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# Final League Table 1998-1999

Team	Home			Away			Total							
Barry Town	13	2	1	46-13	10	5	1	36-10	23	7	2	82-23	+59	76
Inter Cable-Tel AFC	9	2	5	35-14	10	4	2	26-12	19	6	7	61-26	+35	63
<b>Cwmbran Town</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>38-26</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>35-18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>73-44</b>	<b>+29</b>	<b>57</b>
Aberystwyth Town	9	4	3	28-20	7	5	4	31-28	16	9	7	59-48	+11	57
Caernarfon Town	9	5	2	29-19	4	6	6	16-27	13	11	8	45-46	-1	50
Newtown AFC	8	7	1	25-9	5	3	8	20-26	13	10	9	45-35	+10	49
Conwy United	7	4	5	26-24	7	3	6	29-25	14	7	11	55-49	+6	49
Total Network Solutions FC	7	5	4	28-19	5	6	5	27-23	12	11	9	55-42	+13	47
Carmarthen Town	7	4	5	25-19	6	4	6	21-27	13	8	11	46-46	0	47
Caersws FC	7	3	6	29-29	5	5	6	20-26	12	8	12	49-55	-6	44
Bangor City	6	2	8	26-23	5	4	7	18-26	11	6	15	44-49	-5	39
Connah's Quay Nomads	6	5	5	28-23	4	3	9	16-24	10	8	14	44-47	-3	38
Haverfordwest County	6	4	6	25-24	3	3	10	18-36	9	7	16	43-60	-17	34
Afan Lido FC	3	4	9	14-27	4	6	6	14-19	7	10	15	28-46	-18	31
Rhayader Town	3	7	6	14-23	2	4	10	15-31	5	11	16	29-54	-25	26
Rhyl FC	4	2	10	21-33	3	-	13	20-48	7	2	23	41-81	-40	23
Holywell Town	2	7	7	22-23	1	2	13	16-53	3	9	20	38-86	-48	18

## League Winners and Losers

Champions League:

UEFA Cup as Welsh Cup Winners:

UEFA Cup

UEFA Intertoto Cup:

Barry Town

Inter CableTel AFC

Cwmbran Town

Aberystwyth Town

Relegated:

Promoted from North:

Promoted from South:

Holywell Town

Cefn Druids

Llanelli AFC

## League Appearances 1998-1999

Player's Name	Position	Nationality	Date of Birth	Full Apps.	Sub. Apps	Lge goals
Mark Aizlewood	D	Welsh	01-10-59	12	6	-
Jim Blackie	D	Welsh	17-04-63	32	-	1
Richard Carter	D	Welsh	10-01-72	1	2	-
Micky Copeman	D	Welsh	07-05-70	2	6	-
Mattie Davies	S	Welsh	08-01-76	24	3	20
Mark Evans	D	Welsh	23-11-71	13	9	-
Paul Giles	M	Welsh	22-02-61	4	-	1
Wayne Goodridge	M	Welsh	26-05-65	3	2	-
Ben Graham	D	Welsh	23-09-75	12	1	1
Wayne Hewitt	D	Welsh	27-03-73	23	2	4
Phil James	M	Welsh	24-10-74	20	4	-
Ray John	D	Welsh	08-11-64	15	-	-
Phil Johnson	M	English	07-04-75	8	2	1
Lee Matthews	M	Welsh	29-06-79	5	5	-
Ian Mitchell	S	Welsh	01-10-71	1	2	-
Adam Moore	M	Welsh	11-12-70	28	-	4
Neil O'Brien	D	Welsh	13-08-66	22	-	1
Pat O'Hagan	GK	Welsh	15-03-71	32	-	-
Mark Parfitt	D	Welsh	11-04-76	10	2	1
Michael Pattimore	M	Welsh	15-03-79	8	8	-
Kevin Payne	M	Welsh	29-10-69	-	3	-
Chris Pike	S	Welsh	19-01-61	10	19	6
John Powell	M	Welsh	23-01-66	2	-	1
Chris Summers	S	Welsh	06-01-72	26	-	21
Geraint Twose	M	Welsh	11-10-73	2	11	2
Chris Watkins	S	Welsh	14-11-75	13	6	3
Russ Wigley	S	Welsh	09-01-72	24	3	2



## Cwmbran Town AFC

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1990/91

**Welsh Senior Cup Finalists**

1996/97

**Welsh Senior Cup Semi-Finalists**

1995/96

**SA Brain Cup Finalists**

1985/86

**Gwent Senior Cup Finalists**

1991/92, 1996/97

## Chairman's Message

It's not a bad way to kick off a new season, is it – Celtic at home, in front of a packed house at Ninian Park! Tonight's fixture is the kind of which dreams are made for the followers of clubs like Cwmbran Town. To say that the UEFA Cup draw has been kind to us, at least in one way, would be an understatement. This game is something very, very special for not only Cwmbran Town and the League of Wales, but also Welsh football as a whole.

