

WELSH PREMIER TIMES

2011-12

Issue 45

15/05/12

Llanelli and Bala meet in Europa League showdown

Next Saturday Llanelli and Bala Town meet at Stebonheath Park to decide who will be taking the final UEFA Europa League slot for Wales.

The Reds earned the right to host the match with an extra-time win against Aberystwyth Town courtesy of Jordan Follows whilst Bala came out 2-1 winners at Maes Tegid against Prestatyn Town to earn a shot at qualifying for Europe for the first time in the club's history.

Whoever qualifies will be unseeded alongside Welsh Cup winners Cefn Druids in the First Qualifying Round with some notable seeded opponents already known. They include Irish sides St.Patrick's Athletic and Bohemians Dublin, MyPA-47 from Finland, Albania's SK Tirana, the familiar Latvians Skonto Riga – past opponents of our clubs in Europe – and Stabaek IL from Norway.

Bangor City are on the seeded side of the draw in this competition but will avoid their fellow countrymen in the draw. The New Saints are also unseeded in the Champions League Qualifying Round and some big names will go into the pot on the opposite side of the draw. So far it looks like Helsingborg of Sweden, Slask Wroclaw of Poland, Red Bull Salzburg of Austria and possibly Partizan Belgrade could be possible opponents.

The Draws will be made on June 25th in Switzerland with the first legs being played on 4th/5th/6th July and the second legs a week later on the 10th/11th/12th.

Llongyfarchiadau Gwion

In a week where a Welsh Assembly Government committee is asking questions about the WPL Academy system one piece of news on the Aberystwyth Town website www.afc.co.uk goes a long way to prove the point of its value Town announced on Friday that Academy product Gwion Edwards, had signed a three year contract with Premiership club Swansea City.

The young winger from Lampeter was described on swansea.net as 'a shining light for Alan Curtis' Reserve side this season', and he was named by Swansea City Vice Presidents as their Young Player of the Year.

RESULTS

Semi-Finals

Saturday 12th May

Bala Town v Prestatyn Town 2-1

Llanelli AFC v Aberystwyth Town 1-0aet

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

EUROPA LEAGUE PLAY-OFFS

Final

Saturday 19th May

Live on S4/C

15:15

Llanelli AFC v Bala Town

Gwion has been rewarded by the new deal, extending his first professional contract, which was signed last summer.

Aberystwyth Town Academy Director David Hinton Jones said: "It's great to see a former Academy player achieve such success and we continue to wish him well for the future. Everyone at Aberystwyth Town FC wishes Gwion all the best and we look forward to seeing him on Match of the Day before too long!"

Let's all hope that his career develops to form part of a future generation of Welsh internationals and confirms what we all believe to be true that the Welsh Premier League Academy system is the way forward for not just the League itself but the Welsh national side and is deserving of match funding from the Welsh Assembly Government.

Official Newsletter
of the
Corbett Sports
Welsh Premier League



EUROPA LEAGUE PLAY-OFFS

FINAL

LLANELLI AFC v BALA TOWN

Last six meetings

| Bala Town's first season in the Welsh Premier League was 2009-10 | | | | | |
|--|---|----------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 27/09/09 | 2 | 0 | Craig Moses 9' 24' | - | 424 |
| 08/01/11 | 3 | 1 | Chris Llewellyn 7' Wyn Thomas 69' Craig Moses 85' | Ross Jefferies 22' | 161 |
| Phase One | | | | | |
| 20/11/11 | 3 | 1 | Rhys Griffiths 28' Craig Williams 39' Antonio Corbisiero 77' | Chris Mason 85' | 209 |
| Phase Two | | | | | |
| 17/03/12 | 1 | 2 | Danny Williams 59'(og) | Ian Sheridan 21' Marc Connolly 45'+1 | 95 |
| All-Time Record: | | <i>Home wins = 3</i> | <i>Away wins = 1</i> | <i>Draws = 0</i> | <i>Aggregate goals = 9 - 4</i> |
| Referee: Huw Jones | | | Assistants: Mark Dyson & Gareth Hegarty | | 4th: Dean John |

Ins and Outs at Airbus

Six of Andy Preece's former charges at Northwich Victoria have signed for the Wingmakers. The Vics are experiencing financial problems and are in search of a groundshare for next season.

