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TIM LEGG - First Team Manager

SEAN BUTTLE - Reserve Team Manager

LUKE O'HARA – A Team Manager



WELLINGTON AFC Club History

Formed in 1892 we are proud to be an FA Charter Standard Community Club. Initially the Club played in leagues based around Taunton and Tiverton. In the early 1960s it gained promotion 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 First Team 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. The team were promoted as First Division Champions at the end of the 2016/17 season. In their first season back in the Premier Division the 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. The following season the team finished in 16th place and last season were struggling near the foot of the table when the season was brought to an abrupt halt by the Coronavirus Pandemic. Manager, Tim Legg has made a number of new signings for the start of the new campaign and the team are hoping to improve on last seasons performances. All other seasons were played at Division One level.

The Club's Reserve side have played in the Devon and Exeter League Division One for four seasons. Unfortunately, the team failed to finish above eighth place for three seasons and last year were in a mid-table position before the season was brought to an early close. This season the League has been reorganised and the team will play in Division One West.

Having played in the Devon and Exeter League for a number of seasons the A Team transferred to Division Three of the Taunton Saturday League for the 2018/19 season where they finished a very creditable third and gained promotion to Division Two for last season. For the forthcoming season they have been promoted to Division One as they were in topping the table when the season was forced to end.

The Club's Ladies played in the Somerset County Women's League First Division last season but found that they were unable to compete with more experienced teams. Hopefully with new players the team will improve this season.

This season the Club will again be running 21 teams in its Youth and Mini Sections. These teams see both boys and girls playing from the age of eight through to eighteen. The Club also has three Disability teams. In recent years Club Teams have had mixed fortunes in the leagues but a number have won the Sportsmanship Awards for their Age Groups and in 2018/19 season the Disability Teams won the Somerset FA Award for Disability Club of the Year.

The Club has a very successful website – www.wellingtonafc.co.uk and is makes full use of its Facebook and Twitter accounts which are very well supported.

We continue to work with the local Council's and Wellington Sports Federation on the Somerset West and Taunton Pitch Strategy which will hopefully result in the Club moving to a larger ground and bring the majority of football pitches in the town to 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)

NEXT GAMES AT THE PLAYING FIELD

Saturday 3rd October – Kick-off 3.00pm
JOMA Devon & Exeter League – Div 1 West
WELLINGTON RESERVES v WESTEXE PARK RANGERS 1ST

Saturday 10th October – Kick-off 3.00pm
Toolstation Western League Premier Division
WELLINGTON v ROMAN GLASS ST GEORGE



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All payments to enter the ground at the gate will be cash only.

Unfortunately due to the latest restrictions we will only be able to provide an outside bar and hot drink service during the game and to meet the 10.00pm closing deadline the bar will have to close immediately after the game. (Cash payments only for hot drinks, card payment available at outside bar).

Anybody who does enter the Clubhouse building is asked to wear a mask.

Please follow any guidance from stewards and keep safe.



Our first team faced the camera before their last home game. Pictured, rear from left, are Alan Shire (president and sponsor), Jamie Vaughan-Ryall, Jack Lewis, Miles Quick, Jesse Howe, Jordan Casey, James Clough, Mason Raymond, Jason Quick, Graham Aspin (vice-chairman). Front, Mike Hall (chairman), Scott Merritt, Ollie Holman, Harry Walford, Tony McCallum (coach), Tim Legg (manager), Alex Pope (coach), Glen Wright (captain), George Sinnott, Josh Champion, Megan Farrant (physio). Insets, from left, Tom Davies, Charlie Dodd, Chandler Hallett, Tom Welch.

MATCH REPORT

STREET 2 0 WELLINGTON

A pair of goals shortly after half-time consigned Wellington to their second league defeat of the season at Street.

Manager Tim Legg opted for a change in formation in an effort to open their win account, playing without a central striker. The move looked to have paid dividends as the visitors matched Street – beaten only once in the league so far – in a goalless first half.

