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# CYMRU V BELGIUM - FACTS AND STATS

## CYMRU V GWLAD BELG - FFEITHIAU AC YSTADEGAU



There have been no less than six qualifying campaigns that have brought Cymru and Belgium together. Here's a closer look at the facts and stats of the previous qualifying campaign meetings between the two nations together with two international friendlies that marked the start of this regular fixture. There was also one particularly famous night in Lille.

Mae Cymru a Gwlad Belg wedi dod benben meun dim llai na chwe ymgyrch ragbrofol. Dyma gymryd golwg fanylach ar ffeithiau ac ystadegau ymgyrchoedd rhagbrofol cyffredin diwethaf y ddwy wlad ynghyd â dwy gêm ryngwladol gyfeillgar. Heb anghofio un noson enwog arbennig yn Lille....

### UEFA EURO 1992 - GROUP 5 / EWRO 1992 UEFA - GRŴP 5

17/10/1990 Cymru 3-1 Belgium/Gwlad Belg Cardiff /Caerdydd (Rush, Saunders, Hughes)  
27/03/1991 Belgium/Gwlad Belg 1-1 Cymru Anderlecht (Saunders)  
Cymru finished second in the group behind Germany while Belgium ended the group in third. Daeth Cymru yn ail yn y grŵp y tu ôl i'r Almaen a daeth Gwlad Belg yn drydydd.

### 1994 FIFA WORLD CUP - GROUP 4 / CWPAN Y BYD FIFA 1994 - GRŴP 4

18/11/1992 Belgium/Gwlad Belg 2-0 Cymru Brussels/Brusel  
31/03/1993 Cymru 2-0 Belgium Cardiff/Caerdydd (Giggs, Rush)  
Belgium qualified for the finals as runners-up behind Romania while Cymru finished fourth. Enillodd Gwlad Belg le yn y rowndiau terfynol wrth ddod yn ail i Rumania. Daeth Cymru yn bedwerydd.

### 1998 FIFA WORLD CUP - GROUP 7 / CWPAN Y BYD FIFA 1998 - GRŴP 7

29/03/1997 Cymru 1-2 Belgium/Gwlad Belg Cardiff/Caerdydd (Speed)  
11/10/1997 Belgium/Gwlad Belg 3-2 Cymru Brussels/Brusel (Pembbridge(p), Giggs)  
Cymru ended the group in fourth while Belgium qualified for the play-offs and progressed to the finals. Daeth Cymru yn bedwerydd tra bo Gwlad Belg wedi llwyddo i gyrraedd y gemau ail-gyfle cyn mynd ymlaen i'r rowndiau terfynol.

### 2014 FIFA WORLD CUP - GROUP A / CWPAN Y BYD FIFA 2014 - GRŴP A

07/09/2012 Cymru 0-2 Belgium/Gwlad Belg Cardiff/Caerdydd  
15/10/2013 Belgium/Gwlad Belg 1-1 Cymru Brussels/Brusel (Ramsey)  
Belgium won the group by nine points while Cymru finished in fifth place. Enillodd Gwlad Belg y grŵp o naw phwynt a daeth Cymru yn bumed.

### UEFA EURO 2016 - GROUP B / EWRO 2016 UEFA - GRŴP B

16/11/2014 Belgium/Gwlad Belg 0-0 Cymru Brussels/Brusel  
12/06/2015 Cymru 1-0 Belgium/Gwlad Belg Cardiff/Caerdydd (Bale)  
Belgium qualified for the finals as group winners and were joined in France by Cymru as runners-up. Llwyddodd Gwlad Belg i gyrraedd y rowndiau terfynol fel enillwyr y grŵp ac ymunodd Cymru â nhw yn Ffrainc fel y tîm a ddaeth yn ail.

### 2022 FIFA WORLD CUP - GROUP E / CWPAN Y BYD FIFA 2022 - GRŴP E

24/03/2021 Belgium/Gwlad Belg 3-1 Cymru Leuven (Wilson)  
16/11/2021 Cymru 1-1 Belgium/Gwlad Belg Cardiff/Caerdydd (Moore)  
Belgium again progress to the finals as group winners with runners-up Cymru entering the play-offs. Mae Gwlad Belg yn mynd i'r rowndiau terfynol unwaith eto fel enillwyr y grŵp tra bo Cymru yn y gemau ail-gyfle.

### INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLIES / GEMAU RHYNGWLADOL CYFEILLGAR

22/05/1949 Belgium/Gwlad Belg 3-1 Cymru Liege (Ford)  
23/11/1949 Cymru 5-1 Belgium/Gwlad Belg Cardiff/Caerdydd (Paul, Clarke, Ford 3)

### UEFA EURO 2016 QUARTER-FINAL / ROWND YR WYTH OLAF EWRO 2016 UEFA

01/07/2016 Cymru 3-1 Belgium/Gwlad Belg Lille (Williams, Robson-Kanu, Vokes)

# BELGIUM - MEET THE MANAGER

## GWLAD BELG - DOD I ADNABOD Y RHEOLWR



**Name:** Roberto Martinez

**Age:** 48

**Nationality:** Spanish

A familiar name in Welsh football, Martinez started his managerial career with Swansea City in 2007 and guided them to promotion as League One champions in his first full season. A popular figure at the Swans during his playing career in the lower levels of the English pyramid, Martinez came to international prominence as a coach, winning the FA Cup with Wigan Athletic in 2013 before making the switch to Everton. Appointed manager of the Belgian national team in 2016, Martinez guided the Red Devils to the semi-finals of the 2018 FIFA World Cup in Russia. A veteran of over 500 games as a manager having retired from playing at the age of 33.

**Enw:** Roberto Martinez

**Oedran:** 48

**Cenedligrwydd:** Sbaen

Ac yntau'n enw cyfarwydd i gefnogwyr pêl-droed yng Nghymru, dechreuodd Martinez ei yrfa fel rheolwr gydag Abertawe yn 2007 gan eu harwain i ddyrchafiad fel pencampwyr Cynghrair Un yn ei dymor llawn cyntaf. Roedd yn ffigur poblogaidd gyda'r Elyrch yn ystod ei yrfa chwarae ar lefelau isaf pyramid Lloegr, a daeth Martinez i amlygrwydd rhyngwladol fel hyfforddwr, gan ennill Cwpan FA Lloegr gyda Wigan Athletic yn 2013 cyn symud i Everton. Cafodd ei benodi fel rheolwr tîm cenedlaethol Gwlad Belg yn 2016, ac arweiniodd Martinez y 'Red Devils' i rownd gyndderfynol Cwpan y Byd 2018 FIFA yn Rwsia. Hen ben sydd wedi bod wrth y llyw ar gyfer dros 500 o gemau fel rheolwr ar ôl iddo ymddeol fel chwaraeur yn 33 oed.

# BELGIUM - THREE TO WATCH GWLAD BELG - TRI TALENTOG



**Name:** Jason Denayer  
**Age:** 26  
**Position:** Defender  
**Club:** Lyon (France)

A talented defender, Jason Denayer joined Manchester City's academy in 2013 but did not make a senior appearance for the club and instead enjoyed successful loan moves at Celtic, Sunderland and two spells in Turkey with Galatasaray. In the summer of 2018, Denayer completed a permanent move to Lyon and has been an important player for the Ligue 1 club since. In March 2015, Denayer made his senior international debut in a EURO qualifier against Israel and scored his first goal for his country in September 2020 against Denmark in the UEFA Nations League.

**Enw:** Jason Denayer  
**Oedran:** 26  
**Safle:** Amddiffynnwr  
**Clwb:** Lyon (Ffrainc)

Amddiffynnwr talentog a ymunodd ag academi Manchester City yn 2013. Er na wnaeth ymddangos o gwbl i'r tîm cyntaf, fe aeth ar gyfnodau benthg llwyddiannus gyda Celtic, Sunderland a dau gyfnod yn Nhurci gyda Galatasaray. Yn ystod haf 2018, symudodd Denayer yn barhaol i Lyon ac mae wedi bod yn chwarae wr puysig i'r club Ligue 1 ers hynny. Ym mis Mawrth 2015, chwaraeodd Denayer i'w wlad am y tro cyntaf mewn gêm ragbrofol ar gyfer yr Euros yn erbyn Israel, a sgoriodd ei gôl gyntaf dros ei wlad ym mis Medi 2020 yn erbyn Denmarc yng Nghynghrair Cenedloedd UEFA.



**Name:** Kevin De Bruyne  
**Age:** 30  
**Position:** Midfielder  
**Club:** Manchester City (England)

One of the stand-out players in the Premier League, Kevin De Bruyne has been an integral part of Manchester City's domestic success since he moved to the club in 2015. Having come through the youth ranks at Genk, De Bruyne also played for Chelsea, Werder Bremen and Wolfsburg, and made his senior debut for Belgium in September 2010 in a friendly defeat away to Finland, and was a key member of the Belgium side that reached the semi-finals of the World Cup in 2018 before they were eliminated by eventual winners France.

**Enw:** Kevin De Bruyne  
**Oedran:** 30  
**Safle:** Canol cae  
**Clwb:** Manchester City (Lloegr)

Un o chwarae w yr mwyaf talentog Uwch Gynghrair Lloegr sydd wedi bod yn rhan annatod o lwyddiant domestig Manchester City ers iddo symud i'r club yn 2015. Ar ôl dod trwy'r rhengoedd ieuencid yn Genk, chwaraeodd De Bruyne i Chelsea hefyd, yn ogystal â Werder Bremen a Wolfsburg, a gwnaeth ei ymddangosiad cyntaf i dîm cyntaf Gwlad Belg ym mis Medi 2010 mewn colled gyfeillgar yn erbyn y Ffindir. Roedd yn aelod allweddol o'r tîm a gyrhaeddodd rownd gynderfynol Cupan y Byd yn 2018 cyn cael eu trechu gan Ffrainc, yr enillwr yn y pen draw.



