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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.

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## Next Games at the Playing Field

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October – kick-off – 2.00pm**  
**Somerset County Women's League – Div 2 South**  
**WELLINGTON WILDCATS v BRIDPORT YOUTH LADIES**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – kick-off – 7.45pm**  
**Toolstation League – Les Phillips Cup**  
**WELLINGTON v BISHOPS LYDEARD**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – kick-off – 3.00pm**  
**FA Vase First Round Proper**  
**WELLINGTON v BARNSTAPLE TOWN**



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**Tickets cost £10 which includes a fish and chips lunch with a drink and match entry – the get-together starts at noon with the game kicking off at 2pm.**

**To register your attendance, please call Jason Hawkings on 07747 868154.**

### **FIRST TEAM SPONSOR**

We are again indebted to AJ Shire Electrical & Solar Services for sponsoring our First Team this season and Adam Croft (partner) is pictured with captain Glen Wright along with joint managers Tim Legg and Alex Pope.



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## WELLINGTON FIRST TEAM SQUAD – 2022/2023



Rear, from left, Graham Aspin (vice-chairman), Lauren Watts (sports therapist), Sam Towler, Mark Cornish, Miles Quick, Tom Stone, Rob Hall, Charlie Hawkings, Stefan Phillips, Hasham Ashraf, Alex Cherry, Jake Quick, Mike Hall (chairman), Adam Croft (team sponsor), Chris Ormerod.

Front, Nathaniel Groom, Jason Quick, Sully McKenna, Glen Wright, Tim Legg (joint manager), Alex Pope (joint manager), Jack Bown-Porter, Eli Collins, Joe Wragg, Kelson Pollard.

## MATCH REPORT

**BITTON            1            2            WELLINGTON**

Wellington bounced back from two defeats in four days with a hard-earned victory away to struggling Bitton in Bristol last Saturday.

The Tangerines had lost 2-1 to Clevedon Town in the league followed by a 3-2 Somerset Premier Cup defeat away to Frome Town. And they had to dig deep to beat a side propping up the table with only one point from ten games.

The game was never a classic with both teams struggling to find any sort of cohesion. It was Bitton who came closest to taking the lead after 14 minutes when striker Jamal Cuevelleau's shot smacked against the underside of the bar.

The first half was a scrappy affair, but Wellington broke the deadlock as it was about to enter a lengthy period of injury time. Stefan Phillips lofted a high ball into the home box and midfielder Sam Towler rose to score with a well-placed downward header.

The Tangerines nearly doubled their lead six minutes after the restart but Tom Stone's goal bound header was hooked off the line - the defender had suffered a similar fate late on against Frome.

However, the visitors were not to be denied and did make it 2-0 with 20 minutes remaining. Jason Quick floated over a free kick and 16-year-old Kelson Pollard - the smallest player on the pitch - headed home his first goal for the club.

That looked like game over but Bitton produced a late rally, pulling a goal back with six minutes remaining as skipper Jordan Williams powered forward to drive home an unstoppable shot.

That meant an anxious end to the game for Wellington, but they held firm for three valuable points.

Wellington: Harley Wilkinson, Stefan Phillips, Alex Cherry, Glen Wright, Tom Stone, Jason Quick, Kelson Pollard, Sam Towler, Nathaniel Groom, Eli Collins, Joe Wragg, Subs: Mark Cornish, Jake Quick, Jamie Nicholson and Miles Quick (all used).

# ACTION SHOTS FROM MATCH v BITTON

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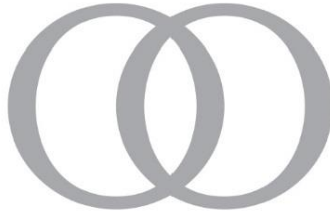
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## TODAY'S VISITORS SHERBORNE TOWN

We extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Sherborne Town for today's Toolstation League Premier Division game.

The club was officially founded in 1894, making them one of the oldest clubs in Dorset, but evidence has recently come to light that Sherborne had a football team playing friendly matches in 1888 with a match report from 7th January 1888 losing 4-0 against the Volunteers. The club played their friendly matches in those early days at Marston Road, on the outskirts of the town, during this time the Dorset Football League was founded in the 1896/97 season.

