

**TT No.56: Mike Latham** - Saturday 24 January 2015: Gwynedd League: **Beaumaris Town 2-9 Llanystumdwy**; Attendance: 40 (h/c); Admission: £2; No programme (2pm ko); Venue: at 3G pitch, Nantporth, CPD Bangor City.

By accident rather than design I saw two of the worst teams in Wales today and two score-lines I hadn't seen before. I hadn't intended going to watch Beaumaris Town but it's always best to have a Plan B and C during the winter months.

Anglesey is normally a banker after a week of bad weather but it let me down today. The Gwynedd League and Anglesey League websites, run by volunteers, are erratic in their postings and should take a note from the Vale of Clwyd League whose website is a model for every league to follow. Despite it being a gloriously sunny day and temperatures around 8degrees I arrived at Llangoed & District for the Anglesey League cup-tie versus Holy Isle to find the ground deserted. That was Plan A gone. Back-tracking to Menai Bridge I found their scheduled Gwynedd League game against leaders Bontnewydd must also have been postponed as the ground was similarly deserted. Plan B gone.

Desperate measures and Plan C kicked into action. With time limited I settled upon Beaumaris who now play at the 3g pitch at Nantporth on a level above Bangor City's ground, ironically over the water on the mainland across from Anglesey. There are two small seated stands though inexplicably some goalposts had been left in front of one leaving the view obscured. The best views were outside the ground on the hill next to the A5. There are fabulous views across the Menai Straits but the ground, though great from a community and players' viewpoint is soulless, like many caged 3g pitches are. That's not to say it's not a great facility for the area though. The main social club at Bangor City FC was open and the players changed in the dressing rooms there, walking up to the 3g caged pitch through the car park.

The 'home' side haven't played across the water in Beaumaris for a few years now. I passed their former ground on the Green on the way to Llangoed and a return there looks unlikely in the extreme. They played at Llangoed and then Beach Road, Bangor before settling here this season and have now played 17, lost 17, for 15, against 123. They never stopped trying to play constructively and had a good energy and attitude but the visitors were far too good for them and their cause wasn't helped when their fullback was red carded early in the second half after two rather innocuous yellows. When things are going against you it's hard to reverse the trend.

The visitors looked a decent side and should finish in the top four places in this competitive league, by the end of this season.

My day finished at this one: Vale of Clwyd & Conwy League Division One:  
**Llandudno Albion 17-1 Llandudno Athletic**; No admission or programme; At Parc Maesdu, Llandudno FC (5-30pm ko)

The visitors have now played 15, lost 15, for 11, against 151. This game was played at Parc Maesdu, the impressive home of Llandudno FC who should be in the WPL next season. Their 3g pitch, newly installed looks fantastic. This game followed on from Llandudno's game earlier in the day. The ground looked spic and span and several hoppers were in attendance including Tram, Lollipop Man, Zebedee and Onion Bag. It was 7-1 at half-time and I bailed out at 13-1 with 15 minutes left. Enough was enough. That's the football, not the company you understand.

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