



DAVID Brown was struck by Glamorgan colleague Will Owen, as Mumbles got the better of a drawn match at Ammanford in the SWALEC Premier League, writes Tony Poole.

The previous over opener Brown had smashed Owen for six but he was then struck on the helmet grill, and had to go to hospital with a damaged eye.

Though x-rays later revealed no serious damage, the former Gloucestershire all-rounder took no further part.

The innings was, however, dominated by a former Glamorgan star, Darren Thomas, who struck a sizzling unbeaten 131 (four sixes, 15 fours).

Thomas figured in a last-wicket stand of 80 with Chris Nelson, who contributed just seven.

The 10 men totalled 290, Owen capturing 5-76, and then restricted the Carmarthenshire side to 214-9 – Jack Murphy top scoring with 49.

Bridgend Town emerged as the main challengers to Cardiff for the title after gaining a crushing eight-wicket win over Port Talbot Town in Newbridge Fields.

The Pirates, who headed for Bridgend in second spot, were sunk for just 87 in 35 overs.

This represented the lowest total of the season, and a fourth smallest in league history.

Port Talbot, who were 70-4 and 85-6, were undone by Bradley Wadlan, who returned 10-3-18-4, while captain Andrew Davies, Nick Davies and Alex Jones all got 2-16.

The total was boosted by an incredible 31 extras, including 20 wides, with captain Dan Cherry (16) top scorer.

Though Bridgend then lost openers Wadlan and Grant Humphries for low scores, wicketkeeper Tom Baker (49) and Alex Jones (32) were both unbeaten in a winning reply of 88-2 from 18 overs.



However, Cardiff remain top on 18 average points, 2.22 ahead of Bridgend, after beating Sully Centurions by 37 runs at Burnham Avenue.

Aneurin Norman registered a third century of the summer for Cardiff, reaching 118 on this occasion, to move his seasonal tally on to 534 runs.

Matthew Smart got an unbeaten half-century, as Tom Evison was mainly responsible for pegging the leaders to 271-8. During a Sully reply of 234 off 47 overs, Ryan Sylvester cracked 85 (two sixes, eight fours) with Roger Clitheroe (52) next best.

Nevertheless, late wickets from Andrew Thomas (3-29) and Norman (3-40) took Cardiff a step closer to league honours. The other matches involved the fierce battle to avoid relegation with Ynysygerwn rising to ninth, and Newport replacing them at the bottom.

Pontarddulais triumphed by one wicket victory at Newport, scoring 175-9 in reply to 174-8.

Barry Lloyd and Jamie Williams scampered a winning leg bye - off the first ball of the final over - after captain Garry Arrowsmith (48), Dan Roberts (46) and Owen Morgan (40) collected key runs.

Once again, Michael Clayden led the way for Newport with 33 while Dan Roberts claimed 3-34.

Swansea remain in the relegation mix after just managing to implement the draw at Ynysygerwn, closing on 181-9 in reply to 248.

Ynys batsman Alex McCormack was left to reflect on being run out for 99 (four sixes, nine fours) while Jonny Glover chipped in with 45.

Swansea then made a decent start, built around Nick James (61), until the wheel came off their wagon.



That left captain Ryan Aingworth and Adam Wright to bat out time with Barry Davies taking 3-37.