



UP THE ISA

THE OFFICIAL MATCH DAY PROGRAMME OF MYNYDD ISA FC

MYNYDD ISA vs. CPD BETHESDA ATHLETIC
SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST 2025
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THE CLUB

Who's Who

Chairman: Jon Hutchinson
Vice-Chairman: Kris Farren
Secretary: Kat Bonham
Treasurer: Martyn Dodd
Safeguarding Officer: Ceri Jones
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Disciplinary Officer: Sarah Murray
Head of Senior Phase: James Hollyoak
Head of Mixed Phase: Gary Done
Head of Female Phase: Adam Walker
Media Officers: Will Fox, Kris Farren
Club Photographer: Ewan Hutchinson



First Team

Manager: Liam Evans
Assistant Manager: Dave Roberts
Coaches: James Hollyoak, Karl Billingsley

Reserve Team

Manager: Chris Evans
Assistant Manager: Pat Davey
Coaches: Mike Whales, Leigh Griffiths

U21s

Manager: Greg O'Hare
Coaches: James Hollyoak, Carwyn Jones

Honours

**North East Wales Football League
Premier Division
Winners - 2024/25**

**North East Wales Football League
Premier Cup
Winners - 2024/25**

**NEWFA Horace Wynne Cup
Runners Up - 2023/24**

**North East Wales Football League
Reserve Division
Winners - 2023/24, 2024/25
Runners Up - 2021/22**

**North East Wales Football League
Reserve Cup
Winners - 2021/22, 2023/24**

**NEWFA Reserve Cup
Runners Up - 2024/25**

**Flintshire Youth League U19
Challenge Cup
Winners - 2021/22**

**NEWFA Youth Cup
Runners Up - 2021/22**

OUR HISTORY



Mynydd Isa Football Club have represented the local community of the village since establishing in 1984. In recent years, the club has grown tremendously to become one of the largest in North Wales with over 500 participants from juniors to seniors.

The club's senior sides dissolved in 2009 leaving the village without a senior section. In 2016, James Hollyoak re-established the senior section as his Ewloe Spartans side moved to the Argoed Sports Ground and entered the league as Mynydd Isa Spartans. This sparked a period of large growth with a clear pathway for the club's youth section to play senior football for their local village. In his first season at the club, Hollyoak's Spartans finished runners up in the North East Wales League (Tier 5) and achieved promotion to the Welsh National League (Tier 4). Following a reorganisation on the Welsh football pyramid, the club joined the newly established North East Wales Football League in 2020.

The summer of 2023 saw the introduction of our new club logo that is proudly worn by all of our participants and volunteers as part of the official amalgamation of our adult and youth teams. The Spartans nickname was dropped and, for the first time, all teams would play under the same club name and structure as Mynydd Isa FC.

Since 2020, our senior section have won eight trophies between our First, Reserve and Development teams, with six of those trophies being won in the last two seasons alone in a golden period of success for the club. In 2023, Liam Evans succeeded the long standing Hollyoak as First Team Manager and led our First Team to the NEWFL Mike Beech Trophy after defeating FC Queens Park 5-1 in the final. The team also finished runners up in the NEWFA Horace Wynne Cup and achieved a best league finish since reforming. It was also an incredibly successful season for our Reserves, who won a league and cup double under the leadership of Chris Evans.

The success of the 2023/24 season was repeated in a historic 2024/25 season. Our First Team became league champions and achieved promotion to the Ardal Leagues (Tier 3). A few weeks later, they completed an unprecedented league and cup double with a 3-1 win against Rhostyllen in the NEWFL Premier Cup final. Our Reserves also became back to back league champions, but narrowly missed out on another double.

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Welcome to the Argoed Sports Ground for this afternoon's Lock Stock Ardal North West match against Bethesda Athletic! I'd like to extend a warm welcome to the match officials and all of the Bethesda players, coaching team, committee and supporters in attendance this afternoon. I'd also like to wish all a safe journey home following the conclusion of the match.

We're five games in now and I think we're really starting to get a real picture of how the leagues are made up. We now know not to expect any easy games. That's a challenge that we should rise up to and I certainly think Liam and the boys are doing just that. Since our last home game against Llay, we travelled down the coast to play Penmaenmawr Phoenix on a hot afternoon at the excellent Cae Sling. It was another closely fought contest and the team came away victorious thanks to two goals from Nathan Mendoza - much to the delight of the travelling fans!

Elsewhere, our Reserves and U21 teams have made promising starts to their seasons. There has been a lot of change in the summer with these teams as we look to provide a pathway for our younger players. After a narrow loss in their opening game, Evo's lads bounced back with a stoppage time victory over Saltney thanks to young Riley Williamson's late finish! Our U21s have been competitive against some Tier 1 and 2 academy sides and can hold their heads high. It is pleasing to see our younger lads develop and we really believe in this approach as a club.

At our recent AGM, our vice-chair Matty Williams stepped down from his role at the club. I'd like to thank Matty for his hard work and effort over the last few years and for being instrumental in modernising the club. Kris Farren was elected as our new vice-chair and Sarah Murray as our disciplinary officer. I would like to welcome Kris and Sarah to their roles and look forward to working with them as we continue to push the club forward. I'd also like to thank everyone at the club for their hard work over the last year, in particular our coaches, volunteers, parents and players.

