



# CWMBRAN CELTIC FC

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## CWMBRAN CELTIC

### Home Squad

Iwan Hooper (GK)  
 Lewis Watkins (GK)  
 Andrew Larcombe ©  
 Harrison Lewis  
 Lewis Iles  
 Tyler Broom  
 Kian Bodenham  
 Joshua Hinwood  
 Dominic Connor  
 Isaac Powell  
 Shaun Moss  
 Alex Bonthron  
 Thomas Meechan  
 Alex McDowell  
 George Jenkins  
 Elliot Jones  
 Samuel Powell  
 Cole Doolan  
 Giles Basson  
 Adrian Maguire

**Manager:** James Kinsella  
**Assistant:** Conor James  
**Coach:** Matthew Williams  
**GK Coach:** Sam Lewis  
**Physio:** Conor James  
**Colours:** Yellow Blue Yellow

## PONTARDAWE TOWN

### Away Squad

Sten-Marek Orumaa (GK)  
 Iwan McNab  
 Tyler Aylward  
 Iwan Batcup  
 Matthew Richards  
 Ryan Kostromin  
 Tim Georgievsky  
 Connah Troy  
 Craig Davies ©  
 Artiom Legavec  
 Michael Morris  
 James Dolman  
 Owain Evans  
 Callum Silcox  
 Thomas Davies  
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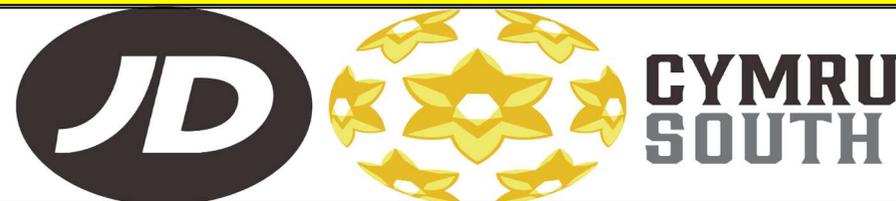
**Manager:** Garry Taylor  
**Assistant:** Steven Berry  
**Coach:** Edward Smith  
**Coach:** Joseph Clarke  
**Physio:** Claire Parker  
**Colours:** Black/White Black Black

### MATCH OFFICIALS

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**Assistants:** Darren Hales (Grangetown) & Henry Travis-Drew (Pentwyn)

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## CWMBRAN CELTIC v PONTARDAWE TOWN

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## LEAGUE TABLE 2023/24

JD CYMRU SOUTH		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Afan Lido	6	5	1	0	16	7	9	16
2	Briton Ferry Llansawel	6	5	0	1	20	6	14	15
3	Llanelli Town	6	5	0	1	18	10	8	15
4	Ammanford	6	5	0	1	14	9	5	15
5	Carmarthen Town	6	3	2	1	13	7	6	11
6	Cambrian and Clydach	6	3	2	1	12	6	6	11
7	Baglan Dragons	6	3	2	1	13	9	4	11
8	<b>Cwmbran Celtic</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>
9	Caerau Ely	6	2	0	4	13	13	0	6
10	Goytre United	6	2	0	4	9	16	-7	6
11	Taffs Well	6	1	2	3	6	9	-3	5
12	Pontardawe Town	5	1	1	3	10	11	-1	4
13	Llantwit Major	6	1	1	4	9	16	-7	4
14	Trefelin BGC	6	1	1	4	8	23	-15	4
15	Abergavenny Town	6	1	0	5	6	14	-8	3
16	Abertillery Bluebirds	6	0	1	5	6	17	-11	1

RESERVE (SOUTH EAST)		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Risca United	3	3	0	0	14	2	12	9
2	Abercarn United	2	2	0	0	8	4	4	6
3	Blaenavon Blues	2	2	0	0	6	2	4	6
4	Llisbury	2	2	0	0	5	2	3	6
5	Abergavenny Town	2	1	0	1	7	5	2	3
6	Caldicot Town	2	1	0	1	5	5	0	3
7	<b>Cwmbran Celtic</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
8	Chepstow Town	3	1	0	2	5	9	-4	3
9	Treowen Stars	3	1	0	2	5	9	-4	3
11	Undy	4	1	0	3	5	13	-8	3
12	Tredegarn Town	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
13	Abertillery Bluebirds	2	0	0	2	2	6	-4	0
14	Goytre	2	0	0	2	2	6	-4	0

CWMBRAN CELTIC		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
HOME/AWAY									
HOME		2	1	0	1	2	2	0	3
AWAY		3	1	1	1	7	7	0	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>

## WELCOME TO CELTIC PARK

This afternoon we welcome Pontardawe Town. Celtic have played Town 12 times in the Welsh League and Cymru South and twice in the Welsh Cup. In 2010/11 we lost 1-3 at Celtic Park with a very poor display, Dale Howarth scoring. In the away return the following March we were trounced 0-5 with Steven Peel sent off. These defeats came in the middle of a terrible run-in which Celtic managed just one win out of 13 games.

In 2011/12 the home game was a 1-1 draw, Celtic's saving grace being an own goal with just 5 minutes left. In the return Celtic took the lead through Tony Southard. Pontardawe's Garry Taylor (their current 1<sup>st</sup> team manager) was ludicrously sent off for an alleged elbow challenge and Celtic made full use of the man advantage to win 4-2. Southard added his second goal, Nana Bah and Owen Llewellyn completed the scoring. The 4 points Celtic took from these 2 fixtures were sandwiched between a nightmare run in which the team lost all their other 9 games scoring only 2 goals in the process.

In 2012/13, Celtic achieved a double beating the Swansea valley team 2-1 home and away. At Celtic Park in Nicky Church's return after 6 months out with a serious spleen injury, we won with goals from Rakesh Patel and Owen Llewellyn following which Celtic went on another horror run drawing one and losing 6 of their next 7 games. We ended this barren spell at Pontardawe coming from behind to win through a Lee Challenger penalty and a strike from Dominic Connor.

In 2013/14 Celtic won 2-0 at home through goals by Josh Bull and Chris Ham. In the midweek return late in the season we rescued a point with a late Spike Baugh penalty in a 2-2 draw. Our other goal was scored by Rakesh Patel. That was the only point Celtic earned in the last 6 matches of the season and the poor run consigned manager Steve Morgan's side to relegation despite finishing 4<sup>th</sup> from bottom as a consequence of being 'stitched up' in the arbitration appeal process.

The following season, 2014/15, Town were also relegated. In 2015/16 they christened their new ground at Parc Ynysderw against Celtic on the opening day with a 2-1 reverse, Josh Bull and Owen Cook scoring in Nicky Church's first match as manager. In the return at Celtic Park, Celtic, under new manager Dean Morris, went ahead through a Lee Challenger penalty. However, Town produced a storming finish to take the game 2-1 in the last 10 minutes. Celtic were promoted that season and Pontardawe remained in the Welsh League until gaining promotion in 2022.