The club joined local leagues and entered local charity cup competitions the club they later joined the County league. Originally playing at the Terrace playing fields, the club then moved across the road in 1985 to its present home, Raleigh Grove, referencing Sir Walter Raleigh's historical connection with the town. The Raleigh Grove site was built on a grazing field which had to be levelled, to create a playing area, a task made all the more difficult as there was a pond in the far right corner of the ground. The new ground was built to standards laid down for promotion from the Dorset Premier league at the time and was somewhat ahead of its time with the Clubhouse incorporating the dressing rooms, bar, function room, kitchen, storeroom and toilets, including disabled facilities.

The record attendance at the ground is 1,000 versus Eastleigh (featuring ex-Southampton and England international Matthew Le Tissier), in the Andy Shephard Memorial match on July 27th 2003. Four Football League clubs have played at Raleigh Grove: Plymouth Argyle, Torquay United, Swindon Town and Yeovil Town. In 2001 the committee at Sherborne Town FC outlined a three-phase, five-year plan for the future development of the ground. By 2004 a hard standing, a grandstand, new dugouts and floodlights erected and working had been completed.

Then manager Martyn Starnes stepped up from his position of youth team manager to first team manager and was the catalyst for gradual rise to achieving Western League football. Martyn led the team finishing in the top six of the Dorset Premier League for five seasons running, leading to the long battle to convince the league officials of the club's determination to join the south west's premier football league. In the season 2003/4, the club finished in fourth and also won the Dorset Senior County Cup. An application was made to the Western League but the Dorset Premier League refused to grant consent.


However, with the last game of the 2005-6 season Sherborne produced an excellent performance to beat Bridport Reserves 2-0 away to secure the runners-up position, and days later the news broke that the club had at last been accepted into the Western League. The first campaign in the Western League First Division proved one of consolidation, before earning promotion as runners-up to Wellington the next season under the guidance of Kevin Leigh. In January 2007 the club played an historic FA Vase tie at Mildenhall Town in Suffolk in the last 32 of the competition.



Despite the club securing mid-table safety largely thanks to a 13-game unbeaten run. Kev stepped down in August 2009 and replaced by former Yeovil Town striker Mickey Spencer. Relegation was avoided on the last day of the season. On Saturday 25 September 2010 Sherborne played arguably the biggest game of their 133-year history as they hosted Hungerford Town in the FA Cup Second Round Qualifying - the furthest they have ever reached in the competition. Spencer left the club in November 2011 and was succeeded by player turned manager Jamie Manley. Despite a strong push towards the end of the season, the club was relegated to the First Division by the smallest of margins.

The 2012/13 season saw Sherborne return to the Premier League at the first time of asking and as First Division Champions; Jamie Manley built a championship winning team for the first time in 31 years. At the end of the season, the club secured substantial funding from The Football Stadia Improvement Fund, Viridor Credits Environmental Company, Sherborne Town Council and West Dorset District Council to improve the clubhouse facilities and renovate the pitch. Ex Sheffield United, Yeovil Town and Weymouth midfielder Gerry Pearson was installed as the 1st team manager for the 2016/17 season. Gerry worked tirelessly to preserve the clubs Premier League status but unfortunately, the club was relegated at the end of the season.

Wayne Jerome took over the hot seat in 2018 and has built a very competitive team turning the club's fortunes around, cumulating in a 2nd and promotion position in the COVID 19 season of 2019/20 which was deemed null and void. The following season saw the season abandoned yet again in March 2021 due to the pandemic. During 2021/22 season Wayne led a fantastic campaign which secured the first division title mainly due to a club record 21 game winning run and collecting 99 points.

