

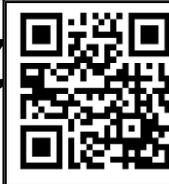
# WELSH PREMIER TIMES

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## Tomi resigns as Black & Greens manager



Aberystwyth Town Football Club has confirmed that Manager Tomi Morgan has resigned as First Team Manager with immediate effect.

Tomi said: "Due to continuing and increasing work pressures I can foresee not being in a position to continue to give 100 per cent to the role of Manager. It is therefore with regret that I tender my resignation. I wish the club every success for the future and thank all those who have supported me during my time as manager."

After returning to Park Avenue in February 2012, Tomi made a major contribution to Aberystwyth Town Football Club last season by leading the Black and Greens to Welsh Premier League safety and a Europa League Semi Final Play Off place, and he kept Aber up again in 2012/3.

Club Chairman Tony Bates said: "It was no surprise to me that Tomi was inducted last year into the Welsh Premier League Hall of Fame, and in my view it is a big blow to the club that we will be losing the services of a man whose experience in all aspects of semi-professional Welsh football is second to none.

It is certainly my hope that, perhaps after finishing certain ventures I know he is keen to pursue, Tomi will return in some capacity to Aberystwyth Town Football Club.

"Although Tomi's decision to resign is for personal reasons I suspect that he is keen to see the management of the Club going in the direction of younger and, as far as possible, local coaches: after all, Tomi started his managerial career with Aberystwyth at the age of 29, and I am extremely hopeful that Ian Hughes, who is himself 29, will remain as part of the management team for next season and beyond.

"Tomi has also been in discussions with me about one or two suitably qualified local individuals who might be prepared to step up to Welsh Premier League management and I hope to have further news on that very shortly.

"Thankfully, for the first time in many years we have, thanks mainly to Tomi, a largely settled squad of players ready for next season, with Stuart Jones, Antonio Corbisiero, Chris Venables and Declan Carroll contracted to the club, and a number of other players keen to sign.

"On behalf of the Board I wish Tomi every success in the future and I am confident that the relationship I have forged with him particularly over the last 18 months, can only be for the future benefit of the club.

"Tomi leaves the club with thanks from everyone at Park Avenue, and we wish him every success for the future."

## Lido reprieved from drop

Bottom club Afan Lido FC have been spared relegation as Haverfordwest County failed to gain second spot in the southern feeder – the Welsh League Division One.

This now highlights the drift towards a northern dominated Welsh Premier League as Rhyl replace Llanelli.

The lack of ambition from the southern clubs raises once more the question of stagnation in our flagship League. A rumoured merger between two of the Welsh League's top clubs and Monmouth's intention to progress is in the medium term good news, but both will need time.

### RECENT RESULTS...

Saturday May 11th

Europa League Play-offs – Semi-Finals

Bangor City v Bala Town 14:00  
Port Talbot Town v Carmarthen Town 14:00

### COMING UP....

Saturday May 18th

Europa League Play-offs - FINAL

Port Talbot Town v Bala Town 15:00

### WOMENS WELSH PREMIER LEAGUE

#### RESULTS

12<sup>th</sup> May Aberystwyth Town v Cardiff Metropolitan 2-4  
Caernarfon Town v Cardiff City 0-16  
Llanidloes v Wrexham 0-1

28<sup>th</sup> April

#### COMING UP

17<sup>th</sup> May Cardiff Metropolitan v Port Talbot Town  
19<sup>th</sup> May Caernarfon Town v Aberystwyth Town  
Cardiff Metropolitan v Llandudno Junction  
Cardiff City v Wrexham

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# THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES

First Phase match data is shown in **red**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase in green

## Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May

### EUROPA LEAGUE PLAY-OFF FINAL

Port Talbot Town v Bala Town

15:00

24/04/10	0	0	-	-	564
15/08/10	2	0	David Brooks 24' John Irving 62'(og)	-	326
08/11/11	2	2	Martin Rose 55' 62'	Lee Hunt 37' Mark Connolly 48'	202
05/01/13	2	1	David Brooks 57' Chad Bond 78'	Stephen Brown 90'+1	285
Home wins	2	Away wins	2	Draws	0
Goal aggregate	6 - 3				
<b>CURRENT FORM (last 6 matches)</b>	<b>Home Team</b>	<b>DWLWWW</b>	<b>Away Team</b>	<b>WWWWWW</b>	

### MATCH OFFICIALS

<u>23/04/13</u>	<b>Europa League Play-off Final</b>				
Port Talbot Town	Bala Town	Mark Petch	G W Jones	J B Roberts	B Markham-Jones

## Darlington praises his Saints

First Team Coach at The New Saints, Carl Darlington has been looking back at the season and has praised everyone associated with the team after a wonderful season.

The New Saints won the League by a record margin of 22 points, and won every single game after the Corbett Sports Welsh Premier League split into two. Carl who works very closely with Craig Harrison said;

"We played 10 games and won all 10 of them since the league split. We scored 33 goals and conceded just five! The players have been excellent, right until the end."

Carl also expressed how delighted he is to be part of a team that made history; "It has been a fantastic season and to win the league by 22 points, which is a new record, is a phenomenal effort from everyone. The club are now level with Barry Town's record of Seven League titles and we are delighted to have made history."

'Darlo' also went on to praise Mike Wilde, who in his first season back at the Oswestry based club, ended up as the Welsh Premier League top scorer.

"I am delighted for Mike Wilde to get the Golden Boot. He is the first Saint to have won the Golden boot since Marc Lloyd Williams. Alex Darlington was also not far away with his tally of 18 goals."

Darlington, who is also the Technical Programmes Manager for The Welsh Football Trust, went on to say, "The players have been enjoying their football this season, which is very important. They have been playing with flair and creativity and we have shown all season that we have got goals all the way through our team!"

Promising young midfielder terrier Sam Finley is the latest player to put pen to paper for next season with Champions TNS.

The deal completed by the Park Hall club today will see him extend his career with the Corbett Sports Welsh Premier League Champions, having arrived in February 2012.

He has gone on to make a big impression during his first full year at the club, although he was sent-off twice in the Welsh Cup this season, against Haverfordwest County in the quarter-final and against Bangor City in the semi-final.

The former Southport midfielder was a key component of the side last season and helped his team win the League by a record 22 point margin. The 20 year old had previously spent time at the Everton academy.



This follows the announcement that Matty Williams, Kai Edwards and Connell Rawlinson have all put pen to paper and have signed new contracts for the club.

Former Man United youth player Williams who previously played for Notts County, missed a large part of the campaign following knee surgery but contributed greatly in helping The Saints win their seventh League title, scoring a memorable hat-trick against Prestatyn Town.

Edwards, who only joined the club at the start of the season, was voted the Young Player of the season after an impressive first year at the Oswestry based club.

Young central defender Rawlinson, who is highly regarded at Park Hall, joined The Saints in July 2010, and will be keen to play a role in the new campaign having had limited appearances last season due to the form of Steve Evans, Phil Baker and Kai Edwards

Tom Allen has been released from the club and Director of Football, Craig Harrison, said, 'Everyone associated with the Football Club would like to wish Tom the best of luck in the future.

Midfielder Chris Jones has decided to leave the club to try and return to the English pyramid with two BetSquare Conference sides believed to be showing an interest.

## Gibson has nothing but praise for his lads



PRESTATYN player-boss Neil Gibson hailed a man-of-the-match performance from goalkeeper Jon Hill-Dunt as the Seaside lifted the Welsh Cup yesterday for the first time in the club's history.

Two goals from Jason Price and one from Ross Stephens secured the 3-1 success over Bangor City at Wrexham's Racecourse ground, but it was Hill-Dunt who stole the show with a penalty save the crowning moment of an almost immaculate display.

"He did us proud but he's had a few uncomfortable moments this season, particularly since Christmas," said Gibson afterwards. But he's shown fantastic character to come back on a big occasion like today and prove what he is capable of.