**Name:** Michy Batshuayi  
**Age:** 28  
**Position:** Forward  
**Club:** Chelsea (England)

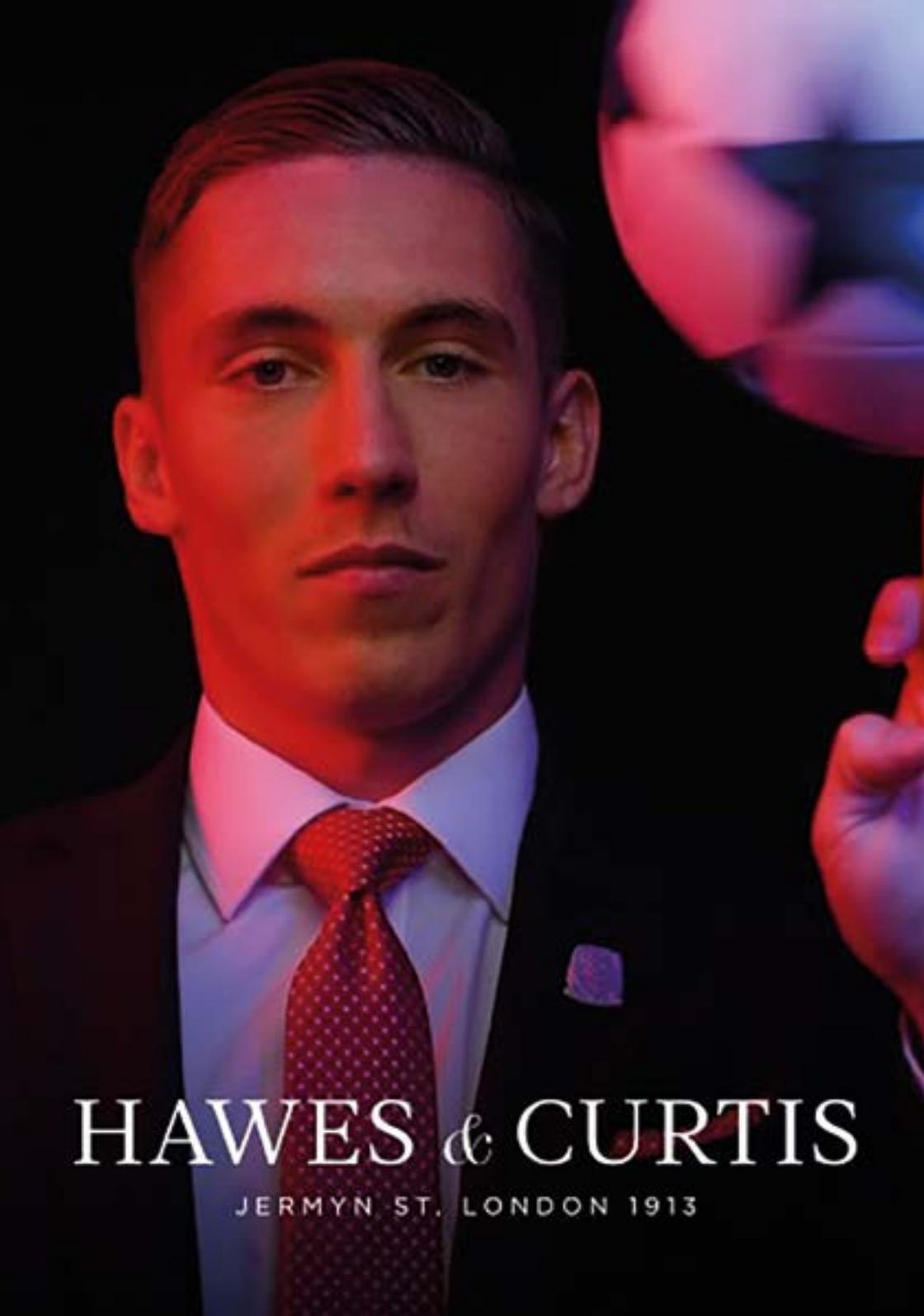
A nomadic striker, Batshuayi has played club football in Belgium, France, England, Germany, Spain and Turkey. Although he remains a Chelsea player, Batshuayi has spent the last four years on-loan at Borussia Dortmund, Valencia, Crystal Palace and most recently Besiktas. The striker made his senior international debut for Belgium in March 2015 and has an impressive goal return for his country after scoring in his first game against Cyprus. Batshuayi won the Premier League title with Chelsea in 2017.

**Enw:** Michy Batshuayi  
**Oedran:** 28  
**Safle:** Blaenwr  
**Clwb:** Chelsea (Lloegr)

Ymosodwr crwydrol sydd wedi chwarae i glybiau yng Ngwlad Belg, Ffrainc, Lloegr, yr Almaen, Sbaen a Thurci. Er ei fod yn parhau yn rhan o glwb Chelsea, mae Batshuayi wedi treulio'r pedair blynedd diwethaf ar fenthg yn Borussia Dortmund, Valencia, Crystal Palace ac yn fwyaf diweddar, Besiktas. Gwnaeth yr ymosodwr ei ymddangosiad rhyngwladol cyntaf dros ei wlad ym mis Mawrth 2015 gan sgorio sawl gwaith ar ôl sgorio yn ei gêm gyntaf yn erbyn Cyprus. Enillodd Batshuayi yr Uwch Gynghrair gyda Chelsea yn 2017.

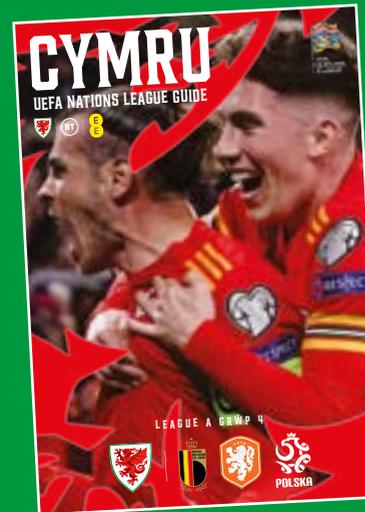
## BELGIUM / GWLAD BELG

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# BELGIUM - 2022 FIFA WORLD CUP QUALIFYING CAMPAIGN GWLAD BELG - YMGYRCH RAGBROFOL CWPAN Y BYD FIFA 2022



Roberto Martinez's side opened their campaign with a 3-1 victory over Cymru in Leuven back in March 2021 despite going behind to a fine goal from Harry Wilson. Kevin De Bruyne, Thorgan Hazard and a penalty from Romelu Lukaku turned the game around for the home side, but after going a goal behind to the Czech Republic in Prague, an equaliser from Lukaku on the hour mark would only earn Belgium a share of the points in a 1-1 draw. However, the side were at their brilliant best on their return to Leuven at the end of March as they defeated Belarus 8-0. Michy Batshuayi, Jeremy Doku, Dennis Praet, Christian Benteke and a brace each from Hans Vanaken and Leandro Trossard sealed the convincing victory.

The goals continued for Belgium in September as goals from Axel Witsel, Thomas Foket, Vanaken and a double from Lukaku defeat Estonia 5-2 in Tallinn. Estonia had taken a surprise lead through Mattias Käit but their second goal from Erik Sorga late in the game was only a consolation. Goals from Lukaku, Eden Hazard and Alexis Saelemaekers ensured the Czech Republic would be defeated 3-0 in Brussels, but a much tougher test followed against Belarus in Kazan and only a goal from Praet after 33 minutes would decide the match in Belgium's favour.

Dechreuodd tîm Roberto Martinez eu hymgyrch gyda buddugoliaeth 3-1 dros Gymru yn Leuven nôl ym mis Mawrth 2021 er iddynt fynd ar ei hôl hi i gôl wych gan Harry Wilson. Trodd Kevin De Bruyne, Thorgan Hazard a chic gosb gan Romelu Lukaku y gêm o gumpas i'r tîm cartref. Ar ôl mynd gôl ar ei hôl hi i'r Weriniaeth Tsiec ym Mhrâg, sgoriodd Lukaku i unioni'r sgôr ar yr awr gan ennill pwynt i Wlad Belg mewn gêm gyfartal 1-1. Ac roedd y tîm ar ei orau ar ôl dychwelyd i Leuven ddiwedd mis Mawrth gan faeddu Belarus 8-0. Daeth goliau gan Michy Batshuayi, Jeremy Doku, Dennis Praet, Christian Benteke a dwy yr un gan Hans Vanaken a Leandro Trossard i gadarnhau'r fuddugoliaeth enfaur.

Parhau i lifo a wnaeth y goliau ym mis Medi gyda Axel Witsel, Thomas Foket a Vanaken yn sgorio, a Lukaku yn bachu dwy, i guro Estonia 5-2 yn Tallinn. Roedd Estonia wedi mynd ar y blaen trwy Mattias Käit ond gôl gysur yn unig oedd eu hail gan Erik Sorga yn hwy'r ym y gêm. Diolch i goliau gan Lukaku, Eden Hazard ac Alexis Saelemaekers, bu i Wlad Belg guro'r Weriniaeth Tsiec 3-0 ym Mrusel, ond daeth gêm llawer caletach yn erbyn Belarus yn Kazan a gôl Praet yn unig ar ôl 33 munud yn golygu mai Gwlad Belg aeth a hi.

Benteke, Yannick Carrasco and Thorgan Hazard scored for Belgium in a 3-1 win over Estonia in Brussels in the penultimate match of the campaign before the side headed to Cardiff to take on Cymru. De Bruyne opened the scoring for the visitors, but Cymru equalised through Kieffer Moore earn his side a 1-1 draw and with it finish as runners-up to Belgium in Group E. Belgium remained undefeated throughout the campaign and will now look to build on reaching the semi-finals at the last World Cup when they head to Qatar this winter.

