

New faces in WPL Team of the Season



The New Saints' Chris Marriott and Mark Jones of Bala Town are the only players to keep their place in the annual Welsh Premier League Team of the season.

The team selection is made by polling the twelve club managers for their best players in each position and a list of substitutes. The selections are totalled up to select the overall best player in each position.

This year's squad reflects the success of clubs with The New Saints represented by six players whilst second place Airbus UK have three representatives, Welsh Cup winners Prestatyn Town are have Andy Parkinson as one of two strikers and Bala Town's midfield star Mark Jones makes up the eleven.

Last year's first choice custodian Lee Idzi steps down to the bench as do Bangor City's Michael Johnston and Les Davies. Also among the subs is Aeron Edwards after gaining a midfield slot in last term's selection.

Team of the Season 2012-13

Paul Harrison

The New Saints

Lee Owens
Airbus UK Broughton

Kai Edwards
The New Saints

Ian Kearney
Airbus UK Broughton

Chris Marriott
The New Saints

Wayne Riley
Airbus UK Broughton

Mark Jones
Bala Town

Ryan Fraughan
The New Saints

Alex Darlington
The New Saints

Mike Wilde
The New Saints

Andy Parkinson
Prestatyn Town

Subs:

GK Lee Idzi (*Bangor City*)

D Michael Johnson (*Bangor City*); **Lee Surman** (*Port Talbot Town*)

M Aeron Edwards (*The New Saints*); **David Brooks** (*Port Talbot Town*)

F Les Davies (*Bangor City*); **Chris Budrys** (*Airbus UK Broughton*)

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BALA TOWN QUALIFY FOR EUROPE!

RECENT RESULTS....

Saturday May 18th

Europa League Play-offs - FINAL

Port Talbot Town v Bala Town 0-1

WOMENS WELSH PREMIER LEAGUE

RESULTS

17 th May	Cardiff Metropolitan v Port Talbot Town	7-0
19 th May	Caernarfon Town v Aberystwyth Town	1-4
	Cardiff Metropolitan v Llandudno Junction	8-1
	Cardiff City v Wrexham	5-2

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Team of the Season

How the Managers voted....

Aberystwyth Town - Tomi Morgan

Simon Spender (TNS)
Ryan Wade (AIR)

Michael Johnston (BAN)
Tom Field (AIR)
Chris Simm (BAN)

Jon Hill-Dunt (PRT)

Ian Kearney (AIR)
Mark Jones (BAL)
Liam Thomas (CAR)

Chris Roberts (BAN)
Chris Jones (TNS)

Subs: Lee Idzi (BAN)
Dave Hayes (PRT), Chris Davies (PRT)
Alex Darlington (TNS), Ryan Edwards (BAN)
Mike Wilde (TNS)

Afan Lido FC - Paul Evans

John Irving (BAL)

Kai Edwards (TNS)
Wayne Riley (AIR)
Mike Wilde (TNS)

Lee Idzi (BAN)

Mark Jones (BAL)
Lee Hunt (BAL)

Steve Tomassen (AIR)
Aeron Edwards (TNS)
Andy Parkinson (PRT)

Chris Marriott (TNS)

Subs: Dave Roberts (NEW)
Lloyd Grist (PTT), Steve Evans (TNS)
Dave Brooks (PTT), Alex Darlington (TNS)
Chris Simm (BAN)

Airbus UK Broughton - Andy Preece

Chris Thomas (BAN)
Lewis Harling (PTT)

Phil Baker (TNS)
Chris Hartland (AFA)
Mike Wilde (TNS)

Stephen Cann (CAR)

Lee Surman (PTT)
Ryan Fraughan (TNS)
Andy Parkinson (PRT)

Chris Marriott (TNS)
David Brooks (PTT)

Subs: Paul Harrison (TNS)
Steve Evans (TNS), Lloyd Grist (PTT)
Mark Jones (BAL), Chris Venables (ABR)
Ian Sheridan (BAL)

Bala Town - Colin Caton

Lee Owens (AIR)

Stuart Jones (ABR)
Paul Fowler (CAR)
Wayne Riley (AIR)

Lee Idzi (BAN)

Chris Jones (TNS)
Mike Wilde (TNS)

Lee Surman (PTT)
Matty Collins (ABR)
Andy Parkinson (PRT)

Lloyd Grist (PTT)

Subs: Steve Cann (CAR)
Steve Evans (TNS), Simon Spender (TNS)
Tom Field (AIR), Mike Parker (PRT)
Les Davies (BAN)

