





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 Challeng

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

NEWPORT CITY

Away Squad

Cohen Riella (GK) Richard Noyes Adam Ward Luke Cooper © Lathan Garrett Owen Bancroft Danny Hillman Solomon St Clair

Nat Jarvis
Josh Graham
Charlie Davies
Eduardo Bregua
Drew Perrett
Clayton Farrah
Kayne McLaggon
Evan Cadwallader
Kyran Steadman
George Kabza
James Bloom
Harvey Sing
Kofi Rowe

Manager: Sam Houldsworth

Coaches: Craig Sampson; Tom Hooper

Laurie Marsh **First Aider:** Sophie Martin **Kit Manager:** Oliver Larcombe

Colours: Grey Grey Grey

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Dale Randall (Gilfach Goch)

Assistants: Ryan Tudor (Pentre) & Karl Griffin (Bridgend)

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CWMBRAN CELTIC v NEWPORT CITY

Monday 25th August 2025 K.O. 2:30pm AVONDALE MOTOR PARK ARENA

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LEAGUE TABLE 2025/26

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

	U21 (SOUTH EAST)	Р	W	D	Ц	F	Α	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	Abertillery Bluebirds	2	1	1	0	5	2	3	4
4	Cardiff Met	2	1	0	1	11	9	2	3
5	Abercarn United	1	1	0	0	6	5	1	3
6	Trethomas Bluebirds	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
7	Cardiff Corinthians	2	0	1	1	3	9	-6	1
8	Newport City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Abergavenny Town	1	0	0	1	1	4	-3	0
10	Brecon Corries	2	0	0	2	5	13	-8	0
11	Lliswerry	2	0	0	2	2	10	-8	0

CWMBRAN CELTIC HOME/AWAY	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	+/-	Pts
НОМЕ	2	0	0	2	1	8	-7	0
AWAY	2	0	0	2	0	8	-8	0
TOTAL	4	0	0	4	1	16	-15	0

WELCOME TO CELTIC PARK

We welcome Newport City to Celtic Park for this Bank Holiday weekend fixture - the 3rd fixture between the clubs. By a name change in 2016 Newport City took over the Llanwern FC club in Welsh League Division 2. They were relegated to Division 3 the following season but regained a place in Division 2 in 2019/20. When the leagues were re-organised in 2021/22 they were in Ardal League South-East and in 2023/24 they finished 2nd to gain promotion into the Cymru South in which they finished 3rd last season. They did the double over Celtic last season, winning 1-0 at Celtic Park and 2-0 at Newport Stadium.

NEWPORT CITY LEAGUE RECORD IN PAST SIX SEASONS

Season	League	P	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts	Pos
2018-19	WELSH-3	30	7	7	16	48	63	28	12/16
2019-20	WELSH-3	21	10	4	7	46	34	34	7/16
2021-22	ARDAL-SE	30	9	6	15	43	45	33	11/16
2022-23	ARDAL-SE	30	10	4	16	38	59	34	10/16
2023-24	ARDAL-SE	30	23	2	5	98	26	71	2/16
2024-25	CYMRU-S	30	16	6	8	50	32	54	3/16

LLOYD PERKINS

Lloyd's debut appearance for the 1st team this season got me thinking whether this created a new topic in the Celtic statistical annals. My research has established that, at the age of 30, Lloyd is the oldest Academy old boy Celtic 1st team debutant. The previous eldest was Louis Cochrane who made his debut last season at the age of 27. Louis played for the Academy between 2013 and 2015 before leaving to study at Cardiff MET. He returned to Celtic in 2020 but did not make his 1st team debut until November 2024. Lloyd joined Cwmbran Celtic in 2011/12 as a 16-year-old Academy student. He played for the U18s in 2011/2 and the U19s in the following two seasons. He last played for Celtic Reserves in 2019/20. He then transferred to Coed Eva Athletic where he played between 2021 and 2024. He returned to Cwmbran Celtic last season, playing for the 3rd team. He played 28 games, scored 21 goals and had 17 assists.

JOHN STOCKWELL

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^{th.} 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: TREFELIN BGC 4 - 0 CWMBRAN CELTIC (22-Aug)

Cwmbran Celtic went into the changing rooms at half-time feeling well satisfied having kept a clean sheet for 85 minutes (45 in the first half of this game and in the last 40 of the previous game against Afan Lido). However, Trefelin came roaring out of the blocks after the break, scoring 4 goals in 9 minutes to further cement Celtic's place at the bottom of the Cymru South.

Celtic played some good football in the 1st half and created 3 chances – on 13 minutes Joe Bowen played the ball across field to Josh Hinwood who floated a cross to the right where Josh Gibson laid the ball back to Andrew Larcombe who brought a fine diving save from Coughlin. On 33 minutes a corner from Isaac Powell was met by a Josh Hinwood header which brought another fine save from Coughlin. On the stroke of half time another Hinwood header, this time from a Joe Bowen free kick was again saved by Coughlin. Trefelin had two good chances, the first a lob in the 20th minute from distance was easily dealt with by Lewis Watkins. The second, in the 35th minute, brought a brilliant diving save from Watkins.