Sgoriodd Benteke, Yannick Carrasco a Thorgan Hazard i Wlad Belg mewn buddugoliaeth 3-1 dros Estonia ym Mrusel yng ngêm olaf ond un yr ymgyrch cyn i'r tîm deithio i Gaerdydd i herio Cymru. Sgoriodd De Bruyne gyntaf i'r ymwelwyr, ond daeth Cymru yn gyfartal trwy Kieffer Moore mewn gêm a ddaeth i ben 1-1 a Chymru yn dod yn ail i Wlad Belg yng Ngrŵp E. Roedd Gwlad Belg yn ddiuro drwy gydol yr ymgyrch gyfan a byddant nawr yn edrych i adeiladu ar gyrraedd y rownd gynderfynol yn y Cupan y Byd diwethaf pan fyddant yn teithio i Qatar y gaef hwn.



# BELGIUM – PAUL VAN HIMST

## GWLAD BELG – PAUL VAN HIMST



Striker Paul Van Himst made over 450 appearances for Anderlecht after emerging through the youth ranks at the club, and his achievements have made him a hero there to this day. Although he scored 233 competitive goals between 1959 and 1975, his legendary status is built on far more than his talent on the field. His club performances were matched by those for the national team, and he currently sits joint-third on the all-time goalscorers list for Belgium with 30 goals in 81 senior international appearances.

Fe wnaeth yr ergydiwr Paul Van Himst dros 450 o ymddangosiadau i Anderlecht ar ôl dod i'r amlwg trwy rengeodd ieuenctid y club, ac mae'n arwr yno hyd heddiw diolch i'w gyflawmiadau. Er iddo sgorio 233 o goliau cystadleuol rhwng 1959 a 1975, mae ei status chwedlonol wedi ei adeiladu ar lawer mwy na'i dalent ar y cae. Roedd ei berfformiadau club yn cyd-fynd â'i berfformiadau i'r tîm cenedlaethol, ac ar hyn o bryd mae'n gydradd drydydd ar y rhestr o sgorwyr uchaf Gwlad Belg gyda 30 gôl mewn 81 gêm ryngwladol. Gan gynrychioli ei wlad yn rowndiau terfynol Cupan y Byd FIFA 1970 ym Mecsico, dim ond



Representing his country at the 1970 FIFA World Cup finals in Mexico, only Eden Hazard and Romelu Lukaku have scored more goals for their country, but there is more to his story than goalscoring statistics.

Winning 14 major honours with Anderlecht, Van Himst also claimed the Belgian Golden Shoe award on a record four separate occasions with the club, with his fourth award arriving 14 years after first such was his longevity at that level. UEFA recognised his achievements in 2004 by naming him Belgium's most outstanding player of the last 50 years, while he finished fourth in the 1965 Ballon d'Or vote. Van Himst was also named Belgium's Player of the Century in 1995.

It was inevitable that Van Himst would eventually manage Anderlecht at the end of his playing career and he took charge of the club in 1983. During the course of the next three years, the club would lift the Belgian league title and Super Cup as well as reaching the UEFA Cup final on two occasions, winning the trophy with a 2-1 victory over Sven-Göran Eriksson's Benfica in his first season. Making a similar impression as manager of Anderlecht as he did as a player, it wasn't long before the national team once again came calling, and after a spell at Molenbeek, Van Himst took charge of Belgium in 1991.

Joined by Cymru in qualifying for the 1994 FIFA World Cup finals in the United States, Belgium would finish in second place to Romania in Group 4 which earned Van Himst's side automatic qualification. Drawn in Group F, victories over Morocco and the Netherlands ensured the side would progress to the knockout stages of the tournament, but a 3-2 defeat to Germany in Chicago brought their journey to an end. However, the side would miss out on a place at UEFA EURO 1996, and Van Himst left his post and the game behind.

During his playing career, Van Himst attracted plenty of interest, but remained in his native Belgium with his family despite receiving some tempting offers to return to the professional game. "Real Madrid," explained Van Himst in an interview with Belgian newspaper De Zondag in 2017. "They were looking for a playmaker when Di Stéfano left. I think I could have played football for them. That was times three or four in wages, I don't remember right. But although it was good, I wasn't interested. That might be different now."

Eden Hazard a Romelu Lukaku sydd wedi sgorio mwy o goliau i'w gwlad. Ond mae llawer mwy i'w stori nag ystadegau sgorio yn unig.

Enillodd 14 o wobrau mawr gydag Anderlecht, ac enmill gwobr 'Esgid Aur' Gwlad Belg ar bedwar achlysur gwahanol gyda'r club, gyda'i bedwaredd wobwr yn cyrraedd 14 mlynedd ar ôl y cyntaf, cymaint oedd ei hirhoedledd ar y lefel honno. Cafodd ei gyflawmiadau eu cydnabod gan UEFA yn 2004 pan gafodd ei enwi el chwaraeur mwyaf rhagorol Gwlad Belg o'r 50 mlynedd diwethaf, a daeth yn bedwerydd ym mhleidlais Ballon d'Or 1965. Cafodd ei enwi fel Chwaraeur y Ganrif Gwlad Belg ym 1995 hefyd.

Roedd yn anochel y byddai Van Himst yn rheoli Anderlecht yn y pen draw ar ddiwedd ei yrfa chwarae a chymerodd awenau'r club ym 1983. Yn ystod y tair blynedd nesaf, byddai'r club yn codi teitl cynghair Gwlad Belg a'r 'Super Cup' yn ogystal â chyrraedd round derfynol Cuppan UEFA ar ddau achlysur, gan ennill y tîs gyda buddugoliaeth 2-1 dros Benfica Sven-Göran Eriksson yn ei dymor cyntaf. Gan wneud argraff debyg fel rheolwr Anderlecht ag y gwnaeth fel chwaraeur, nid oedd yn hir cyn i'r tîm cenedlaethol alw unwaith eto, ac ar ôl cyfnod yn Molenbeek, cymerodd Van Himst yr awenau dros Wlad Belg ym 1991.

Yn yr un grŵp rhagbrofol â Chymru ar gyfer Cupan y Byd FIFA 1994 yn yr Unol Daleithiau, byddai Gwlad Belg yn gorffen yn ail i Rumania yng Ngrŵp 4, a chymhuyso'n awtomatig. Gan ganfod eu hunain yng Ngrŵp F, fe wnaeth buddugoliaethau yn erbyn Morocco a'r Iseldiroedd sicrhau bod y tîm yn symud heibio'r gemau grŵp. Ond daeth colled 3-2 yn erbyn yr Almaen yn Chicago â'u taith i ben. Yna, collodd y tîm allan ar le yn Euro 1996 UEFA, a gadawodd Van Himst ei swydd a'r gêm ar ei ôl.

Yn ystod ei yrfa chwarae, fe lwyddodd Van Himst i ddenu cryn dipyn o ddiddordeb, ond arhosodd yng Ngwlad Belg gyda'i deulu er gwaethaf derbyn ambell i gynnydd deniadol iawn i ddychuwelyd i'r gêm broffesiynol. "Real Madrid," esboniodd Van Himst mewn cyfweiliad â'r papur newydd De Zondag o Wlad Belg yn 2017. "Roedden nhw'n chwilio am 'playmaker' pan adawodd Di Stéfano. Dwi'n meddwl y gallwn i fod wedi chwarae pêl-droed iddyn nhw. Roedd hynny dair neu bedair gwaith mwy o gyflog, dydw i ddim yn cofio'n iawn. Ond er ei fod yn dda, doedd gen i ddim diddordeb. Efallai byddai hynny'n wahanol naur."

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# CYMRU V NETHERLANDS- FACTS AND STATS

## CYMRU V YR ISELDIROEDD - FFEITHIAU AC YSTADEGAU



There have been four competitive games between Cymru and the Netherlands as the two nations were drawn together in qualifying for the 1990 and 1998 FIFA World Cup finals. In addition, they have also played four friendly internationals, with the Netherlands enjoying a perfect record against Cymru to date.

Mae Cymru a'r Iseldiroedd wedi curdd meun pedair gêm gystadleuol, a hynny yn yr ymgyrchoedd rhagbrofol ar gyfer Cwpan y Byd FIFA 1990 a 1998. Yn ogystal, mae'r ddwy wlad wedi dod benben meun pedair gêm ryngwladol gyfeillgar, gyda'r Iseldiroedd yn cael y gorau ar Gymru ym mhob un o'r gemau hynny hyd yn hyn.

### 1990 FIFA WORLD CUP – GROUP 4 / CWPAN Y BYD FIFA 1990 – GRŴP 4

14/09/1988 Netherlands/Yr Iseldiroedd 1-0 Cymru Amsterdam  
 11/10/1989 Cymru 1-2 Netherlands/Yr Iseldiroedd Wrexham/Wrecsam (Bowen)  
 Netherlands won the group to qualify for the finals while Cymru finished bottom without a win. Enillodd yr Iseldiroedd y grŵp i gymhwyso ar gyfer y roundiau terfynol a gorfennodd Cymru ar waelod y tabl heb yr un fuddugoliaeth.

### 1998 FIFA WORLD CUP – GROUP 7 / CWPAN Y BYD FIFA 1998 – GRŴP 7

05/10/1996 Cymru 1-3 Netherlands/Yr Iseldiroedd Cardiff/Caerdydd (Saunders)  
 09/11/1996 Netherlands/Yr Iseldiroedd 7-1 Cymru Eindhoven (Saunders)  
 Netherlands again qualified for the finals as group winners while only San Marino finished below Cymru.

### INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLIES / GEMAU RHYNGWLADOL CYFEILLGAR

30/05/1992 Netherlands/Yr Iseldiroedd 4-0 Cymru Utrecht  
 01/06/2008 Netherlands 2-0 Cymru Eindhoven  
 04/06/2014 Netherlands/Yr Iseldiroedd 2-0 Cymru Amsterdam  
 13/11/2015 Cymru 2-3 Netherlands/Iseldiroedd Cardiff/Caerdydd (Ledley, Huus)



# NETHERLANDS - MEET THE MANAGER

## YR ISELDIROEDD - DOD I ADNABOD Y RHEOLWR



**Name:** Louis van Gaal

**Age:** 70

**Nationality:** Dutch

One of the most recognisable names in the European game, Louis van Gaal took charge of the national team for the third time in August 2021. During his long and successful managerial career, van Gaal guided Ajax to UEFA Champions League glory in 1995 and also enjoyed domestic success during spells at Barcelona, Bayern Munich, AZ Alkmaar and Manchester United. A veteran of almost 1,000 games as manager over the last 30 years, van Gaal also played over 300 games as a midfielder during his professional playing career which was primarily spent at Sparta Rotterdam.

**Enw:** Louis van Gaal

**Oedran:** 70

**Cenedligrwydd:** Yr Iseldiroedd

Ac yntau'n un o'r enwau mwyaf adnabyddus yn y gêm Ewropeaidd, cymerodd Louis van Gaal awennau'r tîm cenedlaethol am y trydydd tro ym mis Awst 2021. Yn ystod ei yrfa reoli hir a llwyddiannus, arweiniodd van Gaal Ajax i ogoniant Cynghrair Pencampwyr UEFA ym 1995 a muynhau llwyddiant domestig yn ystod cyfnodau gyda Barcelona, Bayern Munich, AZ Alkmaar a Manchester United. Mae'n hen ben sydd wedi bod wrth y llyw ar gyfer bron i 1,000 o gemau fel rheolwr dros y 30 mlynedd diwethaf, a hefyd wedi chwarae dros 300 o gemau yng nghanol y cae yn ystod ei yrfa chwarae broffesiynol a dreuliodd yn bennaf gyda Sparta Rotterdam.

# NETHERLANDS - THREE TO WATCH YR ISELDIROEDD - TRI TALENTOG



**Name:** Virgil van Dijk  
**Age:** 30  
**Position:** Defender  
**Club:** Liverpool (England)  
Regarded as one of the best central defenders in the world game, van Dijk has won six major trophies since completing his move from Southampton to Liverpool in January 2018 having previously played for Groningen and Celtic. Van Dijk made his international debut against Kazakhstan in October 2015 and was appointed Netherlands captain by former manager Ronald Koeman in March 2018. A key player for club and country due to his defensive presence and ability on the ball, van Dijk continues to wear the armband for his country today.

**Enw:** Virgil van Dijk  
**Oedran:** 30  
**Safle:** Amddiffynnwr  
**Clwb:** Lerpwl (Lloegr)  
Mae'n cael ei ystyried yn un o amddiffynwyr canolog gorau'r byd, ac mae van Dijk wedi ennill chwe thlws mawr ers symud o Southampton i Lerpwl ym mis Ionawr 2018 ar ôl chwarae i Groningen a Celtic yn flaenorol. Chwaraeodd Van Dijk ei gêm ryngwladol gyntaf yn erbyn Kazakhstan ym mis Hydref 2015 a chafodd ei wneud yn gapten ar ei wlad gan y cyn-reolwr Ronald Koeman ym mis Mawrth 2018. Mae'n chwarae allweddol i'w glwb a'i wlad oherwydd ei bresenoldeb amddiffynnol a'i allu ar y bêl, ac mae'n parhau'n gapten ar ei wlad hyd heddiw.



**Name:** Georginio Wijnaldum  
**Age:** 31  
**Position:** Midfielder  
**Club:** Paris Saint-Germain (France)  
An important player for the Netherlands throughout the last decade, Georginio Wijnaldum came through the youth ranks at Sparta Rotterdam and Feyenoord and made over 100 senior appearances with the latter before moving to PSV Eindhoven in 2011. A move to England with Newcastle United followed in 2015 but just one year later Wijnaldum made the switch to Liverpool and he would win both the Premier League and UEFA Champions League during his time at Anfield. Wijnaldum made his international debut for the Netherlands and scored in an 11-0 win over San Marino in September 2011.

**Enw:** Georginio Wijnaldum  
**Oedran:** 31  
**Safle:** Canol cae  
**Clwb:** Paris Saint-Germain (Ffrainc)  
Chwaraeaur puysig i'r Iseldiroedd drwy gydol y ddegawd ddiwethaf, daeth Georginio Wijnaldum drwy'r rhengoedd ieuenctid yn Sparta Rotterdam a Feyenoord gan ymddangos dros 100 o weithiau i dîm cyntaf Feyenoord cyn symud i PSV Eindhoven yn 2011. Symudodd i Loegr gyda Newcastle United yn dilyn hynny ac yn 2015, dim ond blwyddyn yn ddiweddarach, aeth Wijnaldum i Lerpwl gan ennill Uwch Gynghrair Lloegr a Chynghrair Pencampwyr UEFA yn ystod ei amser yn Anfield. Chwaraeodd Wijnaldum i'r Iseldiroedd am y tro cyntaf a sgorio mewn buddugoliaeth 11-0 dros San Marino ym mis Medi 2011.



**Name:** Frenkie de Jong  
**Age:** 25  
**Position:** Midfielder  
**Club:** Barcelona (Spain)  
A talented midfielder, Frenkie de Jong completed his dream move from Ajax to Barcelona in the summer of 2019 and has become an integral part of the side under manager Xavi. During his time with Ajax, de Jong won the league and cup double in his final season at the club. His quality on the ball is complimented by his ability to read situations during games and he has also established himself as an important figure for his country since making his debut in a 2-1 friendly win over Peru in September 2018. De Jong represented the Netherlands at U15, U17, U19 and U21 level before being named in the senior squad.

**Enw:** Frenkie de Jong  
**Oedran:** 25  
**Safle:** Canol cae  
**Clwb:** Barcelona (Sbaen)  
Chwaraeaur canol cae dawnus a symudodd o Ajax i Barcelona yn ystod haf 2019 gan ddod yn rhan annatod o'r tîm o dan y rheolwr Xavi. Yn ystod ei amser gydag Ajax, enillodd de Jong y gynghrair a'r gup yn ei dymor olaf yn y club. Caiff ei ansaudd ar y bêl ei ategu gan ei allu i ddarllen gemau ac mae hefyd wedi sefydlu ei hun fel ffigur puysig i'w wlad ers ei ymddangosiad cyntaf mewn buddugoliaeth gyfeillgar 2-1 dros Beriw ym mis Medi 2018. Mae wedi cynrychioli'r Iseldiroedd ar lefel Dan 15, Dan 17, Dan 19 a Dan 21 cyn cael ei enwi yn y garfan uwch.

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- DAVY KLAASSEN
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# NETHERLANDS - 2022 FIFA WORLD CUP QUALIFYING CAMPAIGN YR ISELDIROEDD - YMGYRCH RAGBROFOL CWPAN Y BYD FIFA 2022



Although the Netherlands would eventually as Group G winners, their campaign began in the worst possible way as a hat-trick from Burak Yilmaz earned Turkey a 4-2 win in Istanbul in the opening group game in March 2021. Davy Klaassen and Luuk de Jong scored the consolation goals for the Netherlands in the defeat, but the side regrouped and responded in Amsterdam a few days later as Steven Berghuis and de Jong were on target in a 2-0 win over Latvia. Six different players were on the scoresheet as the Netherlands scored seven past Gibraltar without reply, as Memphis Depay, Georginio Wijnaldum, Donyell Malen, Donny van de Beek, Berghuis and de Jong put their campaign back on track.

The Netherlands returned to qualifying action in September against Norway in Oslo, but despite going behind to an Erling Haaland goal, Klaassen levelled just before half-time to earn his side a share of the points. Depay scored twice as the side then recorded a 4-0 win over Montenegro in Eindhoven, with Wijnaldum and Cody Gakpo adding their names to the scoresheet. The side then claimed revenge for their opening defeat as Turkey were defeated 6-1 in Amsterdam through goals from Klaassen, Guus Til, Malen and a hat-trick from Depay.

A solitary goal from Klaassen was enough for the Netherlands to return from Riga with

Er y byddai'r Iseldiroedd yn ennill Grŵp G yn y pen draw, dechreuodd eu hymgyrch yn y ffordd waethaf bosib wrth i hatric gan Burak Yilmaz sicrhau buddugoliaeth 4-2 i Dwrci yn Istanbul yn y gêm grŵp agoriadol ym mis Mawrth 2021. Sgoriodd Davy Klaassen a Luuk de Jong goliau cysur i'r Iseldiroedd yn y golled, ond ail-grwpiodd y tîm ac ymateb yn gadarn yn Amsterdam ychydig ddyddiau'n ddiweddarach wrth i Steven Berghuis a de Jong sgorio mewn buddugoliaeth 2-0 yn erbyn Latfia. Llwyddodd chwe gwahanol chwaraewr i sgorio yn eu buddugoliaeth fawr dros Gibraltar, gyda Memphis Depay, Georginio Wijnaldum, Donyell Malen, Donny van de Beek, Berghuis a de Jong yn canfod cefn y rhwyd.

Dychwelodd yr Iseldiroedd i'r gemau rhagbrofol ym mis Medi yn erbyn Norwy yn Oslo, ond er iddynt fynd ar ei hôl hi i gôl gan Erling Haaland, unionodd Klaassen y sgôr ychydig cyn hanner amser i ennill cyfran o'r puwntiau i'w dîm. Sgoriodd Depay ddwywaith wrth i'r tîm guro Montenegro 4-0 yn Eindhoven, gyda Wijnaldum a Cody Gakpo yn sgorio hefyd. Yna, llwyddodd y tîm i ddial am eu colled agoriadol wrth drechu Turci 6-1 yn Amsterdam diolch i goliau gan Klaassen, Guus Til, Malen a hatric gan Depay.