Preece joined Airbus UK as Director of Football from the Cheshire outfit in January but put off signing players from his old club until now. Since then, Victorias have been evicted from home ground and demoted from the Evo Stik Premier League for breaking financial rules.

Landing at The Airfield are midfielders Kyle Armstrong, Michael Roddy and Tom Field wingers Jordan Johnson and Ryan Wade and striker Chris Budris.

Armstrong's previous clubs include Skelmersdale United, Burscough, Southport, York City, Preston North End, Colwyn Bay and Leek Town whilst Roddy plied his trade at Lincoln City and Bolton Wanderers, without making the first team, Anagenisi Deryneia (Cyprus), Witton Albion and Guiseley.

Field is a former Everton youth and had a brief spell with TNS without making it into a first team appearance and later joined Leigh RMI in the Conference as well as Vauxhall Motors and Chester.

Johnson is a former AFC Telford United player and also played for Newcastle Town and Chasetown, whilst Wade has turned out for Skelmersdale United, Vauxhall Motors, Burscough, Runcorn Town and Prescot Cables.

Striker Budris moved from Stafford Rangers to Northwich after previous experience with Queen of the South, Alsager Town and Newcastle Town.

Meanwhile, Airbus defender Ryan Edwards - who is a Wales under-23 semi-professional cap - has signed a new two year deal with the club, while Glenn Rule, Tommy Holmes and Craig Whitfield are still under contract for next season, but the club have confirmed that five players have been released namely defenders Gavin Cadwallader, Jay Connolly, Danny Grannon and Adam Worton along with midfielder Eddie Hope.

Club stalwart Hogan among released players

From: www.saints-alive.co.uk

TNS stalwart midfielder Barry Hogan is one of three players released by The New Saints after nine seasons with the club.

A former Manchester City youth who played for Southport, Hogan was originally signed on a week-to-week contract in January 2004 by then boss Ken McKenna from Runcorn Halton.

He went on to make his full Welsh Premier debut away to Porthmadog and impressed as a capable replacement for the injured John Leah in midfield and for Chris King at wing back.

He then signed on 12-month full-time contract for 2004/5 and cemented a regular first-team place, making 151 (+52) domestic league appearances - only 10 players have made more appearances for TNS in the Welsh Premier. The 29-year-old Hogan has also made nine full appearances in the Uefa Champions League, starting in the home tie against Liverpool and famously scoring the stoppage-time winning goal in the Saints' first-ever European win, at home to Latvian outfit Ventspils in a first leg tie at Newtown's Latham Park. He also made four appearances in the Uefa Cup and seven (plus one sub) in the Europa League.

Also departing the club are Liverpool academy product Marcus Giglio and former TNS Scholarship youth Charlie Proctor. Giglio joined the Saints on his 18th-birthday in September 2010 and made three (+4) Welsh Premier appearances as well as winning a League Cup medal in the 4-3 defeat of Llanelli a year ago.

Proctor made just one sub appearance in the league and was also a part of the squad that won the league cup in 2011.

Richmond Park awarded three games

Carmarthen Town have received news that they will now be hosting three games at Richmond Park in the UEFA Women's Under 19 Championship final tournament which will take place in Wales in August 2013.

Following a site visit by UEFA representatives the Football Association of Wales have asked the club to host three matches in the group stages of the finals tournament on the 19th, 22nd and 25th of August 2013. The draw to decide the teams taking part in these matches will be held in April 2013, when the qualifying teams are decided. Kick off times will also be confirmed.

Executive Chairman Gareth Jones was delighted with the news. "This is the first time ever that Wales have hosted a Finals Tournament and to be part of it is a great honour not only for Carmarthen Town Football Club but also for the whole town. We expect the usual suspects, France, Germany, to be part of the finals which will attract a worldwide audience."

As part of preparations for the tournament the FAW have awarded Carmarthen Town a grant to build new dressing rooms, set to UEFA standards. Tenders have been sent out to local companies and hopefully work will begin in the near future. Rebecca Crockett, the Tournament Director on behalf of the FAW, has staged matches at Richmond Park previously and is familiar with the club setup. She noted her thanks to the club for their help to date. "I look forward to working with you towards a successful tournament in 2013."

