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**Taunton Youth League & Mini League**

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**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 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 hot drink service during the game. We are unable to open the Clubhouse either before or after the game.

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

**Please remember that everyone working at Wellington AFC is a volunteer and should be treated with respect at all times**

**Thank you**

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The Committee, Players and everybody connected with Wellington AFC would like to wish our supporters and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing you in the New Year and hope that 2021 will not be as traumatic and stressful as 2020 has been.

**STAY SAFE**



**NEXT GAMES AT THE PLAYING FIELD**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December – Kick-off 2.00pm  
BRITANNIA LANES TAUNTON SATURDAY LEAGUE – DIV 1  
WELLINGTON A v NORTH CURRY**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – Kick-off 2.15pm  
JOMA DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE – DIV 1 WEST  
WELLINGTON RESERVES v SANDFORD 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January – Kick-off 3.00pm  
TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION  
WELLINGTON v EXMOUTH**



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**  
**TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION**  
**EXMOUTH TOWN 2      0      WELLINGTON**

The last game the First Team played was away to Exmouth Town on 31<sup>st</sup> October when a goal in each half by skilful winger Ben Steer condemned Wellington to their third successive defeat as Exmouth Town moved up into fourth in the premier division table.

Manager Tim Legg had seen a run of tough fixtures coincide with a string of injuries to key players although he had bolstered his squad by re-signing defender Mike Mullen and striker Paolo Borges, who both came on as second half subs.

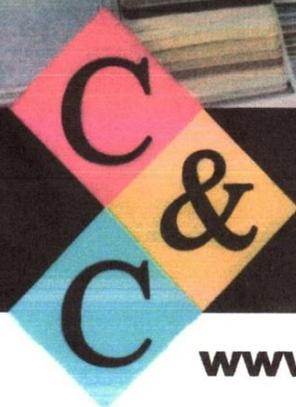
Without defender Jack Lewis, midfielder and skipper Glen Wright and striker Jesse Howe, Legg played himself in a midfield role with Jack Bown-Porter at left-back and Jamie Vaughan-Ryall up front.

But Wellington struggled to match an all-round strong Exmouth outfit who were on top for most of the game, particularly in the first half. They went head after 13 minutes with a fine individual effort by Steer. He picked up the ball on the left and beat two defenders before cutting inside and firing powerfully across keeper Tom Welch and in off the underside of the bar.

Despite having their backs to the wall, Wellington thought they had equalised just after the half-hour. A low shot by Mason Raymond was parried by keeper Robbie Powell and Vaughan-Ryall pounced to net but the flag was up for offside.

The visitors were reduced to ten men as midfielder Scott Merritt was sin-binned either side of the break and they got off to the worst possible start to the second half by conceding again. A cross dropped to Steer in the box and he clinically volleyed home.

Although Exmouth always looked more dangerous – with Welch having another fine game in goal – the game became more even although the final outcome was never in doubt.



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## TODAY'S VISITORS CHIPPING SODBURY TOWN

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

In the summer of 1959 Cliff Phelps decided it was time football association was brought back to the town. It had been six long years since the boys of the town had donned the Blue & White of Sodbury in the Western League. After several meetings at The Bell Inn (Now Brooks Bar & Kitchen) the new club was formed. Major L.M.Harris was President, Mr. E Purbrick Chairman, Mr. C Phelps Vice Chairman, Club Captain Dennis Greenaway and Youth Captain Michael Boulton. In the initial 1959/60 season they entered a senior team into The Dursley & Wotton League and a team into the Youth Section. The following season Sodbury joined the Bristol and District League and throughout the 60's remained in Division 3.

The 1970's began with relegation, when we finished bottom of Division 3 and the slump continued in 1971/72 Season when finishing bottom of Division 4. The Mid 70's saw a few changes and the ground work of the team today. Mike Fox became player Manager and 'The Sods' began a Sunday Side. In the 1976/77 Season, Sodbury finished third in Division 5 and gained promotion. The 1978/79 Season saw us go one better and finished runners-up of Division 4. To finish the decade off and celebrate twenty years of the club's rebirth, we won the Championship of Division 3 in 1979/80.

