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**Erthygl i'r Wasg Press Release**

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## Wrecsam: O Gadarnle Pêl-droed Cymru i Frand Rhngwladol

Wrecsam. Man geni i bêl-droed yng Nghymru a chartref i un o glybiau pêl-droed hynaf y byd - does dim amheuaeth fod Wrecsam yn un o gadarnleoedd pwysicaf y bêl gron.

Ond daeth y dref i sylw'r byd yn 2020 wrth i'r newyddion am actorion Hollywood Ryan Reynolds a Rob McElhenney yn prynu Clwb Pêl-droed Wrecsam hawlio penawdau a chyrraedd cyfryngau cymdeithasol byd eang. Dros nos, daeth y partneriaid busnes o Ganada ac America yn llysgenhadon byd enwog i Wrecsam ac i Gymru.

Mewn cyfres newydd tair rhan ar S4C, sydd yn cychwyn ar nos Fercher 12 Hydref, bydd **Wrecsam...Clwb Ni!** yn bwrw golwg agos ar effaith pryniant y clwb ar y dref a'i phobl. Bydd y gyfres yn adrodd y stori o naill ochr Môr yr Iwerydd, gan glywed gan Rob, Ryan a'r rhai sy'n agos atyn nhw. Byddwn yn clywed gan rai o chwaraewyr a staff yn ystod un o dymhorau pwysicaf yn hanes y clwb; hanes sydd yn ymestyn 156 o flynyddoedd.

A gyda'r clwb yn denu torfeydd mwy na'r rhan fwyaf o glybiau o dan lefel Uwch Gynghrair Lloegr, cawn glywed gan rai o gefnogwyr ffyddlon Wrecsam sydd wedi bod yn gefn i'r tîm drwy gyfnodau llwyddiannus a chyfnodau tywyll.

Mae Rob McElhenney yn enwog am greu a serennu yn y gyfres gomedi, It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia, yn ogystal ag ymddangos yn Lost, Fargo a Game of Thrones.

Dyweddodd wrth **Wrecsam...Clwb Ni!**: "Roeddwn ni'n edrych am bobl oedden ni'n gallu uniaethu gyda nhw, pobl oedden ni wedi tyfu i fyny gyda. Ac wrth edrych ar wynebau pobl Wrecsam; dw i'n gweld fy nghefn dryd, brodyr, chwiorydd a'r bobl nes i dyfu i fyny gyda. Cymuned dosbarth gweithiol sy'n debyg iawn i Philadelphia. Maen nhw'n gweithio'n galed ac yn disgwyl gweld y timau maen nhw'n cefnogi yn rhoi popeth i'r achos."

Er i Rob a Ryan gyfaddef nad oeddent yn gwybod llawer am bêl-droed, Cymru neu Wrecsam cyn prynu'r clwb, daeth eu hangerdd i'r amlwg mewn cyfarfod Zoom rhngwladol gyda chefnogwyr i berswadio nhw i werthu'r clwb iddynt.

Ychwanegodd Rob: "Ar Zoom, mae'r camera wedi ei bwyntio'n syth arnoch chi, a dydych chi ddim yn gallu gweld nhw a sut yr oedden nhw'n ymateb. Roedd o'n brofiad dychrynllyd. Dw i'n cofio siarad â Ryan ar ôl y sgwrs ac mi oedd o'n chwys domen. Roedd o mor chwyslyd a neshi ofyn, 'ti'n iawn, bud?' ac fe ddywedodd o, 'roeddwn i mor nerfus'. Doeddwn i erioed di weld o'n nerfus o'r blaen, ac yn sicr dim fel hynny. I mi, roedd o'n dangos ei fod e mor angerddol â fi am y peth."

Un o'r cefnogwyr y byddwn yn cyfarfod yn y rhaglen yw Lili Jones, sydd yn 16 oed ac yn chwarae i dîm merched Wrecsam a thîm dan 17 Cymru.

Meddai Lili: "Maen nhw *actually* eisiau bod yn rhan o gymdeithas Wrecsam, ac mae hynny yn rhywbeth anhygoel i ni ac yn dod a theimlad o *togetherness* o fewn y gymdeithas."

**Wrecsam...Clwb Ni!**

**Nos Fercher 12 Medi 9.00, S4C**

**Isdeitlau Saesneg**

**Ar alw: S4C Clic, iPlayer a llwyfannau eraill**

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## Wrecsam: From Welsh Football Mecca to Global Brand

Wrecsam. The birthplace of Welsh football and home to the world's third oldest football club; there's no doubt that Wrexham is one of the football's great strongholds.

But the town was propelled to new levels of global fame in 2020, as news of Wrexham AFC's takeover by Hollywood actors Ryan Reynolds and Rob McElhenney made headlines and dominated social media feeds worldwide. Overnight, the American and Canadian business partners became the town's – and even Wales's – most famous ambassadors.

In a new three-part S4C series which starts on Wednesday 12 October, **Wrecsam...Clwb Ni!** (Our Club!) will look at the impact of the takeover on the club, the town and its people. The series will bring the story from both sides of the Atlantic, hearing from Rob, Ryan and those close to them. We will also hear from some of the players and staff during one of the most momentous seasons in the club's 156-year history.

And with the club's famed support outnumbering that of most teams below the Premier League, most importantly, we'll meet some of the loyal supporters who have stood by the club through thick and thin.

Rob McElhenney is best known for creating and starring in the hit sitcom series, *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*, as well as appearing in *Lost*, *Fargo* and *Game of Thrones*.

He told **Wrecsam...Clwb Ni!**: "We were looking for people with whom we could identify. People that we grew up with. And I look around at the faces of the people of Wrexham; they're my uncles and my aunts, and my cousins, brothers, sisters and the people I grew up with. A working class community, Philadelphia is certainly like that. They work hard and they expect the teams they support to give everything they can."

Although he and Ryan admitted to knowing little about football, Wales or Wrexham before buying the club, their passion won fans over during a trans-Atlantic Zoom call to persuade the supporters to entrust the club to them.

He added: "On Zoom, it's just a camera pointed right at you, and you can't see them so you can't see how they're reacting. It was really terrifying. I remember talking to Ryan after it was over and he was dripping with sweat. He was so sweaty and I was like, 'bud, what's going on?' and he was like, 'I was so nervous'. I don't know that I'd seen him nervous before, at least not like that. To me, it just showed that he cared as much as I did."

One of the lifelong Wrexham supporters we meet in the series is Lili Jones, who at the tender age of 16, also plays for the club's women's team and the Wales Under 17s side.

She said: "They [Rob and Ryan] actually want to be part of the Wrexham community, and that's incredible to us, and it actually brings an even bigger feeling of togetherness in our community."

**Wrecsam...Clwb Ni!**

**Wednesday 12 October 9.00, S4C**

**English Subtitles**

**On demand: S4C Clic, iPlayer and other platforms**

**A Wildflame production for S4C**