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**Western Counties Floodlight Youth League**

**Taunton Youth League & Mini League**

**Somerset Girls Football League**

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**REG & JENNY OXBY – Clubhouse Managers**

**COLIN WALLER - Welfare Officer/Youth Team Co-ordinator**

**KEN BIRD – Website and Social Media Officer**

**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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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)

## **COVID -19**

In order to comply with Government requirements we will be taking everyone's temperature and track and trace details before they are allowed to enter the ground for today's game. Everybody is asked to take note of signs and direction indicators and observe social distancing whilst watching the game.

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.

Anybody who does enter the Clubhouse building is asked to take a seat as soon as possible and wear a mask until they are seated. Orders for drinks will be taken at the tables. (Please be patient if there are any delays in service).

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## **NEXT GAMES AT THE PLAYING FIELD**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Kick-off 3.00pm**  
**JOMA Devon & Exeter League – Div 1 West**  
**WELLINGTON RESERVES v ALPHINGTON 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Kick-off 2.00pm**  
**Somerset County Women's League**  
**WELLINGTON LADIES v PEN MILL LADIES RESERVES**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Kick-off 3.00pm**  
**Toolstation Western League Premier Division**  
**WELLINGTON v TAVISTOCK**



## **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SPECTATORS**



**As a Charter Standard Club we expect all spectators to play your part and support the FA's Code of Respect:**

- Never engage in or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language
- Never engage in threatening or violent behaviour
- Never engage in racist abuse or behaviour of any kind
- Never abuse match or team officials from either side
- Stay behind the touchline and within the designated spectator's area

**You must fully understand and readily accept that failure to comply with any of the above may result in you being:**

- Issued with a verbal warning or asked to leave
- Required to meet with the club committee, league or Welfare Officer
- Obligated to undertake and FA education course
- Requested not to attend future games, be suspended or have your membership removed
- Required to leave the club along with any dependents and/or issued a fine



Our first team faced the camera before a recent 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'S

## TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

WELLINGTON                      1                      6                      PLYMOUTH PARKWAY

Wellington were outclassed by the early pacesetters and title favourites at the Playing Field.

The Parkway squad is packed full of players with Southern League experience and, on this showing, they are surely odds-on to be back playing at that level next season. They tore into Wellington from the kick-off and struck twice in the opening 12 minutes. Parkway took the lead as River Allen was given too much room to drill home accurately from 30 yards and increased their lead when a ball into the home box saw Craig Veal nip in to head over keeper Tom Welch.

Wellington stunned the visitors by pulling a goal back after 15 minutes. A corner from the right dropped to Glen Wright and the skipper marked his first start of the season after injury by lashing the ball home. That joy was short-lived, however, with Parkway restoring their two-goal advantage two minutes later as Veal pounced to net after Welch had saved. When Allen made it 4-1 in the closing minutes of the first half by converting a low cross, it was all over as a contest.

Both sides made changes after the break with Parkway scoring number five after 52 minutes from a sumptuous volley by skipper Billy Palfrey. To their credit, Tim Legg's side refused to lie down but they were powerless to prevent sub Levi Landricombe from bursting through for another goal in injury time.



(Photograph courtesy of Around Wellington)

Wellington finally picked up their first win in nearly a year – along with three hard-earned points – away to fellow strugglers Hallen. But their celebrations were tempered by a serious injury to young midfielder Harry Walford, who suffered a broken leg in a second-half challenge which saw a home player sent off.

The win has been a long time coming for manager Tim Legg, who was left with a huge challenge on taking over last October as a dozen players joined previous boss Clive Jones in leaving the club. He had to rapidly pull together a new squad, which struggled until last season's premature end in March, and has worked tirelessly since then to bring in more players to improve their fortunes.

With central defender Jordan Casey unavailable, Legg included himself in the starting 11 and he played a part as Wellington got off to a remarkable start by scoring after only 32 seconds. He played a perfect ball up the line to Josh Champion and the full-back beat a defender before sending in a low cross which was met at full-speed by George Sinnott, who smashed the ball into the top corner.