The FAW has already held one meeting at the Carmarthen Town Football Club Community Centre which was attended by numerous people involved with local football and also by several business people from the town as well Carmarthen Town Community Programme sponsor Neil Alexander of EMC Services was one of those who attended the meeting and he reacted positively to the news. "Carmarthen Town Football Club has long been regarded as a well run unit and being asked to host such important games is a result of that hard work and a compliment to all involved."

Jones also emphasised how important this could be for the whole community.

"Not only are we hosting an international tournament but we are also showcasing Carmarthen Town and the whole of Carmarthenshire to a new audience. Some of these games will be televised live across Europe. Hopefully local businesses will benefit from the influx of visitors to the town in August next year. Not only do they need places to stay and to eat but will also need to be entertained."

Carmarthenshire Head of Leisure, Ian Jones, also attended the meeting and was more than pleased to welcome the group matches to Carmarthen. "The awarding such a prestigious tournament to Wales, with some matches to be played at Richmond Park is fantastic news. I am sure that we will do our utmost to ensure that it is a success."

The FAW promised to hold further meetings with the view of establishing a firm base of volunteers to help with all the hard work to be done before the tournament begins and during the games.



Home & Away All-time table

| | | HOME | | | | | | AWAY | | | | | | Pts | % |
|----|-----------------------|-------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|---|
| | | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | | | |
| 1 | Barry Town | 356 | 133 | 23 | 22 | 521 | 170 | 101 | 43 | 34 | 365 | 186 | 768 | 71.91 | |
| 2 | The New Saints | 660 | 213 | 61 | 56 | 754 | 326 | 160 | 88 | 82 | 591 | 391 | 1268 | 64.04 | |
| 3 | Bangor City | 698 | 202 | 61 | 86 | 770 | 435 | 168 | 56 | 125 | 623 | 519 | 1227 | 58.60 | |
| 4 | Rhyl FC | 558 | 156 | 50 | 73 | 534 | 319 | 120 | 56 | 103 | 466 | 442 | 934 | 55.79 | |
| 5 | Cwmbran Town | 532 | 133 | 51 | 82 | 492 | 373 | 119 | 57 | 90 | 417 | 348 | 864 | 54.14 | |
| 6 | Ebbw Vale AFC | 232 | 58 | 29 | 29 | 254 | 158 | 48 | 29 | 39 | 181 | 177 | 376 | 54.02 | |
| 7 | UWIC Inter Cardiff | 332 | 92 | 27 | 47 | 316 | 200 | 67 | 31 | 68 | 235 | 237 | 535 | 53.71 | |
| 8 | Neath FC | 166 | 41 | 21 | 21 | 142 | 101 | 30 | 21 | 32 | 121 | 131 | 255 | 51.20 | |
| 9 | Aberystwyth Town | 698 | 160 | 101 | 88 | 624 | 430 | 132 | 69 | 148 | 525 | 589 | 1045 | 49.95 | |
| 10 | Llanelli AFC | 556 | 134 | 39 | 105 | 586 | 467 | 109 | 51 | 118 | 444 | 508 | 819 | 49.10 | |
| 11 | Ton Pentre AFC | 156 | 35 | 20 | 23 | 127 | 105 | 29 | 15 | 34 | 124 | 146 | 227 | 48.50 | |