The club are excited to enter a new phase in their history joining the Toolstation Western League Premier League which will see the club traveling the entire length of the south west peninsular from Bristol to Cornwall, the reward for promotion ensures FA Cup and FA Vase entry



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**SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022**



**WELLINGTON**  
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**Jack Bown-Porter**  
**Alex Cherry**  
**Eli Collins**  
**Mark Cornish**  
**Jamie Nicholson**  
**Stefan Phillips**  
**Kelson Pollard**  
**Jake Quick**  
**Jason Quick**  
**Miles Quick**  
**Tom Stone**  
**Sam Towler**  
**Harley Wilkinson**  
**Joseph Wragg**  
**Glen Wright**

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



**SHERBORNE TOWN**  
**Blue**

**From:**  
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**George Mapletoft**  
**Josh Williams**  
**Thomas Budden**  
**Aaron White**  
**Benjamin Hughes**  
**Henry Lawrence-Napier**  
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**Matthew Brown**  
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**Joseph Smith**  
**Thomas Beeson**

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**Steve Burton**  
**Asst Managers – Andy Jackson**  
**& Neal Waddleton**  
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## TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE – PREMIER DIVISION RECENT RESULTS

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Bitton	1	2	Wellington
Buckland Athletic	4	0	Helston Athletic
Cadbury Heath	1	1	Sherborne Town
Clevedon Town	2	1	Street
Falmouth Town	1	0	Shepton Mallet
Mousehole	2	2	Ilfracombe Town
Saltash United	4	0	Ashton & Backwell United
Torpoint Athletic	3	2	Keynsham Town
Welton Rovers	1	3	Millbrook

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Saltash United	3	0	Torpoint Athletic
Welton Rovers	1	2	Bitton



## TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION FIXTURES

### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October

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



## TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION AS AT 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Bridgwater United	15	13	2	0	42	41
2	Saltash United	14	10	3	1	19	33
3	Shepton Mallet	10	8	0	2	14	24
4	Buckland Athletic	13	8	0	5	10	24
5	Barnstaple Town	10	6	2	2	14	20
6	Mousehole	11	5	5	1	12	20
7	Ashton & Backwell United	11	5	1	5	0	16
8	Helston Athletic	10	4	4	2	-2	16
9	Millbrook	12	5	1	6	-4	16
10	Clevedon Town	11	5	1	5	-5	16
11	Welton Rovers	14	4	3	7	-9	15
12	Sherborne Town	13	4	2	7	1	14
13	Street	12	4	2	6	-11	14
14	Falmouth Town	12	3	4	5	0	13
15	Ilfracombe Town	10	2	5	3	-3	11
<b>16</b>	<b>Wellington</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>11</b>
17	Torpoint Athletic	10	2	3	5	-9	9
18	Cadbury Heath	12	2	3	7	-11	9
19	Keynsham Town	14	2	2	10	-27	8
20	Bitton	11	0	1	10	-25	1

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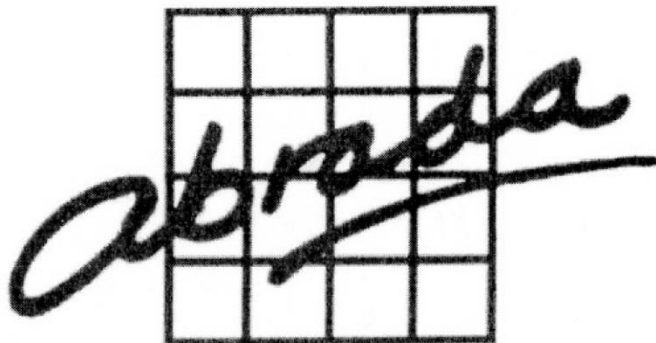
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**TOOLSTATION LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION  
2022-2023 SEASON FIXTURES & RESULTS**