Hallen's response was immediate with Corey Simpson missing a great chance as they went on to boss the first half but were unable to equalise thanks to a combination of poor finishing and an outstanding display by keeper Tom Welch.

Jordan Ricketts raced clear shortly after the break, only to be denied by Welch, before a nasty-looking challenge by Luke Hall Cousins left Walford writhing in agony and the defender receiving a red card.

The game was held up for eight minutes as Walford was stretchered off and subsequently taken to hospital where he was found to have sustained a broken tibia which is likely to keep him out of action for several months.



Despite being a man down, Hallen still looked dangerous and they drew level after 70 minutes when they carved open the Wellington defence and striker Sacha Tong slid in equalise.

It looked like both sides would be continuing their winless start to the season until Wellington struck a superb winner with seven minutes of normal time remaining.

Legg played the ball forward to skipper Miles Quick who, despite carrying a calf injury, embarked on a mazy run from midfield which took him past a couple of defenders before he drilled a low shot inside the post.

Both sides went close during the lengthy injury time but it was Wellington who secured a much-needed victory.

**BRIDGWATER TOWN                      2                      1                      WELLINGTON**

Injury-hit Wellington failed to build on their first win of the season, going down to an odd-goal defeat against local rivals Bridgwater Town at Fairfax Park.

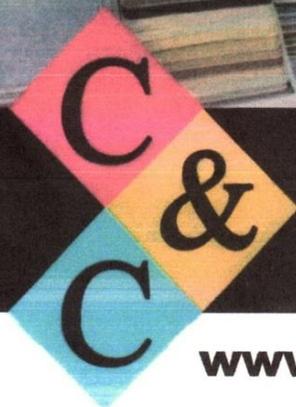
Tim Legg's side had won their previous game at Hallen 2-1 after their opponents had a man sent off but this time the tables were turned as they suffered the same fate with the same result. Legg was without a string of players although Wellington still gave a good account of themselves despite playing more than half the game with only ten men.

The two sides – both featuring players taking on their former club – met at the Playing Field only last month and were locked together at 3-3 when the game was abandoned after a floodlights failure with only four minutes remaining. And they served up another entertaining contest on a pitch which held up well despite torrential rain beforehand.

The first half ended goalless with Bridgwater's Jack Taylor missing the best chance after 40 minutes when he was sent racing clear only to be denied by keeper Chandler Hallett. The pivotal moment came shortly afterwards as the players lined up for a home corner. The referee spotted an off-the-ball incident and visiting defender Kai Fisher, signed on the day of the game, was shown a red card.

Wellington, with Legg coming on in defence, had their backs to the wall after the break but held firm with some fine goalkeeping from Hallett. They could even have gone ahead after 52 minutes when an excellent break saw Jesse Howe play in George Sinnott but he failed to hit the target.

But it was Bridgwater who broke the deadlock after 64 minutes with Taylor swinging over a cross from the right and Mark Armstrong rising to head home. Another ex-Wellington man, substitute Conor Bryant, sealed the points with nine minutes remaining, driving low past the diving Hallett, although there was still time for the visitors to pull a goal back from a looping header by Jason Quick.



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## TODAY'S VISITORS ROMAN GLASS ST GEORGE

We extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Roman Glass St George for this afternoon's Toolstation Western League Premier Division fixture.

The club Roman Glass St George is the result of an amalgamation between Bristol St George and Roman Glass. Bristol St George was formed in 1882 and is the oldest club in Bristol. They were founder members of the GFA in 1886 and won the GFA Senior Challenge Cup on two occasions 1894 and 1895 beating Eastville Rovers 3-1 on the first occasion.

The club also entered the FA Cup in 1891 and the inaugural FA Amateur Cup in 1894. The current ground at Bell Hill was opened with a match between a Bristol & District XI and the English champions Aston Villa in 1894. In 1897 the club turned professional and spent two seasons in the Birmingham & District League. The club reverted to amateur status in 1901 and continued that way until joining the Western League in 1928. In 1935 after struggling financially they dropped out and joined the Bristol & District League once again. They won the first division only once in 1949/50 but were always a leading team until they became founder members of the Bristol Premier Combination in 1957. St George played in this league winning it five seasons in succession from 1963/64 season to 1967/68 until they joined the Gloucestershire County League on its formation in 1968.