| 12 | Conwy United | 298 | 67 | 31 | 51 | 253 | 204 | 52 | 32 | 65 | 234 | 289 | 420 | 46.98 | |
| 13 | Carmarthen Town | 544 | 114 | 59 | 99 | 430 | 384 | 99 | 56 | 117 | 369 | 455 | 754 | 46.20 | |
| 14 | Gap Connah's Quay | 634 | 138 | 66 | 113 | 531 | 463 | 105 | 81 | 131 | 426 | 523 | 876 | 46.06 | |
| 15 | Newtown AFC | 698 | 146 | 82 | 121 | 550 | 473 | 120 | 77 | 152 | 499 | 584 | 954 | 45.70 | |
| 16 | Port Talbot Town | 400 | 80 | 50 | 70 | 289 | 264 | 68 | 47 | 85 | 252 | 306 | 541 | 45.08 | |
| 17 | Flint Town United | 232 | 45 | 25 | 46 | 191 | 179 | 45 | 14 | 57 | 177 | 205 | 309 | 44.40 | |
| 18 | Bala Town | 98 | 17 | 12 | 20 | 66 | 65 | 19 | 7 | 23 | 62 | 80 | 127 | 43.20 | |
| 19 | Afan Lido FC | 420 | 83 | 53 | 74 | 273 | 256 | 57 | 55 | 98 | 236 | 338 | 528 | 41.90 | |
| 20 | Haverfordwest County | 548 | 96 | 74 | 104 | 404 | 426 | 87 | 62 | 125 | 354 | 487 | 685 | 41.67 | |
| 21 | Caersws FC | 634 | 116 | 64 | 137 | 486 | 525 | 96 | 81 | 140 | 463 | 562 | 781 | 41.06 | |
| 22 | Holywell Town | 226 | 45 | 27 | 41 | 200 | 180 | 28 | 25 | 60 | 144 | 221 | 271 | 39.97 | |
| 23 | CPD Porthmadog | 466 | 74 | 54 | 105 | 375 | 381 | 71 | 43 | 119 | 312 | 443 | 532 | 38.05 | |
| 24 | Caernarfon Town | 452 | 73 | 58 | 95 | 342 | 391 | 60 | 56 | 110 | 302 | 448 | 513 | 37.83 | |
| 25 | Technogroup Welshpool | 346 | 57 | 42 | 74 | 256 | 291 | 47 | 37 | 89 | 209 | 338 | 391 | 37.67 | |
| 26 | Prestatyn Town | 132 | 24 | 20 | 22 | 91 | 94 | 14 | 15 | 37 | 95 | 138 | 149 | 37.63 | |
| 27 | Mold Alexandra | 114 | 21 | 7 | 29 | 89 | 100 | 17 | 7 | 33 | 90 | 134 | 128 | 37.43 | |
| 28 | Airbus UK Broughton | 266 | 40 | 34 | 59 | 185 | 209 | 36 | 33 | 64 | 159 | 234 | 295 | 36.97 | |
| 29 | NEWI Cefn Druids | 370 | 60 | 27 | 98 | 264 | 329 | 35 | 35 | 115 | 201 | 406 | 347 | 31.26 | |
| 30 | Oswestry Town | 102 | 10 | 13 | 28 | 50 | 93 | 14 | 9 | 28 | 65 | 132 | 94 | 30.72 | |
| 31 | Rhayader Town | 172 | 22 | 20 | 44 | 104 | 153 | 16 | 20 | 50 | 97 | 180 | 154 | 29.84 | |
| 32 | Cemaes Bay FC | 118 | 17 | 12 | 30 | 92 | 115 | 11 | 8 | 40 | 63 | 192 | 104 | 29.38 | |
| 33 | Briton Ferry Athletic | 156 | 21 | 16 | 41 | 132 | 184 | 13 | 12 | 53 | 85 | 207 | 130 | 27.78 | |
| 34 | Llanidloes Town | 38 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 24 | 40 | 2 | 5 | 12 | 24 | 53 | 30 | 26.32 | |
| 35 | Maesteg Park Athletic | 114 | 12 | 14 | 31 | 61 | 104 | 7 | 14 | 36 | 57 | 139 | 85 | 24.85 | |
| 36 | Abergavenny Thursdays | 38 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 23 | 35 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 13 | 41 | 28 | 24.56 | |
| 37 | Llangefni Town | 34 | 5 | 0 | 12 | 21 | 35 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 18 | 47 | 24 | 23.53 | |
| 38 | Grange Harlequins | 34 | 3 | 1 | 13 | 14 | 50 | 1 | 3 | 13 | 9 | 60 | 16 | 15.69 | |
| | | 12628 | 2752 | 1354 | 2208 | 10916 | 9107 | 2208 | 1354 | 2752 | 9107 | 10916 | 17584 | | |

