





#### **CWMBRAN CELTIC**

#### **Home Squad**

Iwan Hooper (GK) **Arthur Furness** Luke Edwards Joseph Bowen **Andrew Larcombe ©** Sam Powell Cole Doolan **Finley Hayman Robert Jones** Efan Fletcher Joshua Gibson **Gabriel Howells Evan Maidment Tommy Challenger Oliver Berry Harry Roe Tom Berry** 

Manager: Simon Berry **Assistant:** Ryan Thomas Coach: Stephen Muir **GK Coach:** Sam Lewis First Aider: Martin Ingram Colours: Yellow Blue Yellow

**Isaac Powell** Alex McDowell

#### **CARMARTHEN TOWN**

#### **Away Squad**

Lee Idzi (GK) **Luke Cummings** Noah Osborne Tyler Aylward Morgan Weaver Liam Reed © Liam Thomas **Thomas Dyson Tobias Jones Lewis Harling Keyon Reffell** John Chesters (GK) Jaime Rickard **Cole Gibbings Gavin Jones** Alex Giardelli Joshua Joda Joe Evans

Manager: Mark Aizlewood **Assistant:** Owain Thomas Coach: Stuart Lloyd Physio: Marek Bollin

Kit Manager: David Hannington Colours: Purple White Purple

#### **MATCH OFFICIALS**

Referee: Elizabeth Carpenter (Wenvoe) Assistants: Matthew Johnson (Cardiff) & Michelle Portelli (Wenvoe)

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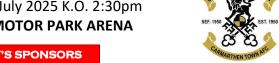






#### **CWMBRAN CELTIC v CARMARTHEN TOWN**

Saturday 26th July 2025 K.O. 2:30pm **AVONDALE MOTOR PARK ARENA** 



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#### **LEAGUE TABLE 2024/25**

	JD CYMRU SOUTH	Р	W	D	Ц	F	Α	GD	Pts
1	Llanelli Town	30	18	10	2	64	25	39	64
2	Trethomas Bluebirds	30	17	8	5	53	33	20	59
3	Newport City	30	16	6	8	50	32	18	54
4	Trefelin BGC	30	15	8	7	54	41	13	53
5	Pontypridd United	30	16	5	9	54	44	10	53
6	Cambrian United (-3)	30	13	11	6	50	38	12	47
7	Carmarthen Town	30	12	9	9	55	44	11	45
8	Baglan Dragons	30	11	10	9	44	34	10	43
9	Llantwit Major	30	11	10	9	37	34	3	43
10	Ammanford	30	11	3	16	47	50	-3	36
11	Afan Lido	30	8	10	12	44	51	-7	34
12	Caerau Ely	30	9	5	16	42	43	-1	32
13	Cwmbran Celtic	30	9	3	18	39	62	-23	30
14	Penrhiwceiber Rangers	30	7	7	16	30	57	-27	28
15	Goytre United	30	6	5	19	41	72	-31	23
16	Taffs Well	30	3	6	21	32	76	-44	15

R	ESERVE (SOUTH EAST)	P	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	Pts
1	Abergavenny Town	28	19	6	3	75	32	43	63
2	Newport Corinthians	28	19	4	5	95	46	49	61
3	Cwmbran Celtic	28	19	3	6	88	39	49	60
4	Caldicot Town	28	15	5	8	83	57	26	50
5	Abercarn United	28	13	6	9	73	56	17	45
6	Croesyceiliog	28	14	2	12	74	57	17	44
7	Undy	28	11	10	7	53	46	7	43
8	Trethomas Bluebirds	28	13	1	14	52	48	4	40
9	Tredegar Town	28	11	6	11	61	50	11	39
10	Abertillery Bluebirds	28	9	5	14	55	67	-12	32
11	Chepstow Town	28	8	5	15	58	85	-27	29
12	Treowen Stars	28	8	2	18	43	99	-56	26
13	Goytre	28	7	4	17	45	59	-14	25
14	Risca United (-3)	28	6	4	18	46	77	-31	19
15	Blaenavon Blues	28	5	3	20	28	111	-83	18

CWMBRAN CELTIC HOME/AWAY	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	+/-	Pts
НОМЕ	15	6	3	6	23	24	-1	21
AWAY	15	3	0	12	16	38	-22	9
TOTAL	30	9	3	18	39	62	-23	30

#### **WELCOME TO CELTIC PARK**

Cwmbran Celtic welcome Carmarthen Town to Celtic Park this afternoon for our first league match of season 2025/26. Celtic first played the West Walians, then in the Welsh Premier League, in a pre-season friendly at Cwmbran Stadium in July 2014 which was a 1-1 draw, teenager Alex McDowell scoring the Celtic goal. Later that season, Celtic winger Chris Ham joined Town but his time there was short-lived and he returned to Celtic the following season. Josh Bull also had a short spell there in 2019/20.