George Sinnott had an excellent chance to open the score after only two minutes, latching on to a back back-pass but lobbing wide of the target. Recalled keeper Tom Welch pulled off a smart save shortly afterwards but was beaten by the best effort of the half after 22 minutes, Kyle Strange's cracking shot from inside the D smacking against the bar.

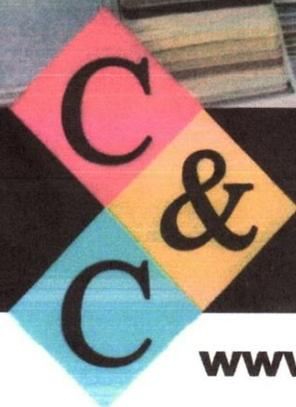
Wellington were indebted to Jack Lewis for a brave block and skipper Miles Quick for a last-gasp tackle as the score-line remained blank.

Legg introduced Jesse Howe for Harry Walford at half-time but it all went wrong for the visitors two minutes into the second half. A corner from the right seemed to sail over everyone and dropped in at the far post, the goal eventually being credited to Strange.

It went from bad to worse on the hour when Street doubled their lead when a low cross from the left was converted by Leighton Thomas.

Wellington enjoyed much greater possession for the final half-hour as they pressed to get back into the game without success.

The victory moved Street up into second place in the table and it doesn't get any easier for Wellington as tonight's visitors, Plymouth Parkway, are currently unbeaten league leaders.



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TONIGHT'S VISITORS PLYMOUTH PARKWAY

We extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Plymouth Parkway for this evening's Toolstation Western League Premier Division fixture.

The club was originally formed in 1988 when a group of players left the youth team Plymouth Kolts and joined the Plymouth & District League in Division 4. In that same year the club secured sponsorship from Exeter Airport, and as part of that deal they changed their name to Ex-Air Flyers. They were the first club in Plymouth to be sponsored from outside the city limits. The club colours of yellow and blue are from the colours of the airport logo and remain the same today.

In their first season the club gained promotion and then moved the Parkway Sports Club. The club carried on to be promoted in successive seasons until it reached Division one and was waiting to join the Premier Division when the Devon League was formed in 1992. The club decided to apply to become members of the Devon League instead as the Parkway Sports Club had sufficient facilities to join the league. The club was accepted into the league but the club had to change its name so they become known as EAF Plymouth FC.

Before the 1993–94 season the Sports Club offered a number of extra facilities and help to the club, so the club changed their name to Plymouth Parkway FC. Five seasons later in 1998 the club left the Devon league to join the South Western League. On the eve of the 2000–01 season the club became homeless with the loss of the Parkway Sports Club due to a disagreement over the terms of the lease and subsequent maintenance costs. As a result, and with special permission from the league, the club spent that season having to play all of its games away from home. During their build up to the 2001/02 season the club announced they would be developing an area of Manadon as their new ground, to be known as Bolitho Park. While work was being completed, with controversial assistance from Plymouth City Council, they used The Brickfields athletics ground in Devonport, before they moved to their new and current home in August 2003.

In the 2006–07 season the club entered the FA Vase for the first time, making it to the second qualifying round in their first attempt. A season later the club became founding members of the South West Peninsula League, when the South Western Football League and the Devon County Football League merged.

The identity of the football club has been built on the drive to improve and progress on and off the pitch! Having spent nearly 20 years in the South Western leagues, at the end of the 2015/16 campaign the club's officials decided that they wanted to put a plan together to move even further up the football pyramid.

In order to achieve that goal, it was identified that Plymouth Parkway as a business were missing a few things. Subsequently, it was a busy summer before the 2016/17 season – the result of which Plymouth Parkway merged with another ambitious Plymouth football club formally named as Bar Sol Ona! Bar Sol Ona, who were challenging for promotion in the Plymouth and District Premier Division at the time, became Plymouth Parkway's reserve team and moved to the East Cornwall Premier League Division One.

