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MacWhirter Welsh League Division 1

19.15

Cwmbrân Stadium

CWMBRÂN TOWN

1

Kone (86)

CAERLEON

2

Jepson (28), Jones (80)

The visitors capitalised on a couple of defensive mistakes to win this derby match 2-1. Former Crow Wayne Jepson nodded in on the half-hour mark and Chris Jones pounced in the second half. Tidiany Kone scored a cracker near the end but it was only to be a consolation goal.

The first eleven that played so well last week against Taffs Well took the field for this encounter, and the game started in similar fashion with the visitors having the larger share of possession.

Lee Cueto gave the Crows an early scare with a mazy run that could only be stopped illegally. Josh Collins headed the ensuing freekick just over the bar. Then a few minutes later Ricky Hodge but down a marker when he shot just over after being supplied by Clarke.

Caerleon then began to dominate proceedings and the warning signs began to appear. Dale Clarke shot over from inside the box before Chris Jones curled his shot just wide of Jeffries's right-hand post.

Just before the half-hour mark the visitors took the lead. The Cwmbrân defence did not deal with a long diagonal ball over to the right side, and a cross was then chipped into the box where Wayne Jepson was allowed to head in from close range.

The Crows put a few good moves together before the break, but the closest they came to an equaliser was Leon Clarke's low shot that was saved by Caerleon's John Chorley.

The Crows were a different side in the second half, and played some good football, usually involving midfielders Law, Hodge, and Kone. However, the final ball was either lacking, or couldn't be latched onto.

One particular move down the left flank produced the most bizarre incident witnessed in recent times at Cwmbrân Stadium. Some neat approach play set Kane Law free down the left, and he duly made his way to the by-line. As he attempted to cross, a Caerleon defender unceremoniously chopped him down a good couple of feet inside the penalty box. The referee blew-up but didn't point to the spot. Amazingly, despite Law and the ball still being inside the box, the ref awarded a freekick...

As the clock ticked down the Crows shot themselves in the foot with a poor piece of defending. The ball was given straight to Caerleon after a short throw-in, and a cross was whipped into the box. Chris Jones controlled the ball well and let off a



low shot that deflected off a defender and into the net leaving the wrong-footed Jeffries with no chance.

The best goal of the match was unfortunately just a consolation and it came four minutes from the end of normal time. Caerleon cleared their lines and the ball fell to Lefty Simplicie. The centre-back immediately sent the ball back into the danger zone where Tidiany Kone was able to collect it. The tireless midfielder turned to face goal and unleash an unstoppable low drive into the bottom left-hand corner of the net.

Predictably the dying minutes of the game became a mad rush to secure an equaliser, but unfortunately nothing clear-cut could be fashioned.

The Crows have three games left to play, the first being a trip to Dinas Powys on Saturday.

Team Line-ups & Match Statistics		
Managed by: Guillermo Ganet		Managed by: Brendan Dowd
		
Cwmbrân Town		Caerleon
R.Jeffries	1	J.Chorley
O.Collins	2	R.Cueto
D.Clarck	3	J.Hillier
B.M.Simplice (86)	4	J.Collins
P.Lispie	5	T.Quarterley
F.Chime	6	M.Hearne
R.Hodge	7	L.Cueto (77)
 T.Kone	8	S.Truman (73)
K.Law (69)	9	W.Jepson 
T.Koffi	10	C.Jones (81) 
L.Clarke	11	D.Clarke 
J.Frumba (69)	12	C.Pearce (77)
D.Bassett	14	M.O'Keefe (73)
R.Howells	15	
W.Bassey (86)	16	K.Hanbury (81)
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Referee: P.Bates		Attendance: 45