



CWMBRAN CELTIC

Home Squad

Lewis Watkins (GK)
Tyler Broom
Luke Edwards
Joseph Bowen
Joshua Hinwood
Lloyd Perkins
Cole Doolan
Mario van Dieren
Andrew Larcombe ©
Joshua Gibson
Isaac Powell
Efan Fletcher
Harry Roe
Arthur Furness
Oliver Berry
Finley Hayman
Sam Powell
Robert Jones
Evan Maidment
Tommy Challenger
Tom Berry
Alex McDowell
James Conway
Iwan Hooper (GK)
Manager: Simon Berry
Assistant: Ryan Thomas
Coaches: Stephen Muir; Conor James
GK Coach: Sam Lewis
First Aider: Martin Ingram
Colours: Yellow Blue Yellow

CARMARTHEN TOWN

Away Squad

Lee Idzi (GK)
Luke Cummings
Noah Osborne
Tyler Aylward
Morgan Weaver
Liam Reed
Liam Thomas ©
Kurtis Rees
Thomas Dyson
Tobias Jones
Lewis Harling
Keyon Reffell
Jaime Rickard
Cole Gibbings
Gavin Jones
Alex Giardelli
Trystan Jones
Joshua Joda
Joe Evans
John Chesters (GK)
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Assistant: Owain Thomas
Coach: Stuart Lloyd
Physio: Marek Bollin
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LEAGUE TABLE 2025/26

JD CYMRU SOUTH		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Cambrian United	5	5	0	0	17	1	16	15
2	Carmarthen Town	5	3	2	0	7	1	6	11
3	Ammanford	5	3	2	0	4	1	3	11
4	Caerau Ely	4	3	1	0	8	2	6	10
5	Trefelin BGC	5	3	1	1	12	7	5	10
6	Newport City	5	2	3	0	8	5	3	9
7	Aberystwyth Town	5	2	2	1	4	3	1	8
8	Baglan Dragons	4	1	2	1	7	5	2	5
9	Ynyshir Albions	5	1	2	2	5	9	-4	5
10	Trethomas Bluebirds	5	1	2	2	6	11	-5	5
11	Treowen Stars	5	1	1	3	6	9	-3	4
12	Cardiff Draconians	4	1	0	3	3	5	-2	3
13	Afan Lido	4	1	0	3	6	9	-3	3
14	Llantwit Major	5	0	2	3	6	9	-3	2
15	Pontypridd United	5	0	1	4	3	10	-7	1
16	Cwmbran Celtic	5	0	1	4	2	17	-15	1

U21 (SOUTH EAST)		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Cwmbran Celtic	3	2	1	0	13	3	10	7
2	Cardiff Draconians	2	2	0	0	12	3	9	6
3	Abercam United	2	2	0	0	9	6	3	6
4	Abertillery Bluebirds	2	1	1	0	5	2	3	4
5	Cardiff Met	2	1	0	1	11	9	2	3
6	Brecon Corries	3	1	0	2	14	15	-1	3
7	Newport City	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
8	Trethomas Bluebirds	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
9	Abergavenny Town	2	0	1	1	3	6	-3	1
10	Cardiff Corinthians	3	0	1	2	5	18	-13	1
11	Lliswerry	3	0	0	3	3	13	-10	0

CWMBRAN CELTIC HOME/AWAY		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
HOME		3	0	1	2	2	9	-7	1
AWAY		2	0	0	2	0	8	-8	0
TOTAL		5	0	1	4	2	17	-15	1



WELCOME TO CELTIC PARK

Cwmbran Celtic welcome Carmarthen Town to Celtic Park this afternoon for the second time this season – this fixture is a League Cup match. Celtic will be hoping for a better performance than in the league game at the start of the season which they lost 4-0.

Having been relegated from the Welsh Premier League in the Covid truncated season 2019/20 after 24 years in the top-flight, Carmarthen first 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 3rd goal for Celtic in the closing minutes. In the 3rd 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 70th 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 1st 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	7	2	1	4	10	17
At Richmond Park	4	0	0	3	4	13
Total	11	2	1	7	14	30

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 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 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 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 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 8th. In 2023/24 they finished 10th 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 13th and avoid relegation.

