

TT No. 190: Mike Latham Tues 27 Feb 2006: Cymru Alliance: **Llangefni Town 2-0 Bodedern**; Attendance: 180; Admission: £3; 32pp programme: £1; FGIF match rating: 3*

On the basis that you should help those who help you the momentous decision was made to sponsor the match ball at Llangefni's local derby on a cold Monday evening in Anglesey.

The Llangefni secretary, Terry Roberts, had been very helpful in providing team line-ups at a couple of away games and kept to his word to keep me informed of a midweek fixture at Cae Bob Parry, Llangefni's ground at Lon Talwrn on the outskirts of the town. Such assistance deserved support.

With Llangefni having to play the game to clear a couple of suspensions ahead of their Welsh Cup quarter-final tie at Port Talbot, the Monday evening fixture was an inspired choice. A decent crowd of around 180 attended, including a number of groundhoppers, two from the York area.

In return for a modest outlay for sponsorship I was treated like royalty by a very friendly club who are making a big push for a place in the WPL in the near future. But for a disastrous start to this season, when they lost four of their first five games, they might have made it this time.

The ground, Llangefni's new home since around the turn of the last century, is well appointed and has excellent facilities. Llangefni itself, a market town situated just off the A55 to Holyhead, has a number of shops and pubs, though was very quiet on a winter's evening.

There is ample car-parking outside the entrance and, once inside, everything a football supporter needs- a very readable 32-page programme with some excellent cartoons, good histories and pen pictures and several other articles of interest; a well-stocked tea bar, a compact club house and, when the far end construction work is completed, cover on all four sides with two small seated stands on either side.

The floodlights, inaugurated at a friendly against a Manchester United X1 are of superior quality to most at this level and the pitch was well grassed and contributed to a good, fluent game.

Bodedern, recent newcomers to the Cymru Alliance, contributed well to an entertaining contest that was played in good spirit despite the unfortunate sending-off of a home defender for two yellow cards. Llangefni won virtue of two good goals in the first half.

The journey home across deserted roads was very straightforward and the M6 motorway was reached within one-and-a-half hours of leaving the ground with just a couple of gear changes to negotiate two roundabouts. Highly recommended.

