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Season 2023/24

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Home Squad

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

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

CAMBRIAN & CLYDACH

Away Squad

Morgan Davies (GK)
 Bailey Willis (GK)
 Daniel Spencer
 Taylor Jones
 Camillo Strinati
 David Thomas ©
 David Vincent
 Jay Woodford
 Danny Woolfenden
 Ceri Morgan
 Kyle Jones
 Tim Parker
 Cameron Keetch
 Liam Reed
 Jacob Jones
 Efan Fletcher
 Jayden Rees
 Rhys Tandy
 Cole Baker
 Dion Facey
 Kai Crossley
 Adam Cartwright

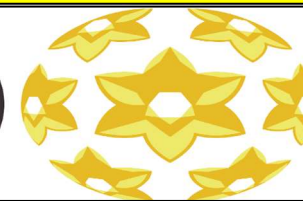
Manager: Martin Evans
Assistant: Liam Williams
Coach: Adrian Needs
First Aider: Jonathan Williams
Physio: Will Morgan
Colours: Red Red Red

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Benjamin Schofield (Ebbw Vale)

Assistants: Andrew Wilkins (Blackwood) & Darren Hales (Grangetown)

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CWMBRAN CELTIC v CAMBRIAN & CLYDACH

Saturday 23rd December 2023 K.O. 2:00pm

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LEAGUE TABLE 2023/24

JD CYMRU SOUTH		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Briton Ferry Llansawel	14	11	1	2	45	18	27	34
2	Llanelli Town	14	10	2	2	44	16	28	32
3	Carmarthen Town	15	8	5	2	34	20	14	29
4	Afan Lido	14	8	4	2	31	21	10	28
5	Ammanford	13	7	4	2	26	19	7	25
6	Goytre United	14	7	1	6	24	26	-2	22
7	Taffs Well	15	5	6	4	24	23	1	21
8	Baglan Dragons	14	5	4	5	26	23	3	19
9	Cambrian and Clydach	14	5	4	5	21	18	3	19
10	Caerau Ely	14	6	0	8	33	28	5	18
11	Cwmbran Celtic	13	5	3	5	29	27	2	18
12	Pontardawe Town	13	5	2	6	28	31	-3	17
13	Trefelin BGC	14	4	3	7	22	35	-13	15
14	Llantwit Major	15	2	3	10	18	39	-21	9
15	Abertillery Bluebirds	13	1	2	10	12	45	-33	5
16	Abergavenny Town	15	1	0	14	14	42	-28	3

RESERVE (SOUTH EAST)		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Risca United	11	9	1	1	39	20	19	28
2	Cwmbran Celtic	12	7	0	5	39	28	11	21
3	Llisswerry	10	6	0	4	28	21	7	18
4	Blaenavon Blues	7	5	1	1	19	12	7	16
5	Caldicot Town	9	5	1	3	26	23	3	16
6	Abertillery Bluebirds	11	5	0	6	24	23	1	15
7	Undy	13	5	0	8	25	28	-3	15
8	Tredegar Town	7	4	1	2	19	15	4	13
9	Chepstow Town	9	3	1	5	17	21	-4	10
11	Abercarn United	8	3	1	4	18	23	-5	10
12	Abergavenny Town	7	2	0	5	16	18	-2	6
13	Goytre	9	2	0	7	13	30	-17	6
14	Treowen Stars	7	1	0	6	10	31	-21	3

CWMBRAN CELTIC HOME/AWAY	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
HOME	5	2	2	1	10	9	1	8
AWAY	8	3	1	4	19	18	1	10
TOTAL	13	5	3	5	29	27	2	18

WELCOME TO CELTIC PARK

We welcome Cambrian & Clydach to Celtic Park this afternoon. Both clubs were promoted to Welsh League Division 3 in 2005/6 and Cambrian won all 3 games between the clubs: 2-1 in the league cup at Cwmbran Stadium, Jason Price scored for Celtic; 1-0 at home, 2-0 at the Stadium as they went on to win the 3rd Division title, beating Treowen Stars in the final game of the season, a win which secured Celtic's place in the Welsh League ahead of Treowen who were demoted to the Gwent County League.

The following season Cambrian were promoted to the 1st Division and Celtic joined them in 2010/11. That season Cambrian won at Celtic Park 2-1, Richard Crees scoring for Celtic and Luke Sallis and Liam Palmer were red carded. In the return game at Lakeside, Celtic achieved a superb 2-0 win with goals from Sallis and Kesh Patel. In 2011/12 Celtic went down 1-3 at Lakeside, Scott Lanyon scored and Craig Cheedy was red-carded as Celtic completed a horrendous run of just one win in 9 games. Cambrian won the return at Celtic Park 3-0 to clinch the 1st Division championship title.

In 2012/13 Celtic lost 1-0 away in the league and 1-0 at home in the Welsh Cup – their 7th successive defeat in league and cup that season and, against Cambrian, their 5th successive home loss and 8th loss out of 9. However, they achieved a great 4-2 win against the reigning champions in the return. Celtic went 4-0 up through Josh Bull, Owen Cook, Kesh Patel and Lee Challenger (penalty) before the champions pulled two late goals back.