Roedd un gôl yn unig gan Klaassen yn ddigon i fachu'r holl buwntiau i'r Iseldiroedd yn Riga wrth iddynt guro Latfia 1-0, a dychwelodd

maximum points as Latvia were defeated 1-0, and the side returned to Rotterdam to beat Gibraltar 6-0 through goals from Virgil van Dijk, Denzel Dumfries, Arnaut Danjuma, Malen and a double from Depay. The side would drop two points in Podgorica despite Depay scoring twice in a 2-2 draw against Montenegro, but the campaign would end on a high in Rotterdam in November as Steven Bergwijn and Depay were on target in a 2-0 win against Norway. The Netherlands would finish two points above Turkey in the final group standings to book their place at the finals in Qatar.

y tîm i Rotterdam i guro Gibraltar 6-0 trwy goliau gan Virgil van Dijk, Denzel Dumfries, Arnaut Danjuma, Malen a dwy gan Depay. Byddai'r tîm yn colli dau buwynt yn Podgorica er i Depay sgorio ddwywaith mewn gêm gyfartal 2-2 yn erbyn Montenegro, ond daeth yr ymgyrch i ben ar uchafbwynt yn Rotterdam ym mis Tachwedd gyda Steven Bergwijn a Depay yn taro'r targed mewn buddugoliaeth 2-0 yn erbyn Norwy. Gorffennodd yr Iseldiroedd dau buwynt uwchben Turci yn eu grŵp i hawlio eu lle yn y roundiau terfynol yn Qatar.



# NETHERLANDS - DUTCH MASTERS YR ISELDIROEDD - MEISTRI'R GÊM



The golden age of Dutch football was delivered during the 1970's and was defined by the tactical genius of manager Rinus Michels and the footballing brilliance of playmaker Johan Cruyff. Their style of play was labelled total football and it changed the mindset for future generations who remain inspired and committed to the same values and beliefs today. What Michels taught Cruyff provided the foundations for what his prodigious star achieved at Barcelona, and

Daeth oes aur pêl-droed yr Iseldiroedd yn y 1970au ac fe'i diffiniwyd gan athrylith dactegol y rheolwr Rinus Michels a disgleirdeb pêl-droed Johan Cruyff. Cyfeiriwyd at eu harddull o chwarae fel 'total football' gan newid y meddylfryd ar gyfer cenedlaethau'r dyfodol sy'n parhau i fod wedi'u hysbrydoli ac yn ymroi i'r un gwerthoedd a chredoau heddiw. Llwyddodd yr hyn a ddysgodd Michels i Cruyff i osod y sylfeini ar gyfer llwyddiant y seren talentog yn Barcelona, a chafodd yr hyn a greodd Michels a Cruyff yn y Camp Nou yn



what both Michels and Cruyff created at the Camp Nou during their respective managerial tenures was later taken forward by Pep Guardiola. However, for all their talent, success at the finals of a major tournament would elude this particular generation.

The Netherlands were losing finalists at both the 1974 and 1978 FIFA World Cup, and would finish third at EURO 1976. To this day, Michels is regarded as one of the true pioneers of the game, and was named FIFA Coach of the Century in 1999 amongst a number of other prestigious awards. But while he was unable to guide his country to World Cup glory in 1974, he did return to the post a decade later, and under his control the side that was inspired by the great Ruud Gullit and Marco van Basten triumphed at EURO 1988 to finally deliver silverware for the national team.

Surprisingly, Cruyff would play less than 50 games for the Netherlands during his international career, despite playing more than ten times as many club games. A player with a footballing brain that matched his exquisite ability, he won the Ballon d'Or in 1971, 1973 and 1974, and also lifted the European Cup with Ajax on three occasions during that decade. But his exceptional talent on the field was matched by the vision he brought to his subsequent career as a coach and manager, and his influence has played a pivotal role in shaping the modern game.

The Dutch would reach the semi-finals of three EURO finals after 1988, and were runners-up at the 2010 FIFA World Cup. While Michels' side of the 1970's headlines their history, many more great players and managers have represented the Netherlands on the international stage. Patrick Kluyvert, Robin van Persie, Edwin van der Sar, Wesley Sneijder, Edgar Davids, Arjen Robben, Dennis Bergkamp, Frank Rijkaard, Ronald Koeman, the de Boer brothers to current stars like Virgil van Dijk and many more have defined the European game over the last three decades. History may weigh heavy on Dutch shoulders, but their contribution to the world game can never be underestimated.

ystod eu cyfnodau rheoli ei fabwysiadu'n ddiweddarach gan Pep Guardiola. Ond er eu holl dalent, ni fyddai'r genhedlaeth hon fyth yn profi llwyddiant meun rowndiau terfynol turnamaint mawr.

Collodd yr Iseldiroedd yn y round derfynol yng Nghwpan y Byd FIFA 1974 a 1978, a daethant yn drydydd yn Ewro 1976. Hyd heddiw, mae Michels yn cael ei ystyried yn un o arloeswyr gwirioneddol y gêm, a chafodd ei enwi fel Hyfforddwr y Ganrif FIFA ym 1999 ymhlith nifer o wobrau mawreddog eraill. Ond er na lwyddodd i arwain ei ulad i ogoniant Cwpan y Byd ym 1974, fe ddychwelodd i'r swydd ddegawd yn ddiweddarach. O dan ei reolaeth fe lwyddodd y tîm, dan ysbrydoliaeth yr amryddawn Ruud Gullit a Marco van Basten, i ennill tiws i'r tîm cenedlaethol o'r diwedd yn Ewro 1988.

Er mawr syndod, byddai Cruyff yn chwarae llai na 50 o gemau i'r Iseldiroedd yn ystod ei yrfa ryngwladol, er iddo chwarae mwy na deg gwaith cymaint o gemau club. Ac yntau'n chwaraewr ag ymennydd pêl-droed a oedd yn cyfateb i'w allu coeth, enillodd y Ballon d'Or yn 1971, 1973 a 1974, a chodi Cwpan Ewrop gydag Ajax ar dri achlysur yn ystod y degawd hunnw. Ynghyd â'i ddaun eithriadol ar y cae, roedd ganddo weledigaeth a dalodd ar ei ganfed yn ei yrfa ddilynol fel hyfforddwr a rheolwr, ac mae ei ddylanwad wedi chwarae rhan ganolog o ran llunio'r gêm fodern.

Byddai'r Iseldiroedd yn cyrraedd round gynderfynol tri thurnamaint EWRO ar ôl 1988, a daethant yn ail yng Nghwpan y Byd FIFA 2010. Er mai tîm Michels o'r 1970au yw uchafbwynt eu hanes, mae llawer mwy o chwaraewyr a rheolwyr anhygoel wedi cynrychioli'r Iseldiroedd ar y llwyfan rhyngwladol. Mae chwaraewyr fel Patrick Kluyvert, Robin van Persie, Edwin van der Sar, Wesley Sneijder, Edgar Davids, Arjen Robben, Dennis Bergkamp, Frank Rijkaard, Ronald Koeman, y brodyr de Boer i sér presennol fel Virgil van Dijk a llawer mwy wedi diffinio'r gêm Europeaidd dros y tri degawd diwethaf. Efallai bod hanes yn pwyso'n drwm ar ysgwyddau'r Iseldiroedd, ond ni ellir byth diystyru eu cyfraniad i gêm y byd.

# CYMRU V POLAND – FACTS AND STATS

## CYMRU V GWLAD PWYL – FFEITHIAU AC YSTADEGAU



Although Cymru have only beaten Poland once back in 1973, the two teams have been drawn together in three separate World Cup qualifying campaigns and have also played two international friendlies against each other in the last 50 years.

Er mai dim ond unwaith mae Cymru erioed wedi curo Gwlad Pwyl yn ôl ym 1973, mae'r ddau dîm wedi dod benben meun tair ymgyrch ragbrofol ar wahân ar gyfer Cwpan y Byd a hefyd wedi chwarae duw gêm ryngwladol gyfeillgar yn erbyn ei gilydd dros y 50 mlynedd diwethaf.

### 1974 FIFA WORLD CUP – GROUP 5 / CWPAN Y BYD FIFA 1974 – GRŴP 5

28/03/1973 Cymru 2-0 Poland/Gwlad Pwyl Cardiff/Caerdydd (James, Hockey)

26/09/1973 Poland/Gwlad Pwyl 3-0 Cymru Chorzow

Poland finished above England and Cymru in this three team group to qualify for the finals. Gorffennodd Gwlad Pwyl uwchben Lloegr a Chymru yn y grŵp tri thîm yma i gyrraedd y roundiau terfynol.

### 2002 FIFA WORLD CUP – GROUP 5 / CWPAN Y BYD FIFA 2002 FIFA – GRŴP 5

11/10/2000 Poland/Gwlad Pwyl 0-0 Cymru Warsaw

02/06/2001 Cymru 1-2 Poland/Gwlad Pwyl Cardiff/Caerdydd (Blake)

Armenia were the only country to finish below Cymru while Poland again progressed as group winners.

Armenia oedd yr unig wlad i orffen o dan Gymru tra bo Gwlad Pwyl unwaith eto wedi mynd ymlaen fel enillwyr y grŵp.

### 2006 FIFA WORLD CUP – GROUP 6 / CWPAN Y BYD FIFA 2006 – GRŴP 6

13/10/2004 Cymru 2-3 Poland/Gwlad Pwyl Cardiff/Caerdydd (Earnshaw, Hartson)

07/09/2005 Poland/Gwlad Pwyl 1-0 Cymru Warsaw

Poland finished below group winners England as both qualified automatically while Cymru were fifth.

Gorffennodd Gwlad Pwyl islaw enillwyr y grŵp, Lloegr, gyda'r ddau dîm yn cymhwysu'n awtomatig a Chymru yn dod yn bumed.

### INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLIES / GEMAU RHYNGWLDOL CYFEILLGAR

30/05/1991 Poland/Gwlad Pwyl 0-0 Cymru Radom

11/02/2009 Cymru 0-1 Poland/Gwlad Pwyl Vila Real



# POLAND - MEET THE MANAGER

## GWLAD PWYL - DOD I ADNABOD Y RHEOLWR



**Name:** Czesław Michniewicz

**Age:** 52

**Nationality:** Polish

A former goalkeeper, Czesław Michniewicz was appointed manager of Lech Poznan in 2003 and has managed a number of clubs since then as well as the Poland U21 team. Prior to taking charge of the senior national team in January this year, Michniewicz was manager of Legia Warsaw but was dismissed from his position in October 2021 after a run of poor results despite winning the league title the season before. During his career, Michniewicz has been a manager for over 400 games over the last two decades, and has won two league titles in Poland as well as the Polish Cup.

**Enw:** Czesław Michniewicz

**Oedran:** 52

**Cenedligrwydd:** Gwlad Pwyl

Ac yntau'n gyn gôl-geidwad, cafodd ei benodi fel rheolwr Lech Poznan yn 2003 ac mae wedi rheoli nifer o glybiau ers hynny, yn ogystal â thîm dan 21 Gwlad Pwyl. Cyn cymryd awenau'r tîm cyntaf cenedlaethol ym mis Ionawr eleni, roedd yn rheolwr ar Legia Warsaw, ond cafodd ei ddiswyddo ym mis Hydref 2021 ar ôl rhediad gwael o ganlyniadau, er iddo ennill teitl y gynghrair y tymor blaenorol. Yn ystod ei yrfa, mae Michniewicz wedi bod wrth y llyw ar gyfer dros 400 o gemau dros y ddau ddegawd diwethaf, ac wedi ennill dau deitl cynghrair yng Ngwlad Pwyl yn ogystal â Chwpan Gwlad Pwyl.

# POLAND - THREE TO WATCH GWLAD PWYL - TRI TALENTOG



POLAND / GWLAD PWYL

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GABRIEL SŁONINA  
ŁUKASZ SKORUPSKI  
WOJCIECH SZCZĘSNY  
JAN BEDNAREK  
BARTOSZ BERESZYŃSKI  
MATTY CASH  
KAMIL GLIK  
ROBERT GUMNY  
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TOMASZ KĘDZIORA  
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PATRYK KUN  
KAMIL PESTKA  
TYMOTEUZ PUCHACZ  
SEBASTIAN WALUKIEWICZ  
MATEUSZ WIETESKA  
NICOLA ZALEWSKI  
KRYSZTOF PIĄTEK  
KAROL ŚWIDERSKI



**Name:** Wojciech Szczęsny  
**Age:** 32  
**Position:** Goalkeeper  
**Club:** Juventus (Italy)

A FA Cup winner with Arsenal during a decade at the London club, Wojciech Szczęsny has since added three Serie A titles to his CV following his move to Italian giants Juventus in 2017. Prior to his move to Turin, Szczęsny spent two years on-loan at Roma and also played for Brentford on-loan earlier in his career. Szczęsny made his full international debut against Canada in November 2009 having previously represented his country at U21 level, and played for Poland at the 2018 FIFA World Cup and EURO 2020.

**Enw:** Wojciech Szczęsny  
**Oedran:** 32  
**Safle:** Gôl-geidwad  
**Clwb:** Juventus (Yr Eidal)

Enillydd Cwpan FA Lloegr gydag Arsenal yn ystod degawd yn y club yn Llundain, cyn ychwanegu tri theitl Serie A at ei CV ers symud at Juventus yn 2017. Cyn iddo symud i Turin, treuliodd Szczęsny ddwy flynedd ar fenthyg yn Roma a chwarae i Brentford ar fenthyg hefyd yn gynharach yn ei yrfa. Chwaraeodd dros ei wlad yn llawn am y tro cyntaf yn erbyn Canada ym mis Tachwedd 2009 ar ôl cynrychioli ei wlad ar lefel dan 21 yn flaenorol, a chwarae i Wlad Pwyl yng Nghwpan y Byd FIFA 2018 ac Ewro 2020.



**Name:** Jan Bednarek  
**Age:** 26  
**Position:** Defender  
**Club:** Southampton (England)

After coming through the youth ranks at Lech Poznan, Jan Bednarek made the move to Southampton in July 2017 and has established himself as a key figure for his club over the last five years. A few months after his move to Southampton, Bednarek made his debut for Poland in a 3-0 win over Kazakhstan, and played for Poland at the 2018 FIFA World Cup, scoring the only goal of the game in the 1-0 victory over Japan, which was also his first goal for his country.

**Enw:** Jan Bednarek  
**Oedran:** 26  
**Safle:** Amddiffynnwr  
**Clwb:** Southampton (Lloegr)

Ar ôl dod trwy'r rhengoedd ieuencid yn Lech Poznan, symudodd Jan Bednarek i Southampton ym mis Gorffennaf 2017 ac mae wedi sefydlu ei hun fel ffigur allweddol i'w glwb dros y pum mlynedd diwethaf. Ychydig fisoedd ar ôl iddo symud i Southampton, chwaraeodd Bednarek i Wlad Pwyl am y tro cyntaf mewn buddugoliaeth 3-0 dros Kazakhstan, a chynrychioli Gwlad Pwyl yng Nghwpan y Byd FIFA 2018, gan sgorio unig gôl y gêm yn y fuddugoliaeth 1-0 dros Japan, ei gôl gyntaf i'w wlad.



**Name:** Robert Lewandowski  
**Age:** 33  
**Position:** Forward  
**Club:** Bayern Munich (Germany)

The star of this Polish team and regarded as one of the best strikers in the world game. Robert Lewandowski is the all-time leading goalscorer and record appearance holder for the Polish national team and is the current team captain. Lewandowski made his name in Germany at Borussia Dortmund before he made the move to Bayern Munich in 2014, and has scored over 600 goals in almost 900 games for club and country. The striker has won 10 Bundesliga titles as well as the UEFA Champions League in 2020.

**Enw:** Robert Lewandowski  
**Oedran:** 33  
**Safle:** Blaenwr  
**Clwb:** Bayern Munich (Yr Almaen)

Seren y tîm sy'n cael ei ystyried yn un o ymosodwyr gorau'r byd. Robert Lewandowski, y capten presennol, sy'n dal y record sgorio i'w wlad, yn ogystal â'r nifer fwyaf o ymddangosiadau. Gwnaeth Lewandowski ei enw yn yr Almaen yn Borussia Dortmund cyn symud i Bayern Munich yn 2014, ac mae wedi sgorio dros 600 o goliau mewn bron i 900 o gemau i glwb a gwlad. Mae'r ymosodur wedi ennill 10 teitl Bundesliga yn ogystal â Chyngghrair Pencampwyr UEFA yn 2020.

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# POLAND - 2022 FIFA WORLD CUP QUALIFYING CAMPAIGN GWLAD PWYL - YMGYRCH RAGBROFOL CWPAN Y BYD FIFA 2022



Qualification in Group 1 began for Poland with a dramatic 3-3 draw against Hungary in Budapest as Krzysztof Piątek, Kamil Jóźwiak and Robert Lewandowski scored for the visitors. The side scored another three goals a few days later as Andorra were defeated 3-0 in Warsaw with Lewandowski scoring twice before Karol Świąderski added the third for his side. A Harry Kane penalty and a late winning goal from Harry Maguire earned England a 2-1 win over Poland at Wembley at the end of the month after Jakub Moder thought his equaliser would be enough to earn Poland a famous point.

Four different players were on target for Poland when the qualifiers returned in September as goals from Lewandowski, Adam Buksa, Grzegorz Krychowiak and Karol Linetty ensured they would take maximum points from Albania with a 4-1 home victory. Poland then scored seven in a convincing win over San Marino as a hat-trick from Buksa and a double from Lewandowski were complimented by goals from Świąderski and Linetty. A goal from Kane after 72 minutes put England ahead in the return match against Poland, but an injury time equaliser from Damian Szymański earned the side a valuable point in a 1-1 draw.

A 5-0 win over San Marino followed in October through goals from Lewandowski, Tomasz Kędziora, Buksa, Piątek and an own goal from Cristian Broli, while Świąderski scored the only goal of the game for Poland in a 1-0 win over Albania in Tirana. The final two games took place in November as Jóźwiak, Arkadiusz Milik and a double from Lewandowski claimed a 4-1 win for Poland in

Dechreuodd ymgyrch ragbrofol Gwlad Pwyl yng Ngrŵp 1 gyda gêm gyfartal ddramatig 3-3 yn erbyn Hungari yn Budapest wrth i Krzysztof Piątek, Kamil Jóźwiak a Robert Lewandowski sgorio i'r ymwelwyr. Sgoriodd y tîm dair gól arall ychydig ddyddiau'n ddiweddarach wrth drechu Andorra 3-0 yn Warsaw gyda Lewandowski yn sgorio ddwywaith cyn i Karol Świąderski ychwanegu'r drydedd i'w dîm. Cawsant eu curo 2-1 gan Loegr diolch i gic o'r smotyn gan Harry Kane a gól fuddugol hwyr gan Harry Maguire yn Wembley ddiwedd y mis ar ôl i Jakub Moder sgorio a meddwl yn siŵr ei fod wedi sicrhau gêm gyfartal ac ennill pwynt enwog i Wlad Pwyl.

Sgoriodd pedwar gwahanol chwaraewr i Wlad Pwyl pan ddychwelodd y gemau rhagbrofol ym mis Medi wrth i goliau gan Lewandowski, Adam Buksa, Grzegorz Krychowiak a Karol Linetty sicrhau mai nhw fyddai'n cipio pob pwynt yn Albania gyda buddugoliaeth gartref 4-1. Yna, sgoriodd Gwlad Pwyl saith mewn buddugoliaeth argyhoeddiadol dros San Marino gyda hatric gan Buksa a dwy gan Lewandowski yn ogystal â goliau gan Świąderski a Linetty. Sgoriodd Kane ar ôl 72 munud i roi Loegr ar y blaen pan ddaeth y ddau dîm benben eto, ond unionodd Damian Szymański y sgôr yn amser anafidau i ennill pwynt gwerthfawr i'r tîm mewn gêm gyfartal 1-1.

