



Old Gold win in thrilling final

In one of the most thrilling finals for a number of seasons, Carmarthen Town won the newly formatted **theWORD CUP** final on penalties against League Leaders The New Saints at Newtown's Latham Park.

The match swung one way and another throughout the ninety minutes and was the subject of constant messaging on twitter from various members urging people to turn on S4/C to watch. A number of the tweets seemed to come from outside Wales with many complimentary remarks regarding the thrill factor.

Extra time was goalless but full of excitement and the match eventually went to penalties with Old Gold keeper Steve Cann saving TNS' keeper Paul Harrison's effort to clinch it by 3-1.

"Wonderful, Fantastic, Brilliant and Unbelievable" That was Mark Aizlewood's feeling after the match.

"These would be my four adjectives to describe the performance of the players," he said proudly at the end of a pulsating match which finished 3-3 after extra time.

"I'm sure that the Old Gold supporters, who made up the bulk of the crowd at Latham Park, would have many other superlatives to describe our amazing shoot-out win against TNS."

"Along with coach Neil Smothers we work constantly with these players but even now we can still be surprised by the resilience, character and levels of fitness they can achieve. Things like dogged determination and spirit is innate - you are unable to train this into players. But, if you add things such as a game plan, fitness, organisation and tactics which you can train into them, you may be surprised how far you can go."

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RECENT RESULTS....

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Bala Town v Bangor City 2-1

Gap Connah's Quay v Prestatyn Town 3-3

Saturday 12th January

theWord Cup FINAL

at Latham Park, Newtown

Carmarthen Town v The New Saints 3-3

AET Ft 3-3; Carmarthen win 3-1 on penalties

Saturday 12th January LEAGUE

Aberystwyth Town v Airbus UK Broughton 1-0

COMING UP....

Saturday 19th January All 15:45

Afan Lido v Llanelli AFC

Bala Town v GAP Connah's Quay **LIVE S4C**

Bangor City v Port Talbot Town

Carmarthen Town v Newtown AFC

Prestatyn Town v Airbus UK Broughton

The New Saints v Aberystwyth Town



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WOMENS WELSH PREMIER LEAGUE

RESULTS

Sunday 13th January

Llanidloes Ladies v Llandudno Junction Ladies	0-1
Newcastle Emlyn Ladies v Caerphilly Castle Ladies & Girls	36-0
Northop Hall Girls v Cardiff City FC Ladies	0-7
Port Talbot Town Ladies v Cardiff Metropolitan Ladies	1-4
Swansea City Ladies v Caernarfon Town Women's FC	4-2
Wrexham Ladies v Aberystwyth Town Ladies	4-1

COMING UP

Sunday 20th January

Aberystwyth Town Ladies v Wrexham Ladies
Caernarfon Town Women's FC v Swansea City Ladies
Caerphilly Castle Ladies & Girls v Newcastle Emlyn Ladies
Cardiff City FC Ladies v Northop Hall Girls
Cardiff Metropolitan Ladies v Port Tabot Town Ladies
Llandudno Junction Ladies v Llanidloes Ladies

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THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES

Tuesday 15th January

Airbus UK Broughton v Afan Lido FC **19:30**

LAST SIX SEASONS						
13/11/11	3	1	Eddie Hope 3' Gavin Cadwallader 12' Mike Hayes 53'	Carl Evans 90'		218
10/03/12	1	1	Mark Cadwallader 42'	Liam Hancock 9'		210
ALL-TIME RECORDS						
Home wins	1	Away wins	1	Draws	1	Goal aggregate 4 – 6
CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches)						
	Home Team		DWWWD		Away Team	
					LLLLWL	

Saturday 19th January

Afan Lido FC v Llanelli AFC **15:45**

LAST SIX SEASONS						
21/10/11	0	0	-	-	-	456
Afan Lido FC's first season since 2006						
ALL-TIME RECORDS						
Home wins	4	Away wins	1	Draws	5	Goal aggregate 14 – 11
CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches)						
	Home Team		LLLWDL		Away Team	
					DWLDWL	

Bala Town v Gap Connah's Quay **15:45**

LAST SIX SEASONS						
05/04/10	2	2	Ross Jefferies 11' Ben Alston 64'(og) Mike Hayes 62' Sam McNutt 70'			252
Connah's Quay's first season back since 2010						
ALL-TIME RECORDS						
Home wins	0	Away wins	0	Draws	1	Goal aggregate 2 – 2
CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches)						
	Home Team		WWLWDW		Away Team	
					LWLLLD	

