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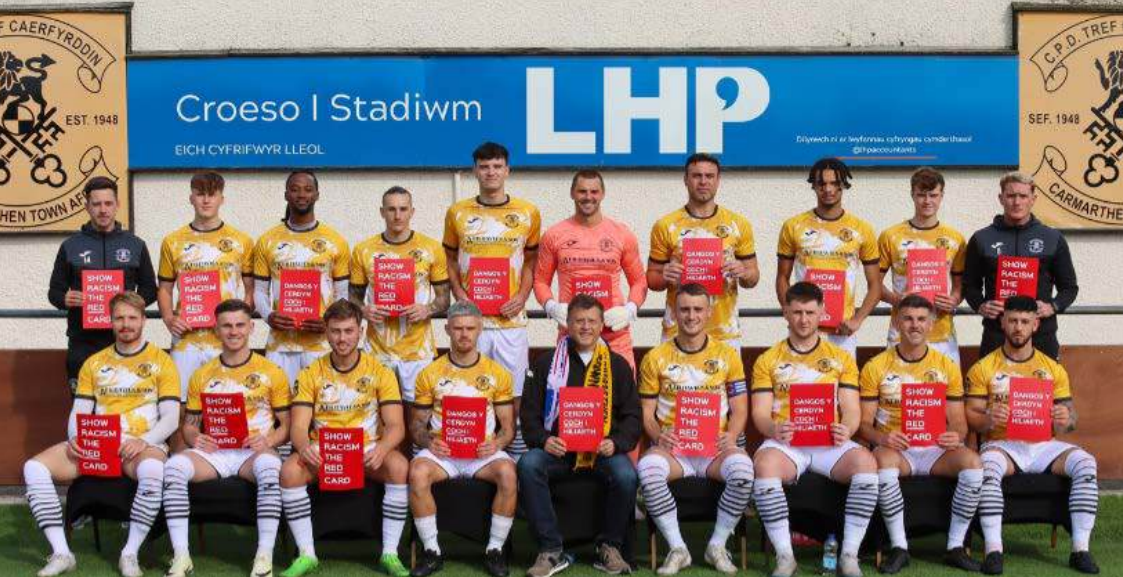
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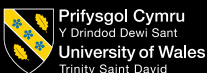
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Gyda phrysurddeb y Nadolig yn adeiladu, dyma ein gem gartref cyntaf allan o dair gem cyn yr ŵyl. Byddwn yn chwarae adre' dydd Sadwrn nesaf yn erbyn Ffynnon Taf, ac yna gem gartref arall ar gyfer Cwpan Cymru yn erbyn Hotspur Caergybi - gadewch i ni groesi bysedd am le yn rownd yr wyth olaf.

Mae gemau hollwbysig o'n blaenau!

Mwynhewch y gêm.

Good afternoon and welcome to the LHP Stadium for our game against Llanelli Town. We give a warm welcome to their officials, players and supporters today for what is always a highlight fixture of our season.

We have enjoyed a number of derby games together over the years and shared the spoils at Stebonheath Park back in August where we obtained a 1-1 draw. The subsequent three and a half months have seen Llanelli open up a ten point gap between us and they currently sit well placed in second, one point off the leaders. It goes without saying that if we are to close such a gap then nothing short of a home victory will suffice today.

Today is the first of three consecutive home matches in the run up to Christmas. We are at home next Saturday to Taffs Well in the league and then face Hollyhead Hotspur in the Welsh Cup on 14th December, with a place in the quarter finals awaiting the winners.

So all to play for in a vital month ahead.

Enjoy the game.

