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**TIM LEGG - First Team Manager**

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**MARK JOHNSON & STEPHEN COONEY – Joint A Team Managers**



## 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 season's performances. All other seasons were played at Division One level.

The Club's Reserves have played in the Devon and Exeter League Division One for four seasons and were in a mid-table position before the 2019/20 campaign was brought to an early close. This season the League has been reorganised and the team are playing 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 this campaign they have been promoted to Division One as they were topping the table when the season was forced to end. The side also won the Seward Cup after the final was held over from 2019/20.

The Club's Ladies played in the Somerset County Women's League First Division last season but found it difficult to compete with the more experienced teams and are in Division two for the current campaign.

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 a thriving Disability Section. 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 the Disability Teams won the Somerset FA Award for Disability Club of the Year.

We continue to work with the local Councils 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. Once the game has finished the bar service will close

**Please follow any guidance from stewards and keep safe.**

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**TONIGHT'S MATCH SPONSORS**



**NEXT GAMES AT THE PLAYING FIELD**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Kick-off 3.00pm**  
**Toolstation Western League Premier Division**  
**WELLINGTON v CRIBBS**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Kick-off 3.00pm**  
**JOMA Devon & Exeter League – Div 1 West**  
**WELLINGTON RESERVES v UPLOWMAN ATHLETIC 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Kick-off 2.00pm**  
**Somerset County Women's League**  
**WELLINGTON LADIES v PAULTON ROVERS LADIES RES**



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**  
**CLEVEDON TOWN            2            0            WELLINGTON**

A goal in each half consigned Wellington to a midweek defeat and continued their topsy-turvy run of form. Their past four games have now yielded two wins and two losses to leave Tim Legg's side lying 17<sup>th</sup> in the table.

In fairness, they have not been helped by injuries to key players and, at Clevedon, Legg gave a full debut to new signing Dan Williams, playing against his former club, while also welcoming back keeper Tom Welch.

Wellington started promisingly but their neat approach work often came to nothing which was to be the pattern of their performance.

Their brightest move in the 21<sup>st</sup> minute ended with home keeper Harley Wilkinson smothering the ball at the feet of Ollie Holman, Wellington's two-goal hero in their previous game.

At the other end, Jay Murray was sent racing clear on the half-hour but the son of former Bristol City favourite Scott was denied by Welch. Clevedon were not to be denied and went ahead four minutes later. Imposing defender Glen Hayer rose to meet a cross from the left and, although Welch pulled off a reflex save from his powerful header, the ball rose up into the air and then dropped into the net.

Skipper Glen Wright went just wide with a flicked header shortly before the break but Wellington then failed to create any openings in the second half despite enjoying plenty of possession.

There was never much to choose between the sides but Clevedon sealed the points with three minutes remaining as the ball broke to sub Ethan Feltham in the box and his low shot beat Welch before going in off the inside of the post.

## PLYMOUTH PARKWAY 2 2 WELLINGTON

Wellington produced one of their best results – and performances – of recent seasons with a magnificent draw away to runaway premier leaders Plymouth Parkway ... and they could even have come away with all three points.

With a huge budget and a squad packed with Southern League experience, Parkway are odds-on favourites to win the title and had thumped Wellington 6-1 at the Playing Field less than three weeks earlier. Yet they had to rely on two disputed penalties to come from behind two and earn a point as Tim Legg's side defended valiantly while also scoring a couple of first-half goals.

As expected, Parkway took the game to Wellington from the kick-off and Levi Landricombe smacked the bar with a shot after 19 minutes before being denied by the outstretched leg of keeper Tom Welch five minutes later.



But Wellington silenced the sell-out crowd of nearly 300 by taking a 26th minute lead. Skipper Glen Wright did really well on the left and his low cross was side footed home from 12 yards by fellow midfielder Miles Quick.

Parkway drew level seven minutes before half-time as a cross bounced up and struck visiting defender Josh Champion. The referee pointed to the spot where Ryan Richards duly obliged.

Wellington's response was to strike again in stoppage time. Dan Williams hit the upright with a header and, in the ensuing melee, striker Jesse Howe turned the ball goalwards where it was cleared by a defender but the assistant ruled it had crossed the line.

