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**Toolstation Western League  
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Saturday – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

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**V**



**WELTON ROVERS**

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**TIM LEGG - First Team Manager**

**NICK BUTTLE - Reserve Team Manager**

**WARREN TOTH – A Team Manager**

**NYIMA TOURAY – Ladies Team Manager**



## WELLINGTON AFC Club History

Formed in 1892, we are proud to be an FA Accredited Club. Initially, the club played in leagues based around Taunton and Tiverton. In the early 1960s, we gained promotion to the Somerset Senior League and succeeded in achieving Western League status in 1978 which has been retained ever since, making us one of the league's longest continuously-serving members.

The First Team entered the Western League in the First Division in the 1978-79 season and played at Premier Division level from 1981-82 to 1984-85 and 2008-09 to 2010-11. The team were then promoted as First Division Champions at the end of the 2016-17 season. In their first season back in the Premier Division, the team finished a creditable 15th and also reached the semi-final of the Somerset Premier Cup losing 4-1 away to Southern League club Paulton Rovers. The following season, the team finished in 16th place but unfortunately, the next two campaigns were brought to an early conclusion by the Coronavirus pandemic.

Last season provided new challenges for the team, including starting the season with a trip to Mousehole and a final match at Helston on Easter Monday. The side achieved their highest position in the Toolstation Premier League since the 2009-10 season (14th) and equaled the club's longest run in the FA Vase (third round). The 2022-23 season again presents new challenges and new grounds to visit with teams being promoted to and relegated into the Premier Division. Joint managers Tim Legg and Alex Pope are again in charge of the side.

The Reserves were top of Division One West in the Devon and Exeter League when the 2020-21 season was terminated due to the Covid pandemic. The league took the opportunity to restructure for the start of the 2021-22 season and move away from the East and West Divisions and, as a result, the Reserves were placed in Division One where they finished in fifth place. Although there has been some movement of teams within the league the Reserves, under new manager, Nick Buttle, have remained in Division One for this season.

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 when they finished a creditable third, gaining promotion to



Division Two for the 2019-20 season. They gained further promotion to Division One for the 2020-21 season and were topping the table when the season was forced to end due to the Covid pandemic. They won their group in the league's Covid Cup and also won the Seward Cup held over from 2019-20. Last season they finished in fifth place and, under manager Warren Toth, are in Division One again this for this campaign.

The club's Ladies played in the Somerset County Women's League Division Two (Flexi) in the 2020-21 season, finishing a creditable third when the season resumed. Last season they again played in Division Two where they finished in second place and reached the quarter-finals of the League Knock-Out Cup. Under manager Nyima Touray, they have been promoted to Division One for the 2022-23 campaign. This season there is also an additional Ladies Development Team, giving the opportunity for players to progress from the Wildcats Under 16s to senior football.

Last season, our youth teams once again performed well in their respective league and cup competitions, notably the Under 14s Town won their division and were runners-up in the league cup while the Under 12s United and Under 15s Town teams both finished runners-up in their division. All the other youth teams, boys and an increasing number of girls, acquitted themselves well and continue to be run by a small army of enthusiastic volunteers.

Our three Disability teams also performed well in their league and, this season, instead of three adult teams, we have two adult teams and a youth team.

In total this season, the club are running no fewer than 33 teams.

We continue to work with the town and district councils to pursue the club's attempts to establish a new First Team facility on land on the new Longforth Farm Estate on the edge of the town. This would then free-up the Playing Field for other teams to use. We are also working with the Wellington Sports Federation on the Somerset West and Taunton Playing Pitch Strategy regarding other land in the town where it is proposed a number of youth sports pitches would be provided.

Outside our core footballing activities, Wellington AFC is home to several darts and skittles teams and we run a full programme of social events for members and non-members alike with the impressive Function Room and Lounge available for hire.

## **SELWYN ASPIN**



It's a poignant time for our club as we remember Selwyn Aspin, who passed away on September 12th, 2012.

