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**Toolstation Western League
Premier Division**



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BRIDPORT

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WELLINGTON AFC Club History

The Club traces its ultimate formation back to 1892 and for many seasons played in leagues based around Taunton and Tiverton. In the early 1960s it gained elevation to the Somerset Senior League and succeeded in achieving Western League status in 1978 which has been retained ever since, making the Club one of the League's longest continuously serving members.

The Club entered the Western League in the First Division in 1978/79 season and has played at Premier Division level from 1981/82 to 1984/85 and 2008/09 to 2010/11. All other seasons were at Division One level. Back in the Premier Division last season following their promotion as First Division Champions at the end of the 2016/17 season the First Team finished a creditable 15th. They also reached the semi-final of the Somerset Premier Cup losing 4-1 away to Southern League Paulton Rovers. They hope to build on these achievements in the forthcoming season.

The Club's Reserve side play in the Devon and Exeter League Division One. Having finished eighth for two seasons, unfortunately, the team struggled last season but will play at the same level this year.

The Third team played in Division Six of the Devon and Exeter League last season having gained promotion from Division Seven by finishing third at the end of 2016/17. They ended the season in a creditable eighth place but will transfer to the Taunton Saturday League Division Three for the new season.

The Club's Ladies side finished sixth in the Somerset County Women's League First Division last season. The team play a full role in both the playing and non-playing aspects of the club.

This season the Club will be running 22 teams in its Youth and Mini Sections. These teams see both boys and girls playing from the age of eight right through to eighteen. The Club also has two Disability teams.

There are exciting times ahead, as part of the local Playing Pitch Strategy the Club are currently in talks with the local Council's with a view to moving to a larger ground which will consolidate football in the town on one site.

Outside of its core footballing activities the Club is home to several darts and skittles teams and it runs a full programme of social events for members and non-members alike. The Function Room and Lounge are available for hire (please contact the Clubhouse Manager, Jenny Oxby on 01823 665410 for details).

MATCH REPORT

WELLINGTON

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HENGROVE ATHLETIC

Wellington entertained second from bottom Hengrove at the Playing Field last Saturday and ended their run of four successive defeats with a comfortable win on a pitch that had dried out well after the heavy rain of the previous days. Hengrove had lost their manager in the week and with three players under suspension were clearly struggling with popular Chairman Mike Greatbanks taking over the helm. Clive Jones had keeper Josh Mclean and defender Jack Bown-Porter back in his line-up with Mitch Woodgate moving to a central defensive role and Lewis Pocock and Scott Townsend on the bench.

Joe Wylie, having previously shown good promise, was moved into a pocket behind the front-runners and displayed maturity beyond his years – finding space and making himself available and showing great awareness and deft touches on the ball. This was particularly evident in the early exchanges that saw Wellington move the ball about quickly and with purpose with Wylie and Josh Wadham combining well. In the sixth minute Wadham played a good ball forward for Jack Bryant to chase into the box where Hengrove keeper Aaron Greatbanks brought him down as he tried to intercept. Wadham stepped up to convert the spot kick and put the home team on their way. Two minutes later a George Rogers free-kick found Jack Bryant beyond the far post and he struck the ball first time on the half-volley but Greatbanks brought off an equally good save to deny him. There was no respite, however, as Wylie set up Jack Bryant whose cross was met by brother Conor on the run to increase the lead. A mistimed header by Rogers presented Mark Fear with a chance for the visitors but he failed to take advantage and then the lively Ben Crewe sent a fierce shot over the crossbar. A Rogers' cross provided an opportunity, as Welly bounced back, for Bown-Porter but his header went straight to the keeper before Conor Bryant made the game relatively safe with his second goal. A poor clearance by Greatbanks was headed back into the box by Glen Wright where the centre-forward was left clear and he cleverly chipped the ball past the keeper. Hengrove came close to reducing the arrears when Mclean was caught out of his goal but the ever-reliable Tim Legg was on hand to head off the line.

