



MacWhirter Welsh League Division 1

Cwmbrân Stadium

27/08/08



CWMBRÂN TOWN

1

R.Lane (21)

ABERAMAN ATHLETIC

3

Hodge (26 o/g), Morris (35, 49)

The Crows started well in what was always going to be a tough match against the title favourites, and took a deserved lead. However, some sloppy defending allowed Aber to score similar goals to lead 2-1 at half time. A third goal for the visitors early in the second half signalled an end to the scoring.

Both sides had half chances in the first quarter of an hour, with the Crows knocking the ball about well, and Aber dangerous on the counter. Then in the 21st minute the Crows took the lead. Joey Carless received a ball in the inside-right position, controlled it well, and then flicking it on to Richard Lane. Lane nipped into the box and hit a smart low drive that visiting keeper Collins couldn't keep out.

The lead lasted barely five minutes as Aberaman attacked down the right. An overlapping run went unchecked, and the resultant low cross was unfortunately turned into the net by the luckless Ricky Hodge as he attempted to nullify the danger.

Aberaman hit the crossbar two minutes later when ex-Crow Chris Summers latched onto Leyton Maxwell's headed flick-on. The visitors weren't to be denied though as eight minutes later a quick free kick on the right dispatched an over-lapping winger. This time the low cross was met by Dean Morris who squeezed the ball through Wilkinson's legs.

Aberaman started the second like they ended the first, and it didn't take long to extend their lead. The Crows switched off at a corner and Dean Morris rose to head powerfully home to make it 3-1.

After Morris was denied a hat trick when his cross-shot skimmed the bar, the Crows started to threaten again. A sharp counter-attack by first-half sub and debutant Paul Carro almost put Rob Fowler in one-on-one, but the cross was just out of his reach. Fowler almost caught Collins out moments later, but the Aber keeper just held on to a well-hit free kick.

As the game drew to a close, Joey Carless had a snap shot blocked, while Wilkinson twice denied Mattie Davies at the other end: an acrobatic tip-over and a low block.

Line-up: Wilkinson, Hodge, Dominic Broad, Morris, Hutcheon, Arthur, McKensie, C.Lane, Fowler, Carless, R.Lane. **Subs:** Carro, A.Waite, L.Waite, Guei, Kone.