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## MATCH DAY PREVIEW

### CARDIFF MET

This Sunday Pontypridd Town face Cardiff Met for the second time this season at home. The Dragons are currently fourth in the league with 14 points whilst Cardiff Met are second with 24 points.

The sides last met on the 7th of October where the score line was 3-1 to Cardiff Met. The sides played a competitive game and Cardiff Met broke the deadlock in the 38th minute. The Dragons secured a goal them-



selves in the game when in the 77th minute Alison Witts was found free in the box and able to score.

The game this Sunday is likely to be another high tempo and competitive game between the two and both teams are eager to win points as we near the end of the first phase of the season.

Talking to the manager Fern Burrage-Male prior to the fixture she said "I have always enjoyed our games against Cardiff Met"

"They are a team that will play football and allow us to play our football, so I am looking forward to the challenge".

PONTYPRIDD VS PORT TALBOT

### CATCH THE HIGHLIGHTS HERE







- I. MAISIE JONES (GK)
- 2. CARYS MINTON
- 5. CLARE DALEY-SMITH
- 6. HOLLY BROAD (C)
- 7. ALANA MURPHY
- 8. RENÉE DAY
- 9. ELLIE GUNNEY
- **10. JASMINE SIMPSON**
- **II. KIRSTIE PERVIN-DAVIES**
- 12. ROBYN PINDER
- 13. ELEANOR BROOK (CK)
- **14. ALISON WITTS**
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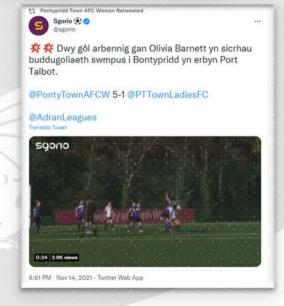


















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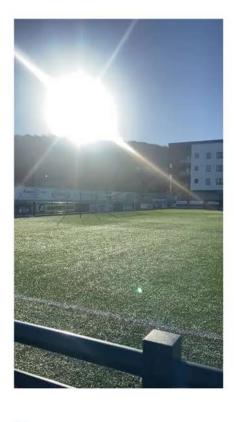
### TRIP TO ABERYSTWYTH ENDS IN 0-0 DRAW

A one-point draw felt like a missed opportunity for the Dragons at Aberystwyth on Sunday. Despite dominating the game in parts their opponents matched them as both teams fought for a spot in the top four. Pontypridd Town are still sitting fourth, a point ahead of Aberystwyth Town after the game.

Last time the sides met Aberystwyth took the three points home with a 0-1 win.

The game got off to a strong start with Anais Trinci's cross to Renee Day who was brought down in the box but no penalty was awarded. Minutes later the Dragons' pressure remained high in the box but Anais Trinci's shot was wide. The Dragons continued to attack with balls into the box but no player was able to convert them to a goal. Just before half time Robyn Pinder sent an excellent ball over the top of the defence to Alana Murphy but she is questionably called offside.

Both teams went in for half time at 0-0 despite the Dragons success at creating many chances in the first 45.











### **ABERYSTWYTH TOWN VS PONTYPRIDD TOWN**

### MATCH REPORT

The second half was head-to-head. Renee Days powerful strike from outside the box went over the crossbar and Aberystwyth picked up the pace with a chance, but it was well caught by goalkeeper Maisie Jones.

The next chance came from Renee Day again whose low strike was caught by the keeper. Pontypridd Town continued to move the ball around well but were unable to find the net. Coming into the last 15 minutes Alison Witts sent a ball to Anais Trinci who crossed it into the box but it was cleared by the opposition.

Both sides were clearly frustrated. The final chance came from a Pontypridd Town corner. A ball sent into the box found Holly Broad whose header was tipped onto the crossbar by the Aberystwyth keeper. A difficult game meant both teams took just the one-point home.





Speaking to manager Fern Burrage-Male after the match she said: "It feels like we've lost two points there, we dominated the game for large parts."

"We have to give credit to Aberystwyth they were incredibly hard to break down, they pressed well and were aggressive but a point is not a loss, so we look forward now."

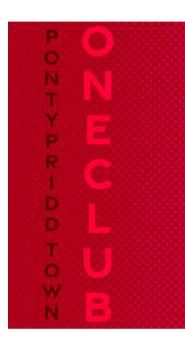
Next week the Dragons play Cardiff Met home at USW Sports Park with a kick off of 14:00.