<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	4	2
01/10/22	H	Prem	Clevedon Town	1	2
04/10/22	A	SPC	Frome Town	2	3
08/10/22	A	Prem	Bitton	2	1
15/10/22	H	Prem	Sherborne Town		
19/10/22	H	LPC	Bishops Lydeard	7.45pm	
22/10/22	H	FAV	Barnstaple Town		
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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**Premier Division:** With league leaders Bridgwater out of action on Saturday afternoon, **Saltash** trimmed their lead to eight points thanks to a convincing 4-1 win at home to **Ashton & Backwell United**. Having joined teammate Callum O'Brien in celebrating their 200<sup>th</sup> appearances for the Ashes prior to kickoff, Dave Barker marked the occasion with a goal in either half to help propel the hosts to victory. It was Callum Martindale who got the ball rolling after just three minutes, with Barker restoring Saltash's lead in first half stoppage time after Shea Bennington-Mannings had drawn Ashton level. Adam Carter then helped build a two-goal advantage, before Barker put a cap on the performance 20 minutes from time. In another clash to take place in Cornwall, **Shepton Mallet** fell to a surprise defeat at the hands of **Falmouth**. After firing off eight consecutive victories to start the season, Mallet have now lost two on the bounce, after a superb header from Scott Kellow early in the second half handed Falmouth all three points. **Buckland**'s excellent run of form shows no signs of slowing, with a late surge helping them defeat **Helston** 4-0 at Homers Heath (*pictured left, courtesy of John Pool*). Having struck a hat-trick seven days previously, Ryan Bush was among the goals again for Buckland, opening the scoring after half an hour to give the Bucks a deserved lead. Josh Webber then struck twice in the space of seven second-half minutes to put the result beyond doubt, with Scott Crocker adding some gloss to the scoreline when he added a fourth in stoppage time.

**Clevedon Town** hit back to beat **Street** 2-1, moving into the top half thanks to back-to-back league wins. Having fallen behind after just five minutes to a Korey Andrews strike, Clevedon responded well with Freddie King heading home the equaliser before Ethan Feltham finished well midway through the first half to complete the comeback. Another side coming from behind to secure maximum points were **Millbrook**, with the Cornish outfit battling back from a goal down to beat **Welton** 3-1 at West Clewes. Rovers had won three on the bounce heading into this fixture, and they made a fast start, going



ahead inside ten minutes with Tom Diamond opening his account for the club. A Ben Goulty header midway through the first half drew the visitor's level, and that was how it remained until the final moments when Millbrook stole all three points. They took their first lead of the afternoon with three minutes left on the clock, with Josh Toulson finishing well, and then in the tenth minute of added time, Kieran O'Melia struck on the counter attack to complete the perfect week. **Torpoint Athletic** have now won two games in a row after they defeated **Keynsham** 3-2 in an early-season basement battle (*pictured, left*). A smashed finish from Sam Hillson put Torpoint on the board early, only for the K's to hit back just prior to half time through Will Sage. The in-form Curtis Damerell restored Torpoint's advantage from the spot, with Callum Holder then heading home soon after to make it 3-1 as the game reached the hour mark. Having had a tough start to their season, Torpoint will have been nervy when Sahr Nanoh trimmed their lead five minutes from time, but they managed to hold on to help them climb away from the bottom spots. Lowly **Bitton** remain without a league win this season, after goals from Sam Towler and 16-year-old Kelson Pollard led **Wellington** a 2-1 victory. **Cadbury Heath** also remain in the bottom three despite levelling 20 minutes from time to secure a 1-1 draw at home to **Sherborne**. The reigning First Division champs went ahead ten minutes into the second half through Henry Lawrence-Napier, but they were unable to maintain their lead, with Josiah McKayle grabbing the equaliser as the game headed into the final quarter. The points were also shared at Trungle Parc, where **Mousehole** scored the most dramatic of equalisers to capture a 2-2 draw at the death against **Ilfracombe**. In what was a dramatic game for much of the afternoon, Harry Stevens broke the deadlock after 18 minutes to put Town ahead, before Mousehole made it one apiece thanks to Hayden Turner. The hosts were then given the chance to complete the turnaround on the hour mark but Adam Seedhouse-Evans was able to save the spot kick, with Ilfracombe punishing them soon after by moving back into a single-goal lead. That goal didn't prove to be decisive however, and having pushed for an equaliser, Mousehole were finally rewarded deep into stoppage time when Max Hill found the back of the net to make it two apiece.

