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Llandudno bag home and away shirt sponsors

Llandudno are delighted to announce the completion of a home kit and an away kit deal for the club as Rubber Roofing Contractors & WR Davies Renault put pen to paper on a two year deal with the Seasiders.

Commercial Director and the driving force behind these deals, Mike Smith (pictured above alongside Chairman Clive sponsorship deal Rushton), spoke to the LLFC Official Website, "These deals represent a substantial investment and they also show how much local businesses believe in the ethos of the club.

"Rubber Roofing Contractors signed on for the home kit and WR Davies opted for the away kit deal and I believe both will receive a high amount of coverage throughout the season, as will the club itself as we hope to make an impact in our first season in the Welsh Premier League.

"I would like to personally welcome both businesses to the club and all at Llandudno FC are grateful for your support."



County get new **Academy**

Haverfordwest County AFC are honoured to have agreed a sponsorship deal with American oil giants VALERO for season 2015/16.

The club's academy will now be officially known as "Haverfordwest County's Valero Academy" and everyone representing it will be, I'm sure, exceedingly proud to wear the VALERO logo on the front of his jersey.

Everyone connected with club is most grateful to Mr. Stephen Thornton who has worked so hard on behalf of his company to secure this very generous sponsorship deal. Club Chairman David Hughes said,

"It is a massive compliment that a global company has recognised the potential and the hard work that continues to be carried out by all involved at our Academy.

"I'm sure that VALERO'S involvement will spur the Academy on to greater success and we all look forward to promoting the good name of our new sponsors".



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NEWS

AIRBUS UK BROUGHTON

GLENN Rule is leaving the Hollingsworth Group Stadium after four years to join Stockport County in Conference North for an undisclosed fee.

The 25-year-old Birkenhead-born midfielder, who has also been deployed as a full back, was a youth with Chester City and was one of several youngsters who graduated to the first-team squad after 2007.

He made his debut as a substitute against Carlisle United in October 2007 as a 17-year old. Rule's Football League debut arrived with a starting place at Morecambe on 26 December 2007 and he ended the campaign with four league outings to his name.

His first appearance of the following season saw him play at full-back in Chester's 2–1 home defeat by Port Vale on 19 October 2008, going on to enjoy 22 league outings during a campaign which ended in relegation from Football League Two.

Rule joined Colwyn Bay in 2010 before moving to Stalybridge Celtic, signing for Airbus in May 2011.

He has since been one of the club's most consistent performers, scoring 12 goals from 89 (+15) Welsh Premier appearances and started in all four of the club's Europa League ties against Ventspils and Haugensunds.

"The move came completely out of the blue, Glenn had just signed a two-year deal but Stockport came in for him," says director of football Andy Preece.

"Glenn has been extremely loyal to us, he is the only squad player remaining from when we took over three and a half years ago.

"He has been pivotal to our success but I can understand the attraction of Stockport, I have played for them myself, it's a massive club and we wish him all the best."

This article is courtesy of www.airbusfc.com, the Airbus UK Broughton FC website.

BALA TOWN

Bala Town have bolstered their squad with the capture of Kristian Platt.

Twenty-three year old Kristian hails from Rock Ferry and started off as a Chester City youth player. He then made the step up to the Chester City first team where he made one appearance.

Platt moved to Stalybridge Celtic in 2009 where he spent four seasons making 132 appearances and scoring 12 goals.

Mainly a centre half, Kristian can also play in central midfield.

Having spent the last twelve months at AFC Telford, he was released after their relegation from the Conference, where at the Bucks he scored once and made thirteen appearances. Colin Caton told us of his delight of capturing Kristian:

"I'm really pleased to get Kristian here, as I failed twice last season to get him as he eventually went to Telford. He is a good signing as can play anywhere across the back four and in midfield."

Kristian will wear the number 22 shirt. Welcome to Maes Tegid Kristian.

Saracens Tyres commit to the 2015/16 Season.

We are pleased to announce that Saracens Tyres have put pen to paper and signed up for another Welsh Premier League campaign.

Saracens, who were new sponsors last season, will remain on the back of our new WPL shirts and will be sponsoring our home encounter with Aberystwyth Town. Saracens Tyres were also critical goal scorer Ian Sheridan's sponsor last season.