In 2013/14 Cambrian won easily at Lakeside 4-1, Rhys Hodges scoring for Celtic, but Celtic put in a superb performance in the return to win 4-3. Cambrian were 2-1 up at half time, Lloyd Kinsella scoring for Celtic. In the 2nd half Owen Cook was sent off but man of the match Dominic Connor equalised. Then Richard Crees was sent off – the second successive match in which Celtic were down to 9 men. Amazingly Celtic went 3-2 up through Owen Llewellyn. Cambrian got an equaliser with 6 minutes left but Josh Bull snatched the winner to bring about a fabulous victory for Celtic. Despite this win Celtic ended up being relegated to Division 2 despite finishing 4th from bottom.

In 2016/17 Celtic won 3-1 at Cambrian with goals by Bull, Lee Penry and Kinsella. Cambrian won the return 3-1. Celtic's goalscorer was Niall Yeates. Celtic finished the season in 6th place. Cambrian finished 11th which was the first time in the two club's 12 years together in the Welsh League that Celtic had finished ahead of the Rhondda side.

In 2017/18 Cambrian won 3-1 at Celtic Park, Chris Ham scoring, and won 1-0 at Lakeside. In 2018/19 Celtic lost 0-2 at Lakeside and lost 1-3 at home, Ham scoring for Celtic. In 2019/20 the teams met only once, at Cambrian which the hosts won easily 3-0. Season 2020/21 was abandoned because of Covid.

In 2021/22 Celtic won 3-1 win at home, the goals from Tom Meechan (2) and Jordan Meaney. It was business as usual in the return Cambrian winning at a canter 4-1, Andrew Hewitt scoring for Celtic.

Last season the teams played out an exciting 3-3 draw at Celtic Park, Alex Bonthron 2 and Lewis Iles scoring for Celtic. Celtic triumphed in the return 2-0 with goals from Lewis Iles and Tom Meachen.

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 CAMBRIAN & CLYDACH

Cambrian United was formed in 1965, taking its name from the local colliery. After success in the Rhondda & District League, the club was elected to the South Wales Corinthian League in 1972. They won the second division championship at the first attempt and followed up the following season by winning the Corinthian Cup with a 5-2 extra time victory over Cardiff Corries.

In season 1977-78 the side were runners up in the first division losing out on goal difference to near neighbours Ton and Gelli. In 1980, the club joined with the very successful Clydach Vale Boys and Girls Club seniors but the merger was a spectacular failure and almost led to the club losing its Amateur League status after a number of poor seasons during the decade.

The 1990's saw the rebuilding process begin and the second division title was won for the second time in 1992. In 1994, manager Neil Foulkes joined the club and celebrated by winning the Corinthian cup a season later. In 1996-97, the club had a terrific year winning the FAW Trophy by defeating Rhyl Delta 2-1 at Jenner Park and won a second successive Corinthian Cup beating Cardiff Civil Service 4-2. In addition, they were league runners up to Ely Rangers. There then followed a run of four more runners up spots in six years and another Corinthian Cup triumph, this time by a 4-1 margin against Llantwit Fardre, before the Championship was finally won in 2004/5. In 2000, the club had re-merged with the Boys and Girls Club.

The club is also very active off the pitch working closely with the local Village Trust to develop facilities in the area. Two full time soccer coaches are employed to work

with local schools and major improvements have taken place at the ground. An all weather, floodlit astroturf area has been built at a cost of £116,000 and a clubhouse facility opened in October 2005 after the club and the Trust successfully generated the £130,000 required. Floodlighting on the ground was completed at the start of August 2007.

The Club entered the Welsh League for the first time in season 2005/6 and a very successful year ended with the Third Division Championship being won after close rivals West End had been deducted three points. Season 2006/7 turned out to be even more memorable as promotion was gained to the top division of the Welsh League with a second placed finish behind champions Garw. In addition the Youth side won the MacWhirter Cup defeating Pontardawe Town 5-2 in the final as well as finishing runners up in their division.

In the 2007/8 season, the clubs first ever in Division One began with an incredible 5 straight wins and although the small squad could not sustain this long term, a creditable ninth place was achieved. The club also embarked on a new venture, taking over and forming the new RCT UEFA Academy programme. This has gone from strength to strength over the past few seasons and the club now runs age groups from 7 through to 19 at elite level.

In 2009/10 Cambrian finished runners-up in the Welsh League and in 2011/12 they were crowned Champions. They have continued to be one of the leading sides in the league, finishing runners-up in 2012/13 and 2018/19 in which season they were also runners-up in the MG Nathaniel League Cup.

MATCH REPORT: BRITON FERRY LLANSAWEL 3 - 2 CWMBRAN CELTIC (15-Dec)

Celtic travelled down the M4 to Old Road, home to League joint leaders Briton Ferry Llansawel hoping to pick up at least a point.

The home side were first to strike when in form Luke Bowen found himself free just inside the box, then lashed in a powerful shot past Celtic keeper Lewis Watkins in the 11th minute to give his team the lead. Celtic were then spurred on with attacks down the left flank. Dom Connor went on a great run, with his cross finding Alex Bonthron at the near post who clipped the ball in past Rhys Wilson to level the score at 1-1 after 18 minutes. But Ferry hit back within 3 minutes with a goal from Connor Goldsworthy, which Celtic strongly thought was offside. But the referee thought otherwise. The game played out for the half with chances falling for both teams, but they failed to take them.