The visitors knew they would be in for a long 45 minutes and found themselves with their backs to the wall as Parkway threw everything at them without being able to get back on terms until the dying minutes.

Wellington were indebted to Welch for a pair of quite brilliant saves to keep out a Richards volley and then a goalbound rocket from River Allen before Parkway levelled in controversial circumstances with seven minutes remaining. A corner came over from the left and sailed over a group of leaping players but the referee shocked everyone by spotting an infringement and awarding another penalty which Richards again converted.

That meant a torrid end to the game for Wellington who also had to hold out during six inexplicable minutes of injury time – but hold out they did for a richly deserved point from a superb all-round display. The result left Parkway a mere ten points clear at the top of the table with Wellington remaining 17th – and that sums up the magnitude of visitors' effort.





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## TONIGHT'S VISITORS TAVISTOCK

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

Adhoc football, a cross between rugby union and soccer and perhaps a few other games to boot, took place between Plymouth and Tavistock sides from the mid 1870s, but it took a letter in the Tavistock Gazette from scribes under the pseudonym of "Wei/wisher" and "Halfback", to attract the attentions of two local businessmen.

The club was thus founded on September 8th, 1888, the foundation year of the Devon County FA, when sportsman and businessman Herbert Spencer summoned "interested persons to assemble at the Guildhall where a committee was elected under the chairmanship of his brother, Wilfred, with Herbert as his deputy and another brother, Kingsley, on the committee with Tom Owen Esq as secretary. The old Tavistock Grammar School playing field in Russell Street hosted the newly formed club and the first match against the Duke of Cornwall Light Infantry resulted in a 1–0 victory. The first AGM held at the old Temperance Hotel, now the Ordulph Arms, proudly recorded a first season playing record of Won 13, Lost 3 Drawn 1.

By 1890 the club adopted a strip of blue and old gold and formed a second team, moving two years later to Green Lane, Torlands courtesy of the proprietor of the Bedford Hotel. Going from strength to strength the team won the league and were cup runners up in 1900-1901. On one day in 1903 at Torlands on the edge of Dartmoor, a game had to be abandoned due to a sudden blizzard. In the same year wild ducks invaded a flooded penalty area and set up home for a week in a makeshift pond, resulting in a postponed fixture. No wonder that over the next few years venues changed, from a return to the old grammar school pitch, to Green Hill and Sandy Park. It is believed that in 1913 the entire Tavistock team was selected to represent the County.

During the period of 1914-1918 structured football was abandoned.

Eventually there were at least three other clubs in the town, Tavistock Comrades, Bannawell Blues United and Tavistock West End. Amalgamation in 1939 produced the familiar colours of red and black. A welcome change to the salmon pink shirts with chocolate collars and cuffs of 1919. The years 1920 to 1930 were successful times with excellent results in the league, Bedford Cup and Senior Devon Cup. Sadly the next decade saw a decline in both results and attendance. Play ceased at the end of the 1931-32 season

due to debt. Jumble sales and whist drives were held to ease the financial situation and football resumed once more in 1937.

The onset of World War II put things on hold until 1945 when the Lambs joined the Plymouth Combination League First Division. In 1947 the Club President Herbert Thomas Langsford purchased Langsford Park, giving it under trust to the club in 1949. A carved commemorative stone serves as a reminder of his benevolence.

In 1952 Tavistock joined the South Western League but were forced to withdraw in 1961 due to financial embarrassment until re-joining in 1968.

The Club has been the birthplace of many players going on to enjoy professional pay-days in the Football League including Harold Redmond and Danny Sullivan to Crystal Palace for a fee of £100, Neil and Peter Langman to Plymouth Argyle, Mike Trebilcock, perhaps the most newsworthy footballer to have played for Tavistock scored two of the three goals in the 1966 Cup Final in Everton's 3–2 win over Sheffield Wednesday. Robbie Pethick, Tavistock born and ex-player of the Club, signed professional forms for Portsmouth in October 1993, where he had five successful seasons before moving to Bristol Rovers.

The Club won the Devon Premier Cup in season 2001-02 and repeated this success in season 2006-07, by beating Upton Athletic by six goals to nil, creating a record winning margin in the final of this competition.

In season 2005-06, the Club reached the last thirty-two in the FA Vase, going out to Pickering Town in a very close encounter. The Club also entered the FA Cup for the first time since 1953-54.