Hannah Gwenllian

BANGOR CITY

Bangor City have signed prolific marksman Sam Jones from Holywell Town, reports Dave Jones of the *Daily Post*

Jones, 27, who scored 44 goals in 36 appearances last season for the Wellmen, signed on the dotted line today for the Welsh Premier League club.

Holywell manager John Haseldin said, "Obviously to lose a player of Sam's ability is going to leave a big hole in anyone's team. He turned down the Welsh Premier last summer to stay and get the club into the Cymru Alliance and his goals certainly played a big part in doing that.

"I would like to thank him for his efforts and commitment to me over the last two-and-a-half years and wish him all the best for the future at Bangor."

Jones added: "I've had a great few seasons with Holywell and last season will never be topped. It wasn't an easy decision to leave such a great bunch of lads and management and would want to wish you all the luck for this season and thanks a lot to everyone involved, especially the supporters who have always been great with me."

Jones played a major role in Holywell winning the Welsh Alliance League Division One title, plus the FAW Trophy and Mawddach Challenge Cup treble last season.

Bangor have also confirmed the signing of academy products Ifan Emlyn Jones and Adam Pritchard for the first-team squad.

CARMARTHEN TOWN

Mark Aizlewood speaking after his captain Paul Fowler left to join Port Talbot was full of admiration and praise for the former Bridgend Street midfield player who went on to break the all-time appearance record for CTFC.

Aizlewood said: "I remember when we brought him into the club from Bridgend Street, Paul was as raw as they come but with a wonderful attitude to learn and a fantastic desire to win. In the following years apart from a short spell at Neath Paul has been an absolute pleasure to work with and became one of if not the best midfield player of his type in the league.

"Paul had many opportunities to leave CTFC but his loyalty is another of his fantastic qualities that is all too rare these days in the modern day Welsh Premier player.

"Paul and I had a long chat and we both decided that a new challenge at Port Talbot would be good for him where everybody at CTFC genuinely hopes he can re-discover the drive and fitness that made him a legend at CTFC and a shining example to all young players."

Gan CONNAH'S OUAY

The Nomads are pleased to confirm a pre-season friendly fixture with Stockport County.

The match against 'The Hatters' will take place at the 10,900 capacity Edgeley Park on Saturday, 1st August, and is quite possibly one of the largest away matches in The Nomads' history. Stockport County have a storied footballing history, including being Champions of the Football League Third Division North in the 1920's and 1930's and more recently winning the Football League Division Two play offs in 2008. Tickets for the game will be available as follows;

Adults: £10 All Concessions: £7 6-17 years: £3Under 6: FREE with paying adult In a further update to our other pre-season fixtures, The Nomads will no longer be facing Guilsfield due to our recently announced tie in theWord Cup first round, so instead will be facing Conwy Borough on Saturday, 18th July. G

Finalised pre-season programme;

Sat	11 th July	Away	Barnton FC	
Sat	18	Away	Conwy Borough	
Sat	25	Away	CPD Porthmadog	
Sat	01 st August	Away	Stockport County	
Sat	08	Away	Warrington Town	
Sat	15	Home	Tranmere Rovers X1	

NEWTOWN AFC

TWO SECOND half Airbus strikes saw Newtown get off to a losing start ahead of their Europa League campaign.

Craig Harris gave the Robins the lead before first Kieran Mills-Evans turned through his own net and Tom Field scored from the spot.

The game had a typical pre-season friendly feel about it as both sides created few chances in the opening exchanges. It was a losing start to pre-season, but positive signs with Perry, Harris, Josh Matthews and Daniel Cox all taking to the field.

Newtown – Parry, Williams, Mills-Evans, Sutton, Hughes, Hearsey, Goodwin, Harris, Pryce, Mitchell, Owen..... Subs – S Edwards, S Evans, Boundford, Partridge, Matthews, Cox

Hearsey was happy to get minutes under his belt, and Hughes was happy the players dusted away the cob webs, and was especially pleased by the performances of the youngsters involved.

PORT TALBOT TOWN

Port Talbot Town will host a Hull City XI as Andy Dyer's side prepare for their new Dafabet Welsh Premier League campaign.

Hull City will visit the GenQuip Stadium on Sunday 2nd August (2.30).

The fixture will see the return of former Port Talbot Town player/manager Tony Pennock, who is on the club's coaching staff.

