New Saints v Gap Connah's Quay	5-1

Saturday 22nd December

Bala Town v Bangor City	P-P
Prestatyn Town v Newtown	2-5

Sunday 23rd December

Llanelli AFC v Airbus UK Broughton	2-4
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Boxing Day Wednesday 26th December

Aberystwyth Town v Newtown AFC	0-2
Airbus UK Bro'ton v Gap Connah's Quay	2-2
Carmarthen Town v Llanelli AFC	1-0
The New Saints v Bala Town	1-0
Afan Lido FC v Port Talbot Town	0-3

Friday 28th December

Bangor City v Prestatyn Town	3-3
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Saturday 29th December

Llanelli AFC v Carmarthen Town	4-2
Port Talbot Town v Afan Lido	6-1

Tuesday 1st January 2013

GAP Connah's Quay v Airbus UK Bro'ton	4-1
Newtown AFC v Aberystwyth Town	3-1
Prestatyn Town v Bangor City	4-1

Wednesday 2nd January 2013

Bala Town v The New Saints	2-2
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COMING UP....

Saturday 5th January 14:30

Aberystwyth Town v Prestatyn Town
Airbus UK Broughton v Afan Lido FC
Gap Connah's Quay v Carmarthen Town
Llanelli AFC v Bangor City
Port Talbot Town v Bala Town

LIVE MATCH S4/C 15:15

Newtown AFC v The New Saints

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COMING UP

Next Fixtures January 13th

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Corbett Sports
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THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES

Saturday 5th January

Aberystwyth Town Prestatyn Town 14:30

LAST SIX SEASONS						
15/11/08	2	1	Christian Edwards 60' Luke Sherbon 62'(p)	Dave Hayes 87'		355
29/08/09	2	3	Luke Sherbon 48'(p) Luke Bowen 80'	Alec Williams 27' 57' Andy Moran 60'		270
04/09/10	1	0	James McCarten 45'	-		222
25/09/11	1	3	Lewis Codling 60'	Neil Gibson 23' Mike Parker 61' Steve Rogers 90'		314
ALL-TIME RECORDS						
Home wins	2	Away wins	2	Draws	0	Goal aggregate 6 – 7
CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches)		Home Team	LWLWWL	Away Team	WLWDDL	

Airbus UK Broughton v Afan Lido FC 14:30

LAST SIX SEASONS						
13/11/11	3	1	Eddie Hope 3' Gavin Cadwallader 12' Mike Hayes 53'	Carl Evans 90'		218
10/03/12	1	1	Mark Cadwallader 42'	Liam Hancock 9'		210
ALL-TIME RECORDS						
Home wins	1	Away wins	1	Draws	1	Goal aggregate 4 – 6
CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches)		Home Team	DWWWD	Away Team	LLLLWL	

Gap Connah's Quay v Carmarthen Town 14:30

LAST SIX SEASONS						
24/02/07	4	1	Tommy Mutton 19'49'74' Marc Limbert 54'	Paul Fowler 4'		135
19/04/08	4	3	Ged Courtney 7' Craig Jones 9' Sam McNutt 35' Chris Williams 80'	Sasha Walters 54' 77' Gregg Coombes 65'		110
24/01/09	1	3	Liam Loughlin 65'	Nicky Palmer 8' Craig Hughes 17' Tim Hicks 82'		108
13/03/10	0	0	-	-		104
ALL-TIME RECORDS						
Home wins	5	Away wins	6	Draws	3	Goal aggregate 17 – 19
CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches)		Home Team	WLLLWW	Away Team	LWLWDL	

Llanelli AFC v Bangor City 14:30

LAST SIX SEASONS						
17/04/07	3	0	Andrew Mumford 37' Rhys Griffiths 78' Jacob Mingorance 82'	-		220
13/10/07	0	2	-	Ashley Stott 65' 74'		377
20/12/08	4	3	Rhys Griffiths 35' 41' Stuart Jones 20' Jordan Follows 78'	Les Davies 48' 76' Chris Sharp 30'		322
23/01/10	3	2	Rhys Griffiths 69' 90'+3 Chris Venables 48'	Mark Smyth 15' Chris Sharp 27'(p)		341
05/01/11	2	0	Rhys Griffiths 39'(p) Chris Llewellyn 88'	-		226
12/03/11	2	2	Adam Orme 82' Rhys Griffiths 90'+5	Les Davies 71' Craig Garside 74'		190
15/10/11	2	1	Rhys Griffiths 75'(p) 86'	Peter Hoy 7'		200
11/02/12	0	1	-	James Brewerton 90'+1		173
ALL-TIME RECORDS						
Home wins	9	Away wins	8	Draws	1	Goal aggregate 39 – 37
CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches)		Home Team	LLLDLW	Away Team	LWDWWL	

Port Talbot Town v Bala Town

14:30

LAST SIX SEASONS					
24/04/10	0	0	-	-	564
15/08/10	2	0	David Brooks 24' John Irving 62'(og)	-	326
08/11/11	2	2	Martin Rose 55' 62'	Lee Hunt 37' Mark Connolly 48'	202
ALL-TIME RECORDS					
Home wins	1	Away wins	0	Draws	2
Goal aggregate			4 - 2		
CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches)					
Home Team		DWLWLW		Away Team	
LWDLDL					

LIVE MATCH S4/C

15:15

Newtown AFC v The New Saints

LAST SIX SEASONS					
14/02/07	0	4	-	Jamie Wood 20' Oscar Gonzalez 52' John Toner 55' Chris King 61'	201
22/03/08	0	0	-	-	312
07/09/08	0	0	-	-	401
20/02/10	0	2	-	Matt Berkeley 13' Scott Ruscoe 31'	240
12/02/11	2	2	Sean Highdale 8' Steve Jones 31'	Matty Williams 36' Aeron Edwards 78'	165
26/12/11	1	3	Luke Boundford 55'	Simon Spender 68' Tom Roberts 72' Craig Jones 75'	375
ALL-TIME RECORDS					
Home wins	3	Away wins	11	Draws	5
Goal aggregate			17 - 36		
CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches)					
Home Team		LLDDLW		Away Team	
WLWWWD					