Bangor City v Port Talbot Town **15:45**

LAST SIX SEASONS						
10/03/07	0	0	-	-	-	371
23/02/08	0	0	-	-	-	310
12/10/08	4	2	Chris Seargeant 48'69' Les Davies 9' Chris Sharp 75'	Drew Fahiya 45' Matthew Rees 77'		502
03/04/10	1	1	Mark Smyth 43'	Llod Grist 50'		407
04/12/10	8	1	Jamie Reed 11' 14' 74' 87' 89' Peter Hoy 71' 75' Craig Garside 34'	Lloyd Grist 67'		613
25/03/11	2	2	Alan Bull 20' Darren Moss 50'	Luke Bowen 44' Lloyd Grist 90'		579
08/10/11	3	1	Craig Garside 14' Mark Smyth 51' Les Davies 90'+4	Cortez Belle 61'		516
ALL-TIME RECORDS						
Home wins	7	Away wins	2	Draws	4	Goal aggregate 34 – 19
CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches)						
	Home Team		LWWLDD		Away Team	
					LLWLLW	

Carmarthen Town v Newtown AFC

15:45

LAST SIX SEASONS					
16/12/06	2	0	Kaid Mohamed 55' Danny Thomas 67'	-	241
19/01/08	2	1	Gregg Coombes 42' Danny Thomas 62'	Craig Moses 12'	333
18/04/09	0	0	-	-	301
27/03/10	1	2	Nicky Palmer 49'	Callum Wright 16' 18'	314
11/12/10	1	1	Tim Hicks 90'	Craig Whitfield 75'	306
16/04/11	2	1	Tim Hicks 59' Nicky Palmer 60'	Sam Bailey 90'+3	243
13/08/11	0	1	-	Robbie Millington 11'	315
17/03/12	3	2	Paul Fowler 11' 86' Dan MacDonald 75'	Luke Boundford 31' 71'	217

ALL-TIME RECORDS							
Home wins	9	Away wins	6	Draws	3	Goal aggregate	33 – 26
CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches)		Home Team	LWDDWW	Away Team	WLLLWW		

Prestatyn Town v Airbus UK Broughton

15:45

LAST SIX SEASONS					
15/08/08	2	1	Ian Griffiths 31' 58'	Jon Slater 90'	480
25/09/09	2	2	Steve Rogers 64' Paul O'Neill 75'	Giovanni Feliciello 8' Paul McManus 38'	359
10/10/10	1	1	Steve Rogers 71'	Paul McManus 90'	279
19/08/11	2	2	Michael Parker 69' Neil Gibson 90'(p)	Gavin Cadwallader 29' Mike Hayes 46'	246

ALL-TIME RECORDS							
Home wins	1	Away wins	0	Draws	3	Goal aggregate	7 – 6
CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches)		Home Team	WDWWLW	Away Team	WLLWLL		

The New Saints v Aberystwyth Town

15:45

LAST SIX SEASONS					
13/10/06	4	1	Alfie Carter 25' 90' Scott Ruscoe 17' Nicky Ward 41'	Andy Evans 34'	342
22/12/07	1	0	Jamie Wood 37'	-	256
14/03/09	1	1	John Leah 45'(p)	Graham Evans 70'(p)	287
11/12/09	4	0	Craig Jones 49' 90' Craig Williams 52' 82'	-	311
10/10/10	5	0	Richie Partridge 28' 41' 58' Alex Darlington 15' Matt Berkeley 77'	-	348

ALL-TIME RECORDS							
Home wins	16	Away wins	1	Draws	2	Goal aggregate	48 – 12
CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches)		Home Team	WLWLWW	Away Team	DLWDDL		

MATCH OFFICIALS

15/01/13

Airbus UK Broton	Afan Lido FC	B James	D Adie	D Fawkes	N Pratt
19/01/13					
Afan Lido FC	Llanelli AFC	K J Parry	G W Jones	M W Roberts	K Hames
Bala Town	Gap Connah's Quay	B M-Jones	W Tregonning	S M Williams	M Farrington
Bangor City	Port Talbot Town	A P Harms	M L Gray	G E Vaughan	S L Evans
Carmarthen Tn	Newtown AFC	K I Morgan	A G Boore	R John	B J James
Prestatyn Town	Airbus UK Broughton	M S Whitby	I D Bird	D J Boyle	R Harrington
The New Saints	Aberystwyth Town	D John	D M Beckett	E J King	H Jones