Paul Ashley-Jones



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Dyddiad Date	Cystadleuaeth Competition	Gwrthwnebwyr Opponents	Canlyniad Result	Sgorwyr Scorers
20/07	League Cup	CAMBRIAN UTD	2-1	Surman; Vickers
27/07	Cymru South	GOYTRE UNITED	1-2	Morgan
03/08	League Cup	HAVERFORDWEST	0-5	
06/08	Cymru South	Caerau Ely	2-2	G Jones; Daley
09/08	Cymru South	BAGLAN DRAGONS	3-2	G Jones; Daley; Booth
16/08	Cymru South	Llanelli	1-1	Bull
23/08	Cymru South	Ammanford	3-2	G Jones; Daley; T Jones
26/08	Cymru South	CAMBRIAN UTD	4-1	Daley; G Jones; T Jones x 2
30/08	Welsh Blood League Cup	Afan Lido	1-0	Daley
07/09	Cymru South	Goytre United	1-3	Daley
14/09	Cymru South	NEWPORT CITY	1-0	Booth
27/09	Cymru South	Afan Lido	3-3	G Jones; Daley; T Jones
05/10	Cymru South	TRETHOMAS BLUEBIRDS	2-0	Daley; Vickers
12/10	Cymru South	Trefelin	1-2	Daley
19/10	Welsh Cup	Penrhiwceiber Rangers	4-3	T Jones; Jackson; Daley x 2
25/10	Cymru South	LLANTWIT MAJOR	0-1	
02/11	Cymru South	Penrhiwceiber Rangers	0-0	
09/11	Cymru South	PONTYPRIDD	0-1	
16/11	Welsh Cup	Penydarren	2-2 (4-3 on pens)	Daley; Booth
23/11	Cymru South	Cwmbran Celtic	P P	
29/11	Cymru South	LLANELLI		
07/12	Cymru South	TAFFS WELL		
14/12	Welsh Cup	HOLLYHEAD HOTSPUR		
28/12	Cymru South	Trethomas Bluebirds		
01/01	Cymru South	AMMANFORD		
11/01	Cymru South	Llantwit Major		
18/01	Cymru South	Cambrian United		
25/01	Cymru South	CAERAU ELY		
08/02	Cymru South	CWMBRAN CELTIC		
21/02	Cymru South	Taffs Well		
01/03	Cymru South	AFAN LIDO		
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ODDI WRTH Y RHEOLWR FROM THE MANAGER

Good afternoon everybody and welcome to the LHP stadium for today's game which promises to be an intriguing contest.

Llanelli by rights should be a Cymru Premier club now as last season they were nine points clear of Briton Ferry with a game in hand at one stage and only they know what happened.

In those circumstances it would have been easy for Llanelli to rest on that but their chairman re-invested into a squad that, in my opinion, was already a Cymru Premier standard squad.

When we played them at Stebo, which is owned and paid for by the council, we were very fortunate indeed to come away with a point, as until they had a man sent off they were giving u a good hiding.

We have suffered long injuries to key players which has affected consistency but all things being equal we are still in two cups and have 40+ points to play for in the league. So without a doubt we will have to be at our absolute best today to get anywhere near three points.

Thanks

Aize

CWMBRAN CELTIC REARRANGED FIXTURES

The club has had confirmation that the new dates for our fixtures with Cwmbran Celtic are as follows:

HOME: Tuesday 7th January KO 8pm at Carmarthen

AWAY: Saturday 8th February KO 2pm at Cwmbran.



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CLUB UPDATES

SAD NEWS

The club was saddened to hear last weekend of the passing of the father of our Chairman, Anthony Parnell. Our thoughts go out to Anthoy, Melissa and the family during this difficult time.

WHITE RIBBON MARCH

The club was proud to support this year's White Ribbon march and club representatives attended the march through Carmarthen on Monday 25th November. Details of the White Ribbon event are given in the programme.

WELSH CUP DRAW

Following our hard fought victory at Penydarren in the third round of the JD Welsh Cup we have been drawn at home against Holyhead Hotspur of the Ardal North West league.

Following discussions with the FAW regarding the pitch clash at LHP Stadium we can now confirm the following schedule.

Friday 13th December 2024, 19:45 KO

Haverfordwest County vs Llanelli Town

Saturday 14th December 2024, 14:00 KO

Carmarthen Town vs Holyhead Hotspur

So our match will be played on Saturday 14th December here at the LHP Stadium. Christmas jumpers will be optional!



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ACADEMY NEWS

Hello everyone,

The latest academy update sees us celebrate the fantastic work being at the academy. We have recently seen 6 players represent us in the academy select teams. This saw them train as a group with games and will again join the camps in December.

These players are:

U13s

George Rees

Finlay Evans

U14s

Ioan Mckgibbin

Kai Blewitt

Dyfan James

U16s

Sion Thomas

This is fantastic work by all as we only have 1 player previously represent us on this stage. A big thank you to the parents/guardians of these players ensuring they can participate. Also to the coaches and players for their continued hard work to ensure we continue to grow as an academy.

Many more positive updates to come, including the development team into the last 16 of FAW Youth Cup December 15th away to Haverfordwest.

Thank you for all your continued support and look forward to updating you on our progress very soon.

Thank you all,

Ian Coverdale



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The Club has received the following information from the Secretary of the South Wales Womens & Girls League Committee:

Dear Clubs

As a follow-up to our conversation regarding the change to the Combined Division.

The divisions will be split into two divisions of six. the new phase will start on the 1st December.

