

# SOUTH WALES PREMIER LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

**APRIL 2025** 



### SW Premier League News

#### **New Season - New Name - Same Competitiveness**

As we get into April the promotion and relegations are being finalised but many of the titles are still in the balance!

#### **PREMIERSHIP**

Cardiff Airport confirmed a top 2 finish with a win over last season's Champions FC Cwmaman and then beat Caerphilly Athletic to almost be certain of the title but still need 1 point to confirm. Caerphilly Athletic's form has stuttered in the run-in and need a point themselves to secure a top 2 finish. Mathematically Penydarren BGC can still pull level with Caerphilly Athletic however have a worse goal difference.

The "key holders" appear to be Aber Valley who have to play all 3!

#### **Upcoming games include:**

Wednesday 23rd April Saturday 26th April Wednesday 30th April

Saturday 3rd May

Aber Valley v Caerphilly Athletic
Porthcawl Town Ath v Penydarren BGC

**Aber Valley v Cardiff Airport** 

Penydarren BGC v FC Cwmaman

Aber Valley v Penydarren BGC

#### **CHAMPIONSHIP**

Afan United's decision of concentrating on the league has ensured a top 2 finish but not the title - a wash-out at Princess Margaret Way means they may have to wait until 10th May unless results go in their favour! But who will join them in the top 2?

Clwb Cymru are in the driving seat but have 2 tricky games coming up. AFC Wattstown will be looking to pounce if Clwb Cymric slip up and Dinas Powys who still have a mathematical chance have to play them both albeit they also have the SWFA Senior Cup Final to fit in!

**Upcoming games include:** 

Wednesday 23rd April

Dinas Powys v Clwb Cymric

Saturday 26th April

Clwb Cymric v Vale United

Saturday 3rd May AFC Wattstown v Dinas Powys

#### **DIVISION ONE WEST**

Tata Steel United and Llangeinor have secured the top 2 places.

All eyes go to Llangeinor who travel to play 5th place Grange Albion needing a win to lift the title!

**Upcoming games include:** 

Wednesday 23rd April Grange Albion v Llangeinor

#### **DIVISION ONE EAST**

AFC Penrhiwceiber confirmed a top 2 finish - and whilst Penygraig United were playing in the FAW Trophy Final - Ceiber's win over Splott meant Pengraig were promoted. Now it's just the title to be decided. Penygraig have 2 difficult games before they face AFC Penrhiwceiber at the Glasbrook Field Upcoming games include:

Saturday 25th April Penygraig United v St Josephs
Wednesday 30th April Treorchy BGC v Penygraig United

Saturday 3rd May AFC Penrhiwceiber v Penygraig United

#### **CUPS UPDATE**

Two Finals coming up - more details in the Newsletter

Saturday 3rd May Hugh James SWFA Senior Cup Port Talbot Town v Dinas Powys

Saturday 10th May SWPL W John Owen Cup Porthcawl Town Athletic v Cardiff Airport

Tables can be found here: <a href="https://www.southwalespremierleague.co.uk/match-info/tables">https://www.southwalespremierleague.co.uk/match-info/tables</a>
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## SWPL Club of the Month March 2025



### **CAERPHILLY ATHLETIC**

March's Club of the Month was a difficult decision. AFC WATTSTOWN won 3 of their games drawing 1 scoring a dozen on the way, CLWB CYMRIC winning 4 of their 5 games scoring 29 in the process.

But the 3 in contention were September's winners PENYGRAIG UNITED who won all 5 including a big FAW Trophy Semi-Final win over Llanrwst United from Ardal NW League. PORT TALBOT TOWN also won their 5 games including their FAW Trophy Semi-Final win over Trearddur Bay from the Ardal NE League.

However the decision was to go for CAERPHILLY ATHLETIC for 5 league victories and scoring 17. This included being the team to inflict the first league defeat on Cardiff Airport.