Last season the teams played out a barnstorming 7-goal thriller at Pontardawe. Celtic's 4-3 win was courtesy of braces for Lewis Iles and Dominic Connor. In the return at Celtic Park, our boys ran riot with a 6-0 win. Scorers for Celtic were Alex Bonthron 2 (1 penalty), Isaac Powell, Jordan Meaney and Lewis Iles.

The teams have met twice in the Welsh Cup. In 2016/17 Pontardawe won 1-0 thanks to a late goal by teenage centre midfielder Dan Williams who went on to have spells at Cardiff City and Swansea. In 2019/20 Celtic were in their 1<sup>st</sup> season in the Cymru South, Town were bottom but one in the 3<sup>rd</sup> tier Welsh League. Celtic were cruising 2-0 up in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half through goals from Zac Osborne and Chris Ham. Celtic then made some inexplicable substitutions enabling Town to level 2-2 and they snatched the winner in extra time.

### CWMBRAN CELTIC v PONTARDAWE TOWN IN LEAGUE & WELSH CUP

	P	W	D	L	F	A
<b>At Celtic Park</b>	7	3	1	3	15	10
<b>At Pontardawe</b>	7	4	1	2	14	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>25</b>

### PONTARDAWE TOWN IN WELSH LEAGUE – LAST 6 SEASONS

Season	League	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos
2016-17	WELSH-2	30	9	7	14	47	58	34	10/16
2017-18	WELSH-2	30	13	3	14	51	51	42	9/16
2018-19	WELSH-2	30	14	7	9	63	51	49	8/16
2019-20	WELSH-1	16	5	4	7	22	28	19	9/16
2021-22	ARDAL-SW	30	22	5	3	69	24	71	1/16
2022-23	WELSH-2	30	12	1	17	51	73	37	9/16

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF CWMBRAN CELTIC 1925-2023

Cwmbran Celtic football club was formed in 1925. In the early years the club was known as CYMS (Catholic Young Men's Society). After the immediate success of winning the Newport & District Division 2 Section A title in 1925/6 there was then a 25 year gap before the next trophy, the Premier Division title in 1950/1. The club disbanded in the late 1950's largely as a consequence of national service call-ups but a large influx of junior and youth players brought about the reforming of the club in 1964 under the new name of Cwmbran Catholics. In 1970/1 Celtic won the Gwent Senior Cup. In 1972/3 with playing membership open to all denominations the club dropped the catholic title and re-named as Cwmbran Celtic winning the Gwent Amateur Cup and finishing runners-up in the Gwent Premier League.

In 1979 the club bought its own premises at Oak Street, Old Cwmbran, the club's present headquarters. The club's ground was in Cwmbran Park but around 1995 they moved to the grounds outside Cwmbran Stadium which were shared with Cwmbran Cricket club. The cricket club later moved to Caerleon and Celtic obtained the lease from Torfaen Council.

Celtic played in the Gwent County League in the 1980s and 1990s and after gaining promotion as champions of Division 2 in 1986/7 remained in the 1st division for the next 10 seasons. However a disastrous slide found the club languishing in the 3rd division when Paul "Dishy" Richardson became manager in 1999. He transformed the side bringing in experienced ex-Cwmbran Town stalwarts Mickey Copeman and Kevin Payne alongside teenage striker Shane Williamson who for a dozen seasons was top scorer. The side was later bolstered by the return of ex-professionals Ben Graham and Mark Parfitt who had started their careers with Celtic as juniors. There were successive promotions from the 3rd to 1st division between 1999 and 2001 and in 1999/2000 Celtic won the Gwent County league cup.

In 2004/5 under new player-manager Mickey Copeman, the club were runners-up to Clydach Wasps who applied for membership of the Welsh Football League but their ground was adjudged to be not of the required standard. Celtic applied instead. Their ground was also not up to standard but they were able to share Cwmbran Stadium with Cwmbran Town and the Welsh League accepted the club's application.

In their first season in the WFL, 2005/6, Celtic struggled near the bottom of the 3rd division all season. In April Celtic travelled to Chepstow Town needing a win to stay in the league. They went 1-0 down. With minutes of normal time remaining substitute Jason Price equalised but a draw was not enough. In the 9th minute of time added on player manager Mickey Copeman went up for a corner. The ball was cleared off the goal-line by a Chepstow defender, it hit Copeman on the back and rebounded into the net. Celtic had achieved a last gasp win and, by winning their final match against Seven Sisters, Celtic escaped relegation on goal difference.

The following season, 2006/7, Celtic now back at their upgraded and newly named ground, Celtic Park, were transformed. They only lost 2 games and enjoyed a 24 match unbeaten run. They went to Risca for their last match already promoted but needed to win to secure the Championship ahead of Llanwern. With 3 minutes left Celtic were 1-0 down playing with 10 men after a red card for Kevin Payne. Then Sammy Winter equalised with a speculative long range shot and in the last minute a Risca clearance found full back Ben Graham outside the box.

He hit a perfect looping volley over the goalkeeper's head and into the net. Celtic were champions.

In Division 2 Celtic consolidated their position in 2007/8 and 2008/9 during which they introduced a number of players from their new partnership with Fairwater High School Football Academy in Cwmbran managed by Celtic coach Della Cheedy.

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF CWMBRAN CELTIC 1925-2023 (continued)

In 2009/10 Celtic were front runners destined to win the Championship. However they lost two key defenders at a crucial time and vital points were dropped. Nevertheless Celtic finished their games in 1st place and would win the title if Penrhiwceiber failed to win at Newcastle Emlyn. The home side was 2-0 up at one stage but Ceiber clawed their way back to win 3-2 and deny Celtic the championship. At the end of the season Mickey Copeman stood down after 7 years during which he secured 3 promotions which took the club from Gwent County League to the top division of the Welsh League.

In their first season in the 1st division, 2010/11 under new manager Ben Graham, Celtic struggled for much of the season and were firmly planted in the relegation zone but a superb run-in during which they won 7 and drew 3 of 14 games earned them 12th place out of 16. In 2011/12 a good start was made under Alan Dibble who stepped down in September with the team in 5th place, to be replaced by Gareth Morgan. Either side of Christmas, Celtic were 2nd but they had a dismal end of season run and again finished 12th.

In 2012/13 with head coach Della Cheedy at the helm, Celtic started brightly with some fine performances including a 4-2 win versus reigning champions Cambrian & Clydach but they lost their way in the New year and at one stage were in last place. However, with characteristic determination they dragged themselves up the table and sealed another season in the top division with a resounding 5 -1 win against Haverfordwest County. Under Steve Morgan in 2013/14 Celtic underperformed finishing 4th from bottom and with Afan Lido relegated from the Welsh Premier League, Celtic were relegated despite appealing to an FAW arbitration. With Della Cheedy back as manager in 2014/15 Celtic finished 7th in Division 2.

