



OPENING batsman David Brown got one in the eye, as Mumbles raised eyebrows in getting the better of the draw at Ammanford.

The former Gloucestershire all-rounder was struck on the helmet grill by a delivery from Glamorgan colleague Will Owen. He suffered eye damage, resulting in a lengthy delay, but x-rays later revealed no serious damage.

Brown, who the previous over had smashed Owen for six, retired hurt on seven – and took no further part.

The Seaside then slid to 70-4 only for Darren Thomas to get his highest score for the club – a magnificent 131.

The Mumbles coach punched four sixes and 15 fours, and shared in a fifth-wicket stand of 88 with Morgan Hodges (28). But with the score on 210-8, last man Chris Nelson (7) hung around while Thomas dished out tap during a stand worth an amazing 90 runs off 11 overs.

The 10 men were eventually dismissed for 290 with Owen taking 5-76 off his 12-allotted overs.

Jack Murphy (49) and Steff Jenkins (18) then put on 80 for the first wicket while Andrew Salter (44) and captain Alun Evans (43) figured in a third-wicket partnership of 93.

But with Ammanford well behind the clock, wickets fell to Scott Phillips (4-35), resulting in last man Tom Maynard having to block the last three deliveries for the draw on 214-9.

Meanwhile, Pontarddulais gained a tense one-wicket victory at fellow strugglers Newport to ease immediate relegation worries. Last pair Jamie Williams and Barry Lloyd sneaked a leg bye off the first ball of the final over to ease Bont past the winning post on 175-9 in reply to 174-8.

It was that close with the Ffosyrefail side, who at one stage were 156-5, eventually celebrating a move out of the relegation zone.



They built victory around a 98-run stand for the third wicket between captain Garry Arrowsmith (48) and Dan Roberts (46). Owen Morgan (40) also got vital runs with Chris Ashling (3-43) and Kyle Tudge (3-35) the pick of a varied home attack.

Earlier, Michael Clayden (33) and Imran Hassan (32) led the way for Newport while Ashling (24) and Adam Millichip (26) put on 54 during an unbroken ninth-wicket stand.

Dan Roberts with 3-34 off his 12-allotted overs led the way for Bont with Carl Roberts capturing 2-30.

Ynysygerwn went ninth – Newport going bottom – after gaining a winning draw over Swansea at Aberdulais.

Ynys batsman Alex McCormack reflected on being run out on 99 (four sixes, nine fours) with Jonny Glover (45) next best.

Aided by Barry Davies (30), the Neath village side totalled 248 with captain Ryan Aingworth taking 3-44 and Nick James 2-37. James (61) and Rhodri Evans (10) put on 51 for the first wicket, before a rattle of wickets left Swansea in a defensive mode.

Though Ynys delivered five overs at final pair Aingworth and Adam Wright, it was to no avail as the St Helen's side closed on 181-9 with Barry Davies taking 3-37.

At the other end of the table, Port Talbot Town saw their championship hopes take a battering after losing by eight wickets to Bridgend Town in Newbridge Fields.

The Pirates surrendered for the lowest total of the season, 87, and a fourth smallest of all-time while Bridgend got them in just 18 overs.

Even that modest score received a timely boost of 31 from extras, including 20 wides.

Captain Dan Cherry elected to bat only to see Sam Davies and Glamorgan's Chris Cooke return for ducks in the first over.

The Pirates moved on to 27-4 ahead of Cherry (16) and Mark Cox (12) putting on 43 for the fifth wicket.



They, however, lost their last four wickets for two runs with Bradley Wadlan taking 4-18 and three players – captain Andrew Davies, Nick Davies and Alex Jones – all claiming 2-16.

Bridgend then lost openers Wadlan and Grant Humphries for low scores - and at 6-2, anything could have happened.

However, wicketkeeper Tom Baker (49) and Glamorgan's Alex Jones (32) saw them home with Bridgend replacing the Pirates in second spot.

Cardiff remain top after triumphing by 37 runs at Sully, making 271-8 and dismissing the reigning champions for 234.