The second-half started with Wylie finding himself in space but he was just wide with a crisp shot and a quality cross from Wright found Bown-Porter whose firm header beat the keeper only to see it thump against the crossbar. After fifty-five minutes, following a corner, the ball found Sam Jones on the edge of the box and Greatbanks failed to hold his shot which gave Jones his second goal of the season. Shortly after he was replaced by Sam Bryant, making a welcome return after a hamstring injury, as Wellington continued to press and Rogers made way for Scott Townsend. The home teams short, slick passing had given way to playing longer balls and play became scrappy before Lewis Pocock replaced Wadham. A Jack Bryant cross found Pocock beyond the far post and he was unlucky to see his shot go wide before Wylie set up Conor Bryant who was denied his hat-trick by another fine save from Greatbanks but he could do little to prevent Pocock netting his first goal for the senior side as his well-placed shot from the edge of the box found the corner of the net to make the final score 5 – 0.

A much needed win for Welly who should have both Joe Chamberlain and Scott Drayton back in contention for todays final home game of season.



BRIDPORT FOOTBALL CLUB

We extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Bridport Football Club for today's final home game for the First Team this season. The teams have already met three times this season, first drawing 0-0 at Bridport in the FA Cup, Bridport then won the replay 3-0 on Cullompton Rangers Ground and also won 3-0 on their own ground in the League back in November.

Bridport FC was established on 7th October 1885 and in their early years, played in a variety of leagues, including the Dorset League, South Dorset League, West Dorset League, and Perry Street League.

They were among the founding members of the Dorset Combination in 1957. Bridport joined the Western Football League in 1961 where they played until the 1983-84 season when they resigned and their record was expunged. Taking their reserve sides place in the Dorset Combination, the club finished third in 1984-85 and then went on to win the league three times in a row. Following the third title, Bridport was accepted back into the Western League, this time playing in Division One. A runners-up performance in 1993-94 allowed the club to return to the Premier Division, but an 11-year run in the top flight came to an end with relegation following the 2004-05 season.

Former Crystal Palace player Paul Hammond took over as manager from Kevin Donovan in the summer of 2006 and led the club to a mid-table position. Boosted by a cash injection of nearly £250,000 in June 2007 from the Football Partnership which ment Bridport Football Club were able to plan major development of the dressing rooms and clubhouse. However, on 22nd June 2007, Hammond resigned. Former reserve team manager Royston Davies, who Hammond sacked in October 2006, was appointed as first team manager on 30th June 2007. After a poor run of results, Royston Davies resigned as manager on 20th March 2008, citing health reasons for his departure. Davies' assistant and long-time Bridport player Mark Lock took over as caretaker manager. In May 2008, ex Weymouth player Ian Hutchinson was named as the new manager. In June 2009, Ian Hutchinson left The Bees to re-join Weymouth as Assistant Manager. Trevor Senior, the ex-Reading, Watford and Middlesbrough player was appointed Manager. Bridport were promoted to the Premier Division in 2010-11 after finishing in third place.

In July 2016 Adam Fricker was appointed manager.

They have reached the Fourth Round of the FA Vase twice and the Fifth Round once in their history. All three Vase runs came within a four-year period from 1987-88 season to the 1990-91 season. In the FA Cup, they have reached the Third Qualifying Round in season 1957-58, and season 2017-18.

They finished seventh in the Toolstation premier division in season 2017-2018 their highest finish in the league.

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TOOLSTATION

**TOOLSTATION WESTERN
LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION
SATURDAY 13TH APRIL 2019
TODAY'S SQUADS**



WELLINGTON

Tangerine & Black

**Josh Mclean
Sam Bryant
Jack Bown-Porter
Tim Legg
Scott Drayton
Glen Wright
Jack Bryant
Joe Wylie
Sam Jones
Conor Bryant
Josh Wadham
Joe Chamberlain
George Rogers
Lewis Pocok
Scott Townsend
Mitch Woodgate**

**Manager - Clive Jones
Asst Manager – Ben Welch
Physio – Mike Hall**



BRIDPORT

Yellow

**Jason Hutchings
Edward Butcher
Andrew Martin
Dan Peach
Chris McGrath
Sam Clark
Leighton Thomas
Mark Salter
Braeden Symes
Kameron Andrews
Richard Hebditch
Luke King
James Cox
James Smith
Matt Condliffe
Declan Cornish**

**Manager – Adam Fricker
Asst Manager – Jason Behan
Coach – Paul Thorpe**

MATCH OFFICIALS

**Referee – Chris Rea
Assistants – Shaun Edge & Jack Borlase**



TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE RECENT PREMIER DIVISION RESULTS

