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WELCOME

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the Lewis Lloyd ground for our 1st XV game today. It gives me great pleasure to welcome the committee, players and supporters of Bargoed RFC, as well as our many faithful supporters here today.

We have never beaten our visitors in a league game so this will be a true test to see if we have made progress over the close season. We have made some changes to the coaching structure with the addition of Matt Jess as attack coach and the return of Lloyd Phillips as defence coach. Ricky Guest has now stepped up to Head Coach and Matthew (Snowy) Johns will continue as conditioning coach. Our trusty stalwart Tom Powell will continue as captain this year. We have also recruited well over the summer, and I believe we have a stronger squad more akin to being in the Premiership.

With our **Narberth Athletic** also beginning their league campaign in **Tumble** today after a good Pembrokeshire KO Cup result against Pembroke, I am looking forward to this season with renewed optimism.

A small change to after match proceedings this season will be that there will be no man of the match presentation on stage. **The Courtland Law Man of the Match** will now be picked by the coaching team at the end of the game and then displayed on the monitors in the club, along with other information, such as scores elsewhere in our league and the days' sponsors. Of course, on special occasions, such as a presentation of a cap, that will continue to take place post-match.

We extend a warm and friendly welcome to **today's referee Rhys Jones** (and his assistant Mark Davis). Just to remind everyone, we at Narberth RFC have a zero tolerance policy towards abuse of the referee. They are in short supply at the moment and we must be grateful for their hard work, so please respect all of today's officials.

May I take the opportunity to thank our loyal supporters and sponsors for their superb support, we are extremely fortunate to have you and hopefully all our sides playing this weekend can give you something to cheer about! And a warm welcome and a big thank you to all of today's sponsors. We have MacDonald, Rob Jones & Friends, and finally loyal supporters Cefnogwyr Clynderwen.

Thanks all/Diolch.

Jonathan Dodd, Chairman

- Tomos Richards joins us as a prop from Kenfig Hill.
- **Dewi Williams** returns to the club from a spell with his home club Milford Haven and adds some fire power to our back 5.
- Former Scarlets and Cardiff Blue Will Boyde joins us in the back row.
- Harri Phillips joins us at hooker from Our Athletic Side after having a solid season in the back row last year.

Behind the scrum:

- **Josh Thomas** returns from his spell at Aberavon to join us at Scrum Half.
- Nico Setaro returns to the club from a 3 year spell coaching at Laugharne.
- Aled Davies joins us in the centre from Newcastle Emlyn.
- Ifan Phillips also joins us in the centre from Crymych.
- **Brad Cram** also joins the squad at centre from our Athletic side after showing up well last year.

We also have two young players who have been with us throughout preseason who are soon to be heading to university, but we have ensured them through speaking to their uni coaches that we'll be monitoring their progress. **Kieran Sinclair** at tighthead and **Owen Rickard** at centre.

We have one departure from last season, **Osian Evans returns to his home club Llangennech**. I'd like to thank Osian for his efforts during his time with us.



I'm sure everyone will give the new recruits the usual **Otters welcome**, and I'm also sure you'll be behind all of the boys as you were through the tough times last season.

See you in the bar during the season ... mine's a Guinness!

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Match Programme Notice:

NARBERTH R.F.C. are currently in the process of rebranding all the merchandise within the club, and you will notice the new logo on our all new kits, and going forward this new logo will supercede

all our Otters of the past. Gone, but not forgotten!

And this includes our renowned match programme, for which we are in the process of updating! The new match programme will be available soon, and in fact in time for our home game against Cross Keys on the 20th September. The issue will be in full colour throughout for the first time, and will be available in both digital and print form.

We thank you all for your continued support.





COACHES CORNER

Good afternoon and welcome to you all to the Lewis Lloyd Ground, the home of the Otters.

Just a quick update for you for the on field matters. On the coaching front Liam Gadd informed us that he would be leaving at the end of the season, which meant changes for this season. I accepted the offer of Head Coach from my original position of Forwards coach which I've upheld for the previous two seasons.

Recruitment started in April for replacement coaches and by mid-May we had successfully recruited two new coaches. One of the new faces you'll see on the touch line this season will be a familiar face, a product of the Otters junior system and a former Wales Age Grade International. He has previously coached Llandovery, Llanelli, Laugharne and also Narberth RFC. He will be responsible for our attack and contact area, Welcome back **Lloyd Phillips**.

The second new face you'll see on the touch line is is a former Exeter Chief, Penzance and Cornish Pirate. He will have a very different accent to most of us at Narberth, but there's no hiding his pedigree when you look at his previous experience in a playing capacity. He will be responsible for all aspects of our attack. Welcome to the family, **Matt Jess**.