His many years of service to Wellington AFC included being first-team manager and later our chairman.

To mark the ten-year anniversary, Selwyn's family are sponsoring today's first home game of the season.

### **Nest Games at the Playing Field**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September – kick-off – 2.00pm**  
**Somerset County Women's League – Div 1**  
**Wellington Ladies v Ilminster Ladies Reserves**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September – kick-off – 2.15pm**  
**Stitch2Print Devon & Exeter League – Div 1**  
**Wellington Reserves v East Budleigh 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September – kick-off – 2.00pm**  
**Somerset County Women's League – Div 2 South**  
**Wellington Wildcats v Pen Mill Ladies Reserves**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October – kick-off – 3.00pm**  
**Toolstation Western League – Premier Div**  
**Wellington v Clevedon Town**





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## LIGHTING UP TIME AT THE PLAYING FIELD

A huge thank-you to all the volunteers who had a busy morning last Saturday helping to put the floodlights back up and get the Playing Field ready for home games.

**Great job**



As we finally get our home season under way, we're looking for more volunteers to help in a number of roles including:

- Gate duty at first team home matches
- Bar work at home games
- Evening bar duty

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**Thank you**

## THE SEASON SO FAR ...

It's great to be back at the Playing Field today after our season opened with no fewer than nine matches away from home. We kicked off the campaign at the end of July with a long trip into Cornwall to take on Toolstation League returnees Falmouth Town.

Despite missing a string of players, we led 1-0 at the break thanks to a goal from Tom Stone. Falmouth drew level but we re-gained the lead through Miles Quick and looked set for victory until the hosts equalised in injury time to make it 2-2.

Our second game of the season was a local derby with a short trip to take on Willand Rovers of the Southern League in the Emirates FA Cup. We gave a good account of ourselves against the higher opposition, eventually losing 2-1 with our goal scored late on by Lewis Smith.

We returned to league action and notched up our first victory of the season from a midweek trip to newly promoted Welton Rovers. Sam Towler was our star on the night with a hat-trick, including a penalty, while Jake Quick also scored in a dominant performance.

After such a promising start to the season, few could have predicted a dramatic slump in form as we then suffered five straight defeats. It all started to go wrong with our second trip into Cornwall resulting in a 3-2 defeat at Helston Athletic, Miles Quick and Sully McKenna scoring our goals.

We suffered another reverse in our next game away to Barnstaple Town, who were relegated from the Southern League at the end of last season. Jamie Nicholson scored our only goal as it ended 3-1 to the North Devon club. A hat-trick of defeats was completed as we lost 3-0 to promoted Sherborne Town before a quite disastrous August Bank Holiday weekend.

We led 3-1 at Clevedon Town with five minutes remaining through Nathaniel Groom, Jack Bown-Porter and Jake Quick but the home side scored three times before the final victory to cap a remarkable fightback. Then, on the Monday, we travelled to play table-propping Keynsham Town and still looked shell-shocked as we were beaten 4-0.

Thankfully, the poor run ended with a greatly improved performance as we ended leaders Bridgwater United's 100 per cent record with a goalless draw at Fairfax Park before last weekend's scheduled trip to Shepton Mallet was postponed following the sad passing of Her Majesty the Queen.



# THE SEASON SO FAR IN PICTURES ... (courtesy of Around Wellington)



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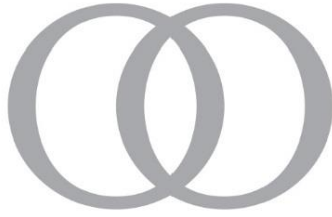
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## TODAY'S VISITORS WELTON ROVERS

We extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Welton Rovers for our first home Toolstation League Premier Division game of the season.

Founded as Welton Red Star, in the coal mining town of Midsomer Norton, in 1887, Welton Rovers are five time winners of the Western League and its longest serving members.