SUSPENSIONS

John Irving	Bala Town	3 matches	from 06/01/13
Sion Edwards	Bangor City	1 match	from 06/01/13

New Signings

Airbus UK Broughton have signed midfielder **Luke McCarthy** from League One outfit Bury. The 19-year-old, who previously played for Manchester City as a youth, made his debut for the Shakers on the final day of the club 2010/11 season coming on as a substitute against Stevenage Borough.

He signed a new 12-month contract with Bury in June 2011 and, in November, joined Conference National side Grimsby Town on an initial one month loan, making five appearances.

In May 2012 he was offered a new contract by Bury but has now been released.

Also arriving at the Hollingsworth Group Stadium is **Reynaldo Carbon**, a wingman from Evo Stik Southern League outfit Northwood FC. Carbon has also played for the Metropolitan Police.

International clearance is awaited for both of the new signings.

Goalkeeper **Ben Chapman** has returned to English side Leek Town following the signing of Liverpool U21 'keeper Jamie Stephens on loan.

Bangor City have released striker **Alan Bull** on loan to Buckley Town. Bull has been on the bench mostly this season and manager Nev Powell said:

"It's certainly not the end for Alan at Bangor City," City boss Nev Powell says. "It's just he hasn't been playing regularly for us and needs games and our reserves haven't been playing too often either, so that's meant less opportunities for some of our players to get minutes on the pitch."

Nev Powell has completed the signing of Llanelli defender **Kris Thomas** who had his contract terminated by Llanelli today.

The former Wales Semi-Pro International links up with the League's second-placed club after a two-and-a-half year spell with the Reds, which was his third stint at Llanelli.

Previously, Thomas rejoined Llanelli in the 2009/10 close season from Carmarthen Town. The defender had re-signed for the Old Gold in January 2009, just under six months after leaving the club for Forest Green Rovers.

He will be hoping that Bangor become the third club that he plays for in Europe, having signed an 18-month contract at the BookPeople Stadium.

The former Cwmbran and Merthyr Tydfil player has previously represented Llanelli and Carmarthen in Europe and he scored an outstanding goal in the Intertoto Cup for Carmarthen Town at Newtown against Tampere of Finland.

After a tremendous 2006/07 season with the Old Gold, he was selected for the Wales Semi Professional Squad in 2007 in the Tournament in Inverness and played in the matches against Scotland (sub) and Ireland and he was again selected in 2008 and won five caps in total. He is also a former Welsh Under-18 international and was a Welsh Cup Winner in 2006/07 for the Old Gold and for Llanelli in 2010/11.

Also joining Bangor is midfielder **Jamie McDaid** from Holyhead Hotspurs. The teenager is also an ex-Caernarfon and Porthmadog playmaker, who played for Wales Under 18's last season. City last week confirmed the signing of striker **Robbie Booth** from Chester.

Afan Lido have signed experienced goalkeeper, Kristian Rogers, whilst Chris Curtis who has played in all of Lido's League matches this season, has left to join Welsh League side Goytre United.



Rogers arrives from Conwy Borough, for whom he made one appearance, against Welsh Premier League side TNS in the Welsh Cup. In that game Rogers was outstanding for the Musselmen.

The ex-Wrexham stopper was present at the Steeltown derby over Christmas when Port Talbot beat Lido at the GenQuip Stadium and he had already agreed to join the League's bottom club when the window re-opened.

Ironically Rogers will make his Lido debut against one of his former clubs when his new side travels to the Airfield next Tuesday evening for a re-arranged League clash.

Rogers, 32, who is based in Cardiff will wear the number 1 shirt vacated by Curtis and lists Conwy Borough, Wrexham, Sheffield United, Worksop, Northwich Victoria, Airbus UK and Port Talbot Town as his former clubs.

Forgotten man Jones returns to Lido

One of the Welsh Premier League's forgotten faces Craig Jones has re-signed for Afan Lido after an injury-plagued spell at Steeltown rivals, Afan Lido.

