

Aber's Mark Jones off to Oz this weekend



Aberystwyth top scorer Mark Jones has been given permission by the club to fly to Australia this weekend to spend the summer months playing for Moreland City FC who play in Victoria State Division 2.

The former Afan Lido captain who has scored 18 goals in the Corbett Sports WPL this season told the Official WPL website:

"I'm off on Sunday and I can't wait to get over there. I will be back playing for Aber late September and I must thank the club for allowing me to be released from my contract.

"It is a great opportunity for me and I'm really looking forward to it."

Nomads secure play-off place

The Nomads secured their Europa League Play Off place despite losing to a late Mark Connolly header which secured Bala's 10th consecutive League victory.

Back in February, Mark McGregor's boys thought that they'd secured a place in the Play Offs when they beat Bala 6-3 before they were deducted a point for fielding an ineligible player, which consigned them to the Play Off Conference for the second part of the season.

However in a largely uneventful affair on Saturday afternoon the Nomads defended bravely before conceding the only goal of the game with 30 seconds remaining. Both sides will have to do it all again next weekend as they meet at Maes Tegid with a Semi Final Play Off place at stake.

Wilde wins Golden Boot

Michael Wilde is the Corbett Sports Welsh Premier League's top scorer this season.

Since his return to Park Hall from Chester City he has netted 25 League goals for the Champions which contributed greatly to The New Saints' campaign to retain their title.

Congratulations Mike

RECENT RESULTS....

Tuesday 23rd April

Play-off Conference

Bala Town v Aberystwyth Town 1-0

Saturday 27th April

Championship Conference

Bangor City v The New Saints 1-4

Prestatyn Town v Carmarthen Town 2-1

Port Talbot Town v Airbus UK Broughton 1-0

Play-off Conference

Bala Town v Gap Connah's Quay 1-0

Newtown AFC v Afan Lido FC 0-1

COMING UP....

Saturday May 4th

Europa League Play-offs – Qualifying Round

Bala Town v Gap Connah's Quay 14:30

Monday May 6th

FAW WELSH CUP FINAL

Bangor City v Prestatyn Town 15:00

At the Racecourse Ground, Wrexham

WOMENS WELSH PREMIER LEAGUE

RESULTS

28th April

Cardiff Metropolitan v Caernarfon Town 6-0

Swansea City v Newcastle Emlyn 1-1

Wrexham v Cardiff City 0-2

Llandudno Junction v Llanidloes 0-2

COMING UP

1st May Wrexham v Northop Hall

Newcastle Emlyn v Caernarfon Town

5th May Cardiff City v Wrexham

Cardiff Metropolitan v Port Talbot Town

Llanidloes v Aberystwyth Town

Newcastle Emlyn v Caernarfon Town

12th May Aberystwyth Town v Cardiff Metropolitan

Caernarfon Town v Cardiff City

Llanidloes v Wrexham

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THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES

First Phase match data is shown in red; 2nd Phase in green

Saturday 4th May

EUROPA LEAGUE PLAY-OFF Qualifying Round

Bala Town v Gap Connah's Quay

14:30

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| 05/04/10 | 2 | 2 | Ross Jefferies 11' Ben Alston 64'(og) | Mike Hayes 62' Sam McNutt 70' | 252 |
| 02/02/13 | 3 | 6 | Lewis Codling 24' Lee Hunt 71'(p) Stuart Jones 90'+2 | Ben Collins 18'(og) Ryan Edwards 41' Mike Hayes 48' 63' 69' 82' | 209 |
| 27/04/13 | 1 | 0 | Mark Connolly 89' | - | 177 |

Home wins 1 Away wins 1 Draws 1 Goal aggregate 6 – 8

CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches) Home Team LWWWWW Away Team WWLLDL

MATCH OFFICIALS

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|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| <u>23/04/13</u> | Europa League Qualifying Round | | | | |
| Bala Town | Gap Connah's Quay | TBC | TBC | TBC | TBC |

EUROPA LEAGUE PLAYOFF CONFERENCE DATES:

| | | |
|------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Qualifying Round | 04/05/13 | Bala v Gap Connah's Quay |
| Semi-Finals | 11/05/13 | TBC |
| Final | 18/05/13 | TBC |

Monday 6th May

FAW WELSH CUP FINAL PRESTATYN TOWN

v

BANGOR CITY

At the Racecourse Ground, Wrexham

Kick-off 15:00

Referee: Kevin Morgan
Assistants: Phil Roszkowski (Wrexham) and Gwyn Vaughan (Abergele)
4th official: Richard Harrington (Aberdare)



An incredible history that all in Wales should be proud of

Andrew Howard, Head of Competitions



Next Monday we celebrate the 126th FAW Welsh Cup Final. This is the third oldest national cup competition in the world. Yes the world!

