



Imbalance continues in Licence applications

Only one club from the Welsh Football League has applied for the FAW Domestic Licence this season, meaning that Haverfordwest County are the only side that can be promoted from the South in May. **Writes Andrew Howard** They are currently in fifth and enjoying a more consistent run of form in both the League and Welsh Cup of late. Established former Welsh Premier League players like Jack Christopher, Chris Holloway, Lee Bevan and Liam Hancock have all been brought in this season to realise the Pembrokeshire club's ambitions of getting back into the Welsh Premier, but it remains difficult.

The Bluebirds missed out on goal difference last season, with the decisive match being played after the County's final game. I'm a strong believer in League's finishing on the same day for Fair Play and integrity reasons, so let's hope that when they kick their final ball this season, there is no uncertainty for Haverfordwest about which League they will play their football in, in 2013/14.

The Huws Gray Alliance tells a different story and it's pleasing to report that there have been six applications from the North. Rhyl FC are setting the pace and have applied for the licence, having been successful for the first time last year upon appeal. Second-placed Caersws have not applied however, but Micky Evans' team will push all the way for the Championship.

Cefn Druids and Flint Town are both in the top six and they have both also applied for the licence and promotion, whilst Llandudno Town, Porthmadog and Buckley Town have all applied, but a top-two finish already looks unlikely for that progressive trio. I hope that they are still determined to gain the licence at the end of the year though.

When compiling a basic SWOT analysis of the Welsh Premier, it's evident that one of the biggest Threats to the League is stagnation. Promotion and relegation keeps Leagues in all sport healthy, rugby Union's Celtic League has suffered badly from not having this. But the Welsh Premier League shouldn't and although it's important to remain neutral in this job, I sincerely hope that Haverfordwest finish in the top two in the Welsh League, with Rhyl, Cefn Druids or Flint Town doing the same in the Huws Gray Alliance.

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RECENT RESULTS....

Friday 14th December	
Gap Connah's Quay v Prestatyn Town	P-P
Saturday 15th December	
Aberystwyth Town v Airbus UK Bro'ton	P-P
Bala Town v Llanelli AFC	1-2
Bangor City v Carmarthen Town	2-2
Newtown AFC v Afan Lido FC	1-2
Port Talbot Town v The New Saints	1-3

COMING UP....

Friday 21st December	19:30
Afan Lido FC v Aberystwyth Town	
Carmarthen Town v Port Talbot Town	
The New Saints v Gap Connah's Quay	
Saturday 22nd December	14:30
Bala Town v Bangor City	
LIVE MATCH S4/C	15:45
Prestatyn Town v Newtown	
Sunday 23rd December	14:30
Llanelli AFC v Airbus UK Broughton	
Boxing Day Wednesday 26th December	14:30
Aberystwyth Town v Newtown AFC	
Airbus UK Broughton v Gap Connah's Quay	
Carmarthen Town v Llanelli AFC	
Prestatyn Town v Bangor City	
The New Saints v Bala Town	
LIVE MATCH S4/C	15:45
Afan Lido FC v Port Talbot Town	
Saturday 29th December	14:30
Llanelli AFC v Carmarthen Town	
Port Talbot Town v Afan Lido	
Tuesday 1st January 2013	14:30
Bala Town v The New Saints	
GAP Connah's Quay v Airbus UK Broughton	
Newtown AFC v Aberystwyth Town	
LIVE MATCH S4/C	15:45
Bangor City v Prestatyn Town	

WOMENS WELSH PREMIER LEAGUE

LATEST RESULTS	16/12/12
Cardiff City FC Ladies v Newcastle Emlyn Ladies	3-0
Caernarfon Town Women's FC v Wrexham Ladies	0-7
Aberystwyth Town Ladies v Port Talbot Town Ladies	0-3
Cardiff Metropolitan Ladies v Northop Hall Girls	P-P
Caerphilly Castle Ladies & Girls v Llanidloes Ladies	P-P
Swansea City Ladies v Llandudno Junction Ladies	6-0

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THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES

Friday 21st December

Afan Lido FC v Aberystwyth Town 19:30

27/09/11	0	0	-	-	197
10/04/12	0	2	-	Rhydian Davies 64' Sean Thornton 69'	237

ALL-TIME RECORDS

Home wins	2	Away wins	6	Draws	5	Goal aggregate	14 – 22
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CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches)