Daeth buddugoliaeth 5-0 dros San Marino ym mis Hydref gyda goliau gan Lewandowski, Tomasz Kędziora, Buksa, Piątek a Cristian Broli yn sgorio i'w rwyd ei hun, a daeth unig gól y gêm gan Świąderski i guro Albania 1-0 yn Tirana. Cafodd y ddwy gêm olaf eu cynnal ym mis Tachwedd gyda Jóźwiak, Arkadiusz

Andorra, but the side would suffer a 2-1 defeat to Hungary in their final group match with Świąderski scoring the consolation goal.

As group runners-up, Poland were one of the unseeded teams for the play-off draw and were paired against Russia in Path B. However, the sanctions imposed against Russia ensured Poland would automatically progress to the final in March and would take on Sweden for a place at the finals. A penalty from Lewandowski and a second goal from Piotr Zieliński gave the home crowd plenty to celebrate as a 2-0 win confirmed their place at the World Cup finals.

Milik a dwy gan Lewandowski yn hawlio buddugoliaeth 4-1 i Wlad Pwyl yn Andorra, ond colodd y tîm 2-1 i Hwngari yn eu gêm grŵp olaf gyda Świąderski yn sgorio gól gysur.

Fel y tîm a ddaeth yn ail yn y grŵp, roedd Gwlad Pwyl yn un o'r timau 'unseeded' ar gyfer y gemau ail-gyfle, a chawsant eu paru yn erbyn Rwsia ar Lwybr B. Ond oherwydd y cosbau a gyflwynwyd yn erbyn Rwsia, symudodd Gwlad Pwyl ymlaen yn awtomatig i'r round derfynol ym mis Mawrth cyn herio Sweden am le yn y roundiau terfynol. Diolch i gic o'r smotyn gan Lewandowski ac ail gól gan Piotr Zieliński, roedd digon gan y dorf gartref i'w ddatlu gyda buddugoliaeth 2-0 yn cadarnhau eu lle yn roundiau terfynol Cupan y Byd.



## POLAND – THE ELEVEN GOAL WORLD CUP THRILLER

### GWLAD PWYL - GWLEDD O GOLIAU YNG NGHWPAN Y BYD



Prior to the 1974 FIFA World Cup finals when they finished in third place, Poland had only ever played one match in the finals of the competition before, but it was a memorable one. Their only previous appearance came in 1938 when the tournament was held in France and started with a straight knockout round. Only 15 teams qualified for the finals following the withdrawal of Austria, but it was Poland that would take on Brazil in Strasbourg on 5 June for a place in the quarter-final against either Czechoslovakia or the Netherlands.

Cyn rowndiau terfynol Cwpan y Byd FIFA 1974 pan ddaethon nhw'n drydydd, dim ond un gêm yr oedd Gwlad Puyl erioed wedi chwarae yn rowndiau terfynol y gystadleuaeth o'r blaen, ond roedd yn un gofiadwy. Daeth eu hunig ymddangosiad blaenorol ym 1938 pan gynhaliwyd y turnamaint yn Ffrainc gan ddechrau gyda round 'knockout' yn syth. Dim ond 15 tîm a gymhwysodd ar gyfer y rowndiau terfynol ar ôl i Awstria dynnu'n ôl, ond Gwlad Puyl a fyddai'n herio Brasil yn Strasbourg ar 5 Mehefin am le yn rownd yr wyth olaf yn erbyn Tsiecoslofacia neu'r Iseldiroedd.



Around 15,000 fans were in attendance at the Stade de la Meinau and it was Leônidas who opened the scoring for Brazil after 18 minutes. However, Poland responded immediately as Friedrich Scherfke converted from the spot five minutes later, but Brazil regained the lead through Pellicciari and Perácio then made it 3-1 before half-time. There would be plenty more drama to come as Ernest Wilimowski scored twice for Poland before the hour to level the score, and after Perácio had made it 4-3, Wilimowski completed his hat-trick in the final minute to take the match to extra-time.

Brazil would score twice in the opening period of extra-time with Leônidas matching the achievements of Wilimowski with a hat-trick of his own, but the Ruch Chorzów forward would score his fourth goal of the game after 118 minutes to make it 6-5. It was not enough for Poland, and it was Brazil that would progress to the last eight. It would be the highest scoring World Cup match until 1954 when Austria defeated Switzerland 7-5 after extra-time. However, Poland did claim a World Cup record that still stands today as 17-year reserve goalkeeper Walter Brom remains the youngest goalkeeper to be named in a World Cup squad.

Reports at the time of the match suggested that Poland's early comeback in the second half was due to the rain that made the surface and unfamiliar conditions difficult for Brazil and they struggled to control their footing on the muddy pitch. Brazil would play out a 1-1 draw against Czechoslovakia in the next round and would win the reply 2-1, but their tournament would come to an end at the semi-finals as they were defeated 2-1 by eventual winners Italy in Marseille. Of course, Brazil would lift the World Cup for the first time 20 years later in 1958, with a teenage Pelé scoring the only goal of the game against Cymru in the quarter-finals.

Roedd tua 15,000 o gefnogwyr yn bresennol yn y Stade de la Meinau, a Leônidas a sgoriodd gyntaf i Frasil ar ôl 18 munud. Ond ymatebodd Gwlad Puyl yn syth wrth i Friedrich Scherfke drosi o'r smotyn bum munud yn ddiweddarach. Yna, aeth Brasil ar y blaen eto drwy Pellicciari a sgoriodd Perácio i'w gwneud hi'n 3-1 cyn hanner amser. Daeth llawer mwy o ddrama i ddilyn wrth i Ernest Wilimowski sgorio ddwywaith i Wlad Puyl cyn yr awr i lefelu'r sgôr, ac ar ôl i Perácio ei gwneud hi'n 4-3, sgoriodd Wilimowski eto i sicrhau ei hatric yn y funud olaf a mynd â'r gêm i amser ychwanegol.

Sgoriodd Brasil ddwywaith ar ddechrau'r amser ychwanegol gyda Leônidas yn efelychu campau Wilimowski gyda hatric ei hun. Ond sgoriodd blaenwr Ruch Chorzów ei bedwaredd gôl o'r gêm ar ôl 118 munud i'w gwneud hi'n 6-5. Ond nid oedd hynny'n ddigon i Wlad Puyl, a Brasil fyddai'n symud ymlaen i'r wyth olaf. Hon fyddai'r gêm â'r sgôr uchaf erioed yng Nghwpan y Byd tan 1954 pan lwyddodd Awstria i guro'r Swistir 7-5 ar ôl amser ychwanegol. Ond fe wnaeth Gwlad Puyl hawlio record Cwpan y Byd sy'n dal i sefyll heddiw gan fod y gôl-geidwad wrth gefn 17 oed, Walter Brom, yn parhau i fod y gôl-geidwad ieuengaf erioed i gael ei enwi mewn carfan Cwpan y Byd.

Roedd adroddiadau adeg y gêm yn awgrymu mai'r glaw, a wnaeth yr arwyneb yn anghyfarwydd a'r amodau yn anodd i Frasil, oedd yn gyfrifol am lwyddiant Gwlad Puyl o ran bruydro'u ffordd yn ôl i mewn i'r gêm yn yr ail hanner, wrth i Frasil gael trafferth rheoli eu traed ar y cae mudlyd. Cafodd Brasil gêm gyfartal 1-1 yn erbyn Tsiecoslofacia yn y rownd nesaf gan ennill y gêm 2-1 pan gafodd ei chwarae eto, ond daeth eu turnamaint i ben yn y rowndiau cynderfynol wrth i'r Eidal eu curo 2-1 yn Marseille, a mynd ymlaen i ennill y gystadleuaeth. Wrth gurs, byddai Brasil yn codi Cwpan y Byd am y tro cyntaf 20 mlynedd yn ddiweddarach yn 1958, gyda chwaraewr ifanc o'r enw Pelé yn sgorio unig gôl y gêm yn erbyn Cymru yn rownd yr wyth olaf.

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# UEFA NATIONS LEAGUE - THE STORY SO FAR

## CYNGHRAIR CENHEDLOEDD UEFA - YR HANES HYD YN HYN



This is third edition of the UEFA Nations League, and this popular addition to the international match calendar has been a welcome replacement to the number of friendlies that were played prior to its introduction in 2018. The competition has offered smaller nations the opportunity to qualify for the finals of major tournaments, while the added competitiveness of the fixtures combined with promotion and relegation has been well received by fans and national associations alike.

"Supporters more than most realise that most friendlies fail to deliver competitive and meaningful football," said a statement from UEFA when the competition was announced. "Now they will have the opportunity to see their teams play in more competitive matches, take part in a new competition and get a second chance to qualify for the major

Mae Cyngghrair Cenedloedd UEFA yn cael ei chynnal am y trydydd tro, ac mae'r ychwanegiad poblogaidd hwn i'r calendr rhyngwladol wedi cael croeso cynnes yn lle'r nifer o gemau cyfeillgar a arferai gael eu chwarae cyn cyflwyno'r tuwmaint yn 2018. Mae'r gystadleuaeth wedi cynnig cyfle i wledydd llai gymhwyso ar gyfer tuwrnameintiau mawr, tra bod elfen gystadleuol ychwanegol y gemau ynghyd â'r posibilrwydd o ennill dyrchafiad neu ddisgryn i gynghrair is wedi ei groesawu'n frud gan gefnogwyr a chymdeithasau cenedlaethol fel ei gilydd.