Their under 18's became Plymouth Parkway's under 18's. Off the pitch, Bar Sol Ona's Chairman, Mark Russell, became the new Chairman of Plymouth Parkway and their first team manager, Andy Notman, became Parkway's General Manager. Plymouth Parkway's former Chairman, Jim Parsons, became Club President and former General Manager, Gez Baggott, became the Vice President.

The merger and the new faces brought with it a fresh drive and ambition for the club to progress – not to mention stronger financial capabilities. The six members of the board (including long-term Club Secretary Genny Turner and Treasurer Brian Martin) made their intentions known immediately by applying for promotion to the Toolstation Western Football League.

Following an outstanding season in 2017-18 which saw Plymouth Parkway promoted as League Champions of the SWPL, losing just one game during the season.

2018/2019 was another fantastic season for Parkway, which commenced their first campaign within the Western League. The season proved to be nearly as good as the previous year, as we finished runners up in the League and Devon St Luke's Bowl but winning the coveted Les Phillips League Cup.

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TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE

PREMIER DIVISION

Wednesday 30th September 2020



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Josh Champion

Tom Davies

Tim Legg

Jordan Casey

Jason Quick

Jack Lewis

Mason Raymond

James Clough

Glen Wright

Miles Quick

Scott Merritt

Harry Walford

Jesse Howe

George Sinnott

Jamie Vaughan-Ryall

Oli Holman

Manager – Tim Legg

Coach – Alex Pope

Coach – Tony McCallum

Physio – Megan Farrant



PLYMOUTH PARKWAY

Grey

Team from

Kyle Moore

Michael Landricombe

River Allen

Jordan Bentley

Callum Hall

Shane Krac

Craig Veal

Steve Colwell

Harrison Davis

Billy Palfrey

Ryan Lane

Matt Wright

Ryan Richards

Mike Williams

Levi Landricombe

Rob Farkins

Jack Tribble

Ben Elphick

Manager – Lee Hobbs

Head Coach – Matt Cusack

Fitness Coach – Matt Godfree

Physio – Peter White

GK Coach – Sam Doe

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee – Sam Smith (Barnstaple)

Assistants – Jack Bromham (Glastonbury) & Mark Walker (Barnstaple)



TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE RECENT RESULTS

Tuesday 22nd September 2020

FA Cup – First Round Qualifying

Chichester City	3-1	Cribbs
Swindon Supermarine	3-0	Shepton Mallet
Winchester City	3-2	Clevedon Town

Premier Division

Bridport	2-0	Bridgwater Town
Chipping Sodbury Town	0-2	Roman Glass St George
Hallen	2-2	Keynsham Town
Plymouth Parkway	0-0	Buckland Athletic

Wednesday 23rd September 2020

FA Cup – First Round Qualifying

Larkhall Athletic	3-2	Bitton
Tavistock	2-2 (4-5 pens)	Gosport Borough

Premier Division

Cadbury Heath	2-4	Bradford Town
Street	1-2	Exmouth Town

Saturday 26th September

Premier Division

Bradford Town	2-2	Clevedon Town
Bridgwater Town	1-3	Exmouth Town
Brislington	0-4	Plymouth Parkway
Buckland Athletic	0-0	Chipping Sodbury Town
Odd Down	4-1	Bridport
Roman Glass St George	1-0	Cadbury Heath
Shepton Mallet	4-3	Bitton
Street	2-0	Wellington
Tavistock	5-2	Hallen
Westbury United	2-1	Cribbs



TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE FIXTURES

Tuesday 29th September 2020

Premier Division

Bitton	vs	Cribbs
Bridgwater Town	vs	Buckland Athletic
Chipping Sodbury Town	vs	Hallen
Keynsham Town	vs	Bradford Town
Odd Down	vs	Brislington