"During the week I had a feeling (he would) because he's

that type of lad, he likes the big occasion and that is the standard he sets. He can be that good if he wants to be and today he's gone a long way towards helping Prestatyn Town win the Welsh Cup.

"I'm absolutely over the moon with the result, although it probably hasn't really sunk in yet. Bangor came back at us and made it really difficult for us and when they scored it was always going to be hard. We had to weather a couple of storms and we managed to do that. When we came back into it we showed good character and good quality to win it."

Prestatyn can now look forward to a first-ever campaign in next season's Europa League tournament and Gibson, whose family have been involved with the Bastion Gardens outfit ever since he was a toddler, has ambitious plans going forward.

"When we were in the Welsh Alliance, the dream was getting into the Welsh Premier League," he added. "We thought it might take five years but we managed to do it in three. When we got to the Welsh Premier so quickly we had to lift the bar again and in the last two seasons the aim has been to get into Europe and it's achieved. Prestatyn is a club close to my heart, I've been involved since I was one or two-years old, my Dad was the groundsman and my Mum still works in the tea bar. It was the only club I would have played for after my professional career ended and today we have gone a long way towards achieving what I believe the club is capable of.

"We're not going to stop here, we'll push on to try and make Prestatyn a force in North Wales and Welsh football for a few years to come."

And the player-boss insisted that UEFA prize money would be spent wisely "Prestatyn has always been a prudent club and Bangor have shown us the way forward," he said. "They have done it over a number of years by in getting into Europe and they have built on that every season.

"They have been the trail-blazers and we are the minnows trying to follow that act. It's quite fitting we had to beat them today to get into Europe and we'll be looking to establish Prestatyn as a top-three or top-four club over the next five or six years and we'll use the money wisely and carefully like we always do to make sure we are a self-sustaining club."

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## Preece wants to make maiden voyage first of many

AN elated Andy Preece is planning to make Airbus UK Broughton's maiden voyage into Europe the first of many.

The Wingmakers boss will use the £100,000 Europa League qualification money to strengthen his squad - as he knows the fight for the top two in the Corbett Sports Welsh Premier League next season will be fiercer than ever.

But his first priority will be to secure the future of the players who have brought European football to the Hollingsworth Group Stadium for the first time.

Preece told the Daily Post: "We have to start preparing now.

"We're going to look at the players we can bring in - and given it looks like we've got ourselves into Europe, maybe we can look at a different quality of player. But most importantly we've got to look after the players who have got us there. The squad has been key to what we have achieved and the camaraderie around it is very, very important. We have to maintain that and the lads in the squad will deservedly get their chance.

"But what we've also got to do is add competition and quality because it's not going to be easy next season.

"It's going to be a much stronger league. There is no way Bala will be in the bottom six. Bangor are going to be strong again, Aberystwyth and Port Talbot have brought in good players and Rhyl are coming up.

"There is no guarantee of top two or even top six so we've got to keep pushing ourselves.

"We'll use the money wisely - as we have always done. The club never gives me a penny more than it has available but if money is available they help the club and keep us pushing on."

Airbus will be in line for an even bigger financial windfall if they win their Europa League first qualifying tie, which will be played over two legs on July 4 and 11.

The Wingmakers will find out their opponents - and they could hail from countries as varied as Bulgaria, Republic of Ireland, Kazakhstan and Iceland - when the draw is made on Monday June 24.

Preece said: "We can't just wait, every day is important because the first leg will come around so quickly.

"It's going to be hectic and it's going to be a learning process because no-one at the club has been through it before.



## McNally releases three and Ward leaves



This afternoon Bernie McNally has announced the release of three players from his first team squad. Gareth Partridge, Adam Worton and Craig Whitfield have all been released, and this was followed with the news Nicky Ward will also leave after the club couldn't offer him the same full contract as last season.

"I would like to thank Gareth, Adam and Craig for their commitment and effort this season that they have shown for the club and I would like to wish them all the best in the future," said McNally.