Home Team

WLLLLW

Away Team

WLDLWD

Carmarthen Town v Port Talbot Town 19:30

LAST SIX SEASONS

27/10/06	1	0	Nathan Cotterrall 21'(p)	-	423
23/11/07	0	0	-	-	260
19/09/08	1	1	Danny Thomas 72'	Liam McCreesh 35'	385
17/10/09	3	1	Tim Hicks 74' Danny Thomas 84' Nicky Palmer 86'	Martin Rose 29'	366
12/11/10	1	3	Darren Griffiths 34'	Matthew Rees 8' Martin Rose 37'(p) Liam McCreesh 85'	413
26/08/11	2	0	Nicky Palmer 19' Cledan Davies 88'	-	317
09/03/12	1	0	Jack Christopher 36'	-	379

ALL-TIME RECORDS

Home wins	5	Away wins	4	Draws	4	Goal aggregate	14 – 12
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CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches)

Home Team

DLLWDD

Away Team

WDLLWL

The New Saints v Gap Connah's Quay 19:45

LAST SIX SEASONS

15/09/06	4	0	John Toner 5' 62' Phil Baker 65' Nicky Ward 71'	-	302
22/09/07	3	1	Mike Wilde 12' Alfie Carter 20' Gary Pinch 53' (og)	Mark Cadwallader 68'	437
07/11/08	2	1	Alfie Carter 9'13'	Kieran Quinn 53'	208
11/09/09	3	0	Steve Abbott 86' 90' Scott Ruscoe 87'	-	226

Only four meetings thus far between the clubs – Gap Connah's Quay returned to the WPL this season

ALL-TIME RECORDS

Home wins	13	Away wins	1	Draws	3	Goal aggregate	40 – 13
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CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches)

Home Team

DWWLWL

Away Team

LWLWLL

Saturday 22nd December

Bala Town v Bangor City 14:30

LAST SIX SEASONS

14/08/09	2	1	Ricky Evans 20'(p) Ross Jefferies 53'	Ashley Stott 48'(p) Dave Morley 8'(p) Craig Garside 11' Alan Bull 40'	938
21/08/10	2	3	Chris Mason 4' Neil Fisher 50'	Les Davies 10' Mark Smyth 67'	723
02/10/11	1	2	Lee Hunt 45'+4(p)	Mark Smyth 72'	561
19/02/12	0	1	-	-	604

ALL-TIME RECORDS

Home wins	1	Away wins	3	Draws	0	Goal aggregate	5 – 7
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CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches)

Home Team

LWWWLW

Away Team

WLWDWW

LIVE MATCH S4/C**15:45****Prestatyn Town v Newtown AFC**

LAST SIX SEASONS							
07/02/09	1	0	Jon Fisher-Cooke 66'	-	197		
06/11/09	1	1	Mike Parker 50'	Gavin Cadwallader 90'+4	178		
12/11/10	2	1	Dave Hayes 60' Ross Stephens 87'	Marc Lloyd-Williams 90'+2	194		
08/11/11	2	1	Darren Hughes 76' Neil Gibson 90'(p)	Nick Rushton 62'	194		
ALL-TIME RECORDS							
Home wins	3	Away wins	0	Draws	1	Goal aggregate	6 – 3
CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches)		Home Team	WDWDWW	Away Team	WWWLLL		

Sunday 23rd December**Llanelli AFC v Airbus UK Broughton****14:30**

LAST SIX SEASONS							
11/11/06	4	0	Jacob Mingorance 1' 39' 57' Rhys Griffiths 66'	-	272		
05/04/08	1	0	Andrew Mumford 52'(p)	-	301		
07/09/08	3	2	Rhys Griffiths 27'(p) 88' Phil Palethorpe 90'(og)	Mark Allen 6' Tom Rowlands 8'	297		
16/08/09	2	2	Rhys Griffiths 76' Wyn Thomas 90'+4	Marc Lloyd-Williams 3' 57'	281		
24/10/10	1	1	Rhys Griffiths 25'	Nick Rushton 5'	171		
30/10/11	1	1	Stuart Jones 59'	Mark Cadwallader 50'	239		
ALL-TIME RECORDS							
Home wins	5	Away wins	0	Draws	3	Goal aggregate	17 – 8
CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches)		Home Team	LWLLLD	Away Team	DDWWLL		

