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Mwynhewch y gêm.

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*Our last home game saw us triumph 2 – 0 against Cambrian & Clydach but eight days ago we fell to a 3-1 defeat against today's opponents. We cannot afford a similar result if we are to reduce their current lead at the top of the table. More concerning than the defeat however was the bad injury to Mason Jones-Thomas, who suffered a compound fracture and was admitted to hospital that night. Our thoughts are with Mason for a full recovery.*

*Next Saturday we will be at home again when we face Cymru Premier side Abertillery in the third round of the JD Welsh Cup, kick off 2pm.*

*Enjoy the game.*

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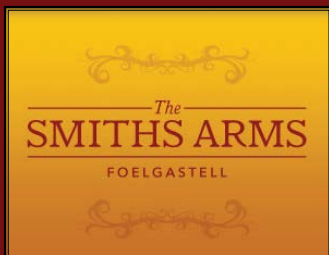
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22/07	CCyng R1 Lg Cup	SWANSEA CITY	0-4	
29/07	Cymru South	Llantwit Major	2-1	Allen; G Walters
08/08	Cymru South	BAGLAN DRAGONS	0-0	
12/08	Cymru South	Cwmbran Celtic	1-0	Mason-Thomas
18/08	Cymru South	Llanelli	3-4	Thomas x 3
28/08	Cymru South	TREFELIN	6-1	Rickard; Dyson; Daley x 2; Thomas; Allen
02/09	Cymru South League Cup	Cwmbran Celtic	3-1	Allen; Walters; Jones-Thomas
08/09	Cymru South	Taffs Well	1-1	Jones-Thomas
22/09	Cymru South	Caerau Ely	4-2	Thomas x 3; Daley
30/09	Cymru South	AFAN LIDO	3-3	Daley x 2; Jones-Thomas
07/10	Cymru South	Ammanford	2-2	Daley; Walters
14/10	JD Welsh Cup	EVANS & WILLIAMS	2-0	Allen; Howells
21/10	Cymru South	CAMBRIAN & CLYDACH	2-0	Jones-Thomas; Langley
27/10	Cymru South	Briton Ferry Llansawel	1-3	T Jones
04/11	Cymru South	BRITON FERRY LLANSAWEL		
11/11	JD Welsh Cup	PONTYPRIDD		
17/11	Cymru South	Goytre United		
25/11	Cymru South League Cup	Ammanford		
01/12	Cymru South	ABERGAVENNY		
15/12	Cymru South	Abergavenny		
26/12	Cymru South	PONTARDAWE		
01/01	Cymru South	Pontardawe		
06/01	Cymru South	GOYTRE UNITED		
12/01	Cymru South	Cambrian & Clydach		
20/01	Cymru South	AMMANFORD		
02/02	Cymru South	Afan Lido		
10/02	Cymru South	CAERAU ELY		
24/02	Cymru South	Abertillery Bluebirds		
02/03	Cymru South	TAFFS WELL		
09/03	Cymru South	Trefelin		
16/03	Cymru South	LLANELLI		
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# ODDI WRTH Y RHEOLWR FROM THE MANAGER

Hi All,

*Welcome to the LHP Stadium for what promises to be a very exciting encounter against top of the league Briton Ferry.*

*Ferry have had some serious investment into their team over the last couple of seasons and perhaps they view this season as now or never. Looking back on last Friday's game I think everybody would agree that we deserved something from it, however games are won and lost in both boxes and we have to do better in both boxes if we are to be successful today.*

*We have continued to work hard in training as I believe the solution to any problems we have can only be solved by hard work from all concerned. I can assure you all that everybody involved in first team activities at Carmarthen Town Football club are constantly looking to improve things via hard work.*

*There will times in today's game when we will need your support, as we are up against the best team in the league. But we enter the game confident we have the tools to take all three points.*

*Thanks for your support,*

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### CHANGE OF OPPONENT

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With Pontypridd United being expelled from the competition, we will now play Abertillery Bluebirds, who have replaced them, next Saturday 11th November with a 2pm kick off.