In 2015/16 Nicky Church started as manager but he resigned mid-season. Ex Ton Pentre boss Dean Morris took over, won two manager of the month awards, and guided Celtic to the

runners-up position and promotion on the back of 10 straight wins. The club also reached the quarter finals of the Welsh Cup, going down 2-1 after a brave fight at home to WPL side Port Talbot. Josh Bull was the Welsh League's top scorer with 32 league goals.

In 2016/17, back in the 1st Division, Celtic went top of the league early in the season. Dean Morris resigned in March 2017 and first teamer Lee Challenger took over, winning his first 5 games in charge as the team ended in 6th place, their best position in 5 seasons in the top tier.

In 2017/18 Celtic finished 8th in the league and enjoyed their best ever league cup run, reaching the semi-final before losing to Llanelli Town 3-0. Chris Ham was Welsh Division 1 player of the season and top scorer with 28 league goals.

In 2018/19 Celtic finished a disappointing 10th in the League with Lee Challenger resigning in March 2019.

In 2019/20, for the inaugural season of the Cymru League South, Celtic installed Nicky Morgan and Simon Truman as the management team. With 9 new signings there was a lot of optimism for a successful season but the team never got going and after a 6-1 drubbing at Pontypridd in January the club regretfully dismissed the management duo.

Development team manager James Kinsella took over with Matthew Williams as assistant, the team finishing 13th in a curtailed season due to the pandemic.

In 2020/21 only one game was played, in December 2020/21, a 2-0 defeat at Pontypridd Town in the Nathaniel MG League cup.

In 2021/22 having lost key players, Celtic were involved in a basement battle to avoid relegation. Four successive wins late on took them out of the bottom 3 and in the final analysis an equaliser in time added on by Andrew Hewitt saved Celtic and took opponents Risca United down into the Ardal League. Last season Celtic finished a creditable 8th in the table.

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF PONTARDAWE TOWN

Although the present club was founded in 1947, football in Pontardawe certainly stretches back over 100 years, into the closing years of the 19th Century, when a Pontardawe club, run by industrialist CF Gilbertson, was among the members of the earliest Swansea League, and won the championship in 1899-1900. The club went on to join the Swansea & District League in the early 1900s, playing familiar names like Swansea Town, Morrision, Skewen and Clydach, as well as long forgotten ones such as Mond Nickel, York Place and Sketty. But honors were not forthcoming, and the club disbanded at the outbreak of the Second World War.

Reformed as Pontardawe Athletic in 1947, the club entered the Welsh League in 1948-49, playing in Division 2 (West). The first few post war years brought reasonable success at this level and in 1960-61 the club won the championship with 28 wins out of 32 league games. However, relegation came swiftly from Division 1 in 1961-62, Ponty finishing 19th out of 20 to go back down to Division 2 (West) with Milford United. The club failed to bounce back the following season with Milford pipping Ponty by 4 points. For 1964-65 the Welsh League restructured and Ponty spent several seasons in Division 1 until relegation to Division 2 in 1978-79.

A period of comparative success followed in the early 1980s, with successive promotions as runners up in 1980-81 and 1981-82 behind Trelewis and Brecon Corinthians respectively taking the club back to the top-flight of the Welsh League. 1981-82 also brought success in the Welsh Cup with Dixie McHale's team reaching the fourth round, beating Maesteg Park (1-0) & Cardiff Corinthians (1-0) before losing at home 5-1 to Wrexham, containing Dai Davies, Joey Jones & Dixie McNeil.

Now competing in the Premier Division, 1982-83 saw Pontardawe lift the West Wales Senior Cup and finish 13th in the league,

however another restructuring saw Ponty lack a ground adequate for the Welsh League's new 'National Division' and they were relegated back into the middle division. Ponty went into decline again, slipping back to the third level of the Welsh League by the mid-1980s, quietly remaining there for over a decade.

In 1994-95 season, the club won the Division 3 championship, while 1997-98 the club also won the Division 2 league title to gain promotion to Division 1. Now adopting the Town name, Ponty came agonizingly close to winning Division 1 in 2001-02, losing out by a point to Ton Pentre. 2003-04 brought relegation however but this was short lived though as the club won Division 2 again in 2004-05.

For the next ten years the club played in Division 1 before relegation to Division 2 at the end of the 2014-15. Ponty also went close to League Cup success over this period, but on three occasions lost in the final to Goytre United (2005), Penrhiwceiber Rangers (2006) and AFC Porth (2014).

The club relocated to Parc Ynysderw in 2015 which is a ground now dedicated to the club and the committee has invested time and money to bring the ground to Tier 2 standard. Pontardawe Town has the foundation to further develop, with the Junior Section bring one of the best in the country, running over 20 teams. The club will now be playing in the Ardal Southern League, South West Division.

In the 2021 / 2022 Season the club won promotion to the JD Cymru South whilst the Reserves won the FAW Reserve League West Division. To add the success the Ladies won promotion to Tier 2 and also the West Wales Cup ... what a season!!!

The 2022/2023 Season sees us celebrate our 75th Anniversary of the club in its present form and we are looking at opportunities to celebrate this great club we are so proud of.

## MATCH REPORT: CWMBRAN CELTIC 1 - 3 CARMARTHEN TOWN (02-Sep)

On an early September afternoon, Cwmbrian Celtic and Carmarthen Town met for the second time already in this young season. This time in the Welsh Blood Service League Cup. Celtic were hoping to gain revenge against Town, not only for the nil-one defeat at the Avondale Motor Park Arena earlier this season but also for the two high scoring defeats home and away last season.

Both teams made numerous changes for this cup tie, as Celtic made five changes from the three-three draw last time out away to Baglan Dragons, whilst Carmarthen made six changes following their huge six-one victory at home to Trefelin.

The visitors came out to the pitch twelve minutes before kick-off and they certainly looked the sharper as the game began. They played a much nicer, shorter passing game as opposed to Cwmbrian's long ball approach. Town had most of the early stages of this fixture but failed to capitalise, as in fact it was Lewis Illes who had the first good effort of the game against the run of play when he got on the end of a good ball, down the left hand side and got one on one with Jones the Carmarthen goalkeeper, who saved well to keep the scores level.

For the second game running Celtic conceded early on this time in the twelfth minute when Jac Walters pounced on the ball after a nice passing move for Carmarthen ended up getting scrappy in the box and he prodded the ball past Hooper in the Cwmbrian goal to give Town the lead.

The early setback seemed to wake up the home side who soon after could have been level, when McDowell raced into the left side of the area all alone. With no other option he had a hopeful effort that smacked the crossbar and went out to give Celtic a bit of confidence.

