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CYMRU NORTH

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WELCOME

GUY HANDSCOMBE

CYMRU NORTH MANAGER

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to Colwyn Bay for our second fixture against the Republic of Ireland Regions Cup Squad.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome the Republic of Ireland staff and players to Wales following our fixture in Cork a few weeks ago.

This is our final opportunity as a group before we head to Belfast in October for the UEFA Regions Cup tournament and one we are looking to embrace, firstly to win the game following the defeat in Cork but to gain confidence before the tournament.

We have some new faces who have joined the squad as three players from the original squad can no longer commit to the schedule we have.

It was important to keep the group together who successfully won the qualifier against Cymru South as they deserve this opportunity to represent their country.

The players and staff are excellent people to work with and we are really looking forward to the game.

Your support today can only inspire them and it is very much appreciated.

Thank you to Neil Coverley and Colwyn Bay for their hospitality and support.

Enjoy the match. Diolch.

Guy

**It takes all our
tricks to help
protect the climate.**



#EveryTrickCounts



RESPECT

UEFA REGIONS' CUP

The UEFA Regions' Cup is a unique amateur tournament that has been running for more than 20 years.

It is a competition for players who have never featured at any professional level.

Contested by the winners of national amateur tournaments – with the smallest countries fielding national amateur teams – it is a showcase for the wealth of talent that exists under the radar in European football.

It is held every other season with the next edition running from summer 2022 until the eight-team finals in June 2023.

Italian sides have won three of the previous 11 editions (Veneto the only multiple champions along with

holders Dolny Śląsk of Poland) while there have been two successes for amateur teams from Spain.

Five editions have been won by the hosts (indicated*).

2020/21: Edition cancelled

2018/19: Dolny Śląsk (POL)

2016/17: Zagreb (CRO)

2014/15: Eastern Region (IRL)*

2012/13: Veneto (ITA)*

2010/11: Braga (POR)*

2008/09: Castilla y León (ESP)

2006/07: Dolny Śląsk (POL)

2004/05: Basque Country (ESP)

2002/03: C. R. Piemonte Valle d'Aosta (ITA)

2000/01: Moravia (CZE)*

1999: Veneto (ITA)*



SQUAD SELECTIONS

Guy Handscombe named his Cymru North squad for the UEFA Regions' Cup friendly against the Republic of Ireland in August.

Cymru North welcome the Boys in Green to Colwyn Bay for the second fixture of their double-header, following a 2-1 defeat at Turners Cross in Cork earlier this month.

Handscombe has selected five players from Colwyn Bay, including Jordan Carrington, Sam Downey, Matty Hill, Dylan Allshorn and Cameron Darling. The Seagulls are the most represented club in the 19-player squad and Handscombe will be hoping the quintet can make home comforts count at Four Crosses Arena.

Four players from Ruthin Town have been included, with Jamie Cumming, Osian Davies, Sam Rickett and Dan Cox called up, along with CPD Porthmadog trio Callum Parry, Meilir Williams and Rhys Williams.

CPD Felinheli duo Ryan Cain and Guto Hughes have also been named in the squad, along with CPD Llanuwchllyn goalkeeper Rob Dascalu, Guisfield's Chris Cathrall, Llansantffraid's Khyam Wyton, Llanrwst's Leon Doran and Cai Roberts of Llangefni Town.

The fixture will form part of Cymru North's preparations for their intermediate round matches in October.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR SELECTION?

Each UEFA member nation can enter one representative amateur team into the UEFA Regions' Cup.

Qualification for the competition varies between national associations, however it is required that the national association holds a domestic qualifying competition to determine which amateur side represent the national association in the competition.

Following changes made to the way in which Cymru is represented in the UEFA Regions' Cup, players from Tier 2 and below are now able to participate in the competition.

In previous years, a qualification tournament held between all the area associations within Wales determined which region would represent Cymru.

However, following rule changes ratified by the National Leagues Board in 2019, the permutations

around who can be selected for the squad was changed.

Players from Tier 2 and below are now able to compete in the competition, provided they have never played in the JD Cymru Premier and have never been a professional.

As per the FIFA Regulation on the Status and Transfer of Players, professional football players are defined as all those who have a written contract with a football club.

Players must have been registered in Wales and within their region for a minimum of two years to be eligible and were between 19-40 years old at the date of their first appearance.



CYMRU IN THE UEFA REGIONS' CUP

The first team to represent Cymru in the UEFA Regions' Cup was Gwent, who flew the Welsh flag when they featured in the 2009 edition of the competition.

Matthew Palmer of Newport Civil Service scored Cymru's first goal in the tournament at the Municipal Haberfeld Stadium in Rishon Le-zion, Israel on 5th September 2008. It arrived during a seven-goal thriller with South Bohemia, who earned a 4-3 win in the second match of the preliminary round.

Gwent represented Cymru again two years later in the 2011 edition, which took place in Croatia. A difficult group, including sides from Turkey, Croatia and England, saw them finish bottom of their preliminary round group for the second time.

There was an improvement in the 2013 competition as North Wales Coast flew the Welsh flag and finished third in their preliminary round group.

North Wales Coast then became the first Welsh region to win a game in the 2015 competition, as they beat Northern Estonia 3-1, but were unable to reach the intermediate round.

South Wales featured in the 2017 and 2019 editions and made history in the latter as they became the first Welsh region to qualify beyond the preliminary round.

The success was made even sweeter as their preliminary round matches took place on home soil at Barry Town United's Jenner Park, with South Wales earning convincing 5-0 and 4-0 wins over Swedish side Kozara and Greece's Euboea respectively.



SQUADS

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Osian Davies
Callum Parry
Matty Hill
Dylan Allshorn
Guto Hughes
Cameron Darling
Khyam Wyton
Leon Doran
Sam Rickett
Cai Roberts
Meilir Williams
Rhys Alun Williams
Dan Cox

Manager: **Guy Handscombe**

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Brendan O Connell
Gary Cunningham
Glen Daly
Jack McMullan
Lee McColgan
Jack Parke
Adam Crowley
A J O Connor
Stephen Chambers
Aaron Humphries
Nathan Broderick
Luke Casey
Mikey Fox
Eoin Murphy
Shane Stritch
Eoin Hayes
James McHugh
Adam Conroy

Head Coach: **Gerry Davis**