Partridge moves on from the club to university in America. Whitfield ends his second spell with the club after a loan spell from TNS previously, and it was also Worton's second stay with the club after he joined from Aberystwyth in 2012.

But the big surprise coming from the manager this afternoon was the news that captain Nicky Ward will be leaving the club.

"The club were unable to offer Nicky the same full contract he had with us last season. Nicky decided not to accept this, and decided that it was time to move on," said McNally.

He added, "He has played a big part in the successful season we have had, and on behalf of the club and myself I would like to offer a big thankyou to Nicky, and we might be playing against him next season, you never know."

Following these announcements McNally said he is now speaking to the rest of the playing squad ahead of pre-season.

He also said he is looking to bring in two strikers to give his side some firepower ahead of the 2013/14 campaign. "Personally I feel to get from 9th and move up the table we desperately need two recognised strikers in some shape or form," said McNally.

He added, "But we are looking at the players who could step up from the lower leagues, and transfers like Matthew Harsey who came in from the English system."

## Taylor admitted to Hall of Fame

Dave Taylor, who put the League of Wales, as it was back then, firmly on the European football map is the latest to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Taylor started his Welsh top flight career with Conwy United but he made his mark after moving to Porthmadog. Whilst at Y Traeth, Taylor followed in the illustrious footsteps of players like Eusebio, Gerd Muller and Marco van Basten as the top scorer in all of the European football leagues.

He ensured his place in history as only the second Welshman, after Ian Rush, to clinch French football magazine, L'Equipe's Golden Boot after scoring 43 goals in the 1993/94 season.



After leaving Port he played for several clubs in the Welsh premier League but despite several spectacular goals, he will always be remembered for the golden season of 93/94.

*Dave Taylor, lwyddodd i osod Cynghrair Cymru ar y map pêl-droed Ewropeaidd, ydi'r nesaf i gael ei urddo i Oriel yr Anfarwoliaid. Dechreuodd Taylor ei yrfa yng Nghynghrair Cymru gyda Chonwy, ond fe ddaeth i'r amlwg ar ôl symud i ymuno â Phorthmadog.*

*Tra ar Y Traeth llwyddod Taylor i ddilyn ôl traed chwaraewyr fel Eusebio, Gerd Muller a Marco van Basten fel sgoriwr goliau mwyaf toreithiog holl gynghreiriau Ewrop.*

*Sicrhaodd ei le yn y llyfrau hanes fel yr ail Gymro erioed, ar ôl Ian Rush, i gipio gwobr Esgid Aur cylchgrawn L'Equipe fel prif sgoriwr Ewrop ar ôl iddo rwydo 43 yn nhymor 1993/94.*

*Ar ôl gadael Port, chwaraeodd dros nifer o glybiau yn yr Uwch Gynghrair ac er iddo rwydo sawl gôl arbennig, tymor euraidd 93/94*

*sy'n sicrhau ei le ymysg yr anfarwoliaid.*

## Steelmen gear up for Final

Port Talbot Town Football Club will be hosting this season's Corbett Sports Welsh Premier League play-off final this coming Saturday against Bala Town, at the GenQuip stadium (15.00). The winners will qualify for next season's UEFA Europa League and Port Talbot are bidding to become the second team in South Wales to achieve European qualification, following Swansea City's success earlier in the season.

The club have reduced admission for the game to just £5 for adults and FREE for under-16s.

Port Talbot reached the final by overcoming Carmarthen Town 1-0 in last Saturday's semi-final at the GenQuip stadium. And the club are hoping for a repeat of the fantastic atmosphere for this weekend.

“The support leading up to, and during the game, was absolutely magnificent last Saturday and it was great to see a good turn-out for such a crucial match. Now that we're just one result away from qualifying for Europe, I just ask that the town and football fans in the area give us the same backing once again in the final,” said chairman Andrew Edwards.

“European qualification would be a major achievement for the club and one that the whole town can be proud of,” he added.

The club wish to encourage interest from media outlets and will happily oblige in any requests for interview with our chairman Andrew Edwards and manager Scott Young.