Half time: Trefelin BGC 0 Cwmbran Celtic 0

Trefelin must have had a talking to at half-time because they came out for the 2nd half pumped up. On 50 minutes Roan Piper played the ball down the right to Jordan Vickers who crossed to find Piper strolling into the 6-yard box to side foot the ball nonchalantly home. On 53 minutes Joseph Jones stepped up to bundle a corner from Saunders into the net. One minute later Piper was on hand to convert another side-footed goal from a cross from the right. Lewis Watkins brought off two saves as the hosts continued their onslaught on the Celtic goal. In a rare Celtic counter-attack Hinwood crossed for Josh Gibson to head wide at the far post but in the 59th minute Josh Jones ran down the left flank before unleashing a shot across the goal and into the net to put his team 4-0 ahead. Trefelin did not ease up thereafter. They had 5 shots, two over the bar, one wide, one saved by Watkins and one blocked. I could not identify the players because of the awful dark numbering on the hosts' red shirts. Celtic had two chances, one over the bar and a great effort by Josh Gibson who latched onto a misdirected header by a Trefelin defender and smashed his shot against the home side's post.

Full time: Trefelin BGC 4 Cwmbran Celtic 0

Despite the scoreline, this was Celtic's best attacking performance so far in that they did create a number of chances which has not been the case in previous games. However, they do seem to be susceptible down the flanks where they have conceded quite a few goals this season. In mitigation in regard to Celtic's perilous position at the bottom of the table, they have lost 3 of their league games to the sides placed 1st, 3rd and 4th and today they play 5th placed Newport City.

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Alex McDowell	M					1	1					
Andrew Larcombe	D	4		1			5				1	1 - 0
Arthur Furness	D	3		1		1	5					1 - 0
Cole Doolan	M	3		1		1	5					
Efan Fletcher	M	2		1		1	4					
Evan Maidment	М					3	3					1 - 0
Finley Hayman	М	2		1		1	4					1 - 0
Gabriel Howells	M					2	2					
Harry Roe	D					2	2					
Isaac Powell	М	3		1			4					1 - 0
Iwan Hooper	GK	2		1			3					
Jac Evans	D					1	1					
Joseph Bowen	M	3		1			4					
Joshua Gibson	M	4		1			5	1		1	2	
Joshua Hinwood	D	2					2					1 - 0
Lewis Watkins	GK	2					2					
Lloyd Perkins	M	1				2	3					
Louis Cochrane	M	1					1					
Luke Edwards	D	4		1			5				2	
Mario van Dieren	M	3					3					
Oliver Berry	D					2	2					
Robert Jones	F	1				1	2					1 - 0
Sam Powell	D	3		1			4					
Tom Berry	F					2	2					
Tommy Challenger	M					2	2					
Tyler Broom	D	1				2	3					

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JD CYMRU SOUTH FIXTURES (Round 5)

Aberystwyth Town	٧	Ammanford
Afan Lido	٧	Cardiff Draconians
Caerau Ely	٧	Pontypridd United
Cambrian United	٧	Ynyshir Albions
Carmarthen Town	٧	Baglan Dragons
Cwmbran Celtic	٧	Newport City
Trefelin BGC	٧	Llantwit Major
Trethomas Bluebirds	٧	Treowen Stars



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CLUB WEBSITE: cwmbranceltic.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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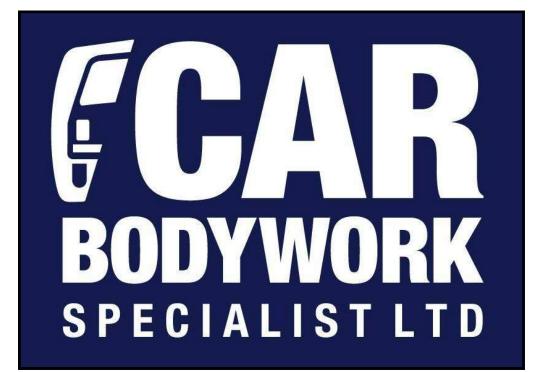
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JD CYMRU SOUTH 25/26	Aberystwyth Town	Afan Lido	Ammanford	Baglan Dragons	Caerau Ely	Cambrian United	Cardiff Draconians	Camarthen Town	Cwm _{bran} Celtic	Llantwit Major	Newport City	Pontypridd United	^{Trefelin} BGC	Treowen Stars	^{Tr} ethonas Bluebirds	Ynyshir Albions
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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 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	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
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	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	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	Х	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	Х	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	25-Aug	09-Aug	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	Х	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	X	13-Sep
Ynyshir Albions	18-Apr	06-Sep	16-Aug	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 improvemebetween 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, 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)