Tuesday 26th December**All 14:30****Aberystwyth Town v Newtown AFC**

LAST SIX SEASONS							
19/01/07	4	2	Craig Jones 2' Aneurin Thomas 12' Stuart Roberts 45' Luke Sherbon 72'(p)	Matt Lewis 14' Robbie Williams 59'	351		
19/04/08	2	2	Aneurin Thomas 50' Andy Evans 75'	Karl Seliarts 45' Chris Evans 84'	312		
04/04/09	2	0	Glyndwr Hughes 35' Tom Bradshaw 81'	-	234		
16/10/09	2	1	Kristian James 4' Cledan Davies 52'	Ross Stephens 74'	620		
20/08/10	2	2	Ricky Evans 57'(p) Luke Sherbon 74'	Gavin Cadwallader 87' Shane Sutton 90'+3	487		
18/03/11	2	2	Ricky Evans 28'(p) Ashley Stott 76'	Steve Jones 73' 84'	402		
19/08/11	4	1	Ricky Evans 10'(p) Lewis Codling 71' 79' Anthony Finselbach 83'	Robbie Millington 23'(p)	284		
21/04/12	3	2	Connor Courtney 12'(og) Geoff Kellaway 22' Andy Jones 77'(og)	Shane Sutton 6' Nick Rushton 68'	631		
ALL-TIME RECORDS							
Home wins	14	Away wins	2	Draws	6	Goal aggregate	56 – 28
CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches)		Home Team	LLWLWW	Away Team	WWWLLL		

Afan Lido FC v Port Talbot Town

02/01/12	1	2	Jonathan Hood 9'	Craig Hanford 46'(og) Martin Rose 78'	376		
23/03/12	2	2	Liam Hancock 79' Carl Evans 84'	Cortez Belle 10' Sasha Walters 75'	301		
ALL-TIME RECORDS							
Home wins	2	Away wins	4	Draws	1	Goal aggregate	8 – 9
CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches)		Home Team	WLLLLWX	Away Team	WDLLWL		

Airbus UK Broughton v Gap Connah's Quay

LAST SIX SEASONS									
22/09/06	2	3	Nathan Mapletoft 36' Ryan Crawford 65'	Dave Swanick 15' Chris Taylor 82' Marc Limbert 85'	251				
01/04/08	0	0	-	-	151				
17/10/08	0	0	-	-	303				
06/11/09	4	0	Carl Owen 51' Matty Cook 56' Rhys Roberts 67' Gary McConnel 87'	-	193				
Only two meetings thus far between the clubs – Gap Connah's Quay returned to the WPL this season									
ALL-TIME RECORDS									
Home wins	1	Away wins	1	Draws	4	Goal aggregate	11 – 8		
CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches)			Home Team	DWWWWW	Away Team	LWLWLL			

Carmarthen Town v Llanelli AFC

LAST SIX SEASONS									
06/04/07	0	2	-	Andrew Mumford 32' Rhys Griffiths 82'	462				
26/12/07	1	2	Tim Hicks 24'	Wyn Thomas 19' Mark Jones 90'	561				
07/04/09	1	4	Stuart Roberts 27'	Jordan Follows 13' Wyn Thomas 42' Stephen Evans 60' Rhys Griffiths 63'	462				
26/12/09	1	2	Tim Hicks 85'(p)	Chris Venables 72' Lee Jarman 90'+3	580				
01/01/11	1	3	Corey Thomas 20'	Jordan Follows 33' 71' Craig Moses 73'	461				
07/09/11	0	3	-	Rhys Griffiths 24' Craig Moses 37' Chad Bond 41'	414				
ALL-TIME RECORDS									
Home wins	4	Away wins	7	Draws	1	Goal aggregate	18 – 21		
CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches)			Home Team	DLLWDD	Away Team	WDWLDW			

Prestatyn Town v Bangor City

LAST SIX SEASONS									
06/12/08	2	2	Ian Griffiths 19' Karl Murray 79'	Chris Sharp 12' Les Davies 46'	489				
12/03/10	1	1	Mike Parker 27	Nicky Ward 53'	417				
02/01/11	4	2	Steve Rogers 71' 88' Lee Hunt 21' Ross Stephens 42'	Jamie Reed 7' 70'	617				
20/02/11	1	2	Lee Hunt 64'	Dave Morley 74' 76'	568				
02/01/12	0	5	-	Damien Allen 11' Sion Edwards 15' Chris Jones 53' Kyle Wilson 64' Marc Smyth 84'	554				
16/03/12	0	4	-	Chris Jones 19' Sion Edwards 43' 85' Les Davies 64'	490				
ALL-TIME RECORDS									
Home wins	1	Away wins	4	Draws	2	Goal aggregate	8 – 16		
CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches)			Home Team	WDWDWW	Away Team	WLWDWWX			

