



MacWhirter Welsh League Division 1

Cwmbrân Stadium

CWMBRÂN TOWN

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CAMBRIAN & CLYDACH

1

Jones (1)

The Crows drop down to fourth in the division after an out-of-sorts performance lead to a first league defeat since the first game of the season. Despite conceding a first minute goal, the Crows had enough opportunities to equalise and indeed win the match, but Cambrian held out well to claim all three points.

The game started in catastrophic fashion for Cwmbrân as they went 1-0 down within the first minute. Cambrian's first attack caused panic in the defence, and Darren Jones' scuffed shot deflected and spanned past the unperturbed Jeffries who assumed it was going wide. Unfortunately, the ball squirmed into the bottom corner of the net rather than spinning to safety.

This visibly unsettled the Crows and Cambrian continued to attack, looking quite threatening at times, and not giving the home players any space or time.

As the half progressed, the balance shifted in favour of the Crows as they began to come more into the game. Houston had a great chance from a short-corner routine but couldn't get enough on his header. The striker was then flagged offside in what must have been a tight call for the linesman. Cambrian remained a threat though, and Jeffries atoned for his earlier error with a fine block at the other end.



The most memorable moment of this game for the home fans will no doubt be a piece of magic that almost led to Jean Black Ngody (*pictured*) scoring the goal of the season. He picked up the ball just inside the Cambrian half, then somehow juggled the ball past one player, then another, before unleashing a powerful volley over the bar from about 25 yards – truly magical stuff!

The Crows continued to press in the second half, and it didn't take long for manager Ganet to make a change: pacey winger Rasul replacing left-back Simplicie. And it was Rasul who forced Howells into his first save. After a neat one-two with Houston in the Cambrian box, Rasul's close-range shot was smothered well by the quick-witted keeper.

Next up, long-range specialist Kamontondo had a go from outside the box, but his shot went over. Ricky Hodge then forced Howells into action with his speculative cross-shot, but a corner was the only reward. Howells continued to keep his side ahead with a brace of saves from inside crowded penalty boxes.



With time running out, substitute Anthony Shadrach (*pictured*) was thrown on, and he perhaps had the best chance of the game. A superb cross was whipped in by McGibbon, and with the keeper in no-man's land, Shadrach's header into the ground went agonisingly wide and over. It was not to be, and the Cambrian fans duly celebrated their side's good win at the final whistle.



Team Line-ups & Match Statistics		
Managed by: Guillermo Ganet		Managed by: Neil Foulkes
		
Cwmbrân Town		Cambrian & Clydach
R.Jeffries	1	J.Howells
 M.McGibbon	2	R.Thomas
B.M.Simplice	3	I.Shepard
S.Evans	4	D.Lever
 A.Akinbolu	5	R.Hughes 
A.Kamontondo	6	S.Seldon
 R.Hodge	7	K.Rees
J.B.Ngody	8	S.Fackerell 
 R.Duo	9	D.Jones 
L.M.Ferreira	10	A.Ellwood
M.Houston	11	R.Taylor
P.Lispie	Subs	A.Ashman
L.Mojeed > 6 (71)		J.Harvey
L.Manley		B.Newman > 2 (88)
A.Rasul > 3 (58)		C.MacDonald > 10 (10) 
A.M.Shadrach > 10 (80)		R.Haig
Referee: K.Fisher		Attendance: 45