This latest news confirms the second pre-season friendly against Football League opposition following confirmation of announcement of Newport County's visit to the Steelmen on July 11.

Admission details will be confirmed closer to the time.

Port Talbot Town are pleased to announce that two further players have agreed terms for the new season. The club were delighted last week to confirm that Steven Cann and James Parry have both extended their stays at the GenQuip Stadium.

Both players arrived last summer from Carmarthen Town and Risca United respectively and featured heavily in last season's campaign.

Goalkeeper Cann quickly established himself as first-choice making 29 WPL appearances while Parry impressed at full-back in his debut season in the WPL making 17 (5) apps.

Martin Rose has become the latest Port Talbot Town player to sign for the forthcoming Dafabet Welsh Premier League season, the club are pleased to confirm.

The news means that popular striker Rose, 31, will now play a 10th season at the GenQuip Stadium after initially joining the club from Cardiff Grange Quins in 2006. Rose briefly left the club in June 2012 but his spell at Llanelli was cut short when he re-joined the Steelmen in the following January transfer window. Rose netted an impressive 18 goals last term and finished the 2014/15 season as joint-second in the league's scoring charts. He has now scored 115 Welsh Premier League goals for Port Talbot Town. Rose becomes the latest player to pen a new deal joining Liam McCreesh, Luke Bowen, Steve Cann and James Parry in committing their futures to the club.

RHYL FC

Gareth Owen has confirmed his third signing of the summer in the former Liverpool, Accrington Stanley and Chester midfielder David Mannix.

Mannix spent last season as captain of the Warrington Town side which reached the FA Cup second round.

Mannix has this to say on joining the Lilywhites. "I'm really happy to have signed for Rhyl FC. Can't wait to play in front of the passionate Rhyl fans and help give them what they deserve in a top four finish and a great cup run.

"The Management team and the club are showing great ambition and a desire for success, I'm wanting this season to be the one where we give the fans what they want and deserve."

THE NEW SAINTS

The New Saints are delighted to announce that a friendly with an Everton XI has been arranged.

The reigning Welsh Premier League Champions will take on David Unsworth's Everton Development squad on Sunday the 2nd of August at Park Hall Stadium, Oswestry.

The friendly against the Toffees will kick off at 15:00 and ticketing information will be released shortly. Craig Harrison's Saints will be in action prior to the Everton game, competing in the UEFA Champions League first qualifying round.

Current TNS midfielder, Chris Seargeant was part of the Everton Academy as a youngster and is the son of former Everton left back Steve Seargeant..

LLANDUDNO FC

Llandudno are delighted to announce the re-signing of local boy Dean Seager from neighbours Llandudno Junction.

Dean, who ended last season as Junction's top scorer with 15 goals, arrives back at Llandudno as the inform man in the Cymru Alliance, after beating off competition from various clubs for Dean's signature, he chose to resign for his boyhood club,



"I am happy to be re-signing for Town, after half a season out at Junction, getting game time, I felt the time was right for me to come back to my hometown club and give it a go in the Welsh Prem."

Manager Alan Morgan was equally excited about Dean's return,

"I'm glad he's come back, I genuinely think there's a lot more to come from Deano, he needed to leave to enjoy his football again. He just needs to take his opportunity now, and work hard, learn and reach the heights we all know he can."

Town have also announced the signing of Steve Lewis after the striker put pen to

paper on a new deal at Maesdu.

Lewis, who played for Caernarfon last season scoring 9 goals in 11 games for the Cofis, spoke to the LLFC Official Website, "I should have signed for Town last season but a few things happened and I didn't sign. Looking back now I think it was a mistake not to.

"Alan is also a big part of why I have come he has shown a lot of faith in me and he was always honest with me and told me what he wants and what he knows I can do, he told me he wanted me in and I want to be here, scoring goals and winning games for him and the team. I knew a couple of lads here as well so that was also a factor.

Lewis continued on the facilities at Maesdu, "The ground has changed a lot since I played here against Llandudno in my Rhyl days. Everything is here and either in place or plans to be in place to make Llandudno a strong WPL side.

"I'm looking forward to the fixtures release on the 23rd and I can't wait to get going."

Having bags of Welsh Premier League experience after spells with Bala Town and more recently Rhyl, Stephen brings a real threat to Llandudno's frontline and one that Manager Alan Morgan is pleased to get his hands on, "I rate Ste highly, He's come in now and he has got a point to prove, he's keen and he is going to work really hard for me and me for him to make sure that he is fit and firing come the first game of the season.