I'm delighted to extend a warm Welsh welcome to the board of directors of Celtic Football Club, their multi-million pound cast of players and, of course, their fantastic fans. You are all most welcome and I hope you all enjoy your trip to the Welsh capital.

Since our name was drawn out of the bag with that of Celtic it has been a hectic time both on and off the field. Trying to prepare for a game of this stature has been an eye-opening experience. Dealing with tickets, policing, programme production, TV negotiations and other commercial activities hasn't been easy. But thanks to the superb efforts of everyone connected with the club I think we've managed to conduct ourselves professionally throughout all our arrangements and give our players the best possible chance of doing themselves, and their league, justice on the pitch. That, after all, is what tonight is all about.

My thanks also go to those companies who have come on board to help us maximise the potential of this fixture in every possible way. You will no doubt notice the name of the car manufacturer Hyundai on our shirts tonight. They have agreed to back us in both fixtures. BBC Wales are broadcasting tonight's match live on BBC2 Wales. I would like to thank their head of sport Arthur Emyr, for his help.

Celtic arrive for this first leg in fine form. The combination of Kenny Dalglish and John Barnes as the new management team at Celtic has already set the imagination racing among Scottish football fans. Their new look side has already clinically destroyed Newcastle and Aberdeen. Their performance against the Dons, in particular, was quite something.

So for us to have a chance to play against such colourful opposition and against a side whose European pedigree is something rather special, is wonderful for this football club. It is also further confirmation that the League of Wales is developing into a league of no little repute. We have been very proud to represent our league in Europe on two previous occasions, and we will fly the flag with great pride once again this evening.

Such an occasion always brings out the best in people and I believe that at Cwmbran Town we are very fortunate to have some of the very best people in Welsh football – both on and off the field. Obviously there are too many to mention but I have to say a big thank you to our manager Tony Wilcox who has spent the past few years carefully building and developing a side of which we can be very proud.

Tony is the longest serving manager in the League of Wales and that says something both about him and about the strength of this club. We might not be have swept all before us in recent seasons, but there is always a comfortable air about the club and we believe we are heading in the right direction.

We see tonight's game, and the second leg at Celtic's magnificent Park Head Stadium, as a significant piece in the overall jigsaw. After all, if you want to be the best you have to play against the best. I know the supporters would have liked to have seen the side playing in its own back yard, but as everyone knows that was simply not possible. Therefore we are grateful to Cardiff City and everyone involved at Ninian Park for the help and assistance they have given us in making sure tonight is a very special night.

I know the Cwmbran players can't wait to pit themselves against Celtic's finest tonight and my final thoughts are with them. Give it your best shot, boys, and enjoy the experience of a lifetime. Good luck!

*John Colley*



# From the Manager

On the 26th May this year I was privileged to be in the Nou Camp Stadium, Barcelona to witness an amazing European Champions League final between Manchester United and Bayern Munich. It was one of those truly great sporting occasions you remember forever.

For me personally and I'm sure for everyone involved with Cwmbran Town tonight, whatever the result, will also be one of those special occasions you never forget. Everyone I've met since the UEFA Cup draw paired us with the mighty Celtic has been wishing me good luck. They've been doing it with a shrug of their shoulders or by raising their eyes to the heavens as if to suggest it is more than luck we need. Sure, a bit of divine intervention from St. David would help, but how could anyone be downhearted at the prospect of playing against one of the greatest club sides in the world.

Let me tell you straight away, the Cwmbran Town players consider it an honour and a privilege to be given the opportunity to play against some of the top players, and earners, in European football. But they won't be overawed by the experience, and neither will they take a backward step. This is a once in a lifetime experience for the majority of the Cwmbran players and they intend to make the most of it.

You can run through all the old football clichés – it's 11 v 11; they only got two arms and two legs like all of us; you're ninety minutes away from immortality; shut up shop for 20 minutes and anything could happen – but tonight is not merely about taking part for the Cwmbran Town team, but about competing as hard as possible and proving to a man there is talent in our squad.

We've done that over the years by never finishing outside the top six in the League of Wales. We've showed ambition in the close season by signing some quality players for our league campaign. We are also determined to be incredibly competitive not only tonight, but throughout the season. The games against Celtic are no side show for us – we aim to use them as a catalyst for a season of success.