Current club names include records under previous names

Consolidated All-time Table

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts | % |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 Barry Town | 356 | 590 | 66 | 56 | 886 | 356 | 768 | 71.91 |
| 2 The New Saints | 660 | 1033 | 149 | 138 | 1345 | 717 | 1268 | 64.04 |
| 3 Bangor City | 698 | 1068 | 117 | 211 | 1393 | 954 | 1227 | 58.60 |
| 4 Rhyl FC | 558 | 834 | 106 | 176 | 1000 | 761 | 934 | 55.79 |
| 5 Cwmbran Town | 532 | 784 | 108 | 172 | 909 | 721 | 864 | 54.14 |
| 6 Ebbw Vale AFC | 232 | 338 | 58 | 68 | 435 | 335 | 376 | 54.02 |
| 7 UWIC Inter Cardiff | 332 | 491 | 58 | 115 | 551 | 437 | 535 | 53.71 |
| 8 Neath FC | 166 | 237 | 42 | 53 | 263 | 232 | 255 | 51.20 |
| 9 Aberystwyth Town | 698 | 990 | 170 | 236 | 1149 | 1019 | 1045 | 49.95 |
| 10 Llanelli AFC | 556 | 799 | 90 | 223 | 1030 | 975 | 819 | 49.10 |
| 11 Ton Pentre AFC | 156 | 220 | 35 | 57 | 251 | 251 | 227 | 48.50 |
| 12 Conwy United | 298 | 417 | 63 | 116 | 487 | 493 | 420 | 46.98 |
| 13 Carmarthen Town | 544 | 757 | 115 | 216 | 799 | 839 | 754 | 46.20 |
| 14 Gap Connah's Quay | 634 | 877 | 147 | 244 | 957 | 986 | 876 | 46.06 |
| 15 Newtown AFC | 698 | 964 | 159 | 273 | 1049 | 1057 | 954 | 45.70 |
| 16 Port Talbot Town | 400 | 548 | 97 | 155 | 541 | 570 | 541 | 45.08 |
| 17 Flint Town United | 232 | 322 | 39 | 103 | 368 | 384 | 309 | 44.40 |
| 18 Bala Town | 98 | 134 | 19 | 43 | 128 | 145 | 127 | 43.20 |
| 19 Afan Lido FC | 420 | 560 | 108 | 172 | 509 | 594 | 528 | 41.90 |
| 20 Haverfordwest County | 548 | 731 | 136 | 229 | 758 | 913 | 685 | 41.67 |
| 21 Caersws FC | 634 | 846 | 145 | 277 | 949 | 1087 | 781 | 41.06 |
| 22 Holywell Town | 226 | 299 | 52 | 101 | 344 | 401 | 271 | 39.97 |
| 23 CPD Porthmadog | 466 | 611 | 97 | 224 | 687 | 824 | 532 | 38.05 |
| 24 Caernarfon Town | 452 | 585 | 114 | 205 | 644 | 839 | 513 | 37.83 |
| 25 Technogroup Welshpool | 346 | 450 | 79 | 163 | 465 | 629 | 391 | 37.67 |
| 26 Prestatyn Town | 132 | 170 | 35 | 59 | 186 | 232 | 149 | 37.63 |
| 27 Mold Alexandra | 114 | 152 | 14 | 62 | 179 | 234 | 128 | 37.43 |
| 28 Airbus UK Broughton | 266 | 342 | 67 | 123 | 344 | 443 | 295 | 36.97 |
| 29 Cefn Druids | 370 | 465 | 62 | 213 | 465 | 735 | 347 | 31.26 |
| 30 Oswestry Town | 102 | 126 | 22 | 56 | 115 | 225 | 94 | 30.72 |
| 31 Rhayader Town | 172 | 210 | 40 | 94 | 201 | 333 | 154 | 29.84 |
| 32 Cemaes Bay FC | 118 | 146 | 20 | 70 | 155 | 307 | 104 | 29.38 |
| 33 Briton Ferry Athletic | 156 | 190 | 28 | 94 | 217 | 391 | 130 | 27.78 |
| 34 Llanidloes Town | 38 | 45 | 9 | 22 | 48 | 93 | 30 | 26.32 |
| 35 Maesteg Park Athletic | 114 | 133 | 28 | 67 | 118 | 243 | 85 | 24.85 |
| 36 Abergavenny Thursdays | 38 | 45 | 7 | 24 | 36 | 76 | 28 | 24.56 |
| 37 Llangefni Town | 34 | 41 | 3 | 24 | 39 | 82 | 24 | 23.53 |
| 38 Grange Harlequins | 34 | 38 | 4 | 26 | 23 | 110 | 16 | 15.69 |
| | 12628 | 17588 | 2708 | 4960 | 20023 | 20023 | 17584 | |