MATCH OFFICIALS

05/01/13

Aberystwyth Town	Prestatyn Town	S L Evans	A Heathfield	R J Stewart	A R Jones
Airbus UK Broughton	Afan Lido FC	B J James	D Adie	M J Gardiner	N Pratt
Llanelli AFC	Bangor City	K Fisher	T Cook	P Thomas	D John
GAP Connah's Quay	Carmarthen Town	H Jones	M Farrington	M Williams	D Fawkes
Port Talbot Town	Bala Town	R Harrington	M S Dyson	O W Phillips	R N Stephens
Newtown AFC	The New Saints	M Petch	N Brearley	P Roszkowski	I Griffith

SUSPENSIONS

Liam Brownhill	Bangor City	3 matches	from 16/12/2012
Craig Hanford	Carmarthen Town	3 matches	from 16/12/2012
Craig Hughes	Carmarthen Town	3 matches	from 16/12/2012
Anthony Stephens	Prestatyn Town	1 match	from 22/12/2012
Kristian James	Afan Lido FC	1 match	from 22/12/2012
Jason Bowen	Llanelli AFC	3 matches	from 27/12/2012
James Bloom	Port Talbot Town	1 match	from 29/12/2012
Steve Evans	The New Saints FC	1 match	from 29/12/2012
Gavin Cadwallader	Aberystwyth Town	1 match	from 04/01/2013
Lee John	Port Talbot Town	1 match	from 04/01/2013
Daniel Sheehan	Port Talbot Town	1 match	from 04/01/2013
Chris Thomas	Llanelli AFC	2 matches	from 06/01/2013
Lee Surman	Llanelli AFC	1 match	from 09/01/2013
Lee Owens	Airbus UK Broughton	1 match	from 09/01/2013
Craig Jones	Gap Connah's Quay	1 match	from 09/01/2013

Citizens in Daily Post Awards

Bangor City players, officials and volunteers feature strongly in the 2012 Annual Football Awards compiled by popular and respected Daily Post journalist Dave Jones, 'The Voice of North Wales Football'.

In addition to choosing City as Team of the Year, Dave, a regular at The Book People Stadium, selects 'keeper Lee Idzi and classy defender Michael Johnston amongst the players who have impressed him this year, and highlights our flying winger Sion Edwards' netbuster against Aberystwyth as his goal of the year.

Those who labour behind the scenes are also commended. City's long-serving President Gwyn Pierce Owen is chosen Evergreen of the Year, whilst announcer Geraint Roberts is also praised.

The ever-popular Radio Bangor receives a repeat award as Best Club Venture, whilst supporter David James Halliday receives commendation for his impressive photographs of City in action.

Whilst many of us have been enjoying a relaxing time over the Christmas break, Bangor City Football Club's Football in the Community Programme has been busy planning activities for the New Year.

- There'll be a two-day soccer camp for boys and girls aged 5-12 on 3-4 January, featuring coaching from UEFA-licensed staff. The camp takes place at Maes Glas Sports Centre, Bangor and there's a warm welcome for youngsters of all abilities.
- Budding Banksies can prime their spraycans and get ready for a Graffiti Arts Workshop to be held at The Book People Stadium Nantporth from 10am – 4 pm on 10 January. This event is for ages 16+ and it's a great and exciting opportunity to learn new skills and explore new creative outlets.
- It's been a busy time for City's Community programme, as working in partnership with GroundWork North Wales, with funding through Britvic, seven raised beds have been planted within The Book People Stadium. Three days of hard work from staff and volunteers of GroundWork and Bangor City Community Sports resulted in the finished product now brightening up the Bangor end of the ground
- Also recently, Bangor City Community Sports in partnership with the Derwen project have been delivering disability football sessions at Ysgol Yr Hendre in Caernarfon. These sessions see participants from across Gwynedd with different learning disabilities come together, have fun and develop new skills under the tutelage of professional coaches. We are looking at establishing a junior disability football team in the area as a result of the success of these sessions.
- Finally, we've just appointed our first Community Coach, Iwan Jones from Llanrug. Iwan's post is funded by Jobs Growth Wales and he will be with City for 26 weeks in the first place. He will be working on our ever-expanding Football in the Community programme and running coaching sessions in local communities.(pic attached – Ethan Ray on the left, Iwan Jones on the right)



Reviewing recent activities, City Chairman Dilwyn Jones said, 'We're very happy at how, working in partnership with Vi-Ability, Bangor City Football Club is really reaching out into the areas where our supporters live and work. Activities like these offer new and exciting events for local youngsters and also help us maintain our profile in the local community'.

Community Officer Ethan Ray said, "It has been a fantastic four months working here at Bangor City FC. It's a great club to be a part of and with Vi-Ability on board as community partner the engagement work being undertaken has gone from strength to strength. We have completed a wide range of projects and activities over the past months from sport to education and have plenty more in store for 2013. We cannot

wait to hit the ground running in January and continue to work with the great people of Bangor and the surrounding area"

For information about all City Football in the Community activities, or to book onto the upcoming events, call Ethan on 01248 355852 or email ethan@vi-ability.org

Prestatyn Town manager Neil Gibson is the WPL Manager of the Year according to the Daily Posts unofficial 2012 honours list.

The Post's chief Welsh football writer Dave Jones also rated Seasiders' Andy Parkinson as top striker and Mike Parker as the year's unsung hero.

Reds Players visit Morriston Hospital Children's Ward

Llanelli Football players took time out from their preparations for the game against Airbus UK Broughton on Sunday, to visit some of the children currently recovering from illness in the children's wards at Morriston Hospital. Martin Rose, Lloyd Grist, Steffan Lloyd, Adam Davies, James Secker and Ashley Evans all visited the wards on Sunday morning, with Christmas gifts donated by the football club.