Our build up to tonight's game has been hectic to say the least. I wish I could say we arrive for tonight's game in perfect shape, but I don't think any manager ever believes he has had enough time to attend to everything he wanted before a big game. But we're here and we're raring to go!

We lost our striker Mattie Davies with a knee injury during our build up and that was a blow to our preparations. I



understand Mattie has damaged anterior Cruciate ligaments and is likely to be out of action for the rest of the season and I really feel for him. If any player deserves to play on a stage like tonight it is him.

As for Celtic, I went to Parkhead to watch them last weekend and I saw their recent wins over Newcastle and Aberdeen on video. Kenny Dalglish and John Barnes are certainly building something special – just how special we might discover tonight. When we played Chester City one of the reporters asked their manager, Kevin Ratcliffe, how he expected Celtic to play under their new management teams. "... two at the back and the rest in attack", was his answer. If that's the case tonight then our team will have to be prepared to take on all comers.

Finally, I need to thank a few people, firstly my wife Angela and children Sophie and Ross who have had to put up with me not being around for the past number of weeks.

Secondly, to the Club Chairman and lifelong president John Colley who has supported myself and Mark Aizlewood superbly.

And last but not least, Mr George Thorneycroft former Chairman of Cwmbran who is sadly no longer with us. George gave me the opportunity to become manager of the club in October 1991 and I know he will be looking down on us tonight and wishing us all the very best.

Hope you all enjoy the game.

*Tony Willcox*

## Tony Willcox

Born: 26 March 1956  
Age: 43  
5 Wales Under 18 International Caps

### Playing Career

Barry Town 1973-1980  
Ton Pentre 1981-1988  
Management Career  
Barry Town 1988-1991  
Cwmbran Town 1991-

Won League of Wales Championship in 1992-1993  
Received Football Merit award in 1997 from FAW for services to Welsh football.  
First Welsh Club Manager to lead a team into three major European Competitions.



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# Quiz By Kevin Morris

## ARE YOU REALLY A KENNY DALGLISH FAN ?

- Q. 1 Who were the opponents for his testimonial in 1999? (1 point).  
Answer .....
- Q. 2 Against which club did he make his League debut for Celtic?  
(1 point for the club, 1 for the score and 1 for the number jersey he wore).  
Answer .....
- Q. 3 Name any of the 3 junior clubs he played for ? (1 point for each).  
Answer .....
- Q. 4 Who was the Scotland manager when Kenny made his full international debut in 1971-72? (1 point).  
Answer .....
- Q. 5 In the 1974 World Cup he played in three group matches in which one match was lost and the other two drawn. Who were the opponents?  
(1 point for each).  
Answer .....
- Q. 6 Who did he succeed as Celtic captain in 1975-76? (1 point)  
Answer .....
- Q. 7 What significant landmark did he reach when (along with Joe Jordans hand) he helped Scotland reach the 1978 World Cup Finals in Argentina? (1 point).  
Answer .....
- Q. 8 What happened for the first time in Kenny's career in a European Cup match versus Benfica in 1984-85? (1 point).  
Answer .....
- Q. 9 Name the six managers he played under for Scotland?  
(1 point for each).  
Answer .....
- Q. 10 Who presented him with a solid silver cap when he won his 100th cap for his country?  
(1 point).  
Answer .....

### And Finally

For what strange reason was John Barnes Anfield debut delayed?

The father of one of tonight's players once put a cover on the light switches in the changing rooms so Bruce Grobbelaar wouldn't smash them in his warm up routine. Name him?

And who is the only player on display tonight who has appeared in each of the following cups European Cup Winners Cup, UEFA Cup, Inter Toto Cup and European Champions Cup?

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Answers: 1 Real Sociedad, 2 Rotherham, 3 Glasgow United, 4 Tommy Docherty, 5 Zaire (lost 2-0) Brazil + Yugoslavia both drawn, 6 Billy McNeill, 7 50th Cap 8 He was sent off, 9 Tommy Docherty, Willy Ormond, Ally MacLeod, Jock Stein, Alex Ferguson and Andy Roxburgh, 10 Franz Beckenbauer.



# Tonights Mascots

Tonight's mascots are Wayne Davies, Sophie Willcox, Ross Willcox and Nathan Blackie.



## Mascot in Depth

We asked one of our mascots, Wayne Davies, to tell us a little about himself. This is what we found out.