Half Time 2-1

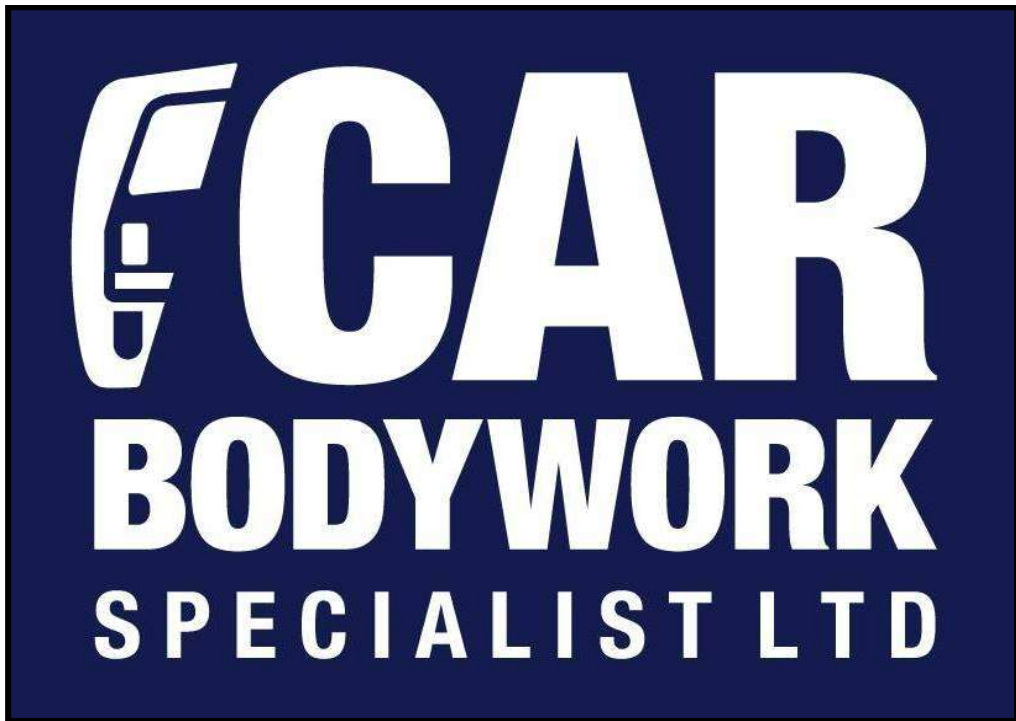
In a game that was very competitive, but fair, in wet conditions both teams did well to play some good football. Ferry pressed to try to find a third goal to finish off the game, which they found through Tyler Brock on 64 minutes to increase their lead to 3-1. Celtic striker Tom Meechan went very close to pegging back a goal for Celtic when he found himself just outside on the penalty area, a curved shot to the right of the goal cleared the outstretched hand of Wilson, only for the ball to hit the bar and bounce down just out of the reach of Bonthron. Celtic kept pushing to get their second goal, which they got when substitute Josh Rippon poked the ball home after a melee in the goal area after a corner. But unfortunately for Celtic time ran out, and their hard work in this game was all in vain. FT 3-2.

CWMBRAN CELTIC v CAMBRIAN & CLYDACH IN WELSH/CYMRU LEAGUE & CUPS

2005/06 – 2022/23	P	W	D	L	F	A
At Celtic Park & Cwmbran Stadium	12	4	1	7	21	26
At Lakeside	11	4	0	7	11	19
Total	23	8	1	14	32	45

CAMBRIAN & CLYDACH'S LEAGUE RECORD IN PAST 6 SEASONS

Season	League	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos
2016-17	WELSH-1	30	10	7	13	41	49	37	11/16
2017-18	WELSH-1	30	17	3	10	58	39	54	4/16
2018-19	WELSH-1	30	18	6	6	58	32	60	2/16
2019-20	CYMRU-S	23	11	7	5	41	31	40	5/16
2021-22	CYMRU-S	30	15	6	9	73	42	51	4/16
2022-23	CYMRU-S	30	14	5	11	64	53	47	5/16



MATCH REPORT: CWMBRAN CELTIC 3 - 2 CAERAU ELY (21-Oct)

After the bright lights of the Welsh Cup last weekend, the JD Cymru South returned as Cwmbran Celtic welcomed newly promoted Caerau Ely to the Avondale Motor Park Arena for the first time since a 2-0 victory in the 19/20 season.

On an unexpectedly warm mid October afternoon Celtic made five changes from the cup defeat to Penybont last weekend and could have expected a tough game as Ely came into this one on the back of three victories in a row including two 3-0 wins & a 4-1 win.

As the game kicked off Cwmbran were the brighter of the two sides and had a very early chance, with a free kick on the edge of the Caerau area. Meechan's effort though, only hit the wall and came back to him. He then attempted the spectacular as he flicked the ball over the Ely wall to get into the area but his effort only went out for a corner.

Celtic continued to impress in the early stages and that paid off, as the home side had the lead after just six minutes, Dom Connor combined to make space for Alex Bonthron, whose mid-range effort surprised the keeper and most of the crowd, as the shot whistled past Johnson into the Ely net to give Celtic a much deserved early 1-0 lead after just six minutes.