Only the FA Cup (1871) and the Scottish Cup (1873) are older than what Prestatyn Town and Bangor City are competing for today. It was way back in 1877/88 that Wrexham beat the Druids to claim the first title, but regrettably for the winning captain that day, there was no trophy to lift. Were local bragging rights simply enough back then? Author Phil Stead clarifies the trophy's beginnings in his book; *'The Red Dragons: The Story of Welsh Football'*.

"The first Welsh Cup competition was played without a trophy. Donations were requested and the names of the rich gentlemen who donated were published weekly on the front page of the Wrexham Guardian. By 1877, a trophy was commissioned from a London silversmith, J.W. Benson, of Old Bond Street, London. This is the trophy that is still used today, and is recognised as the second oldest football trophy in the world, after the Scottish Cup. On the top of the trophy you can see the arms of Ruabon. The trophy has two metal plates which were intended as inscription beds for the

winners in 1877 and 1878, as the silversmith could have had no idea that the trophy would still be played for over 130 years later."

It is for these historical reasons that in my opinion, the Welsh Cup final should be the highlight of the Welsh footballing calendar. It saddens me to think that increasingly history matters for little in the global and commercial world of football that we now live in. Indeed, when Swansea City won the Capital One Cup this season, journalists chose to discard their previous successes in this competition by claiming that it was the Swans' first ever cup success. The Premier League and the Champions League are new products that are instantly recognisable throughout the world. They are products that are more recognisable and cherished than even than the oldest cup competition in the world. The FA Cup now lives in these shadows and that is emphasised by the 5:15 kick-off time next week, which severely restricts the return transport of the fans attending from the north, but clearly more importantly, the match doesn't clash with the Premier League matches that day.

I revert back to Stead's book and specifically back to that first final in 1877 as today owes a lot to the FA Cup;

"The English FA Cup had begun six years earlier, but Wales had only just played their first international match. There was no Football League, and only friendlies were played in Wales. Thus the Welsh Football Association Challenge Cup was one of the foremost competitions of the time. It was felt that the national team players with Welsh clubs needed serious competitive fixtures if they were to compete with England and Scotland."

"The first Welsh Cup competition was proposed in 1877 by (FAW Secretary) Llewelyn Kenrick, who had played for Shropshire Wanderers in the semi-final of English version. The competition was open to the clubs of Wales and the border counties of England, which may seem illogical, but remember that individuals at Oswestry and Shrewsbury were prominent in the development of the game in Wales, and the border clubs were considered FAW members. "

"Wrexham hosted the first final at Acton Park, which in those days was a country manor house and the 17th century home of the (in)famous Judge Jeffries. A patch of grass was allocated in the grounds, and 1,500 fans paid 2 ½ pence each to watch the game. Wrexham faced Druids, and won by a goal to nil;" confirmed Stead. Druids had insisted on a neutral venue so the match could not be held at the Racecourse. The winning goal was scored in the last minute, rushed through by James Davies who was later FAW president.

So next Monday we are back in Wrexham some 135 years later, the Racecourse is not exactly a country manor house and our spectators will have paid a little more than 2 ½ pence, but Monday's two teams will compete as equally fierce and as equally as determined to be crowned Welsh Cup winners.

The competition has a history that competitions worldwide could only dream of and for that we should be proud. And for that we should continue to support and re-build this competition to make it a significant event on the Welsh footballing calendar once more.

Some additional comments from Ian Garland author of the History of the Welsh Cup 1877-1993

Mulliner enters Hall of Fame

Andy Mulliner, the most experienced goalkeeper in Welsh Premier League history is the next member of the Hall of Fame. Mulliner started his career in the league with Llansantffraid and played over 200 games for the club between 1993 and 1999. His greatest moment for Llansantffraid came at the Arms Park in 1996, saving the crucial penalty to win the Welsh Cup against Barry Town.

In 2000, he won the Welsh Cup again, with Bangor City.

Mulliner went on to play for Aberystwyth, Connah's Quay, Newtown, Caersws and Welshpool and in 2006, he became only the third player to play 400 games in the league.

He left the league in 2009 and put away the gloves to retire, but returned to the league two years later, aged over 40, to help and injury-hit Airbus, which means that Mulliner has made more appearances in the league than any other goalkeeper by a margin of over one hundred and fifty.



Andy Mulliner, y gôl-geidwad mwyaf profiadol yn hanes Uwch Gynghrair Cymru yw'r nesaf i gael ei urddo i Oriel yr Anfarwolion.

Gyda Llansantffraid y dechreuodd Mulliner ei yrfa'n y gynghrair a chwaraeodd dros 200 o gemau i'r clwb rhwng 1993 a 1999.

Ar Barc yr Arfau yn 1996 daeth ei awr enwocaf i Llansantffraid, gan arbed o'r smotyn yn erbyn y Barri i gipio Cwpan Cymru.

Yn y flwyddyn 2000, enillodd y Gwpan am yr eildro a hynny yng nghrys Bangor.