The 1980's began were the 70's left off and a fourth place finish gave Sodbury promotion to Bristol and District Division 1. 1981/82 saw the rebirth of our Reserve side and by the end of the season, the 1st's had gained promotion to the Senior Division. From Division 5, to the Senior League in six seasons. The first season in the Senior division was mid-table finish and the end of the season saw Mike Fox's testimonial and an Ashton Gate appearance against Mangotsfield united. The following season we finished third. After finishing 15th in 1985/86 we were relegated to Division 1, where we remained until finishing runners up in 1988/89.

The 1990's kicked off with a third place finish and promotion to the Bristol Premier Combination Div 1. in 1990/91. The early 90's saw a new clubhouse and changing rooms built with Players and Committee members contributing their trades. A fourth place finish and the winning of the Premier cup in 1992/93 was the clubs best season so far. The Sods remained in Division 1 until the end of the nineties, when they were promoted to the Premier Division for the 1999/00 Season.

The 2000's and after 3 seasons in the Premier, the Sods were relegated at the end of 2001/02 season. A new manager and new era began in 2002/03. Les Underdown and his Assistant Jeff Clark both ex-players with the club took over the reins. A mid table finish in their first season, saw Les leave and left Jeff in the hot seat. The following season saw another mid-table finish

and the Reserves become Champions with the exciting players now in the squad. 2004/05 ended in a disappointing third place but the club now had a third team as well. The following season, the previous year was forgotten when the club won the Championship and promoted back to the Premier division. A mid table finish in the Premier division and the other 2 teams both winning promotion was a good season in 2006/07. 2007/08 became the clubs most successful season, when the First's won the Championship of the Premier and the reserves Champions of Bristol & District division 1. The first season and a change of manager in the Gloucestershire county league and the team finished bottom of the league, only winning 5 games. Even though the club finished bottom, they were not relegated. Mark Stenner was appointed manager and he started the steady march up the County league.

The 2010's has produced the club's most successful time in their history. Mark Stenner had taken the team to a third place finish in the County league in 2010/11. After his departure early the following season, Scott Gibson took over. A disappointing bottom place finish was followed by two seasons of rebuilding and climbing the league. Karl Reese was appointed new manager at the beginning of 2014/15 season and in his first season had promoted the club from the County league to the dizzy heights of Western League football with a third place finish. Not a bad start for the new gaffer but with some new faces and playing great football, we went 1 better the following season and won the Western League Division 1 Championship. 2016/17 and the Western League Premier division was tough but a very creditable 13th position and competing in the F.A.Vase was our most successful season so far. 2017/18 was going to be a massive mountain to climb. Karl had left the club and also half the first team had departed to pastures new. Enter Neil Simons our new gaffer, a season in the Western league to take on with half a team and to make things a little more difficult, your first game is the clubs first ever game in the F.A.Cup. The season ended with a 13th place finish, an FA Cup victory and a quarter final place in the GFA Challenge trophy. Early in the 2018/19 Season Neil decided to leave the club and shortly afterwards we appointed our present manager Joe White and his assistant Steve. At the end of the season under his leadership, the club had finished 10th in the Western League and had the best run in the FA cup in the clubs history. The club were successful in their appeal against the Hellenic League, sideways move by the F.A. So 2019/20 season was in the Western League Premier. The uncertainty of which League we would be playing in, unsettled the players and so several departed the Club before a ball was kicked that Season. Three weeks before the season started the club also lost our Manager and his Assistant. Justin Bishop & Scott Gibson took control of the 1st team as Caretaker management and remained there until the League came to an abrupt halt. The F.A. announced on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020 that the Step 1-7 game and all grassroots football leagues and competition under its umbrella had ended, as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic. All results for the season would be expunged.

The 2020's begin with Jeff Roberts and his team, Drew, Sean & Nick steering the 1<sup>st</sup> Team.