Wednesday 30th September 2020

Premier Division

Cadbury Heath	vs	Street
Clevedon Town	vs	Shepton Mallet
Exmouth Town	vs	Bridport
Roman Glass St George	vs	Westbury United
Wellington	vs	Plymouth Parkway

Saturday 3rd October

Premier Division

Bitton	vs	Odd Down
Bradford Town	vs	Exmouth Town
Bridport	vs	Chipping Sodbury Town
Brislington	vs	Buckland Athletic
Clevedon Town	vs	Keynsham Town
Cribbs	vs	Cadbury Heath
Hallen	vs	Wellington
Plymouth Parkway	vs	Shepton Mallet
Tavistock	vs	Roman Glass St George
Westbury United	vs	Bridgwater Town



TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE AS AT 26TH SEPTEMBER

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Plymouth Parkway	6	5	1	0	18	16
2	Street	6	4	1	1	9	13
3	Buckland Athletic	7	3	3	1	7	12
4	Roman Glass St George	5	4	0	1	4	12
5	Westbury United	5	3	1	1	5	10
6	Exmouth Town	4	3	0	1	4	9
7	Bradford Town	7	2	3	2	3	9
8	Cadbury Heath	6	3	0	3	1	9
9	Tavistock	4	2	1	1	4	7
10	Odd Down (BATH)	5	2	1	2	0	7
11	Brislington	4	2	1	1	-2	7
12	Bitton	3	2	0	1	4	6
13	Bridgwater Town FC First	5	2	0	3	-4	6
14	Keynsham Town	5	1	2	2	0	5
15	Cribbs	5	1	2	2	-1	5
16	Shepton Mallet	4	1	2	1	-1	5
17	Clevedon Town	5	0	3	2	-4	3
18	Bridport	5	1	0	4	-12	3
19	Wellington	4	0	2	2	-6	2
20	Hallen	7	0	2	5	-12	2
21	Chipping Sodbury Town	6	0	1	5	-17	1

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2020 – 2021 SEASON FIXTURES & RESULTS

DATE	H/A	COMP	OPPOSITION	F	A
02/09/20	H	FA Cup	Bodmin Town	2	2 (3-4 penalties)
05/09/20	A	Prem	Cadbury Heath	3	7
08/09/20	A	Prem	Shepton Mallet	0	0
12/09/20	A	Prem	Bradford Town	1	1
16/09/20	H	Prem	Bridgwater Town	Match abandoned	
19/09/20	H	FAV	Hengrove Athletic	2	2 (5-6 penalties)
26/09/20	A	Prem	Street	0	2
30/09/20	H	Prem	Plymouth Parkway		
03/10/20	A	Prem	Hallen		
06/10/20	A	Prem	Bridgwater Town	7.15pm	
10/10/20	H	Prem	Roman Glass St George		
14/10/20	A	Prem	Clevedon Town	7.30pm	
17/10/20	A	Prem	Plymouth Parkway		
21/10/20	H	Prem	Tavistock	7.45pm	
24/10/20	H	Prem	Cribbs		
27/10/20	A	Prem	Bitton	7.30pm	
31/10/20	A	Prem	Westbury Utd		
04/11/20	H	Prem	Bridgwater Town	7.45pm	
07/11/20	A	Prem	Odd Down		
14/11/20	H	Prem	Street		
21/11/20	H	Prem	Cadbury Heath		
05/12/20	H	Prem	Hallen		
12/12/20	A	Prem	Buckland Athletic		
19/12/20	H	Prem	Chipping Sodbury Town		
26/12/20	H	Prem	Bridport	Boxing Day	
09/01/21	H	Prem	Exmouth Town		
16/01/21	H	Prem	Odd Down		
23/01/21	A	Prem	Tavistock		
30/01/21	H	Prem	Buckland Athletic		
06/02/21	A	Prem	Brislington		
13/02/21	H	Prem	Bitton		
20/02/21	H	Prem	Westbury Utd		
27/02/21	A	Prem	Exmouth Town		
06/03/21	H	Prem	Shepton Mallet		
13/03/21	A	Prem	Keynsham Town		
20/03/21	H	Prem	Bradford Town		
27/03/21	H	Prem	Clevedon Town		
02/04/21	A	Prem	Bridport	Good Friday	
05/04/21	H	Prem	Brislington	Easter Monday	
10/04/21	A	Prem	Roman Glass St George		
17/04/21	H	Prem	Keynsham Town		
24/04/21	A	Prem	Chipping Sodbury Town		
08/05/21	A	Prem	Cribbs		



