

## Stories from September 2007

Saturday 29/09/07 - 20.00

### Crows climb to third after a convincing home victory

After a fairly even first half that saw Cwmbrân go in 1-0 up at half time, the Crows shook off three weeks of rust and turned on the style to record a comfortable 4-0 win.

Houston, Pardeal, and Ngody all got on the score sheet in the second half after Hodge put the Crows ahead with a first half tap in. The Crows move up three places to third in the Welsh League first division after Cambrian and Aberaman both suffered defeat.

It was a good day all round as the reserves beat Newport Civil Service 2-1, and the under 16s recorded their first win with a 6-2 verdict.

Friday 28/09/07 - 14.00

### Crows face resurgent Maesteg Park this weekend

After three weeks without Welsh League action, the Crows are back at Cwmbrân Stadium this Saturday, and welcome visitors Maesteg Park.

Due to off the field issues regarding lack of backroom personnel, Maesteg sensibly requested a delay to the start of their league campaign. So while all around them racked up three or four games, Park's first game was scheduled for a fortnight after the start of the season.

Fortunately, the historic club came through their troubles and have avoided the threat of folding. Despite losing their first two games of the season, Park then drew with Afan Lido, and progressed to the second round of both the Welsh Cup and League Cup. The Crows will have to be on form as a team playing with confidence will be difficult to beat.

Along with the Crows, Maesteg were one of the founding members of the Football League of Wales back in 1992/93. However, Maesteg were relegated at the end of the 94/95 season and have remained in Welsh League division one ever since.

Prior to the formation of the FLoW, Maesteg beat the Crows 5-2 at Cwmbrân Stadium on their famous run to the semi-finals of the Welsh Cup in 1992. That run saw them defeat Hereford United 2-1 at Edgar Street (i was there!) in the fourth round, then beat Aberystwyth 2-0 in the quarters, before going down 4-0 to Cardiff City after the tie was switched from Tudor Park to Ninian Park on police advice.

The match kicks-off at 14.30 - see you there!

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Thursday 27/09/07 - 15.30

### Horse Racing evening declared a success!

A great night's entertainment was witnessed at the Cwmbrân Town AFC Sports & Social club last night (26/09/07), with a substantial amount of money successfully raised.

The evening produced plenty of excitement as people shouted encouragement at their horses on the big screen, or howled with disappointment as their horse slipped down the order as the finish line approached! And I'm sure the winning horse owners will treasure their rosettes for many a year!

A big thank you to all the organisers, and all those who turned up and gambled generously...

Saturday 22/09/07 - 19.00

### Brave Crows exit the League Cup as Aber notch up five!

Welsh League third division Abertillery proved too good for a Cwmbrân side consisting of reserve team players. The Crows fell behind early on, and then went 2-0 down not long after.

Tyrone Gibbs pulled one back before half time, but Aber turned up the heat in the second half and scored three great goals. The Crows were not as outclassed as the scoreline suggests, but in the end, the five-division gap between the third division and the Premier Y told.

Friday 21/09/07 - 14.30

### League Cup trail begins with an away tie with Abertillery Excelsiors

This weekend the Crows are again in cup action, this time in the newly sponsored Nathaniel Car Sales League Cup, and are away to manager-less Abertillery Excelsiors.

Abertillery are currently struggling near the foot of Welsh League division three, with only one victory gleaned from their six fixtures (and that was a 5-1 win over pointless Morryston Town).

Abertillery have gone through numerous name changes in recent years. The team that won promotion to the Welsh League from the Gwent County League actually merged with neighbours Cwmtillery, and used their ground for the following campaign. They took on the title Tillery FC for the ensuing seasons until 2005/06.

Unfortunately, the new name of Abertillery saw the club relegated from division two. Then suffix 'Excelsiors' was duly added and the club survived their first season

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back in division three, avoiding relegation back to the Gwent County League by four points.

[Wednesday 19/09/07 - 15.15](#)

### Cwmbrân Town youth teams get off on the wrong foot

Unfortunately, both the under 16s and under 14s teams opened their league campaign with defeats to Pontnewydd and Griffithstown respectively.

Meanwhile, despite topping the Premier Y with five impressive wins out of five, Cwmbrân Town reserves lost in the first round of the Senior Bowl away to bottom-of-the-table neighbours Lucas Cwmbrân. See the [reserves](#) section for more details.

[Tuesday 18/09/07 - 15.25](#)

### Cwmbrân Town AFC requires an Assistant Manager/Coach

The club is looking to recruit a suitably qualified **Assistant Manager/Coach**. See the [Vacancies](#) section for more information.

[Monday 17/09/07 - 15.00](#)

### Welsh Cup second round draw: Crows miss out on WPL date

The second round of the Welsh Cup was drawn this morning in Cardiff, with Cwmbrân's first round conquerors Merthyr Saints drawing current holders Carmarthen Town at home.

The Crows faced Carmarthen at the same stage last season of course, but hopefully Merthyr will do better than we did!

With Goytre United making it through to the second round, the league game against them on 06/10/07 will be postponed.

[Saturday 15/09/07 - 19.00](#)

### Crows crash out at the first hurdle as Saints go through!

A below-par performance by the Crows combined with a professional and hungry performance by the hosts saw Cwmbrân Town's 07/08 Welsh Cup campaign come to an early end.

The first half saw the Crows miss a penalty a few minutes before the break, but only after the home side were denied a goal when Williams made a vital save.

The Crows continued to mis-fire in the second half and rarely troubled the Merthyr goal. Meanwhile, the Saints first goal came from a header from a free kick on the

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left, and their second was a great finish from an acute angle after a quick counter-attack.

The Crows now look to the League Cup first round next weekend versus third division Abertillery.

[Thursday 13/09/07 - 14.00](#)

### Welsh Cup campaign begins with an away clash with Merthyr Saints

Over the next two weekends, the Crows can put league matters aside, and concentrate on two separate cup trails. First up this Saturday is the first round of the Welsh Senior Cup, and the Crows are away to Merthyr Saints.

The Saints are currently second in Welsh League division three having been relegated from division two last season.

After entering the Welsh League third division (as Hoover Sports) in 1995/96, they won promotion to the second division at the first attempt.

That promotion signalled the beginning of an unbroken 11-season stint at that level, which unfortunately came to an end last season.

[Wednesday 12/09/07 - 16.30](#)

### Gwent Senior Cup draw takes shape as Croesy crash out

Both Monmouth Town and Aberbargoed Buds progressed to the first round proper from the preliminary round of the Gwent Senior cup, with Monmouth beating Risca United 2-0, and the Buds disposing of struggling Abertillery Excelsiors 3-0.

The Crows of course face Abertillery in the first round of the Shamrock League Cup on the 22/09/07.

Caldicot Town and Croesyceiliog got the first round started at Jubilee Way last night. The home side took a healthy 3-0 lead into the dressing rooms at half time, and despite Croesy staging a mini rival that saw them reduce the arrears to 3-2, Caldicot eventually ran out convincing 9-2 winners!

[Sunday 02/09/07 - 09.00](#)

### Crows knock Dinas Powys off top spot as Ngody strikes again!

The Crows made it three wins and three clean sheets on the trot as the league leaders were swept aside 3-0 at Cwmbrân Stadium. With goals from Abdul Kamotondo, Ricky Hodge, and top scorer Jean Black Ngody, the Crows consolodate sixth spot in Welsh League division one as Aberaman continue their good form to maintain fifth.