Jones is a former Wales Semi-Pro International who was once rated as one of the Welsh Premier League's brightest talents. Having come through the junior ranks at Swansea City, he joined his local side Afan Lido as a teenage striker. The Lido management then converted the Neath-born youngster into an attacking right wing-back and he was instrumental in that role as Lido, then of the Welsh Football League, went all the way to the Welsh Cup Final in May 2007. They lost that day to Carmarthen Town, whose Manager Mark Jones then described him as the 'new Mark Delaney'.

His form that season prompted a move to Llanelli AFC who were full-time and it was under this professional environment in the 2007-08 season, which saw Jones flourish.

After less than three months in the top-flight, he was picked for the Wales U23 Semi Professional side that lost 4-2 to Italy in November 2007. Craig started the game at right-wing back to win his first International Cap and he was also named in the squad for the England fixture in February 2008, but withdrew with injury. He played in the 4 Nations Tournament in North Wales in May 2008 for the full Semi Pro side and it was at this competition, where many Football League scouts were casting their eye over the then Llanelli starlet.

He was again in the International Challenge Trophy Squad for the November 2008 fixture at Llanelli against Finland, but then injury began to hamper his development. He made just 14 starts in the next two seasons with the Reds, before he was released to join Port Talbot where Mark Jones was quick to sign him in June 2010.

He didn't feature for the Steelmen in their first Europa League campaign because of injury and only made 11 League starts in his 30 months at the club, as well as 13 appearances from the bench and failed to register a goal.

Two WPWL players selected for Greek match

Two players from the Welsh Premier Women's League have been called up by Wales team manager Jarmo Matikainen for next week's Friendly International versus Greece.

The players both come from Cardiff City FC, whilst there are also two Swansea City Ladies and another Cardiff City star named on stand-by.

The players to make the squad are five-times capped defender Lauren Price and uncapped striker Catherine Walsh. Price, who is also a Welsh International Boxer and 18-year old Walsh will both be hopeful of gaining some game-time. Former Port Talbot forward Walsh has been prolific in the Welsh Premier Women's League this term for the Bluebirds.

Two other players will be added to the squad before they depart and Swansea duo Sarah Adams and Jodie Passmore, as well as Cardiff's Rachel Rowe, will all be hoping to make the flight.

The squad assembles on Saturday at Bisham Abbey before flying out to Athens that evening. The match will be played at 1.30pm (local) on Wednesday before an evening flight home.

Women's Senior Team Squad

International Friendly Match Greece v Wales Athens, 12th– 15th January 2013

Rhian NOKES (Cardiff City Ladies)

Helen WARD (Chelsea)

Nicola DAVIES (unattached)

Megan WYNNE (Watford)

Alice EVANS (Cardiff City Ladies)

Catherine WALSH (Cardiff City FC)

Loren DYKES (Bristol Academy)

Jodie BOTTERIL (Lewes)

Lauren PRICE (Cardiff City FC)

Nicola COUSINS (Cardiff City Ladies FC)

On stand-by (not to travel at present)

Kylie DAVIES (Chelsea)

Erin VAUGHN (Aston Villa)

Nia JONES (Cardiff City Ladies)

Kayleigh GREEN (Cardiff City Ladies FC)

Jessica FISHLOCK (Bristol Academy)

Lauren TOWNSEND (Cardiff City Ladies FC)

Rachel HIGNETT (Bristol Academy)

Tia RICHARDSON (Cardiff City Ladies FC)

Angharad JAMES (Bristol Academy)

Hannah KERYAKOPLIS (Liverpool)

Josie GREEN (Watford)

Rachel ROWE (Cardiff City FC)

Hayley LADD (Coventry)

Ellie CURSON (Bristol Academy)

Natasha HARDING (Bristol Academy)

Jodie PASSMORE (Swansea City Ladies)

Sarah WILTSHIRE (Watford)

Sarah ADAMS (Swansea City Ladies)

Nadia LAWRENCE (Cardiff City Ladies)

Cup fever hits Newtown



Word Cup fever hit Newtown on Thursday as players from both TNS and Carmarthen Town visited local school Ysgol Penygloddfa.

Latham Park in Newtown will host Saturday's Final at 3:00pm and the new Trophy was taken to the local school by League Secretary Gwyn Derfel, who also handed out tickets to the local school children. Representing the Saints was midfielder Scott Ruscoe, who won the old League Cup five times as well as the club Mascot Spot the Dog. Carmarthen Town's teenage defender Iestyn Evans, Chairman Neil Alexander and club secretary Gareth Jones were in attendance.