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**PREMIER DIVISION**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2020**



**WELLINGTON**

**Tangerine & Black**

**Team from:**

**Tom Welch**

**Josh Champion**

**Mike Mullen**

**Jason Quick**

**Jack Bown-Porter**

**Tom Davies**

**Mason Raymond**

**Glen Wright**

**Miles Quick**

**Scott Merritt**

**Jake Quick**

**Oli Holman**

**Jamie Vaughan-Ryall**

**Jesse Howe**

**Patrick O'Halloran**

**Paulo Borges**

**Manager – Tim Legg**

**Coach – Alex Pope**

**Coach – Tony McCallum**

**Physio – Megan Farrant**



**CHIPPING SODBURY TOWN**

**Black & White**

**Team from:**

**Josh Langley**

**Jordan Clark**

**Will Davidson**

**Sol Pryce**

**Nathan Brown**

**Aaron Stevens**

**Josh Coombe**

**Ellis McSharry**

**Josh Pandolfino**

**Keane Ashwood**

**Callum Ball**

**Darren Jefferies**

**Lewis Bezer**

**Ben Chick**

**Joe Hall**

**Jonah Beery**

**Josh Hughes**

**Jake Slocombe**

**Charlie Lawrence**

**Jack Moore**

**Jack Parker**

**Tom Suter**

**Luke Roberts**

**Manager – Jeff Roberts**

**Coaches – Sean McSharry &**

**Nick Vitale**

**Physio – Ken Purnell**

**MATCH OFFICIALS**

**Referee – Brian Lee (Taunton)**

**Assistants – Darren Cullum (Taunton) & Stuart Gravenell (Langport)**



## TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE FIXTURES

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

### FA VASE

Brimscombe & Thrupp	v	Bridgwater Town
Buckland Athletic	v	Tavistock
Clevedon Town	v	New Milton

### Premier Division

Bitton	v	Brislington
Bradford Town	v	Roman Glass St George
Bridport	v	Cribbs
Exmouth Town	v	Odd Down
Keynsham Town	v	Hallen
Shepton Mallet	v	Street
Wellington	v	Chipping Sodbury Town
Westbury Utd	v	Cadbury Heath

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

### Premier Division

Bitton	v	Roman Glass St George
Brislington	v	Cribbs
Odd Down	v	Bridgwater Town

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December**

### Premier Division

Cadbury Heath	v	Bitton
Exmouth Town	v	Buckland Athletic
Odd Down	v	Shepton Mallet
Street	v	Bridgwater Town
Tavistock	v	Plymouth Parkway
Keynsham Town	v	Brislington
Westbury Utd	v	Bradford Town
Bridport	v	Wellington
Clevedon Town	v	Chipping Sodbury Town
Hallen	v	Cribbs

## Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December

### Premier Division

Cadbury Heath	v	Exmouth Town
Chipping Sodbury Town	v	Brislington
Clevedon Town	v	Plymouth Parkway
Tavistock	v	Odd Down
Westbury Utd	v	Shepton Mallet

## Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> December

### Premier Division

Bitton	v	Bridgwater Town
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## Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

### Premier Division

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

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## TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE AS AT 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Plymouth Parkway	13	11	2	0	40	35
2	Tavistock	11	8	1	2	16	25
3	Cribbs	12	7	2	3	8	23
4	Street	13	7	1	5	7	22
5	Exmouth Town	10	7	0	3	13	21
6	Clevedon Town	12	6	3	3	5	21
7	Buckland Athletic	15	6	3	6	1	21
8	Westbury United	10	6	2	2	7	20
9	Bitton	8	6	0	2	16	18
10	Bradford Town	12	5	3	4	2	18
11	Roman Glass St George	11	6	0	5	2	18
12	Bridgwater Town	11	5	1	5	-2	16
13	Shepton Mallet	10	3	4	3	-2	13
14	Cadbury Heath	10	4	0	6	-5	12
15	Brislington	10	3	2	5	-7	11
16	Odd Down (BATH)	12	3	1	8	-20	10
17	Keynsham Town	11	2	3	6	-7	9
18	Hallen	13	2	3	8	-10	9
19	Wellington	13	2	3	8	-16	9
20	Bridport	9	1	0	8	-23	3
21	Chipping Sodbury Town	10	0	2	8	-25	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
19/09/20	H	FAV	Hengrove Athletic	3	3 (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	2	1
14/10/20	A	Prem	Clevedon Town	0	2
17/10/20	A	Prem	Plymouth Parkway	2	2
21/10/20	H	Prem	Tavistock	0	1
24/10/20	H	Prem	Cribbs	1	2
31/10/20	A	Prem	Exmouth	0	2
19/12/20	H	Prem	Chipping Sodbury Town		
26/12/20	A	Prem	Bridport		Boxing Day – 1.00pm
02/01/21	A	Prem	Buckland Athletic		
05/01/21	A	Prem	Odd Down		7.30pm
09/01/21	H	Prem	Exmouth Town		
16/01/21	H	Prem	Odd Down		
20/01/21	H	Prem	Bridgwater Town		7.45pm
23/01/21	A	Prem	Tavistock		
30/01/21	H	Prem	Buckland Athletic		
03/02/21	H	Prem	Street		7.45pm
06/02/21	A	Prem	Brislington		
13/02/21	H	Prem	Bitton		
16/02/21	A	Prem	Chipping Sodbury Town		7.30pm
20/02/21	H	Prem	Westbury Utd		
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	H	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	Westbury Utd		
08/05/21	A	Prem	Cribbs		