Martin Rose said afterwards "It was a pleasure to call in and chat with the children. Sometimes we forget those that are less fortunate than ourselves especially at Christmas time and take life for granted, but sometimes the little things in life can bring joy to others and the children enjoyed their gifts and chatting to the boys. Being in hospital isn't a pleasant experience so anything that can lighten the situation is a help."

Lloyd Grist added "I will definitely be thinking of those people around the world who are ill or suffering hardship on Christmas Day. If our visit helped cheer the children up and took their minds off their illnesses, then I'm pleased to have helped."

The visit was organised by Neil Dymock who said "I would like to thank Eirlys Thomas, Deputy head of Nursing for Children's Services at Morriston Hospital for hosting us and the players and supporters of Llanelli Football Club for helping raise the money to buy the gifts for the children. Also thanks to the players who attended and Keith Griffiths our photographer. We all hope the children we met are back home on Christmas Day and on the road to recovery, they were all a pleasure to meet and their positiveness during adversity brought an inspiration to us all.



Former WPL star Pascoe takes charge of Liverpool



Colin Pascoe played as a midfielder for Carmarthen Town and was also Assistant Manager of his hometown club Port Talbot in the WPL - but he was in charge of Liverpool's 3-0 victory at Queens Park Rangers on Sunday.

The former Welsh international is now of course Brendan Rodgers' assistant at Liverpool.

On the morning of the match at Loftus Road, Rodgers became ill and was advised to go home - so the responsibility of taking charge of the Liverpool side fell on Pascoe's shoulders for the very first time. His opposite number, Harry Redknapp was in charge of his 600th Premier League game on

Sunday.

Three goals in the first half hour (Suarez 10,16, Agger 28) were enough to secure a comfortable three points for Liverpool and for Colin Pascoe who was obviously pleased with his first experience of the Anfield hot seat.

"The phone rang at eight o'clock and Brendan explained the situation. Although it was a great honour - I didn't have to change anything as all the work had been done during the week.

The performance was superb, It's probably the best that we've played for a long time. We took our chances and I'm delighted".

New to FIFA International List

Bryn Markham-Jones

Gareth Wyn Jones



If you are interested in becoming a referee go to www.faw.org.uk/Referees.ink

For information on the History of Welsh International Referees go to www.faw.org.uk/news/FAW89817.ink

First move of 2013... Mark Jones: Lido > Aber

Aberystwyth Town are delighted to confirm the signing of young centre forward Mark Jones from Afan Lido.

The Black and Greens beat off interest from four other clubs to land Jones' signature, and after a meeting with club officials on New Years Eve, he signed a contract which will see him play a key part in Aberystwyth Town's fortunes until June 2014.

This was the first major transfer of the Welsh Premier League window, and Aberystwyth Town took the League by surprise by naming Jones in today's line up at Newtown. Jones scored on his debut at Latham Park, and his performance certainly justified the high regard in which he is held throughout the Welsh Premier League.

Mark was a product of the Afan Lido youth system before he spent time with the Cardiff City academy, before returning to Lido where he top scored in the club's Welsh League campaign.

He then joined Llanelli in September 2007 and won a Welsh Premier League Winners medal during their Championship winning season.

He returned to Lido on loan a year later, rejoining the Reds in January 2009, but was released in the summer, moving to Port Talbot Town. He had trials during the summer 2007 with several league clubs in England including Millwall.

He again returned to Afan Lido in October 2009 and was the top-scorer in their promotion campaign from the Welsh League to the WPL.

After his debut this afternoon Mark spoke to the official Welsh Premier League website and said:

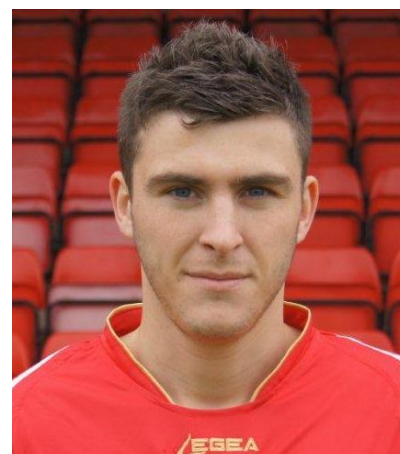
"The result today wasn't what we were hoping for but Aber are a good club and I'm very happy to have signed for them. I was at Llanelli with Wyn Thomas and Jordan Follows and they told me that Aberystwyth is a well-run club and that I'd be happy there if I signed. The top six seems to be out of our reach now - but we'll do all that we can to finish seventh and mount a charge for Europe that way."

In welcoming Mark to the club, Aberystwyth Town would like to place on record their appreciation to Afan Lido FC for their cooperation in releasing Mark in time to play this afternoon.

The Black and Greens have also released left back Adam Worton to Newtown.

FLASH

Afan Lido travel to Airbus on Saturday with a depleted squad having seen the departure of Mark Jones to Aberystwyth on New Years Eve, whilst Paul Evans and Anthony Rawlings are suspended due to their dismissals in the televised match at Port Talbot. Evans was dismissed for denying a goal scoring opportunity will miss one match, whilst Rawlings will be suspended for three matches. Returning to the squad is Kristian James.



Chad Bond rejoins Port Talbot

by Matthew Burgess

Chad Bond returns for a second spell at the GenQuip stadium.

The well-travelled striker moves to the GenQuip stadium following a spell in the United States with LA Blues, having formerly featured for a host of clubs including Newport County, Neath and Llanelli.

Bond originally joined the Steelmen in 2006 from Swansea City, where he enjoyed a successful 18-month stint before returning to the Liberty Stadium later following the appointment of Roberto Martinez. He would later have loan spells in both Spain and Sweden with CF Balaguer and Ostersunds FK respectively.

The 25-year-old has already been training with the Port Talbot squad prior to signing and could be in Scott Young's match-day squad to face Bala Town next Saturday at the GenQuip stadium.

FLASH

Port Talbot Town will close in on a top-six finish should they record their third-straight win at the expense of Bala Town on Saturday (2:30).