Ruscoe believes 'The New Saints will have to play really well to win the Word Cup for the first time; while Evans who's only 17 years old and playing his first senior final 'takes heart and confidence from the fact that Carmarthen are unbeaten in two meeting with the Saints so far this season'.

The build up to Saturday's Final, which is live on S4/C's Sgorio programme, continued on Saturday when Wales Team Manager Chris Coleman took a Question and Answer session at Latham Park before the kick-off

WOMENS WELSH PREMIER LEAGUE

TABLE

	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Home</i>				<i>Away</i>					<i>Pts</i>	<i>G.Diff</i>
			<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>A</i>		
Cardiff City	8	5	0	0	26	2	3	0	0	15	0	24	39
Cardiff Metropolitan	9	4	0	0	25	1	4	0	1	13	3	24	34
Wrexham Ladies FC	8	5	0	0	23	4	2	0	1	17	1	21	35
Swansea City Ladies FC	10	3	1	2	18	12	2	0	2	11	5	16	12
Newcastle Emlyn Ladies	10	2	0	3	43	10	3	0	2	11	13	15	31
Port Talbot Town Ladies	10	2	0	1	26	5	2	1	4	14	20	13	15
Llandudno Junction	9	1	0	2	29	10	3	0	3	9	23	12	5
Llanidloes Ladies FC	7	3	0	2	8	9	1	0	1	4	5	12	-2
Aberystwyth Town	8	1	0	3	4	11	1	0	3	7	14	6	-14
Northop Hall Girls FC	9	1	0	5	9	23	1	0	2	7	11	6	-18
Caernarfon Town	6	0	0	2	0	12	0	0	4	6	18	0	-24
Caerphilly Castle	6	0	0	2	0	15	0	0	4	0	98	0	-113

SCORECARD

Friday 11th January

Bala Town 2 **Kenny Lunt 32' Mark Jones 73'**
Bangor City 1 **Dave Morley 14'**

Bala Town

1. Ashley Morris, 17. Stephen Brown, 4. Stuart Jones, 16. Tony Davies, 3. Ben Collins, 6. Conall Murtagh, 7. Mark Connolly (12. Michael Thompson 70'), 8. Mark Jones, 20. Kenny Lunt, 18. Lewis Codling (11. Steffan Edwards 90'+5), 10. Ian Sheridan (22. Ryan Wyn Jones 86')

Subs not used: 15. Ross Jefferies, 9. Lee Hunt

Red Cards: None

Yellow Cards: S.Jones 21' M.Jones 39' Lunt 83' Codling 90'+1

Attendance: 507 **Referee:** Kevin Morgan

Bangor City

1. Lee Idzi, 9. Les Davies, 19. Damian Allen, 5. James Brewerton, 18. Liam Brownhill, 20. Ryan Edwards (8. Robbie Booth 64'), 6. Michael Johnston, 7. Chris Jones (16. Mark Smyth 64'), 4. Dave Morley, 3. Chris Roberts (17. John Owen 87'), 10. Chris Simm

Subs not used: 2. Peter Hoy

Red Cards: None

Yellow Cards: Morley 18' Simm 63' Johnson 85' Brownhill 90'+3 Booth 90'+3

Gap Connahs Quay 3 **Rhys Healy 14' 90'+12 Chris Rowntree 58'**
Prestatyn Town 3 **Anthony Stephens 19' Andy Parkinson 22' 90'+2**

Gap Connahs Quay

1. John Rushton, 31. John Hardiker, 19. Jamie Wynne, 4. Mark McGregor, 12. Chris Rowntree, 16. Danny Dobbins, 7. Jamie Petrie, 8. Daniel Forde, 14. Rhys Healy, 10. Ricky Evans, 23. Ryan Edwards (11. Robert Jones 46')

Subs not used: 30. Lee Davey, 13. Callum Hawthorne (gk), 5. Michael Robinson, 20. Dean Canning

Red Cards: Forde 26'

Yellow Cards: Wynne 37' Hardiker 61' Rowntree 90'+8

Attendance: 316 **Referee:** Lee Evans

Match delayed for 20mins due to injury to Jon Hill-Dunt; Gibson went in goal

Prestatyn Town

25. Jonathan Hill-Dunt (14. Adam France 79'), 2. Chris Davies, 23. Greg Stones, 4. Dave Hayes, 7. Michael Parker, 8. Neil Gibson, 11. Ross Stephens, 9. Andy Parkinson, 10. Jason Price, 22. Anthony Stephens, 12. Dan Evans