Having been relegated from the Welsh Premier League in the Covid truncated season 2019/20 after 24 years in the top-flight, Carmarthen met Celtic in the Cymru South at Celtic Park in September 2021. Celtic took the lead, Tom Meehan converting Josh Hinwood's cross on 48 minutes but a scrambled equaliser by Lee Surman in the 89th minute denied Celtic the 3 points. Carmarthen were easy 3-0 winners of the return game at Richmond Park. Celtic stand-in keeper Andrew Larcombe had a magnificent game between the sticks without his saves the score might have reached double figure such was Town's dominance. In 2022/23 the teams met 3 times. Each game was a goalfest with 22 goals being scored in total. In the home league match Celtic took a 2-goal lead through an Alex Bonthron penalty and a strike from Isaac Powell. However they were swept aside by a 5-goal blitz from the West Walians before Bonthron scored a 3<sup>rd</sup> goal for Celtic in the closing minutes. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the Welsh Cup, again at Celtic Park, Celtic won a topsy turvy thriller 4-3. Shaun Moss opened the scoring but the visitors fought back to lead 2-1. However a red card and the resultant penalty by Alex Bonthron levelled the scores. Another red card reduced Carmarthen to 9 men and Bonthron gave Celtic the lead. However the visitors salvaged an equaliser in the 70<sup>th</sup> minute through their old adversary Greg Walters. Then Shaun Moss was sent off but Celtic scrambled the winner in time added on when Andrew Hewitt scooped a cross from Tom Meechan over the keeper's head.

In the return game at Carmarthen, the home side were well on top going into the closing minutes 4-1 ahead but Celtic gave them a fright with two late goals from Jordan Meaney and substitute Luke Archer to give a more respectable final score of 3-4. Tom Meechan scored Celtic's first goal.

In 2023/24 the teams met twice at Celtic Park. Town won the league game 1-0 and then won in the League cup 1<sup>st</sup> round 3-1, Lewis Iles scoring for Celtic. In the return at Richmond Park the home side were comfortable winners 3-0. Last season Town won at Richmond Park 3-1 and Celtic won 1-0 at Celtic Park. Gabriel Howells scored Celtic's goals in both games.

#### CWMBRAN CELTIC v CARMARTHEN TOWN IN LEAGUE AND CUPS

	P	W	D	L	F	A
At Celtic Park	6	2	1	3	10	13
At Richmond Park	4	0	0	3	4	13
Total	10	2	1	6	14	26

#### CARMARTHEN TOWN LEAGUE RECORD IN LAST 6 SEASONS

Season	League	P	w	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos
2018-19	WELSH-PR	32	12	6	14	49	53	39 *	9/12
2019-20	WELSH-PR	25	4	6	15	28	49	18	11/12
2021-22	CYMRU-S	30	15	9	6	52	25	51 *	5/16
2022-23	CYMRU-S	30	16	4	10	66	41	52	4/16
2023-24	CYMRU-S	30	12	11	7	50	39	47	6/16
2024-25	CYMRU-S	30	12	9	9	55	44	45	7/16

#### A BRIEF HISTORY OF CWMBRAN CELTIC 1925-2025

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 1925/26 there was then a 25-year gap before the next trophy, the Premier Division title in 1950/51. The club disbanded in the late 1950s largely as a consequence of national service call-ups but an influx of junior and youth players brought about the re-forming of the club in 1964 under the new name Cwmbran Catholics. In 1970/71 Celtic won the Gwent Senior Cup. In 1972/73 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 1986/87 they 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 2004/05 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 shared Cwmbran Stadium with Cwmbran Town and the Welsh League accepted the club's application.

In their first season in the WFL, 2005/06, Celtic struggled near the bottom of the 3rd division all season. In April they 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, 2006/07, Celtic, now back at their upgraded and newly named ground, Celtic Park, were transformed. They only lost two 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 three 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 2007/08 and 2008/09 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. In 2009/10 Celtic were front runners destined to win the Championship. However they lost two key defenders at a crucial

#### A BRIEF HISTORY OF CWMBRAN CELTIC 1925-2025 (continued)

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 seven years during which he secured three 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 seven and drew three 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.