Rovers' relationship with the Western League began in the 1903/04 season. The club's first few decades saw them triumph in multiple Somerset Senior Cups, and win their first Western League title in 1912, but a failed attempt at professionalism would see the club go bankrupt and unable to compete in the 1923/24 season. This blip is the only break in Welton's membership of the Western League from 1903 to the modern-day, the club holding the dubious honour of having never been relegated — or promoted — outside of the two division set-up.

In the years following World War 2, Welton built the most successful Amateur side in the area with four consecutive Amateur Cup victories, and in Brian Barker, Keith Simmons and Eddie Attwood, the best forward line for miles around.

Rovers' golden period came in the mid-1960s following the appointment, in 1963, of the club's first official manager, former Huddersfield Town and Bristol City striker Arnold Rodgers, and the return to professionalism. Welton became only the second club to win the Western League three times in a row — after Portsmouth FC— at the turn of the century, with wins in '65, '66 (undefeated!) and '67. Potent throughout the time was the club's record goalscorer, Ian Henderson, who scored 321 goals in his spells with Welton. Rovers' triumphs brought with them an inflated reputation and showpiece matches, with the club's best ever FA Cup performance seeing them face AFC Bournemouth (then known as Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic) in 1966 as well as exotic away days for end of season matches against a Guernsey XI in 1965 and to the Costa Brava the following year.

As is often the case, Welton's successes brought excesses and financial problems, and following the departure of Rodgers and 10 of his first-team squad, to Bath City, a period of uncertainty and mediocrity followed. That was until Dave Stone took the managerial reins in 1971 and led Welton to their fourth, and most recent, league title in the 73/74 season. Other showcases of the early '70s would see Juventus and



Leeds United legend John Charles play and score at West Clewes for Merhyr Tydfil in the FA Trophy, and a Rothmans Cup final against now League One side Wycombe Wanderers.

The tail end of the 20th century saw Welton trade promotions and relegations, creating many a club legend along the way. Managers such as Geoff Elliott and Steve Coles brought good times, while legendary players like Malcolm Beck and Graham Withey commanded transfer fees to move on to Football League clubs. The 1980s saw huge improvements to facilities with the expansion of the club house — which remains one of the best in the league to this day — and the installation of floodlights in 1988, the erection of which were celebrated with a friendly against Oxford United, then managed by Mark Lawrenson.

The 1990s started with possibly the club's most ridiculous season, finishing rock bottom of the Premier Division and getting through 3 managers. The third of which, Peter De Sisto, brought former Football League players Alan Biley and Gary Stanley to the club, but could only win 3 games all season. As bad as the decade began, it ended on a high with Rovers' locally assembled side winning promotion back to the Premier Division, under the tutelage of Adie Britton.

The past two decades have brought plenty of good times for Rovers' large and vociferous support, known as the Green Army. In 2006, Chris Mountford led Welton to their most successful season since the 1970s, with a 4th place Premier Division finish and Les Phillips Cup Semi-Final. Then, under Mark Harrington in 2010, Rovers won the Somerset Premier Cup for the first time, at Huish Park. A semi-final victory against Yeovil Town landed Rovers a final with Bridgwater Town, who they defeated on penalties to claim the silverware. That side contained Nick Beaverstock, the man who would lead the Greens to their next taste of glory — as manager — when they won promotion to the Western League Premier Division in 2015. Beaverstock would go on to become the Rovers manager to take charge of the second highest number of matches, totalling 223 after a caretaker spell last season.

Former player Tom Smith took charge of the club in March 2020 and has made incredible progress in a short space of time. With over 225 appearances for the club, Smithy has an undeniable understanding of the Welton DNA and guided the club to promotion in his first full season in charge, breaking multiple club records along the way. With attendances the largest they have been for over 40 years, Welton Rovers are ready for and excited about the challenges that Premier Division football will bring.