The Sixties was the Golden era for the club as in addition to winning these league titles they also managed to win the Gloucestershire Senior Amateur Cup, five times which included four successive seasons. Success was also found in the FA Amateur Cup when they regularly took on the top amateur clubs in the Country such as Hendon, Dagenham, Hayes and Leytonstone in front of crowds numbering thousands. St George won the County league in 1969/70 and was runners-up twice before a gradual decline in fortunes until in 1987 the club were expelled from the league due to sub-standard facilities. A return to the Premier Combination saw a brief improvement resulting in winning the Premier Division in 1992/93. With no promotion gained the club nosedived and were in danger of folding when Roman Glass stepped in.

Roman Glass originated as a street team called Wyndham Wanderers in 1960 and played in the Bristol Church of England League and then joined the Bristol & District League in 1974. The club enjoyed moderate success gradually climbing the leagues and in 1980 changed its name to Roman Glass. The club began to decline until in 1990 Roger Hudd took over as manager and steered them to win the Division 4 title the club continued to improve gaining successive promotions until the amalgamation in 1995.

Roman Glass St George in the Premier Combination immediately gained success, winning promotion to the Premier Division that season and then winning that league in 1998/99 season to earn promotion to the County League. The club won the County league in 2001/02 and then season 2006/07 which resulted in promotion to the Toolstation (Western) League, a league the club last played in, in 1935.

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**TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE**

**PREMIER DIVISION**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020**



**WELLINGTON**

**Tangerine & Black**

**Team from:**

**Tom Welch**

**Chandler Hallett**

**Josh Champion**

**Tim Legg**

**Jordan Casey**

**Jason Quick**

**Jack Lewis**

**Mason Raymond**

**James Clough**

**Glen Wright**

**Miles Quick**

**Scott Merritt**

**Jesse Howe**

**George Sinnott**

**Jamie Vaughan-Ryall**

**Ollie Holman**

**Max Dyer**

**Manager – Tim Legg**

**Coach – Alex Pope**

**Coach – Tony McCallum**

**Physio – Megan Farrant**



**ROMAN GLASS ST GEORGE**

**White**

**Team from**

**Ross Grimshaw**

**Ryan Dunn**

**Josh Cann**

**Steven Fitzpatrick**

**Liam Harding**

**Oliver Woodhouse**

**Jack Durrant**

**Ashley McGrane**

**Ben Bament**

**Troy Simpson**

**Ryan Radford**

**Mike York**

**Sam Wentland**

**Caelen Simpson**

**Jack Trott**

**George Lloyd**

**Lewis Wentland**

**George Fowler**

**Manager – Andrew Gurney**

**Assistant – Liam Greening**

**Coach – Grantley Dicks**

**GK Coach – Tom Goard**

**Physio – Nick Dobson**

**MATCH OFFICIALS**

**Referee – Nigel Lawrence (Torquay)**

**Assistants – James Knowles (Ilchester) & Stuart Gravenell (Langport)**



## TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE RECENT RESULTS

### Saturday 3rd October Premier Division

Bitton	5-0	Odd Down
Bradford Town	1-6	Exmouth Town
Bridport	P-P	Chipping Sodbury Town
Brislington	1-2	Buckland Athletic
Clevedon Town	2-1	Keynsham Town
Cribbs	4-0	Cadbury Heath
Hallen	1-2	Wellington
Plymouth Parkway	3-1	Shepton Mallet
Tavistock	1-0	Roman Glass St George
Westbury United	2-2	Bridgwater Town

### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October Premier Division

Bridgwater Town	2-1	Wellington
Buckland Athletic	1-5	Tavistock
Odd Down	p-p	Cadbury Heath
Shepton Mallet	p-p	Bradford Town
Street	2-4	Bitton