Bradford Town	1	1	Chipping Sodbury Town
Bridport	4	3	Odd Down
Buckland Athletic	4	2	Brislington
Clevedon Town	3	0	Shortwood Utd
Cribbs	2	0	Willand Rovers
Hallen	3	4	Westbury Utd
Plymouth parkway	1	1	Bridgwater Town
Roman Glass St George	0	7	Bitton
Shepton Mallet	1	1	Cadbury Heath
Wellington	5	0	Hengrove Athletic

WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL

LES PHILLIPS CUP SEMI-FINALS

Cadbury Heath	1	4	Plymouth Parkway
Willand Rovers	1	1	Bridgwater Town

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PREMIER DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE AS AT 7TH APRIL 2019

	<u>Team</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>GD</u>	<u>PTS</u>
1	Plymouth Parkway	34	27	2	5	98	33	65	83
2	Willand Rovers	33	26	4	3	100	29	71	82
3	Bitton	34	26	4	4	98	40	58	82
4	Bridgwater Town	33	21	8	4	84	39	45	71
5	Westbury Utd	34	22	4	8	71	41	30	70
6	Buckland Athletic	34	16	7	11	73	56	17	55
7	Clevedon Town	34	18	1	15	70	59	11	55
8	Bradford Town	34	14	10	10	61	48	13	52
9	Cribbs	33	15	7	11	62	56	6	52
10	Shepton Mallet	34	14	3	17	68	73	-5	45
11	Bridport	33	12	5	16	56	60	-4	41
12	Odd Down	34	12	5	17	50	65	-15	41
13	Chipping Sodbury	34	11	6	17	48	80	-32	39
14	Hallen	34	11	5	18	48	64	-16	38
38	WELLINGTON	34	11	3	20	50	67	-17	36
16	Cadbury Heath	33	9	9	15	42	79	-37	36
17	Brislington	35	8	4	23	50	76	-26	28
18	Roman Glass St George	34	7	7	20	50	77	-27	28
19	Hengrove Athletic	34	4	6	24	37	92	-55	18
20	Shortwood United	34	1	6	27	28	110	-82	9

2018-2019 SEASON FIXTURES, RESULTS & GOALSCORERS

DATE	H/A	COMP	OPPOSITION	F - A	GOALSCORERS
04/08	A	Prem	Westbury Utd	1 - 3	Wadham
11/08	A	FAC	Bridport	0 - 0	
15/08	H	FAC r/p	Bridport	0 - 3	
18/08	A	Prem	Odd Down	1 - 2	J Bryant
22/08	A	Prem	Plymouth P'way	0 - 5	
01/09	H	FAV	Saltash Utd	1 - 3	Wadham
08/09	H	Prem	Shepton Mallet	2 - 1	Wright, Chamberlain
15/09	A	Prem	Bradford Town	2 - 0	Wadham x2
22/09	A	Prem	Hallen	1 - 2	Bridges
29/09	H	Prem	Shortwood Utd	5 - 0	C Bryant x2, Chamberlain x2, J Bryant
03/10	H	Prem	Buckland Athletic	0 - 0	
06/10	A	Prem	Cadbury Heath	4 - 1	Wright, C Bryant, Chamberlain, Hawkings
10/10	A	SPC	Clevedon Town	1 - 2	C Bryant
13/10	H	Prem	Bradford Town	1 - 3	Chamberlain
20/10	H	Prem	Willand Rovers	0 - 2	
27/10	A	Prem	Cribbs	1 - 5	Wadham
03/11	H	Prem	Clevedon Town	2 - 1	J Bryant, Pengelly
7/11	H	LPC	Willand Rovers	0 - 2	
10/11	A	Prem	Hengrove Ath	1 - 2	Wright
17/11	H	Prem	Chipping Sodbury	7 - 2	C Bryant x2, J Bryant x2, Chamberlain, Jones, Wright
21/11	A	Prem	Bridport	0 - 3	
01/12	A	Prem	Shepton Mallet	0 - 2	
08/12	H	Prem	Odd Down	1 - 3	C Bryant
15/12	A	Prem	Brislington	0 - 4	
22/12	H	Prem	Cribbs	3 - 3	C Bryant, Chamberlain, Wadham
26/12	H	Prem	Bridgwater Town	1 - 1	Chamberlain
29/12	A	Prem	Bitton	1 - 4	Rogers
05/01	H	Prem	Hallen	3 - 0	J Bryant, Chamberlain, Borges
12/01	A	Prem	Buckland Athletic	0 - 2	
19/01	H	Prem	Roman Glass	2 - 1	Tasker, Hawkings
26/01	H	Prem	Westbury Utd	0 - 2	
09/02	A	Prem	Roman Glass	3 - 1	C Bryant, Wadham, Wright
13/02	H	Prem	Plymouth P'way	0 - 3	
16/02	A	Prem	Shortwood Utd	1 - 0	Chamberlain
23/02	H	Prem	Brislington	0 - 2	
02/03	H	Prem	Cadbury Heath	1 - 2	Wadham
23/03	H	Prem	Bitton	1 - 2	Chamberlain
30/03	A	Prem	Chipping Sodbury	0 - 3	
06/04	H	Prem	Hengrove Athletic	5 - 0	Wadham, C Bryant x2, Jones, Pocock
13/04	H	Prem	Bridport		
19/04	A	Prem	Bridgwater Town		
22/04	A	Prem	Willand Rovers		
27/04	A	Prem	Clevedon Town		