Please contact Matthew Burgess with any enquires via email or tel. 07769 353 324.

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## City win FAW Women's Cup

Cardiff City Ladies have retained the FAW Women's Cup with a 3-1 win over Cardiff Metropolitan Ladies at Parc Y Scarlets, Llanelli last Tuesday evening.

A vocal crowd of 348 attended the Final and they were also treated to the UEFA Women's Under 19 finals draw at half-time which was also screened live on UEFA.com.

The match itself was evenly contested and was a very good exhibition of women's football in Wales, as many UEFA officials watched on.

The holders Cardiff City Ladies took the lead in the second minutes through Kelly Aldridge, but the students responded well.

They restored parity later in the first half with an excellent volley from Emily Brown that not even Wales keeper Rhian Noakes could get close to.



The sides went in at the break level before the UEFA draw took place, with Wales drawn in a group with Denmark, England and France.

The City Ladies started the second half in great style and quickly scored twice with Player of the Match Paige Stewart scoring from the penalty spot to cap a fine individual performance which saw her scoop the star player award from UEFA Women's Committee member Sheila Begbie MBE.

There were no further goals as City closed the game out despite the students' efforts to the end.

**FAW WOMENS CUP**

**FINAL**

**02/05/13**

**Cardiff City Ladies**

**3 Kelly Aldridge 2' Nia Jones 57' Paige Stewart 60'(p)**

**Cardiff Metropolitan Ladies**

**1 Emily Brown 17'**

**Played at Parc-y-Scarlets, Llanelli**

## Feeder League status

### North

Huws Gray Cymru Alliance FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Gdiff	Pts
<b>Rhyl FC</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>78</b>
Cefn Druids	30	22	3	5	79	32	47	69
Conwy Borough	30	18	7	5	57	37	20	61
Caersws	30	18	3	9	90	42	48	57
Buckley Town	30	13	10	7	60	35	25	49
Flint Town United	30	14	6	10	61	51	10	48
Holyhead Hotspur	30	13	4	13	51	55	-4	43
Guilfield	30	12	6	12	61	54	7	42
Porthmadog	30	11	5	14	48	52	-4	38
Penrhyncoch	30	9	7	14	50	63	-13	34
Llandudno	30	8	8	14	36	59	-23	32
Rhayader Town	30	9	6	15	44	66	-22	33
Penycae	30	7	5	18	49	84	-35	26
Rhydymwyn	30	6	8	16	49	96	-47	26
Llanrhaeadr YM	30	4	7	19	29	87	-58	19
Ruthin Town	30	3	7	20	47	74	-27	16

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

### South

McWhirters Welsh League Division 1 30 matches

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Gdiff	Pts
West End	30	18	6	6	66	31	35	60
Cambrian & Clydach	30	18	5	7	59	31	28	59
Taffs Well	30	16	7	7	65	40	25	55
<b>Haverfordwest</b>	30	15	8	7	68	37	31	53
Aberdare Town	30	13	9	8	47	39	8	48
AFC Porth	30	13	7	10	41	39	2	46
Monmouth Town (-3)	30	14	6	10	59	48	11	45
Barry Town	28	13	3	12	56	51	5	42
Pontardawe Town	30	11	5	14	37	42	-5	38
Bryntirion Athletic	29	10	8	11	39	45	-6	38
Ton Pentre	28	9	9	10	39	39	0	36
Cwmbran Celtic	29	10	4	15	46	56	-10	34
Goytre United	30	10	4	16	37	61	-24	34
Bridgend Town	30	9	7	14	31	56	-25	34
Tata Steel	30	6	6	18	30	63	-33	24
Caerleon	30	3	4	23	22	64	-42	13

**Haverfordwest County** are the only club with a domestic licence but failed to finish in the top two places.

# SCORECARD

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May

## EUROPA LEAGUE PLAY-OFF SEMI-FINALS

**Bangor City** 2 **Chris Jones 57' Peter Hoy 79'**  
**Bala Town** 4 **Stuart Jones 29' Mark Jones 34' Ian Sheridan 43' 47'**