Indeed ten minutes later and despite Carmarthen playing some good short passing football, the home side drew level through who else but that man Lewis Illes, who got himself close in on the keeper on the right hand side of the penalty area and under pressure from a couple of defenders, he managed to squeeze the ball under Nicholas Jones to get his third of the season.

The parity between the sides only lasted seven minutes however, as Jac Walters doubled his and the clubs tally for the day, when following a free flowing attack, under not much pressure from the Celtic defence, Hooper pulled off a good save from one effort in the box, only for the ball to fall at Walters' feet. He duly powered the ball into the back of the net to score his third goal of the campaign so far.

The final effort of the half came with just seconds to go, as Walters almost had a hat-trick when he nearly got on to a through ball down the centre of the pitch but was closed down quickly by Iwan Hooper, who suffered for his braveness as he picked up a knock on his ankle which led to him being substituted for Watkins at the start of the second half. The first half ended two-one to Carmarthen, with the away side fully deserving the lead, as they looked much sharper and much more confident than Celtic. Which you would expect following Carmarthen's big six-one victory last week.

The second half began as the first ended, with Carmarthen looking the more likely to score. Cameron Allen was the final piece of yet another Carmarthen attack but his close range effort was blocked as Cwmbrian's defence tried to keep the home side in the game.

## CWMBRAN CELTIC 2023/24 PLAYERS STATISTICS

Player	Pos	Appearances						Goals			MOTM	Cards		
		JD	WC	MG	LC	SUB	Total	JD	Cup	Total		Y	R	
Adrian Maguire	M					3	<b>3</b>							
Alex Bonthron	F	4		1		2	<b>7</b>	4		<b>4</b>	1	2	-	0
Alex McDowell	M			1	1	4	<b>6</b>							
Alfie Foster	M					1	<b>1</b>							
Andrew Hewitt	D	3				1	<b>4</b>	1		<b>1</b>		1	-	0
Andrew Larcombe	M	4		1	1		<b>6</b>					2	-	0
Cole Doolan	M					1	<b>1</b>							
Dominic Connor	D	5		1	1		<b>7</b>				1			
Elliot Jones	M	1			1	4	<b>6</b>					2	-	0
Gabriel Howells	M					1	<b>1</b>	1		<b>1</b>				
George Jenkins	M				1	1	<b>2</b>							
Giles Basson	M					1	<b>1</b>							
Harrison Lewis	D	5			1		<b>6</b>	1		<b>1</b>	1			
Isaac Powell	M	4				2	<b>6</b>				1			
Iwan Hooper	GK	5		1	1		<b>7</b>				2	1	-	0
Josh Hinwood	D	5		1		1	<b>7</b>	1		<b>1</b>		1	-	0
Kian Bodenham	D	4		1			<b>5</b>					1	-	
Lewis Illes	F	5		1	1		<b>7</b>	3	1	<b>4</b>	1	1	-	0
Lewis Watkins	GK					1	<b>1</b>							
Sam Powell	D					2	<b>2</b>					2	-	0
Shaun Moss	M	4		1	1		<b>6</b>					1	-	0
Thomas Meechan	F	3		1	1	1	<b>6</b>					1	-	0
Tyler Broom	D	3		1	1		<b>5</b>					3	-	0



## MATCH REPORT: CWMBRAN CELTIC 1 - 3 CARMARTHEN TOWN (cont)

In the fifty seventh minute Celtic were almost gifted an equaliser, when the away keeper Jones, accidentally threw the ball against a Celtic attacker but to sum up Cwmbran's day, they couldn't profit from that and thus the score remained two-one to the visitors.

A rare Celtic attack in the second half, led to Tom Meechan getting space centrally but he blasted his shot over from twenty five yards out when he could perhaps have got himself closer to the goal before shooting.

That was to be as good as it would get for Celtic as on seventy five minutes Carmarthen doubled their lead and got their third of the game, when Mason Thomas slid the ball in low under the substitute keeper Watkins, as Celtic struggled to deal with an impressive Carmarthen team.

Celtic tried to attack more following that goal but Carmarthen's high defensive line kept catching Cwmbran offside as they kept to the long ball tactic that didn't work that well in the first half. Carmarthen still kept attacking and could have had a fourth as the game drew to a close, when the substitute Daley hit the crossbar from about eight yards out, when it looked easier to score.

That was how the game ended, with Carmarthen thoroughly deserving their victory and to progress in the Welsh Blood Service League Cup, while Celtic might be looking for a blood transfusion before the game away to Abergavenny Town.

**Cwmbran Celtic:** Iwan Hooper, Tyler Broom, Dominic Connor, Andrew Larcombe, Harrison Lewis, George Jenkins, Elliot Jones, Shaun Moss, Lewis Illes, Thomas Meechan, Alex Mcdowell

**Goal:** Lewis Illes (22)

**Subs:** Lewis Watkins for Iwan Hooper (45), Isaac Powell for Alex Mcdowell (58) Alex Bonthron for George Jenkins (58) Josh Hinwood for Shan Moss (76) Adrian Maguire for Tyler Broom (76)

**Yellow Cards:** Shaun Moss (40) Josh Hinwood (90)

**Match Report by:** Spencer Taylor

## MATCH REPORT: ABERGAVENNY TOWN 2 - 1 CWMBRAN CELTIC (08-Sep)

Abergavenny Town were delighted to end a run of 5 successive defeats to pick up their first league points of the season in this keenly fought Gwent derby under the Pen-y-Pound lights but Celtic, having taken an early lead and dominating much of the 2nd half Celtic will be disappointed not to have put the game to bed before Town's late winner.

Celtic got off to a great start. Isaac Powell's 6th minute free kick was fumbled onto the bar by much-travelled keeper Cameron Clarke and Lewis Illes pounced to prod the ball home - Celtic 1-0. Into the 2nd half, despite having more of the game Celtic were not able to increase their lead. They were made to pay when, when, in the 80th minute, a high ball was half cleared to the edge of the box where ex-Llantwit Major striker Paolo Marengi half volleyed a fine goal into the corner of the net for the equaliser. In time added on substitute Alex Bonthron, still troubled by his shoulder injury, cut in on the left and brought a great save from Clarke. Town immediately broke on the counter-attack and were awarded a penalty for a foul challenge which teenager Rhys Schwank tucked away to secure the 3 points. Both teams remain unchanged in the table – Celtic 8th Abergavenny 15<sup>th</sup>.