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## W JOHN OWEN CUP FINAL

**Saturday 10th May** 

@ USW Treforest KO 2.30pm



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## The Road to USW

	PORTHCAWL TOWN ATHLETIC	CARDIFF AIRPORT
Round 1	Vs AFAN UNITED (H) 1-0 Lucas Wiseman 40'	Vs CLWB CYMRIC (H) 3-0 Theo Richards 6' Lee Stradling 80' Oliver Tipples 90'+1'
Round 2	Vs TON PENTRE (H) 3-1 Johden De Meyer 12' Hayden Lau 64' Bradley Clarke 87'	Vs CWM WELFARE (A) 4-2 Jack Davies 2' Theo Richards 40' Curtis Scotto 69' Casey Thompson 90'+1'
Round 3	Vs SULLY SPORTS (H) 4-0 Johden De Meyer 33', 47' Morgan Thomas 50' Andrew Emery 75'	Vs PENYGRAIG UTD (H) 2-1 Theo Richards 34' Sonny Lambert 51'
Quarter Finals	Vs PENYDARREN BGC (H) 3-1 Finn Jones 5' Jorge Crofts 31', 61'	Vs GRANGE ALBION (A) 0-1 Lee Stradling 77'
Semi Finals	Vs FC CWMAMAN 6-0 Finn Jones 10', 89' Jorge Crofts 28', 40', 44' Andrew Emery 59'	Vs VALE UNITED 4-1 Oliver Tipples 6', 25' Jack Davies 19' Alfie Tipples 33'



#### **FACTS & FIGURES**

#### PORTHCAWL TOWN ATHLETIC V CARDIFF AIRPORT

The teams have already met each other 3 times this season - twice in the SWPL and once in the Hugh James SWFA Senior Cup

02.11.2024		SW Premier League
Porthcawl Town Athletic Finn Jones 89'	1-3	Cardiff Airport Paul Morgan 11' Theo Richards 26' Curtis Scotto 51'
18.01.2025		SW Premier League
Cardiff Airport  Curtis Scotto 44'  Jack Davies 67'  Lee Stradling 80'  Oliver Tipples 90'+5'	4-0	Porthcawl Town Athletic
01.02.2025		SWFA Senior Cup
Porthcawl Town Athletic  Morgan Thomas 20'  Jorge Crofts 24'  Finn Jones 42	3-2	Cardiff Airport Lee Stradling 46', 90'+2'

#### **TOP SCORERS (All Competitions to 20.04.2025)**

PORTHCAWL TOWN ATHLETIC	CARDIFF AIRPORT
22 Jorge Crofts	23 Curtis Scotto
12 Johden De Meyer	17 Oliver Tipples
11 Finn Jones	17 Theo Richards





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## **FAW TROPHY FINAL**

Saturday 19 April 2025 @ Ynys Park, Trefelin BGC FC **KO** 5.15pm



## Port Talbot Town 2-1 Penygraig United



It was a fantastic achievement by the 2 SW Premier League clubs to reach the FAW Trophy Final and after a wait of 25 years for a trophy Port Talbot Town came out on top in the FAW Dragon Signs Amateur Trophy Final at Ynys Park - the home of Trefelin BGC - against Penygraig United.

A crowd of 1,213 saw an fairly even contest despite Port Talbot opening the scoring early on as Andrews Davies headed home from a corner at the near post after 6 minutes. Penygraig did not give up and, as the half continued, started to find openings themselves and were still in the game at the interval. However Port Talbot again came out of the blocks quickly after the break and doubled their lead on 52 minutes when Jordan Edwards hit the target. However Penygraig did not give up and Ian Smith pulled one back on 79 minutes to set up a exciting end to the game.









#### **HUGH JAMES SWFA SENIOR CUP FINAL**

Saturday 3rd May 2025 KO 6pm

@ SDM Glass Stadium, Bridgend (Penybont FC)



### **Dinas Powys**

V

### **Port Talbot Town**



#### THE ROAD TO LLANRUMNEY .....

ROUND 1

#### **DINAS POWYS FC**

**HOLTON ROAD (H)** 

3-0

Ryan Garland 4', 50', Izaac Folion 61

**ROUND 2** 

#### **HEOLGERRIG RED LION (H)**

4-2

William Thomas 7', Izaac Follon 23' Jack Harrold 26', 36'

**ROUND 3** 

#### ST JOSEPHS (H)

4-3

Ryan Garland 9', 16'
William Thomas 23', Kylan Erickson 86'

