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Programme Notes – Leeds United, Sunday 24th November 2024 – Jordan Hopkins writes:

A warm welcome back to the Swansea.com stadium after the latest international break. It was a joy to watch a plethora of Swans academy graduates play for Wales over the last two games as Craig Bellamy remains unbeaten since taking over. A special congratulations to Liam Cullen who scored his first international goals against Iceland, hopefully he continues his fine form in a Swans shirt.

We saw a mixed run of form prior to the break which included a frustrating 5-game goal drought. However, the boys managed to turn it around with good wins against Oxford and Watford but sadly we went into the international break with a very unfortunate last minute 1-0 loss against Burnley. There have been plenty of glimpses of the Swansea way this season, however not putting our chances away has cost us a couple of more points.

Prior to the break, news broke of forthcoming changes to the club's ownership and investor structure. And yesterday this was all formally ratified and announced by the Club followed shortly afterwards by a statement of our own here: <https://www.swanstrust.co.uk/news/announcement-of-change-in-club-ownership/>

As explained on our release we believe this is a significant moment for the club and our supporters, and we share the optimism of many about what fresh faces can bring to the football club and the community.

We also believe it is critical that there is true local ownership and decision-making ability for the club going forward, something that has sadly not been in place in the past few years. These years have been difficult for the club, Trust, and supporters and we are hopeful that this marks the start of an exciting new chapter for all of those associated with Swansea City.

We now hope to see quicker and more effective decisions that take into greater consideration the supporters and the community. With club Chairman Andy Coleman continuing to be based in Swansea and with greater ownership control, we are now hopeful that the positive trends we have seen in recruitment and investments in club assets in the last 12 months will only grow.

We look forward to continuing to work with Andy together with Nigel, Brett, Jason, and other Board members as custodians of our great club.

Today we welcome Leeds United to the Swansea.com stadium, who could potentially have a few familiar faces in their starting line-up. There is a rich history of players who have worn the shirt for both clubs, currently including Joe Rodon, Dan James, Joel Piroe and our captain Matt Grimes. Over the years the likes of Andy Robinson, Lee Trundle, Pablo Hernandez, the legendary John Charles & Trust's Honouree President Alan Curtis have also put both shirts on.

2011 was the last time the Swans took all 3 points against Leeds at home and although in the 15 years both clubs were not always in the same league you will have to go back to 2018 when the Swans managed to pick up a point at home against today's visitors, hopefully today we can reset the stats.

Enjoy the game this afternoon.

Jordan