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Chairman's welcome

It's my great pleasure to welcome the players, officials and supporters of Abergavenny Town FC to the Evans Bevans playing fields for today's match.

Abergavenny impressed me greatly when we visited the pen y pound stadium at the start of the season. The game served as an eye opener for the standard we needed to reach in order to survive at this level.

The only previous fixture between the clubs ended in a 3-2 win for Baglan due to an excellent second half performance following a first half when Abergavenny were on top.

Last Saturday, our first team played Cwmbran Celtic on a difficult pitch for football and looked to have done enough to earn 3 points after Paolo Marenghi's first goal for the club, but were undone with a 93rd minute equaliser.

Today's referee is Joshua Howells and Joshua will be assisted by Charlotte Carpenter and Ewan Reed.

Today's match day sponsor is PGS. Thank you PGS and all of our other loyal sponsors for your continued support.

I hope you enjoy today's match.

Chris Akers

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| DATE | OPPONENT | VENUE | COMPETITION | RESULT | OUTCOME |
| 21 JUL | AFAN LIDO | HOME | NATHANIEL MG CUP | 1-3 | DEFEAT |
| 29 JUL | PONTARDAWE TOWN | AWAY | JD CYMRU SOUTH | 1-2 | WIN |
| 8 AUG | CARMARTHEN TOWN | AWAY | JD CYMRU SOUTH | 0-1 | DRAW |
| 12 AUG | LLANTWIT MAJOR | AWAY | JD CYMRU SOUTH | 1-4 | WIN |
| 18 AUG | ABERGAVENNY TOWN | AWAY | JD CYMRU SOUTH | 2-3 | WIN |
| 28 AUG | CWMBRAN CELTIC | HOME | JD CYMRU SOUTH | 3-3 | DRAW |
| 2 SEPT | BRITON FERRY LLANSAWEL | HOME | WBS CUP | 0-1 | DEFEAT |
| 8 SEPT | LLANELLI TOWN | AWAY | JD CYMRU SOUTH | 2-1 | DEFEAT |
| 16 SEPT | FC CWMAMAN | HOME | FAW CUP | 5-1 | WIN |
| 22 SEPT | TAFFS WELL | AWAY | JD CYMRU SOUTH | 1-4 | WIN |
| 30 SEPT | ABERTILLERY BLUEBIRDS | HOME | JD CYMRU SOUTH | 11 | DRAW |
| 6 OCT | CAERAU ELY | AWAY | JD CYMRU SOUTH | 3-0 | DEFEAT |
| 14 OCT | HAVERFORDWEST COUNTY | AWAY | FAW CUP | 0-0 | DEFEAT PENS |
| 21 OCT | AFAN LIDO | HOME | JD CYMRU SOUTH | 0-1 | DEFEAT |
| 28 OCT | AMMANFORD | AWAY | JD CYMRU SOUTH | P-P | POSTPONED |
| 4 NOV | AMMANFORD | HOME | JD CYMRU SOUTH | P-P | POSTPONED |
| 17 NOV | CAMBRIAN & CLYDACH VALE | AWAY | JD CYMRU SOUTH | 2-0 | DEFEAT |
| 25 NOV | TREFELIN BGC | HOME | JD CYMRU SOUTH | 4-1 | WIN |
| 2 DEC | GOYTRE UNITED | HOME | JD CYMRU SOUTH | P-P | POSTPONED |
| 8 DEC | AMMANFORD | AWAY | JD CYMRU SOUTH | 2-2 | DRAW |
| 15 DEC | GOYTRE UNITED | AWAY | JD CYMRU SOUTH | 3-2 | DEFEAT |
| 26 DEC | BRITON FERRY LLANSAWEL | HOME | JD CYMRU SOUTH | 1-2 | DEFEAT |
| 3 JAN | BRITON FERRY LLANSAWEL | AWAY | JD CYMRU SOUTH | 0-2 | DEFEAT |
| 6 JAN | CAMBRIAN & CLYDACH VALE | HOME | JD CYMRU SOUTH | 0-2 | DEFEAT |
| 12 JAN | AFAN LIDO | AWAY | JD CYMRU SOUTH | 0-2 | WIN |
| 20 JAN | CAERAU ELY | HOME | JD CYMRU SOUTH | 2-0 | WIN |
| 27 JAN | GOYTRE UNITED | HOME | JD CYMRU SOUTH | 2-1 | WIN |
| 3 FEB | ABERTILLERY BLUEBIRDS | AWAY | JD CYMRU SOUTH | 0-3 | WIN |
| 10 FEB | TAFFS WELL | HOME | JD CYMRU SOUTH | 1-0 | WIN |
| 17 FEB | AMMANFORD | HOME | JD CYMRU SOUTH | 1-3 | DEFEAT |
| 24 FEB | TREFELIN BGC | AWAY | JD CYMRU SOUTH | THE | DRAW |
| 2 MAR | LLANELLI TOWN | HOME | JD CYMRU SOUTH | 1-2 | DEFEAT |
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| 5 | | CAMBRIAN & CLYDACH VALE | 25 | 15 | 39 |
| 6 | | AFAN LIDO | 24 | 6 | 37 |
| 7 | | BAGLAN DRAGONS | 26 | ц | 36 |
| 8 | . | CAERAU ELY | 22 | 8 | 32 |
| 9 | | GOYTRE UNITED | 23 | -3 | 32 |
| 10 | ٢ | TREFELIN | 24 | -14 | 30 |
| 11 | 8 | CWMBRAN CELTIC | 22 | -3 | 28 |
| 12 | ٢ | TAFFS WELL | 24 | -4 | 26 |
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| 14 | | LLANTWIT MAJOR | 23 | -16 | 25 |
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OUR VISITORS ABERGAVENNY TOWN FC