The New Saints v Bala Town

LAST SIX SEASONS									
17/10/09	0	0	-	-	437				
29/08/10	2	1	Chris Sharp 7' Alex Darlington 82'	Mark Jones 23'	312				
12/08/11	1	1	Matty Williams 3'	Chris Mason 13'	617				
02/03/12	3	2	Nicky Ward 57' Chris Seargeant 67' Greg Draper 84'	Lee Hunt 41'(p) 60'	423				
ALL-TIME RECORDS									
Home wins	2	Away wins	0	Draws	2	Goal aggregate	6 – 4		
CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches)			Home Team	DWWLWL	Away Team	WLWDL			

Saturday 29th December**All 14:30****Llanelli AFC v Carmarthen Town**

LAST SIX SEASONS						
23/01/07	1	1	Rhys Griffiths 68'		Kaid Mohamed 80'	321
01/01/08	4	1	Rhys Griffiths 16' 72' 83' Craig Jones 10'		Jemal Easter 73'	547
26/12/08	5	2	Rhys Griffiths 7' 64' 87' Jordan Follows 36' 66'		Sasha Walters 24' Danny Thomas	567
05/04/10	1	0	Rhys Griffiths 83'		-	337
12/02/11	4	1	Rhys Griffiths 19' 32' 73' Craig Williams 52'		Nick Harry 38'	171
08/11/11	2	0	Chris Llewellyn 32' Rhys Griffiths 53'		-	227
ALL-TIME RECORDS						
Home wins	8	Away wins	3	Draws	1	Goal aggregate 27 – 14
CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches)			Home Team	LWLLLDX	Away Team	LLWLWD

LIVE MATCH S4/C**15:45****Port Talbot Town v Afan Lido FC**

26/12/11	2	2	Martin Rose 26' David Brookes 57'		Jonathan Hood 14' 67'	526
10/02/12	1	2	Martin Rose 17'		Leon Jeanne 30' 88'	285
ALL-TIME RECORDS						
Home wins	1	Away wins	4	Draws	2	Goal aggregate 7 – 11
CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches)			Home Team	WDWLWX	Away Team	LLLLLX

Tuesday 1st January**All 14:30****Bala Town v The New Saints**

LAST SIX SEASONS						
05/03/10	0	1	-		Steve Abbott 48'	441
12/11/10	3	4	Shaun Kelly 29' Josh MacAuley 65' 90'+3(p)		Matty Williams 8' 19' 44' Chris Sharp 34'	268
14/10/11	2	2	Steve Brown 59' Mark Jones 62'		Matty Williams 22' Craig Draper 28'	378
15/04/12	0	1	-		Sam Finley 78'	301
ALL-TIME RECORDS						
Home wins	0	Away wins	3	Draws	1	Goal aggregate 5 – 8
CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches)			Home Team	LWVWWL	Away Team	WWLWVX

LIVE MATCH S4/C**15:15****Bangor City v Prestatyn Town**

LAST SIX SEASONS						
18/04/09	1	1	Mike Walsh 39'		Neil Gibson 49'	324
23/10/09	4	0	Marc Limbert 16' Jamie Reed 17' Sion Edwards 39' Chris Sharp 85'		-	588
29/12/10	2	1	Chris Jones 54' Dave Morley 77'(p)		Steve Rogers 53'	716
01/04/11	1	2	Chris Jones 42'		Steve Rogers 21' Paul O'Neill 32'	775
27/12/11	5	3	Les Davies 2' Sion Edwards 19' Dave Morley 60' 71' Craig Garside 63'		Neil Gibson 26' Ross Stephens 67'(p) Michael Parker 76'	2593
04/02/12	2	1	Kyle Wilson 37' Les Davies 56'		Neil Gibson 21'	709
ALL-TIME RECORDS						
Home wins	4	Away wins	1	Draws	1	Goal aggregate 15 – 8
CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches)			Home Team	WLWVWLX	Away Team	WLWDLX

Gap Connah's Quay v Airbus UK Broughton

LAST SIX SEASONS						
20/02/07	1	2	Marc Limbert 88'(p)	James McIntosh 33' Dave Hughes 40'		133
18/09/07	1	0	Chris Williams 33'	-		152
06/03/09	2	3	Ronnie Morgan 82' Liam Loughlin 86'	Mark Allen 21' Gareth Sudlow 25' Ashley Williams 38'		215
19/03/10	0	1	-	Jack Abraham 69'		202
Only four meetings thus far between the clubs – Gap Connah's Quay returned to the WPL this season						
ALL-TIME RECORDS						
Home wins	1	Away wins	3	Draws	0	Goal aggregate 4 – 6
CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches)		Home Team	DWLLLW	Away Team	DWLLX	

