



## Hot Ayr ready for Premier Division debut

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This weekend sees the second round of action Senior British League Premier Division take place over three venues, with six clubs vying to make their mark.

North Ayrshire will experience their first taste of the competition when playing away at Drumchapel. After being promoted last season they are hoping to continue the momentum and will be sticking with the same all-Scottish team that helped them to gain the promotion (Sean Doherty, Colin Dalglish, Richie Main, Craig Hardie and Chris Main).

Even with their first match being an away day, they are still hoping for a strong North Ayrshire support and have organised transport for their junior players to travel to Drumchapel.

Head coach Chris Main said:

“The team are looking forward to playing in the home and away format with the intention of a successful first season in Britain’s top league.”

After a disappointing first round for Cardiff City they will be looking to improve upon their previous performance against Batts, which they lost 7-1.

They have another home fixture this weekend when they will be hosting Halton, with Dan O’connell, Ashley Robinson and David Buck in the Cardiff ranks, with one player yet to be confirmed.

The press officer for Cardiff City, Lloyd Gregory, said:

“They [Halton] will prove to be tough opponents with some experienced players but we are determined to put in a strong performance and get some points on the board.”

Halton themselves will also be looking to get some points on the board after losing 8-0 to Drumchapel in their first match.

Following their victorious first weekend of the Premier League, Batts are hoping to bring this success back on to home soil when they will host Fusion.

Eager to capitalise on the new format of the premier league, they are making the most out of their first home match with lots of activities throughout the day and free entry to all spectators.

The players for the team this weekend will be selected from Michael Tauber and Ethan Walsh, who both played against Cardiff City and won both their matches, along with Alex Ramsden, Jack Bennett and Steve Beerling.

Neil Brierley, Batts club secretary, said:

"A long trip to Cardiff and a very warm welcome did not stop us getting off to a flier. The whole team played well but special mention to young Ethan Walsh winning both his matches at the age of 14!"

Fusion's first head to head of the season was against Ormesby, ending in a 7-1 loss; so they will be keen to improve upon this.

Ormseby will not feature in this week's fixtures and will next be playing away at Cardiff City on Saturday October 15.

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