With both players and fans back from their holidays, we're hopeful of a strong performance on the pitch and our continued support off it! Enjoy the afternoon. Up the Isa!

Jon Hutchinson



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GAFFER'S WORDS

Good afternoon all! It's great to have a Saturday game at home after all of our travels over the last month or so. We welcome Bethesda Athletic to the Argoed Sports Ground today. Like ourselves, they were promoted to the third tier as champions of their league. They have had a tough start to the league just like us fixture wise, but as I keep on saying, they have shown how tough this league is by running some of the league's big boys close. They collected a brilliant three points away at Pwllheli, who I thought were superb when we travelled there. It just goes to show that every point is hard earned and today will be no different.

Our last home game against Llay was a disappointment after going 2-1 up in the game. Credit to them, they thoroughly deserved to come away with all three points in the end with their two attacking players showing why they're up there with the best in the league. As we discussed afterwards, there's no point feeling sorry for ourselves. This year is all about learning and adapting to the challenges that face us. James Beck's goal was a highlight from our point of view with a deft finish from a Ste Chiocchi through ball. I think it showed if we had been a bit braver in possession we could have caused a few more problems for their backline. Lessons learned.

We then travelled to Penmaenmawr Phoenix on the Saturday. Like us and Bethesda, they have been promoted as champions and in this tough league the game almost felt like an early six pointer for both sides with how tough it is for us newly promoted clubs. After going 1-0 down early on, the lads reacted well to the setback which is what we've been preaching since game one. Nathan Mendoza equalised after good work from Dan Wainwright to keep the ball alive. In the second half, it felt like a game where a real moment of quality would decide it and thankfully it came from us. Jay Wiles found Doza, he turned his man inside out and found the bottom corner to win the game and give us a valuable three points away from home.

A week off was much needed to allow lads to recover from the tough start to the season. Dane Shorrock and Sam Jones have made great progress from their return from injury and hopefully we'll be back to full strength soon. The support this season has been amazing and hopefully we have another big crowd to spur the lads on! See you at the game!

Liam Evans



TODAY'S VISITORS

BETHESDA ATHLETIC

Originally founded in 1946, the village of Bethesda had been represented in the footballing circle as long ago as 1919 in the first North Wales Coast league. The team went under the name of Bethesda Comrades - a popular name with many for a year or two after the First World War and belatedly they were called Bethesda United.

By the 1930's the club had adopted the name of Bethesda Victoria and was among one of the leading clubs on the North Wales circuit winning the North Wales Combination cup and North Wales Coast FA Challenge cup in the 1931/32 season.

Opting to remain in local competitions from the late 1970's, Bethesda rebuilt and rose to relative prominence again in the 1980's after the formation of the Gwynedd League. The 1984/85 season saw the club win both the Eryri Shield and Alves Cup, they reached the final of the North Wales Challenge Cup and had memorable run in the Welsh Cup which culminated in defeat at the hands of Shrewsbury Town.

In 1990 when following football clubs joined the newly formed Cymru Alliance, Bethesda decided to remain in the Welsh Alliance League. At the end on the 1990/91 season, Bethesda finished third in the league but the club opted to remain within the semi-professional arena and dropped down into the Caernarfon and District League.

In recent times, the club have won the North Wales Coast West League in 2022/23 and secured promotion to the Ardal North West. They were subsequently relegated in 2023/24 but bounced straight back as champions once again in 2024/25 and returned to the Ardal North West at the first attempt.



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We would like to thank the Argoed Sports & Social Club for continuing our partnership into a third season and for providing excellent post match hospitality for all of our senior teams, regardless of the result! We would also like to thank them for sponsoring our recent match against CPD Nefyn United in the JD Welsh Cup. Your generosity and continued support for us and the local community is much appreciated.



A big thank you to all of our sponsors for their continued support!



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FIXTURES

Upcoming Fixtures

06/09: CPD Llanberis (A) - Dragon Signs Amateur Trophy Round One

13/09: Y Felinheli (A) - Lock Stock Ardal North West

26/09: Prestatyn Town (A) - Lock Stock Ardal North League Cup

11/10: Llanrwst United (H) - Lock Stock Ardal North West

18/10: CPD Llannefydd (A) - Lock Stock Ardal North West



RESULTS

Results

26/07: CPD Nefyn United (H) - **Lost 2-3 - JD Welsh Cup QR1**

Goalscorers: Braden Lavin, Sam Wainwright

30/07: Prestatyn Town (A) - **Lost 3-1 - Lock Stock Ardal North West**

Goalscorer: Sam Wainwright

02/08: Forden United (A) - **Won 1-2 - Dragon Signs Amateur Trophy QR1**

Goalscorers: Sam Wainwright, Lewis Tudor

05/08: St Asaph City - **Won 3-0 - Lock Stock Ardal North West**

Goalscorers: Nathan Mendoza, James Beck, Harry Lambert

09/08: CPD Pwllheli (A) - **Lost 4-0 - Lock Stock Ardal North West**

12/08: Llay Welfare (H) - **Lost 2-5 - Lock Stock Ardal North West**

Goalscorers: Sam Wainwright, James Beck

16/08: Penmaenmawr Phoenix (A) - **Won 1-2 - Lock Stock Ardal North West**

Goalscorer: Nathan Mendoza (2)





Match Officials

Referee: Mark Blench

Assistants: Glenn Gray, Gareth Williams



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