Newtown AFC v Aberystwyth Town

LAST SIX SEASONS						
09/09/06	1	1	Danny Barton 35'	Luke Sherbon 90'(p)		252
01/03/08	1	2	Tommy Mutton 11'	Gavin Cadwallader 40' Andy Evans 68'		301
22/11/08	2	1	Robbie James 23' Mark Griffiths 36'	Kristian James 7'		310
06/03/10	1	2	Paul Roberts 78'	Connall Murtagh 15' Luke Bowen 58'		475
31/10/10	0	0	-	-		389
23/04/11	1	0	Robbie Millington 23'	-		249
22/10/11	1	2	Max Penk 43'	Wyn Thomas 8' Jordan Follows 62'		276
10/03/12	1	1	Zac Evans 90'(p)	Josh MacAuley 50'		245
ALL-TIME RECORDS						
Home wins	7	Away wins	7	Draws	8	Goal aggregate 31 – 28
CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches)		Home Team	LLLDDL	Away Team	WLDLWDX	

MATCH OFFICIALS

		<u>REFEREE</u>	<u>ASSISTANT</u>	<u>ASSISTANT</u>	<u>4TH OFFICIAL</u>
<u>21/12/12</u>					
Afan Lido FC	Aberystwyth Town	K Fisher	T Cook	R J Stewart	M S Whitby
Carmarthen Town	Port Talbot Town	R Harrington	W Tregonning	P A Walters	B M-Jones
The New Saints	Gap Connah's Quay	B J James	M Farrington	P Thomas	H Jones
<u>22/12/12</u>					
Bala Town	Bangor City	K I Morgan	O W Phillips	R N Stephens	R Harrington
Prestatyn Town	Newtown AFC	K J Parry	G W Jones	M W Roberts	M Petch
<u>23/12/12</u>					
Llanelli AFC	Airbus UK Broughton	H Jones	A G Boore	M Farrington	D Boyle
<u>26/12/12</u>					
Aberystwyth Town	Newtown AFC	R Harrington	W Tregonning	P A Walters	A R Jones
Afan Lido FC	Port Talbot Town	B M-Jones	D J Boyle	E J King	B J James
Airbus UK Bro'ton	Gap Connah's Quay	M Petch	N Brearley	D Fawkes	M Williams
Carmarthen Town	Llanelli AFC	D John	M S Dyson	L R Edwards	K Hames
Prestatyn Town	Bangor City	N Pratt	I Griffith	G E Vaughan	M L Gray
The New Saints	Bala Town	S L Evans	G W Jones	M W Roberts	K J Parry
<u>29/12/12</u>					
Port Talbot Town	Afan Lido FC	K I Morgan	A G Boore	P Thomas	D John
Llanelli AFC	Carmarthen Town	M S Whitby	R N Stephens	R J Stewart	R Harrington
<u>01/01/13</u>					
Bala Town	The New Saints	K J Parry	M L Gray	G E Vaughan	TBA
Bangor City	Prestatyn Town	M Petch	G W Jones	M W Roberts	A P Harms
Gap Connah's Quay	Airbus UK Broughton	S L Evans	I W Griffith	P Roszkowski	N Pratt
Newtown AFC	Aberystwyth Town	H Jones	D Fawkes	M Williams	M Farrington

SUSPENSIONS

Cledan Davies	Aberystwyth Town	1 match	from 09/12/2012
Oliver Bowen	Port Talbot Town	2 matches	from 10/12/2012
Cortez Belle	Port Talbot Town	1 match	from 09/12/2012
Matty Collins	Aberystwyth Town	1 match	from 22/12/2012
David Morley	Bangor City	1 match	from 22/12/2012
Michael Johnston	Bangor City	1 match	from 22/12/2012

Welsh Premier Womens League

16/12/12

NEXT FIXTURES ON SUNDAY 13th JANUARY, 2013

WELSH FOOTBALL CHRISTMAS GIFT SUBSCRIPTION OFFER

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Bala on the European trail(er)!



A football club's quest for European glory has been boosted by the continent's biggest trailer maker.

High flying Bala Town FC have secured sponsorship from Ifor Williams Trailers for what's being billed as the biggest game of the season.

The top of the table clash against Bangor City will take place at the Maes Tegid ground on Saturday, December 22.

As part of the sponsorship package, five members of staff whose names have been drawn out of a hat, along with a guest, will be given VIP treatment on match day.

Ifor Williams Trailers spokesman Daniel Burton said they were delighted to have the opportunity to sponsor such an important game.

He said: "Bala Town are a club that's really going places – and, given the nature of our product, that's something we can really relate to.

"With our headquarters in Cynwyd, the company has its roots in this part of rural North Wales.