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PREMIER DIVISION  
SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022**



**WELLINGTON**

**Tangerine & Black**

**From:**

**Jack Bown-Porter  
Alex Cherry  
Eli Collins  
Mark Cornish  
Nathaniel Groom  
Ashaf Hasham  
Charlie Hawkings  
Michael Murphy  
Jamie Nicholson  
Stefan Phillips  
Kelson Pollard  
Jake Quick  
Jason Quick  
Miles Quick  
Tom Stone  
Sam Towler  
Joseph Wragg  
Glen Wright**

**Joint Managers – Tim Legg  
& Alex Pope  
Physio – Lauren Watts  
First Aid – Mike Hall**



**WELTON ROVERS**

**Green**

**From:**

**Matt Dunk (GK)  
Jaiden Savery  
Jordan Laraway  
Matty Morris  
Jacob Watson  
Archie Morris  
Will Hunter  
Joe Garland  
Tom Diamond  
Joe Ellis  
Danny Carpenter  
Lewis Russell (Vice-Capt)  
Scott Hatcher (Capt)  
Jed Parfitt  
Ben Gundle  
Cameron Allen  
Joe Dali-Kemmerly**

**Manager – Tom Smith  
Assistants – Joe Ellis, Will Hunter  
Coach – Tiago Carreiras  
Physio – Ash Bird, John Carver**

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## TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE RECENT RESULTS

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Helston Athletic	1	1	Torpoint Athletic
Saltash United	3	3	Mousehole

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Cadbury Heath	v	v	Bridgwater United
Sherborne Town	v	v	Shepton Mallet



## TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION FIXTURES

### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September

Ashton & Backwell	v	Street
Bridgwater United	v	Millbrook
Buckland Athletic	v	Cadbury Heath
Ilfracombe Town	v	Saltash United
Keynsham Town	v	Falmouth Town
Mousehole	v	Sherborne Town
Torpoint Athletic	v	Bitton
Wellington	v	Welton Rovers

### FA Cup

Bishops Cleeve	v	Helston Athletic
Weston Super Mare	v	Shepton Mallet

### Premier Division

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Saltash United	v	Buckland Athletic
Welton Rovers	v	Ashton & Backwell

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September

Clevedon Town	v	Shepton Mallet
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## TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE AS AT 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Bridgwater United	10	9	1	0	30	28
2	Saltash United	9	6	3	0	13	21
3	Barnstaple Town	8	5	1	2	12	16
4	Shepton Mallet	5	5	0	0	10	15
5	Ashton & Backwell United	8	4	1	3	3	13
6	Helston Athletic	8	3	4	1	-1	13
7	Mousehole	7	3	3	1	8	12
8	Buckland Athletic	8	4	0	4	-1	12
9	Sherborne Town	7	3	1	3	5	10
10	Millbrook	8	3	1	4	0	10
11	Clevedon Town	7	3	1	3	-3	10
12	Welton Rovers	9	2	3	4	-7	9
13	Falmouth Town	8	2	2	4	1	8
14	Ilfracombe Town	5	2	2	1	0	8
15	Street	8	2	2	4	-14	8
16	Keynsham Town	9	2	1	6	-19	7
17	Cadbury Heath	6	1	2	3	0	5
<b>18</b>	<b>WELLINGTON</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>5</b>
19	Torpoint Athletic	8	0	3	5	-11	3
20	Bitton	8	0	1	7	-18	1