Subs not used: 20. Rhys Owen, 17. Carl Murray, 21. Rhys Lewis, 16. Tom Kemp

Red Cards: None

Yellow Cards: Parker 19' Davies 90'+7

Saturday 12th January

Aberystwyth Town 1 **Mark Jones 71'**
Airbus UK Broughton 0 -

Aberystwyth Town

1. Mike Lewis, 5. Stuart Jones, 2. Sion James, 6. Wyn Thomas, 11. Cledan Davies, 17. Bari Morgan, 4. Matty Collins, 10. Michael Walsh, 15. Declan Carroll, 22. Mark Jones, 9. Jordan Follows (12. Gavin Cadwallader 90'+2)

Subs not used: 19. Rhyddian Davies, 16. Glyndwr Hughes, 29. Christy Gale, 18. Liam James

Red Cards: None

Yellow Cards: James 54' Morgan 68' Thomas 77'

Attendance: 236 **Referee:** Mark Whitby

Airbus UK Broughton

1. Jamie Stephens, 7. Glenn Rule, 15. Sam Hart, 5. Ian Kearney, 8. Kyle Armstrong, 4. Michael Roddy, 29. Steve Abbott, 14. Wayne Riley (16. Tommy Holmes 86'), 9. Chris Budrys, 10. Ryan Wade, 18. Jordan Johnson (11. Luke McCarthy 73')

Subs not used: 3. Jack Lewis, 27. Reynaldo Carbon, 32. Max Jenks-Gilbert, 22. Aaron Morrison (gk)

Red Cards: None

Yellow Cards: Roddy 29'

Saturday 12th January

theWORD CUP FINAL

Carmarthen Town 3 **Craig Hughes 41' Corey Thomas 59' 66'**
The New Saints FC 3 **Steve Evans 6' Sam Finley 58' Mike Wilde 83'**

Carmarthen Town

1. Steven Cann, 3. Ian Hillier, 24. Craig Hanford, 5. Matthew Rees, 4. Tim Hicks, 26. Luke Cummings, 8. Paul Fowler (2. Corey Thomas 22'), 16. Nicky Palmer, 36. Casey Thomas (7. Jonathan Hood 108'), 18. Liam Thomas, 9. Craig Hughes (30. Christian Doidge 81')

Subs not used: 15. Neil Smothers, 23. Julian Alsop, 21. Iestyn Evans, 22. Sam Wilson

Red Cards: None

Yellow Cards: Ca.Thomas 33' Hicks 45'+2 Hillier 45'+2 Hanford 90' Co.Thomas 91'

Attendance: 455 **Referee:** Nick Pratt

After extra time; Full Time 3-3; Played at Latham Park, Newtown; Carmarthen win 3-1 on penalties

Shhotout Carmarthen: Hicks, saved, 0-0

Carmarthen: Corey Thomas, scored, 1-0

Carmarthen: Liam Thomas, scored, 2-1

Carmarthen: Hanford, scored, 3-1

The New Saints FC

1. Paul Harrison, 2. Simon Spender (19. Chris Jones 70'), 3. Chris Marriott, 16. Connell Rawlinson, 5. Steve Evans, 12. Christian Seargeant, 17. Sam Finley (11. Ryan Fraughan 82'), 23. Aeron Edwards, 6. Kai Edwards, 9. Greg Draper (20. Alex Darlington 72'), 18. Mike Wilde

Subs not used: 4. Phil Baker, 7. Scott Ruscoe

Red Cards: None

Yellow Cards: Finley 45'+2 Wilde 108'