Bangor City

1. Lee Idzi, 19. Damian Allen, 5. James Brewerton, 9. Les Davies, 11. Sion Edwards, 2. Peter Hoy, 7. Chris Jones, 4. Dave Morley (21. Jamie McDaid 64'), 10. Chris Simm (18. Liam Brownhill 21'), 15. Kris Thomas (17. John Owen 71'), 20. Ryan Edwards

Subs not used: 8. Robbie Booth, 22. Corey Jones, 24. Levi Mackin

**Red Cards:** None

**Yellow Cards:** S.Edwards 28' Hoy 83'

**Attendance:** 457 **Referee:** Richard Harrington

Bala Town

1. Ashley Morris, 2. John Irving, 16. Tony Davies, 4. Stuart Jones, 17. Stephen Brown (18. Lewis Codling 63'), 6. Conall Murtagh, 20. Kenny Lunt, 8. Mark Jones, 9. Lee Hunt (15. Ross Jefferies 87'), 10. Ian Sheridan (7. Mark Connolly 76'), 11. Steffan Edwards

Subs not used: 3. Ben Collins, 22. Ryan Jones, 30. Michael Platt

**Red Cards:** None

**Yellow Cards:** Hunt 34'

**Port Talbot Town** 1 **David Brooks 71'**  
**Carmarthen Town** 0 -

Port Talbot Town

29. Steven Hall, 9. Martin Rose (18. Adam Wright 87'), 24. Ryan Green, 4. Ashley Evans, 5. Lee Surman, 6. James Bloom, 7. Lee John, 8. Lewis Harling, 10. Cortez Belle, 14. Carl Payne, 39. David Brooks (21. Sacha Walters 85')

Subs not used: 12. Leigh De Vulgt, 25. David Burnett (gk)

**Red Cards:** None

**Yellow Cards:** Harling 60' Evans 70'

**Attendance:** 410 **Referee:** Nick Pratt

Carmarthen Town

1. Steven Cann, 3. Ian Hillier (36. Casey Thomas 80'), 26. Luke Cummings, 5. Matthew Rees, 24. Craig Hanford, 8. Paul Fowler, 16. Nicky Palmer, 2. Corey Thomas, 25. Liam McCreesh (21. Iestyn Evans 80'), 6. Carl Evans (9. Craig Hughes 73'), 30. Christian Doidge

Subs not used: 15. Neil Smothers, 35. Kerry Nicholas (gk)

**Red Cards:**

**Yellow Cards:** McCreesh 18' Rees 43' Palmer 90'+3

## WOMENS WELSH PREMIER LEAGUE

Sunday 12th May

**Aberystwyth Town Ladies** 2 **Gemma Kay 59' Sam Gaunt 87'**  
**Cardiff Metropolitan Ladies** 4 **Keryn Hawkins 3'(og) Emily Brown 11' Steph Turner 57' Hannah Billingham 90'**

Aberystwyth Town Ladies **Red Cards:** Hawkins 90'

Cardiff Metropolitan Ladies **Red Cards:** Turner 86'

**Caernarfon Town Womens** 0 -

**Cardiff City** 16 **Danielle Broadhurst 11'37'60'83' Amy Wathan 16'26' 36'61' Catherine Walsh 20'80'82' Mali Summers 47' Rachel Rowe 32'74'76'89'**