Chwaraeodd wedyn i Aberystwyth, Cei Connah, y Drenewydd, Caersws a'r Trallwng ac yn 2006, Mulliner oedd dim ond y trydydd chwaraewr i gyrraedd 400 o gemau'n y gynghrair.

Rhoddodd y menyg o'r neilltu ac ymddeol yn nwy fil a naw ond dychwelodd i'r gynghrair ddwy flynedd yn ddiweddarach ag yntau dros eu ddeugain i helpu Airbus, sy'n golygu bod Mulliner wedi chwarae dros gant a hanner o gemau'n fwy nac unrhyw golwr arall yn y gynghrair.

Morgan gets the whistle for Cup Final

Kevin Morgan from Cardiff has been appointed as the referee for the 126th Welsh Cup Final between Bangor City and Prestatyn Town, which will also be his final match as a referee.

Morgan received the news two weeks ago from the FAW and said; "I am honoured and absolutely delighted to have been appointed to the Welsh Cup Final. It will be the perfect way to finish my career as a referee, it's fantastic news."

Morgan, who originates from Llanelli, is a former player who took up refereeing after injury curtailed his playing career younger than he had hoped, but it's an accident that actually worked out well for him.

"My only regret from football is that I didn't get injured earlier, which would have meant that I would have got into refereeing earlier;" said Morgan.

"I was playing for Porth Tywyn, ironically in the Welsh Cup, against Caerleon in 1996. I even remember the date, it was October 24th. I was badly injured and that was the end of my playing career so it's fitting that I should end my refereeing career in the same competition, I'm obviously very glad that this is on my terms though."

Morgan then took up refereeing in September 1998 and quickly made his way up to the top. He took charge of his first FAW Final in the Regions Cup at Ninian Park in May 2008, then the following season, he took charge of the FAW Trophy Final.



He was also in the middle for the FAW Youth Cup Final at the Liberty Stadium in May 2010, meaning three National Finals in as many years.

He was then appointed as the referee for the inaugural Welsh Premier League Play-Off Final between Neath and Prestatyn at the Gnoll in May 2011, which he rates as his hardest game in the middle. "That play-off final was tough. There was so much riding on it for both clubs, with a first place in Europe for both clubs at stake and I remember that it was on edge."

Morgan refereed his final Welsh Premier League match at Connah's Quay last Saturday against Newtown and the players stood in a guard of honour for him.

Kevin will be assisted by Wrexham's Phil Roszkowski and Abergele's Gwyn Vaughan at the Final on Monday 6th May at the Racecourse in Wrexham. His 4th official will be Richard Harrington from Aberdare.

Reformed Reds would drop three rungs

LLANELLI AFC have been warned they will have to start from the depths of MacWhirter Welsh League Division Three if they are allowed to reform after being wound up this week.

The financially ravaged Reds were put out of business at London's High Court on Monday, over a £21,000 tax debt which was only a part of the club's total debts of around £140,000.

Llanelli had already been refused a licence to play in the Welsh Premier League next season and, even if they were to form a new club over the summer, they would have to begin in the fourth tier of Welsh football.

But not even their place in Division Three is guaranteed, as the Football Association of Wales will have to approve the newly-founded club before it can be entered into the Welsh league pyramid.

If Llanelli do begin next season in Division Three, the lowly status of their opponents will give them a sobering reminder of their plight.

Risca United, Tredegar Town and Abertillery Bluebirds will be among the teams the Reds will be able to look forward to facing in the fourth tier — a far cry from the European teams they confronted in the Europa League and Champions League qualifiers in recent seasons.

There were faint hopes Llanelli would have been allowed to enter Division One, but the Welsh Football League has ruled out such a scenario. "As far as we are concerned, there is no process for clubs to follow other than the current promotion and relegation structure we use," said the league's secretary Ken Tucker.

"We would love to see Llanelli, such a historic club, survive but we cannot just put them straight into our top division.

"It is up to the FAW whether Llanelli are allowed back in the Welsh League and, if they are, they would have to start in Division Three.

"Llanelli's big problem is getting let into the league by the FAW. If that's the case, they won't be any higher than Division Three."

If a reformed Llanelli side do enter the Welsh Football League at its lowest level, club legend Wyndham Evans believes the Reds could rise again with new-found strength.

"It was very sad to see Llanelli wound up," said the former Reds player and manager. For a club with more than 100 years of history, it's a terrible shame that financial issues should force the club out of business.

"The best — and the only — way forward for Llanelli is to follow the lead of Swansea, Portsmouth and others and to get the fans on board to help run the club.

"If they have to start from the bottom of the Welsh League, at least they'll have local players who will be proud to play, a local team who will attract bigger crowds and appeal to the town."