**ROUND 4** 

#### **PENTYRCK RANGERS (H)**

3-2

Jack Harrold 27', Ryan Garland 76' William Thomas 90'+2'

**ROUND 5** 

#### **NELSON CAVALIERS (H)**

4-0

Kylan Erickson 31', 40' Lucas Murray 45'+5', Izaac Follon 69'

**QUARTER-FINALS** 

#### **RADYR RANGERS (H)**

3-0

Izaac Follon 54', 71', 80'

**SEMI-FINALS** 

CWMBACH ROYAL STARS SC 0-0 (Pens 5-4)

#### **PORT TALBOT TOWN FC**

Bye

Bye

#### **CROESERW ATH (H)**

6-0

Daniel Rees 36', Jack Bevan 45', 75'
Cory Saunders 60', John Hall 71'
Rhys Powell 89'

#### **ELY VALLEY (A)**

2-0

Jack Bevan 4' Connor Morgan 90'+6'

#### **MARGAM YC (A)**

4\_0

Ryan Kostromin 11', Christian Allen 58' Jordan Edwards 77', Connor Morgan 86'

#### **CLWB CYMRIC (A)**

3-1

Christian Allen 19', Ryan Kostromin 52'
Jordan Edwards 64'

#### **SPLOTT FC**

6-0

Christian Allen 8', Scott Tomlinson 25'
Jordan Edwards 33', 55', 79'
Lewis Boxall 87'







## SWFA PROMOTION FROM T7 TO T6 (LOCAL LEAGUE TO SW PREMIER LEAGUE) Tables updated 20.04.2025

→ = Applied for promotion (C) = Champions

Promotion is dependant of SWFA Licensing criteria - refer to:

www.southwalespremierleague.co.uk/downloads/swfa-information

BERDARE LANGE TO THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY	ABERDARE			No of Games in division - 24						
		Р	W	D	L	GD	Pts	APPG		
	Penywaun	21	18	2	1	+81	56			
*	Abercynon	22	18	0	4	+80	54			
	Royal Oak	21	16	3	2	+44	51			

NO S DISTRICT S	BRIDGEND & DI	ST	Final Table					
		P	W	D	L	GD	Pts	APPG
	Brynna (C)	18	15	1	2	+56	46	2.55
*	<b>Bridgend Town</b>	18	12	4	2	+39	40	
	Penyfai	18	12	1	5	+28	37	

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		P	W	D	L	GD	Pts	APPG		
	Cardiff Hibernian (C)	16	15	1	0	+72	46	2.87		
	Llanishen	15	10	1	4	+16	31			
	K & H Forever Young	11	6	2	3	+11	20			

CARDIFF & DIS	Т		No of G	ames i	in divis	ion - 20	0
	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts	APPG
Pentyrch Rangers (C)	20	17	2	1	+58	53	2.65
Splott Albion	19	13	2	4	+27	41	
<b>Canton Rangers</b>	19	10	5	4	+18	35	

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		P	W	D	L	GD	Pts	APPG
*	Heolgerrig Red Lion (C)	16	15	0	1	+81	45	2.81
	Penydarren Reserves	16	13	0	3	+41	39	
*	Trelewis Welfare	16	9	1	6	+27	28	

Salar A Dille	PORT TALBOT & D	IST	ı	No of G	ames	in divis	ion - 2	4
		P	W	D	L	GD	Pts	APPG
*	FC Porthcawl (C)	22	17	3	2	+61	54	
*	Cornelly United	22	12	5	5	+19	41	
	Croeserw Athletic	22	13	2	7	+18	41	

	RHONDDA & DISTRICT			No of Games in division - 26					
		P	W	D	L	GD	Pts	APPG	
<b>*</b>	Porth Harlequins (C)	24	20	4	0	+86	64		
	Tonypandy Albion	24	18	3	3	+59	<b>57</b>		
	Stanleytown	22	13	2	7	+15	41		

Earl Ely Rhymary Valley Foundard League	TERV			No of Games in division - 16					
		P	W	D	L	GD	Pts	APPG	
*	Rhydyfelin Non Pol	15	11	1	3	+24	34	2.27	
	AFC Bargoed	15	10	3	2	+36	33	2.20	
	Cilfynydd	16	10	2	4	+44	32		