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October Premier Division

Exmouth Town	p-p	Plymouth Parkway
Roman Glass St George	0-2	Clevedon Town
Westbury United	2-0	Keynsham Town



## TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE FIXTURES

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October

### Premier Division

Odd Down	vs	Chipping Sodbury Town
Plymouth Parkway	vs	Bridgwater Town
Tavistock	vs	Bradford Town
Wellington	vs	Roman Glass St George

### FA Vase

Axminster	vs	<b>Clevedon Town</b>
<b>Bridport</b>	vs	Ilfracombe
<b>Cadbury Heath</b>	vs	<b>Ashton &amp; Backwell United</b>
<b>Cheddar</b>	vs	Ivybridge
Horndean	vs	<b>Westbury United</b>
<b>Longwell Green Sports</b>	vs	Bovey Tracey
Millbrook	vs	<b>Hallen</b>
<b>Oldland Abbotonians</b>	vs	<b>Keynsham Town</b>
<b>Shepton Mallet</b>	vs	Torrington
<b>Sherborne Town</b>	vs	<b>Exmouth Town</b>
St Blazey	vs	<b>Brislington</b>
<b>Street</b>	vs	<b>Hengrove Athletic</b>
<b>Wells City</b>	vs	<b>Bristol Telephones</b>
<b>Welton Rovers</b>	vs	Elburton Villa

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October

### Premier Division

Buckland Athletic	vs	Plymouth Parkway
Hallen	vs	Roman Glass St George
Shepton Mallet	vs	Bridport
Street	vs	Odd Down
Cribbs	vs	Keynsham

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October

### Premier Division

Bradford Town	vs	Cadbury Heath
Clevedon Town	vs	Wellington
Tavistock	vs	Exmouth Town
Westbury United	vs	Bitton



## TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE AS AT 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER

	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Plymouth Parkway	8	7	1	0	25	22
2	Street	7	5	1	1	11	16
3	Exmouth Town	6	5	0	1	12	15
4	Buckland Athletic	9	4	3	2	7	15
5	Westbury United	7	4	2	1	8	14
6	Bitton	5	4	0	1	11	12
7	Roman Glass St George	7	4	0	3	0	12
8	Tavistock	5	3	1	1	5	10
9	Bridgwater Town	7	3	1	3	-3	10
10	Odd Down	7	3	1	3	-4	10
11	Clevedon Town	7	2	3	2	-2	9
12	Bradford Town	9	2	3	4	-4	9
13	Cadbury Heath	8	3	0	5	-5	9
14	Cribbs	7	2	2	3	1	8
15	Keynsham Town	7	2	2	3	1	8
16	Brislington	6	2	1	3	-4	7
17	Shepton Mallet	6	1	2	3	-4	5
18	Wellington	6	1	2	3	-10	5
19	Hallen	9	0	3	6	-13	3
20	Bridport	6	1	0	5	-15	3
21	Chipping Sodbury Town	7	0	2	5	-17	2

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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	1	6
03/10/20	A	Prem	Hallen	2	1
06/10/20	A	Prem	Bridgwater Town	1	2
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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## EXTRACT FROM TOOLSTATION BULLETIN 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2020