Bangor City - Nev Powell

Lee Owens (AIR)
Liam Thomas (CAR)

Kai Edwards (TNS)
Aeron Edwards (TNS)
Mike Wilde (TNS)

Paul Harrison (TNS)

Steve Tomassen (AIR)
Tom Field (AIR)
Alex Darlington (TNS)

Chris Marriott (TNS)
Ryan Fraughan (TNS)

Subs: Steve Cann (CAR)
Lee Surman (PTT), Ian Kearney (AIR)
Chris Jones (TNS), Chris Hartland (AFA)
Andy Parkinson (PRT)

Carmarthen Town - Mark Aizlewood

John Irving (BAL)
Ian Sheridan (BAL)

Cortez Belle (PTT)
Lewis Harling (PTT)
Mike Wilde (TNS)

Steve Hall (PTT)

Conell Rawlinson (TNS)
Alex Darlington (TNS)
Mark Jones (ABR)

Chris Roberts (BAN)
Ryan Fraughan (TNS)

Subs: Lee Idzi (BAN)
Michael Johnston (BAN), Wyn Thomas (ABR)
Mark Connolly (BAL), Mark Jones (BAL)
Jordan Follows (ABR)

Gap Connah's Quay - Mark McGregor

John Irving (BAL) Steve Tomassen (AIR) Lee Idzi (BAN) Kai Edwards (TNS) Chris Marriott (TNS)
Sion Edwards (BAN) Chris Seargeant (TNS) Mike Parker (PRT) Ryan Fraughan (TNS)
Mike Wilde (TNS) Andy Parkinson (PRT)

Subs: Paul Harrison (TNS)
Ian Kearney (AIR), Chris Davies (PRT)
Sam Finley (TNS), Ross Stephens (PRT)
Chris Simm (BAN)

Llanelli AFC - Bob Jeffrey

John Irving (BAL) Phil Baker (TNS) Paul Harrison (TNS) Lee Surman (PRT) Chris Marriott (TNS)
Ashley Evans (PTT) Aeron Edwards (TNS) Mark Jones (BAL)
Lee Hunt (BAL) Martin Rose (PTT) Les Davies (BAN)

Subs: Steve Cann (CAR)
Stuart Jones (ABR), Stuart Jones (BAL)
Chris Venables (ABR), Jamie Petrie (CQN)
Mark Jones (ABR)

Newtown AFC - Bernard McNally

Michael Johnson Paul Harrison (TNS)
(BAN) Cortez Belle (PTT) Kai Edwards (TNS) Chris Marriott (TNS)
Ryan Fraughan (TNS) Mark Jones (BAL) Alex Darlington (TNS) Chris Hartland (AFA)
Andy Parkinson (PRT) Les Davies (BAN)

Subs: Lee Idzi (BAN)
Janie Brewerton (BAN), Steff Edwards (BAL)
Chris Seargeant (TNS), Jeff White (LLA)
Mike Wilde (TNS)

Port Talbot Town - Scott Young

Lee Owens (AIR) Kai Edwards (TNS) Jamie Stephens (AIR) Michael Johnton (BAN) Chris Marriott (TNS)
Ryan Fraughan (TNS) Aeron Edwards (TNS) Mike Parker (PRT) Alex Darlington (TNS)
Mark Jones (ABR) Chris Budrys (AIR)

Subs: Paul Harrison (TNS)
Steve Evans (TNS)
Mark Jones (BAL), Rhys Healey (CQN), Chris Jones (TNS)
Chris Simm (PRT)

Prestatyn Town - Neil Gibson

Lee Owens (AIR) Kai Edwards (TNS) Paul Harrison (TNS) Ian Kearney (AIR) Chris Marriott (TNS)
Ryan Fraughan (TNS) Ashley Evans (PTT) Alex Darlington (TNS) Wayne Riley (AIR)
Mike Wilde (TNS) Chris Budrys (AIR)

Subs: Lee Idzi (BAN)
Sam Hart (AIR), Ryan Green (PTT)
David Brooks (PTT), David Petrie (CQN)
Lee Hunt (BAL)

The New Saints FC - Craig Harrison

Lee Owens AIR) Michael Johnston (BAN) Steve Cann CAR) Ian Kearney (AIR) Lloyd Grist (PTT)
Wayne Riley (AIR) Mark Jones (BAL) Ryan Edwards (BAN) David Brooks (PTT)
Andy Parkinson (PRT) Chris Budrys (AIR)

Subs: Lee Idzi (BAN)
Lee Surman (PTT), Steve Tomassen (AIR)
Damian Allen (BAN), Kenny Lunt (BAL)
Chris Simm (BAN)

**In the case of a tie in totalling the selections, the number of selections as substitute was used.
When still a tie then the points attributed in the Player of the Year award were used to differentiate.**

Bala Town claim last Euroslot...