MATCH REPORT: CWMBRAN CELTIC 1 - 1 NEWPORT CITY (25-Aug)

The honours were even in this Bank Holiday Gwent derby match which was played before a disappointingly sparse crowd of 110 – compare that with Newport's last home crowd of 357. The pitch looked dreadful, shorn of grass by the summer drought, but the surface was true and played ok. Newport dominated possession in both halves but, apart from their 2nd half goal, they could not find the target and Lewis Watkins was rarely troubled in the Celtic goal. City had two good chances in the 1st half – a long ball down the left found Bregua whose shot was blocked and came back to him whereupon he rolled the ball across the goal to Jarvis who shot wide when well placed; then Sing took a throw on the left, the ball was played back to him and he passed across the 18 yard line to Cadwallader whose shot hit the post. Having weathered the storm it was Celtic who took the lead in the 41st minute. Joe Bowen's free kick looked to have been over-cooked as it sailed towards keeper Edward King who unaccountably dropped the ball at his feet where quicksilver Josh Hinwood nipped in to prod the ball into the net.

Half-time: Cwmbran Celtic 1 Newport City 0

City carried on where they left off, continually pressing the Celtic goal and it was no surprise when they equalised in the 51st minute. A throw in on the right flank was headed on by Jarvis to George Kabza who rifled the ball into the net. On the hour City thought they had taken the lead with a far post header but it was ruled offside. In the closing minutes the last chance to win the game fell to City who had two shots blocked.

Full time: Cwmbran Celtic 1 Newport City 1

Celtic will be mighty pleased to gain their first point of the season with this battling performance. As for City, this was their 3rd successive draw so, despite being unbeaten in 5 games they are 6th in the table.

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CWMBRAN CELTIC 2025/26 PLAYERS STATISTICS

Player	Pos	JD	WC	Appearances				Goals			MOTM	Cards	
				MG	LC	SUB	Total	JD	Cup	Total		Y	R
Alex McDowell	M					1	1						
Andrew Larcombe	D	5		1			6				1	1	0
Arthur Furness	D	3		1		2	6					1	0
Cole Doolan	M	4		1		1	6						
Efan Fletcher	M	2		1		1	4						
Evan Maidment	M					3	3					1	0
Finley Hayman	M	3		1		1	5					1	0
Gabriel Howells	M					2	2						
Harry Roe	D					2	2						
Isaac Powell	M	4		1			5					1	0
Iwan Hooper	GK	2		1			3						
Jac Evans	D					2	2						
Joseph Bowen	M	4		1			5						
Joshua Gibson	M	5		1			6	1		1	2		
Joshua Hinwood	D	3					3	1		1		1	0
Lewis Watkins	GK	3					3						
Lloyd Perkins	M	1				2	3						
Louis Cochrane	M	1					1						
Luke Edwards	D	5		1			6				2		
Mario van Dieren	M	4					4				1		
Oliver Berry	D					2	2						
Robert Jones	F	1				1	2					1	0
Sam Powell	D	4		1			5						
Tom Berry	F					2	2						
Tommy Challenger	M					2	2						
Tyler Broom	D	1				2	3						



WELSH BLOOD SERVICE LEAGUE CUP (Round 1)

Aberystwyth Town	v	Baglan Dragons
Caerau Ely	v	Treowen Stars
Cardiff Draconians	v	Newport City
Cwmbran Celtic	v	Carmarthen Town
Pontypridd United	v	Cambrian United
Trefelin BGC	v	Ammanford
Trethomas Bluebirds	v	Llantwit Major
Ynyshir Albions	v	Afan Lido




CWMBRAN CELTIC SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

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

CLUB WEBSITE: cwmbrenceltic.com

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
Instant access to all the news, chat and banter as it happens.

 **CWMBRAN CELTIC FC MEDIABOX:**

Maintained by club photographer Steve Roberts. Mainly photographs, but access to news, chat and banter for those who prefer Facebook.