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Luke Edwards







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30-Jan Fri

14-Feb Sat

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21-Mar Sat

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04-Apr Sat

KEY:

Carmarthen Town (WBS R1)

Treowen Stars

Aberystwyth Town

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Cardiff Draconians

Caerau Ely

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Trefelin BGC

Caerau Ely

Afan Lido

18-Apr Sat Ammanford

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FIXTURES, RESULTS & TEAM INFORMATION 2025/2026



	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.I1	Fletcher	Gibson	Dean	Maidment	Berry.T1	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	Fuurness	Edwards	Bowen	Powell.S	Hinwood	Hayman	Dieren	Larcombe	Evans	*Gibson	Doolan	Hooper	Perkins	Roe	Powell.I	Broom	Mainment
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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



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. 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.

MATCH REPORT: CWMBRAN CELTIC 1 - 4 AFAN LIDO (15-Aug)

Celtic slumped to their 3rd successive league defeat and the 3rd time they have conceded 4 goals to firmly anchor their unwanted position at the bottom of the league. Their cause was not helped by having to play this "home" game at Pontypridd because of the ludicrous planning restrictions on using their newly installed floodlights.

Celtic brought Lewis Watkins back into goal and Tyler Broom returned after a year out through serious injury. Lido moved swiftly into gear and Lewis Reed dispossessed Edwards on the right and rattled the bar. Celtic responded with Joe Gibson latching onto a through ball and shooting left-footed across the goal. A shot from Dylan Williams was pushed away by the foot of Watkins for a corner but Lido went ahead in the 13th minute when a cross from the left was touched on by Jordan Langley to Liam Griffiths who headed home. Lido continued to press, and another shot was saved by Watkins at the 2nd attempt. It was no surprise that Lido doubled their lead in the 18th minute when Williams ran down the right in acres of space and crossed for Lewis Reed to roll the ball into the net from close range. On the half hour a cross was headed over the bar and as half-time approached Isaac Powell hit a powerful shot, but keeper Ben Haines was perfectly placed to snatch the ball. On 42nd minutes a cross from the right was poked into his own net at the near post by the outstretched leg of Lloyd Perkins. On 45 minutes Josh Gibson stole into the six-yard box to head home a cross by Isaac Powell.

Half-time: Cwmbran Celtic 1 Afan Lido 3

A Celtic shot was straight at Haines. A corner was headed just wide by at the near post. On 50 minutes Lido were 4-1 ahead. A cross from the left by Jordan Langley was cooly glided into the net by Williams at the far post. Carson shot straight at the keeper.shot over the bar. Brandon Roberts shot wide and Joe Gibson hit a free kick from 20 yards over the bar.

Full-time: Cwmbran Celtic 1 Afan Lido 4

This was another poor display by Celtic. Their defence is leaky and they show very little threat up front not helped by a lack of service from the midfield. They have one thing in their favour and that is there is only one team to be relegated this season because of the re-organisations of the Welsh Premier League, and there are four other teams in the Cymru South basement who are not setting the world on fire at present.

JOHN STOCKWELL

ANDREW LARCOMBE—300 UP

Andrew will be making his 300th appearance for Cwmbran Celtic today. He made his debut on 13 September 2014 against Blaenavon Blues in the Welsh Cup. He has now moved above Criag Cheedy (297) into 2nd place in the Celtic all-time list behind Rakesh Patel who made 406 appearances.

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	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		
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		
29-Nov	Ynyshir Albions	Away		
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		
30-Jan	Trethomas Bluebirds	Away		
14-Feb	Llantwit Major	Away		
21-Feb	Aberystwyth Town	Home		
01-Mar	Baglan Dragons	Away		
06-Mar	Ynyshir Albions	Home		
13-Mar	Trefelin BGC	Home		
21-Mar	Caerau Ely	Away		
27-Mar	Cambrian United	Home		
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	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)				
2025/26 Cymru (S)	4	0	0	4	1	16	0	16th (16)				
Total	548	239	105	238	1026	988	792					

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CWMBRAN CELTIC HONOURS

Welsh League:

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

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:

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 Winners 2011/12; Runners up 2012/13, Winners 2023/24

Winners (3) 1990/1, 1994/5, 1998/9; Runners-up 2000/1,2024/25 (*U15 team) 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 (7) 1999/2000, 2000/1, 2004/5, 2007/8, 2024/25

(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:

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)

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 (1) 2021/22

Under 16 Division Winners (14) 1976/7, 1978/9, 1990/1, 1993/4, 1998/9, 2000/1, 2001/2,

2007/8, 2008/9, 2009/10, 2011/12, 2012/13 2014/15, 2022/23

Runners-up 2010/11, 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

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

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