"Mae cefnogwyr fwy na neb yn sylweddoli bod y rhan fwyaf o gemau cyfeillgar yn methu cynnig pêl-droed cystadleuol ac ystyrlon," meddai datganiad gan UEFA pan gyhoeddwyd y gystadleuaeth. "Nawr byddant yn cael y cyfle i weld eu timau'n chwarae

tournaments. There will certainly be fewer friendly internationals and undoubtedly fewer meaningless friendlies. However, there will still be space in the calendar for friendly internationals—particularly warm-up matches for final tournaments. UEFA is also keen that European teams will still have the chance to play opponents from other confederations."

Following the completion of the group fixtures, the four League A winners qualify for the finals to decide the overall champion for that edition. Portugal were the inaugural winners of the UEFA Nations League in the summer of 2019. Cristiano Ronaldo scored a hat-trick in a 3-1 semi-final victory over Switzerland while the Netherlands needed extra-time to defeat England by the same scoreline to book their place in the final. Gonçalo Guedes was the hero for Portugal with the only goal of the game as the side claimed a 1-0 win over the Netherlands in Porto to become the first nation to lift the trophy. England would finish third with a penalty shoot-out victory over Switzerland.

The finals of the second edition of the competition took place in October 2021 as Spain, France and Belgium joined host nation Italy to decide which country would become overall champions. Spain defeated Italy 2-1 in Milan while a last minute goal from Theo Hernandez earned France a 3-2 win over Belgium in Turin. Spain took the lead against France in the final through Mikel Oyarzabal, but goals from Karim Benzema and Kylian Mbappé would ensure that the current world champions would claim the trophy. Italy finished in third place with a 2-1 win over Belgium.

mewn gemau mwy cystadleuol, cymryd rhan mewn cystadleuaeth newydd a chael ail gyfle i gymhwyso ar gyfer y tuwrnameintiau mawr. Yn sicr bydd llai o gemau rhyngwladol cyfeillgar a llai o gemau diystyr. Ond, bydd lle o hyd yn y calendr ar gyfer gemau rhyngwladol cyfeillgar – yn enwedig o ran paratoi ar gyfer tuwrnameintiau. Mae UEFA hefyd yn auyddus i weld timau Ewrop yn parhau i gael y cyfle i chwarae gwrthwynebwyr o gonfederasiynau eraill."

Ar ôl cwblhau'r gemau grŵp, mae'r pedwar enillydd Cyngghrair A yn cymhwyso ar gyfer y rowndiau terfynol i benderfynu ar bencampwr cyffredinol ar gyfer y gyfres honno. Portiwgal oedd enillywr cyntaf Cyngghrair Cenedloedd UEFA yn ystod haf 2019. Sgoriodd Cristiano Ronaldo hatric mewn buddugoliaeth gynderfynol 3-1 dros y Swistir tra roedd angen amser ychwanegol ar yr Iseldiroedd i guro Lloegr o'r un sgôr i fachu lle yn y rownd derfynol. Gonçalo Guedes oedd yr arwr i Bortiwgal gydag unig gôl y gêm wrth i'r tîm hawlio buddugoliaeth 1-0 dros yr Iseldiroedd yn Porto, y wlad gyntaf i godi'r tlus. Daeth Lloegr yn drydydd gyda buddugoliaeth mewn ciciau o'r smotyn dros y Swistir.

Cynhaliwyd rowndiau terfynol yr ail gystadleuaeth ym mis Hydref 2021 wrth i Sbaen, Ffrainc a Gwlad Belg ymuno â'r Eidal i benderfynu pwy fyddai'r pencampwr. Cafodd yr Eidal eu curo gan Sbaen 2-1 ym Milan a daeth gôl munud olaf gan Theo Hernandez i sicrhau buddugoliaeth 3-2 i Ffrainc dros Wlad Belg yn Turin. Aeth Sbaen ar y blaen yn erbyn Ffrainc yn y rownd derfynol trwy Mikel Oyarzabal, ond byddai goliau gan Karim Benzema a Kylian Mbappé yn sicrhau mai pencampwr presennol y byd fyddai'n hawlio'r tlus. Daeth yr Eidal yn drydydd gyda buddugoliaeth 2-1 dros Wlad Belg.





## CYMRU AND THE UEFA NATIONS LEAGUE CYMRU A CHYNGHRAIR CENHEDLOEDD UEFA



The UEFA Nations League has delivered plenty of success for Cymru over the last four years, and the side now compete in League A for the first time following their promotion in the last edition of the competition. The tournament has inspired some memorable nights at the Cardiff City Stadium which began back in September 2018 when Cymru were drawn against Denmark and the Republic of Ireland in League B4. The campaign began for Cymru with a superb 4-1 win over the Republic of Ireland in Cardiff with Tom Lawrence, Gareth Bale, Aaron Ramsey and Connor Roberts all finding themselves on the scoresheet.

Mae Cynghrair Cenedloedd UEFA wedi sicrhau digon o lwyddiant i Gymru dros y pedair blynedd diwethaf, ac mae'r tîm bellach yn cystadlu yng Nghynghrair A am y tro cyntaf yn dilyn eu dyrchafiad y tro diwethaf y cynhaliwyd y gystadleuaeth. Mae'r twrnament wedi ysbrydoli sawl noson gofiadwy yn Stadium Dinas Caerdydd a ddechreuodd nôl ym mis Medi 2018 pan gafodd Cymru eu tynnu o'r het gyda Denmarc a Gweriniaeth Iwerddon yng Nghynghrair B4. Dechreuodd yr ymgyrch i Gymru gyda buddugoliaeth wych 4-1 dros Weriniaeth Iwerddon yng Nghaerdydd gyda Tom Lawrence, Gareth Bale, Aaron Ramsey a Connor Roberts i gyd yn canfod cefn y rhwyd.

A 2-0 defeat to eventual group winners Denmark in Aarhus followed, but Cymru responded in October as Harry Wilson scored in a 1-0 victory against Ireland in Dublin and with it setup a must-win match against Denmark in Cardiff the following month. Goals from Nicolai Jørgensen and Martin Braithwaite put Denmark in a commanding position before Bale reduced the deficit in the final minutes, but it would be too little too late for Cymru as Denmark claimed promotion with a 2-1 win.

A change in the format saw the groups increased to four teams for the second edition of the competition that would take place in the second half of 2020. Cymru were joined in League B4 by Bulgaria, Finland and the Republic of Ireland again, and the campaign began with a 1-0 win away to Finland as Kieffer Moore scored the only goal in Helsinki in September. The side returned to Cardiff three days later for the visit of Bulgaria, and Neco Williams scored a late winner deep into injury time to claim a second 1-0 win for Cymru.

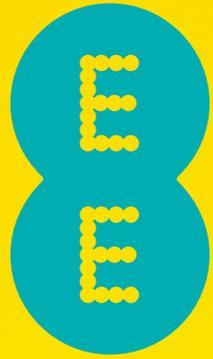
Cymru then headed to Dublin the following month but the two sides could not be separated in a low key 0-0 draw. However, success would follow in Bulgaria as Jonny Williams scored after 85 minutes to claim a 1-0 win. The Republic of Ireland would be defeated by the same score in Cardiff in November as David Brooks scored the only goal of the game midway through the second half, and Cymru would need to avoid defeat against Finland on the final day to win the group. Wilson, Dan James and Moore scored the goals for the home side in a 3-1 victory with Teemu Pukki scoring the consolation for the visitors, and it was Cymru that would complete an undefeated campaign and celebrate promotion to League A.

Nesaf, daeth colled 2-0 yn erbyn Denmarc, enilluwr y grŵp yn y pen draw, yn Aarhus, ond ymatebodd Cymru yn gadarn ym mis Hydref wrth i Harry Wilson sgorio mewn buddugoliaeth 1-0 yn erbyn Iwerddon yn Nulyn a gyda hynny, sefydlu gêm hanfodol yn erbyn Denmarc yng Nghaerdydd y mis canlynol. Sgoriodd Nicolai Jørgensen a Martin Braithwaite i roi Denmarc ar y blaen cyn i Bale leihau'r diffyg yn y munudau olaf. Ond yn anffodus, ychydig yn rhy hwyr oedd hi i Gymru wrth i Ddenmarc hawlio dyrchafiad gyda buddugoliaeth 2-1.

Daeth newid yn fformat y gystadleuaeth pan gynhaliwyd hi am yr ail dro yn ail hanner 2020 gan gynyddu'r grŵpiau i bedwar tîm. Ymunodd Bwlgaria, y Ffindir a Gweriniaeth Iwerddon â Chymru eto yng Nghynghrair B4, a dechreuodd yr ymgyrch gyda buddugoliaeth 1-0 oddi cartref i'r Ffindir wrth i Kieffer Moore ruydo'r unig gôl yn Helsinki ym mis Medi. Dychwelodd y tîm i Gaerdydd dridiau yn ddiweddarach ar gyfer ymweliad Bwlgaria, a sgoriodd Neco Williams yn ddufn o fewn amser anafiadau i hawlio ail fuddugoliaeth 1-0 i Gymru.

Teithiodd Cymru i Ddulyn fis yn ddiweddarach, ond doedd dim gwahanu ar y ddau dîm a daeth y gêm i ben yn 0-0. Ond daeth llwyddiant i ddilyn ym Mwlgaria wrth i Jonny Williams sgorio ar ôl 85 munud i hawlio buddugoliaeth 1-0. Cafodd Gweriniaeth Iwerddon eu curo o'r un sgôr yng Nghaerdydd ym mis Tachwedd wrth i David Brooks ruydo unig gôl y gêm hanner ffordd trwy'r ail hanner, a byddai angen i Gymru osgoi colli yn erbyn y Ffindir ar y diwrnod olaf i ennill y grŵp. Sgoriodd Wilson, Dan James a Moore i'r tîm cartref mewn buddugoliaeth 3-1 gyda Teemu Pukki yn sgorio gôl gysur i'r ymwelwyr, a Chymru yn cwblhau ymgyrch ddiguro ac yn dathlu dyrchafiad i Gynghrair A.





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