Feeder League status

| <u>North</u> | Huws Gray Cymru Alliance | | | | | | 30 matches | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------------|
| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Gdiff | Pts |
| Rhyl | 28 | 23 | 5 | 0 | 95 | 21 | 74 | 74 promoted |
| Conwy Borough | 30 | 18 | 7 | 5 | 57 | 37 | 20 | 61 |
| Cefn Druids | 26 | 19 | 3 | 4 | 68 | 29 | 39 | 60 |
| Caersws FC | 28 | 18 | 3 | 7 | 89 | 38 | 51 | 57 |
| Buckley Town | 28 | 12 | 10 | 6 | 58 | 31 | 27 | 46 |
| Holyhead Hotspur | 28 | 13 | 4 | 11 | 51 | 51 | 0 | 43 |
| Guilsfield FC | 28 | 12 | 5 | 11 | 58 | 50 | 8 | 41 |
| Flint Town United | 27 | 11 | 6 | 10 | 57 | 50 | 7 | 39 |
| CPD Porthmadog | 30 | 11 | 5 | 14 | 48 | 52 | -4 | 38 |
| CPD Penrhyncoch | 30 | 9 | 7 | 14 | 50 | 63 | -13 | 34 |
| Llandudno FC | 29 | 7 | 8 | 14 | 33 | 58 | -25 | 29 |
| Rhayader Town | 26 | 7 | 5 | 14 | 39 | 61 | -22 | 26 |
| Rhydymwyn FC | 29 | 6 | 8 | 15 | 49 | 94 | -45 | 26 |
| Penycae FC | 27 | 6 | 4 | 17 | 42 | 77 | -35 | 22 |
| Llanrhaeadr ym Mochnant | 30 | 4 | 6 | 20 | 28 | 83 | -55 | 18 |
| Ruthin Town | 29 | 3 | 6 | 20 | 45 | 72 | -27 | 15 |

Rhyl FC have obtained their Domestic Licence and will be promoted to the WPL

| <u>South</u> | McWhirters Welsh League Division 1 | | | | | | 30 matches | |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|----|---|----|----|----|------------|-----|
| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Gdiff | Pts |
| Haverfordwest County | 27 | 14 | 7 | 6 | 64 | 30 | 34 | 49 |
| Taffs Well FC | 27 | 14 | 7 | 6 | 62 | 37 | 25 | 49 |
| Cambrian & Clydach | 26 | 15 | 4 | 7 | 52 | 29 | 23 | 49 |
| West End FC | 25 | 14 | 6 | 5 | 59 | 28 | 31 | 48 |
| Aberdare Town | 30 | 13 | 9 | 8 | 47 | 39 | 8 | 48 |
| AFC Porth | 29 | 13 | 7 | 9 | 41 | 38 | 3 | 46 |
| Monmouth Town (-3) | 28 | 13 | 6 | 9 | 56 | 46 | 10 | 42 |
| Barry Town | 28 | 13 | 3 | 12 | 56 | 51 | 5 | 42 |
| Pontardawe Town | 26 | 11 | 4 | 11 | 36 | 37 | -1 | 37 |
| Bryntirion Athletic | 28 | 10 | 7 | 11 | 36 | 42 | -6 | 37 |
| Ton Pentre AFC | 27 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 39 | 37 | 2 | 36 |
| Bridgend Town | 27 | 9 | 6 | 12 | 31 | 52 | -21 | 33 |
| Goytre United | 29 | 9 | 4 | 16 | 34 | 61 | -27 | 31 |
| Cwmbran Celtic | 25 | 8 | 3 | 14 | 37 | 50 | -13 | 27 |
| Tata Steel | 28 | 5 | 6 | 17 | 28 | 61 | -33 | 21 |
| Caerleon AFC | 28 | 3 | 4 | 21 | 21 | 61 | -40 | 13 |

Remaining fixtures involving promotion places

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| 30/04/2013 | Bridgend Town v West End | 07/05/2013 | Pontardawe Town v Haverfordwest Co |
| 30/04/2013 | Monmouth Town v Taffs Well | 08/05/2013 | Tata Steel v Cambrian & Clydach |
| 30/04/2013 | Cambrian & Clydach v Pontardawe Tn | 08/05/2013 | West End v Taffs Well |
| 04/05/2013 | Cambrian & Clydach v Haverfordwest | 10/05/2013 | West End v Cambrian & Clydach |
| 04/05/2013 | West End v Cwmbran Celtic | 11/05/2013 | Cwmbran Celtic v Haverfordwest Co |
| 06/05/2013 | Caerleon v Taffs Well | | |

Haverfordwest County are the only club with a domestic licence so to get promoted they must finish in the top two places

SCORECARD

Tuesday 23rd April

PLAY-OFF CONFERENCE

Bala Town 1 **Kenny Lunt 75'**
Aberystwyth Town 0 -

Bala Town

1. Ashley Morris, 2. John Irving, 11. Steffan Edwards, 16. Tony Davies, 4. Stuart Jones, 20. Kenny Lunt, 6. Conall Murtagh, 8. Mark Jones, 9. Lee Hunt (15. Ross Jefferies 71'), 10. Ian Sheridan (18. Lewis Codling 65'), 17. Stephen Brown (7. Mark Connolly 65')
Subs not used: 21. Steve Fisher