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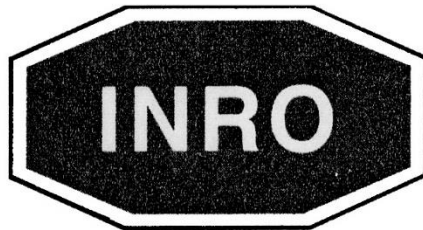
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## WELLINGTON RESERVES SQUAD – 2022/3023



Rear, from left, Charlie Hawkings, Lloyd Manning, Jordan Sellick, Jamie Fleet, Rohan Poulson, Logan Sellick, Connor Noble, Jake Nichol, Adrian Ridgeway (Kit Man).

Front, Dylan Groves, Clay Westcott, Oli Nott, Adam Watson (Coach), Mark Owen (Capt) Nick Buttle (Manager) Wesley Poulson, Tom Davies, Luke Perry.

## WELLINGTON RESERVES      0      3      UNIVERSITY OF EXETER 3<sup>RD</sup>

The Reserves were without a game last Saturday as their scheduled opponents, Teignmouth were involved in a Devon County Cup game. In their last match, they suffered their first defeat of the season when they lost 3-0 to University of Exeter 3<sup>rd</sup> under lights at the Playing Field.

Early indications were good as the home side started brightly in front of a bumper crowd, playing some neat cohesive football, and asking questions of the visitors' resolve – it felt it would only be a matter of time before they achieved their rewards of getting the ball into the net. However, the young and well organised visitors held strong and extinguished wave after wave of attack, with the closest effort coming from a direct free kick from striker Luke Perry from the edge the penalty box which brushed the bar.

A rare foray into Tangerine territory on 33 minutes saw a cross ricochet off an outstretched shin to fall into the path of a University player who shot into the far corner to take the lead against the run of play.

Playing up the slope in the second half the Tangerines could not create any clearcut openings despite their endeavour, losing Ollie Nott to injury on 55 minutes resulted in a reduction of creativity via the attacking midfield role.

Both sides wrestled for the ball, with the very capable visitors capitalising on two defensive errors midway into the half placing the ball past the exposed keeper Charlie Hawkings who had a fine game, especially with ball distribution, on his debut.

Thanks to Ellie of the Green Dragon and Conway Cladding for sponsoring the game.

The team are away the Chard Town Reserves this afternoon and visit Bow Amateur Athletic next Saturday.

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

Having lost their first three league matches of the season the A Team achieved their first win of the season when they played Bridgwater Sports 1<sup>st</sup> in the League Knock-Out Cup. The score was 5-5 after 90 minutes the A Team's goals coming from Sean Conway, Alfie Hill, Lenny Old, Tom Scarlett and Jordan Sellick. The Team then went on to win the penalty shoot-out 5-4. They will play North Curry 1<sup>st</sup> in the next round.

The Team were back in action last Saturday but unfortunately suffered another defeat, 5-1 away to Redgate. They play their first home game of the season at the Recreation Ground this afternoon when they entertain North Curry 1<sup>st</sup>. They are home again next Saturday when the visitors are Stogursey 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **SOMERSET COUNTY WOMENS LEAGUE - DIV ONE**

**WELLINGTON LADIES                      0                      0                      WELLS CITY LADIES**

The Ladies hosted Wells City at the Playing Field last Sunday. The two teams played each other on the opening day of the season with the game ending 2-0 to Wells City.

As the match began, Wellington attempted to take advantage of a seemingly flustered Wells City and created a few chances but were unable to make the most of the opportunity. The first half progressed and Marie Barrow found herself on the edge of the Wells area with a chance to strike, however her effort scraped the wrong side of the crossbar, narrowly missing.

Moving on to the second half, Wellington's defence stayed resilient and their forwards created chance after chance, but to their frustration it was Wells City keeper, Lucie Nurse, who stole the show. Her bravery and nimble acrobatics stopped every effort thrown her way and kept the away side in the game even with Wellington pulling out all the stops in an effort to get the winning goal.

After a tough battle, the afternoon finished goalless and both teams walked away with a well-deserved point, given their efforts. Wellington Player of the Match was Maddie Davey

Tomorrow the team travel to play Woodspring Women in the league.