Current club names include records under previous names

SCORECARD

Europa League Play-offs

Semi-Finals

12/05/12

Bala Town 2 **Ian Sheridan 4' Lee Hunt 47'**

Prestatyn Town 1 **David Hayes 30'**

Bala Town

Terry McCormick, John Irving, Ben Collins, Stuart Jones, Michael Byron, Connall Murtagh, Mark Connolly, Stef Edwards (Stephen Brown 63'), Lee Hunt, Ian Sheridan, Peter Doran

Subs not used: Chris Mason, Danny Williams, Rees Darlington, Mark Pullman

Red Cards: None

Yellow Cards: Collins 90+1 Brown 90+3

Prestatyn Town

Dave Roberts, Chris Davies (Darren Hughes 82'), Guto Hughes (Dan Evans 72'), David Hayes, Paul O'Neill, Gareth Wilson, Tom Kemp, Neil Gibson, Ross Stephens, Steve Rogers, Michael Parker

Subs: Jon Hill Dunt, Adam France, Carl Murray, Rhys Lewis, Rhys Oliver

Red Cards: None

Yellow Cards: Parker 21' Gibson 21' Davies 53' Hayes 90+1

Attendance: 426 **Referee:** Dean John

Llanelli AFC 1 **Jordan Follows 108'**

Aberystwyth Town 0 -

Llanelli AFC

Craig Richards, Chris Thomas, Lloyd Grist, Chris Venables (Jordan Follows 81'), Stuart Jones, Lee Surman, Jason

Bowen (Craig Moses 60'), Antonio Corbisiero, Rhys

Griffiths, Ashley Evans, Craig Williams

Subs not used: Ashley Morris, Ryan Batley, Scott Evans,

Ashley Hollingshead

Red Cards: None

Yellow Cards: Grist 56' Williams 75' Corbisiero 77' Jones 98' Griffiths 100'

Aberystwyth Town

Steve Cann, Liam James, Michael Howard (Rhydian Davies 59'), Michael Walsh, Sion James, Wyn Thomas, Geoff

Kellaway, Sean Thornton, Josh MacAuley, Alex Samuel

(Krzysztof Nalborski 70'), Andy Parkinson

Sub not used: James McCarten

Red Cards: Walsh 5'

Yellow Cards: Thomas 5' Kellaway 119'

Attendance: 281 **Referee:** Bryn Markham-Jones **After extra time; full-time 0-0**

Feeder League South - MacWhirter Welsh League Division 1

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | Pts |
|-----------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Cambrian & Clydach Vale BCG | 30 | 16 | 10 | 4 | 78 | 25 | 53 | 58 |
| Taffs Well AFC | 30 | 16 | 4 | 10 | 60 | 42 | 18 | 52 |
| Haverfordwest County | 30 | 15 | 7 | 8 | 58 | 43 | 15 | 52 |
| Bryntirion Athletic | 30 | 16 | 3 | 11 | 52 | 43 | 9 | 51 |
| AFC Porth | 30 | 13 | 9 | 8 | 54 | 36 | 18 | 48 |
| Barry Town | 30 | 12 | 10 | 8 | 48 | 37 | 11 | 46 |
| Goytre United | 30 | 12 | 8 | 10 | 71 | 55 | 16 | 44 |
| Bridgend Town | 30 | 13 | 5 | 12 | 50 | 41 | 9 | 44 |
| Ton Pentre AFC | 30 | 9 | 16 | 5 | 48 | 40 | 8 | 43 |
| Pontardawe Town | 30 | 11 | 9 | 10 | 48 | 53 | -5 | 42 |
| West End FC | 30 | 11 | 5 | 14 | 53 | 62 | -9 | 38 |
| Cwmbran Celtic | 30 | 12 | 2 | 16 | 32 | 54 | -22 | 38 |
| Aberaman Athletic | 30 | 8 | 9 | 13 | 46 | 55 | -9 | 33 |
| Cwmaman Institute | 30 | 7 | 8 | 15 | 36 | 59 | -23 | 29 |
| Cardiff Corinthians | 30 | 6 | 10 | 14 | 50 | 67 | -17 | 28 |
| Caerau (Ely) FC | 30 | 4 | 3 | 23 | 37 | 109 | -72 | 15 |