**Midweek Action:** Despite scoring four goals on Tuesday evening, Jake Slocombe couldn't lead **Chipping Sodbury** to their first victory of the season, after **Hallen** produced a late fightback to salvage a 4-4 draw. In a battle between two of the winless sides, Slocombe put the home side in complete control, scoring twice from the spot, before adding a third soon after to complete a five-minute hat trick around the half-hour mark. Sacha Tong pulled a goal back for Hallen in the early stages of the season half, before Slocombe struck once again to give the Sods a 4-1 lead with less than 20 minutes remaining. Rob Latham trimmed the deficit, before Hallen really started to pile on the pressure in the closing stages, pulling to within one goal when Cory Simpson bundled the ball home. In the 89<sup>th</sup> minute, the visitors completed their comeback, with Martin Stowell heading home to grab a share of the spoils. Elsewhere, it was a good night for home sides in the Premier Division, with a pair of second half goals from Jordan Metters leading **Keynsham** to a 2-0 win over **Bradford Town**. There was also a 2-0 victory for **Bitton**, with Aysa Corrick scoring, and then laying on the assist for Harrison Kyte in their defeat of **Cribbs**. Jack Taylor's fifth minute header (*pictured right, courtesy of Debbie Gould*) was the difference between the teams at Fairfax Park, where **Bridgwater** snuck past **Buckland** in what ended up being a feisty encounter. The other fixture on Tuesday saw **Odd Down** gain revenge over their FA Vase conquerors **Brislington** with a 3-2 win at the Lew Hill Memorial Ground. After falling behind to Jayden Nielsen's 20<sup>th</sup> minute penalty, Josh Clark and David Ishi each struck towards the end of the first half to tip the balance in the Bath side's favour. Clark then scored his second to make it 3-1, with Neikell Plummer heading home for the visitors midway through the second half.

The following evening, **Plymouth Parkway** continued their free-scoring start to the season, with River Allen and Craig Veal each bagging doubles in their 6-1 win away at **Wellington**. The visitors flew out of the blocks and led by two goals inside 13 minutes thanks to a long-range effort from Allen, and a strong headed finish from Veal. Glen Wright offered hope for Wellington when he struck in his first game back from injury, but that hope was quickly put to bed when Veal restored Parkway's two-goal advantage. Allen completed his brace

towards the end of the first half, before goals from Billy Palfrey and Levi Landricombe completed the scoring after interval.

There was also a big win for **Exmouth Town** who responded well after falling behind early to beat **Bridport** 4-1 at Southern Road. After Leon Wood's delicately placed header had handed the away side a surprise tenth minute lead, Exmouth hit back a couple of moments later thanks to a drilled finish from Max Gillard. The large crowd were treated to a strong second half display from the hosts, with Mark Lever handing them their first lead in the 52<sup>nd</sup> minute, before youngster Dan Cullen and substitute Ben Steer adding further goals in the closing stages. **Clevedon Town** secured their first league win of the season at the sixth time of asking, with a late blunder from **Shepton Mallet's** keeper allowing them to register a 2-1 victory. The Seaside led for much of the contest following Archie Ferris' 20<sup>th</sup> minute header, but then with the game heading into the final ten minutes, Mallet managed to force home an equaliser. Clevedon pushed for victory, and after pressurising the visitors back line, the ball found its way to Mitch Osmond who tapped the ball into the back of the net to grab all three points. The four-game winning run of **Roman Glass St George** was brought to an abrupt halt at home to **Westbury United** after they suffered a heavy 4-1 defeat. Having gone more than 350 minutes without conceding a goal, Roman Glass were shell-shocked by their visitors from Wiltshire who scored four times before the break in their commanding win. After Dan Price had put them in front, further goals from Sam Jordan, Steve Hulbert and Joe Stradling gave helped Westbury storm into a four-goal lead. The only slight blip on the evening for Westbury came in the closing stages when Sam Wentland's header denied them a clean sheet, but the three points have put them amongst the early season frontrunners. **Street** have also enjoyed plenty of early season success, and that continued away at **Cadbury Heath**, where goals inside the opening 20 minutes from Jakob Dickens, Leighton Thomas and Kyle Strange helped them ease to a 3-1 victory.

**Saturday Action:** An incredible individual performance from Jordan Harris fired **Exmouth Town** to a huge 6-1 victory away at **Bradford** to extend their winning run. Things didn't start well for the visitors who fell behind after just 16 minutes when Liam Watson scored following a goalmouth scramble in the Exmouth area. A powerful header from Ace High got the Devon side back on level terms, before Harris asserted himself on the contest, scoring twice in quick succession to make it 3-1. Things got worse for the Bobcats when they conceded a penalty in stoppage time at the end of the first, and Harris was the man to convert from 12 yards, completing his hat-trick in the space of just eight