## **SOMERSET COUNTY WOMENS LEAGUE - DIV TWO (SOUTH) SYDENHAM RANGERS LADIES (BLUES) 2-1 WELLINGTON WILDCATS**

With a full squad of players for the first time this season and looking to consolidated their position at the top of the table, the Wildcats travelled to Bridgwater last Sunday to take on Sydenham.

They started the game playing into the strong wind and were quickly into their rhythm turning the Sydenham defence on numerous occasions. However Wildcats were unable to make any real threat on the Sydenham goal although with shots being saved by the home keeper. On 20 minutes Wildcats made a breakthrough as Heidi Stucki raced on to a through ball from Charlotte Ayers before easing past a couple of defenders and coolly slotting across the keeper into the far corner.

This seemed to spring the more physical Sydenham side into life and they slowly clawed their way back into the game however it was actually Wildcats that had the next scoring chance, but the home keeper saved excellently at the feet of Ebony Sellick.

On 38 minutes Sydenham were awarded a penalty after a challenge on the edge area which they dispatched, they then went ahead just before half time when following back pass to the keeper the kick-out landed at the feet of a Sydenham player who controlled well before firing into the corner.

In the second half the Wildcats were unable to fully match the physicality of the Sydenham side who were indebted to their keeper, who made three excellent saves. Wildcats continued to push for a deserved equaliser and were on the attack as the final whistle blew.

Tomorrow the team entertain Bridport Youth Ladies at the Playing Field with a 2.00pm kick-off.

## **WESTERN COUNTIES FLOODLIGHT YOUTH LEAGUE – SOUTH DIV WELLINGTON UNDER 18'S    1       2       FROME TOWN UNDER 18'S**

Our U18s suffered an agonising defeat by Frome Town at the Playing Field last night (Tuesday, October 11th).

An early defensive mix-up saw a deflected shot rebound off a Frome striker and into the net despite the best efforts of Matt Harper on the line.

As the game progressed the Wellington midfield and forward line started ng to exert greater influence on the game and the Frome keeper was forced to make a number of smart saves. Wellington began to pass and a number of dangerous crosses which just needed the final touch.

The pressure told just before half-time when a long ball from Ned Ogilvie was headed on by striker Sam Snook, causing confusion in the Frome defence, and Dylan Groves headed home, to the delight of the home team and fans.

The second half was an end-to-end affair with both sides pressing for a winner and Wellington were grateful to keeper Charlie Hawkings, who co-ordinated the defence extremely effectively, for a number of good saves and clearances. Wellington also had plenty of half chances but just couldn't get the breakthrough. They brought on three of their subs to try to get the winner and had a big shout for a penalty turned down following a scramble in the Frome box.

Just as it looked as if the game was going to end in the deserved outcome of a draw, Wellington were cruelly denied their first point of the season. A Frome breakaway resulted in a corner and the nodded it home to take the victory.

Thanks to Match Sponsor A G Plastering and the Green Dragon for sponsoring the food.



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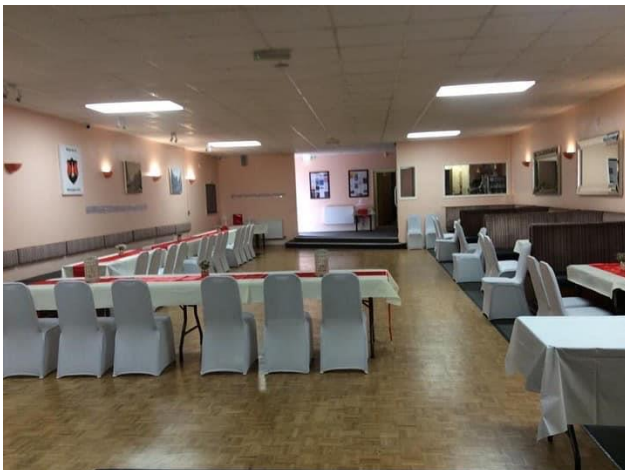
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