**Llanidloes Ladies FC** 0 -

**Wrexham Ladies FC** 1 **Alys Hinchcliffe 75'**

## WOMENS WELSH PREMIER LEAGUE

## TABLE

	Home						Away						Pts	G.Diff
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
Cardiff City	19	9	0	0	39	6	9	0	1	48	4	54	77	
Cardiff Metropolitan	18	8	0	0	32	3	9	0	1	34	7	51	56	
Wrexham	19	7	1	2	41	14	6	1	2	24	8	41	43	
Llanidloes	20	5	0	5	13	15	5	1	4	22	17	31	3	
Swansea City	20	4	2	4	25	19	5	0	5	21	17	29	10	
Port Talbot Town	19	5	0	5	25	19	3	2	4	21	21	26	6	
Aberystwyth Town	19	4	1	5	18	21	3	1	5	16	24	23	-11	
Newcastle Emlyn	20	3	0	7	18	22	4	1	5	21	26	22	-9	
Llandudno Junction	19	1	1	8	10	37	3	0	6	12	35	13	-50	
Northop Hall	20	2	0	8	14	41	2	0	8	16	48	12	-59	
Caernarfon Town	19	2	1	6	12	49	1	0	9	11	40	4	-66	
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 – 6pts deducted for rule infringements

## The Last Word

from Gwyn Derfel

While our League has its faults – I honestly believe that last weekend was a great advert for the structure of the season that we've adopted.

I saw the game between Port Talbot and Carmarthen which the Steelmen deservedly edged thanks to David Brooks' goal. News of what was going on at the Book People Stadium was filtering through to the crowd and each Bala goal was warmly greeted as the Port Talbot faithful suddenly realised that home advantage would be theirs in the Play-Off Final this Saturday (3pm).

It promises to be a cracking game with Bala's impressive 12 game winning streak put to the test with an Europa League spot up for grabs. I hope that the Lakesiders' charge to the Final will give great confidence to any team which finds itself in the bottom six of the Corbett Sports WPL next season.

The end of our inaugural Welsh Premier Women's League is also very exciting as the two Cardiff clubs – City and Met – still hope to claim the title. Everything will come to a head on Sunday if Met beat Port Talbot on Friday night. Sunday will then see the Students welcome Llandudno Junction to Cyncoed as Cardiff City host third placed Wrexham at the Cardiff City Stadium. Due to their superior goal difference City should be crowned Champions if they beat Dave Taylor's girls – but as the men's Premier League has proven this season – it's not over until it's over.

## Y Gair Olaf

gan Gwyn Derfel

Efallai nad yw ein Cynghrair yn berffaith ond 'rwy'n credu'n gryf bod gemau'r penwythnos aeth heibio yn hysbyseb wych i strwythr a fformat ein tymor.

'Ro'n i'n gwyllo buddugoliaeth Port Talbot dros Gaerfyrddin brynhawn Sadwrn ond 'roedd newyddion cyson o'r Book People yn ein cyrraedd. Daeth hi'n weddol debygol erbyn hanner amser y byddai'r Bala'n curo Bangor ac felly wedi i Dave Brooks sgorio dros dîm Scott Young, daeth yn amlwg y byddai Rownd Derfynol y Gemau Ail Gyfle yn cael ei chwarae ar y GenQuip – rhywbeth oedd yn amlwg wrth fodd selogion Port Talbot.

Bydd ymweliad Y Bala (3pm) y Sadwrn nesaf yn ornest a hanner gyda lle yng Nghynghrair Ewropa yn y fantol. Gobeithio wir y bydd y ffaith bod clwb Maes Tegid wedi cyrraedd y Ffeinal yn rhoi hyder i unrhyw dîm fydd yn gorffen yn y chwe isaf wedi hanner cyntaf y tymor nesaf.

Mae tipyn o ddiweddglon ein haros yn Uwch Gynghrair Merched Cymru dros y Sul hefyd. Os y gwnaiff myfyrwyr Met Caerdydd guro Port Talbot nos Wener yna gallai buddugoliaeth yn erbyn Cyffordd Llandudno yng Nghyncoed brynhawn Sul gipio'r Bencampwriaeth iddyn nhw – ar yr amod nad yw Dinas Caerdydd yn curo Wrecsam yn Stadiwm Dinas Caerdydd yr un pryd. Mae gwahaniaeth goliau Dinas Caerdydd dipyn gwell na'r myfyrwyr ond fel mae cynghrair y dynion wedi profi unwaith eto'r tymor yma – mae ambell dro yng nghynffon y tymor dal yn bosib o hyd.

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