minutes. Exmouth didn't let up during the second half, with Harris striking once more as they eventually ran out victors by six goals to one. **Bitton** collected their fourth league win of the season at home to **Odd Down**, with the in-form Dean Griffiths bagging a hat-trick for the home side. **Plymouth Parkway** continue to lead the way atop the division, but they were made to battle on their way to a 3-1 home win over **Shepton Mallet**. The table toppers missed a couple of early opportunities, but didn't have to wait long until breaking the deadlock, with Ryan Lane firing them in front after 15 minutes. Mallet began to create a few chances of their own, but were unable to break down the home defence, and they were made to pay on the hour mark when Ryan Richards converted from the penalty spot. Mike Williams added a late third for Parkway, before the visitors grabbed the goal their performance deserved, with Nathan Legge finishing well. **Tavistock** came out on top in a tight contest against **Roman Glass St George**, with Josh Grant scoring the only goal of the game 15 minutes from time to lead the Lambs to a crucial three points. A long range effort from Joe Stradling earned **Westbury** a point at home to **Bridgwater**, with the home side twice coming from behind to gain a 2-2 draw at Meadow Lane. After Archie Sturdy had given Bridgwater an early lead from outside the box, Westbury were awarded a penalty which Sam Jordan converted at the first time of asking to level affairs. The prolific Jack Taylor restored the visitors lead at the back end of the first half, but they were unable to hang on for the victory, with Stradling lobbing Jake Viney from over 40 yards after the keeper had raced from his goal to clear a through ball

It was a similar story for **Buckland** who held off an attempted late comeback from **Brislington** to secure a 2-1 win. After Ryan Keates has scored from close range to put Buckland ahead, a low driven finish from Ryan Bush then added a second midway through the second half. The home side gave themselves a little bit of hope in the closing stages, but couldn't quite find a second goal after Jayden Nielsen had halved the deficit from the penalty spot. **Cribbs** had little trouble in seeing off **Cadbury Heath** at The Lawns, with Steve Murray scoring twice during their 4-0 win. It took the home side less than three minutes to go in front through Ross McErlain, with Murray then doubling their tally after they had missed an opportunity from the spot. Murray then struck for the second time to make it 3-0 before half-time, with a late header from Ryan Crouch adding the finishing touches to an excellent team performance. Having gone the entire month of September without picking up a victory, **Wellington** made a winning start to October after beating **Hallen** 2-1. In an astonishing start to the fixture, Wellington stunned their hosts, with George Sinnott taking just 32 seconds to break the deadlock when he got on

the end of a cross from teammate Josh Champion. Despite losing a man to a red card at the beginning of the second half, Hallen found themselves level as the game headed towards the final quarter thanks to Sacha Tong. The winning goal was certainly worth the wait for Wellington, with Miles Quick beating a couple of defenders before sliding the ball past the home keeper to end their winless start



## 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."*

## JOMA DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE

### DIV 1 WEST

**WELLINGTON RESERVES**

**6**

**1**

**WESTEXE PARK RANGERS**

The Reserves comprehensively maintained their perfect start to season by making it three wins from three as they entertained Westexe at the Playing Field in front of another bumper crowd. As with the previous two games, Wellington came out with high tempo and were ahead after only five minutes. Good work down the left saw Liam Thorne release Josh Baker who drove in a low cross which was met first time by the incoming Wes Poulson for the opener.

However, Westexe came back immediately and some neat football saw them set their striker clear on goal. Luckily for Wellington his shot smacked the crossbar and was eventually cleared. Westexe were very much in the game and Wellington were too fast to relinquish possession and were somewhat off the pace for a good ten minutes after taking the early lead. But eventually their composure began to return and their class started to show again.

Wellington increased their lead on 25 minutes. A smart quick free-kick on the right-hand side of the halfway line released Wes Poulson. He carried the ball to the edge of the area before firing in a low cross to the back post for the ever-willing Thorne to smash home. Wellington were now in the ascendancy and creating chances at regular intervals. They further increased their lead through Brad Holmans in the 35th minute. Good passing down the right led to Rohan Poulson squaring his pass for a precise first time finish passed the diving keeper.