That shock goal seemed to awaken the visitors as their performance improved shortly after the goal and they had a good spell of the game, including a corner in the nineteenth minute which needed two headers to be cleared. Celtic looked disjointed as the game progressed, but Tom Meechan looked impressive, as his run down the left almost created another chance but his cross was headed away.

One of the biggest moments of the game took place in the twenty-eighth minute when despite Ely being given a free kick just inside the Celtic half, they found themselves down to ten men as Brandon Griffiths argued with the ref and whatever he said must have been particularly bad as he was given a straight red card.

After a few minutes of confusion, Ely took the free kick they had originally been given and much to everyone's surprise they equalised when the ball was lofted to the far end of the area and headed home by the impressive James Williams for his fourth goal of the season to make it 1-1 after thirty minutes of play.

Following that goal Caerau reacted well to going down a man and James Williams continued to look good, as he ran down his team's left wing and flicked the ball over the Celtic left back but his cross was headed out of play safely.

After that decent period for Ely, Cwmbran got back into the game and in fact against the run of play Celtic were in the lead again thanks to Alex Bonthron who headed home a beautiful cross from the right hand side at the far post to score his eighth goal of the season so far.

The half ended with Celtic very much in charge of the game, as they had a few half chances and were taking full advantage of the extra man on the pitch but the score remained 2-1 to Cwmbran as the referee blew the half time whistle.

The second half began with dark clouds starting to make their much anticipated appearance and the mood seemed to transfer down to the pitch, as Ely started the second period of play the better with a couple of chances coming from set pieces, the most dangerous of which was a looped header from a corner on the right side. It looked for a moment as though the header had found the back of the net but it just landed right behind the far corner of the goal net.

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MATCH REPORT: CWMBRAN CELTIC 3 - 2 CAERAU ELY (continued)

That was as good as it got for the away side for a while because Celtic started defending better and limiting the opportunities for Ely. The best chance for the visitors was limited to a thirty yard shot from Hywel Davies, who turned nicely and made space for himself but his shot went high and out of play.

On the hour mark Alex McDowell broke the Ely offside trap perfectly and this reporter was directly in line to see that he was indeed inside despite some away fans thinking the opposite. McDowell got on the end of a through ball, turned nicely, got one on one with the keeper and ran around Johnson in the away net to coolly slide the ball home into an empty net to give Celtic a 3-1 lead after sixty minutes of play.

Ely again seemed to respond positively to conceding. They had a number of chances, including a goal that was disallowed for offside of their own. The sub Daniel Bowen had a long shot which Hooper saved easily.

Celtic were starting to look comfortable, like the game was coming to an uneventful end. However, that all changed in the seventy seventh minute, as that man again James Williams got his second goal of the game, as he tapped home a low cross from the left hand side, after the ball had got past Hooper's outstretched arm. That made it 3-2 after seventy seven minutes to give Cwmbran some nerves going into the last ten minutes of the game.

As was to be expected, the visitors did most of the attacking in that final period of play, as they looked to get an unlikely equaliser. Their best chance came from another sub. This time Shewring had a decent range effort that just went over but at this point you wouldn't have known the visitors were down to ten men, as they were having all the possession and looking the more dangerous.

Now I was informed by our fearless manager James that he didn't appreciate the Wimbledon references from a couple weeks ago, so I will go for a different reference this time, maybe somewhere warmer. So for a couple minutes it was like watching the Australian Open, as both teams went super long ball, end to end in an effort to get the last goal of the game but nothing came of it for either side.

The last moment of the game I want to mention, happened right in front of your favourite reporter, as Tyler Broom put in a great effort just inside the Ely half to hold off three Ely defenders and keep the ball in that half, which rightly earned a round of applause.

That ensured that the game ended 3-2 to Cwmbran Celtic to keep us in sixth place in the league, three points clear of Baglan in seventh and only one point behind Carmarthen Town in fifth.

It's tough to pick a man of the match for this game, as there were good performances all over the team today, however I'm going to give it to Alex Bonthron for his goal and assist that got us the victory today.

Cwmbran Celtic: I, Hooper, Kian Bodenham, Dominic Connor, Shaun Moss, Harrison Lewis, Joshua Rippon, Isaac Powell, Andrew Larcombe, Alex Bonthron, Thomas Meechan, Alex McDowell

Subs: Broom on for Moss (70) Sam Powell on for Rippon (71) Jones on for Lewis (82) Illes on for Bonthron (82).