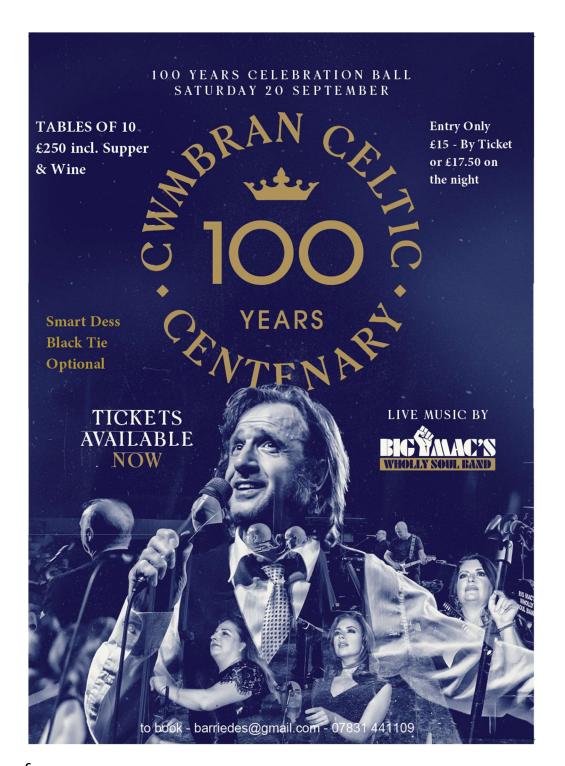
In 2012/13 with head coach Della Cheedy at the helm, Celtic started brightly with some fine performances including a 4-2 win versus reigning champioAns Cambrian & Clydach but they lost their way in the New year and at one stage were in last place. However, with characteristic determination they dragged 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 five games in charge as the team ended in 6th place, their best position in five 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 Division1 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 nine 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, because of the covid pandemic only one game was played, 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 three and an equaliser in time added on by Andrew Hewitt saved Celtic and took opponents Risca United down into the Ardal League. In 2022/23 Celtic finished 8<sup>th.</sup> In 2023/24 they finished 10<sup>th</sup> Alex Botnrhon won the Cymru South Golden Boot with 30 goals. Last season, in the club's centenary season, under new manager Simon Berry, Celtic lost several key players including Alex Bonthron during the season, but Simon recruited a number of young replacements and the team beat Llantwit Major on the last day of the season to finish 13<sup>th</sup> and avoid relegation.



#### **CWMBRAN CELTIC 2024/25 PLAYERS STATISTICS**

CWINDRAN CELTIC 2024/25 FLATERS STATISTICS												
				Appea	rances				Goals		мотм	Cards
Player	Pos	JD	WC	MG	LC	SUB	Total	JD	Cup	Total	WICTIVI	Y - R
Adrian Maguire	F					1	1					
Alex Bonthron	F	6		1	1	1	9	3	2	5		2 - 1
Alex McDowell	M	21	1		,	4	26	1		1		
Andrew Larcombe	M	27		1			28	5	1	6	2	2 - 0
Arthur Furness	D	7				2	9	1		1		
Bailey Goodall	D					2	2					
Brandon Virgo	F					3	3	1		1		
Callum Hodges	D	22	1	1			24	2	1	3	5	2 - 0
Callum Wakeham	F					1	1					
Cole Doolan	M	19			1	8	28	3		3		1 - 0
Dominic Connor	М	10	1	1		6	18	1		1	1	2 - 0
Dylan Dinham	D	14					14				3	
Ethan Hooper	D					3	3					
Gabriel Howells	M	12				9	21	4		4	3	1 - 0
Giles Basson	M	4	1			5	10				1	1 - 0
Harry Pugh	D	1				1	2					1 - 0
Isaac Powell	М	19		1	1	1	22				2	4 - 1
Iwan Hooper	GK	12				1	13				1	2 - 0
Jack Prosser	М					7	7	2		2		
Jamie Pring	GK	3	1		1	2	7				1	1 - 1
Jordan Clarke	M	2			1	3	6	1		1		
Jordan Meaney	D	6			1		7	1		1	1	1 - 1
Joseph Bowen	M	8					8					2 - 0
Joshua Hinwood	D	11	1	1		3	16					5 - 1
Joshua Rippon	D	1			1	5	7					
Joshua Winstone	D	5	1			7	13		1	1		4 - 0
Jude Bull	F	5				13	18	1	_	1	1	3 - 0
Kian Bodenham	D	8		1		1	10	1		1	2	1 - 0
Lewis McCauley	M	6	1	1		7	15	_		-	1	6 - 0
Lewis Watkins	GK	13	_	1		1	15				_	
Louis Cochrane	M	5		_		3	8					1 - 0
Mario van Dieren	D	19	1		1	3	24	2		2	4	3 - 0
Oliver Berry	D	22	_		1	5	28	1		1	2	1 - 0
Oscar Balkwill	F	1				4	5	1		1		1 - 0
Robert Jones	F	1				8	8			-		
Samuel Powell	D	18	1	1		4	24	1		1		3 - 0
Shaun Moss	M	10	1	1	1	2	13	1		-		3 - 0
Tana Jones	M	10			1	1	1					3 - 0
Thomas Dean	M	2				7	9					1 - 0
	F	11	1	1	1	2	16	7	2	9	3	4 - 0
Thomas Meechan	25.1	11	1	1	1			/	2	9	5	4 - 0
Tommy Challenger	M					8	8					
Tyler Broom	D					1	1					