Red Cards: None
Yellow Cards: Hunt 65'
Attendance: 169

Referee: Mark Petch

Aberystwyth Town

1. Mike Lewis, 3. Antonio Corbisiero, 6. Wyn Thomas, 5. Stuart Jones, 11. Cledan Davies, 2. Sion James, 15. Declan Carroll (40. Ed Powl-Jones 82'), 7. Chris Venables, 19. Rhydian Davies, 14. Mark Jones, 16. Glyndwr Hughes (9. Jordan Follows 57' [10. Michael Walsh 90'])

Subs not used: 17. Bari Morgan, 12. Gavin Cadwallader, 18. Liam James, 38. Daniel Thomas

Red Cards: None
Yellow Cards: None

Saturday 27th April

CHAMPIONSHIP CONFERENCE

Bangor City 1 **Les Davies 47'**
The New Saints FC 4 **Aeron Edwards 25' Michael Johnston 28'(og) Alex Darlington 78' 82'**

Bangor City

1. Lee Idzi, 19. Damian Allen, 18. Liam Brownhill, 9. Les Davies (21. Jamie McDaid 82'), 5. James Brewerton (2. Peter Hoy 69'), 6. Michael Johnston, 11. Sion Edwards, 20. Ryan Edwards, 4. Dave Morley, 8. Robbie Booth (7. Chris Jones 73'), 15. Kris Thomas
Subs not used: 24. Levi Mackin, 3. Chris Roberts, 22. Corey Jones

Red Cards: None
Yellow Cards: None
Attendance: 472

Referee: Dean John

The New Saints FC

1. Paul Harrison, 2. Simon Spender, 3. Chris Marriott, 16. Connell Rawlinson, 4. Phil Baker, 11. Ryan Fraughan, 9. Greg Draper (18. Mike Wilde 74'), 14. Jamie Mullan, 23. Aeron Edwards, 19. Chris Jones, 12. Christian Seargeant (20. Alex Darlington 58')

Subs not used: 6. Kai Edwards, 10. Matthew Williams, 7. Scott Ruscoe, 26. Aaron Simms

Red Cards: None
Yellow Cards: None

Port Talbot Town 1 **David Brooks 83'**
Airbus UK Broughton 0 -

Port Talbot Town

29. Steven Hall, 11. Lloyd Grist, 4. Ashley Evans (12. Leigh De Vulgt 51'), 5. Lee Surman, 8. Lewis Harling (21. Sacha Walters 46'), 31. Chad Bond (6. James Bloom 70'), 18. Adam Wright, 39. David Brooks, 10. Cortez Belle, 14. Carl Payne, 24. Ryan Green
Sub not used: 25. David Burnet

Red Cards: None
Yellow Cards: Grist 90'+2
Attendance: 150

Referee: Mark Petch

Airbus UK Broughton

1. Jamie Stephens, 26. Lee Owens, 15. Sam Hart, 12. Phil Bolland, 25. Steve Tomassen, 4. Michael Roddy, 8. Kyle Armstrong, 11. Luke McCarthy (2. Zyiach Edwards 53'), 18. Jordan Johnson, 29. Steve Abbott, 10. Ryan Wade (32. Max Jenks-Gilbert 63')

Subs not used: 9. Chris Budrys, 7. Glenn Rule, 3. Lewis Short, 14. Wayne Riley, 6. Tom Field

Red Cards: None
Yellow Cards: None

Prestatyn Town 2 **Dave Hayes 6' Anthony Stephens 74'**
Carmarthen Town 1 **Geoff Kellaway 23'**

Prestatyn Town

25. Jonathan Hill-Dunt, 2. Chris Davies, 4. Dave Hayes, 22. Anthony Stephens, 11. Ross Stephens, 6. Gareth Wilson, 7. Michael Parker, 8. Neil Gibson, 9. Andy Parkinson, 23. Greg Stones, 17. Carl Murray (20. Rhys Owen 80')

Subs not used: 14. Adam France, 12. Dan Evans, 19. Jon Fisher-Cooke, 16. Tom Kemp, 21. Rhys Lewis, 3. Niall Butler

Red Cards: None
Yellow Cards: A.Stephens 15' R.Stephens 42' Hayes 58' Stones 71' Wilson 77'

Attendance: 233 **Referee:** Bryn Markham-Jones

Carmarthen Town

1. Steven Cann, 2. Corey Thomas, 3. Ian Hillier (9. Craig Hughes 78'), 5. Matthew Rees, 8. Paul Fowler, 11. Geoff Kellaway, 16. Nicky Palmer, 26. Luke Cummings, 25. Liam McCreesh (18. Liam Thomas 46'), 30. Christian Doidge, 36. Casey Thomas (21. Iestyn Evans 79')