Bala Town FC will be playing European football for the first time in their history following their historic victory against Port Talbot at the GenQuip Stadium on Saturday.

John Irving's 89th minute shot sent Bala into their seventh heaven and Port Talbot into despair.

The Lakesiders exorcised two ghosts by winning on Port Talbot's patch for the first time in their history and also put behind them the disappointment of losing last season's Final at the hands of Llanelli.



Bala Town 2012-13

Europa League Playoff Winners

Loanees offered new deals



Two players who spent the 2012/13 season helping their loan clubs reach Europe have been offered new deals by their parent club Wrexham. Wrexham player-manager Andy Morrell has offered new contracts to defenders Anthony Stephens (in red, left) and Steve Tomassen. Stephens helped Prestatyn win a first Welsh Cup in their 103-year history and with it Europa League qualification for the first time.

Tomassen made such an impression at the Airfield for Andy Preece's Airbus UK, that he captained the Wingmakers at times as the Broughton-based side finished in a record second-position to claim European football for

the first time.

It remains to be seen whether either will be offered out on loan next season and able to play in the Europa League, which starts on Thursday 4th July.

Meanwhile Airbus UK's Lee Owens is also attracting the attention of Morrell after consistent displays this season.

Brownhill departs Citizens

Bangor City defender Liam Brownhill has left the club and announced his decision on twitter:

"I'd like to thank everyone involved at Bangor city, players/staff/fans etc had a great year, I won't be a Bangor player next season, all the best."

Brownhill (pictured right) made 27 starts for City during this season with one substitute appearance. He scored twice during the League campaign.



Barry deserve more than a footnote in history

By Gary Pritchard, *Sgorio*

One of Wales' most famous and most successful domestic clubs have been effectively reduced to a footnote on the Welsh Football League's website.

On Monday night, the management committee of the south Wales based league met to discuss the withdrawal of Barry Town by their controversial owner, Stuart Lovering.

With just two games remaining, both against Ton Pentre, Lovering had given notice he was pulling the club out of the league ... but why, I hear you ask.

Unfortunately, that question seems destined never to be answered.

No statement was released to the press, no mention has been made on the Welsh Football League's own website, apart from a footnote to the League's list of tables which reads "Barry Town have withdrawn from Division One – record expunged".

It's a sad indictment that a club with such a proud past and such a promising future have been reduced to a footnote on the Welsh League's website.

Having reached the Welsh Cup semi finals, losing to eventual winners, Prestatyn Town, Barry Town are a club bouncing back hoping to recapture some of the glory days of the 1990s.

And it's been a long and winding road back for the seven time Welsh Premier League champions.

In 2003, with mounting debts and facing administration, the club lost the majority of its players and backroom staff.

And it was under this financial black cloud which Lovering arrived, buying the club and presiding over its relegation from the Welsh Premier League to the Welsh League Second Division.

Having been unsuccessful in his many bids to sell the club for a grossly inflated price, Lovering then set about making life as difficult as possible for his own club's managers, players and supporters.

In 2004, with rent going unpaid to the Vale of Glamorgan Council, and despite the fans paying part of the club's debt, Lovering opted not to settle the debt but to move the club 20 miles away to Treforest.

Despite returning to Jenner Park in 2006, the fans' only contact with their club's owner came as he either reduced playing budgets, sacked managers or banned supporters from Jenner Park.

But throughout the chaos Gavin Chesterfield succeeded in securing promotion from the Second Division.

Following yet more threats from Lovering to pull the plug on the club unless he found a buyer for the club, the Barry Town Supporters' Committee was formed in January 2009.

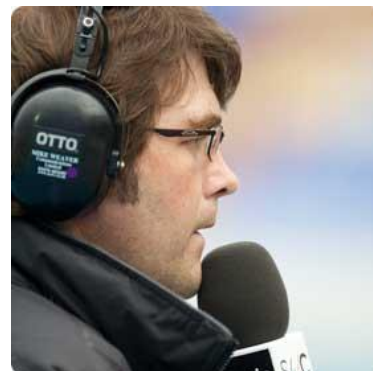
Taking responsibility for all footballing matters, the BTSC – a non-profit organisation – reached agreement with the council for the use of Jenner Park and set about raising money to pay for the team.