# Baglan Dragons v Pontypridd United Caerau Ely v Trefelin BGC Cambrian United v Treowen Stars Cardiff Draconians v Ammanord Cwmbran Celtic v Carmarthen Town Llantwit Major v Aberystwyth Town

Trethomas Bluebirds v Afan Lido

Ynyshir Albions v Caerau Elv



#### **CWMBRAN CELTIC SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS**

Keep up to date with all the news and action at Cwmbran Celtic football club.

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Contains the latest news and dedicated sections for each of the club's teams containing current and past facts and figures. There is also a gallery featuring photos of the club's current and past games and social activities.

Men: @CwmbranCeltic1; Women: @CwmbranCeltLFC

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#### CWMBRAN CELTIC FC MEDIABOX:

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Unofficial Welsh League Message Board: http://welshleague.proboards.com/posts/

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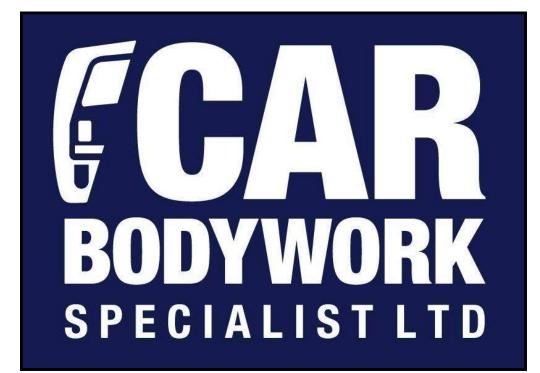
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Aberystwyth Town	Х	28-Mar	25-Aug	09-Aug	01-Mar	29-Nov	24-Jan	01-Jan	13-Sep	04-Apr	25-Oct	16-Aug	08-Nov	14-Feb	14-Mar	04-Oct
Afan Lido	27-Sep	X	01-Mar	10-Oct	31-Oct	13-Mar	25-Aug	23-Jan	04-Apr	20-Mar	13-Feb	15-Nov	01-Jan	09-Aug	22-Aug	05-Dec
Ammanford	05-Dec	07-Nov	X	20-Mar	05-Sep	20-Feb	06-Mar	10-Oct	24-Oct	08-Aug	03-Apr	26-Sep	23-Jan	22-Aug	13-Feb	03-Jan
Baglan Dragons	10-Jan	26-Dec	29-Nov	X	14-Mar	27-Sep	14-Feb	28-Mar	01-Mar	04-Oct	17-Aug	27-Jul	06-Sep	25-Oct	18-Apr	08-Nov
Caerau Ely	15-Nov	06-Mar	31-Jan	22-Aug	X	08-Nov	02-Jan	20-Feb	21-Mar	12-Sep	03-Oct	25-Aug	24-Oct	05-Dec	08-Aug	03-Apr
Cambrian United	21-Mar	12-Sep	14-Nov	03-Apr	13-Feb	X	01-Nov	05-Dec	08-Aug	22-Aug	23-Jan	01-Jan	10-Oct	25-Jul	01-Mar	25-Aug
Cardiff Draconians	06-Sep	18-Apr	26-Jul	13-Sep	16-Aug	10-Jan	X	14-Mar	04-Oct	26-Dec	28-Mar	01-Mar	29-Nov	08-Nov	25-Oct	31-Jan
Carmarthen Town	22-Aug	24-Oct	26-Dec	25-Aug	28-Nov	04-Oct	09-Aug	X	10-Jan	30-Jan	27-Sep	04-Apr	13-Feb	12-Sep	08-Nov	21-Mar
Cwmbran Celtic	21-Feb	15-Aug	18-Apr	31-Oct	10-Oct	27-Mar	05-Dec	26-Jul	X	14-Nov	25-Aug	23-Jan	13-Mar	02-Jan	26-Sep	06-Mar
Llantwit Major	26-Jul	29-Nov	14-Mar	01-Jan	28-Mar	18-Apr	27-Sep	16-Aug	14-Feb	Х	08-Nov	11-Oct	01-Mar	24-Jan	06-Sep	25-Oct
Newport City	31-Jan	25-Jul	31-Oct	06-Mar	09-Jan	05-Sep	14-Nov	01-Mar	27-Dec	20-Feb	X	05-Dec	18-Apr	20-Mar	10-Oct	22-Aug
Pontypridd United	26-Dec	30-Jan	09-Jan	21-Feb	18-Apr	24-Oct	22-Aug	05-Sep	07-Nov	06-Mar	12-Sep	Х	27-Mar	03-Oct	28-Nov	08-Aug
Trefelin BGC	07-Mar	04-Oct	12-Sep	05-Dec	26-Dec	30-Jan	20-Mar	14-Nov	22-Aug	25-Aug	09-Aug	01-Nov	Х	03-Apr	09-Jan	20-Feb
Treowen Stars	11-Oct	10-Jan	28-Mar	31-Jan	27-Sep	07-Mar	21-Feb	18-Apr	06-Sep	01-Nov	29-Nov	14-Mar	16-Aug	Х	26-Dec	15-Nov
Trethomas Bluebirds	01-Nov	20-Feb	03-Oct	14-Nov	23-Jan	15-Aug	04-Apr	06-Mar	30-Jan	05-Dec	02-Jan	20-Mar	25-Jul	25-Aug	X	13-Sep
Ynyshir Albions	18-Apr	06-Sep	16-Aug	24-Jan	26-Jul	26-Dec	11-Oct	01-Nov	29-Nov	10-Jan	14-Mar	14-Feb	27-Sep	01-Mar	28-Mar	Х