Perhaps the saddest entry in this brief history of football in Tavistock is the fire of 3rd February 2011, which all but saw the complete destruction of the old changing rooms and the Red & Black Clubhouse, since then a rebuilding programme has seen the club rise from the ashes and achieve great things by becoming the SWPL East Divisions Champions in 2014/15 and then SWPL Premier Division Champions in 2016/17. Tavistock AFC also made SWPL history the following year by becoming the first club to win both the SWPL Charity Vase and Bowl.

Success has continued and after being runners up to Plymouth Parkway in the SWPL Premier Division for the 2017-18 season the Lambs won the league on the last day of the 2018/19 season, beating Plymouth Argyle to gain promotion to the Toolstation Western League.

We can say that football is very much alive in Tavistock!

**TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE**

**PREMIER DIVISION**

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



**WELLINGTON**

**Tangerine & Black**

**Team from:**

**Tom Welch**

**Josh Champion**

**Tim Legg**

**Jason Quick**

**Jack Lewis**

**Miles Quick**

**Scott Merritt**

**Glen Wright**

**Jesse Howe**

**Daniel Williams**

**Ollie Holman**

**George Sinnott**

**Mason Raymond**

**Josh Baker**

**Tom Davies**

**Manager – Tim Legg**

**Coach – Alex Pope**

**Coach – Tony McCallum**

**Physio – Megan Farrant**



**TAVISTOCK**

**White**

**Team from**

**Josh Oak**

**Ben Cross**

**Josh Robins**

**Warren Daw**

**Tallan Burns**

**Dave Hallett**

**Liam Pryn**

**Jack Crago**

**Alex Cairo**

**Callum Watson**

**Reece Shanley**

**Tyler Elliott**

**Luke Brown**

**Josh Grant**

**Jordan Annear**

**Tom Watson**

**Aaron Bentley**

**Lewis Daw**

**Manager – Stuart Henderson**

**Assistant – Ken Ord**

**Coach – Lewis Daw**

**GK Coach – Barry Knox**

**MATCH OFFICIALS**

**Referee – Andrew Heapy (Exmouth)**

**Assistants – Dan Hunt & Kristian Gould (Weston Super Mare)**



## TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE RECENT RESULTS

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

### Premier Division

Buckland Athletic	1-2	Plymouth Parkway
Cribbs	3-2	Keynsham Town
Hallen	0-3	Roman Glass St George
Shepton Mallet	1-0	Bridport
Street	3-0	Odd Down

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

### Premier Division

Clevedon Town	2-0	Wellington
Westbury United	1-5	Bitton

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

### Premier Division

Bradford Town	1-0	Street
Clevedon Town	2-0	Bridgwater Town
Cribbs	2-0	Brislington
Keynsham Town	0-0	Shepton Mallet
Odd Down	1-7	Tavistock
Plymouth Parkway	2-2	Wellington
Roman Glass St George	3-1	Buckland Athletic

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## TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION FIXTURES

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020

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

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020

Exmouth Town	vs	Shepton Mallet
Wellington	vs	Tavistock

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2020

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



### **WARNING** **OBJECTIONABLE BEHAVIOUR**



It has been stated many times that neither FOUL, ABUSIVE or RACIST LANGUAGE will be tolerated within the League. It is a problem that everybody in the game must take responsibility for in an effort to eradicate it.

**Team managers and players are encouraged to lead the way in ridding the game of an unnecessary evil, and set an example both on and off of the field of play. Racist remarks will not be tolerated and all reported incidents will be dealt with in the strongest possible way.**



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

	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Plymouth Parkway	11	9	2	0	29	29
2	Street	10	6	1	3	11	19
3	Bitton	8	6	0	2	16	18
4	Clevedon Town	10	5	3	2	4	18
5	Roman Glass St George	11	6	0	5	2	18
6	Buckland Athletic	13	5	3	5	1	18
7	Westbury United	9	5	2	2	6	17
8	Tavistock	8	5	1	2	12	16
9	Exmouth Town	6	5	0	1	12	15
10	Bradford Town	11	4	3	4	0	15
11	Cribbs	9	4	2	3	4	14
12	Bridgwater Town	10	4	1	5	-7	13
13	Odd Down	9	3	1	5	-13	10
14	Keynsham Town	10	2	3	5	-2	9
15	Shepton Mallet	8	2	3	3	-3	9
16	Cadbury Heath	8	3	0	5	-5	9
17	Wellington	10	2	3	5	-12	9
18	Brislington	7	2	1	4	-6	7
19	Hallen	10	0	3	7	-16	3
20	Bridport	7	1	0	6	-16	3
21	Chipping Sodbury Town	7	0	2	5	-17	2

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## 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.

