



UP THE ISA

THE OFFICIAL MATCH DAY PROGRAMME OF MYNYDD ISA FC

MYNYDD ISA vs. LLAY WELFARE

TUESDAY 12TH AUGUST 2025

18:30 KICK OFF

ARGOED SPORTS GROUND, CH7 6SZ

LOCK STOCK ARDAL NORTH WEST

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THE CLUB

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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.

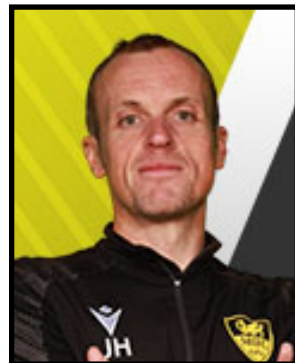
The summer of 2023 saw the introduction of our new club logo that is proudly worn by all of our participants and volunteers as part of the official amalgamation of our adult and youth teams. The Spartans nickname was dropped and, for the first time, all teams would play under the same club name and structure 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 evening's Lock Stock Ardal North West match against Llay Welfare! I'd like to extend a warm welcome to the match officials and all of the Llay players, coaching team, committee and supporters in attendance this evening. I'd also like to wish all a safe journey home following the conclusion of the match.



Last Tuesday's match against St Asaph was special occasion for the club as our first home match in Tier 3. It was made even more memorable as the team recorded their first win and clean sheet in our new division with an impressive 3-0 win. It was brilliant to see the club and its volunteers pull together to ensure everything ran smoothly off the pitch and Liam and his players certainly took care business on the pitch. Thank you to everyone for their help and support and for volunteering your time to help with the organisation of games. We really appreciate it!

I believe Saturday was a tough day at the office away at Pwllheli. It shows the quality of club we'll come up against this season, with Llay being no different. They have familiar faces at the helm and players we know of well. It will be a tough game but one I know the team will be bang up for to bounce back after the weekend!

It was great to see three of our U17s make their debut for the Reserves last Friday. Well done to Fraser Dodd, Max Robinson and Riley Williamson on the first of what I'm sure will be many appearances. The U21s also began their season on Sunday and again featured a number of our U17s and younger senior players. We really believe in this format and it shows the talented players we have at the club and the clear pathway we now have from youth to seniors. There's a lot of football to look forward to and I wish all of our teams the best of luck for their season.

Good luck tonight, lads! Up the Isa!

Jon Hutchinson



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GAFFER'S WORDS

Good evening all! It has been a frantic start to the season already with this evening's game being our sixth in just our third week of the season. We welcome Llay Welfare, who are an experienced side that have just come down from the Cymru North. They have been mainstay in the third tier for a number of years, so we know it will be another tough test for the lads and one I know they will relish! These are the games you look forward to and we know we have to be at it again if we want to get a positive result.



It has been a difficult few weeks managing the increased fixture schedule with some lads having had to play through the pain barrier with lots of knocks and niggles, coupled with unavailability due to work and holidays. It was great to have Nathan Mendoza, Ste Chiocchi and Shaun Tinsley back in the squad last week and to see Jack Aitken also make an early return from injury on Saturday too. We welcome back two key players in Mark Atkinson and Dylan Roberts this evening and we hope to see Braden Lavin and Dane Shorrock back from injury sooner rather than later as both are important players in our squad.

I was really pleased to get our first win and clean sheet in Tier 3 last Tuesday against St Asaph. We looked a lot more like our usual selves and probably should have been out of sight in the second half as we missed a lot of chances. The support was superb for a Tuesday night and to see the number of people in the village coming to support the lads is truly humbling. We really appreciate all of the support, it makes all the difference and gives the lads something to fight for each week!

Saturday's trip to Pwllheli was a stark reminder of the fine margins and quality of team in this league. I thought we played really well in the first half and had the better chances, so to concede a poor goal by our standards just before half time was a killer. They soon made it 2-0 with a quality move and finish it has to be said. The lads didn't give in though as we hit the bar and went close on a few occasions, but when you play teams of that quality you can be punished and unfortunately they finished the game off. The first ten or so games are all about finding our feet in this league and learning lessons quickly and reacting to setbacks.

Hopefully we get a reaction tonight!

Liam Evans

TODAY'S VISITORS

LLAY WELFARE



Founded in 1931, Llay Miners Welfare FC has proudly represented the village of Llay and its surrounding communities for over nine decades. Rooted in the rich history of Welsh mining culture, the club has grown from humble beginnings to become a key pillar of local football in Wrexham County Borough. The club's strong ties to the local community and its commitment to fostering young talent have been central to its ethos since its inception.

Llay Miners Welfare FC was originally established to provide recreational activities for the local mining community, with football quickly becoming the centrepiece. The club played in regional leagues, gaining a reputation for its hardworking spirit and resilience on the field, values that reflect the village's mining heritage.

Over the decades, Llay Miners Welfare FC steadily progressed through the Welsh football system, earning promotions and league titles including the Welsh National League (Wrexham Area) Division One in 1966/67, Premier Division in 1967/68, 1975/76 and 1981/82 and, more recently, Division Two in 2015/16. The Welly have also been runners-up in the Welsh Amateur Trophy in 1969/70 and NEWFA Challenge Cup winners in 2016/17.

A monumental chapter in the club's history was written in 2024, when the club achieved promotion to the Cymru North beating Llanuwchllyn in the Ardal Northern Play-Off Final. After punching above its weight for much of its debut season at Tier 2, the Welly were relegated back to the Ardal North West in 2025.

MATCH SPONSOR

Mynydd Isa Football Club would like to thank Stephen Wainwright & Sons Electrical for generously sponsoring this evening's match. Their support is vitally important to us as a community driven, village club and we greatly appreciate their support!

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We'd like to thank Ste for agreeing to join our network of local sponsors and helping us sell out all of our match sponsorships for the entire season! Up the Isa!



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Mynydd Isa Football Club and the Argoed Sports & Social Club welcome all visitors to the Argoed Sports Ground. Please join us before, at half-time and after the match in the clubhouse bar. Amanda and the team will keep you well looked after during your visit. The bar has a wide selection of alcoholic drinks, soft drinks, bar snacks and live sport to keep everyone entertained! Please can we remind spectators that alcohol is not permitted pitch side as per our ground regulations. Thank you for your co-operation with this.



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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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- **The Club Management reserves the right to refuse admission to the ground to, or to eject from the Ground, any person who refuses to be searched by any servant or agent of the Club or any Police Officer.**
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FIXTURES/RESULTS

Results

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

Goalscorers: Braden Lavin, Sam Wainwright

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

Goalscorer: Sam Wainwright

2nd August: Forden United (A) - **Won 1-2** - Dragon Signs Amateur Trophy QR1

Goalscorers: Sam Wainwright, Lewis Tudor

5th August: St Asaph City - **Won 3-0** - Lock Stock Ardal North West

Goalscorer: Nathan Mendoza, James Beck, Harry Lambert

9th August: CPD Pwllheli (A) - **Lost 4-0** - Lock Stock Ardal North West

Upcoming Fixtures

16th August: Penmaenmawr Phoenix (A) - Lock Stock Ardal North West

30th August: Bethesda Athletic (H) - Lock Stock Ardal North West

6th September: CPD Llanberis (A) - Dragon Signs Amateur Trophy Round One

13th September: Y Felinheli (A) - Lock Stock Ardal North West

20th September: Prestatyn Town (A) - Lock Stock Ardal North League Cup





Match Officials

Referee: Aaron Gray

Assistants: Glenn Gray, Finley Walley



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