CLUBHOUSE NEWS

We have been advised that football at our level will be permitted to carry on but there are a number of changes which members, visitors and supporters need to be aware of regarding our clubhouse.

Customers have to be seated while drinking and only in maximum groups of six. No one will be served unless seated and no persons are permitted at the bar other than staff. Standing is not permitted.

Also, all customers will be required to wear a face mask when entering or leaving the clubhouse and using the toilet (mask can be removed when seated in the clubhouse).

We ask you to please work alongside us, adhere to the COVID guidelines and respect our voluntary staff and each other during what is a challenging time. Anyone not doing this will simply be asked to leave.

Thank you all for your understanding and continued support

CAN YOU HELP?

It's all hands to the pumps as we work to ensure the safety of everyone who is part of, or just visiting, Wellington AFC.

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Early league leaders **Plymouth Parkway** are now the only side without a loss to their name after beating previous unbeaten **Brislington** 4-0 on Saturday afternoon. Having been slow to start over the past couple of weeks, Parkway made amends in Bristol, going ahead in the early stages through Billy Palfrey. A second goal on the half hour from Callum Hall handed them control at the break, with leading scorer Ryan Richards then putting the result beyond doubt 18 minutes from time. There was still time for Matt Wright to add a late fourth for the Devon side who extended their run of clean sheets to five matches. It was a strong day all round for the county of Devon, with **Exmouth Town** securing a 3-1 win away at **Bridgwater**. After an own goal had put the visitors in front after 15 minutes, Exmouth doubled their advantage a couple of moments later thanks to a strong finish from Jordan Harris. Bridgwater made the perfect start to the second half, pulling a goal back through Sam Towler, but it was Exmouth who struck the crucial fourth goal, with Aaron Denny smashing home just before the hour mark. There was also a big win for **Tavistock**, for whom Liam Prynn scored a first half hat-trick during their 5-2 win over **Hallen**. The Lambs flew out of the blocks and were two goals to the good inside the opening ten minutes thanks to usual contributors Jack Crago and Josh Grant. A response came from the away side through Jordan Whittaker, before Prynn took over the contest, scoring a 20-minute treble to hand Tavistock a 5-1 half-time lead. Sacha Tong got a late consolation for the away side but the result was never in doubt as Tavistock earned their first victory since September 5th. **Buckland** couldn't make it four out of four for the county, with a resolute **Chipping Sodbury Town** holding out for a goalless draw at Homers Heath to earn their first point of the season.

Shepton Mallet came out on top in a seven-goal thriller at home to **Bitton** to earn their first league victory this term. There was only one goal in a relatively quiet opening half, with Joe Morgan finishing off a counter-attack to put Shepton in front. There were signs of things to come in the opening passages of the second half, with Morgan doubling Shepton's advantage, before Aysa Corrick responded for Bitton following an excellent run and cross from Callum Ball. The floodgates were now well and truly open, and after Matt Morris had restored the home side's two-goal lead, Bitton went straight down the other

end and responded once again with Ryan Bath firing home. The 205 fans in attendance were treated to an epic second half, and the regular sequence of scoring continued with Liam Bishop tapping home for Bitton to pull his side to within a goal once more after Tyson Pollard had struck the home side's fourth. There was still plenty of time for Bitton to draw level, but they couldn't quite find a fourth of their own, meaning Shepton ran out 4-3 victors on the occasion of James Billing's 250th appearance for the club.