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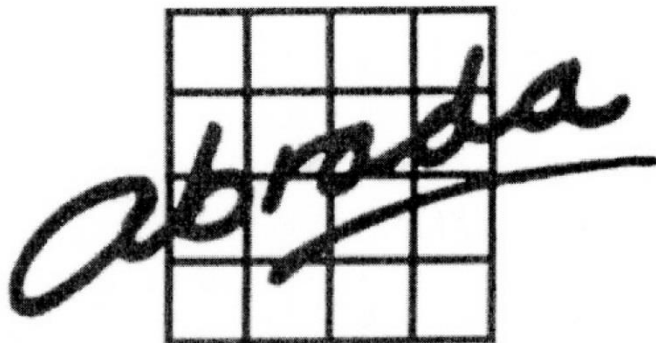
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2022-2023 SEASON FIXTURES & RESULTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>H/A</b>	<b>COMP</b>	<b>OPPOSITION</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>
31/07/22	A	Prem	Falmouth Town	2	2
06/08/22	A	FA Cup	Willand Rovers	1	2
09/08/22	A	Prem	Welton Rovers	4	1
13/08/22	A	Prem	Helston Athletic	2	3
16/08/22	A	Prem	Barnstaple	1	3
20/08/22	A	Prem	Sherborne Town	0	3
27/08/22	A	Prem	Clevedon Town	3	4
29/08/22	A	Prem	Keynsham	0	4
03/09/22	A	Prem	Bridgwater United	0	0
17/09/22	H	Prem	Welton Rovers		
01/10/22	H	Prem	Clevedon Town		
04/10/22	A	SPC	Frome Town	7.45pm	
08/10/22	A	Prem	Bitton		
11/10/22	A	Prem	Ilfracombe Town	7.45pm	
15/10/22	H	Prem	Sherborne Town		
19/10/22	H	LPC	Bishops Lydeard	7.45pm	
22/10/22		FAV	First Round Proper		
29/10/22	H	Prem	Bridgwater United		
01/11/22	A	Prem	Shepton Mallet		
05/11/22	H	Prem	Keynsham	2.00pm	
12/11/22		FAV	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round Proper		
15/11/22	A	LPC	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	7.45pm	
19/11/22	H	Prem	Saltash	2.00pm	
26/11/22	A	Prem	Torpoint		
03/12/22	H	Prem	Street		
10/12/22	H	Prem	Ilfracombe Town	2.00pm	
17/12/22	H	Prem	Mousehole		
26/12/22	A	Prem	Buckland Athletic	1.00pm	
02/01/23	H	Prem	Millbrook		
07/01/23	A	Prem	Ashton & Backwell Utd		
14/01/23	H	Prem	Falmouth Town		

DATE	H/A	COMP	OPPOSITION	F	A
21/01/23	A	Prem	Cadbury Heath		
28/01/23	H	Prem	Bitton	2.00pm	
04/02/23	H	Prem	Shepton Mallet		
11/02/23	A	Prem	Street	2.00pm	
25/02/23	H	Prem	Barnstaple	2.00pm	
04/03/23	H	Prem	Torpoint		
18/03/23	A	Prem	Saltash		
25/03/23	A	Prem	Cadbury Heath		
01/04/23	H	Prem	Helston Athletic		
07/04/23	H	Prem	Buckland Athletic	1.00pm	
10/04/23	A	Prem	Millbrook		
15/04/23	H	Prem	Ashton & Backwell		
22/04/23	A	Prem	Mousehole		

(Note – kick-off time 3.00pm unless shown)