Convincing back-to-back victories against rivals Afan Lido over the festive period have powered the Steelmen into fifth-place in the table, but Port Talbot manager Scott Young has mounting selection worries to contend with ahead of the Lakesiders' visit to the GenQuip stadium.

Young will be forced into making three changes from the side which emphatically overcame Afan Lido 6-1 last weekend, with Jeff White, Lee John and Daniel Sheehan all serving one-match bans.

Defender James Bloom is expected to make a timely return from suspension, whilst former Neath and Llanelli striker Chad Bond could feature for the first time since re-joining the club this week, following a spell playing in the United States.

Meanwhile, Port Talbot have selected the fixture for their new 'Pay What You Want' initiative, allowing spectators to decide their own admission fee.

Chairman Andrew Edwards hopes that the scheme will help boost the club's recent disappointing attendances.

"We've been disappointed with the lack of support so far this season and the players and management deserve better. We're playing a good standard of football and it's disappointing that the public don't support the Welsh Premier League and its clubs," he said.

"Port Talbot Town are a family-friendly club, we do a lot of work within the community and by running this initiative, we hope to get people in and change their perspective."

Old Gold release Jeanne

Carmarthen Town have released Leon Jeanne to join Welsh League side Taffs Well. He follows Rhys Wilson who moved a few weeks ago.

Lee Bevan, Anthony Finselbach and Jack Christopher have also departed in recent weeks, all to Haverfordwest County

Danny Thomas has retired in order to take up a coaching role at Cardiff City.

Newtown AFC welcome back Worton

Newtown boss Bernie McNally has signed Adam Worton from Aberystwyth Town. In November of 2006 Darren Ryan brought him to Newtown from neighbours Caersws, and over the next five years at Latham Park Adam made over 140 appearances for the Robins.

After declining a move in the opposite direction striker Luke Boundford has confirmed his commitment to the club.

Sergeant commits to Saints



Chris Seargeant has put pen to paper on a new one year extension.

The son of former Everton star Steve, Chris Seargeant, joined The Saints from Bangor City in 2009.

A regular in the side this season, 'Sarge' has chipped in with four goals and will be looking at adding to his tally when The Saints take on Bala Town on Wednesday..

Photo: www.tnsfc.co.uk

Kendall answers Prestatyn's SOS call

Lee Kendall, who once won the Welsh Premier League Title with Rhyl, has answered an SOS call and signed for their Denbighshire neighbours Prestatyn Town.

The Cardiff-based stopper, 31, who announced his retirement in the summer to focus on his exciting coaching career, was a free agent, having left Neath at the end of last season, when his contract expired and he was therefore able to sign outside the transfer window.

Regular incumbent Jon Hill-Dunt was injured on December 22nd in the 5-2 home defeat to Newtown and his understudy Gareth Barker who played the last hour of that match conceded four goals against the Robins.

Kendall's signing suggests that Hill-Dunt will not be fit for this evening's trip to Bangor City, so Kendall is expected to make his debut this evening at the BookPeople Stadium.

Kendall has previously played in the Welsh Premier League for Neath, Port Talbot Town, Rhyl, Haverfordwest County and Barry Town and has qualified for Europe with all of his clubs.

The former Wales U21 'keeper joins a growing list of South Wales-based goalkeepers to ply his trade at northern clubs, joining Lee Idzi (Bangor City) and Ashley Morris (Bala Town) who live in Merthyr and Tredegar respectively, whilst in the Huws Gray Alliance, Conwy Borough's Kristian Rogers lives in Cardiff.

Prestatyn Chairman is helping others achieve their goals

Prestatyn Town chairman Phil Merrick achieved all of the goals he set out for himself... on and off the pitch, writes Martin Williams of DPW West.

Now aged 58, the Prestatyn Town FC stalwart – who has also played for and managed the Welsh Premier side – is putting something back into the community.

Having retired at just 55, following years in myriad strategy, audit and executive roles with NWS Bank in Chester, the married dad-of-three has his sights set on helping others.

He wants to increase revenue and garner more business support for the Seaside, help unemployed people back into work and through his latest venture - Peoplemad - Phil is aiming to share tips, advice and expertise on personal and professional development.

Proceeds will go to the club, but if the idea takes off it could also become another financial success for the entrepreneurial Leeds United fanatic, who travelled all over the world in past positions and helped set-up and merge companies, as well as troubleshooting at international firms.



Speaking exclusively to Business Post over coffee in one of the town's bustling cafes, he said: "When I retired I looked at getting back into sports and managed a racing car driver for a while.

"I then wanted to be a football agent but when Prestatyn Town asked me to become chairman it was an opportunity I couldn't pass up.

"I'd written a couple of books on Leeds (United) and sport had always been my passion so I thought about combining the knowledge I'd picked up over the years and

combining it with personal development. So I set up Peoplemad."

He added: "When I worked in the bank a lot of my time was spent going around different businesses and speaking to people. It was always more about people than processes.

"Your success is affected by the actions of others, you need to surround yourself with the right people professionally and personally, family and friends. That's what I'm trying to get across."

Now living in Tan Lan, Phil grew up and was schooled in Prestatyn and St Asaph before attending college in London.

He had always wanted to be a footballer and still played while living in the capital, but a blood clot on his knee put him out of action for many months.

On returning to North Wales he began working in the health sector and again took to the pitch, but recurrences of the injury saw him hang up his boots at 28 years old and eventually turn to management where he led teams including Meliden, Colwyn Bay and the high-flying Bastion Road outfit.

Banking and business saw priorities change and his career came first for a while, but in his heart Phil always believed he'd be back. And Phil's not often wrong.

"It was an honour to return and I'm so glad I did," he said.

"I won't be pumping my money into the club, as a Leeds United fan I know all too well that it doesn't work long term so we are putting a business model in place that gets more people into the ground and pushes other methods of generating income.

"We'll be having events, looking at sponsorship and also holding futsal sessions for unemployed people to learn valuable life skills, to help them get a job."

And Peoplemad, too, is aimed at helping those striving for a fresh start, a new direction.