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JD CYMRU LEAGUE SOUTH FIXTURES & RESULTS 2025/2026

JD CYMRU SOUTH 25/26	Aberystwyth Town	Afan Lido	Ammanford	Baglan Dragons	Caerau Ely	Cambrian United	Cardiff Draconians	Carmarthen Town	Cwmbran Celtic	Llantwit Major	Newport City	Pontypridd United	Trefelin BGC	Treowen Stars	Trethomas Bluebirds	Ynyshir Albions
Aberystwyth Town	X	28-Mar	25-Aug 0 0	09-Aug 2 1	01-Mar	29-Nov	24-Jan	01-Jan	13-Sep	04-Apr	25-Oct	16-Aug 0 0	08-Nov	14-Feb	14-Mar	04-Oct
Afan Lido	27-Sep	X	01-Mar	10-Oct	31-Oct	13-Mar	16-Sep	23-Jan	04-Apr	20-Mar	13-Feb	15-Nov	01-Jan	09-Aug 0 4	20-Feb	05-Dec
Ammanford	05-Dec	07-Nov	X	20-Mar	05-Sep	20-Feb	06-Mar	10-Oct	24-Oct	08-Aug 2 1	03-Apr	26-Sep	23-Jan	22-Aug 1 0	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 3 3	27-Jul 3 0	06-Sep	25-Oct	18-Apr	08-Nov
Caerau Ely	15-Nov	06-Mar	31-Jan	tba	X	08-Nov	02-Jan	20-Feb	21-Mar	12-Sep	03-Oct	25-Aug 2 0	24-Oct	05-Dec	08-Aug 1 1	03-Apr
Cambrian United	21-Mar	12-Sep	14-Nov	03-Apr	13-Feb	X	01-Nov	05-Dec	08-Aug 4 0	22-Aug 2 1	23-Jan	01-Jan	10-Oct	25-Jul 4 0	01-Mar	25-Aug 2 0
Cardiff Draconians	06-Sep	18-Apr	26-Jul 0 1	13-Sep	16-Aug 0 1	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 1 0	24-Oct	26-Dec	25-Aug 0 0	28-Nov	04-Oct	09-Aug 2 1	X	10-Jan	30-Jan	27-Sep	04-Apr	13-Feb	12-Sep	08-Nov	21-Mar
Cwmbran Celtic	21-Feb	15-Aug 1 4	18-Apr	31-Oct	10-Oct	27-Mar	05-Dec	26-Jul 0 4	X	14-Nov	25-Aug 1 1	23-Jan	13-Mar	02-Jan	26-Sep	06-Mar
Llantwit Major	26-Jul 1 2	29-Nov	14-Mar	01-Jan	28-Mar	18-Apr	27-Sep	16-Aug 0 0	14-Feb	X	08-Nov	11-Oct	01-Mar	24-Jan	06-Sep	25-Oct
Newport City	31-Jan	25-Jul 1 0	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 1 1
Pontypridd United	26-Dec	30-Jan	09-Jan	21-Feb	18-Apr	24-Oct	22-Aug 1 2	05-Sep	07-Nov	06-Mar	12-Sep	X	27-Mar	03-Oct	28-Nov	08-Aug 2 3
Trefelin BGC	07-Mar	04-Oct	12-Sep	05-Dec	26-Dec	30-Jan	20-Mar	14-Nov	22-Aug 4 0	25-Aug 3 3	09-Aug 0 2	01-Nov	X	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 1 3	X	26-Dec	15-Nov
Trethomas Bluebirds	01-Nov	22-Aug 3 2	03-Oct	14-Nov	23-Jan	15-Aug 0 5	04-Apr	06-Mar	30-Jan	05-Dec	02-Jan	20-Mar	25-Jul 1 2	25-Aug 1 1	X	13-Sep
Ynyshir Albions	18-Apr	06-Sep	16-Aug 0 0	24-Jan	26-Jul 1 4	26-Dec	11-Oct	01-Nov	29-Nov	10-Jan	14-Mar	14-Feb	27-Sep	01-Mar	28-Mar	X

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 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 & 1st team in Gwent County. Debut: Taffs Well Jul 22. **[69/1]**

Tyler Broom: right back, age 27. Product of Torfaen Academy. Former clubs: Fairfield, Cwmffrwdor, 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, age 31. 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: Cwmaman U Apr 19. **[81/4]**

Harry Roe: centre back, age 22. Signed this season. Former clubs: Abergavenny Town, Cadbury Heath, Almondsbury.