Street are now up into second spot, after second half efforts from Kyle Strange and Leighton Thomas helped them beat **Wellington** by two goals to nil. There was also a big home win for **Odd Down**, with the Bath-side moving into the top half following their 4-1 triumph over **Bridport**. A strike towards the end of the first half from Tom Burgess edged the hosts in front, before Will Hunter and Joe Jarvis each scored soon after the interval to put them three goals to the good. An own goal gave Bridport a glimmer of hope, but Odd Down wouldn't be denied and second half substitute Dylan Hatt scored a fourth in stoppage time.

The points were shared at Trowbridge Road between **Bradford** and **Clevedon**, with the visitors clinging on to a draw in stoppage time thanks to an excellent point-blank save from Harley Wilkinson. In a topsy-turvy encounter, Ethan Feltham slipped the ball home after just seven minutes, before Bradford levelled when Aaron Witchell scored for the second game in succession. A Ross Lye cross was turned home by Jake Brown to complete the turnaround, but Clevedon's Archie Ferris pounced on a loose ball in the box to make it 2-2 in the 62nd minute. Both teams had a couple of chances to steal the points, and the best fell to Morgan Marsh in the 95th minute, but Wilkinson did enough to keep him at bay. **Westbury United** clung on to a 2-1 win over **Cribbs**, with Jack Biddiscombe's first half double giving the Wiltshire outfit all three points despite the visitors best efforts which saw Steve Murray trim the deficit before the break. **Roman Glass St George** extended their winning run to four matches with a late 1-0 victory at home to **Cadbury Heath**. The Glass looked like they would be made to pay for Ryan Radford's failed penalty attempt in the 59th minute, but with time winding down, star forward Ben Bament added to his ever-increasing early season goal tally to score the vital winner five minutes from time.



WESTERN LEAGUE ISSUES MESSAGE TO FANS: LETS KEEP PLAYING, KEEP WATCHING AND FOLLOW THE GUIDANCE

The Toolstation Western League is asking fans to support their local football clubs on and off the field this season by observing the Covid-19 guidance. Whilst specific guidance varies from Club to Club, depending on their facilities, supporters are being asked to observe social distancing and avoid close contact with others not in their social or support bubble.

If fans need to access any of the ground's amenities, such as toilets, food and drink outlets, they should check to see if any of them are not in use, and plan accordingly. Maintaining good hand hygiene, using sanitiser dispensers is also advised. Sadly, fans are still being urged to take extreme care when singing or celebrating, avoiding hugs, high-fives and any close contact with anyone not in their household.

Like all its Clubs, the Western League has appointed a Covid Officer. Since his appointment **George McCaffery** has been supporting Club Officials with their Covid questions. Unlike professional entertainment venues, Non-league football is run by an army of volunteers, who must now ensure their games are Covid compliant, along with the host of other responsibilities they've agreed to undertake on a match day.

George's message to fans is simple, *"let's keep playing, keep watching and follow the guidance."*

We all have a part to play in defeating the virus, especially fans. Don't wait to be told what to do. Use your common sense and support your local Club by helping the volunteers make sure that everything is Covid compliant. If you have any concerns about how a Club is implementing its Covid-19 Risk Assessment, please contact a Club Official, either in person or by email.

Remember that whatever your hope for your Club this season, Covid-19 is the one opponent we all want to beat."

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BOW ATHLETIC

A long awaited and greatly anticipated return to the Playing Field saw the Reserves continue their fine start to the season. On a glorious sunny day and supported by a bigger than average crowd, they put in an excellent all-round performance to see off a very good Bow side. There was one change from the previous weeks opening day win at North Tawton, with new signing Connor Foster making his home debut, meaning the unlucky Logan Sellick would have to wait for his own home debut from the bench.

The game started well for Wellington. They were quick to close down their busy and very capable opponents and soon settled into an early rhythm. But their indecisive finishing coupled with some desperate defending meant they had to wait until the 17th minute to take the lead. Good passing and movement down the right led to Rohan Poulson crossing in for strike partner Josh Baker to nip in front of the travelling keeper and head past him before finishing from a tight angle.