"Like Bala Town, we feel we are part of the fabric of the community so we were particularly keen to show our support in a tangible way. We'd like to wish the team all the very best for the game against Bangor City and I'm sure it will be a memorable day for the five members of staff and their guests who will be attending on our behalf."

The club's twin ambitions this year are to win the Welsh Premier League and to qualify for Europe after last year's heartbreak when they narrowly lost out on a Europa Cup spot.

The Lakesiders have come a long way since Manager Colin Caton – cousin of the late Manchester City and Arsenal star, Tommy Caton – took over 10 years ago, after a successful semi-professional playing career with Rhyl, Colwyn Bay and Witton Albion.

He recalled: "When I came here, Bala Town was just an open playing field really and there's been a lot of work being put in by everybody doing paths and stands and floodlights and the like to meet the ground criteria.

“Our aim is to get into Europe. We were nearly there last year but we hit the post twice in the final play-off of the European qualifying game.

“We lost 2-1 in the final against Llanelli who have been more or less a full time outfit for the last six or seven years. They’ve won the Welsh Premier so for us to come and compete with the likes of them is a massive achievement.

“We had 70 per cent of the play really and their goalkeeper got man of the match. He was outstanding.” According to Colin, the first couple of seasons in the Welsh Premier League were a struggle because of financial constraints caused by the need for ground improvements.

The squad includes players who have experienced the game at the highest level with the likes of ex-Everton right back John Irving and former Wales international Mark Jones, along with Lee Hunt who’s rated as one of the deadliest strikers in the league.

Colin said: “Last season we had the most successful season that the club’s ever had and finished fourth.

“This season we had a bad start but we are currently lying in fifth spot and things are looking good.

“Everything is improving slowly and we’re looking to kick on now and the Bangor City game being sponsored by Ifor Williams Trailers will be the highest attended game here this season. Bangor always bring a massive following and it’s always a good atmosphere when they come. It’s the most attractive feature in the Welsh Premier. Sponsorship is vitally important, it’s the be all and end all. Without sponsorship and impetus and rewards from local businesses, we wouldn’t be able to compete at this level. I think what we’ve achieved in the three years we’ve been in the Welsh Premier League has been a massive success. As a club, Bala has been the most progressive and the most ambitious in Welsh football in the last seven or eight years.”

It was a sentiment echoed by the club’s Commercial Manager, Gareth Moon, who started out as a fan initially. He said:

“I’m delighted with the progress we’ve made as a club, it’s great for the town, great for businesses and great for the everyday football fan that follows us. It’s put Bala on the map, especially with matches being televised on Sgorio on S4C.

“To have a business like Ifor Williams Trailers come on board is just fantastic for the community. The people who work there come to watch us, people know about them and I would go as far as to say they are world’s biggest trailer manufacturer. We’re just so pleased to have them involved. It’s going to be a great day and a great day for their staff who attend.”

Any other companies interested in sponsoring Bala Town should contact Commercial Manager Gareth Moon via the contact form on the website: www.balatownfc.co.uk

Licensing Applications

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Yes, it’s always sad to see clubs relegated, but Connah’s Quay and Afan Lido are both examples of the beauty of the pyramid system and how you can bounce back.

For clarification, the criteria for promotion is two-pronged. A club must finish as Champions of their respective League and gain the domestic licence. If the champion club doesn’t fulfil this criteria, the Runners Up from that League can be promoted, if they gain the licence. Only one club from each feeder League can be promoted.

The only unanswered question is how are the FAW going to encourage more clubs to apply and reach the criteria from the Welsh League? Well, firstly a consultation process is currently being compiled into a Tier 2 licence and this will reduce the gap between the levels and secondly, it is hoped that the Welsh Ground Improvements can target those clubs which do have ambition to be promoted for infrastructure development. A focused infrastructure investment Policy is fundamental to this.

Welsh Premier Times – issues over the festive period

This Issue will be the last until Thursday January the 3rd in which all the results over the Christmas holidays will be published.

On Christmas Eve all clubs are requested to send in copy for a FLASH issue previewing the Boxing Day matches and likewise on Thursday 27th which will preview the matches on the 29th and January 1st.

Anyone not currently receiving the match-day data shot and wish to, please contact Mel as soon as possible. Thank you and best wishes

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**Manager
of the Month**

**The Corbett Sports Welsh Premier League
Manager of the Month for November is**

MARK AIZLEWOOD OF Carmarthen Town



Prior to the month of November, Carmarthen Town had only won five points from a possible 30 - but Mark Aizlewood steered his team to a 2-1 victory over Airbus UK, a hard fought point against Prestatyn and a memorable 3-0 victory at Park Hall against The New Saints. 'The Old Gold' also secured their place in the Word Cup Final during the month of November.