THE CLUB WAS FOUNDED IN JUNE 2014 AFTER LOCAL SIDE GOVILON CHANGED THEIR NAME, ELEVEN MONTHS AFTER THE FORMER CLUB ABERGAVENNY THURSDAYS FOLDED, CITING A LACK OF PLAYERS AS THE REASON.

THE NEW CLUB WAS ENTERED INTO THE 5TH TIER OF THE WELSH FOOTBALL PYRAMID, THE GWENT COUNTY LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION FOR THE 2014-15 SEASON. THEY FINISHED THE SEASON AS CHAMPIONS OF THE DIVISION AFTER GOING THE ENTIRE LEAGUE CAMPAIGN UNBEATEN. THIS EARNED THE CLUB A PLACE IN TIER 4 OF THE WELSH FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

SUCCESS CONTINUED DURING THE 2015-16 SEASON AS THE CLUB WON PROMOTION TO THE 3RD TIER, AFTER FINISHING SECOND IN THE LEAGUE. THE CLUB ALSO WON THE FAW TROPHY FOLLOWING A 1-0 VICTORY OVER SULLY SPORTS.

THE 2016-17 SAW ABERGAVENNY FINISH 11TH IN THE 3RD TIER OF THE WELSH FOOTBALL PYRAMID AND THE END OF THE SEASON SAW LONG TIME SERVANT AND MANAGER STEVE "BUTCH" MORGAN LEAVE THE CLUB AFTER 20 YEARS OF INVOLVEMENT AT GOVILLON AND ABERGAVENNY.

SEASON 2017-18 SAW THE CLUB PROMOTE RESERVE TEAM PLAYER/MANAGER BEN BANNON TO FIRST TEAM MANAGER. BANNON LED THE TEAM TO A 10TH-PLACE FINISH IN THE LEAGUE.

THE CLUB NARROWLY MISSED OUT ON THE PROMOTION POSITIONS IN 2018–19, FINISHING 5TH, JUST 2 POINTS BELOW 3RD PLACE CAERAU (ELY) A.F.C. THEY REMAINED IN TIER 3 FOR THE THIRD YEAR RUNNING.

ABERGAVENNY'S 2019-20 SEASON IN TIER 3 (THE 2019-20 WELSH FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE) WAS CUT SHORT BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. AFTER THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF WALES DECIDED ON A POINTS PER GAME BASIS TO CONCLUDE THE SEASON, ABERGAVENNY FINISHED 13TH. IN JUNE 2020 THEY WERE AWARDED A TIER 3 LICENSE BY THE FAW, AS PART OF THE FAW RESTRUCTURING OF THE WELSH LEAGUES AND JOINED THE NEW ARDAL LEAGUES STRUCTURE IN THE SOUTH EAST DIVISION. AFTER THE 2020-21 SEASON WAS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS, THE CLUB WENT ON TO BECOME THE INAUGURAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS IN THE 2021-22 SEASON AND GAINED PROMOTION TO THE CYMRU SOUTH FOR THE 2022-23 SEASON.

COACH'S COMMENTS



Today we welcome Abergavenny Town to the Evans Bevans in the JD Cymru South.

The JD Cymru South is an extremely difficult league and every point is proving to be vital. Abergavenny were impressive in our first match. I thought they were solid at the back and dangerous up top, particularly with Paolo leading the line.

Abergavenny may be relegated but they wont turn up today just to go through the motions. Im expecting a difficult afternoon and one where the boys will need to give a good account of themselves in order to get a positive result this afternoon.

I hope you enjoy the game and thank you for your continued support.



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