Mathew John a.k.a Snowy will stay on alongside Matt and Lloyd as Fitness Coach and player welfare. For anyone who knows Snowy, you'll know how infectious his personality is and his work liaising with players to ensure they are in a good place is second to none.

Pre-season has been excellent, we have covered lots of content to ensure we have clarity and understanding going into the forthcoming season. We have visited Burry Port and Cinderford and we welcomed Llandovery to Narberth.

All games were very useful for us to understand where our next focus areas should be and where we need to ensure we maintain and grow our game. It also enabled us to take a good look at our new recruits.

Up front **we welcome**:

 Josh Wrigglesworth join us as a prop, working with Carmarthen Quins. The former Llandovery College product is very familiar with our defence coach, who was his coach during his time there.

MATCH-DAY SPONSORSHIP

Narberth RFC is keen to support all communities and clients and has developed a range of exciting hospitality packages as we enter the new 2025/26 season in the Admiral Premiership. Our range of match day hospitality suites and table hospitality opportunities are perfect for entertaining clients, family, and friends.

Our **HOLT & BLACONY Suites** offer clients the opportunity to have an exclusive environment for guests to enjoy whilst soaking up all the action on XV Team & ATHLETIC Team matchday's at the grounds. Reserving these spaces is easy to do, go online to the Hospitality section and click on availability or call Kelly Monroe on: 07887427152 to discuss your requirements.

If you want to simply book a table for a group of friends on match day then you can reserve a table for: 4,8,10,12 by going online to reserve your space or calling the clubhouse on: 01834 860462.

The Balcony Suite - Key Features:

- Core brand representation at X1 1ST Home Game (not including cup ties)
- 40 Meal places for 40 Corporate Guests of your choice on set banqueting tables in The Balcony Suite overlooking the pitch
- 1 Complimentary Drink per person (Up to 40)
- Brand representation in the match day programme
- Programmes on table for each guest
- Match ball sponsorship
- Player Engagement post-match
- Social media coverage on matchday
- Scoreboard branding
- Media coverage via our media partners via push posts or plugs

The Holt Suite - Key Features:

- Core brand representation at x1 1st Home Game (not including cup ties)
- 25 Meal places for 25 Corporate Guests of your choice on set banqueting tables in The Holt Suite overlooking the pitch
- 1 Complimentary Drink per person (Up to 25)
- Brand representation in the match day programme
- Programmes on table for each guest
- Player Engagement post-match, Social media coverage on matchday and Media coverage via our media partners via push posts or plugs.

For further information, please contact Kelly Monroe on: 07887427152 or email: kelly@narberthrfc.club

Today's Otters Holt Sponsor:



Narberth RFC is proud to host Jason Vaughan with quests from The Ivy Bush -Narberth as valued clients of the club. The lvv Bush is a iewel in the crown on Narberth's High Street offering a range of craft ales, food and entertainment in a traditional pub environment. As a local business, The Ivy is host to many great events and Narberth RFC is proud to have the ongoing support from Jason, as today's Match Day Sponsor of the Holt Suite.



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NARBERTH RFC SQUAD

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Harrison Griffiths

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Jonathan Rogers

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Rhys Williams

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Tom Powell

Roy Osborn

Tom Clarke

Josh Wrigglesworth

Chris Davies

Dewi Williams

Jac Bennett

Josh Thomas

Nico Setaro

Ashley Sutton

Studio 4 Barbers

Phillip & Wayne James Contracting

JD Competition Tyres

Narberth RFC Bar Staff

Harris Heating

Charles Street Dental Clinic

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Rossiter Funeral Directors

AES (Paul Evans)

John & Yvonne Llewellyn

AJT Recycling Ltd

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Clive James Design & Print

Boomerang Signs & Design

Ken Morgan Architect

The Sloop Inn, Porthgain

Streamline Leisure

To be announced

Beachside Glamping

Gwen Brenchley & Steve Martin

IWEC Electrical Services

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BARGOED RFC SQUAD

Otters Holt Sponsors:



Jason Vaughan -Ivy Bush Inn, Narberth

Table Hospitality:

Mike Richards & Friends

The Otters Dining Friends

Rob Lewis & Friends

Today's Referee: Rhys Jones, WRU Assistant:

Mark Davis

Please respect the match officials

Next Games -

13th September: 1st XV v Pontypridd (A)

19th September: Narberth Athletic XV v Neyland (H) Dylan Williams
Ashley Norton

Logan Yendle

Matthew Lewis

David Evans

Joseph Scrivens

Matthew Flanagan

Louis Jones

Morgan Edwards

Keagan Bale

James Locke

Morgan Thomas

Jason James

Rhys Stephens (C)

D. Rees

Joey Hall Kieron Brown

Josh Parry
Tom Rice

Callum Merrick

T. Thomas Josh Prosser

Callum Jones



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