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MacWhirter Welsh League Division 1

14.30

Bryntirion Park

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Bryntirion Athletic

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Walters (15, 44)

The season ended as it had started, in warm sunshine, but with a defeat. A first half brace from one of the league's hottest prospects – Robbie Walters – ensured the points went to the home side.

Young reserve team defender Ryan Howells was handed his senior team debut in a back five, but unfortunately his first match was only to last three or four minutes. A clash of heads when going up for a defensive header left Howells needing a trip to the local hospital. Craig Lane replaced him a few minutes later.

The first meaningful attack of the game by either side led to the hosts creating the opening goal. A cross came in from the right wing and Robbie Walter rose to head home.

Ten minutes later and the Crows had a chance to equalise. Oliver Collins clipped the ball over the high Bryntirion defence and Chris Smith latched onto it. Keeper Alan Fouanguim was off his line like a shot and Smith couldn't steer his shot passed him.

As the half-time whistle approached Bryntirion extended their lead. A communication mix up between the keeper and the defence saw Bryntirion's Jon Cuss steal the ball and set Walters up to slot home.

As is so often the case this season the Crows played better and created more in the second half. With the Bryntirion defence happy with their high position up the pitch, the pace in the Crows attack proved dangerous.

Half time sub Richard Lane had the first real chance. He latched onto a ball over the top from Lefty Simplice and sped towards goal, but could then only shoot wide.

Chris Smith had a brace of chances from a corner. He connected well with a header but the keeper was equal to it. The rebound fell kindly back to him but he lifted his shot just over the bar.

Shortly afterwards, the hosts hit back when Cuss crossed for Carpenter who put his header wide of the mark. As the game entered the last five minutes Richard Lane was set free again. Koffi flicked on a through ball and Lane bore down on goal with two defenders for company. Again keeper Fouanguim denied the young striker.



As the final minutes of the game, and season, ticked away, the Crows mustered two more chances. Tybbo Koffi's long-range shot was saved before Lefty signalled the end of the campaign with a speculative shot that went just wide.

The Crows now wait on the results of Taff's Well's and Pontardawe's last games to see if they will finish twelfth, thirteenth or fourteenth.

Team Line-ups & Match Statistics		
		
Manager: Guillermo Ganet		Manager: Francis Ford
R.Jeffries	1	A.Fouanguim
R.Howells (7)	2	C.Reece (79)
B.M.Simplice	3	I.Grearie
T.Kone	4	L.Williams
P.Lispie	5	R.Willams
O.Collins	6	J.Williams
K.Law	7	G.Thomas
C.Smith	8	N.Clark
D.Clarck (46)	9	R.Walters 
T.Koffi	10	J.Cuss
S.Rolieo-Doe	11	A.Carpenter (73)
C.Lane (7)	12	L.Piotrowski (79)
R.Lane (46)	14	D.Hamilton (73)
	15	J.Thomas
	16	C.Thomas
	17	R.Cronick
Referee: H.James		Attendance: 55