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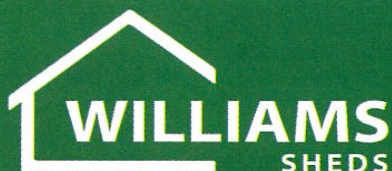
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	R4 - Johnstown Women AFC v Carmarthen Town AFC Women	
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	R5 - Carmarthen Town AFC Women v Pontardawe Town Ladies Reserves	
	R6 - Ammanford Women AFC v Carmarthen Town AFC Women	
	R7 - Carmarthen Town AFC Women v Drefach Women FC	
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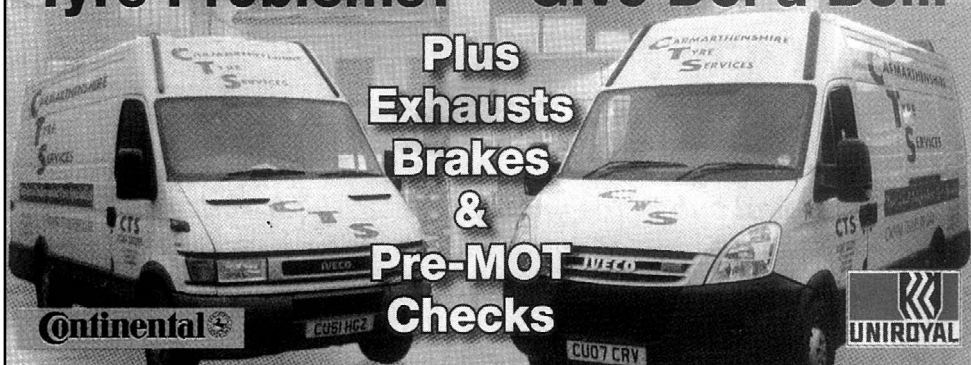
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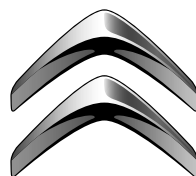
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Briton Ferry Ex-Schoolboys (Founding name) being the elder club were formed in 1925/26 and became members of the Welsh League in the early 1930's. The team was re-named Briton Ferry Athletic A.F.C. in 1926 when playing in the Swansea and District Football League. Promotion was gained to the second division of the Welsh League in 1932. After the Second World War "The Ferry gained promotion to the first division of the Welsh League in 1947, albeit for one season only.

Despite the Club's mixed fortunes in the 1950's and 1960's it built up a fine sporting tradition and produced three full Welsh Internationals in Roy John, Harold Williams and Carl Harris. In 1987 Mr. Graham Jenkins, now a life president who played for the team between 1951 and 1955 and whose grand-father, Mr. James Taylor, was a founder member of the club became Chairman of the Club and between 1995 and 1997 he undertook the rebuilding of the clubhouse, dressing-rooms, the visitors' lounge and the installation of flood-lights.

There is no doubt that the club's fine facilities were a factor when Mr. Carl Harris, the former Leeds United winger and winner of twenty four full Welsh Caps accepted the position of player-manager. The club enjoyed considerable success under Carl's leadership culminating in the team's promotion as runners-up to the new League of Wales. However the stay in the League was to be a short one when relegation followed at the end of the 1993-94 season.

Although the club preserved its status has one of the most established teams in the Welsh league by retaining their first division status for many years they were never able to reach the heights archived in their glory days and a succession of poor seasons culminated in their relegation in 2008/2009 to the third division of the Welsh Football League.

## **Llansawel Football Club**

Comparative youngsters compared to their counterparts at the Old Road, Llansawel Football Club were only formed in 1985 by a group of fathers whose children were playing junior football for Giant's Grave Boys Club. Over a period of 20 years since they entered the then old Division Five of the Neath and District Senior League the club successfully rose through the ranks culminating in 2005/2006 by becoming the first team in the 75 year history of the Neath League to complete the treble twice.

2005/2006 proved to be a landmark season which saw the club win 6 trophies including the Premier League, Premier Cup, Open Cup, Borough Cup, Rose Bowl and Neath League 75th Anniversary Trophy. A great season was capped with Llansawel gaining promotion into the Welsh Football League. Llansawel spent three seasons in the Welsh League before the decision was made to amalgamate with Briton Ferry FC.

## **The Merger**

After extensive discussions in the summer of 2009 it was agreed that Briton Ferry and Llansawel Football Clubs would merge to form Briton Ferry Llansawel AFC. It has been evident during the past few years that everyone associated with the new club is determined to grasp the opportunities this merger provides and maximize its potential ensuring that the new infrastructure provides a foundation for controlled growth ensuring a bright future for everyone associated with Briton Ferry Llansawel AFC.

Season 2019/20 saw the club take part in the inaugural season for the FAW JD CYMRU CHAMPIONSHIP SOUTH under the reigns of manager Carl Shaw and the club is well placed this season with the main focus to achieve the Tier 1 License with a number of projects and improvements underway at the Old Road to bring the ground and infrastructure up to the desired level including 300 extra seats, pitch extension work, floodlights upgrade as well as new dugouts.

Ultimately the 21/22 season was disappointing on the field with a 3rd place finish a full 17 points behind winners Llantwit Major but with success off the field securing a Tier 1 licence for the first time in the clubs history. This was also the year when the club parted company with long time standing Manager Carl Shaw who oversaw so much of the clubs success in a 10 year tenure at the club. Former Academy Head of Coaching Andy Hill was brought in to oversee first team matters.