"I've set up a personal course and a professional one, though both interlink," said Phil. "It's all about attitude and motivation and includes building skills and techniques like CV writing and how to conduct yourself in an interview.

"I don't believe young people today are taught how to learn things properly, how to make notes, how to retain information. That should be the first thing they're taught before anything else."

He added: "I genuinely believe Peoplemad is a model that can be applied to anything, so whether you're a business or individual or a group it can work for you. People like thinking about their own personal development, and our success is down to what's up here (points to his head). Your whole life is in here.

"I truly believe this is so important, both to businesses and individuals, and that in turn will have a knock-on effect for the club."

For more information, visit www.peoplemad.com. Follow Phil on Twitter @PhilMerrick or email phil@peoplemad.com.

FLASH

Aberystwyth Town look to put the disappointment of their Christmas period behind them this Saturday as they take on second placed Prestatyn Town.

After only taking 1 point from 9 over the Christmas fortnight, any hopes for a top 6 finish have been dashed, with the club now in a real struggle in 11th place.

Aberystwyth strengthened early, with Mark Jones, the striker from Afan Lido signing in time to play, and score his debut goal in the 3-1 against Newtown on New Years Day, while releasing Adam Worton after the game to return to Newtown.

This Saturday sees Gavin Cadwallader suspended for 5 cautions, with the only injury being to Sean Thornton. Local youngsters, including Christy Gale, are on standby to fill up the bench.



Welsh Football Issue 162

was published before the holiday period and is available to order.

This is the fourth edition of 2012-13 and as always contains a mixture of news, comment, features, history and statistics.

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SCORECARD

Friday 21st December

Afan Lido FC 0 -

Aberystwyth Town 0 -

Afan Lido FC

1. Chris Curtis, 2. Dean Hudson, 4. Paul Evans, 5. Kristian James, 6. Lee Hartshorn, 7. Chris Hartland (10. Anthony Rawlings 59'), 8. Matthew Thompson, 9. Mark Jones, 11. Kieran Howard, 14. Luke Borrelli, 17. Alex Gammond

Subs not used: 15. Gavin Jefferies, 19. Joshua Doyle, 23. Aaron Houlihan, 28. Callan Bowden, 30. Luke Fleming (gk)

Red Cards: None

Yellow Cards: None

Attendance: 177 **Referee:** Kim Fisher

Aberystwyth Town

1. Mike Lewis, 2. Sion James, 3. Adam Worton, 4. Matty Collins, 5. Stuart Jones, 6. Wyn Thomas, 7. Josh MacAuley (19. Rhydian Davies 75'), 9. Jordan Follows, 10. Michael Walsh, 12. Gavin Cadwallader, 17. Bari Morgan (16. Glyndwr Hughes 57')

Subs not used: 18. Liam James, 29. Christy Gale

Red Cards: None

Yellow Cards: Cadwallader 33' Morgan 38' Follows 51' Collins 90'

Carmarthen Town 1 **Jonathan Hood 15'**

Port Talbot Town 0 -

Carmarthen Town

1. Steven Cann, 2. Corey Thomas, 3. Ian Hillier, 4. Tim Hicks, 5. Matthew Rees, 16. Nicky Palmer, 7. Jonathan Hood (15. Neil Smothers 87'), 8. Paul Fowler (21. Iestyn Evans 53'), 18. Liam Thomas, 25. Liam McCreesh, 36. Casey Thomas (23. Julian Alsop 84')

Subs not used: 35. Kerry Nicholas (gk), 19. Kyle Graves, 6. Carl Evans

Red Cards: None

Yellow Cards: Hicks 20' L.Thomas 51' Alsop 90'

Attendance: 324 **Referee:** Richard Harrington

Port Talbot Town

1. Craig Richards, 23. Matty Crowell, 2. Daniel Sheehan, 16. Dylan Blain, 6. James Bloom, 18. Adam Wright, 11. Daniel Thomas, 7. Lee John, 12. Leigh De Vulgt (19. Jeff White 87'), 8. Lewis Harling, 39. David Brooks (21. Sacha Walters 84')

Subs not used: 27. Joshua Pike, 25. David Burnett (gk)

Red Cards: None

Yellow Cards: Brookes 20' Crowell 43' John 47' Sheehan 55'

The New Saints FC 5 **Mike Wilde 5' Phil Baker 35' Sam Finley 55' Chris**

Gap Connah's Quay 1 **Rhys Healy 8'**

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The New Saints FC

1. Paul Harrison, 2. Simon Spender, 3. Chris Marriott, 4. Phil Baker, 5. Steve Evans, 17. Sam Finley, 12. Christian Seargeant, 19. Chris Jones (11. Ryan Fraughan 65'), 18. Mike Wilde (10. Matthew Williams 13'), 23. Aeron Edwards, 20. Alex Darlington (9. Greg Draper 74')

Subs not used: 6. Kai Edwards, 15. Jason Lampkin, 26. Aaron Simms, 27. Ryan Jones

Red Cards: None

Yellow Cards: Spender 37' Evans 39' Baker 48'

Attendance: 423 **Referee:** Brian James

Gap Connahs Quay

1. John Rushton, 4. Mark McGregor, 6. Craig Jones, 7. Jamie Petrie, 10. Ricky Evans, 11. Robert Jones (8. Daniel Forde 23'), 12. Chris Rowntree, 14. Rhys Healy, 20. Dean Canning (15. Jordon Beck 32'), 19. Jamie Wynne, 23. Ryan Edwards

Subs not used: 22. Ryan Jones, 5. Michael Robinson, 13. Callum Hawthorne (gk)

Red Cards: None

Yellow Cards: Evans 40'

Saturday 22nd December

Bala Town P **Match postponed due to waterlogged pitch**

Bangor City P

Prestatyn Town 2 **Andy Parkinson 16' Ross Stephens 90'**

Newtown AFC 5 **Andy Jones 24' 57' 80' Zac Evans 35' Craig Whitfield 73'**

Prestatyn Town

25 Jon Hill-Dunt (1 Gareth Barker 30'), 2 Chris Davies, 23 Greg Stones, 4 Dave Hayes, 5 Paul O'Neill, 6 Gareth Wilson, 7 Michael Parker, 21 Rhys Lewis (17 Carl Murray 67'), 9 Andy Parkinson, 10 Jason Price, 11 Ross Stephens