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		Р	W	D	L	GD	Pts	APPG
	Cardiff Airport Res (C)	18	13	1	4	+35	40	
*	St Athan	18	12	3	3	+35	39	2.17
*	Island Marine	18	11	2	5	+38	35	



# FAW REPORTS FURTHER GROWTH & INVESTMENT

THE FAW IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE RECORD REVENUE FOR A NON-QUALIFICATION YEAR, OF £32.4M FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 2024 (FY 24). THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 40% ON THE PREVIOUS HIGH, WHICH WAS RECORDED IN FY 22. GROSS PROFIT WAS £21.6M DURING FY 24 (UP FROM £21.1M IN FY 23), WITH A GROSS PROFIT MARGIN OF 67% (UP FROM 58% THE PREVIOUS YEAR)



Throughout the year, FAW took advantage of higher interest rates, which helped to mitigate the impact of not participating in the men's UEFA EURO 2024 tournament. After accounting for interest, dividends and the gain on the fixed asset investments, the profit after tax was £1.1m (compared to £0.2m in FY23).

The key elements supporting the delivery of FAW's record revenue numbers:

- Increased attendances at home matches, with two capacity crowds for Men's EURO 2024 play-offs.
- Accessed all available funding from UEFA & FIFA, in line with their frameworks, to deliver footballing provision throughout Wales and on the world stage.
- Received further support from the Department of Culture Media and Sport (DCMS) to enable the Cymru Football Foundation (CFF) to invest in community grassroots facilities across Wales.

FAW also grew its revenue streams throughout its core business, which was helped further by the performance of its investment portfolio and treasury management at a time of higher interest rates. FAW Chief Financial Officer, John Young said: "The positive results for FY 24 reflect an association rooted in solid foundations, with good risk management but with the agility to be able to adjust where necessary. Not participating in the men's EURO 2024 or benefiting from the additional funding that would have been generated, did not hinder the organisation's ability to continue to progress both on and off the field.

"Supporting the Women's National Team to qualify for its first major tournament has been a feature of FY 25 on the field. Off the field, a comprehensive review of systems and processes throughout the business has positioned us well to invest further in growing the game in Wales."

The FAW continues to be grateful for the unwavering support from the Welsh Government, via Sport Wales and the UK Government, through DCMS. Their investment has enabled the FAW to partner with local authorities and clubs to fund new facilities across Wales through the <u>Cymru Football Foundation</u>. This collaboration has brought about significant positive changes to communities throughout the region, with over £17m being invested since October 2022. The FAW's balance sheet remains strong with reserves of £15.8m at the end of FY 24.

⇒ Full article here: <a href="https://faw.cymru/news/faw-reports-further-growth-and-investment/">https://faw.cymru/news/faw-reports-further-growth-and-investment/</a>







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# NATIONAL WALKING FOOTBALL PROGRAMME LAUNCHED FOR PEOPLE WITH PARKINSON'S

The FAW is proud to announce an exciting new initiative in collaboration with Sport Parkinson's, Parkinson's UK, EFL in the Community, and the FAW Area Associations. This pioneering programme aims to develop a national network of football clubs dedicated to supporting individuals with Parkinson's and other neurological conditions through the power of football.



With funding from the FAW and Sport Parkinson's, the programme will establish nine dedicated walking football hubs across Wales. These hubs will provide a supportive and inclusive environment for adults with Parkinson's, allowing them to stay active, socially connected, and engaged in the game they love.

Garen Williams, Director of Sport Parkinson's, emphasised the impact of this initiative, stating: "Sport Parkinson's is proud to collaborate with the Football Association of Wales to support the growth of walking football for people living with Parkinson's across Wales.

"Through this grant initiative, we aim to establish dedicated walking football hubs, providing opportunities for people with Parkinson's to stay active, connected, and engaged in the game they love. This partnership reflects our shared commitment to promoting inclusive sport and improving the well-being of individuals through football."

This programme is part of a wider effort, aligning with the EFL in the Community's initiative in England to establish 14 similar clubs, bringing the total to 23 across England and Wales. The initiative is further strengthened by expert training, advice, and monitoring, ensuring both physical and mental well-being benefits for players.

For anyone to wish to take part or get more involved click on the link below for more information:

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