**Date of Birth:** 9th November 1987

**School:** Croesyceiliog Comprehensive School.

**Favourite Colour:** Yellow

**Favourite TV Programmes:**

South Park, Friends, The Fresh Prince of Belair

**Favourite Pop Star:** Will Smith

**Favourite Sports Personalities:**

Craig Quinnell, Scott Quinnell, Michael Owen

**Football Teams he supports:**

Cwmbran Town (of course), Liverpool

**Hobbies:** Rugby, Football, Cricket and Pool

**Honours:**

Wayne represented his school at Rugby and earned Cwmbran Districts Cap at Under 11.

**Tonight's Ball Boys have been kindly provided by Cardiff City Football Club**



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### EUROPEAN CUP LATEST

11/2 LAZIO	25 B LEVERKUSEN	50 PORTO
11/2 MAN UTD	25 FEYENOORD	50 RANGERS
13/2 AC MILAN	25 DYNAMO KIEV	50 SPARTAK MOSCOW
8 BARCELONA	33 BORDEAUX	66 CROATIA ZAGREB
10 BAYERN MUNICH	33 CELTA VIGO	100 BOAVISTA
12 ARSENAL	33 MARSEILLES	100 GALATASARAY
12 PARMA	33 DEPORTIVO	100 HERTHA BERLIN
16 REAL MADRID	33 MALLORCA	100 OLYMPIAKOS
25 CHELSEA	40 PSV EINDHOVEN	
25 FIORENTINA	50 MONACO	

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# Show Piece is OK, But Winners Required



When Cwmbran qualified for the UEFA Cup at the end of last season, it must have been beyond their wildest dreams that they would be rewarded with this glamour tie against Scottish giants Celtic.

This is the second time in three seasons that the Scottish Premier League side have been drawn against League of Wales opposition, having played Inter Cable Tel at this venue in 1997. That certainly proved to be a memorable occasion for the Cardiff based sides players, who must have been thrilled to play in front of 40,000 spectators in the return leg at Park Head. Cwmbrans' players and staff have that to look forward to in two weeks time and will doubtless be hopeful of keeping tonight's score to a respectable level, in order to add interest to the second leg for Celtic's fanatical followers.

This is the third European foray for "Crows" boss Tony Willcox, who is now assisted by much capped former Welsh international Mark Aizlewood. Mark must really be looking forward to renewed involvement on the big stage, and doubtless encountered Celtic's new management team of Kenny Dalglish and John Barnes during his long distinguished playing career. Barnes and Dalglish enjoyed a great start in the Scottish Premier League at Aberdeen two weeks ago, where they trounced the "Dons" 5-0. That result suggests that the only chance that Cwmbran have of avoiding defeat tonight is to "board up" both goals. However, Europe isn't just about results for League of Wales teams, all of whom could not have dreamt of playing such high quality opposition prior to the Leagues formation in 1992, and the consequent welcome financial benefits that UEFA Competition brings. Certainly the finance that's generated from this match should

ensure that Cwmbran remain major players in the League of Wales for the next couple of seasons.

So much for the plus "points" of this type of draw, but I personally prefer our Clubs to face less daunting tasks at the first stage of UEFA Competitions, which at least gives them some chance of progressing. Cwmbran themselves, came so close to doing so when they took on Cork City in the European Championship Cup in 1993, following becoming the inaugural League of Wales Champions. I really thought that Welsh Clubs would be able to build on that, but apart from Barry's success in UEFA Cup matches in 1996/97, it just hasn't happened. Barry's recent exit against Maltese Champions Valetta being particularly disappointing.

Whats gone wrong? Well apart from these matches coming at a bad time for our Clubs, usually in mid Summer, the fact is we need better players and a more thorough preparation. On more than one occasion after comprehensive defeats in Europe, Club officials have said to me "Oh yes, we did get hammered, but we had a great time over there and made some really good friends". It's all very well making friends, but to enhance its credibility League of Wales needs winners, and the only way to achieve this is by a more professional approach, and to reverse expectation of elimination at the first stage, particularly in the 1st preliminary round of the UEFA Champions League, which comprises of Clubs which League of Wales Clubs should have reasonable expectations of defeating.

I fully accept that if our Clubs draw teams like tonight's visitors, they will without doubt be eliminated, but surely we should be able to beat Clubs from nations from the lower reaches of the UEFA merit table, if the League of Wales is to enhance "doubters" perception of the Competition.

Let's not take it away from Cwmbran though, whose consistency has earned them this "showpiece" tie. It certainly would be a major boost for them and the League of Wales if the "Crows" were to avoid defeat tonight, on what will hopefully be a memorable occasion for players and spectators alike.

*John Deakin*

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