He was given the task of saving Carmarthen Town from relegation from the Welsh Premier League when he was handed the managerial post in January 2012. Supported by player-coach Neil Smothers, he proved up to the task and both have continued in the same vein this season.

A former Welsh International, capped 39 times in all, his Football League playing career includes spells at Newport County Luton Town, Charlton Athletic Leeds United, Bradford City, Bristol City, Cardiff City, Merthyr Tydfil, Aberystwyth Town and Cwmbran Town

Congratulations to Mark on his award which will be presented soon by a representative of League sponsors Corbett Sports

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**Player
of the Month**

**The Corbett Sports Welsh Premier League
Player of the Month for November is**

RHYS HEALY of Gap Connah's Quay



Eighteen-year-old Healey, who is being closely watched by a number of high profile clubs, scored a total of five goals in three games during November including a classy first half hat-trick against Llanelli at Stebonheath Park. He also netted against Port Talbot and Newtown.

Manchester-born Rhys Healey started with Nomads under 16's in the 2010/11 season. He is talented striker who can beat defenders with ease and has a great finish. Since joining Nomads, Rhys has gone from strength to strength and in 2011-12, he made his first team debut, played representative football with the North East Wales FA and had trials at Stoke City and Manchester City.

The striker also finished the 2011-12 campaign as top scorer for the Nomads' Championship winning Reserve team and has joined the Nomads

first team squad for their return to the Welsh Premier League.

Healey tweeted that he was "Made up" with the award.

Our congratulations to Rhys on winning this award.

Table

	Home						Away						Pts	G.Diff
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
The New Saints FC	17	5	1	2	15	6	6	1	2	21	7	35	23	
Bangor City	17	6	1	2	26	8	4	2	2	16	13	33	21	
Prestatyn Town	16	6	2	0	23	8	3	2	3	15	18	31	12	
Airbus UK Broughton	16	6	1	2	24	9	3	1	3	19	11	29	23	
Bala Town	17	4	1	3	17	14	2	3	4	8	12	22	-1	
Port Talbot Town	17	4	2	3	19	16	2	2	4	8	16	22	-5	
Gap Connah's Quay	16	4	0	4	17	18	3	0	5	17	21	21	-5	
Carmarthen Town	17	2	4	2	10	10	3	1	5	12	19	20	-7	
Llanelli AFC	17	1	2	5	7	24	4	3	2	12	11	20	-16	
Aberystwyth Town	16	3	2	3	10	14	2	2	4	12	22	19	-14	
Newtown AFC	17	1	3	5	11	23	3	1	4	13	14	16	-13	
Afan Lido FC	17	3	0	5	13	20	1	1	7	17	28	13	-18	

Top Scorers

Surname	Firstname:		League	League Cup	Total
SIMM	Chris	Bangor City	13	0	13
PARKINSON	Andy	Prestatyn Town	11	0	11
THOMAS	Liam	Carmarthen Town	11	4	15
ABBOTT	Steve	Airbus UK Broughton	9	1	10
HEALEY	Rhys	Gap Connahs Quay	9	2	11
PETRIE	Jamie	Gap Connahs Quay	9	0	9
ROSE	Martin	Llanelli AFC	9	1	10
DARLINGTON	Alex	The New Saints FC	8	1	9
FOLLOWS	Jordan	Aberystwyth Town	8	0	8
HUNT	Lee	Bala Town	8	2	10
PRICE	Jason	Prestatyn Town	8	0	8
BROOKS	David	Port Talbot Town	7	0	7
HARTLAND	Chris	Afan Lido FC	7	0	7
JONES	Chris	Bangor City	7	0	7
JONES	Mark	Afan Lido FC	7	4	11
WHITE	Jeff	Port Talbot Town	7	0	7
BUDRYS	Chris	Airbus UK Broughton	6	1	7
EDWARDS	Sion	Bangor City	6	0	6
PARKER	Mike	Prestatyn Town	6	0	6
RILEY	Wayne	Airbus UK Broughton	6	0	6
WILDE	Michael	The New Saints FC	6	0	6