#### **CWMBRAN CELTIC PEN PICTURES 2025/2026**

Ages are at 18 July 2025 Appearances & Goals in brackets [] up to & including April 2025

#### **Goalkeepers**

**Lewis Watkins:** goalkeeper, age 33. Celtic's longest serving player. Joined from Newport County youth 2010. No 2 keeper during his early years but has shown great dedication & continuous improvement to see off all previous incumbents between the sticks. Captain 2021/22. Debut: Caldicot Town Aug 10. **[209] Iwan Hooper:** goalkeeper, age 22. Joined 2022/23 from Westfields. Former clubs: Hereford FC, Cheltenham Town, Chippenham Town. Was in Cymru South league squad v Cymru North 2024. Left club briefly last season to join Taffs Well but returned in March. Debut: Taffs Well Jul 23. **[35]** 

#### **Defenders**

**Oliver Berry:** Left back, age 19. Signed from Risca U last season. Spent a season on loan at Caerleon to gain senior experience. Son of manager Simon Berry. Debut: Trefelin BGC Aug 24 [28/1]

**Kian Bodenham:** right back, age 20. Joined from Barry Town U. Former club: Goytre. Missed most of last season with serious leg injury. Brother Jack plays professional for The New Saints. Father Paul played for Celtic Juniors & 1<sup>st</sup> team in Gwent County. Debut: Taffs Well Jul 22. **[69/1]** 

**Tyler Broom:** right back, age 27. Product of Torfaen Academy. Former clubs: Fairfield, Cwmffrwdoer, Monmouth T, Risca U. Gwent County U16 cap 2014. Missed most of last season with serious leg injury. Debut: Ammanford Aug 21. **[62/2]** 

**Dominic Connor:** left wing/back, age 38. Elder statesman of the team. Signed from Caldicot T 2011/12. Former clubs: Chepstow T, Garden City juniors. Top scorer 2014/15 with 14 goals. Debut: AFC Porth Oct 11 scoring the only goal. **[292/40] Luke Edwards:** right back, age 26. Signed this season. Former clubs: Rogerstone AFC, Albion Rovers, Sifil. Debut: Jul 25 Pontypridd U.

Jac Evans: left back, age 19. Signed this season. Former club: Goytre.

**Arthur Furness:** left back, age31. Signed last season in transfer window. Former clubs: Risca United, Abergavenny Town, Stoke Gifford. Academy coach at Bristol Rovers. Debut: Feb 25 Carmarthen T [9/1]

Andrew Larcombe: centre back, age 37. Joined 2014/15. Captain Fantastic. Can also play midfield, striker & stand-in goalkeeper. Former clubs: Undy A, Llanwern, Liswerry, Newport YMCA, Eveswell. Debut: Blaenavon Blues Sep 14. [294/30] Sam Powell: right back, age 28. Product of Celtic juniors & youth. Elder brother of Isaac. Son of John Powell, ex-Cwmbran Town player & Celtic coach. Debut: Cwmmaman U Apr 19. [81/4]

**Harry Roe:** centre back, age22. Signed this season. Former clubs: Abergavenny Town, Cadbury Heath, Almondsbury.

#### CWMBRAN CELTIC PEN PICTURES 2025/2026 (continued)



lwan Hooper



Lewis Watkins



Oliver Berry



Luke Edwards



Harry Roe



Tyler Broom



Samuel Powell



Kian Bodenham



Mario van Dieren



Efan Fletcher



Evan Maidment



Jac Evans



Finley Hayman



Joseph Bowen



Cole Doolan



Isaac Powell



KEY:

Red

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**Subs Not** Used

Man of the Match \*

#### FIXTURES, RESULTS & TEAM INFORMATION 2025/2026

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		JD CYMRU SOUTH
18-Jul	Fri	Pontypridd United (MG Cup R1)
		Pens
26-Jul	Sat	Carmarthen Town
08-Aug	Fri	Cambrian United
15-Aug	Fri	Afan Lido
22-Aug	Fri	Trefelin BGC
25-Aug	Mon	Newport City
30-Aug	Sat	Carmarthen Town (WBS R1)
06-Sep	Sat	Treowen Stars
13-Sep	Sat	Aberystwyth Town
26-Sep	Fri	Trethomas Bluebirds
04-Oct	Sat	Cardiff Draconians
10-0ct	Fri	Caerau Ely
24-Oct	Fri	Ammanford
31-0ct	Fri	Baglan Dragons
07-Nov	Fri	Pontypridd United
14-Nov	Fri	Llantwit Major
29-Nov	Sat	Ynyshir Albions
05-Dec	Fri	Cardiff Draconians
27-Dec	Sat	Newport City
02-Jan	Fri	Treowen Stars
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23-Jan	Fri	Pontypridd United
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14-Feb	Sat	Llantwit Major
21-Feb	Sat	Aberystwyth Town
01-Mar	Sun	Baglan Dragons
06-Mar	Fri	Ynyshir Albions
13-Mar	Fri	Trefelin BGC
21-Mar	Sat	Caerau Ely
27-Mar	Fri	Cambrian United
04-Apr	Sat	Afan Lido
18-Apr	Sat	Ammanford



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#### **CWMBRAN CELTIC PEN PICTURES 2025/2026 (continued)**



Jack Prosser



Louis Cochrane



Alex McDowell



**Ryan Saunders** 



Joshua Gibson



**Tommy Challenger** 



**Robert Jones** 



**Gabriel Howells** 



Tom Berry



Andrew Larcombe



Simon Berry



Ryan Thomas



Martin Ingram



Stephen Muir



**Conor James** 



Sam Lewis

#### **CWMBRAN CELTIC PEN PICTURES 2025/2026 (continued)**

#### Midfielders

Joseph Bowen: centre midfield, age 22. Signed last season in transfer window from Ammanford. Former clubs: Cardiff MET, Dafen Welfare, Llanelli Town. Debut: Jan 25 Trefelin BGC [9] Pontypridd U, Cambrian, Risca U, Cascade YC. Debut: Feb 25 Goytre U. [8] Tommy Challenger: midfield, age 18. Signed last season in transfer window. Former clubs:

Pontypridd U, Cambrian, Risca U, Cascade YC. Debut: Feb 25 Goytre U. [8]

**Louis Cochrane:** midfield, age 28. Played for Celtic Juniors. Left to study at Cardiff MET. Rejoined club in 2020. Debut: Llanelli T Nov 24 **[8]** 

**Cole Doolan:** midfield, age 25. Joined 2022/23 from Croesyceiliog. Debut: Ynyshir Feb 23. **[16]** 

**Finley Hayman:** midfield, age 21. Joined this season. Former clubs: Taffs Well, Trethomas Bluebirds, Trefelin BGC, Llantwit Major, Canton. Debut: Pontypridd U Jul 25

Alex McDowell: midfield, age 28. 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. [164/5]

**Isaac Powell:** centre midfield, age 24. Former clubs: Hereford Lads, Westfields, Cwmbran T, Albion Rovers, Griffithstown. Debut: Cwmmaman U Feb 18[114/7]

**Mario Van Dieren:** midfield, age 29. Joined last season after international transfer deadline so played for Reserves for whom he was Player of Season. Debut: Llanelli T Aug 24 [24/1] *Forwards* 

**Tom Berry:** Forward, age 28. Signed this season. Son of manager Simon Berry. Former clubs: Sifil, Risca U. Debut: Pontypridd U Jul 25

**Efan Fletcher:** Forward, age 18. Signed this season. Former clubs: Baglan Dragons, Goytre U, Cambrian U. Debut: Pontypridd U Jul 25

**Josh Gibson: striker, age 20.** Joined this season. Former clubs: Trethomas Bluebirds, Carmarthen T, Chepstow T, Caerleon, Risca U. Debut: Pontypridd U Jul 25

**Gabriel Howells:** forward, age 18. Product of Celtic Academy. Debut: Taffs Well Jul 23. **[21/5]** 

**Robert Jones:** forward, age 25. Signed last season in transfer window from Goytre. Former clubs: Holyhead Hotspur, Aberbargoed Buds, Taffs Well. Debut: Trefelin BGC Jan 25 [8] **Evan Maidment:** midfield, age 18. Product of Cwmbran Celtic Academy.