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

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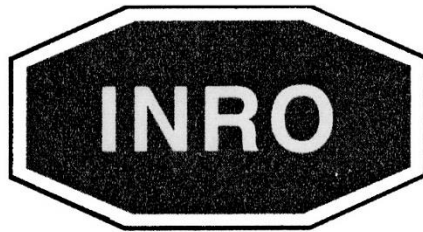
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Year	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	POS
<b>First Div</b>									
1978/79	36	18	3	15	48	46	+2	57	8
1979/80	42	8	13	21	38	59	-21	29	20
1980/81	36	22	8	6	80	36	+44	52	2(P)
<b>Prem Div</b>									
1981/82	38	10	11	17	50	62	-12	31	17
1982/83	38	8	12	18	46	74	-28	28	18
1983/84	38	4	8	26	29	95	-66	16	20(R)
<b>First Div</b>									
1984/85	42	20	12	10	78	57	-21	52	5
1985/86	42	14	12	16	70	70	0	40	12
1986/87	42	14	7	21	55	67	-12	35	17
1987/88	36	14	6	16	60	67	-7	34	12
1988/89	38	17	11	10	72	56	+16	45	7
1989/90	38	7	13	18	40	60	-20	34	17
1990/91	40	15	10	15	58	55	+3	55	11
1991/92	42	9	11	22	42	70	-28	38	19
1992/93	40	11	14	15	53	65	-12	47	15
1993/94	38	9	6	23	51	92	-41	33	16
1994/95	40	14	7	19	55	59	-4	49	13
1995/96	36	12	8	16	47	52	-5	44	12
1996/97	38	21	5	12	82	62	+20	69	6
1997/98	36	13	10	13	72	54	+18	49	11
1998/99	36	20	6	10	71	42	+29	66	6
1999/00	32	11	7	14	46	44	+2	40	10
2000/01	36	11	5	20	40	63	-23	38	14
2001/02	38	9	8	21	48	89	-41	35	17
2002/03	36	12	8	16	49	57	-8	44	12
2003/04	36	14	7	15	54	55	-1	49	10
2004/05	38	11	9	18	58	76	-18	42	14
2005/06	42	14	8	20	69	81	-12	50	17
2006/07	42	18	9	15	63	60	+3	63	7
2007/08	40	27	8	5	124	45	+79	89	1(P)
<b>Prem Div</b>									
2008/09	40	20	7	13	87	53	+34	67	7
2009/10	38	13	7	18	63	72	-9	46	13
2010/11	36	5	6	25	48	87	-39	21	18(R)

Year	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	POS
<b>First Div</b>									
2011/12	36	9	5	22	40	84	-44	32	18
2012/13	40	9	6	25	62	99	-37	33	18
2013/14	42	18	10	14	65	64	+1	64	8
2014/15	42	20	8	14	70	62	+8	68	7
2015/16	40	15	10	15	71	56	+15	55	12
2016/17	42	27	11	4	92	36	+56	92	1(P)
<b>Prem Div</b>									
2017/18	38	12	6	20	52	73	-21	42	15
2018/19	38	12	3	23	55	80	-25	39	16
2019/20	30	3	3	24	24	74	-50	12	20
(season abandoned)									
2020/21	14	3	3	8	15	29	-14	12	17
(season abandoned)									
2021/2022	36	11	10	15	52	64	-12	43	14

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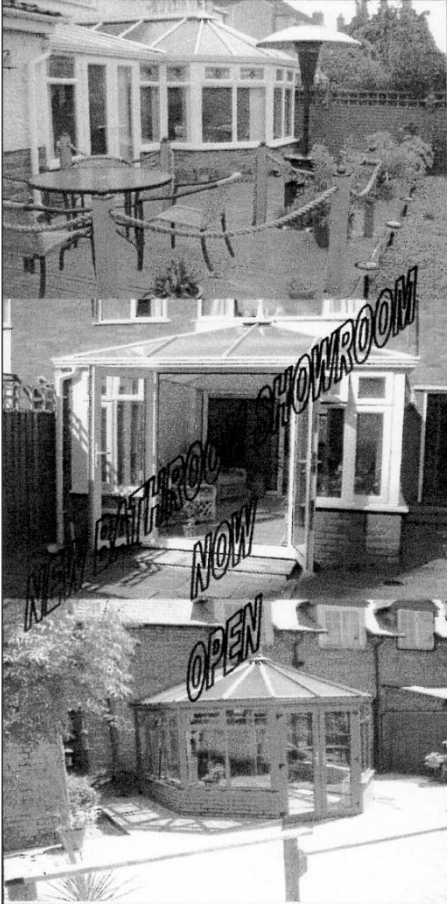
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## **STITCH 2 PRINT DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE - DIV ONE**

**LYMPSTONE 1<sup>st</sup> 0 0 WELLINGTON RESERVES**

Under new management team of Nick Buttle and Adam Watson, our Reserves' campaign in the Devon & Exeter League One began at Lymington.