Spencer Taylor

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					7	7								
Alex Bonthron	F	12	1	1		2	16	12		12	1	6	0		
Alex McDowell	M	8	1	1	1	4	15	3		3	2				
Alfie Foster	M					3	3								
Andrew Hewitt	D	3				1	4		1	1		1	0		
Andrew Larcombe	M	11	1	1	1	1	15	1		1		3	0		
Callum Wakeham	F					4	4								
Cole Doolan	M					1	1								
Dominic Connor	D	12	1	1	1	1	16	1		1	2				
Elliot Jones	M	2			1	7	10					2	0		
Gabriel Howells	M					1	1		1	1					
George Jenkins	M				1	1	2								
Giles Basson	M					3	3					1	0		
Harrison Lewis	D	12			1	1	14	1		1	1	1	0		
Isaac Powell	M	12	1			2	15				1	4	0		
Iwan Hooper	GK	10		1	1		12				2	1	0		
Josh Hinwood	D	11	1	1		2	15	2		2		4	0		
Josh Rippon	D	2	1			1	4	1		1		1	0		
Kian Bodenham	D	7	1	1		3	12				1	2	0		
Lewis Illes	F	10	1	1	1	2	15	4	1	5	1	2	0		
Lewis McCauley	M					3	3								
Lewis Watkins	GK	3	1			1	5				1	1	0		
Sam Powell	D	2	1			5	8	1		1		2	0		
Shaun Moss	M	9		1	1		11					3	0		
Thomas Meechan	F	11		1	1	2	15	3		3	2	2	0		
Tyler Broom	D	6		1	1	5	13				2	3	0		



JD CYMRU SOUTH FIXTURES (22-Dec & 23-Dec)

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

MATCH REPORT: AFAN LIDO 2 - 1 CWMBRAN CELTIC (27-Oct)

Celtic travelled to Afan Lido for this Friday night fixture in high hopes of ending their run of 4 successive defeats against the seashores on the back of their own run of 5 league games without defeat which earned manager James Kinsella a nomination for Cymru South manager of the month.

Celtic took the lead on 33 minutes. Alex McDowell started the move from the left flank with a pass inside to Alex Bonthron who took the ball across field and played it to Tom Meechan on the right. Alex raced forward into the box where he timed his run perfectly to meet Tom's cross to steer the ball into the net – his 9th goal of the season and Tom's 7th assist to keep him top of the Cymru South assists chart.

Celtic kept their lead to half-time and as the minutes ticked away after the break Lido's frustration came to a head with the sending off in the 59th minute of defender Matthew Beynon who has past history having been sent off 3 times last season and been yellow carded 7 times this season in just 12 matches.

Being down to 10 men did not deter the home side and they drew level on 75 minutes when Flay darted down the right wing and crossed. The ball was cleared but only to loan Evans on the left wing whose controlled shot across the box found the corner of the net. On 82 minutes Lido took the lead. 17-year-old Ieuan Owen ran into the box to meet a through ball from Keen. With his back to goal the Celtic defence laid off allowing him to turn and place the ball into the far corner of the net past the despairing dive of Watkins – a disappointing goal to concede for Celtic. Lido's win, their 5th successive against Celtic, keeps them in 2nd place in the table. Celtic remain in 6th place. Lewis Watkins made his 187th appearance for Celtic eclipsing Nicky Church's previous best of 186 - a deserved achievement for 13 seasons with the club since his debut against Aberaman in April 2011. Celtic have a chance to make quick amends for this defeat as they play Lido in the return this Saturday.

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CYMRU LEAGUE SOUTH FIXTURES & RESULTS 2023/2024