Subs not used: 12 Dan Evans, 3 Guto Hughes, 20 Rhys Owen, 16 Tom Kemp, 18 Ben Cawley

Red Cards: None

Yellow Cards: Stephens 18'

Attendance: 160 **Referee:** Kevin Parry

Newtown AFC

1 Dave Roberts, 5 Kieran Mills-Evans, 6 Shane Sutton, 21 Connell Rawlinson, 4 Andy Jones (2 Gareth Partridge 90'), 15 Iain Edmunds, 20 Nicky Ward, 8 Matty Cook, 19 Craig Williams, 9 Luke Boundford (16 Craig Whitfield 65'), 17 Zack Evans (22 Aaron Warwick 88')

Red Cards: None

Yellow Cards: Evans 84'

Sunday 23rd December

Llanelli AFC 2 Craig Moses 8' 15'
Airbus UK Broughton 4 Tom Field 6' Wayne Riley 20' 66' Jordan Johnson 78'

Llanelli AFC

1 Craig Morris, 2 Chris Thomas, 3 Lloyd Grist (16 Craig Williams 78'), 5 Ashley Evans, 6 Lee Surman, 7 Jason Bowen, 8 Antonio Corbisiero, 9 Martin Rose, 12 Craig Moses (11 Geoff Kellaway 74'), 18 Ryan Batley, 22 Adam Davies

Subs not used: 14 James Secker, 21 Steffan Lloyd, 4 Chris Venables, 19 Dafydd Jones(gk)

Red Cards: None
Yellow Cards: Thomas 42'

Attendance: 120 **Referee:** Huw Jones

Airbus UK Broughton

22 Aaron Morrison, 26 Lee Owens, 15 Sam Hart, 25 Steve Tomassen, 8 Kyle Armstrong, 6 Tom Field, 4 Mike Roddy (18 Jordan Johnson 64'), 29 Steve Abbott, 19 Mike Hayes (7 Glenn Rule 64'), 10 Ryan Wade (9 Chris Budrys 88'), 14 Wayne Riley

Red Cards: None
Yellow Cards: Hart 22' Wade 61'

BOXING DAY Wednesday 26th December

Aberystwyth Town 0 -
Newtown AFC 2 Zac Evans 35' Kieran Mills-Evans 60'

Aberystwyth Town

1. Mike Lewis, 5. Stuart Jones, 6. Wyn Thomas, 12. Gavin Cadwallader, 11. Cleddan Davies, 17. Bari Morgan (29. Christy Gale 84'), 10. Michael Walsh, 19. Rhydian Davies, 9. Jordan Follows, 15. Declan Carroll, 16. Glyndwr Hughes (2. Sion James 69')

Subs not used: 18. Liam James, 22. Gethin Jones, 30. Samba N'Dong

Red Cards: None
Yellow Cards: Morgan 71'

Attendance: 370 **Referee:** Richard Harrington

Newtown AFC

1. Dave Roberts, 5. Kieran Mills-Evans, 6. Shane Sutton, 2. Gareth Partridge, 4. Andy Jones, 15. Ian Edmunds, 20. Nicky Ward, 8. Matthew Cook, 19. Craig Williams (16. Craig Whitfield 81'), 9. Luke Boundford, 17. Zach Evans

Subs not used: 22. Arron Warwick, 3. Max Penk

Red Cards: None
Yellow Cards: Jones 83'

Afan Lido FC 0 -
Port Talbot Town 3 David Brooks 31' Carl Payne 37' Lewis Harling 46'

Afan Lido FC

1. Chris Curtis, 2. Dean Hudson, 19. Joshua Doyle, 4. Paul Evans, 6. Lee Hartshorn, 7. Chris Hartland (23. Aaron Houlihan 79'), 8. Matthew Thompson (10. Anthony Rawlings 55'), 9. Mark Jones, 11. Kieran Howard, 14. Luke Borrelli, 17. Alex Gammond

Subs not used: 15. Gavin Jefferies, 28. Callan Bowden, 30. Luke Fleming

Red Cards: None
Yellow Cards: None

Attendance: 277 **Referee:** Bryn Markham-Jones

Port Talbot Town

1. Craig Richards, 14. Carl Payne (16. Dylan Blain 72'), 8. Lewis Harling, 12. Leigh De Vulgt, 6. James Bloom, 2. Daniel Sheehan, 24. Ryan Green, 39. David Brooks (21. Sacha Walters 76'), 23. Matty Crowell, 11. Daniel Thomas (7. Lee John 67'), 19. Jeff White

Subs not used: 25. David Burnett, 26. Jake Parry

Red Cards: None
Yellow Cards: Payne 62'

Airbus UK Broughton 2 Steve Tomassen 64' Jamie Wynne 67'(og)
Gap Connah's Quay 2 Rob Jones 51' Jamie Petrie 56'

Airbus UK Broughton

22 Aaron Morrison, 26 Lee Owens, 15 Sam Hart, 8 Kyle Armstrong, 25 Steve Tomassen, 18 Jordan Johnson (4 Michael Roddy 62'), 14 Wayne Riley, 9 Chris Budrys (19 Mike Hayes 75'), 10 Ryan Wade, 29 Steve Abbott, 6 Tom Field (7 Glenn Rule 62')

Subs not used: 3 Jack Lewis, 16 Tommy Holmes

Red Cards: None
Yellow Cards: Johnson 14' Field 56' Owens 73' Roddy 77'

Attendance: 237 **Referee:** Mark Petch

Gap Connah's Quay

1 John Rushton, 12 Chris Rowntree, 16 Danny Dobbins, 4 Mark McGregor, 19 Jamie Wynne, 6 Craig Jones, 7 Jamie Petrie, 8 Danny Forde (23 Ryan Edwards 87'), 10 Ricky Evans, 14 Rhys Healey, 11 Rob Jones