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**CYMRU LEAGUE SOUTH FIXTURES & RESULTS 2023/2024**

<b>JD CYMRU SOUTH 23/24</b>	<i>Abergavenny Town</i>	<i>Abertillery Bluebirds</i>	<i>Afan Lido</i>	<i>Ammanford</i>	<i>Baglan Dragons</i>	<i>Briton Ferry Llansawel</i>	<i>Caerau Ely</i>	<i>Cambrian &amp; Clydach</i>	<i>Carmarthen Town</i>	<b>Cwmbran Celtic</b>	<i>Goytre United</i>	<i>Llanelli Town</i>	<i>Llantwit Major</i>	<i>Pontardawe Town</i>	<i>Taffs Well</i>	<i>Trefelin</i>
<b>Abergavenny Town</b>	X	02-Jan 1 2	11-Aug 1 2	08-Mar 2 3	18-Aug 2 3	02-Feb 0 3	13-Apr 0 2	23-Feb 0 2	15-Dec 0 1	08-Sep 2 1	12-Jan 0 1	22-Sep 0 1	08-Aug 0 1	17-Nov 2 2	27-Oct 0 6	06-Oct 0 6
<b>Abertillery Bluebirds</b>	26-Dec	X	13-Apr	01-Apr	03-Feb	19-Aug 0 3	02-Dec 0 2	12-Aug 0 2	24-Feb	07-Oct	09-Mar	13-Jan	23-Sep	09-Sep 2 2	06-Jan	28-Oct
<b>Afan Lido</b>	29-Mar	28-Jul 3 0	X	18-Aug 4 2	12-Jan	08-Sep 3 2	08-Aug 3 1	08-Mar	02-Feb	27-Oct	23-Feb	17-Nov	06-Oct	22-Nov	15-Dec	30-Dec
<b>Ammanford</b>	28-Aug 3 1	08-Aug 3 2	15-Mar	X	28-Oct	24-Feb	29-Mar	09-Sep 3 1	07-Oct	17-Nov	22-Sep	01-Jan	13-Jan	02-Feb	29-Jul 1 0	15-Dec
<b>Baglan Dragons</b>	16-Mar	30-Sep	21-Oct	04-Nov	X	26-Dec	20-Jan	06-Jan	01-Apr	28-Aug 3 3	02-Dec	02-Mar	29-Mar	13-Apr	10-Feb	25-Nov
<b>Briton Ferry Llansawel</b>	29-Sep	15-Mar	01-Mar	24-Nov	03-Jan	X	28-Aug 5 3	09-Feb	27-Oct	15-Dec	06-Oct	28-Jul 2 0	17-Nov	12-Jan	28-Mar	08-Aug 5 0
<b>Caerau Ely</b>	29-Jul 4 0	15-Dec	01-Apr	12-Aug 1 2	06-Oct	08-Mar	X	18-Aug 1 3	22-Nov	12-Jan	08-Sep 3 0	27-Oct	02-Feb	23-Feb	02-Jan	17-Nov
<b>Cambrian &amp; Clydach</b>	24-Nov	29-Mar	28-Aug 1 1	02-Mar	17-Nov	22-Sep	16-Mar	X	12-Jan	01-Jan	02-Feb	15-Dec	28-Oct	07-Oct	08-Aug 1 1	13-Apr
<b>Carmarthen Town</b>	01-Dec	25-Nov	30-Sep	20-Jan	08-Aug 0 0	04-Nov	10-Feb	21-Oct	X	29-Mar	06-Jan	16-Mar	13-Apr	26-Dec	02-Mar	28-Aug 6 1
<b>Cwmbran Celtic</b>	02-Mar	20-Jan	04-Nov	06-Jan	09-Mar	02-Dec	21-Oct	26-Dec	12-Aug 0 1	X	13-Apr	25-Nov	19-Aug 2 1	16-Sep	30-Sep	10-Feb
<b>Goytre United</b>	20-Oct	28-Aug 4 2	24-Nov	10-Feb	15-Dec	19-Jan	02-Mar	30-Sep	17-Nov	27-Jul 2 3	X	01-Apr	01-Jan	28-Oct	16-Mar	11-Aug 0 3
<b>Llanelli Town</b>	09-Feb	20-Oct	05-Jan	26-Dec	08-Sep 2 1	13-Apr	03-Nov	01-Dec	18-Aug 4 3	23-Feb	08-Aug 4 1	X	08-Mar	29-Mar	19-Jan	29-Sep
<b>Llantwit Major</b>	01-Jan	10-Feb	20-Jan	21-Oct	12-Aug 1 4	06-Jan	30-Sep	04-Nov	29-Jul 1 2	16-Mar	26-Dec	28-Aug 2 5	X	02-Dec	25-Nov	02-Mar
<b>Pontardawe Town</b>	06-Jan	02-Mar	10-Feb	30-Sep	29-Jul 1 2	21-Oct	25-Nov	20-Jan	01-Jan	01-Apr	04-Nov	12-Aug 1 3	16-Dec	X	28-Aug 1 3	16-Mar
<b>Taffs Well</b>	03-Nov	17-Nov	01-Dec	13-Apr	22-Sep	11-Aug 0 3	27-Dec	01-Apr	08-Sep 1 1	02-Feb	18-Aug 1 2	06-Oct	23-Feb	08-Mar	X	12-Jan
<b>Trefelin</b>	20-Jan	04-Nov	26-Dec	01-Dec	24-Feb	01-Apr	06-Jan	28-Jul 0 4	09-Mar	23-Sep	29-Mar	03-Feb	09-Sep 3 3	19-Aug 1 5	21-Oct	X

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**The Management Team**



## CWMBRAN CELTIC PEN PICTURES 2023/2024

Ages are at 21-Jul-23

### Goalkeepers

**Lewis Watkins:** goalkeeper, age 31. Celtic's longest serving player. Joined from Newport County youth.. No 2 keeper during his early years but has shown great dedication & continuous improvement to see off all previous incumbents between the sticks. Captain in 2021/22. Debut: Caldicot Town Aug 10. **Sponsor:** Crossfords (Mark Hurford).

**Iwan Hooper:** goalkeeper, age 21. Joined this season from Westfields. Previously with Hereford FC, Cheltenham Town, Chippenham Town. **Sponsor:** Central Group Roofing.

### Defenders

**Sam Powell:** right back, age 26. Came through Celtic juniors. Son of former Cwmbrian Town player & Celtic youth coach John Powell, elder brother of midfielder Isaac. Joint club vice captain. Debut: Cwmmaman U Aug 19. **Sponsor:** M2 Flooring.

**Tyler Broom:** right back, age 25. Product of Torfaen Academy. Played for Fairfield juniors & seniors, Cwmffrwdor seniors, Monmouth & Risca Academies. Gwent County U16 cap 2014. Son of U19 Development manager, Mark Broom. Debut Ammanford Aug 21. **Sponsor:** Total Body Defence.

**Dominic Connor:** left wing back, age 36. Signed from Caldicot Town in 2011/12. Formerly with Garden City juniors, Chepstow Town. Top scorer in 2014/15 with 14 goals. Debut AFC Porth Oct 11 scoring the only goal. **Sponsor:** Ziko Chan.