The hosts, a mixture of youth and experience, were a physical outfit with the Reserves initially finding it hard to adapt as they tried to play football but they managed to keep the score level at half time. The second half started brightly Olly Nott was upended in the box but the resultant penalty by Rohan Poulson was saved. Unfortunately TomTom Davies received a second yellow minutes but the Reserves managed to hang on and travelled home with a frustrating point for their efforts.

**TOPSHAM TOWN 2NDS 0 2 WELLINGTON RESERVES**

The Reserves second game of the season resulted in three points secured against stubborn Topsham opposition. The team had a much-changed starting line-up from the previous outing included brothers Aaron and Tom Hawkings, and Jake Nichol donning the goalkeeping gloves. The team started brightly, creating several scoring opportunities to no avail.

Half-time gave an opportunity to re-evaluate proceedings, this paid dividends with a succession of moves forward. Rohan Poulson was tripped inside the penalty box, and Amauri Ruiz converted the spot-kick. Full of confidence and a more cohesive unit the Reserves doubled their lead two minutes later when a pinpoint through ball from Tom Hawkings reached Luke Perry whose shot went in over the oncoming keeper.

The Reserves are without a game this afternoon and entertain East Budleigh next Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> September, with an early kick-off of 2.15pm because of the Carnival

## **BRITANNIA LANES TAUNTON SATURDAY LEAGUE – PREMIER DIV**

**WHITE EAGLES 5 2 WELLINGTON A**

Our A team began their season with a 5-2 defeat away to White Eagles with Tom Scarlett scoring both goals. This afternoon they are away to Wembdon and travel to Westonzoyland next Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> September. On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September they are in Cup action when they play Bridgwater Sports at Castle Sports Centre with an 8.00pm kick-off.

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## **SOMERSET COUNTY WOMENS LEAGUE**

### **DIV ONE**

**WELLS CITY    2            0            WELLINGTON LADIES**

Our newly promoted Ladies kicked off their season in Division One against Division Two champions, and also newly promoted, Wells City. With a number of new players added to the squad.

The first half as Wellington create most of the chances, however all attempts at goal were placed directly into the Wells keeper's hands or just scraped wide of the woodwork. The Team's defence gave the opposition a hard time to find any form in front of goal. The attacking frustrations carried through to the second half where Wellington continued to try and get their first goal of this game, and the season.

However, Wells City took the lead from a blistering 25-yard strike in the 82nd minute. Wellington were determined to keep their heads high and promptly broke through on goal but were denied a penalty appeal. Although the defence remained strong the home side grabbed their second goal for the afternoon in the 89th minute.

The Ladies entertain Ilminster Town Ladies Reserves at the Playing Field tomorrow (18<sup>th</sup> September) with a 2.00pm kick-off.

### **DIV 2 (SOUTH)**

**CREWKERNE RANGERS    1            4            WELLINGTON WILDCATS**

This season we have two teams in the Somerset County Womens League with the newly formed Wellington Wildcats playing in Division 2 (South). They opened their campaign with a convincing 4-1 win away to Crewkerne Rangers. Goalscorers were Emily Ayres, Ebony Sellick and Robyn Stockman (2).

Tomorrow they are away to Combe St Nicholas Ladies and will play their first game at the Playing Field next Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> September, against Pen Mill Ladies Reserves with a 2.00pm kick-off.



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## ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

Wellington AFC is proud to be supporting the FA's 'Enough is Enough' campaign which aims to stamp out unacceptable behaviour in grassroots football.

The FA has issued the following statement:

Football has a unique power to deliver amazing benefits to individuals and communities. Not only does it keep us physically and mentally healthy, but it also builds long lasting friendships, teaches leadership and resilience, and inspires the nation.