Baker returned the favour for Poulson three minutes later, but he mis-timed his right footed volley and put his chance wide. A moment of concern came Wellington's way on 25 minutes when long high cross, which took an eternity to drop, hit the home crossbar and the rebound was luckily put wide.

After a shaky five minutes, Wellington regathered and went on to extend their lead in the 35th minute. A deep corner was brilliantly headed back across the goal by Jamie Fleet for Brad Holmans to fire home from close range. Wellington had chances to increase their lead, but would go in 2-0 to the good at the break.

Straight after the restart Wellington were reminded of their opposition's obvious quality. A fierce 20 yard right footed drive smacked the crossbar with keeper Rob Hall only able to watch on. Waking from their slumber, Wellington got back on top and should have increased their lead with both Baker and Poulson going close before Bow got a goal back from a corner. A deep corner was well met at the far post and headed powerfully into the Wellington goal.

At 2-1 Bow now had the danger of renewed belief in their sails. But this was to be their only high. Four minutes later, on 69 minutes, Baker deservedly restored the home side's two goal advantage. After yet more good football, it led to Baker spinning the last defender, sprinting into the box before firing a powerful shot high into the roof of the net to a huge cheer from the crowded sidelines.

Logan Sellick replaced Wes Poulson for his home debut on 70, with Ash Saunders replacing Holmans on 72.

Wellington deservedly killed the game off after 73 minutes. More good work down the right wing, saw the ball moved inside before arriving at the feet of Baker just inside the box. He moved left past his marker and fired a low shot past the keeper and in off a player and post for Wellington's fourth and his own hat-trick.

To Bow's credit, they kept coming at Wellington, but only forced one save of any quality from Hall in the sticks. Wellington could have and maybe should have scored more, but the overall performance and commitment was superb from all involved and their win was thoroughly deserved.

The team would like to thank Lee Baker of LA Baker Plastering for sponsoring the match ball and for choosing the man of the match. Josh Baker won it for his trio of goals.



Saturday sees the Reserves at home again as they entertain Westex Park Rangers. KO is 3pm, please come along and support the lads.

FUTURE RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES

DATE	COMP	H/A	KICK-OFF	OPPOSITION
03/10/20	League	H	3.00pm	Westex Park Rangers
10/10/20	League	A	3.00pm	Newton St Cyres
17/10/20	League	H	3.00pm	Alphington Thirds
24/10/20	League	A	3.00pm	Westex Park Rangers
31/10/20	League	H	3.00pm	Uplowman Athletic
07/11/20	League	H	2.15pm	Newton St Cyres
14/11/20	League	A	2.15pm	Bow Amateur Athletic
21/11/20	League	A	2.15pm	Alphington Thirds
28/11/20	League	H	2.15pm	Tedburn St Mary 1st

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Wellington came flying out the traps in this game and could have easily have been 4-5 goals up within the first 10 minutes for better finishing and some fine saves from the North Petherton goalkeeper. But, as cruel as football can be the visitors went up the other end and scored with their first shot of the game. The next 15 minutes Petherton oozed with class, moving Wellington from left to right and found themselves 3-0 up within 30 minutes. The next 15 was end to end but Wellington finally found their scoring boots with goals from Josh Stevens, Cameron Perry-Jones and Thomas Scarlett, assisted by Luke O'Hara, Nigel Letten and Jordan Sellick. Half time came and Wellington made one change. In the second half the visitors took control with the A Team looking to try to use the pace of the 3 forwards to no avail. Sadly Petherton scored a further 3 goals in the second half to make it 6-3. On a slightly more positive side the second half gave the current management chance to give debuts to three new players who signed on this week.

The Team return to cup action on Friday evening when they travel to Castle School to face Creech Cougars with an 8pm kick off.



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