Subs not used: 15. Neil Smothers, 6. Carl Evans, 24. Craig Hanford

Red Cards: None
Yellow Cards: McCreesh 6' Ca.Thomas 9' Rees 37' Cummings 48' Doige 67'

PLAY-OFF CONFERENCE

Bala Town 1 **Mark Connolly 89'**
Gap Connahs Quay 0 -

Bala Town

1. Ashley Morris, 2. John Irving, 4. Stuart Jones, 16. Tony Davies, 8. Mark Jones, 11. Steffan Edwards, 17. Stephen Brown (7. Mark Connolly 64'), 20. Kenny Lunt, 9. Lee Hunt, 10. Ian Sheridan (18. Lewis Codling 64'), 6. Conall Murtagh (15. Ross Jefferies 64')
Subs not used: 3. Ben Collins, 21. Steve Fisher

Red Cards: None
Yellow Cards: Edwards 75'

Attendance: 177 **Referee:** Huw Jones

Gap Connahs Quay

1. John Rushton, 3. Alan Hooley, 4. Mark McGregor, 6. Craig Jones, 7. Jamie Petrie, 9. Mike Hayes, 10. Ricky Evans, 11. Robert Jones, 16. Danny Dobbins, 23. Ryan Edwards, 31. John Hardiker
Subs not used: 5. Michael Robinson, 12. Chris Rowntree, 13. Callum Hawthorne, 19. Jamie Wynne, 24. Jack Rowlands, 26. Abe Dobson

Red Cards: None
Yellow Cards: R.Jones 85'

Newtown AFC 0 -

Afan Lido FC 1 **Chris Hartland 78'**

Newtown AFC

1. Dave Roberts, 9. Luke Boundford, 6. Shane Sutton, 5. Kieran Mills-Evans, 3. Max Penk (15. Ian Edmunds 83'), 19. Craig Williams (2. Gareth Partridge 86'), 8. Matthew Cook, 17. Zach Evans, 16. Craig Whitfield (20. Nicky Ward 52'), 7. Matthew Hearsey, 4. Andy Jones
Subs not used: 23. Michael O'Reilly, 14. Adam Worton, 13. Luke Evans (GK)

Red Cards: None
Yellow Cards: None

Attendance: 527 **Referee:** Mark Whitby

Afan Lido FC

13. Rory McCreesh, 2. Dean Hudson, 25. Paul J Evans, 5. Kristian James, 4. Mark Crutch, 7. Chris Hartland, 9. Simon Prangley, 11. Kieran Howard, 12. Gareth Phillips, 14. Luke Borrelli (17. Alex Gammond 59'), 16. Damon Thomas
Subs not used: 3. Michael Pursey, 29. Jackson Hall

Red Cards: None
Yellow Cards: Borrelli 7' James 19' Thomas 37' Hudson 89'

FINAL League Table

| | <i>Home</i> | | | | | | <i>Away</i> | | | | | | | |
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| | <i>P</i> | <i>W</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> | <i>Pts</i> | <i>G.Diff</i> | |
| <u>CHAMPIONSHIP CONFERENCE</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The New Saints FC | 32 | 13 | 1 | 2 | 45 | 9 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 41 | 13 | 76 | 64 | |
| Airbus UK Broughton | 32 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 40 | 15 | 6 | 1 | 9 | 36 | 27 | 54 | 34 | |
| Bangor City | 32 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 42 | 23 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 23 | 30 | 51 | 12 | |
| Port Talbot Town | 32 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 34 | 23 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 17 | 29 | 47 | -1 | |
| Prestatyn Town | 32 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 33 | 34 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 29 | 45 | 40 | -17 | |
| Carmarthen Town | 32 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 20 | 16 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 16 | 34 | 37 | -14 | |
| <u>PLAY-OFF CONFERENCE</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bala Town | 32 | 10 | 2 | 4 | 37 | 24 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 25 | 17 | 56 | 21 | |
| Gap Connah's Quay | 32 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 33 | 33 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 29 | 36 | 40* | -7 | |
| Newtown AFC | 32 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 17 | 29 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 27 | 25 | 37 | -10 | |
| Aberystwyth Town | 32 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 23 | 25 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 17 | 34 | 37 | -19 | |
| Llanelli AFC | 32 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 20 | 44 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 21 | 24 | 36 | -27 | |
| Afan Lido FC | 32 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 18 | 31 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 25 | 48 | 27 | -36 | |