JD CYMRU SOUTH 23/24	<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 & Clydach</i>	<i>Carmarthen Town</i>	Cwmbran Celtic	<i>Goytre United</i>	<i>Llanelli Town</i>	<i>Llantwit Major</i>	<i>Pontardawe Town</i>	<i>Taffs Well</i>	<i>Trefelin</i>
Abergavenny Town	X	02-Jan 1 2	11-Aug 1 2	08-Mar 2 3	18-Aug 2 3	02-Feb	13-Apr	23-Feb	15-Dec 0 2	08-Sep 2 1	12-Jan	22-Sep 1 5	08-Aug 0 1	17-Nov 1 2	27-Oct 2 4	06-Oct 0 2
Abertillery Bluebirds	26-Dec	X	13-Apr	01-Apr	03-Feb	19-Aug 0 3	17-Feb	12-Aug 0 2	24-Feb	07-Oct 1 4	09-Mar	13-Jan	23-Sep 1 0	09-Sep 2 2	06-Jan	23-Mar
Afan Lido	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 2 1	23-Feb	17-Nov 0 3	06-Oct 4 1	22-Sep 2 3	15-Dec 2 2	30-Dec
Ammanford	28-Aug 3 1	08-Aug 3 2	15-Mar	X	08-Dec 2 2	24-Feb	29-Mar	09-Sep 3 1	06-Oct 2 2	17-Nov 4 3	22-Sep 0 1	01-Jan	13-Jan	02-Feb	29-Jul 1 0	15-Dec 1 1
Baglan Dragons	16-Mar	30-Sep 1 1	21-Oct 0 1	17-Feb	X	26-Dec	20-Jan	06-Jan	01-Apr	28-Aug 3 3	27-Jan	02-Mar	29-Mar	13-Apr	10-Feb	25-Nov 4 1
Briton Ferry Llansawel	29-Sep 3 0	15-Mar	01-Mar	tba	03-Jan	X	28-Aug 5 3	09-Feb	27-Oct 3 1	15-Dec 3 2	06-Oct 3 2	28-Jul 2 0	17-Nov 5 0	12-Jan	28-Mar	08-Aug 5 0
Caerau Ely	29-Jul 4 0	15-Dec 6 1	01-Apr	12-Aug 1 2	06-Oct 3 0	08-Mar	X	18-Aug 1 3	22-Sep 2 4	12-Jan	08-Sep 3 0	27-Oct 1 2	02-Feb	23-Feb	02-Jan	17-Nov 2 0
Cambrian & Clydach	17-Feb	29-Mar	28-Aug 1 1	02-Mar	17-Nov 2 0	22-Sep 3 2	16-Mar	X	12-Jan	29-Dec	02-Feb	15-Dec 1 1	28-Oct 1 2	07-Oct 0 2	08-Aug 1 1	13-Apr
Carmarthen Town	01-Dec 4 1	tba	30-Sep 3 3	20-Jan	08-Aug 0 0	04-Nov 2 2	10-Feb	21-Oct 2 0	X	29-Mar	06-Jan	16-Mar	13-Apr	26-Dec	02-Mar	28-Aug 6 1
Cwmbran Celtic	02-Mar	20-Jan	17-Feb	06-Jan	09-Mar	23-Mar	21-Oct 3 2	23-Dec	12-Aug 0 1	X	13-Apr	06-Apr	19-Aug 2 1	16-Sep 4 4	30-Sep 1 1	10-Feb
Goytre United	10-Nov 3 2	28-Aug 4 2	08-Dec 1 1	10-Feb	15-Dec 3 2	19-Jan	02-Mar	30-Sep 1 0	17-Nov 0 1	27-Jul 2 3	X	01-Apr	01-Jan	28-Nov 4 1	16-Mar	11-Aug 0 3
Llanelli Town	09-Feb	20-Oct 9 0	05-Jan	26-Dec	08-Sep 2 1	13-Apr	03-Nov 4 0	01-Dec	18-Aug 4 3	23-Feb	08-Aug 4 1	X	08-Mar	29-Mar	19-Jan	29-Sep 1 2
Llantwit Major	01-Jan	10-Feb	20-Jan	21-Oct 0 0	12-Aug 1 4	06-Jan	30-Sep 1 4	04-Nov 2 2	29-Jul 1 2	16-Mar	26-Dec	28-Aug 2 5	X	23-Mar	25-Nov 1 3	02-Mar
Pontardawe Town	06-Jan	02-Mar	10-Feb	30-Sep 1 3	29-Jul 1 2	21-Oct 2 4	tba	20-Jan	01-Jan	01-Apr	17-Feb	12-Aug 1 3	16-Dec 3 2	X	28-Aug 1 3	16-Mar
Taffs Well	03-Nov 3 1	17-Nov 2 1	13-Feb	13-Apr	22-Sep 1 4	11-Aug 0 3	27-Dec	01-Apr	08-Sep 1 1	02-Feb	18-Aug 1 2	06-Oct 1 1	23-Feb	08-Mar	X	12-Jan
Trefelin	20-Jan	04-Nov 6 1	26-Dec	23-Jan	24-Feb	01-Apr	06-Jan	28-Jul 0 4	09-Mar	23-Sep 1 2	29-Mar	03-Feb	09-Sep 3 3	19-Aug 1 5	21-Oct 1 1	X

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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 Cwmbran Town player & Celtic youth coach John Powell, elder brother of midfielder Isaac. Joint club vice captain. Debut: Cwmbran U Aug 19. **Sponsor:** M2 Flooring.

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

Joshua Rippon: defender, age 19. Former Celtic junior, Cardiff City Academy/U23s. Debut Taffs Well Jul 22.

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).

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 & 1st team Gwent County. Debut Cambrian & Clydach Aug 22. **Sponsor:** Hornbeam Workplace Wellbeing & Cymru Glass.

Josh Hinwood: left wing back, age 25. Product of Celtic juniors. Debut: Briton Ferry Apr 2018. Also played for Cwmbran 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.

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



Joshua Rippon



Dominic Connor



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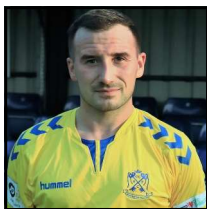