In between the second and third goals, keeper Rob Hall was called upon to foil another one-on-one and just before half time saved a well driven free-kick after another bit of sloppy defending by the home side. But an entertaining first half ended with Welly three to the good.

The second half was equally as entertaining as the first. Westexe started the brighter but were not creating any clear-cut chances. As Welly got into gear again, they soon started to exert their dominance. Chances were being created and it soon 4-0. Rohan Poulson got himself a deserved goal, holding off players in the box before driving home from 12 yards on 58 minutes. Wellington were now firmly in the driving seat and with a little more patience and focus looked like they could get a hatful as the returning Aaron Hawkings replaced veteran Matt Holmes on 60 minutes.

But disappointingly they let their standards slip in the 75th minute and a defensive error let in a Westexe player to leave Hall with no chance. A really poor goal to concede.

Welly would, however, finish with a flourish. Jake Nicholl replaced the injured Thorne in the 75th minute and the 78th minute saw the long-awaited reintroduction of striker Luke Perry who had been out for well over year after suffering cruciate knee ligament damage.

The natural finisher took no time in getting back to doing what he does best. With 80 minutes on the clock and only two minutes into his return, he instinctively smashed in Welly's fifth from eight yards after a goalmouth scramble. A minute later he was at it again as Nicholls' low left wing cross was perfectly met by Perry who drove a first time shot into the net – only for it to chalked off for offside. It mattered not. Only two minutes later, Perry got his second and Welly's sixth. Again, Nicholl delivered a cross from the left and Perry was there to complete the scoring. A wonderful return to football for a committed and talented lad who has trained so hard to get back on to the pitch.

The players and staff would like to thank Richard Johnson and Leon Sprague of Monument Building Services for being the matchball sponsors.

They would also like to thank those who joined them in their minute's applause before the game in memory of regular supporter Jules Westcott who sadly passed away recently. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.



**PHOTOS:** Brad Holmans is seen (above left) receiving the man-of-the-match award from Darren Salter and Richard Johnson is pictured (above right) ahead of the game with skipper Mark Owen and the referee.

## Div One – West League Table

	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Wellington Reserves	3	3	0	0	12	9
2	Sandford 1 <sup>st</sup>	3	2	1	0	5	7
3	Newton St Cyres 1 <sup>st</sup>	3	2	0	1	4	6
4	Halwill 1 <sup>st</sup>	3	2	0	1	2	6
5	Winkleigh 1 <sup>st</sup>	3	1	1	1	0	4
6	Alphington 3 <sup>rd</sup>	3	1	0	2	-1	3
7	Uplozman Athletic 1 <sup>st</sup>	2	1	0	1	-2	3
8	Bow Amateur Ath Club 1 <sup>st</sup>	3	1	0	2	-3	3
9	Westexe Park Rangers 1 <sup>st</sup>	3	1	0	2	-5	3
10	North Tawton 1 <sup>st</sup>	3	1	0	2	-5	3
11	Tedburn St Mary 1 <sup>st</sup>	2	0	1	1	-3	1
12	Heavitree Utd 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3	0	1	2	-4	1

### BRITANNIA LANES TAUNTON SATURDAY LEAGUE LEAGUE CUP

**WELLINGTON A            3            2            CREECH COUGARS**

Our A team came up against a physical but brilliant footballing side in Creech Cougars for their cup tie at Castle School. Creech came flying out the traps and went 1-0 ahead early on but Wellington slowly grew into the game and, from a quick throw, Aaron Merry sneaked in to equalise.

In the second half, Wellington continued to grow more and more into a game which Creech had dominated for large chunks of the first half.

The ever hard-working Merry bagged himself a second goal while Jordan Sellick got himself on the scoresheet, finishing off a well-worked team goal. Creech continued to play football and pulled it back to 3-2 but couldn't find an equaliser.

Wellington progress into the next round where they will face the winner of the tie between Stogursey and Galmington Dragons.

Many calls for man-of-the-match as the whole squad put in a real shift.

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