The rebuilding of Barry Town under Chesterfield and the Supporters' Committee has been one of Welsh domestic football's success stories in recent seasons.

With two successful Welsh Cup runs under their belt which saw their vociferous and colourful fans making a welcome return to grounds the length and breadth of Wales, the club turned its attentions to an ascent back to the Welsh Premier League.

But Lovering's meddling refused to go away.

Despite apparently promising to keep out of the club's footballing matters he installed himself as club secretary and finally carried out the threat he had held over Barry Town since his arrival.



The latest news to be confirmed is that a revamped club is hoping to be admitted to the Welsh League for the forthcoming season. It will be run by the BTSC co-operative as previously and be known as **BARRY TOWN UNITED.**

Consortium in bid for Llanelli AFC

From the Llanelli Star

A CONSORTIUM of town businessmen are believed to have put in a bid to revive the wound-up Llanelli AFC.

A group of four Llanelli men, whose identities are currently shrouded in secrecy, have put in a bid for the lease of Stebonheath Park and the running of the social club.

They have also applied to the FAW to be accepted into Welsh League Division Three for next season, according to Kevin Tucker, chairman of the Reds Action Group.

The 52-year-old said the supporters' group had shelved their own plans to bring the club back to life in order for the consortium to make progress, but has now appealed for reassurance on whether they have the "right intentions".

Mr Tucker said: "We set up our group to hopefully set up a supporters' trust, which would then make Llanelli FC a community owned operative structure.

"But it came to light from Bob Jeffrey (former Reds manager) that there was a consortium involving four people who have put a bid in. He asked whether the supporters could liaise with them, rather than put our own bid in.

"We held a meeting between us last week and voted to back the consortium as we did not want to jeopardise their plans by putting our own bid in and both bids going against each other.

"The main objective is to have a football club next season, and we have sent a letter of support to the FAW and the town council to support the consortium's plans."

At London's High Court, Registrar Derrett lost patience with the debt-ridden Reds and pulled the curtain down on their 117-year-history last month, formally winding the club up over a £21,000 tax debt — a figure the club maintains is largely not due.

Mr Tucker, who had watched the Reds intermittently with his dad since the 1970s, said the group would be pursuing further information from the consortium on their visions for the future.

"From what we believe they have got the right intentions, but it is shrouded in secrecy at the moment. If their intentions are fully honourable, hopefully we can get back through the Welsh leagues and even further in future years," he said.

"If we don't receive the assurances, we will be looking at putting a survey out to see if there is enough support to have a co-operative structure.

"We are 100 per cent behind the plans, but we need to know what is going on. If it is not forthcoming we will have to put the feelers out for our plans.

"I would like to appeal for them to come forward and share their plans with us. We have hung back after hearing their bid, but we need to find out what their intentions are."

He added that the supporters' group had held talks with Supporters Direct, a group which worked closely with Aldershot Town and Portsmouth FC when they had their own troubles.

Mr Tucker added: "The long term intention is to have a supporter-run club and we don't want to have to rely on one person as we have done in the past.

"Our intentions are for the social club to be run to support the football club — if they don't go hand in hand there is no point in running the football club.

"We want the town and the community to have a major say in what is happening. We can't go back to the way it was."

The name of the new club has yet to be decided. The original club logo is featured above.



Feeder League status

North

Huws Gray Cymru Alliance

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Gdiff	Pts
Rhyl FC	30	24	6	0	100	24	76	78
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
Guilsfield	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	28	18	4	6	64	29	35	58
Cambrian & Clydach	28	17	5	6	56	26	30	56
Taffs Well	28	14	7	7	57	39	18	49
Haverfordwest County	28	13	8	7	63	35	28	47
Aberdare Town	28	13	8	7	45	35	10	47
AFC Porth	28	13	7	8	39	34	5	46
Monmouth Town (-3)	28	13	6	9	54	43	11	42
Bryntirion Athletic	28	10	9	9	38	40	-2	39
Ton Pentre	28	9	9	10	39	39	0	36
Pontardawe Town	28	10	5	13	34	39	-5	35
Goytre United	28	10	4	14	33	51	-18	34
Cwmbran Celtic	28	9	5	14	41	52	-11	32
Bridgend Town	28	8	7	13	28	51	-23	31
Tata Steel	28	5	6	17	28	61	-33	21
Caerleon	28	1	4	23	18	63	-45	7