### To be arranged:

Hallen and Cadbury Heath at home and Bitton away



## 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
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## 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."*

## WELLINGTON RESERVES



Back row L-R: Dave Darch (Assistant Manager) Jake Nicholl, Luke Perry, Jamie Fleet, Rob Hall, Rohan Poulosom, Logan Sellick, Danny Nicholls, Sean Buttle (Manager). Front row L-R : Oliver Nott, Aaron Hawkings, Matthew Holmes, Brad Holmans, Mark Owen, Wes Poulosom, Josh Baker, Liam Thorne. Not Pictured, Clay Westcott, Connor Foster, Wayne Maunder (coach).

**JOMA DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE**  
**DIV 1 WEST**  
**WELLINGTON RESERVES      5      1      TEDBURN ST AMRY**

Our Reserves finally returned to football after an extended six week break with a convincing 5-1 home win although the result wasn't as straightforward as would appear.

After such a long layoff and only two training sessions, it was not surprising that the lads struggled to click back into their post-lockdown form. Both teams were full of endeavour throughout the opening exchanges and although Wellington had the lion's share of the ball, their decision making and application were not on point. Too many long balls and a lack of composure were causing frustration throughout the side.

Wes Poulson was replaced by Logan Sellick after only 23 minutes, the youngster sustaining a groin injury, and Wellington did take the lead in the 30th minute through Oliver Nott. After finally moving the ball with a bit more conviction, Matt Holmes fed Nott as he burst through the middle from deep. Nott allowed the ball to bounce, before perfectly lobbing the onrushing keeper for the lead. Tedburn hit the outside of the post towards the end of the half but Wellington kept it 1-0 at the break.

Aaron Hawkings replaced Brad Holmans at the interval and the second half started a lot brighter ... and would end even brighter as the tireless Josh Baker doubled the home side's advantage on 49 minutes. Great movement and a superb pass from Sellick released Baker through the middle. He calmly rounded the keeper on the edge of the box before finishing into an empty net.

Rohan Poulson replaced Liam Thorne on 55 minutes and things took an uncomfortable turn when Tedburn pulled one back in the 62<sup>nd</sup> minute. A typical long ball attack from the right found its way to feet of the travelling striker who gave Rob Hall no chance from eight yards out.

It was a good wake-up call and for the home side who responded well to the setback. Wellington were straight back on the front foot and were causing problems and stretching the travelling defence at regular intervals. Baker broke

clear down the right, the keeper came a long way and completely mis-timed his challenge and flattened the speedy striker. After a long deliberation a yellow card was awarded to a very fortunate keeper. Hawkings saw a powerful header cleared off the line and Baker went close but the final ten minutes saw them put their opponents to the sword.