**Andrew Larcombe:** centre back, age 35. Joined 2014/15. Can also play midfield & striker. Stand-in goalkeeper. Previously with Eveswell juniors, Newport YM youth, Liswerry Gwent County, Welsh League for Llanwern (2010-13) & Undy Athletic (2013-14). Supporter's Player of Season 2021/22. Club Captain. Debut: Blaenavon Blues Sep 14. **Sponsor:** Crossfords (Kenny Hurford).

**Andrew Hewitt:** central defence: age 26. Irishman who joined club last season from Cardiff Medics FC. A doctor having trained at Cardiff University. Debut Briton Ferry, Aug 21.

**Kian Bodenham:** right back, age 18. Joined this season from Barry Town United. Formerly with Goytre. Brother Jack plays professional for South Shields. Father Paul played for Celtic Juniors & 1<sup>st</sup> team Gwent County. Debut Cambrian & Clydach Aug 22. **Sponsor:** Hornbeam Workplace Wellbeing & Cymru Glass.

**Luke Archer:** left back, age 18. Torfaen Academy product along with brother Brad. Formerly with Coed Eva Juniors. Father Michael played for Celtic Juniors & 1<sup>st</sup> team Gwent County, Welsh League. Debut Jul 21 v Swansea University.

**Josh Hinwood:** left wing back, age 25. Product of Celtic juniors. Debut: Briton Ferry Apr 2018. Also played for Cwmbrian Town & youth football at Lucas Girling, Croesyceiliog, Panteg. **Sponsor:** NU Staff.

**Harrison Lewis:** centre back, age 19. Recently joined from Pontypridd Town. **Sponsor:** Magdek Ltd.

**Curtis Patel:** central defender, age 30. Returns to club this season after season at Pilcs. A product of the Academy. Played for 1<sup>st</sup> team 2013-22. Brother of former Celtic player Rakesh Patel. **Sponsor:** Fen Trade Aluminium.

### Midfielders

**Elliot Jones:** midfield, age 22. Product of Torfaen Academy. Played for Griffithstown juniors, Panteg seniors Debut Pontypridd Town Dec 20. **Sponsor:** MIPA Carpentry.

**Alex McDowell:** midfield, age 26. Product of Celtic juniors & Academy Graduated from Leeds Beckett University where he was captain in final year. Futsal for Cardiff University & Wales. Debut Caerau (Ely) Mar 14 age 17. **Sponsor:** Construction Law Consultant - J.W. Stockwell.

## CWMBRAN CELTIC PEN PICTURES 2023/2024 (continued)



Lewis Watkins



Iwan Hooper



Sam Powell



Tyler Broom



Dominic Connor



Andrew Larcombe



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Kian Bodenham



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Fixtures 2023/24	Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
22-Jul Sat <b>Taffs Well (MG Cup R1)</b>	2-2 (Pen 0-3)	*Hooper	Broom	Connor	Larcombe	Bodenham	Hinwood	McDowell	Moss	Iles	Meechan	Bonthron	Howells 1		Powell.I	Foster	Maguire	Hewitt 1	
27-Jul Thu Goytre United	3-2	Hooper	Bodenham	Connor	Hewitt	Lewis	Hinwood	Powell.I	Larcombe	*Iles 2	Meechan	Bonthron 1	Moss		Jones	Broom	Basson	McDowell	Maguire
12-Aug Sat <b>Carmarthen Town</b>	0-1	*Hooper	Bodenham	Connor	Hewitt	Lewis	Hinwood	Jones	Moss	Iles	Meechan	Bonthron	Powell.S	Oakley	Broom	Foster	Doolan	McDowell	Larcombe
19-Aug Sat <b>Llantwit Major</b>	2-1	Hooper	Broom	Connor	Bodenham	Lewis	Hinwood	Powell.I	Moss	Iles	Larcombe	*Bonthron 2	Powell.S		Jones	Jenkins	Doolan	McDowell	
28-Aug Mon Baglan Dragons	3-3	Hooper	Broom	Connor	Hewitt	*Lewis 1	Hinwood 1	Powell.I	Moss	Iles	Larcombe	Bonthron 1	Powell.S	Evans	Jones	Jenkins	Meechan	McDowell	Maguire
02-Sep Sat <b>Carmarthen Town (WBS R1)</b>	1-3	Hooper	Broom	*Connor	Larcombe	Lewis	Jenkins	Jones	Moss	Iles 1	Meechan	McDowell	Powell.I	Watkins	Maguire	Hinwood		Bonthron	
08-Sep Fri Abergavenny Town	1-2	Hooper	Bodenham	Broom	Larcombe	Lewis	Hinwood	*Powell.I	Moss	Iles 1	Meechan	Connor	Powell.S		Bonthron	Jenkins	Jones	McDowell	Maguire
16-Sep Sat <b>Pontardawe Town</b>																			
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Adrian Maguire



Lewis McCauley



Jack Martin



Isaac Powell



Shaun Moss



Tom Meechan



Lewis Iles



Alex Bonthron



James Kinsella



Matthew Williams



Conor James



Sam Lewis



## CWMBRAN CELTIC PEN PICTURES 2023/2024 (continued)

**Adrian Maguire**, forward, age 31. Back in 1st team squad after 4 seasons absence. Previous club Panteg Debut Risca United Aug 12. **Sponsor:** Tredegar Torpedoes.

**Lewis McCauley**: midfield, age 18. Product of Celtic juniors & Celtic Academy, formerly with Cwmbran Town juniors. Celtic's youngest ever outfield player age 16 years 99 days. Debut: Afan Lido Jul 22. Young player of Season 2021/22. **Sponsor:** LM Carpentry.

**Jack Martin**: midfield, age 21. Signed last season from Goytre. Played youth football for Albion Rovers. Debut Penyarden Aug 21. **Sponsor:** SRK Scaffolding.

**Isaac Powell**: midfield, age 22. Formerly with Griffithstown juniors, Albion Rovers youth, Cwmbran Town seniors. Younger brother of Sam Powell. Debut Cwmbran Feb 18 age 17. **Sponsor:** Cian Willis.

**Shaun Moss**: midfield, age 30. signed this season from Pontyclun. Debut Taffs Well Jul 22 **Sponsor:** Cian Willis.

### Forwards

**Tom Meechan**: striker, age 32. Joined Jan 20 from Merthyr Town. Prolific scorer in Eastern Counties football scoring 106 goals in 4 seasons before moving at age 25 from St Neots Town to Newport County on professional contract where he made 3 appearances for 1<sup>st</sup> team. Debut Undy Jan 20. **Sponsor:** RWR Recruitment.

**Lewis Iles**: striker, age 27. Can also play central defence. Missed 2019/20 season with serious ligament injury, Formerly with Celtic juniors & Panteg. Left club last season in transfer window for Pontypridd Town but returned this season. Debut Cambrian & Clydach Mar 18. Played half a season 2021/22 at Pontypridd Town. Returned last season and was top scorer with 22 goals. **Sponsor:** CLIC.