There will be six in each division, the top six playing for the premiership, and the bottom six playing for the championship.

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Penydarren
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TaffsWell

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Tredegar

All points will start from scratch. There will play each other three times home and away and a draw for the third round. This will start on the 1st December after the Alan Evans Cup on the 24th November.

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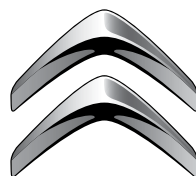
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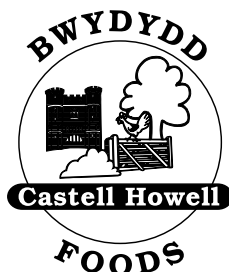


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HANES / HISTORY : C.P.D. TREF LLANELLI LLANELLI TOWN A.F.C.



The game of Association Football was introduced to the town's people of Llanelli when workers from the Staffordshire area of England migrated to the town to work in the 'newest' of the town industries - the Pottery works from 1892 to 1920.

The club initially played in the Swansea & District League playing their first matches at Cae Blake, Furnace, then the Peoples Park before moving to Tunnel Road and then at Penylan Fields.

In 1912-13 the club decided to become fully professional and applied for membership of both the Southern and Welsh League. They also moved to a new ground, Halfway Park, a former Cycle Stadium, which was situated two miles from the town centre. Their first season 1912-13 was an immediate success finishing in sixth position in the Southern League and third in the Welsh League. The following season they entered into the Welsh Cup and reached the final at their first attempt before losing to Wrexham in a replay at Oswestry after the team had initially drawn 0-0 at Swansea Town Vetch Field.

After the First World War the club continued to participate in the Southern League and in the Welsh League with moderate success. They had ambitions of reaching the Football League and as a first step they moved to a new ground in Stebonheath in 1922. Tottenham Hotspur were the FA Cup winners of the previous season were invited to make the occasion of opening the new ground by playing the local team and the Londoners were given a rude awakening when they lost 2-1 on the day. For the next three years Llanelli built up a reputation of being one of the leading non-league clubs in the country, and in 1925 become the only club to contest every round in the FA Cup from Preliminary to Qualifying rounds and on to the equivalent Third Round of today when they met Fulham at Craven Cottage before losing by the odd goal in a highly emotional game.

At the end of World War II with league football returning back to normality, Llanelli AFC in common with other Welsh clubs returned to the Welsh League fold and again gained a place in the Southern League succeeding Colchester United who had gained a place in the Football League. This was another venture into a league blessed with ex-Football League players coming to the end of their careers. The manager of the time long servant Jack Goldsborough who had been a fixture in Stebo circles since 1923 as a player, trainer, coach, groundsman and secretary/manager assembled a team blessed in the main by ex Scottish League players including one John (Jock) Stein who was to find fame with Glasgow Celtic and Scotland in a managerial capacity after his playing days were over, but had made history in the FA Cup with the Reds in 50-51, before the club lost to Bristol Rovers after a 2nd replay at Ninian Park.

Even he and a succession of worthy managers could not prevent the indifferent seasons the club suffered which meant a lack of people through the turnstiles and by 1958 they had to seek re-election to both Southern and Welsh Leagues. They were granted a stay in the Southern League whilst had to be relegated in the Welsh League Division II (West). But worse was to follow when the Welsh FA refused to sanction their stay in the Southern League. Llanelli were left in limbo with an all time low for their future for the 1958-59 season.



But under the astute managership of Wilf Grant an England B International, promotion was gained to Division One of the Welsh League. But when Wilf Grant went on to other climes Doug Wallace and Des Palmer became managers in succession without gaining honours. For the 1967-68 season brought Gwyn Grant (who had been a backroom boy for years after a playing career) to the hot seat and his achievements were noteworthy. Three Welsh League Championship titles in 1970-71, 1976-77 and 1977-78 inspired by Gilbert Lloyd followed, but the club's ambitions of a higher grade of football were always denied.

With the advent of the League of Wales in 1992-93 season when they became founder members. After an initial successful season the club fell away once more, and again due to financial constraints they were relegated in season 1995-96. However, the advent of Robert Jones to the club as owner and Chairman saw the club take on a new lease of life. First Dudley Lewis as player/manager set the seeds in motion and Robbie James took over in consecutive years but in February 1988 Robbie James tragically died at Stebonheath playing against Porthcawl.

His place was taken over by Leighton James who gained promotion for the club once more to the League of Wales by virtue of their ending as runners-up to Champions Ton Pentre who had declined promotion. After one season when the club ended in a creditable fifth position he suddenly resigned and it all turned sour by 2002-03 when the club was relegated to the Welsh Division 1 once more.