*Gap Connah's Quay have been deducted one point for playing an ineligible player

Topscorers

| Surname | Firstname: | | League | Word Cup | Total |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| WILDE | Michael | The New Saints FC | 25 | 1 | 26 |
| SIMM | Chris | Bangor City | 21 | 0 | 21 |
| PARKINSON | Andy | Prestatyn Town | 19 | 0 | 19 |
| DARLINGTON | Alex | The New Saints FC | 18 | 1 | 19 |
| HUNT | Lee | Bala Town | 17 | 2 | 19 |
| JONES | Mark | Aberystwyth Town | 17 | 4 | 21 |
| 8 League & 4 Word Cup for Afan Lido FC | | | | | |
| BROOKS | David | Port Talbot Town | 15 | 0 | 15 |
| ROSE | Martin | Port Talbot Town | 14 | 1 | 15 |
| 11 League, 1 Word Cup for Llanelli AFC | | | | | |
| PETRIE | Jamie | Gap Connah's Quay | 13 | 0 | 13 |
| THOMAS | Liam | Carmarthen Town | 13 | 4 | 17 |

2nd Phase Tables

(no points carried forward from 1st Phase)

| | <i>P</i> | <i>W</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> | <i>Pts</i> | <i>G.Diff</i> |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|---------------|
| The New Saints FC | 10 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 3 | 30 | 33 |
| Bala Town | 10 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 2 | 30 | 26 |
| Airbus UK Broughton | 10 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 15 | 6 |
| Port Talbot Town | 10 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 15 | -4 |
| Bangor City | 10 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 11 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 15 | -5 |
| Afan Lido FC | 10 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 13 | -7 |
| Newtown AFC | 10 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 11 | -2 |
| Aberystwyth Town | 10 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 11 | -2 |
| Gap Connah's Quay | 10 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 10 | -4 |
| Llanelli AFC | 10 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 12 | 9 | -11 |
| Carmarthen Town | 10 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 7 | -9 |
| Prestatyn Town | 10 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 14 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 17 | 4 | -21 |

CHAMPIONSHIP CONFERENCE

| | <i>P</i> | <i>W</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> | <i>Pts</i> | <i>G.Diff</i> |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|---------------|
| The New Saints FC | 10 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 3 | 30 | 33 |
| Airbus UK Broughton | 10 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 15 | 6 |
| Port Talbot Town | 10 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 15 | -4 |
| Bangor City | 10 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 11 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 15 | -5 |
| Carmarthen Town | 10 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 7 | -9 |
| Prestatyn Town | 10 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 14 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 17 | 4 | -21 |

PLAY-OFF CONFERENCE

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|---|---|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Bala Town | 10 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 2 | 30 | 26 |
| Afan Lido FC | 10 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 13 | -7 |
| Aberystwyth Town | 10 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 11 | -2 |
| Newtown AFC | 10 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 11 | -2 |
| Gap Connah's Quay | 10 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 10 | -4 |
| Llanelli AFC | 10 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 12 | 9 | -11 |

No Split table

| | <i>P</i> | <i>W</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> | <i>Pts</i> | <i>G.Diff</i> |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|---------------|
| The New Saints FC | 32 | 13 | 1 | 2 | 45 | 9 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 41 | 13 | 76 | 64 |
| Bala Town | 32 | 10 | 2 | 4 | 37 | 24 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 25 | 17 | 56 | 21 |
| Airbus UK Broughton | 32 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 40 | 15 | 6 | 1 | 9 | 36 | 27 | 54 | 34 |
| Bangor City | 32 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 42 | 23 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 23 | 30 | 51 | 12 |
| Port Talbot Town | 32 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 34 | 23 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 17 | 29 | 47 | -1 |
| Gap Connah's Quay | 32 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 33 | 33 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 29 | 36 | 40 | -7 |
| Prestatyn Town | 32 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 33 | 34 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 29 | 45 | 40 | -17 |
| Newtown AFC | 32 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 17 | 29 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 27 | 25 | 37 | -10 |
| Carmarthen Town | 32 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 20 | 16 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 16 | 34 | 37 | -14 |
| Aberystwyth Town | 32 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 23 | 25 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 17 | 34 | 37 | -19 |
| Llanelli AFC | 32 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 20 | 44 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 21 | 24 | 36 | -27 |
| Afan Lido FC | 32 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 18 | 31 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 25 | 48 | 27 | -36 |

WOMENS WELSH PREMIER LEAGUE

Sunday 28th April

WOMENS WELSH PREMIER LEAGUE

28/04/2013

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| Cardiff Metropolitan Ladies | 6 | Laura May 20' 54' 85' Emily Brown 34' Emily Allen 51' Steph Turner 78' |
| Caernarfon Town Womens | 0 | - |
| Llandudno Junction Ladies | 0 | - |
| Llanidloes Ladies FC | 2 | Steph Hughson 35' 80' |
| Swansea City Ladies FC | 1 | Kirsty O'Donnell 79' |
| Newcastle Emlyn Ladies | 1 | Stacey John 88' |
| Wrexham Ladies FC | 0 | - |
| Cardiff City | 2 | Catherine Walsh 21' 60' |