"If we get a fit Ste Lewis he's a danger to any club and that's what we want to get. There was a couple of WPL sides interested in Ste but he's committed to us which a massive boost."

Goalkeeper Dave Roberts has today signed terms with Llandudno FC after leaving Cefn Druids by mutual consent.

Roberts, who won two FA Youth Cup winner's medals with Liverpool in 2006 and 2007, was surprisingly released from Anfield the same year, then signing for WPL side Bangor City FC, leaving in January 2008 without making a Welsh Premier appearance and signing non-contract terms for Blue Square Premier outfit Weymouth.

He then moved on and had spells at Aberyswyth, Newtown and Prestatyn before eventually signing with Cefn in June 2014 where he stayed up until their ill-fated relegation at the end of the 2014/15 season.

He signed on the bottom line last Monday and manager Alan Morgan was pleased to of secured his services and finally install a Number 1 ahead of Town's inaugural season in the Welsh Premier League,

"I rate Dave highly, A number of clubs were in for him but he chose us which is a massive boost for the squad ahead of next season, his handling and distribution are up there with the best and the fact he has had Welsh Premier experience before will benefit us massively as he knows this league inside out."

Town are delighted to announce their fifth signing of the summer as former Colwyn Bay captain Marc Williams pictured next page) agrees terms with the club.

Marc, who started his career at Wrexham, scored 17 goals in just 80 appearances for The Robins before switching to Kidderminster Harriers on loan, signing a permanent deal before the start of the 2011/12 season.

Chester City was his next stop, where he helped them win promotion in 2013, following a short spell at Northwich Victoria - before he eventually signed with local neighbours Colwyn Bay in 2013.

Upon signing with Town, manager Alan Morgan enthused about the arrival of Marc, "He's a massive signing.

Just look at where he has been, Wrexham, Colwyn Bay, Kidderminster. He has genuine quality and will be a fantastic addition to the group, whilst the experience Marc has of playing at a high level can only help us.

Morgan continued, "He's a Wales U19, U21 and U23 international, and that's exactly the quality of player we are trying to attract here. The club have developed hugely on and off the pitch, which in turn means we're now in a position where we can sign the likes of Marc, and that can only be positive for us come the start of the season."



Marc spoke to the LLFC Official Website earlier regarding his transfer, "Obviously I'm happy to get the deal through - being a local lad I've been able to watch Town's progress last year, and also having a few friends at the club like Gaz Evans, who speaks very highly of the set up here obviously helps.

"How hard the lads work is apparent, and was certainly one of the reasons why I wanted to sign. Hopefully now I can bring something to the club on and off the field, and be part of this new and exciting project."

HAVERFORDWEST COUNTY

After a decade or more as Academy Director, MICHAEL ELLIS has decided to relinquish the post. Micky has done a marvellous job within the Academy and he has freely given of his time to expertly coach not only many players who have gone on to represent the club's senior side but also a greater number who have enjoyed playing at whatever level that has suited them. It is hard to think of a greater ambassador for the club over a long period time. He will continue his involvement at the top end of the club as Assistant Manager. I'm sure that all players, both past and present, would like to pass on their thanks and best wishes to Micky for all his hard work and encouragement.

On a day in which Haverfordwest County have proudly announced its exciting sponsorship deal with VALERO, it is pleasing to announce that STEPHEN BATTY has been appointed as Micky Ellis's successor as Academy Director. Of course, Haverfordwest County's Valero Academy will again have Bernard Steer as its chief administrator and he will be working very closely with Steve and will, I'm sure, be offering lots of valuable advice to the new Director. Congratulations to Steve and we trust that he will enjoy the challenges that his new role will offer.

Wayne Jones is delighted to have secured the services of left back Ryan Batley to strengthen his back four for season 2015/16. Twenty three year old Ryan played WPL football at Aberystwyth last season having previously had spells at both Afan Lido and Llanelli.

"I am delighted to have signed an experienced and strong left sided defender who will complete my defensive options for next season. He has proven ability at WPL level and he will slot into, what I believe to be, a strong defensive formation" Everyone at the club looks forward to welcoming Ryan into the friendly Conygar Bridge Meadow atmosphere."



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