Show Racism the Red Card



Wales

THE LAST, LAST WORD

from John Deakin

Well I'm pleased to say that we are nearly there, with just one game left before I complete my 20 year tenure as Corbett Sports Welsh Premier League Secretary. That of course is at Stebonheath on Saturday where Llanelli entertain Bala Town in the Play-off Final that will determine which of them will join The New Saints, Bangor City and Cefn Druids in European Club Competitions next season. The Reds are of course regulars in Europe, but their opponents will be bidding for a place for the first time.

In last weekend's Semi Finals, both made the best of home advantage, with narrow victories to take them tantalisingly close to a place in the Europa League draw on 25th June. Andy Legg's side disposed of a spirited Aberystwyth outfit courtesy of substitute, Jordan Follows who scored early in the second period of extra time after Seasiders defender Sion James slipped in the penalty area to present Follows with a simple task and he duly slotted the ball past Steve Cann. It should have been far more straightforward for Llanelli, particularly as the visitor's Michael Walsh was sent off after just five minutes. That made it a rear-guard action for Aberystwyth, but they held on well and looked like taking the game to a penalty shoot-out prior to James' unfortunate slip up. While this was going on Bala were beating Prestatyn by two goals to one at Maes Tegid. Ian Sheridan opened the scoring as early as the fourth minute, only to see it cancelled out on the half hour by Prestatyn's David Hayes. The experienced Lee Hunt restored the home side's advantage two minutes after the break to win them a place in Saturday's Final.

It's fitting that the two most highly placed clubs in the regular season will contest the game, but which one will be on the plane to Switzerland next month. Llanelli must be favourites with home advantage, but I get the impression that they will need to perform much better than was the case last weekend. Manager, Legg had to endure a frustrating afternoon against Aber as he watched numerous chances wasted and he will be hoping that his front runners hit the target more often this time. Opponents, Bala thoroughly deserve their place in the Final after their excellent season under Colin Caton, but will they be good enough to cause a minor surprise, which would be a considerable achievement for them. I watched them play TNS in the penultimate game of the regular season and they came close to shocking the then Champions elect and a similar performance could make it another uncomfortable afternoon for Legg.

The Welsh Premier Women's League Play-off was played at Llanidloes on Sunday between the winners of the two regional conferences, UWIC and Wrexham Ladies to decide which of them would be representing Wales in the European Women's Club Championship that starts in August. In a quality, competitive match it was the students that prevailed by three goals to nil, a score line that flattered them somewhat. Goals from Nadia Lawrence, Sophie Scerscell and "Player of the Match" Chloe Bassett suggests that it was a comfortable victory, but their success was to a large extent due to an excellent display by Goalkeeper, Sophie Dando.

So ends my final Back Page and I hope that my successor Gwyn Derfel's predictions are better than mine have been. In fact if my racing selections were on par with my Welsh Premier League predictions, I would undoubtedly be a pauper. Over to you Gwyn.

New Customer?

Visit

corbettsports.com

The Sports Fans Sportsbook Since 1947

for a **FREE £20 Bet***



Best Odds Guaranteed!



Follow us on Twitter @corbettSports

*Terms and conditions apply. see www.corbettsports.com

Over 18's only. Visit www.gamblersaware.co.uk

Compiled by Mel Thomas at Soccerfile Wales

mel@soccerfilewales.com Tel/Fax: 01766 830805

POSTAL COPIES distributed from WPL, 11 / 12 Neptune Court, Cardiff CF24 5PJ

Contact: Lucy Kelly via lkelly@faw.co.uk or 02920 435 847