



FAW Welsh Senior Cup – Round 1

ICI Rifle Field

MERTHYR SAINTS

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Lewis (48), Duggan (58)

CWMBRÂN TOWN

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Any dreams of a good cup run were well and truly dashed by a confident and capable Merthyr Saints side that battled for every ball, and scored two great goals. On this evidence, Saints will be making a swift return to division two at the end of the season.

The day didn't get off to the best of starts as raiding right-back Mark McGibbon pulled-up with an injury in the pre-match warm up, leaving striker Lee Manley to fill in as a make-shift full-back. The defence already had a different look to it compared to recent matches, with Mojeed partnering Evans in the centre, and Gareth Moucher replacing Shola Oyinloye at left-back.

The first half was devoid of major incident until a few minutes before the break. A clear foul in the box resulted in the referee awarding the Crows with a penalty kick. Christopher Omuta stepped up, but home keeper Llewellyn superbly saved his shot.

The second half spelt trouble for the Crows as Merthyr were awarded a free-kick out on the left hand side. The cross was inch-perfect, allowing centre back Chris Lewis to power home a fine header.

The Crows re-grouped and showed signs of their usual passing game, but chances were few and far between. Then when Llewellyn comfortably collected a header on goal, a counter raid was launched. Chris Duggan sprung the offside trap to collect a through ball, then struck a sweet shot passed Williams from an acute angle.

Manager Ganet rung the changes, with Richard Lane and Moses Molongo replacing Manley and Omuta, and be fair, the Crows did carve out a few more chances. Unfortunately, shots from Ferreira, Houston, Molongo, and Lane all went either wide or at the keeper.

As the game drew to an end it was clear that the day was to belong to the Saints as they held out for a deserved win, which was ultimately rewarded with a second round tie at home to Welsh Cup holders Carmarthen Town.



Team Line-ups & Match Statistics



Managed by: Guillermo Ganet

Managed by: Mark Williams



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Merthyr Saints

G.Williams	1	A.Llewellyn
L.Manley	2	
G.Moucher	3	
S.Evans	4	
L.Mojeed	5	C.Lewis 
A.Kamotondo	6	
R.Hodge	7	
J.B.Ngody	8	
M.Houston	9	
L.M.Ferreira	10	C.Duggan 
C.Omuta	11	
R.Lane > 11 (66)	12	
	14	
R.Jeffries	15	
M.Molongo > 2 (60)	16	
	17	
Referee: K.Fisher		Attendance: 55