In season 2003-04 saw the club regain their rightful place in the Welsh Premier League under the management of ex/players of yester year Neil O'Brien and Lee Randall. Season 2004-05 saw firstly Eddie May followed by Nick Tucker took over the helm and he managed to stave off relegation at the end of the season.

During the close season the club which had been 'up for sale' was taken over by the Jesco Group, who decided that the club needed to turn fully professional once again after half a century of lack lustre competition except for the Welsh League Championships of 1970-71, 76-77, 77-78 seasons. Spaniard Luca Cazorla become Director of Football and six Spanish players arrived at Stebonheath Park. But by Christmas something was adrift and Luca Cazorla left by mutual agreement with Peter Nicholas assuming control, achieving for the club for the first time in their history a position in the UEFA Cup after gaining 2nd spot. The following season 2007-08 was one of success becoming League Champions and winning the League Cup. In season 2008-09 their Championship hopes were high but they ended in the runners up spot the biggest shock was to come before the season's end when the tenure of Peter Nicholas was ended after five years at the helm, his contract was not renewed and Andy Legg was appointed to the 'hot seat'. Season 2010-11 Legg saw his Reds side lift the coveted Welsh Cup with an emphatic 4-1 win against League Champions Bangor City at Parc y Scarlets and won the play-offs in 2011-12 beating Bala 2-1 in the final. This proved the last game for prolific striker Rhys Griffiths, who had scored 280 goals in 281 games. The club has also enjoyed extraordinary success on the European front beating Gefle, FK Vetra, Ventspils, Motherwell and Dinamo Tbilisi, although only the win against Gefle saw the club progress over two legs.



Season 2012-13, started with the club coming agonisingly close to reaching the second round of the Europa Cup, losing 3-2 to Kups. Financial trouble then hit, with Andy Legg leaving in October 2012 and Bob Jeffrey taking over in a vast cost cutting exercise. However the club was unable to stave off HMRC and were sadly liquidated in the High Court in London on 22nd April 2013, before reforming as Llanelli Town AFC this summer and joining Welsh League Division Three for season 2013-14.

In the 2013-14 season, Llanelli Town finished 6th in Welsh League Div. 3, the following season they finished as Champions being promoted to Division 2 for season 2015-16 which they finished 7th.

For the 2016-17 season Andy Hill returned to the club as Manager and they won the double Div 2 and League Cup winners.

2017-18 they won the Div. 1 Championship which saw them promoted to the Welsh Premier League for the 2018-19 which unfortunately they finished bottom of the league and were relegated back to the new Cymru South League for the 2019-20 season.

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Carmarthen Town (0) – (1) Pontypridd United

Saturday 10th November 2024, Cymru South, LHP Stadium

Carmarthen Town's disappointing run of form continued with a third consecutive home defeat, falling 1-0 to title contenders Pontypridd United at the LHP Stadium on Saturday. This latest setback leaves the Old Gold struggling in 8th position in the Cymru South, now 11 points behind league leaders Trethomas Bluebirds.

Carmarthen started the match brightly, controlling possession and creating the first chance in the 11th minute. Jordan Langley latched onto a loose ball outside the box but could only volley high and wide. Moments later, a well-constructed move involving Jordan Vickers and Noah Daley ended with Langley's shot trickling wide of the target in the 16th minute.

Pontypridd capitalized on Carmarthen's missed opportunities three minutes later. A corner from Jamie Veale caused chaos in the Old Gold's defence as goalkeeper Lee Idzi's punch ricocheted off Liam Eason and into the net, handing the visitors a fortunate lead.

Idzi was called into action again in the 22nd minute, producing a spectacular save to tip Eason's deflected effort over the bar. Carmarthen had a golden opportunity to equalize in the 25th minute when Noah Daley broke forward from the halfway line but blasted over from 12 yards. The home side thought they had levelled the score in the 31st minute. Tobias Jones flicked on a pass for Daley, who finished into the bottom corner, but the linesman's flag was raised for an alleged handball by Daley, much to the frustration of the home fans.

Carmarthen started the second half with intent, as Tyler Aylward came close, heading just over from a Trystan Jones corner in the 48th minute. Toby Jones then pressed Pontypridd goalkeeper Cameron Clarke and won the ball, he rolled the ball across the box to Langley, whose wayward finishing continued as he inexplicably fired over the bar from 18 yards with an open goal beckoning in the 53rd minute.