Fixtures 2023/24		Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
22-Jul	Sat	Taffs Well (MG Cup R1)	2-2 (Pen 0-3)	*Hooper	Broom	Connor	Larcombe	Bodenham	Hinwood	McDowell	Moss	Iles	Meechan	Bonthron	Howells 1		Powell.I	Foster	Maguire	Hewitt 1	
27-Jul	Thu	Goytre United	3-2	Hooper	Bodenham	Connor	Hewitt	Lewis	Hinwood	Powell.I	Larcombe	*Iles 2	Meechan	Bonthron 1	Moss		Jones	Broom	Basson	McDowell	Maguire
12-Aug	Sat	Carmarthen Town	0-1	*Hooper	Bodenham	Connor	Hewitt	Lewis	Hinwood	Jones	Moss	Iles	Meechan	Bonthron	Powell.S	Oakley	Broom	Foster	Doolan	McDowell	Larcombe
19-Aug	Sat	Llantwit Major	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	Carmarthen Town (WBS Cup R1)	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	Pontardawe Town	4-4	Hooper	Powell.S 1	McDowell	Larcombe	Lewis	Hinwood	Powell.I	jones	Iles	*Meechan 1	Bonthron 2	Broom		Basson	Foster	Pugh	Connor	
23-Sep	Sat	Trefelin BGC	2-1	Hooper	*Broom	Connor	Larcombe	Lewis	Hinwood	Powell.I	McDowell 2	Bonthron	Meechan	Iles			Basson	Foster	McCauley	Maguire	
30-Sep	Sat	Taffs Well	1-1	Hooper	Broom	Connor	Larcombe	Lewis	Hinwood 1	Powell.I	*McDowell	Bonthron	Meechan	Iles	Bodenham	Watkins	Basson	Foster	McCauley	Maguire	
07-Oct	Sat	Abertillery Bluebirds	4-1	Watkins	Powell.S	Connor 1	Moss	Lewis	Hinwood	Powell.I	Larcombe	Bonthron 1	*Meechan 2	McDowell	Broom	Hooper	Wakeham	Bodenham	Jones	Iles	
14-Oct	Sat	Penybont (Welsh Cup R2)	0-3	Watkins	Powell.S	Connor	*Bodenham	Rippon	Hinwood	Powell.I	Larcombe	Iles	Bonthron	McDowell	Broom	Hooper	Wakeham	Jones	Meechan		
21-Oct	Sat	Caerau Ely	3-2	Hooper	Bodenham	*Connor	Moss	Lewis	Rippon	Powell.I	Larcombe 1	Bonthron 1	Meechan	McDowell 1	Powell.S	Watkins	Iles	Jones	Broom		
27-Oct	Sat	Afan Lido	1-2	*Watkins	Bodenham	Connor	Moss	Lewis	Rippon	Powell.I	Larcombe	Bonthron 1	Meechan	McDowell	Powell.S	Hooper	Wakeham	Hinwood	McCauley	Maguire	
17-Nov	Fri	Ammanford	3-4	Hooper	*Broom	Connor	Moss	Lewis	Hinwood	Powell.I	McDowell	Bonthron 2	Meechan	Iles 1	Powell.S		Bodenham	Rippon	Maguire	Larcombe	
15-Dec	Fri	Briton Ferry Llansawel	2-3	Watkins	Bodenham	Connor	Moss	Larcombe	Hinwood	Powell.I	*McDowell	Bonthron 1	Meechan	Iles	Broom	Hooper	Wakeham	Rippon 1	Lewis	Maguire	

23-Dec	Sat	Cambrian & Clydach
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CWMBRAN CELTIC PEN PICTURES 2023/2024 (continued)



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: midfielder, 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: midfielder. age 21. Signed last season from Goytre. Played youth football for Albion Rovers. Debut Penydarren Aug 21. **Sponsor:** SRK Scaffolding.

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

Shaun Moss: midfielder, 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 1st 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.

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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 (WBS Cup R1)	Home	1 - 3	Iles
08-Sep	Abergavenny Town	Away	1 - 2	Iles
16-Sep	Pontardawe Town	Home	4 - 4	Meechan Powell.S Bonthron 2 (PK)
23-Sep	Trefelin BGC	Away	2 - 1	McDowell 2
30-Sep	Taffs Well	Home	1 - 1	Hinwood
07-Oct	Abertillery Bluebirds	Away	4 - 1	Meechan 2 Bonthron Connor
14-Oct	Penybont (Welsh Cup R2)	Home	0 - 3	
21-Oct	Caerau Ely	Home	3 - 2	Larcombe Bonthron McDowell
27-Oct	Afan Lido	Away	1 - 2	Bonthron
17-Nov	Ammanford	Away	3 - 4	Iles Bonthron 2
15-Dec	Briton Ferry Llansawel	Away	2 - 3	Bonthron Rippon
23-Dec	Cambrian & Clydach	Home		
29-Dec	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		
17-Feb	Afan Lido	Home		
23-Feb	Llanelli Town	Away		
02-Mar	Abergavenny Town	Home		
09-Mar	Baglan Dragons	Home		
16-Mar	Llantwit Major	Away		
23-Mar	Briton Ferry Llansawel	Home		
29-Mar	Carmarthen Town	Away		
01-Apr	Pontardawe Town	Away		
06-Apr	Llanelli Town	Home		
13-Apr	Goytre United	Home		





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MATCH REPORT: AMMANFORD 4 - 3 CWMBRAN CELTIC (17-Nov)

One thing is for sure, whenever Cwmbran Celtic play at Ammanford there's always goals galore and this match was no exception. The past results since 2015-16: Celtic won 4-3, Celtic 3-0, Ammanford 5-0, Ammanford 5-2, Celtic 3-2, Ammanford 3-2 and this season Ammanford 4-3. 39 goals in 7 games.

Having to travel 69 miles on a Friday night in the M4 rush hour in the depth of winter is no Joke, and to add insult to injury, Celtic were fined for a late team sheet which had to be handed in before the boys knew who was playing. No common sense or compassion here from the jobsworths at the FAW.

Celtic were still ridding themselves of their travel legs when the hosts took the lead on 3 minutes. Ellis Williams's cross hit the post and bounced down kindly for Lewis Reed to tap home. Lewis Iles equalised on 15 minutes. A home defender made a hash of clearing a cross from Tom Meechan and Lewis showed good close control before slotting the ball into the net. Reed put Ammanford back in front on 30 minutes, turning on a cross from the right by Callum Thomas and shooting at goal. Keeper Hooper got his body on the ball, but this was



not enough to stop IT trickling into the net. On 44 minutes Isaac Powell played Alex Bonthron in. The striker kept his cool before teeing the ball up and stroking it into the net to make the half time score 2-2. Bonthron scored his 2nd from the penalty spot on 62 minutes after Lewis Iles was brought down in the box, but for the 2nd away match running, Celtic succumbed to 2 late goals, Tristan Jenkins equalising on 84 minutes from a corner and Reed snatching the winner on 88 minutes from a cross from the right from Adam John – his hat-trick goal.