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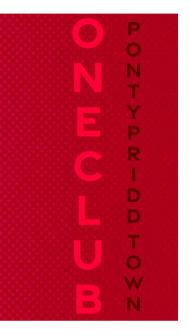
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# 8 FIXTURES RESULTS MENS FIRST TEAM



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### MID SEASON WITH BROAD & DALEY-SMITH





### **#6 HOLLY BROAD**

#5 C.DALEY-SMITH

As Captain and Vice-Captain how are you feeling about the first half of the season?

Holly: I'm feeling really positive about the start we've made. We made a lot of new signings before the season started and we're still getting to know each other (on and off the pitch). We've had some frustrating games and results in the first half of the season but on the whole we're pleased with where we're now at and looking forward to some big upcoming games before Christmas!

Clare: I'm really proud of the effort & commitment from the girls and the progression we're making as a team. We've shown we can compete against the top teams in the league, with narrow defeats to the teams currently in the top 3 in the league table. There are a couple of games we know we didn't perform to our best, where we feel we dropped points, but as a group, with the coaches and the analysis team, we've addressed these performances and learn from them.



# MID SEASON WITH BROAD & DALEY-SMITH

How important was the win on Thursday in terms of finishing off the first run of games?

**Holly:** It was so important that we picked up 6 points last week in our quest to finish in the top half. We knew we were probably favourites going into both games but we did our jobs well and played some really high quality football.

Clare: The win against Barry Town on Thursday night was really important for us and our aims for the first half of the season, knowing we needed the 3 points. We put in a good performance to win convincingly in the end, which we'll look to take into the next set of games

What's the mood like in camp does it feel like you are all gelling well now we are midway through?

**Holly:** Everyone's buzzing, things are clicking, and the goals are now flying in! We're all pulling in the same direction and focused on finishing this next half of the season strongly.

Clare: Fern made quite a few new signings at the start of the season, so it's taken time for us to learn how each other play and how to get the best out of each other but we're definitely progressing now. From day one this season there's been a great mood both on and off the pitch - we all get on really well, they're a great group of girls and I'm really lucky to call them my teammates!

Looking forward to the next group of matches what are your main aims?

Holly: Our aim is to finish in the top half of the league. The six points we picked up last week have helped bump us up into the top half of the table but we have a very tough challenge against an impressive Aberystwyth team on Sunday - a must win for us and we'll have to be at our best when we visit the Seasiders

**Clare:** To finish in the top 4 by Christmas we know that we need to pick up points in our remaining fixtures so that is our main aim at the moment.

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## OUR DRAGON HEART MICHELLE PERVIN-DAVIES

### What are your thoughts on the first phase of the season so far?

All I can say is what a team we have, it is a really exciting time within the club, with the signings of exciting new players and retaining the talent we already had, they are all starting to gel together and I think our performances are starting to show that. We've still a way to go, but our aim is top 4 and it is all to play for.

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### How do feel about our GK's and their performances?

I am really happy, both Maisie and El are working tirelessly in training and are an absolute pleasure to coach. We recruited El after the summer when Ruth left for America, and she has fit straight into the team and was key to us getting the win against Briton Ferry. It is now Maisie's 2nd season with us, and I sometimes forget she is only 17 with her performances this season. Sometimes as a GK you get forgotten about, so I am proud that she is getting the credit she deserves with two Player of the Matches and a Team of the Week.

### How are you feeling leading into the last 3 games before the Christmas break?

What a position to be in, these games will show our true strength and character. The girls are working hard on and off the pitch to ensure they are where they need to be and I've no doubt that they will leave everything they have on the pitch in all 3 games. I believe in every single one of our players and as players they believe in each other





## OUR DRAGON HEART MICHELLE PERVIN-DAVIES

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You recently came back from the FAW U16s national camp. Can you share a little summary of your journey leading up to now?

It's a cliché, but I have Fern to thank for pushing me into coaching, I didn't ever think I would go into coaching, but when I quit playing it was just a natural direction for me to go in and I haven't looked back. Some might say obsessed but I genuinely really love everything about goalkeeping and am always looking for ways to challenge myself and my players. I was asked a few years back to cover some FAW Girls Academy sessions, which led to me getting a permanent role as Head GK Coach for the U16s and U14s, so along side club football I am constantly challenged. When I got the phone call from Jen Hurst to ask if I wanted to be the GK Coach on the U16's camp, it was a no brainer for me and an absolute honour.

### How was your time on camp?

It was a fantastic experience, I got to work with amazing staff and incredibly talented players. I work an 8-5 desk job, Monday to Friday, so it was a shock to the system as the days were long, but it was brilliant start to finish. I was involved in every aspect of the camp, whether it was team selection, to camp timings and even set pieces, but it all worked really well, and the other staff were really supportive. It is something that I am incredibly proud of and hope to do more of in the future.





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