Subs not used: 13 Callum Hawthorne, 15 Jordan Beck, 5 Michael Robinson, 22 Ryan Jones

Red Cards: None
Yellow Cards: C.Jones 53' Dobbins 87'

Carmarthen Town 1 Carl Evans 21'
Llanelli AFC 0 -

Carmarthen Town

1. Steven Cann, 4. Tim Hicks, 3. Ian Hillier, 5. Matthew Rees, 21. Iestyn Evans, 25. Liam McCreesh, 2. Corey Thomas, 16. Nicky Palmer, 18. Liam Thomas, 6. Carl Evans (8. Paul Fowler 84'), 7. Jonathan Hood

Subs not used: 35. Kerry Nicholas, 19. Kyle Graves, 22. Sam Wilson, 15. Neil Smothers

Red Cards: None
Yellow Cards: Evans 59'

Attendance: 364 **Referee:** Dean John

Llanelli AFC

1. Craig Morris, 2. Kris Thomas, 3. Lloyd Grist, 4. Chris Venables, 5. Ashley Evans, 6. Lee Surman, 8. Antonio Corbisiero, 11. Geoff Kellaway (7. Jason Bowen 86'), 18. Ryan Batley, 12. Craig Moses (10. Luke Bowen 66'), 25. Adam Davies

Subs not used: 14. James Secker, 16. Craig Williams, 21. Steffan Lloyd, 19. Dafydd Jones

Red Cards: None
Yellow Cards: Surman 44'

NEW YEAR'S DAY Tuesday 1st January 2013

CORBETT SPORTS WELSH PREMIER LEAGUE

01/01/2013

Gap Connah's Quay 4 Ricky Evans 9'(p) 40'(p) Jamie Wynne 52' Jamie Petrie 86'
Airbus UK Broughton 1 Sam Hart 46'

Gap Connah's Quay

1. John Rushton, 12. Chris Rowntree, 16. Daniel Dobbins, 19. Jamie Wynne, 4. Mark McGregor, 6. Craig Jones, 7. Jamie Petrie, 8. Daniel Forde, 10. Ricky Evans (20. Dean Canning 81'), 14. Rhys Healy (5. Michael Robinson 89'), 11. Robert Jones (23. Ryan Edwards 79')
Subs not used: 13. Callum Hawthorne (gk), 15. Jordon Beck, 22. Ryan Jones

Red Cards: None

Yellow Cards: None

Attendance: 282 **Referee:** Lee Evans

Airbus UK Broughton

22. Aaron Morrison, 26. Lee Owens, 15. Sam Hart, 25. Steve Tomassen, 5. Ian Kearney, 6. Tom Field (9. Chris Budrys 62'), 7. Glenn Rule, 19. Mike Hayes (18. Jordan Johnson 70'), 10. Ryan Wade, 29. Steve Abbott, 14. Wayne Riley
Subs not used: 4. Michael Roddy, 8. Kyle Armstrong, 16. Tommy Holmes

Red Cards: None

Yellow Cards: Tomassen 39'

Newtown AFC 3 Andy Jones 14' Luke Boundford 57' Gareth Partridge 90'+4

Aberystwyth Town 1 Mark Jones 81'

Newtown AFC

1. Dave Roberts, 5. Kieran Mills-Evans, 6. Shane Sutton, 2. Gareth Partridge, 4. Andy Jones, 15. Ian Edmunds, 20. Nicky Ward, 19. Craig Williams (16. Craig Whitfield 90'), 8. Matthew Cook, 9. Luke Boundford, 17. Zach Evans
Subs not used: 22. Arron Warwick, 3. Max Penk

Red Cards: None

Yellow Cards: Ward 54'

Attendance: 410 **Referee:** Huw Jones

Aberystwyth Town

1. Mike Lewis, 5. Stuart Jones, 12. Gavin Cadwallader, 2. Sion James (6. Wyn Thomas 84'), 11. Cledan Davies, 15. Declan Carroll, 4. Matty Collins, 10. Michael Walsh, 19. Rhydian Davies (16. Glyndwr Hughes 71'), 22. Mark Jones, 9. Jordan Follows
Subs not used: 18. Liam James, 17. Bari Morgan

Red Cards: None

Yellow Cards: James 30'

Prestatyn Town 4 Andy Parkinson 39' Michael Parker 52' Jason Price 64' Ross Stephens 67'

Bangor City 1 Les Davies 29'

Prestatyn Town

1. Lee Kendall, 23. Greg Stones, 22. Anthony Stephens, 4. Dave Hayes, 5. Paul O'Neill, 6. Gareth Wilson (16. Tom Kemp 47'), 7. Michael Parker, 8. Neil Gibson, 9. Andy Parkinson, 10. Jason Price, 11. Ross Stephens
Subs not used: 2. Chris Davies, 3. Guto Hughes, 17. Carl Murray, 21. Rhys Lewis, 20. Rhys Owen, 19. Ross Hannen

Red Cards: None

Yellow Cards: Price 18' Stones 88'

Attendance: 406 **Referee:** Nick Pratt

Bangor City

1. Lee Idzi, 2. Peter Hoy, 3. Chris Roberts, 5. James Brewerton (4. Dave Morley 88'), 6. Michael Johnston, 7. Chris Jones (16. Mark Smyth 83'), 19. Damian Allen, 20. Ryan Edwards, 9. Les Davies, 10. Chris Simm, 11. Sion Edwards
Subs not used: 14. Alan Bull, 22. Sean Davies, 17. John Owen

Red Cards: None

Yellow Cards: Davies 14' Brewerton 27' Roberts 67'

Wednesday 2nd January 2013

Bala Town 2 Marc Connolly 46' Tony Davies 90'+1

The New Saints FC 2 Mike Wilde 6'(p) 68'