Pontypridd nearly extended their lead in the 60th minute when Luke Cummings' free kick found Daniel Griffiths, but Idzi made another superb save, tipping the header over. As Carmarthen searched desperately for an equalizer, Sam Parsons' long-range effort in the 70th minute rolled harmlessly wide.

Carmarthen struggled to find their rhythm in attack, with Langley heading weakly into Clarke's hands from a Parsons cross in the 75th minute. Meanwhile, Pontypridd continued to threaten on the break, with Idzi denying Eason once more in the 80th minute.

In the dying minutes, Eason embarked on a surging run from his own half, evading three defenders only to slice wide with just Idzi to beat from seven yards, sparing Carmarthen further misery.

Idzi, Vickers, Trystan Jones (Surman 77), Dolman (Francis-Obeng 77), Parsons, Aylward, Langley, Reed (Mason Jones-Thomas 68), Booth (Gavin Jones 68), Daley, Tobias Jones
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Penydarren Seniors BGC s (2) – (2) Carmarthen Town

(Carmarthen win 4 – 3 on penalties)

Saturday 17th November 2024, FAW Welsh Cup 3rd Round, Bont Playing Fields

Lee Idzi was the hero for Carmarthen Town as they narrowly overcame Penydarren Seniors in a dramatic penalty shootout to secure their place in the FAW Welsh Cup 4th round.

Playing away against a spirited Penydarren side from the South Wales Premier League—two divisions below Carmarthen—the Old Gold had to battle hard on the well-used artificial 4G surface. The opening minutes saw a cautious start from both teams, with Carmarthen gradually adapting to the conditions but finding Penydarren defence difficult to break down.

In the 16th minute, Mason Jones-Thomas embarked on a mazy dribble past three defenders from midfield, but Penydarren's Ben Gibbon stepped in with a crucial tackle. Four minutes later, Carmarthen's Trystan Jones floated a free kick into the box, only for Noah Daley's flicked header to land comfortably in the hands of goalkeeper Matthew Davies.

Daley continued to threaten and came close again in the 21st minute, firing narrowly wide from distance after latching onto a long goal kick. Despite mounting pressure, Carmarthen missed a golden chance in the 29th minute, Tobias Jones released Gavin Jones, who rounded the keeper and teed up Daley. Daley's initial shot struck the post, and he blazed the rebound over from close range.

Carmarthen were left to rue those missed opportunities when Penydarren took a surprise lead in the 40th minute. Kerry Morgan's pinpoint free kick from the right found Alex Lloyd, who headed powerfully past Idzi. However, Carmarthen responded immediately. Two minutes later, Tobias Jones was fouled in the box by goalkeeper Matthew Davies, and Noah Daley calmly converted the penalty to make it 1-1.

The visitors almost snatched the lead just before halftime when Daley's driving run ended with a shot saved by Davies, and Tobias Jones, with the goal at his mercy, volleyed over from six yards. Penydarren started the second half brightly, and Matthew Hunt sliced wide from a promising position in the 46th minute. Carmarthen then began to regain control, but it wasn't until the 73rd minute that they went ahead. A well-delivered corner from Trystan Jones was met by Rio Booth, whose low header found the bottom corner to make it 2-1.

Penydarren refused to give in and pushed forward in the closing stages. Their persistence paid off in the 83rd minute when Ben Gibbon's flick set up Ben Lloyd, who smashed the ball past Idzi to force penalties.

In the penalty shootout, Carmarthen's Tyler Aylward missed their first spot kick, but Jordan Langley, Jordan Vickers, and Noah Daley found the net to keep the tie level at 3-3 after four penalties each. Trystan Jones held his nerve to slot in Carmarthen's fifth penalty, and Lee Idzi made a crucial save from Ben Gibbon, sending Carmarthen Town into the next round.

Idzi, Vickers, Trystan Jones, Dolman, Parsons, Aylward, Booth, Mason Jones -Thomas (Reed 76), Daley, Gavin Jones (Langley 70), Tobias Jones
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3	Pontypridd United	15	8	4	3	26	20	+6	28
4	Trefelin	15	7	4	4	27	19	+8	25
5	Llantwit Major	15	6	6	3	21	17	+4	24
6	Caerau Ely	15	6	4	5	26	18	+8	22
7	Baglan Dragons	15	6	4	5	26	22	+4	22
8	Cambrian United	13	6	3	4	24	20	+4	21
9	Newport City	15	5	5	5	19	19	0	20
10	Carmarthen Town	14	5	4	5	22	20	+2	19
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12	Goytre United	15	4	3	8	25	35	-10	15
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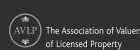
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