**Alex Bonthron**: striker, age 28. Joined last season from Gwent County Wattsville for whom he scored over 200 goals with a best season of 55 goals in 2014/15. Ex- Newport County juniors & Cardiff City Academy. Also played for Abergavenny Town & Croesyceiliog. Debut: Afan Lido Feb 2022. Played at Merthyr Town 2022/23 but returns to Celtic this season. **Sponsor:** MIPA Carpentry.

**Management Team Sponsor:** Avondale Storage.

**James Kinsella**: Manager, age 29. Stepped up from Development team manager in Jan 2020 age 26 for 5 matches before pandemic halted season. Product of Celtic juniors. Former youth manager at Lucas Cwmbran & Croesyceiliog, goalkeeper coach at Celtic. Had spell coaching in USA. Won Welsh League Reserve East title 2017/18 in first season as manager. Debut Ton Pentre Apr 18 in goal.

**Matthew Williams**: Assistant manager. Club vice chairman. Joined club from Girlings 1999/2000 playing centre back in promoted teams in Gwent County Divisions 3 & 2. Assistant manager of Newport & District sides which won 3 league titles & the Senior Cup in 6 seasons. This is his 3rd spell as 1st team assistant having previously worked with Della Cheedy & Dean Morris.

**Conor James**: Physio, age 22. Ex Celtic junior & youth. USW student. Celtic Academy coach.

**Sam (The Trucker) Lewis**: GK Coach, age 29. Product of Newport & District football. Debut Goytre U Aug 22.

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## CWMBRAN CELTIC FIXTURES & RESULTS 2023/2024

Date	Team	Venue	F - A	Scorers
22-Jul	Taffs Well MG Cup (R1)	Home	2 - 2 (Pen 3-0)	Howells, Hewitt
27-Jul	Goytre United	Away	3 - 2	Bonthron, Iles 2
12-Aug	Carmarthen Town	Home	0 - 1	
19-Aug	Llantwit Major	Home	2 - 1	Bonthron 2
28-Aug	Baglan Dragons	Away	3 - 3	Hinwood, Lewis, Bonthron (PK)
02-Sep	Carmarthen Town	Home	1 - 3	Iles
08-Sep	Abergavenny Town	Away	1 - 2	Iles
16-Sep	Pontardawe Town	Home		
23-Sep	Trefelin BGC	Away		
30-Sep	Taffs Well	Home		
07-Oct	Abertillery Bluebirds	Away		
21-Oct	Caerau Ely	Home		
27-Oct	Afan Lido	Away		
04-Nov	Afan Lido	Home		
17-Nov	Ammanford	Away		
25-Nov	Llanelli Town	Home		
02-Dec	Briton Ferry Llansawel	Home		
15-Dec	Briton Ferry Llansawel	Away		
26-Dec	Cambrian & Clydach	Home		
01-Jan	Cambrian & Clydach	Away		
06-Jan	Ammanford	Home		
12-Jan	Caerau Ely	Away		
20-Jan	Abertillery Bluebirds	Home		
02-Feb	Taffs Well	Away		
10-Feb	Trefelin BGC	Home		
23-Feb	Llanelli Town	Away		
02-Mar	Abergavenny Town	Home		
09-Mar	Baglan Dragons	Home		
16-Mar	Llantwit Major	Away		
29-Mar	Carmarthen Town	Away		
01-Apr	Pontardawe Town	Away		
13-Apr	Goytre United	Home		



## CWMBRAN CELTIC 1st TEAM STATISTICS

Cwmbran Celtic 1st Team Statistics								
League	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Position
2005/06 Div 3	34	11	3	20	43	60	36	15th (18)
2006/07 Div 3	32	20	10	2	68	35	70	1st (17) Champions
2007/08 Div 2	34	12	8	14	52	60	44	9th (18)
2008/09 Div 2	34	17	7	10	69	51	58	6th (18)
2009/10 Div 2	34	21	6	7	75	33	69	2nd (18) Promoted
2010/11 Div 1	30	10	7	13	45	50	37	12th (16)
2011/12 Div 1	30	12	2	16	32	54	38	12th (16)
2012/13 Div 1	28	9	5	14	41	52	32	12th (15)
2013/14 Div 1	30	7	5	18	40	58	26	13th (16) Relegated
2014/15 Div 2	30	11	14	5	53	31	47	7th (16)
2015/16 Div 2	30	24	0	6	89	33	72	2nd (16) Promoted
2016/17 Div 1	30	14	3	13	60	50	45	6th (16)
2017/18 Div 1	30	14	4	12	67	51	46	8th (16)
2018/19 Div 1	30	10	6	14	49	57	36	10th (16)
2019/20 Cymru (S)	22	6	4	12	29	44	22	13th (16)
2021/22 Cymru (S)	30	10	4	16	43	74	34	13th (16)
2022/23 Cymru (S)	30	10	8	12	62	53	38	8th (16)
2023/24 Cymru (S)	5	2	1	2	9	9	7	8th (16)
<b>Total</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>757</b>	

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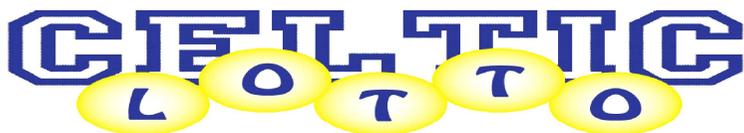
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Abergavenny Town	v	Llanelli Town
Abertillery Bluebirds	v	Llantwit Major
Afan Lido	v	Pontardawe Town
Ammanford	v	Goytre United
Caerau Ely	v	Carmarthen Town
Cambrian & Clydach	v	Briton Ferry Llansawel
Taffs Well	v	Baglan Dragons
Trefelin BGC	v	Cwmbran Celtic

## CWMBRAN CELTIC REVIEW FOR WEEK ENDING 10-SEP

The **1<sup>st</sup> team** went down 2-1 at Gwent rivals Abergavenny Town. The home side's two 2<sup>nd</sup> half goals denied Celtic the opportunity to go 10 points clear of the Town. Instead the gap is only 4 points which shows the importance of winning these 6-pointer encounters. Lewis Iles scored Celtic's goal, his 4<sup>th</sup> of the season.

The **Reserves** game at Tredegar Town was abandoned with 13 minutes to play because of a nasty knee dislocation suffered by defender George Jenkins. Celtic were leading 3-2 at the time through goals by Callum Wakeham (2) and Lewis McCauley. We wish George a speedy recovery.

The **3<sup>rd</sup> team** won 3-2 at home to AFC Pontymister thanks to two late goals by veteran Ben Hobin to add to Jacob Pritchard's 1<sup>st</sup> half penalty. Alex Millar, a recent recruit from Lucas Cwmbran. made his Celtic debut. Celtic's 2<sup>nd</sup> win of the season moves the champions up to 3<sup>rd</sup> in the table.