WOMENS WELSH PREMIER LEAGUE

TABLE

| | P | W | Home | | | | Away | | | | Pts | G.Diff | |
|-------------------------|----|---|------|---|----|----|------|---|---|----|-----|--------|-----|
| | | | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | | | A |
| Cardiff City | 18 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 39 | 6 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 32 | 4 | 51 | 61 |
| Cardiff Metropolitan | 16 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 30 | 5 | 45 | 48 |
| Wrexham Ladies FC | 17 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 30 | 11 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 23 | 8 | 35 | 34 |
| Llanidloes Ladies FC | 18 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 11 | 11 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 22 | 17 | 31 | 5 |
| Swansea City Ladies FC | 20 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 25 | 19 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 21 | 17 | 29 | 10 |
| Port Talbot Town Ladies | 19 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 25 | 19 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 21 | 21 | 26 | 6 |
| Aberystwyth Town | 17 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 16 | 17 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 13 | 22 | 20 | -10 |
| Newcastle Emlyn Ladies | 18 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 12 | 22 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 13 | 25 | 16 | -22 |
| Llandudno Junction | 19 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 10 | 37 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 12 | 35 | 13 | -50 |
| Northop Hall Girls FC | 18 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 14 | 41 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 12 | 30 | 12 | -45 |
| Caernarfon Town | 15 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 25 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 11 | 33 | 7* | -36 |
| Caerphilly Castle | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Caerphilly Castle withdrew from the League and their record expunged

Caernarfon Town Womens FC – 3pts deducted for postponing a fixture without cause



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SUNDAY, 25TH AUGUST
WEDNESDAY, 28TH AUGUST
SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST



The Last Word

from Gwyn Derfel

Yes football certainly is a 'funny old game'.

Back in February Gap Connah's Quay's players secured a 6-3 victory at Maes Tegid thinking that they'd secured a top six berth and a guaranteed European Play-Off spot in the process. This didn't happen of course due to their one point deduction. On Saturday the Nomads knew that a solitary point at Bala would confirm that elusive Play Off position. They held firm up until the final 30 seconds of the 90 minutes before Mark Connolly snatched the point from their grasp.

Luckily for Gap – Newtown's defeat at the hands of Afan Lido meant that Mark McGregor's boys had secured their place in the race for Europe after all. So where next for the Nomads? The gods must be chuckling to themselves as they have to travel to Maes Tegid of all places again on Saturday with a Play- Off Semi Final place up for grabs.

One team who has secured its place in Europe already is The New Saints of course. Michael Wilde's 25 goals since returning to Park Hall from Chester City have contributed greatly to TNS' success and he fully deserves the accolade of Corbett Sports Welsh Premier League Top Scorer of the Season – Congratulations.

Next weekend promises to be a jam-packed football fest as the WPL Play-Offs start on Saturday, before the all Welsh Blue Square Play-Off final at Wembley on Sunday and then the Welsh Cup Final between Bangor and first time finalists Prestatyn at the Racecourse at 3pm on Monday. The best of luck to all involved. Support and enjoy.

Y Gair Olaf

gan Gwyn Derfel

'Nôl yn y mis bach – enillodd Gap Cei Connah o 6-3 ar Faes Tegid ac 'roedd y chwaraewyr yn meddwl eu bod wedi sicrhau eu lle'n y chwe uchaf a'r gemau ail gyfle o'r herwydd hefyd wrth gwrs. Ond 'roedd hynny cyn i'r clwb golli pwynt am chwarae chwaraewr anghymwys fel mae pawb yn ei wybod bellach.

Ddydd Sadwrn diwethaf 'roedd angen pwynt ar y Nomadiad yn Y Bala o bobman i hawlio'r lle olaf yn y gemau ail gyfle a gyda hanner munud ar ôl roedd hi'n gyfartal cyn i Mark Connolly gipio'r triphwynt i'r tîm cartref. Ar yr achlysur hwn 'roedd y duwiau'n gwenu ar Gap gan i'r Drenewydd golli gartre'n erbyn Lido Afan ac felly ble fydd Gap Cei Connah'n chwarae yn y gemau Ail Gyfle? Ia Maes Tegid o bobman. Mae'n rhaid gwenu weithiau does?

Mae'r Seintiau Newydd eisoes yn saff o'u lle nhw'n Ewrop ac 'roedd 25 gôl Mike Wilde yn allweddol i'w hymgyrch a'u llwyddiant. Llongyfarchiadau mawr iddo am gipio'r clod o fod yn Brif Sgoriwr y Tymor yn Uwch Gynghrair Cymru-Corbett Sports.

Mae 'na dipyn o benwythnos o'n blaenau. Y Bala a Gap yn herio'i gilydd am le yn Rownd Gynderfynol y gemau Ail Gyfle ddydd Sadwrn, Wrecsam a Chasnewydd yn Wembley ddydd Sul ac yna Ffeinal Cwpan Cymru rhwng Bangor a Phrestatyn yn Wrecsam b'nawn Llun. Pob lwc i bawb. Cefnogwch a mwynhewch.

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