EXTRACT FROM TOOLSTATION BULLETIN 7TH APRIL 2019



Wednesday's Premier Division action saw **Cribbs** and **Bridport** share six goals in an entertaining mid-table affair at The Lawns. After Cribbs powered into a two-goal lead thanks to goals from Tom Burns and Sol Wanjau-Smith, Bridport got back into the game on the cusp of half-time thanks to an Ed Butcher penalty. Sam Clark then levelled the scores 13 minutes into the second half, before Cribbs restored their lead through 20-goal striker Jason Vincent. Having salvaged a point in stoppage time on Saturday away at Westbury, Bridport repeated the trick four days later, with Butcher's second of the evening making it three apiece.

Premier Division: With three weeks of the league season remaining, the race for the Premier Division is headed towards a fascinating crescendo, with the top three separated by just one point. Long-time leaders **Willand** are now down into second spot after suffering a 2-0 defeat at the hands of **Cribbs**. The home side struck in either half, with Akibodin Akiwumi giving Cribbs the lead, before George Kellow fired home a second half penalty to wrap up the victory. **Plymouth Parkway** now sit top of the table by one point after drawing 1-1 with fourth-placed **Bridgwater Town** at Bolitho Park. Parkway had to come from behind to gain a point, with Jake Brown putting the visitors ahead, before Adam Carter looped a header into the Bridgwater net during first half stoppage time. **Bitton** took full advantage of their title rivals each dropping points, with only goal difference keeping them third following a one-sided 7-0 win away at **Roman Glass St George**. Ben Bament was very much the star of the show at Oaklands Park, notching four of Bitton's seven goals, with Billy Fletcher, Joe McLennan and Alex Grimshaw joining him on the scoresheet. **Westbury United** secured their first win in over a month, defeating **Hallen** 4-3 in one of Saturday's many high-scoring encounters. After Jason Henley scored his first for the club from long range, Westbury conceded a quick equaliser to Kyle Thomas, before Dan Kovacs struck a quick-fire double to hand the away side a 3-1 lead after just 22 minutes. The first half goalscoring had not ended there, and after Aaron Anglin had pulled a goal back for the hosts, Henley supplied a fine cross from the left for Joe Stradling to head home Westbury's fourth in the 42nd minute. Hallen fought back once more, with George Binding reducing the deficit to one, but that was how it remained during the closing stages, and United hung on for all three points. There were also seven goals in the game at St Mary's Field, where **Bridport** defeated **Odd Down** 4-3 to leapfrog their opponents in the league table. Similarly to the game at Hallen, there was

plenty of early goals, with Ed Butcher and Mark Salter firing Bridport into a two-goal lead, before Adnan Hiroli halved the deficit from the spot all inside 16 minutes. Just as though it felt like the game had settled down, George Lloyd picked up the ball on halfway, racing clear and slotting home an equaliser for the Bath side ten minutes before the break. Bridport came out strongly in the second half, and after Luke King had put them back ahead, Butcher scored his second of the afternoon to help them move into a two-goal lead. Darius Davey set up a nail-biting final 20 minutes when he tucked home Odd Down's third, but they were unable to find an equaliser.