However, for all the good that football can bring, sadly last season, at all levels of the game, there were too many examples of unacceptable behaviours that had the opposite impact. At the grassroots level, these included swearing, aggressive shouting and persistent arguing among spectators, players and officials. It is only a small minority of people that act in this way, but these individuals can spoil the game for everyone, causing children and young people to not want to play, referees and volunteers to drop out and spectators to stop supporting their team.

As the Football Association we are not going to stand by and allow this to happen. We will take action against those that spoil the game for others.

For this coming season we will:

- Promote our RESPECT message to encourage the right behaviours.
- Consider harsher sanctions for those behaving inappropriately.
- If necessary, we will continue to look at how we strengthen penalties and suspension periods so that we can effectively tackle behaviours that have no place in the game.
- Trial different initiatives to help encourage the right behaviours, including piloting two silent side-lines weekends.

We have pulled together the document (*below*) which sets out the action which could be taken against those who are not exhibiting the right behaviours.

Please play your part and let's make this season a brilliant one for all.

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## UNDERSTANDING THE DISCIPLINE PROCESS: WHAT CAN WE DO?

### AS A CLUB:

- Based on The FA's codes of conduct template, you should design and adhere to your club code of conduct and club rules
- You should actively support referees at matches both on the pitch, e.g. in supporting their decisions, and off the pitch, e.g. by providing a referee's changing room pre and post game
- If the referee is unable to ask a parent or spectator to leave the vicinity of the field of play, the team officials are also responsible for taking the relevant action against the parent or spectator in support of the referee
- **You have the power to remove individuals from membership to the club**

### AS A LEAGUE:

- Leagues should first work with clubs to address issues, however if this persists or there is no improvement, you should follow the league rules (SCOR/SCORY\*) to remove clubs from membership for undesirable conduct (ensuring all league procedures are followed)
- Member clubs can be put forward for a vote of expulsion within a Special General Meeting (SGM)
- **A league can refuse or terminate the registration of a player for continuing misconduct**

*\*Standard code of rules & standard code of rules for Youth*

- This applies when a player has accumulated more than 112 days of suspension or 10 matches in match based discipline in any competition two years from the first offence date
- **Leagues can also refuse teams entry to invitational cup competitions**

### AS A COUNTY FA'S:

- You should follow the [grassroots discipline process](#), implementing yellow cards, red cards, and misconduct charges
- **Suspensions can be issued** to participants in football with suspensions given in days or matches

### AS A COACH OR MANAGER:

- You should create an atmosphere of **positivity** and set the right tone of **encouragement** amongst your team
- You should ensure the codes of conduct are upheld and visible to all players, parents and coaches

### AS A REFEREE:

- You have the power to abandon the match due to the behaviour of the parent or spectator
- When matches are abandoned, there is a period of **42 days** whereby charges can be raised and adjudicated upon. In instances whereby a match is not abandoned, the time period for a charge to be raised and proven is **180 days**, although a number of cases are closed within this timeframe



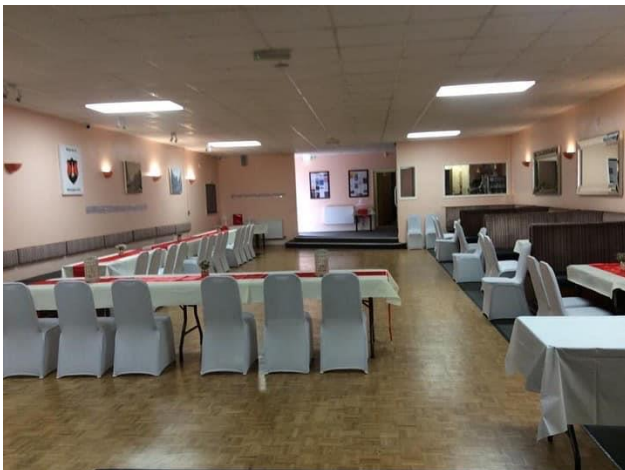
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