#### **Management Team**

**Simon Berry:** Manager. Joined last season after 7 years at Risca United, firstly as coach & then as manager. Previously managed Newport Civil Service & Monmouth Town youth who were Welsh Youth league champions in 2015/16. Played for Cromwell in Gwent County & Newport Civil Service in Welsh League.

**Stephen Muir:** Assistant Manager. Joined last season from Caerleon.

Sam (The Trucker) Lewis: GK Coach. Product of Newport & District football. Head of Celtic Women's Football. Debut Goytre U Aug 22. [1]

Martin Ingram: Physio and kit man.

Conor James: Physio. Ex Celtic junior & youth. USW student. Celtic Academy coach.

Ryan Thomas: Football analyst.

#### **CELTIC NEWS 27-July 2025/26**

Cwmbran Celtic's Centenary year is coming to a close. What an anti-climactic year it would have been had out 1<sup>st</sup> team been relegated after it was ripped apart by the marauding money-soaked clubs who snatched five of our 1<sup>st</sup> team squad last season. Our new manager Simon Berry wasn't taking that lying down and, with his astute knowledge of the South Wales football scene, he signed five replacements who, along with the remaining rump of the team, rolled up their sleeves and steered the side to safety on the last day of the season. The triumphal scenes at Celtic Park after that 1-0 win against Llantwit Major were as if we had won promotion.

This season has seen a further exodus of 1<sup>st</sup> team squad players by clubs, in some instances offering ridiculous amounts of money. Of the 42 players who appeared for the 1<sup>st</sup> team last season 17 have departed to pastures new. Several of these players have jumped ship seeking regular 1<sup>st</sup> team places in lower leagues. The chief beneficiary of these departures is Croesyceiliog, managed by ex-Celtic duo James Kinsella and Mark Broom. Their 1<sup>st</sup> team contains no less than 11 ex-Celtic players. Good luck to them all but this surely cannot sit well with the loyal Croesy boys who have been summarily displaced.

There has been a further migration of players from the Reserves, 3rds and youth teams – its almost as if there has been an epidemic in the club which has caused players to flee in fear of being infected. This is very disappointing considering that these teams finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and runners-up in their respective leagues last season.

The 1<sup>st</sup> team opened their campaign with a trip to Pontypridd United in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the MG Nathaniel Cup. Celtic's squad contained six new signings and they battled to a 0-0 draw before losing 4-2 on penalties. This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> time Celtic had been drawn against Pontypridd in the seven seasons this cup has been played and they have lost each time. Celtic's record in this cup is not good: Played 8 Won 2 Drawn 2 Lost 4. They lost both the drawn games on penalties.

John Stockwell













#### **CWMBRAN CELTIC FIXTURES & RESULTS 2025/2026**

Date	Team	Venue	F-A	Scorers
20-Jul	Pontypridd United (MG Cup R1)	Away	0 - 0	Lost 2-4 Pens; Powell.I Berry.T
26-Jul	Carmarthen Town	Home		
08-Aug	Cambrian United	Away		
15-Aug	Afan Lido	Home		
22-Aug	Trefelin BGC	Away		
25-Aug	Newport City	Home		
30-Aug	Carmarthen Town (WBS R1)	Home		
06-Sep	Treowen Stars	Away		
13-Sep	Aberystwyth Town	Away		
26-Sep	Trethomas Bluebirds	Home		
04-Oct	Cardiff Draconians	Away		
10-Oct	Caerau Ely	Home		
24-Oct	Ammanford	Away		
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27-Mar	Cambrian United	Home		
04-Apr	Afan Lido	Away		
18-Apr	Ammanford	Home		





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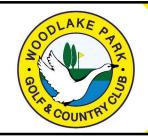
#### **CWMBRAN CELTIC 1st TEAM STATISTICS**

C	wmb	ran	Celti	c 1st	Tea	m St	atist	ics
League	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	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)	30	12	6	12	69	64	42	9th (16)
2024/25 Cymru (S)	30	9	3	18	39	62	30	13th (16)
Total	548	239	105	234	1025	972	792	

#### **Match-Day Programme Advertising**

We sell in excess of 1,000 programmes each season to our supporters and those of visiting clubs. These are also made available in our Social Club/WEB Site for all our members to read. This can, therefore, be a very effective way of advertising.

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The draw will be done live on Facebook & available to watch. It will also be available on our website.

The small print

The committee reserves the right to change the amounts & number of prizes & introduce special prize draws at their discretion. In case of dispute, the committees' decision is final.