Wellington pressed hard for the killer third goal and it came in the 85th minute through Poulson as a neat one-two with Baker left Poulson to finish neatly from close range. Three minutes later it was all over for Tedburn. After some sustained pressure and near misses, Luke Perry rose highest to brilliantly head home a Nott cross. In the closing stages Perry made it 5-1, good work from Poulson eventually leading to Perry getting his second headed goal of the day, heading home from close range.

The Reserves would like to thank Alan and Brett Perry of Ecoprotex for sponsoring the match ball and also the home supporters who again came out in their numbers to cheer on this exciting group of home-grown players. The squad and management really appreciated your noise! Man-of-the-match was Danny Nicholls.

### **WELLINGTON RESERVES RESULTS & FORTHCOMING FIXTURES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>H/A</b>	<b>Opposition</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>
19/09	A	North Tawton 1 <sup>st</sup>	5	1
26/09	H	Bow Amateur Athletic 1 <sup>st</sup>	4	1
03/10	H	Westexe Park Rangers 1 <sup>st</sup>	6	1
10/10	A	Newton St Cyres 1 <sup>st</sup>	2	0
17/10	H	Alphington 3 <sup>rd</sup>	3	1
24/10	A	Westexe Park Rangers	6	1
28/11	H	Tedburn St Mary 1 <sup>st</sup>	5	1
19/12	A	Tedburn St Mary 1 <sup>st</sup>		
02/01	H	Sandford 1 <sup>st</sup>		
09/01	A	Bow Amateur Athletic 1 <sup>st</sup>		
16/01	A	Heavitree Utd 2 <sup>nd</sup>		
23/01	H	Uplowman Athletic 1st		

## LUKE'S BACK IN CHARGE OF THE A TEAM

We are delighted to welcome back Luke O'Hara as manager of our A team who play in division one of the Taunton and District Saturday League. He takes charge again after joint bosses Mark Johnson and Stephen Cooney announced they were stepping down. Luke led the side to two promotions and they also lifted last season's Seward Cup after winning the held-over final in October. He decided to hand over the reins to concentrate on playing but increased work commitments mean both Mark and Stephen have now decided they can't devote enough time to the job. The club turned to Luke to see if he would help out and he has gone one better by agreeing to run the side again on a permanent basis.

Chairman Mike Hall said: "We were really sorry to hear the news from Mark and Stephen but it's completely understandable and we thank them for their work during their short stint in charge. "However as one door closes, another opens and we are so pleased Luke is back at the helm. He's a popular figure in the club and did a great job in his first spell in charge."

Luke also paid tribute to the departing managers, saying: "I genuinely enjoyed captaining the side under them and it definitely helped the team having someone on the sidelines. So, with that, I am going to take a step back from playing and I will hopefully continue the progress they made with the team."



**BRITANNIA LANES TAUNTON SATURDAY LEAGUE**  
**KNOCK OUT CUP**  
**WELLINGTON A      3      2      PORLOCK**

Wellington went into this cup tie off the back of a fantastic league win at home to leaders Wyvern. Manager Luke O'Hara made a few changes to the starting 11 and also changed the formation against what turned out to be a stubborn Porlock side.

Wellington controlled the game but just couldn't create in the final third and Porlock's first attack saw a rush of blood to the head from keeper Jared Holder, wiping out the striker to concede a penalty against the run of play.

Wellington continued to keep possession and eventually equalised through a tidy finish from Thomas Scarlett. Wellington continued to play possession football and were eventually rewarded through an audacious lob from Jordan Sellick to make it 2-1 at half time.

A couple of changes were made in midfield and the second half was similar to the first, Wellington dominating without any real clear-cut chances, and Porlock with their only real attack of the half equalised again to make it 2-2.

A bold move from the management saw four changes and a change in formation for the final 25 minutes. Wellington then started to press more with the Porlock keeper pulling off a couple of good saves from a Sellick close-range shot and a Tom Davies long-range effort.

Finally, with five minutes remaining, Rohan Poulson and Scarlett linked up well outside the box for Poulson to run through and slot home to make it 3-2.

So Wellington, who have now won two games on the bounce for the first time this season, go through to the last 16 where they will face Galmington Reserves.

This afternoon, the A team host tough opposition in Bridgwater Sports 1st at the Rec with a 2pm kick off.

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