CWMBRAN CELTIC PEN PICTURES 2025/2026 (continued)



Lewis Watkins



Iwan Hooper



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

JD CYMRU SOUTH			Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
18-Jul	Fri	Pontypridd United (MG Cup R1) Pens	0 - 0 2 - 4	Hooper	Furness	*Edwards	Powell.S	Larcombe	Bowen	Doolan	Hayman	Powell.I.1	Fletcher	Gibson	Dean	Maidment	Berry.T.1	McDowell	Challenger	Jones	Cochrane
26-Jul	Sat	Carmarthen Town	0 - 4	Hooper	Furness	Edwards	Bowen	*Larcombe	Powell.S	Doolan	Hayman	Jones	Fletcher	Gibson	Howells	Maidment	Challenger	Berry.O	Broom	Roe	Berry.T
08-Aug	Fri	Cambrian United	0 - 4	Hooper	Furness	*Edwards	Cochrane	Larcombe	Powell.S	Doolan	Dieren	Roe	Fletcher	Gibson	Berry.O	Watkins	Broom	Howells	Maidment	Powell.I	Perkins
15-Aug	Fri	Afan Lido	1 - 4	Watkins	Broom	Edwards	Bowen	Hinwood	Perkins	Doolan	Dieren	Larcombe	Fletcher	*Gibson 1	Roe	Hooper	Furness	Howells	Berry	Powell.I	Hayman
22-Aug	Fri	Trefelin BGC	0 - 4	Watkins	Furness	Edwards	Bowen	Powell.S	Hinwood	Hayman	Dieren	Larcombe	Evans	*Gibson	Doolan	Hooper	Perkins	Roe	Powell.I	Broom	Mainment
25-Aug	Mon	Newport City	1 - 1	Watkins	Powell.S	Doolan	Bowen	*Dieren	Hinwood 1	Hayman	Edwards	Larcombe	McDowell	Gibson	Furness	Hooper	Broom	Roe	Evans	Powell.I	Mainment
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Andrew Larcombe



Simon Berry



Ryan Thomas



Martin Ingram



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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. Re-joined 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

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.

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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	0 - 4	
08-Aug	Cambrian United	Away	0 - 4	
15-Aug	Afan Lido	Home	1 - 4	Gibson
22-Aug	Trefelin BGC	Away	0 - 4	
25-Aug	Newport City	Home	1 - 1	Hinwood
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		
31-Oct	Baglan Dragons	Home		
07-Nov	Pontypridd United	Away		
14-Nov	Llantwit Major	Home		
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05-Dec	Cardiff Draconians	Home		
27-Dec	Newport City	Away		
02-Jan	Treowen Stars	Home		
10-Jan	Carmarthen Town	Away		
23-Jan	Pontypridd United	Home		
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14-Feb	Llantwit Major	Away		
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01-Mar	Baglan Dragons	Away		
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04-Apr	Afan Lido	Away		
18-Apr	Ammanford	Home		

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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)	30	12	6	12	69	64	42	9th (16)
2024/25 Cymru (S)	30	9	3	18	39	62	30	13th (16)
2025/26 Cymru (S)	5	0	1	4	2	17	1	16th (16)
Total	548	239	106	238	1027	989	792	

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Programme Editors	John Stockwell; Tony Strange
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Club Kit Information

Colours

Alternative Colours

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Green shirts, green shorts & green socks

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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 Runners-up (1) 2024/25
 Winners 1968/9; Runners-up (3) 1972/3, 1979/80, 2024/25

Premier B Winners 2000/1
 Division 1R & 3 Winners Section A 1925/6
 Division 2 Winners 1969/70; Runners-up (2) 1972/3, 1979/80
 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 (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 Winners 2011/12; Runners up 2012/13, Winners 2023/24
 Under 16 Division Winners (3) 1990/1, 1994/5, 1998/9; Runners-up 2000/1, 2024/25 (*U15 team)
 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 (7) 1999/2000, 2000/1, 2004/5, 2007/8, 2024/25 (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 (3) 1968/9, 1970/1, 2024/25

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; Runners Up (1) 2024/25
 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 (11) 1976/7, 1988/9, 1992/3, 1996/7, 2003/4, 2005/6, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2023/24; Runners-up 2012/13
 Runners-up (3) 1989/90, 2004/5, 2006/7
 Under 14 Cup 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
 Runners-up (1) 2021/22
 Under 15 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
 Under 16 Division Runners-up 2010/11, 2024/25
 Under 16 Cup Winners (11) 1979/80, 1985/6, 1990/1, 1993/4, 1998/9, 2000/1, 2001/2, 2007/8, 2008/9, 2022/3, 2024/25
 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
 League Cup Winners 2012/13, 2021/22; League Plate Winners 2016/17, 2022/23
 SW FA Division 2 Winners 2023/24; Cup runners-up 2022/23
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