



USW Sports Journalism Newsletter

A Word From The Course Leader

Welcome to the first ever newsletter produced by the final year Sports Journalism students from the University of South Wales. Like all journalists, we are having to be innovative and creative during this time. Coronavirus is impacting on sport in ways we have never seen before. However, all three of our cohorts are working hard to hone their skills and continue their learning and this newsletter is one of a number of ways of showcasing their achievements and productivity. We hope it will give you an insight into what they do and like all good teams, we appreciate your support.



Julie Kissick

Your Creators For This Week



I'm Jack Cook and I will be the editor for this week. I'm a final year student on the sports journalism course. My main passion is football. I'm currently doing work for Dai sport and FAW trust which I really enjoying and is great experience for myself. In the future I would love to work within the area of pr and marketing.



I'm Dylan James and I will be your writer this week. I'm in my final year on the sports journalism course. I have a passion for writing and my favourite sports are rugby and football. I also run a podcast on Welsh rugby with my course mates entitled 'Tee & Eggs'.



I'm Ben Jones and I will be your writer this week. I'm a final year sports journalism student. I've got an interest in most sports, but the prominent ones are football and the NFL. Writing is my strongest point but I'm also good at expressing opinions through a rugby podcast called Tee and Eggs that I do with some fellow students.

What have The Students Been Up To

Second years keeping busy

[Empowering Women](#) by Calvin Okeke

[Comprehensive victory for Cardiff City Ladies](#) by Tom lea

[Five players that should start for Wales](#) by Tobias Hunt

Third years at pressers

Third year students James Dodd and Jack Cook been busy attending press conferences this week for Dai sport. Jack attended the [Wales v Finland](#) pre match and James was at the pre match press conference for [Wales v Georgia](#).

First years at Wales games

Thanks to Y Clwb Pêl droed for giving first year students Dafydd Jones and Lewis Sharpe access to attend the Wales games in the last week. Dafydd attended the [Wales v Ireland](#) game and Lewis went to the Nations League decider against [Finland](#).

Work on Expo

The main hub for stories for the course is [ExpoSport](#). This is where students put up stories of their work on the website to help get their work and names out there. Third year students [Matt](#), [Callum](#), [Joe](#), [Ben](#) and [Dylan](#) have had their work published on the website this week.

Fresher Of The Week

This week 'Fresher of the week' is Dafydd Jones who has made a positive start to his time at university. "The Sports Journalism course has been really positive so far and the sessions have really helped to improve my work for Y Clwb Pêl Droed and St David's World.



Having moved down to Cardiff, I've had the opportunity to cover local Cymru Premier clubs like Barry Town and Penybont, as well as Welsh Premier Women's League sides like Cardiff Met and Cyncoed. Covering Wales' men and women's teams against Norway and the Republic of Ireland at the Cardiff City Stadium this month has been brilliant and has given me a taste of what I'm hoping to achieve after the course, which is to have a full-time role in the coverage of Welsh football."

Podcast Of The Week

This week's featured podcast is "Welsh Watch". A group of first year students have created the series. The students include Tom Lea, Lee Clow, Ben Evans, Ben Thomas and Jack Cleaver. They have enjoyed some recent success and are aspirational for their future, Tom Lea explains, "Our podcast has been going



well so far. We've been getting some good views on the first four episodes that we've released and got a decent following growing already. Lee has already interviewed a Welsh international in Lily Woodham and hopefully, there'll be more interviews coming in the future with fans and players. The potential of the Welsh team heading to the world cup in 2022 will give us, even more, to talk about and look at moving forwards and I'm really excited as to where we could take it. Big things could hopefully be just around the corner for us."

Radio Glamorgan



An exciting opportunity for the third year students is to be involved with producing a weekly sports show for Radio Glamorgan. They decide the topics and what goes into the programme, ready for air on Friday nights and Saturday mornings, as a repeat.

In this week's Sporting Roundup episode, Matt Slater had the role of the presenter, James Dodd was the producer and rugby reporter, Halen McCarthy and Hayley Mooney were on football reporting duties.

In terms of football, Hayley and Matt started with the Wales Men's national team, speaking about their record-breaking, promotion winning game against Finland. The two then spoke about all things Cardiff City before Halen joined the conversation and covered Swansea City and Newport County.

Next on the cards was rugby with James and Matt, who covered the upcoming Wales game against Georgia before moving onto the Pro14.

Throughout the show, quiz questions were asked for listeners to answer, in between the topics of discussion. The panel also used the opportunity to promote Radio Glamorgan's virtual quiz.

Third Years Preparing For World Of Work

Third year students Ben Jones and Dylan James have been provided with a marvellous work experience opportunity with Swansea City Football Club. This week Ben and Dylan had a group interview with the Swans' media team, Andrew Gwilym and Chris Barney. Ben is excited to get started, "football is close to my heart, so it's a real pleasure to be working with a top team like Swansea City, to develop as a journalist." The work placement will begin with a two week trial period, which could then develop to create more opportunities for the duo.

Also, another third year student Joe Mansfield has been given work placement at Newport County. "It's an exciting prospect. I am looking forward to working with the team, especially with former Sports Journalism student Callum Ellis. Hopefully, I will be able to expand my journalistic skills. I start my placement with them on Saturday, hosting a watch-a-long with Newport County fans." This is a brilliant opportunity for soon to be graduates to go out and get real life work experience and have a better chance of getting a job after finishing university.

Note From The Editor

We hope you all enjoyed the first edition of the Sports Journalism newsletter. We had a lot of fun creating it and we look forward to showing you what's going on in the world of sports journalism in next week's issue. Thank You!



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