Sixth-placed **Buckland** overturned an early deficit on their way to a 4-2 victory at home to **Brislington**. Having fallen behind to Jayden Nielson's fifth minute opener, the in-form Ryan Bush levelled things for the Devon side, before goals in the opening moments of the second half from Charlie Johansen and Richard Groves gave the hosts a two-goal advantage. Jason Hughes struck midway through the second period to give Brislington hope of a point, only for Groves to slam home his second in stoppage time to end Buckland's five-match winless run. **Wellington**'s poor spell of form was brought to an end in spectacular fashion, with the Tangerines defeating **Hengrove Athletic** 5-0. The Somerset side went ahead from the spot after just five minutes, with Josh Wadham converting from 12 yards following a foul on Jack Bryant in the box. A dominant first half performance from the hosts saw them lead by three at the interval, with Conor Bryant striking twice for Clive Jones' side. Sam Jones drove home Wellington's fourth from outside the box ten minutes after half-time, with youngster Lewis Pocock completing the scoring in the closing stages. **Clevedon Town** beat bottom side **Shortwood** 3-0 at the Hand Stadium, with George King scoring the only goal of the opening half in the 26th minute. A mistake by the visiting keeper then teed up Syd Camper to fire home an in-direct free kick from seven yards out, before Will Mann curled home Clevedon's third 20 minutes from time. **Cadbury Heath**'s Matt Huxley scored an equaliser six minutes from time to help them gain a 1-1 draw away at **Shepton Mallet**, with James Billing having earlier put the home side ahead. There was also a 1-1 draw at Trowbridge Road, where Simon Prangley's second half penalty saw **Bradford Town** cancel out Luke Henderson's opener for their visitors from **Chipping Sodbury**.



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MACRON DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE – DIV 1

AS AT 7TH APRIL

	<u>Team</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>GD</u>	<u>PTS</u>
1	Lapford 1 st	15	12	1	2	54	14	40	37
2	Chagford 1 st	19	11	3	5	49	36	13	36
3	Kentisbeare 1 st	15	10	2	3	44	23	21	32
4	Bampton 1 st	15	9	2	4	40	26	14	29
5	Sidmouth Town 2nds	14	7	1	6	35	38	-3	22
6	WELLINGTON RES	19	6	4	9	34	41	-7	22
7	Hatherleigh Town 1 st	18	6	3	9	35	42	-7	21
8	University 2 nd	15	6	2	7	45	45	0	20
9	Alphington 2 nd	18	4	4	10	29	46	-17	16
10	Heavitree Utd 2 nd	18	4	3	11	21	53	-32	14*
11	Chard Town Reserves	18	4	1	13	27	49	-22	12*

INVEST SOUTHWEST TAUNTON SATURDAY LEAGUE - DIV 3

AS AT 7TH APRIL

	<u>Team</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>GD</u>	<u>PTS</u>
1	Wembdon Reserves	22	19	3	0	99	18	81	60
2	Staplegrove Crusaders	22	19	2	1	143	29	114	59
3	Wyvern Utd First	26	18	2	6	103	44	59	56
4	WELLINGTON A	24	16	3	5	94	33	61	51
5	FC Castlemoat Res	23	13	1	9	95	66	29	40
6	Nether Stowey First	23	10	6	7	66	43	23	36
7	Galmington Dragons Res	24	10	4	10	46	84	-38	34
8	North Petherton Res	25	7	6	12	37	57	-20	27
9	Minehead AFC Colts	26	8	3	15	58	99	-41	27
10	Hamilton Athletic Foxes	25	8	1	16	68	108	-40	25
11	Bridgwater Sports Colts	25	7	3	15	39	87	-48	24
12	Exmoor Rangers First	23	7	1	15	31	87	-56	22
13	Morganians Reserves	24	8	2	14	58	95	-37	17*
14	Porlock Reserves	19	4	1	14	45	66	-21	13
15	Norton Fitzwarren Res	23	3	2	18	31	97	-66	11

(* - Adjustment Made)