



MacWhirter Welsh League Division 1

Glenhafod Park Stadium

20/09/08



**GOYTRE UNITED**

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Thomas (28), Walters (41, 80), Ryan (88 pen)

**CWMBRÂN TOWN**

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The Crows suffered a fourth consecutive league defeat in a tough match against a dominant Goytre side that showed why they'll be fighting to retain their title come May next year.

The game started in explosive fashion with the Crows threatening first when Steve Arthur headed just over the bar from a corner kick. Then minutes later Jeffries was called into action saving a header from a long throw.

On the 20-minute mark centre-back Dave Hutcheon had a glorious chance to put the Crows ahead. Having stayed up following a corner, he beat the off-side trap and collected a chip forward by Callum McKenzie. Unfortunately, Hutcheon's shot was blocked well by home keeper Curtis.

After that scare United stepped up a gear. Another Richard Jeffries save moments before the home side took the lead denied top scorer Richard Ryan, but there was little he could do about the goal. Crows debutant midfielder Paul Dawes unfortunately under-hit a back-pass and that allowed Daniel Thomas to pounce on the loose ball before rounding the keeper and slotting home.

Ten minutes later United hit the Crows on the break but were again denied by Jeffries. The continued pressure saw the home side extending their lead minutes before half-time though. A right wing cross was flicked on allowing Robbie Walters to nod into the unguarded net.

The second half was by-and-large one-way traffic, and as the Crows switched both personnel and formation in an attempt to get back into the game they were inevitably susceptible to the counter attack. Walters, Ryan, Keaveny and Meacock all either wasted chances, or were denied by saves or 'bodies on the line' defending.

The Crows' best chance in the second half came via sub Richard Lane, but his free-kick went just over the bar.

With ten minutes remaining on the clock and the home fans eying the exits, Goytre made it 3-0 in similar fashion to the second goal, with Walters again heading in from a Keaveny right wing cross.

Jeffries made another save three minutes later - from Jon Keaveny - but he was then called upon to face a penalty kick as the final whistle approached. Ricky Hodge tripped the lively Walters just inside the box and Richard Ryan stepped up to despatch the penalty.

With all of the 'Big Four' faced in the first six games of the season, the Crows must now start picking up the points in order to pull away from the lower reaches of the Welsh League division one table.

**Line-up:** Jeffries, Hodge, Dominic Broad, Morris, Hutcheon, Arthur, McKenzie, Dawes, Fowler, Carless, C.Lane. **Subs:** Carro, Meyer, Campbell, Bennett, R.Lane.