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POS.	CLUB	PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	GF	GA	GD	PD	PTS.
1	Briton Ferry Llansawel	11	9	0	2	35	14	21	–	27
2	Afan Lido	11	8	2	1	28	15	13	–	26
3	Llanelli Town	11	8	1	2	36	15	21	–	25
4	Ammanford AFC	10	6	2	2	19	13	6	–	20
5	Carmarthen Town	11	5	4	2	25	17	8	–	19
6	Cwmbran Celtic	11	5	3	3	24	20	4	–	18
7	Baglan Dragons	10	4	3	3	18	15	3	–	15
8	Cambrian and Clydach Vale	11	4	2	5	16	15	1	–	14
9	Caerau Ely	11	4	0	7	25	23	2	–	12
10	Goytre United	9	4	0	5	13	19	-6	–	12
11	Pontardawe Town	10	3	2	5	22	24	-2	–	11
12	Taffs Well	11	2	5	4	14	18	-4	–	11
13	Trefelin BGC	10	3	2	5	14	27	-13	–	11
14	Llantwit Major	11	2	2	7	13	26	-13	–	8
15	Abertillery Bluebirds	10	1	2	7	9	31	-22	–	5
16	Abergavenny Town	10	1	0	9	9	28	-19	–	3

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## ALAN 'FITZ' FITZPATRICK



On behalf of everyone at Carmarthen Town AFC, I would like to pass on our deepest sympathies to Alan's family at this very sad time.

Coming from Bancyfelin, I have known Fitz for many years. However, it was only by chance that I found out that he was a keen amateur photographer. On passing the clubhouse one night, Alan was leaving with a camera in his hand and on questioning, it turned out he was a regular at the club as it was the venue for a local

Camera Club. This is when I mentioned that the club was looking for a match day photographer, he agreed and was at the next home game. This was back in 2016 and since then he has been at most 1st Team fixtures taking fantastic action shots. As a club we rely heavily on volunteers, and Fitz was most definitely up there with the best.

To give an idea Alan's match day would start by turning up an hour before kick off, where he would head to 'Caffi'r Hen Aur' for his cuppa and a chat. There he will always be remembered for his smile and for being such a nice guy. He would then make his way to the home side goal hoping for the shots when we scored. We wouldn't then see him until the next game, as he would quietly leave after the final whistle. For the years we were competing in the Welsh Premier League, there was a WPL Licencing requirement to get 6 action shots onto their share drive within an hour of the final whistle. Alan would go home and send me these pics as close to the deadline as he could. No doubt scrutinising them all to ensure we had the very best. That night my email box would ping regularly as he would forward the whole album for us to put on our socials, where they can be viewed to this day on our Facebook page. In doing this he also created a special bond with the players, who would anxiously wait to see themselves in action, with many then using the photos on their own socials. Alan played football locally for many years, and his knowledge of the game was very good. He wouldn't batter an eyelid in telling me if we hadn't played well! He loved teams to play football with ball at their feet, and from the early years would often comment on how we needed players like Kyle 'Bertie' Bassett, who would run hard at the opposition and fight for every ball in defence. No doubt a similar player to him.

As well as having his cameras, we would joke that his main investment was in wet weather clothing as it always seemed to rain when he was at games. I am sure that many of our supporters would have got to know Fitz well, and no doubt would share banter through the 90 minutes.

One of the many other jobs he carried out was team photos. Above is a photo of Alan presenting Jeff Thomas and Main Sponsor Einsley Harries with their copies at our annual dinner. He would also carry out work for our Academy and more recently Women's and Girls Teams.

Thank you for everything you have done at Carmarthen Town AFC.

Fitz you will be sorely missed by all. RIP Alan.

*Chris Edwards*

### Carmarthen Town (2) – (0) Cambrian & Clydach

Saturday 21st October 2023

Carmarthen Town stretched their unbeaten run to eight games in all competitions with a hard-fought win against Cambrian & Clydach. The visitors, who had parted ways with former manager Richie Ryan in midweek, had no answer to Carmarthen's attacking play in the opening fifteen minutes of the game when the Old Gold raced into a two-goal lead.

Carmarthen, who were missing several key players including striker Noah Daley, could have taken the lead in the second minute when Mason Jones-Thomas burst through midfield and played in Bradley Gibbings whose low shot was saved by Cambrian goalkeeper Morgan Davies. Davies was tested again in the ninth minute palming away a shot from the edge of the box by Jordan Langley, but just a minute later Carmarthen took a deserved lead. After good approach play by Greg Walters he found Mason Jones-Thomas on the edge of the box with his back to goal, Jones-Thomas then showed great skill to flick the ball past Cambrian defender Jay Woodford and with a tight angle he shot across goalkeeper Davies into the far corner to score his fifth goal of the season.