Womens Welsh Premier League

16/12/12

Aberystwyth Town Ladies	0	-
Port Talbot Town Ladies	3	Coryn Sexton 76' Sian Scanell 82' Jesci Hare 86'
Caernarfon Town Womens	0	-
Wrexham Ladies FC	7	Katie Edwards 18' Steph Taylor 35' Syd Hinchcliffe 43' 51' 70' 86' Lindsey Rogers 49'
Caerphilly Castle Ladies	P	Waterlogged pitch
Llanidloes Ladies FC	P	
Cardiff City	3	Rachel Rowe 11' Danielle Broadhurst 89' Amy Wathan 91'+1
Newcastle Emlyn Ladies	0	
Cardiff Metropolitan Ladies	P	Waterlogged pitch
Northop Hall Girls FC	P	
Swansea City Ladies FC	6	Courtney Harris 10'15' Kirsty O'Donnell 17' 83' Emma Jeffreys 70' Sarah Adams 85'
Llandudno Junction Ladies	0	-

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		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
Cardiff City	7	5	0	0	26	2	2	0	0	8	0	21	32
Cardiff Metropolitan	8	4	0	0	25	1	3	0	1	9	2	21	31
Wrexham Ladies FC	7	4	0	0	19	3	2	0	1	17	1	18	32
Port Talbot Town Ladies	9	2	0	0	25	1	2	1	4	14	20	13	18
Swansea City Ladies FC	9	2	1	2	14	10	2	0	2	11	5	13	10
Llanidloes Ladies FC	6	3	0	1	8	8	1	0	1	4	5	12	-1
Newcastle Emlyn Ladies	9	1	0	3	7	10	3	0	2	11	13	12	-5
Llandudno Junction	8	1	0	2	29	10	2	0	3	8	23	9	4
Northop Hall Girls FC	8	1	0	4	9	16	1	0	2	7	11	6	-11
Aberystwyth Town	7	1	0	3	4	11	1	0	2	6	10	6	-11
Caernarfon Town	5	0	0	2	0	12	0	0	3	4	14	0	-22
Caerphilly Castle	5	0	0	2	0	15	0	0	3	0	62	0	-77

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The League Secretary is taking a well-earned Christmas break so I'm making a guest appearance in his absence.

It's probably quite apt therefore; to say publically how really pleasing it has been to see Gwyn settle into his new role so well. He's made a seamless transition from John Deakin's excellent stewardship and into a new and even more exciting era for the National League. One of Gwyn's objectives from the start has been to foster great relationships with all member clubs from Day 1 and it's pleasing to see and hear the club's respond so positively.

Gwyn will certainly be seen at Welsh Premier League grounds over the Festive Season and he is always keen to have a chat and listen to people's views.

There is a great programme over Christmas to look forward to, with matches to be played on the 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 26th and 29th of December in addition to a quartet of matches to kick-off the New Year in style on New Year's Day.

One of those matches will be televised live by S4C and if last year's festive clash between the clubs' is anything to go by; this will be a real Christmas cracker. The corresponding game last year was the last seen at Farrar Road as Bangor brought down the curtain at the stadium with a 5-3 win. Expect the match at the Bookpeople Stadium to be an even closer affair this time around and with likes of Simm, Parkinson and Price all on the field, goals should also be guaranteed to celebrate the welcoming of a New Year.

The Christmas programme is sure to have a significant impact on the final positions before the split. I think that TNS, Bangor City, Prestatyn Town and Airbus UK have already done enough to book their place in the top-half, whilst Afan Lido and Newtown look destined for a place in the Play-Off conference.

That leaves half the League still firmly in the hunt for the final two places in the Championship Conference. Bala Town and Port Talbot Town currently occupy those positions, but Connah's Quay, Carmarthen, Llanelli and Aberystwyth Town are all hot on their heels. The back-to-back Christmas derbies should tell us a lot and those games alone could rule out either of the Carmarthenshire clubs who face each other twice. Bala Town have the most difficult of matches with a TNS double following this weekend's visit of Bangor City. Port Talbot Town's record against their rivals Afan Lido last season was poor, so that will need to be reverted, whilst Carmarthen's change of fortune could now be hampered by suspensions just as they looked likely to sneak into the Top Six Party.

The situation at Llanelli remains a concern for the Reds' fans, but Bob Jeffrey's side pulled off an outstanding result at Bala last weekend, typifying their Jekyll and Hyde season. In their first season in this structure, the Nomads have done excellently and have been there or thereabouts consistently. They face a tough Flintshire double with Airbus on Boxing Day and New Year's Day, as well as this weekend's trip to TNS, a trip to Bala and their rearranged home game against Prestatyn Town, so a very difficult programme for Mark McGregor's men. After all this I can't sit on the fence and based on the remaining fixtures, I am going to suggest Port Talbot and Carmarthen and it could well go down to goal-difference, which may hamper Aberystwyth's ambitions.

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