The **Youth team** suffered another heavy defeat, 9-3 at Penyardarren BGC. in the FAW Youth cup. Celtic took the lead through Oscar Balkwill. The home side replied with 3 goals but Gabriel Howells reduced the arrears. However Penyardarren scored six more with Celtic managing a 3<sup>rd</sup> goal through an own goal.

The **Women** were at home to Cascade YC in their first Adran Trophy group match. Our team was quietly confident having beaten Cascade 3-2 in last season's SWFA cup final. However, a Molly Chapman hat-trick inspired by ex-Celtic winger Lauren Boyd steered the visitors to a 4-0 win. Celtic gave a debut start to Chelsea Cochrane (ex-Barry Town United).

The **Vets 45s** lost 1-6 at home to Penybont. Matthew Vella scored Celtic's goal. Celtic **Womens Development** team scored a fine 6-0 victory at home to Dinas Powys. Natalie Rostron 3, Sophie Hall, Teagen Eley and Kristina Jasicova scored Celtic's goals.

Celtic **Girls U12's** have made a great start to their season in the Gwent County U12 cup, winning 7-4 at Portskewett & Sudbrook and 8-2 at Llanyravon Juniors.



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#### Club Kit Information

Colours  
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Yellow shirts, blue shorts & yellow socks  
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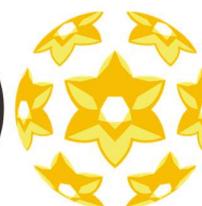


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## CWMBRAN CELTIC HONOURS

<b>Welsh League:</b>	
Division 2	Runners-up (2) 2009/10, 2015/16
Division 3	Winners 2006/7
Reserve Division (East)	Winners (3) 2009/10, 2010/11, 2016/17, 2018/19; Runners up 2012/13, 2017/2018
<b>Gwent County:</b>	
Division 1	Runners-up 2004/5
Division 2	Winners 1986/7; Runners-up 2000/1
Division 3	Runners-up 1999/2000
Premier League	Runners-up 1972/3
Senior Cup	Winners 1970/1; Runners-up (2) 2007/8, 2008/9
Amateur Cup	Winners 1972/3
Challenge Cup	Winners 2000/1
<b>Newport &amp; District League:</b>	
Premier Division	Winners (6) Premier 1950/1, Premier A 1969/70, Premier Y 2000/1, 2006/7, 2009/10, 2010/11 2022/23; Runners-up (3) Premier 1956/7, Premier Y 2005/6, 2016/17
Premier B	Winners 1968/9; Runners-up (2) 1972/3, 1979/80
Division 1R & 3	Winners 2000/1
Division 2	Winners Section A 1925/6
Division 2B	Winners 1969/70; Runners-up (2) 1972/3, 1979/80
Senior Bowl	Winners 2005/6; Runners-up (2) 1968/9, 2010/11, 2021/22
Junior Bowl	Winners 1950/1; Runners-up 2005/6 3rd Division Cup Winners 1956/7
<b>Welsh Youth League:</b>	
Youth Division (East) U19	Winners (4): 2007/8, 2008/9, 2009/10, 2010/11; Runners up (2) 2012/13, 2013/14
Youth League Cup:	Runners up 2014/15
<b>Newport Youth League:</b>	
Under 16 Division	Winners 1970/1, Cup Winners 1970/1; Runners-up 1966/7
Under 18 Division	Winners 1967/8
<b>Gwent County:</b>	
Under 14 Cup	Winners 2011/12; Runners up 2012/13
Under 16 Division	Winners (3) 1990/1, 1994/5, 1998/9; Runners-up 2000/1
Under 16 Cup	Winners (4) 1993/4*, 1994/5, 1998/9, 2000/1 (*U15 team)
Under 18 Division	Winners 2013/14, 2014/15; Runners-up (6) 1999/2000, 2000/1, 2004/5, 2007/8 (Div 2), 2009/10, 2010/11
Under 18 Cup	Winners (2) 1967/8 (Mon Youth cup) 1990/1, Runners-up 1991/2
Under 19 Cup	Runners-up 1973/4 (Mon Youth Cup) 1989/90
<b>Cwmbran Junior League:</b>	
Under 12 Division	Runners-up 1973/4
Under 13 Division	Winners (2) 1967/8, 1968/9; Runners-up 1966/7
Under 13 Cup	Winners (3) 1966/7, 1967/8, 1968/9
Under 15 Cup	Winners (2) 1968/9, 1970/1
<b>Torfaen Junior &amp; Youth League:</b>	
Under 10 Division	Winners (4) 1984/5, 1988/9, 1989/90, 1990/1; Runners-up (2) 1987/8, 1992/3
Under 10 Cup	Winners (4) 1984/5, 1988/9, 1989/90, 1990/1
Under 12 Division	Winners (12) 1986/7, 1987/8, 1989/90, 1990/1, 1991/2, 1992/3, 1994/5, 2003/4, 2004/5, 2005/6, 2007/8, 2008/9 Runners-up (4) 1990/1*, 2000/2, 2009/10, 2010/11 (*U11 team)
Under 12 Cup	Winners (9) 1986/7, 1989/90, 1991/2, 1992/3, 1994/5, 1996/7, 2001/2, 2008/9, 2015/16 Runners-up (6) 1987/8, 1990/1, 2000/1, 2003/4, 2004/5, 2010/11, 2021/22
Under 13 Division	Winners (2) 2021/22, 2022/23
Under 14 Division	Winners (10) 1976/7, 1988/9, 1992/3, 1996/7, 2003/4, 2005/6, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13 Runners-up (3) 1989/90, 2004/5, 2006/7
Under 14 Cup	Winners (9) 1976/7, 1983/4, 1992/3, 1996/7, 1998/9, 2006/7, 2010/11, 2012/13, 2022/23 Runners-up (1) 2004/5
Under 15 Division	Runners-up (1) 2021/22
Under 16 Division	Winners (14) 1976/7, 1978/9, 1990/1, 1993/4, 1998/9, 2000/1, 2001/2, 2007/8, 2008/9, 2009/10, 2011/12, 2012/13 2014/15, 2022/23 Runners-up 2010/11
Under 16 Cup	Winners (10) 1979/80, 1985/6, 1990/1, 1993/4, 1998/9, 2000/1, 2001/2, 2007/8, 2008/9, 2022/3 Runners-up (7) 1994/5, 2000/1*, 2002/3, 2006/7*, 2007/8* (*U15 team), 2013/14, 2014/15
<b>Womens</b>	South Wales Women's League Winners 2013/14; Runners up (2) 2012/13, 2016/17, 2022/23 South Wale FA Cup Runners-up 2022/23 League Cup winners 2012/13, 2021/22; League Plate Winners 2016/17, 2022/23

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