TNS: Fraughan, missed, 0-0

TNS: Darlington, scored, 1-1

TNS: Seargeant, missed, 2-1

TNS: Harrison, saved, 3-1

Table

	Home						Away						Pts	G.Diff
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
The New Saints FC	21	7	1	2	21	7	6	3	2	24	10	43	28	
Prestatyn Town	21	7	2	1	29	14	3	4	4	22	28	36	9	
Bangor City	21	6	2	2	29	11	4	3	4	20	21	35	17	
Airbus UK Broughton	20	6	2	2	26	11	4	1	5	24	18	33	21	
Port Talbot Town	21	6	2	3	27	18	3	2	5	11	17	31	3	
Gap Connah's Quay	21	5	2	4	25	23	3	1	6	20	28	27	-6	
Carmarthen Town	21	4	4	2	12	10	3	2	6	15	24	27	-7	
Bala Town	21	5	2	3	21	17	2	3	6	9	15	26	-2	
Newtown AFC	21	2	4	5	15	25	5	1	4	20	16	26	-6	
Aberystwyth Town	21	5	2	4	15	17	2	3	5	13	25	26	-14	
Llanelli AFC	21	2	3	6	15	32	4	3	3	12	12	24	-17	
Afan Lido FC	20	3	1	6	13	23	1	1	8	18	34	14	-26	

Top Scorers

Surname	Firstname:	League	League Cup	Total	
PARKINSON	Andy	Prestatyn Town	16	0	16
SIMM	Chris	Bangor City	15	0	15
JONES	Mark	Aberystwyth Town	13	4	17
8 League & 4 theWord Cup for Afan Lido FC					
THOMAS	Liam	Carmarthen Town	13	4	17
HEALEY	Rhys	Gap Connahs Quay	12	2	14
BROOKS	David	Port Talbot Town	11	0	11
PETRIE	Jamie	Gap Connahs Quay	11	0	11
PRICE	Jason	Prestatyn Town	11	0	11
ROSE	Martin	Llanelli AFC	11	1	12
WILDE	Michael	The New Saints FC	11	1	12

WOMENS WELSH PREMIER LEAGUE

Sunday 13th January

Llanidloes Ladies FC	0	-
Llandudno Junction Ladies	1	Aimee Todd 66'
Newcastle Emlyn Ladies	36	Stacey John 5'15' Sophie Jones 9'20'24'26'34'36'43'47' 67' Carrie Slack 12'31'32' Marie Tilley 14'22'29'33'59'63' Caroline Cooper 19' Kirsty Fisher 25'45'83' Bethan Davies 48'51'54'55'58'61'62'68'70'87' Carys Davies 80'82'
Caerphilly Castle Ladies	0	-
Northop Hall Girls FC	0	-
Cardiff City	7	Amy Wathan 7' 12' 21' 42' Hattie Powell 26' 44' Jordan Guard 75'
Port Talbot Town Ladies	1	Sophie Dando 13'(og)
Cardiff Metropolitan Ladies	4	Jazz Thomas 7' 21' Robyn Pinder 26' Chloe Tucker 37'
Swansea City Ladies FC	4	Sara Llewelyn 8' Kirsty O'Donnell 36' Jodie Passmore 51' Hannah Lewis 81'
Caernarfon Town Womens	2	Hannah Jones 19' Katie Williams 28'
Wrexham Ladies FC	4	Lowri Edwards 9' Lindsey Rodgers 21' Chloe Foster 29' Jade Davies 45'
Aberystwyth Town Ladies	1	Amy Jenkins 88'

Aizlewood's comments – from page one

“The football public should not underestimate the enormity of what the players did last Saturday. For instance, with TNS being a full time professional club, they were able to work on their game plan for seven consecutive days before the final. We had just two hours on Wednesday evening.”

Looking back at the game Aizlewood admitted that his team “had a sloppy start by conceding an early goal,” adding: “This would have put many teams on the back foot. It is commonly known that once TNS get a lead they are unlikely to give it up easily.”

“Then, in the twenty-second minute, I was faced with the dilemma that Paul Fowler was feeling unwell. This was clearly due to an illness which had not been evident in the build up to the game or at training. After a discussion with Neil, we made the change, and put on Corey Thomas as a substitute. He subsequently went on to score two goals which completely changed the game. This was a risky decision but one which had to be made.”

“After conceding that early goal, we fought our way back into the game twice coming from behind. We were leading with five minutes to go only to concede a third goal to take the game into extra time. At this point I am sure the odds would have been on TNS to take control. However, I knew the strength of character that we have within our squad and was confident of winning in extra time: which we so very nearly did when a Casey Thomas shot went agonisingly just wide of an upright. So the game went to penalties. I instructed the players not to be clever and, if you miss, make sure the goalkeeper has to save it.”

“I would like to finish at this point with the first four words Wonderful, Fantastic, Brilliant, Unbelievable, which is how it feels to bring a trophy back to Richmond Park for the band of fantastic volunteers which run the club and for all of those loyal supporters of the Old Gold.”

