



CARDIFF won a thrilling game at reigning champions Sully to re-establish a comfort zone at the top of the SWALEC Premier League table after last week's defeat by Mumbles.

Cardiff decided to have first knock and batted well to reach 271-8 with Aneurin Norman making a marvellous 118, Matt Smart made 50 not out and Dan Rees 43.

Tom Evison took 3-67 off 12 overs for Sully, Ryan Sylvester 2-31 off nine and Dan Rowe 2-66 from 11.

Sylvester then top scored with 85, Roger Clitheroe scored 52, Rowe 35 and Evison 24 but it wasn't quite enough and Sully were bowled out for 234.

Andrew Thomas took 3-29 off eight overs for Cardiff, Norman 3-40 off 10 and Chris Fowler 2-45 off seven.

Bridgend Town bounced back to form to thrash second placed Port Talbot Town at Newbridge Fields.

After opting to bat, Port Talbot Town were skittled out for 87 and there were 31 extras in that. Best with the bat was Dan Cherry with 16.

Brad Wadlan led the assault with 4-18 while Andrew Davies, Nick Davies and Alex Jones all finished with 2-16.

Bridgend got the runs in 18 overs although they did lose two early wickets. Tom Baker (49no) and Jones (32no) saw them home by eight wickets.

Stuart Phelps (1-27) and Ian Thomas (1-35) had a wicket each for Port Talbot Town.

Newport hit rock bottom after losing to fellow strugglers Pontarddulais at Spyty Park.

All is far from lost, however, as any two from eight of the 10 clubs below Cardiff and Bridgend Town could still go down with four games left to play.

Newport do have to play champions elect Cardiff and reigning champions Sully but also have games against Mumbles and Ammanford and, realistically, really need to win at least two of them to escape the drop.

Newport decided to bat after Michael Clayden won the toss but runs were never easy to get against an accurate Pontarddulais attack.

Clayden scored 33 and Imran Hassan 32 while their total of 174-8 was helped considerably by a ninth wicket stand of 54 in 27 minutes by Chris Ashling (24no) and Adam Millichip (26no).

Daniel Roberts returned 12-0-34-3 for Bont and Carl Roberts 7-0-30-2.

Pontarddulais made a solid start and a third wicket stand of 98 by Dan Roberts (46) and skipper Gary Arrowsmith (48) looked like making it an early win.



Newport fought back, however, and wickets tumbled. Owen Morgan made 40 but it was touch and go before the winning run came off the first ball of the last over with Pontarddulais down to one wicket remaining.

Kyle Tudge had 12-3-35-3 for Newport, Ashling 12-3-43-3 and Gareth Thomas 5.5-1-21-2.

Elsewhere, Ammanford held on for a draw at home to Mumbles as did Swansea at Ynysygerwn.

Cardiff remain top of the second eleven table as well after getting the best of a drawn game against Sully at the Diamond Ground.

Put in, Cardiff accumulated 294-5 with Gwyn Hobbs making 67, Dewi Preece 50, James Davenport 48 not out, David Elias 40, Ian Bridgeman 34 and Harry Bowles 33.

Lloyd Bruce took 11-0-74-2 for Sully, Terry Williams 12-3-36-1 and Lawrence O'Sullivan 12-2-55-1.

Sully were never in the hunt to win the game but offered stern resistance to reach 154-7 with Ben Callow (39) the pick of their batting.

Dale Boorman returned 11-2-33-2 for Cardiff, Fahad Butt 7-2-17-1, Tom Barry 10-3-20-1, Bowles 6-1-27-1 and James Lewis 10-1-39-1.

Mumbles easily accounted for Ammanford by eight wickets while Newport had much the better of a drawn game at Pontarddulais.

Newport won the toss and batted and Josh Aston made a brilliant 114 not out, Tom Josham had 28 and Jordan Bachelor 24 as they set a target of 240-5.

Matthew Aubrey took 9-0-31-2 for Bont, Gwyn Davies 12-2-34-1, Lucas Carey 8-0-47-1 and Will Jones 9-0-49-1.

Opener Huw Williams faced 69 balls for a patient 18 not out when Pontarddulais batted, Shaun Harris had 43 and Nigel Rogers 36 but Newport were always in control and restricted Bont to 167-7.

Aston completed a superb game with 11-3-35-3 while Matthew Jones took 12-2-36-2, Jack Scarr 6-0-32-1 and Rhydian Knox 6-0-35-1.

At the New Mansel ground, Port Talbot Town asked Bridgend Town to go in first and then held them to 169-7. Stuart Morris made 58, Tom Pearce 30 not out and Peter Stanton 23.

Ian Rees had 12-5-28-3 for Port Talbot Town, Jack Underwood 11-1-38-2, Sam Tobin 8-0-39-1 and Foard Cooklsey 5-0-14-1.