If anyone from any section of the club would like to help in any way, please either see a club official or email us on [admin@wellingtonafc.co.uk](mailto:admin@wellingtonafc.co.uk)



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## EXTRACT FROM TOOLSTATION BULLETIN 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020



**Midweek Action:** In one of their toughest fixtures so far this season, **Plymouth Parkway** continue to stretch their lead atop the Premier Division after beating **Buckland** 2-1 at Homers Heath on Tuesday evening. Parkway went ahead at the beginning of the second half thanks to a driven finish by Matt Wright, before Callum Hall doubled their advantage from long range. The home side pulled a goal back 20 minutes from time through Ryan Keates, but the league leaders held out to extend their unbeaten start. A goal in either half from Troy Simpson helped **Roman Glass St George** defeat the struggling **Hallen** 3-0 to end their four-match losing run. A flicked finish in the 29<sup>th</sup> minute saw Simpson put the visitors in front, before Ryan Radford extended the lead from the spot to register his first goal this term. Simpson saved the best for last, unleashing a powerful effort from long range to wrap up the victory in the closing stages, leaving Hallen winless after ten league games. **Street**'s strong start to the campaign shows no sign of letting up after they eased to a 3-0 win over **Odd Down**. With Jacob Dickens opening the scoring, the Cobblers then had Leighton Thomas to thank for their latest victory, with the in-form forward scoring either side of the interval at The Tannery. Home comforts continue to bear fruit for **Shepton Mallet**, with Nick Hewlett's volleyed finish helping them edge to a 1-0 win over **Bridport**. Having played 12 games in all competitions so far this season, Mallet are unbeaten at the Playing Fields, but without a victory away from home in what has been a slightly underwhelming start to their campaign. **Cribbs** are a side who mirror Mallet's home/away form, and they produced another strong showing at the Lawns, beating **Keynsham** 3-2 in an entertaining clash. The hosts enjoyed the better of the opening half and led by two at the break, with Ryan Crouch following up a long-range effort Dan Webb. Adey Harvey's belting finish helped Keynsham trim the deficit ten minutes into the second half, before a right-footed strike from Ed Harrison found the far corner of the net to restore Cribbs' two-goal advantage. Mike Grist set up a nervy finish when he turned the ball home in the final minutes, but Cribbs managed to keep their noses in front and secure all three points.

24 hours later, **Bitton** grabbed an eye-opening 5-1 win away at fellow top-five side **Westbury**. Having put his side in front during a cagey first half, Matt Barnes doubled his tally early in the second period to continue his impressive

start. Matt Groves then struck with a half volley from 30 yards out to put Bitton three-goals to the good, before the hosts got on the board when Joe Stradling slid home. Bitton finished the stronger however, and registered their sixth league win thanks to a late brace from Aysa Corrick. Elsewhere on Wednesday, **Clevedon** made it five wins on the bounce in all competitions, after goals from Glen Hayer and Ethan Feltham helped them see off **Wellington** by two goals to nil at the Hand Stadium.