Bala Town

1. Ashley Morris, 3. Ben Collins, 2. John Irving, 4. Stuart Jones, 16. Tony Davies, 6. Conall Murtagh (15. Ross Jefferies 85'), 7. Marc Connolly, 8. Mark Jones, 10. Ian Sheridan, 20. Kenny Lunt, 17. Stephen Brown (18. Lewis Codling 59')
Subs not used: 11. Steffan Edwards, 22. Ryan Wyn Jones

Red Cards: None

Yellow Cards: Davies 5' S.Jones 68'

Attendance: 210 **Referee:** Kevin Parry

The New Saints FC

1. Paul Harrison, 2. Simon Spender, 3. Chris Marriott, 4. Phil Baker, 6. Kai Edwards, 12. Christian Seargeant, 10. Matthew Williams (20. Alex Darlington 63'), 17. Sam Finley, 18. Mike Wilde, 15. Jason Lampkin (22. Scott Quigley 70'), 19. Chris Jones
Subs not used: 16. Connell Rawlinson, 9. Greg Draper

Red Cards: None

Yellow Cards: None

REARRANGED FIXTURES

Friday 11th January

Bala Town v Bangor City 19:30

Gap Connah's Quay v Prestatyn Town 19:30

Sunday 13th January

Aberystwyth Town v Airbus UK Broughton 14:30

Table

	P	W	Home				A	Away				Pts	G.Diff
			D	L	F	A		W	D	L	F		
The New Saints FC	20	7	1	2	21	7	6	2	2	23	9	42	28
Prestatyn Town	19	7	2	1	29	14	3	3	3	18	21	35	12
Bangor City	19	6	2	2	29	11	4	2	3	17	17	34	18
Airbus UK Broughton	19	6	2	2	26	11	4	1	4	24	17	33	22
Port Talbot Town	20	5	2	3	25	17	3	2	5	11	17	28	2
Carmarthen Town	20	4	4	2	12	10	3	1	6	14	23	26	-7
Newtown AFC	20	2	3	5	14	24	5	1	4	20	16	25	-6
Gap Connah's Quay	19	5	0	4	21	19	3	1	6	20	28	25	-6
Bala Town	19	4	2	3	19	16	2	3	5	8	13	23	-2
Llanelli AFC	20	2	2	6	13	30	4	3	3	12	12	23	-17
Aberystwyth Town	19	3	2	4	10	16	2	3	5	13	25	20	-18
Afan Lido FC	20	3	1	6	13	23	1	1	8	18	34	14	-26

Top Scorers

Surname	Firstname:		League	League Cup	Total
PARKINSON	Andy	Prestatyn Town	13	0	13
SIMM	Chris	Bangor City	13	0	13
THOMAS	Liam	Carmarthen Town	13	4	17
PETRIE	Jamie	Gap Connahs Quay	11	0	11
PRICE	Jason	Prestatyn Town	11	0	11
BROOKS	David	Port Talbot Town	10	0	10
HEALEY	Rhys	Gap Connahs Quay	10	2	12
ROSE	Martin	Llanelli AFC	10	1	11
WILDE	Michael	The New Saints FC	10	0	10
ABBOTT	Steve	Airbus UK Broughton	9	1	10
JONES	Mark	Aberystwyth Town	9	4	13

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Happy
New Year
to all our
readers

I know that all clubs are fighting their own corner and trying to fulfil their own ambitions before the mid-season break but I must commend the co-operation of our clubs over the festive period.

We all know how financially beneficial these back to back games are for our clubs and due to the really wet weather a number of matches have been under threat.

Rather than accept the inevitable postponements – clubs have been proactive in seeking solutions and have worked together quickly to resolve issues satisfactorily and have informed the all-important fans of the changes immediately via their Twitter and websites.

Prestatyn phoned me on Christmas Eve explaining that their Boxing Day fixture at home to Bangor was seriously under threat. Following decisive and professional dialogue with Bangor officials the decision was made to play at The Book People on Friday the 28th and to rearrange the Boxing Day fixture on New Year's Day.

This meant that S4/C's live game on Tuesday came from Bastion Gardens not Nantporth and I can only thank the Sgorio team for changing their plans so smoothly and professionally.

Bala's game against The New Saints was put back a day to allow Maes Tegid to recover sufficiently – so once again thanks to club officials and grounds-men alike for working together for the benefit of our National League.

I hope that everyone associated with the Corbett Sports Welsh Premier League has a happy and successful 2013.

Tra bod clybiau yn brwydro i gyrraedd eu targedau unigol cyn i'r Cynghrair rannu'n ddau – 'roedd hi'n hynod o braf gweld clybiau'n cyd-weithio er lles ein Cynghrair yn ystod yr wythnos ddiwethaf.

Mae'r cyfnod hwn yn bwysig iawn yn ariannol i'n clybiau – a gyda'r tywydd garw diweddar bu nifer o gemau dan fygythiad gwirioneddol. Yn hytrach na derbyn y byddai gemau'n cael eu gohirio – gweithiodd swyddogion y clybiau'n galed ac effeithiol gyda'i gilydd i sicrhau y byddai'r gornestau pwysig yma'n digwydd yn ystod y cyfnod allweddol hwn.

Gweithiodd swyddogion Prestatyn a Bangor yn gyflym a diffwdan gyda'i gilydd Noswyl Nadolig er mwyn ad-drefnu gêm San Steffan fyddai wedi ei llarpio gan y tywydd. O fewn ychydig oriau cytunwyd chwarae yn Nantporth ar y nos Wener a chwarae'r ail gêm yng Ngherddi Bastion Ddydd Calan – gan adael i'r cefnogwyr wybod am y newidiadau ar unwaith.

Diolch i bawb am eu cyd-weithrediad ac i griw Sgorio am newid eu trefnadau mor broffesiynol.

Cafwyd enghraifft arall o gydweithio rhwng Y Bala a'r Seintiau wrth symud gêm Ddydd Calan i'r noson ganlynol er mwyn caniatau digon o amser i Faes Tegid sychu wedi'r glaw di-baid. Felly diolch i'r holl swyddogion a'r tirmyn am eu gwaith a'u gweledigaeth.

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