MATCH STATS by Chris Harte

12/01/13	Carmarthen Town		TNS	
Red Cards	Nil		Nil	
Yellow Cards	5 : Casey Thomas (34) foul Hicks (45+2) dissent Hillier (45+2) foul Hanford (89) foul Corey Thomas (92) foul		2: Finley (45+2) dissent Wilde (108) foul	
Corners	Total : 4		Total : 10	
	Left	Right	Left	Right
		(8) (11) (29) (36)	(21) (98) (99) (117)	(45+3) (58) (72) (84) (90+3) (118)
Fouls Committed	10: (6) (16) (30) (34) (45+2) (62) (86) (89) (92) (97)		13 : (1) (2) (3) (13) (37) (45) (45+1) (47) (81) (87) (90) (108) (111)	
Shots OFF target	9 : Rees (8) Hughes (22, 27,69) Casey Thomas (46) Cummings (70) Corey Thomas (100) Hood (116, 120+2)		14: Marriott (5) Wilde(6,28,49, 75, 88, 101, 111) Finley (15, 18) Seargeant (54, 118) Rawlinson (104) Edwards (105)	
Shots ON target	5: Hughes (42 goal, 68) Corey Thomas (60 goal, 67 goal) Doidge (96)		5 : Evans (7 goal) Seargeant (12) Finley (58 goal) Jones (84) Wilde (85 goal)	
Offside	1: (107) left wing		6: (25, 118) centre field (30, 61) left channel (73, 83) right channel	
Hit Woodwork	1 : Rees (8)		3: Evans (7) Wilde (28) Finley (58)	

The Last Word

from Gwyn Derfel

I have to start by congratulating Carmarthen Town for winning the first ever Word Cup Final at Newtown on Saturday. The New Saints deserve much credit for a close and exciting game which was ultimately won and lost on penalties.

The game itself was obviously pleasing as was the presence of Chris Coleman and fans from the North East, the South West, Mid Wales and Newport. Unfortunately for the fans of the Exiles, their former favourite Julian Alsop didn't step off the bench but celebrated joyfully with the other members of the 'Old Gold' squad.

So the first cup of the season is safely in the Carmarthen cabinet and next Saturday will be an equally important day for them and the other four clubs still fighting for the coveted sixth position in the Corbett Sports Welsh Premier League.

The S4/C live game will come from Maes Tegid as Gap Connah's Quay command the final top half place at present – but regular updates will be provided from Richmond Park as Newtown will also be attempting to keep their top six aspirations alive.

I wish all the clubs involved the very best of luck and hope that the drama of the Word Cup Final last weekend is replicated this coming Saturday.

Y GAIR OLAF

gan Gwyn Derfel

Llongyfarchiadau mawr i Gaerfyrddin ar eu llwyddiant yng Nghwpan Word dros y Sul. Rhaid canmol a chydymdeimlo gyda'r Seintiau am eu cyfraniad nhw i'r achlysur, benderfynwyd ar giciau o'r smotyn yn y pendraw wrth gwrs.

Braf oedd gweld Chris Coleman ym Mharc Latham – felly hefyd gefnogwyr o bob lliw a llun – gan gynnwys rhyw 30 o Gasnewydd ddaeth i wyllo eu cyn ffefryn Julian Alsop yn cynhesu'r fainc drwy gydol yr ornest! Ta waeth fe ddathlodd y blaenwr mawr y fuddugoliaeth yn frwdfrydig gyda gweddill y garfan wedi'r chwiban olaf.

Felly mae cwpan cynta'r tymor yn ddiogel ym meddiant Caerfyrddin – ond mae'r Sadwrn nesaf yma'n hynod bwysig i'r clwb hefyd – gan fod yr 'Hen Aur' a phedwar clwb arall yn dal i frwydro am y chweched safle gwerthfawr yn Uwch Gynghrair Cymru – Corbett Sports.

Bydd camerau S4/C yn darlledu'n fyw o Faes Tegid ddydd Sadwrn – gan mai Gap Cei Connah sy'n hawlio'r chweched safle cyn y gêm olaf o'r rhan yma o'r tymor – ond bydd y newyddion diweddaraf o Barc Waun Dew yn cael ei ddarlledu hefyd wrth i Gaerfyrddin a'r Drenewydd geisio manteisio ar eu cyfleoedd nhw.

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