**Premier Division:** **Wellington's** recent upturn in form shows no sign of letting up after they were unfortunate not to become the first side to beat **Plymouth Parkway** this season. Heading down to Bolitho Park, not many people would have given the Somerset outfit any chance of pulling off a result, but in the end they came within seven minutes of taking all three points. The visitors made a strong start and took a surprise lead in the opening quarter, when Miles Quick side footed the ball home from 12 yards out following a good run and cross by Glen Wright. With the game headed towards half-time, Parkway managed to get level, when Ryan Richards converted from the spot after the ball had hit Josh Champion's arm inside the box. Welly shook off that disappointment, and got themselves back ahead in stoppage time at the end of the first half through Jesse Howe after Dan Williams' effort had rebounded back off the crossbar. With time running out, the shock result was within reach, but Parkway's resilience shone through, and after substitute Billy Palfrey had been fouled inside the area, Richards struck from the spot for the second time to extend their unbeaten start. **Roman Glass St George** leapfrogged visitors **Buckland** up into the top five after the Bristol side overturned an early deficit to beat the Devon side 3-1. Things didn't go to plan for the hosts in the first half, and they trailed for the majority of the first half after Buckland's main man, Ryan Bush, continued his excellent start to the season in front of goal. The game was level heading into the interval however, and after going close on a couple occasions during the opening 45 minutes, Ben Bament finally managed to find the back of the net at the end of added time. It took only six minutes of the second half for Roman Glass to claim their first lead of the afternoon when Ryan Radford slotted into an empty net, and the win was finally confirmed in the closing stages when leading scorer Bament completed his double. Five minutes of dominance at the beginning of the second half was the difference between the two sides at the Hand Stadium, where Clevedon defeated Bridgwater 2-0. Following a goalless opening half, Clevedon provided a real spark after the break, with Jay Murray crossing for Mitch Osmond who headed home at the back post to break the deadlock. Just

three minutes later, the duo were at it again, with Murray playing a one-two on the edge of the box with Osmond before placing the ball past Jake Viney in the Bridgwater goal. **Bradford** registered back-to-back wins for the first time this season after holding on to beat second placed **Street** by a goal to nil. The decisive goal came midway through the first half, and it was a regular source who provided the Bobcats winner, with Ross Lye firing home from the penalty spot after Jake Brown had been fouled inside the box.



## **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      3      1      ALPHINGTON 3RDS**

It was another fine day for the Reserves at the Playing Field on Saturday, as they made it five wins from five games to stay top of the table before another bumper crowd. Unlike the previous week, Wellington came out firing. Playing down the slope they produced some lovely pass and move football early doors, leaving their opponents chasing shadows. Their confident play produced a superb opening goal in the 12th minute. Liam Thorne collected the ball on the left, saw Luke Perry breaking through the middle and played an instant inch perfect through ball. Perry, starting a game for the first since his long injury layoff never broke stride and clinically bent a first-time strike past the travelling keeper from the edge the box.

Two minutes later, it was nearly two. A Wellington free-kick landed at the feet of Connor Foster in a crowded box and his well-struck shot beat the keeper but was brilliantly cleared on the line.

To their credit, Alphington were working hard to stay in the game. They showed a few glimpses of threat, but never tested the home stand-in keeper, Tom Davies. Wellington extended their lead in the 24th minute. Another free-kick on the right was delivered deep to the far post. Thorne met the ball and fired it first time back across the goal for the ever-alert Perry to smash home from close range.

From here on, Wellington took their foot off the pedal a little and allowed their opponents too much space and time. They were too keen to relinquish possession and failed to control the game as they were before. Thankfully the defensive attributes of this team stayed solid and restricted Alphington to a couple of tame shots on Davies' goal. Wes Poulson would have Wellington's final chance of the half. The promising and busy wing-back was unfortunate when a squared pass from Perry bobbled just as he made contact. His close-range shot looped up allowing the visitors' scrambling keeper to claw his shot to safety. The first half finished with Wellington leading 2-0.

Both teams came out with renewed energy and started the second half even in effort. Half-chances were being created at each end and, in the 50th minute, Wellington had the woodwork to thank in coming to their rescue. A fierce rising volley smacked the crossbar, with Davies only able to watch on.

It was the little wake-up call Wellington needed and, eight minutes later, Perry would win a penalty. Man-handled in the box, Perry stepped up to complete his hat-trick – but the kick was not his best and was comfortably saved.

On 60 minutes, Wellington made a double change with the introduction of Clay Westcott and Logan Sellick for Perry and Holmans. A reshuffle saw Thorne pushed up top for the remaining 30 minutes. The change seemed to work as the hugely impressive skipper Mark Owen released Rohan Poulson down the right. With a lot to do, Poulson's first touch saw him cleverly head the ball over his marker, before spinning passed the bewildered defender. His pace was electric and took him clear of his pursuers before finished the chance off with an excellent low drive into the far corner.