Three minute later Carmarthen came forward again, Liam Thomas picked up the ball thirty yards from goal and spotted Jordan Langley making a run to his left, Thomas passed the ball through, and Langley ran onto the ball and finished first time with the outside of his left foot to score his first goal for the Old Gold and to double Carmarthen's lead. Liam Thomas could have put Carmarthen even further ahead but his shot in the sixteenth minute went wide. This spurred Cambrian & Clydach into action and they slowly came back into the game during the rest of the first half without creating any clear chances.

During the second half Cambrian & Clydach enjoyed large amounts of possession and exerted pressure on Carmarthen, forcing them to retreat into their defensive third. On sixty minutes Danny Woolfenden's shot from the edge of the box prompted Lee Idzi to make a good save down to his left.

With Cambrian now in control of the game, Carmarthen fans might have expected a repeat of the previous two league games' when they let slip winning positions. However, the Old Gold demonstrated resilience and determination, managing to maintain their two-goal lead. Captain Greg Walters effectively disrupted Cambrian possession in midfield, while Jonathan Invernizzi's precise passing alleviated any moments of panic.

A succession of long throws from Cambrian's Jay Woodford threatened the Carmarthen goal midway through the second half, but Carmarthen's defensive quartet of Jordan Vickers, Trystan Jones, Lee Surman and Tom Dyson held firm. Late on former Carmarthen Town centre back Dave Vincent pushed forward for Cambrian & Clydach but his left foot strike from fully thirty-five yards flew just inches past the post.

Team - Idzi, Vickers, Trystan Jones, Surman, Dyson, Walters (Capt.), Invernizzi, Langley, Gibbings, Thomas, Jones-Thomas (Rickard 59)

Subs Not Used – Craig, Edwards, Richards, Xander Jones

Attendance - 245

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## **Briton Ferry (3) – (1) Carmarthen Town**

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**Friday 27th October 2023**

Carmarthen Town returned to winning form on Friday night at Cwrt Yr Ala Road with an excellent 4 – 2 victory over Caerau Ely which included a second hat trick of the season from Liam Thomas. After the game settled down the Old Gold took the lead in the 7th minute when Sam Parsons intercepted a pass from Caerau right back Conor McNamara and aimed a low cross into the box where Liam Thomas was on hand to finish past goalkeeper Harry Johnson. Liam Thomas then doubled Carmarthen's lead in the 16th minute. Mason Jones-Thomas side stepped Caerau left back George Shepard and cross the ball into the box and Liam Thomas applied the deftest of touches to divert the ball past Johnson.

Caerau created their best chance of the first half when a free kick found Lathan Garrett on the right whose cross was met with a towering header from Clayton Farrah but the ball narrowly went past the far post. Caerau were now enjoying more possession and putting pressure on the Carmarthen back line. Despite this, Carmarthen, who looked dangerous in every attack then went further ahead. Jordan Vickers found Mason Jones-Thomas down the right-hand side. Jones-Thomas dribbled past two defenders and aimed another low cross into the box which evaded Liam Thomas but was tapped in at the far post by Noah Daley.

Liam Thomas then had a chance to get a first half hat trick when Sam Parsons cross found Thomas unmarked in the box but after taking a touch goalkeeper Harry Johnson pounced and smothered Liam Thomas' goal bound shot.

In the second half Caerau Ely pushed Carmarthen back into their own half and in the 63rd minute Daniel Bowen pulled a goal back with an excellent left foot shot from 20 yards which gave Lee Idzi little chance to save. A number of substitutions from both teams introduced fresh energy to the game in its final 15 minutes and it was Caerau substitute Ethan Deacon who caused problems for the Carmarthen defence. He picked up the ball on the left in the 83rd minute and cut inside and struck a low shot towards the far post and with Idzi at full stretch flicked the ball past the post with his fingertips. From the resulting corner however, Deacon got away from his marker to nod in at the far post to make it 3-2.

With Caerau now confident they could get an equaliser, but it was Carmarthen who confirmed their victory in injury time with a fourth goal. George Sheppard passed back to goalkeeper Harry Johnson who took a heavy touch, immediately Liam Thomas pounced to touch the ball into the net to complete another hat trick.

Lee Idzi, Jordan Vickers (Ben Erikson 76), Trystan Jones, Lee Surman, Sam Parsons, Jamie Rickard, Tom Dyson (Jonathan Invernizzi 85), Jordan Langley (Jac Walters 85), Noah Daley (Bradley Gibbings 76), Liam Thomas, Mason Jones-Thomas  
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