Barry Town withdrew from Division 1 and their record was expunged

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

SCORECARD

Saturday 18th May EUROPA LEAGUE PLAY-OFF FINAL

Port Talbot Town 0 -
Bala Town 1 John Irving 88'

Port Talbot Town
29. Steven Hall, 7. Lee John (21. Sacha Walters 75'), 5. Lee Surman, 6. James Bloom, 24. Ryan Green, 8. Lewis Harling, 14. Carl Payne (12. Leigh De Vulgt 86'), 39. David Brooks, 4. Ashley Evans, 10. Cortez Belle, 9. Martin Rose
Subs: 17. Duane Saunders, 25. David Burnett (gk)

Red Cards: None
Yellow Cards: Payne 42' Evans 66' Harling 90'
Brooks 90'+1

Attendance: 658 Referee: Mark Petch

Bala Town qualify for Europa League

Bala Town
1. Ashley Morris, 16. Tony Davies, 4. Stuart Jones, 11. Steffan Edwards (3. Ben Collins 60'), 17. Stephen Brown (18. Lewis Codling 70'), 2. John Irving, 6. Conall Murtagh, 10. Ian Sheridan, 9. Lee Hunt, 8. Mark Jones, 20. Kenny Lunt
Subs: 7. Mark Connolly, 22. Ryan Wyn Jones, 15. Ross Jefferies, 30. Michael Platt (gk)
Red Cards: None
Yellow Cards: Lunt 45'+1

WOMENS WELSH PREMIER LEAGUE

Friday 17th May

Cardiff Metropolitan Ladies 7 Emily Brown 31' 42' 62' 66' Emily Allen 50' 88'
Hannah Billingham 81'

Port Talbot Town Ladies 0 -

Sunday 19th May

Caernarfon Town Womens 1 Katie Bowe 67'
Aberystwyth Town Ladies 4 Claire Thomas 13' Anna Jones 20'(og) Kelly Thomas 58'
Mel Davies 85'

Cardiff City 5 Rachel Rowe 25' Danielle Broadhurst 28' 37' Alicia Davies 77' 88'

Wrexham Ladies FC 2 Lowri Edwards 76' Katie Edwards 82'

Cardiff Metropolitan Ladies 8 Emily Brown 20' 51' Dana Hinton 32' Jaz Thomas 37' 63'
Emily Allen 40' 76' Steph Turner 89'

Llandudno Junction Ladies 1 Sophie Owen 60'

WOMENS WELSH PREMIER LEAGUE

FINAL TABLE

	Home						Away						Pts	G.Diff
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
Cardiff City	20	10	0	0	44	8	9	0	1	48	4	57	80	
Cardiff Metropolitan	20	10	0	0	47	4	9	0	1	34	7	57	70	
Wrexham Ladies FC	20	7	1	2	41	14	6	1	3	26	13	41	40	
Llanidloes Ladies FC	20	5	0	5	13	15	5	1	4	22	17	31	3	
Swansea City Ladies FC	20	4	2	4	25	19	5	0	5	21	17	29	10	
Port Talbot Town Ladies	20	5	0	5	25	19	3	2	5	21	28	26	-1	
Aberystwyth Town	20	4	1	5	18	21	4	1	5	20	25	26	-8	
Newcastle Emlyn Ladies	20	3	0	7	18	22	4	1	5	21	26	22	-9	
Llandudno Junction	20	1	1	8	10	37	3	0	7	13	43	13	-57	
Northop Hall Girls FC	20	2	0	8	14	41	2	0	8	16	48	12	-59	
Caernarfon Town	20	2	1	7	13	53	1	0	9	11	40	4*	-69	
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

Cardiff City Ladies take title on last day



Cardiff City FC claimed the inaugural Welsh Premier Women's League title as they beat a gallant Wrexham side at the Cardiff City Stadium on Sunday. Before the match started they had a 14 goal advantage over closest rivals Cardiff Met who were hosting Llandudno Junction at the same time. Rachel Rowe calmed the nerves of the home supporters after 24 minutes as she opened the scoring and two further impressive strikes by Danielle Broadhurst before the break put the home side firmly in the driving seat. Regular updates were fed from the Met game – and it became clear

midway through the second half that the Students were not going to claw back the required goals to clinch the title themselves on goal difference. This allowed Cardiff City to relax a little – and their defence relaxed a little too much just before the hour mark as Lowri Edwards netted for the visitors.