#### **CLUB OFFICIALS SEASON 2025/2026**

John Stockwell Barrie Desmond

Micky Copeman

Karen Robinson Tony Strange

Karen Robinson

Matthew Hewkins

Sue Perrett

Neil Jones

Neil Jones

Simon Berry

Ryan Thomas

Martin Ingram

Ian Rawlings

Matthew Hewkins Gareth Hinwood

Georgia Shwartz

Lvdia Meanev

Tony Strange

Steve Roberts

Malcolm Jarrett

Karen Robinson

Andrew Bown

John Stockwell

Sue Perrett

Kimberly Harrison

Andrea Jones; Justin Desmond

John Stockwell; Tony Strange

Patrick Murphy; Malcolm Jarrett; Steve Roberts

Karen Robinson; Stephen Perkins; Tony Strange

Yellow shirts, blue shorts & yellow socks

Green shirts, green shorts & green socks

Matthew Williams

Brian Stanley; Malcolm Jarrett

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Football Secretary

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First Team Manager

First Team Assistant Manager

First Team Kit Manager Reserve Team Manager

Reserve Assistant Manager Third Team Manager

Third Team Assistant Managers

Women's First Team Manager

Women's Development Manager

Women's Secretary

Fund Raising Co-Ordinator

Transport Manager

Ground Maintenance Squad

Programme Editors

Club Photographers Kit Co-ordinator

Match Day Announcer

Match Day Shop

Match Day Catering

Match Day Gateman

Match Reporter

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#### **CWMBRAN CELTIC HONOURS**

Welsh League:

Division 2 Runners-up (2) 2009/10, 2015/16

Division 3 Winners 2006/7

Winners (3) 2009/10, 2010/11, 2016/17, 2018/19; Runners up 2012/13, 2017/2018 Reserve Division (East)

**Gwent County:** 

Runners-up 2004/5 Division 1

Division 2 Winners 1986/7; Runners-up 2000/1

Division 3 Runners-up 1999/2000 Runners-up 1972/3 Premier League

Winners 1970/1; Runners-up (2) 2007/8, 2008/9 Senior Cup

Amateur Cup Winners 1972/3 Winners 2000/1 Challenge Cup

**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 Runners-up (1) 2024/25

Premier B Winners 1968/9; Runners-up (3) 1972/3, 1979/80, 2024/25

Division 1R & 3 Winners 2000/1

Division 2 Winners Section A 1925/6

Winners 1969/70; Runners-up (2) 1972/3, 1979/80 Division 2B Senior Bowl Winners 2005/6; Runners-up (2) 1968/9, 2010/11, 2021/22

Winners 1950/1; Runners-up 2005/6 3rd Division Cup Winners 1956/7 Junior Bowl

Welsh Youth League:

Youth Division (East) U19 Winners (4): 2007/8, 2008/9, 2009/10, 2010/11; Runners up (3) 2012/13, 2013/14, 2024/25

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

Under 14 Cup Winners 2011/12; Runners up 2012/13, Winners 2023/24 Winners (3) 1990/1, 1994/5, 1998/9; Runners-up 2000/1 Under 16 Division 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

Winners (2) 1967/8 (Mon Youth cup) 1990/1, Runners-up 1991/2 Under 18 Cup

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 (3) 1968/9, 1970/1, 2024/25

Torfaen Junior & Youth League:

Winners (4) 1984/5, 1988/9, 1989/90, 1990/1; Runners-up (2) 1987/8, 1992/3 Under 10 Division

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 (1) 2024/25 Runners-up (4) 1990/1\*, 2000/2, 2009/10, 2010/11 (\*U11 team)

Winners (9) 1986/7, 1989/90, 1991/2, 1992/3, 1994/5, 1996/7, 2001/2, 2008/9, 2015/16

Under 12 Cup 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 (11) 1976/7, 1988/9, 1992/3, 1996/7, 2003/4, 2005/6, 2009/10, 2010/11,

> 2011/12, 2012/13,2023/24; Runers-up 2012/13 Runners-up (3) 1989/90, 2004/5, 2006/7

Winners (10) 1976/7, 1983/4, 1992/3, 1996/7, 1998/9, 2006/7, 2010/11, 2012/13, 2022/23,

2023/24:Runners-up (1) 2004/5

Under 15 Division Runners-up (2) 2021/22, 2024/25 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

Winners (11) 1979/80, 1985/6, 1990/1, 1993/4, 1998/9, 2000/1, 2001/2, 2007/8, 2008/9, 2022/3, 2024/25 Under 16 Cup

Runners-up (7) 1994/5, 2000/1\*, 2002/3, 2006/7\*, 2007/8\* (\*U15 team), 2013/14, 2014/15

Women

SWWL Winners 2013/14: Runners up (2) 2012/13, 2016/17 SW FA Cup Runners-up 2022/23, 2023/24 (\*U15), 2024/25

Winners 2012/13, 2021/22; League Plate Winners 2016/17, 2022/23 League Cup

SW FA Division 2 Winners 2023/24: Cup runners-up 2022/23

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