Celtic drop to 8th in the table. They are only 4 points ahead of 13th placed Trefelin but they are 9 points clear of the drop zone. Reed and Bonthron are joint 2nd in the Cymru South goalscoring chart behind Luke Bowen of Briton Ferry Llansawel (14). Tom Meechan stays top of the Assists (8).

John Stockwell

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)	13	5	3	5	29	27	18	11th (16)
Total	531	223	99	209	946	873	768	

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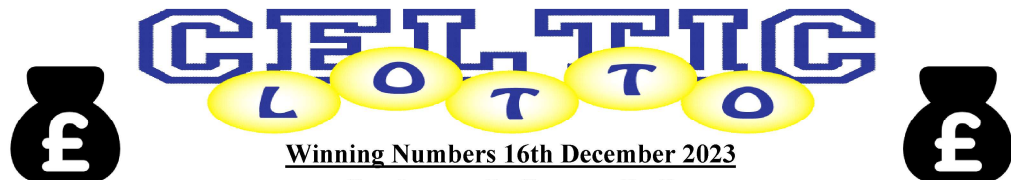
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CWMBRAN CELTIC REVIEW FOR WEEK ENDING 17-Dec

The 1st team were at Briton Ferry Llansawel on Friday night and went down 3-2 – their 3rd successive away defeat in 3 trips to the Swansea area. Celtic's goals scored by Alex Bonthron and Josh Rippon. BFL's win took them to the top of the table. Celtic drop to 11th. An interesting feature this season has been the tightness of the games. 12 of Celtic's 13 league games have been decided by no more than a one goal difference, the exception being a 4-1 win at Abertillery. Adrian Maguire made his 100th Celtic appearance having made his debut in August 2012.

On Saturday the **Reserves** scored a terrific 6-1 win at home to league leaders & last season's champions Risca United. This was Risca's 1st defeat since last May. Cole Doolan scored a hat-trick (including a penalty). The other scorers were 16-year-olds Gabriel Howells & Oscar Balkwill, and Louis Cochrane. Celtic stay 2nd in the table.

The 3rd team went down 4-2 at Newport Saints. Celtic's scorers Sam Smith & Anthony Hughes. In goal for Celtic was 59-year-old Richard Harrison. Bran-non Jones made his Celtic debut. Celtic are 7th in the table.

In the **Gwent County U14 cup** Celtic beat Pontnewydd United 2-1 at home to reach the semi-finals.

On Sunday **Cwmbran Celtic Youth** lost 6-3 at home to Chepstow Town. Town went into a 3-0 lead by the 23rd minute, but Celtic fought back to 3-3 through Alfie Foster (92) & Gabriel Howells but Celtic were undone by a 2nd half hat-trick from Josh Gibson who has recently returned to Town after a spell at Cymru South Carmarthen Town. Celtic are 4th in the table.

In the **Gwent County U12 Girls cup** Celtic triumphed 6-2 at home to Liswerry Lizards.

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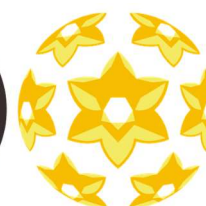


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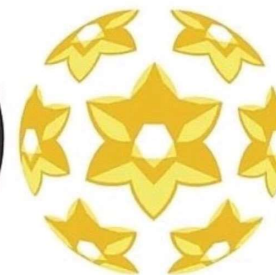
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CWMBRAN CELTIC HONOURS

Welsh League:	
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
Gwent County:	
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
Newport & District League:	
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
Welsh Youth League:	
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
Newport Youth League:	
Under 16 Division	Winners 1970/1, Cup Winners 1970/1; Runners-up 1966/7
Under 18 Division	Winners 1967/8
Gwent County:	
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
Cwmbran Junior League:	
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
Torfaen Junior & Youth League:	
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
Under 12 Cup	Runners-up (4) 1990/1*, 2000/2, 2009/10, 2010/11 (*U11 team)
Under 13 Division	Winners (9) 1986/7, 1989/90, 1991/2, 1992/3, 1994/5, 1996/7, 2001/2, 2008/9, 2015/16
Under 13 Division	Runners-up (6) 1987/8, 1990/1, 2000/1, 2003/4, 2004/5, 2010/11, 2021/22
Under 14 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
Under 14 Cup	Runners-up (3) 1989/90, 2004/5, 2006/7
Under 15 Division	Winners (9) 1976/7, 1983/4, 1992/3, 1996/7, 1998/9, 2006/7, 2010/11, 2012/13, 2022/23
Under 16 Division	Runners-up (1) 2004/5
Under 16 Division	Runners-up (1) 2021/22
Under 16 Cup	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
Under 16 Cup	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
Under 16 Cup	Runners-up (7) 1994/5, 2000/1*, 2002/3, 2006/7*, 2007/8* (*U15 team), 2013/14, 2014/15
Womens	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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