At 3-0, Wellington looked like they could go and get more, but it wasn't to be. Poulson had the clearest chance, sent clear by Westcott but his attempted chip was easily collected, when a low shot would have been more effective. Aaron Hawkings would see a 20-yard drive well saved and the resulting corner was met by Jamie Fleet, but his far post header went the wrong side of the post.

There would be a 90th minute consolation for the visitors – a penalty, unfortunately conceded and well dispatched to give the final scoreline of 3-1.



**PHOTOS:** Aaron Hawkings is seen (above left) receiving the man-of-the-match award from supporter Andy Govier. The players would like to thank Southwest Janitorial of Wellington for their generous support in sponsoring the match ball pictured (above right) ahead of the game with skipper Mark Owen and the referee.

Also big thanks to all who took the time to come and cheer on this great bunch of lads. On Saturday, Wellington travel to Tiverton to take on Westex Park Rangers

## NEW MANAGERS FOR THE A TEAM

We extend a very warm Wellington AFC welcome to Mark Johnson and Stephen Cooney, the new joint managers of our A team who play in division one of the Britannia Lanes Taunton & District Saturday League. They have taken over from Luke O'Hara, who has stepped down after two-and-a-half extremely successful seasons in charge.



Mark (pictured left) and Stephen have known each other since the mid-90s. Mark moved to Devon from Leicestershire and played football for Bradninch and Culm United before signing for Dunkeswell Rovers in 1995. Stephen had also signed for Dunkeswell Rovers at the start of the same season after playing in Exeter for Whipton AFC and Wonford. They went on to play together at Dunkeswell for seven years before Mark emigrated to Southern Africa. Stephen stayed on for another year before moving to play for Honiton Town.

Following Mark's return to Devon, after seven years away, they carried on where they left off by making several cameo appearances for Dunkeswell. More recently, family and friends encouraged them both to get into football management so they started a Sunday side at Norton Fitzwarren, which ran for two years, before being asked to take over at Cotford Saints in the Keyline Somerset Sunday Football League.

Club chairman Mike Hall said: "While we welcome Mark and Stephen on board and wish them every success, we must also pay tribute to Luke on a remarkable spell as manager, which has yielded two promotions and a cup success. We thank him for everything he has done and are delighted that is staying on as a player and is also planning to help out on the welfare side of the club."

**BRITANNIA LANES TAUNTON SATURDAY LEAGUE  
DIVISION ONE**

**FIVEHEAD      0      0      WELLINGTON A**

Following the previous week's heavy defeat, this was a big game and all the players put in a great shift.

Wellington were easily the better team in the first half, creating several half-chances for Ash Saunders, Tom Scarlett and Luke O'Hara while looking very strong at the back.

More great work in at the start of the second half by Tom Scarlett and Aaron Merry going forward was then equalled by a great save from Jared Holder to keep the game level.

Unfortunately, lots of possession and great work rate couldn't create that clear opening. More good work throughout the half saw shots from O'Hara, Merry, Saunders, Scarlett, Ashley Bright and Jordan Sellick all unable to make the breakthrough. That could have cost the visitors as Fivehead pushed forward towards the end to try and snatch a winner without success.

All in all, a great team performance, full of character and hard work – a well-earned point against a very good side.

**SOMERSET COUNTY WOMEN'S LEAGUE  
DIVISION TWO**

**WELLINGTON      9      4      PEN MILL RESERVES**

Our Ladies once again produced an impressive attacking display to beat Pen Mill Reserves in a thrilling encounter.

With Pen Mill penned in their own half for much of the first 45 minutes, Wellington took their chances well and went in at the break 4-1 up. Leah Morrell continued her goal-scoring form, and was once again the stand-out performer, bagging another hat-trick.

The second half was a much more even affair, although Pen Mill never really looked like getting back into the game as they continued to ship goals. Maxine Pontin (two) scored the pick of the goals, finishing high into the net after a strong solo run. Jess Regan also scored a stunner from the edge of the 18-yard box.

The other scorers for Wellington were Sheldon Hancock, Natasha Hole and Ebony Sellick as they moved up to third in the table with eight points from four games, remaining unbeaten.

On Sunday, the Ladies face a trip to table-toppers Stockwood Wanderers who will no doubt prove a much sterner test.



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- Never engage in threatening or violent behaviour
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- Never abuse match or team officials from either side
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