After 76 minutes of play, substitute Alicia Davies set up a simple tap in for Siobhan Walsh but two minutes later Kate Edwards replied impressively for Wrexham.

Davies herself - sealed the victory and the title for her side with two minutes left as she calmly slotted her side's 5th goal of the game past Rosie Lamprey.

Congratulations to Cardiff City – they only lost one game all season. Commiserations in equal measures to Cardiff Met who were left rueing their only league defeat of the season against the newly crowned Champions.

Owens scoops the awards at Airbus

LEE Owens scooped three awards at Airbus UK Broughton's annual presentation night.

The 26-year-old full back was voted supporters', managers' and players' player of the season.

Formerly with Wigan Athletic, Lee played for Vauxhall Motors in two spells punctuated by injury and had been out of football for two years before joining the Wingmakers in July 2012.

But he started in 28 games this season to become the most consistent performer in the side.

Ian Kearney picked-up the award for committee player of the year while Wrexham loanee Steve Tomassen was voted young player of the season.

Wayne Riley received the award for leading goalscorer with 12 in the last Welsh Premier campaign.

The night also recognised many people who have made key contributions to the club's 46-year journey from humble beginnings to qualifying for the Europa League.

Former managers John Sutton, Terry Melia and Rob Lythe received awards while chairman Paul McKinlay presented silver commemorative salvers to current management duo Andy Preece and Andy Morrison.

The Under-14 academy side that won the national finals in Newtown last weekend were also recognised, as were the Airbus Ladies team who won the North Wales Cup.



The Last Word

from Gwyn Derfel

What an emotional weekend that was!

It is of course great to share in people's joy and my warmest congratulations are extended to everyone associated with Bala Town for their historic win over the weekend.

However it is very difficult to know what to say to the losers of any big game and with the £90,000 prize snatched from their grasp in the 89th minute – I must compliment the Port Talbot coaching staff and officials for the gracious way they accepted the defeat. I just really hope that the club continues to grow and improve so that they can once again be serious European contenders.

Port Talbot should take heart from the 658 attendance on Saturday. Let's also hope that the majority of them return to the GenQuip next season to recreate the great atmosphere at the ground.

On Sunday I was fortunate enough to be present at the Cardiff City Stadium to witness Cardiff City FC clinch the Welsh Premier Women's title. Once again it was a privilege to see what winning meant to all involved but on the other hand spare a thought for Cardiff Met. They lost the title on goal difference having only dropped three points all season. Football is a cruel mistress sometimes.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed positively to our National Leagues this season. I'm really looking forward to working with you again next season.

Y Gair Olaf

gan Gwyn Derfel

Wel am benwythnos llawn emosiwn!

'Roedd yn brofiad braf rhannu gorfoledd clwb Y Bala brynhawn Sadwrn ac mae'n rhaid llongyfarch pawb sy'n gysylltiedig gyda'r clwb ar eu llwyddiant mawr. Y Bala yn Ewrop – pwy fasa'n meddwl !

Ochr arall y geiniog wrth gwrs ydi rhannu siom a phoen Port Talbot wrth i gôl hwyr John Irving gipio'r cyfle o gystadlu yng Nghynghrair Europa a'r £90,000 ddaw yn sgîl hynny o'u gafael.

'Rwy'n gobeithio'n fawr y bydd clwb y GenQuip yn parhau i gryfhau fel tîm fel y byddant unwaith eto'n cystadlu'n frwd am le yn Ewrop y tymor nesaf.

Fe ddylent gymryd hyder o'r ffaith bod 658 o bobl wedi dod drwy'r gatiâu ddydd Sadwrn – gobeithio y down nhw'n 'ôl y tymor nesaf i ail-greu awyrgylch fywiog y penwythnos.

Ddydd Sul 'roeddwn yn ffodus i weld Dinas Caerdydd yn cipio coron Uwch Gynghrair Merched Cymru yn Stadiwm Dinas Caerdydd. Unwaith eto 'roedd hi'n bleser gweld cymaint yr oedd eu llwyddiant yn ei olygu i bawb sy'n gysylltiedig gyda'r tîm – ond rhaid oedd hefyd cydymdeimlo gyda Merched Met Caerdydd.

Wedi 20 o gemau – 'roedd y Myfyrwyr wedi ennill 19 ohonyn nhw – ond wedi colli'r Bencampwriaeth ar wahaniaeth goliau yn unig. Gall pêl-droed fod yn gêm greulon ambell waith.

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