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Somerset Girls Football League

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JENNY OXBY – Clubhouse Manager

COLIN WALLER - Welfare Officer/Youth Team Co-ordinator

KEN BIRD – Website and Social Media Officer

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.

LLOYD MANNING

Everyone at Wellington AFC was deeply saddened to learn of the sudden passing of our player and friend Lloyd Manning before Christmas.

As a mark of respect there will be a minute's silence before the start of this afternoon's game and as Lloyd wore the No 3 shirt we will not be using that number today.



NEXT GAMES AT THE PLAYING FIELD



Saturday 7th January – Kick-off - 2.15pm
Stitch2 Print Devon & Exeter League – Div 1
WELLINGTON RESERVES v UPOTTERY 1ST

Sunday 8th January – Kick-off – 2.00pm
Somerset County Women's League – Div 1
WELLINGTON LADIES v BATH CITY LADIES 1ST

Saturday 14th January – Kick-off – 3.00pm
Toolstation Western League Premier Division
WELLINGTON v FALMOUTH TOWN

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HAPPY NEW YEAR
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Thanks to everyone for their support over the past year.



NEXT GAMES FOR THE FIRST TEAM



Saturday 7th January – Kick-off – 3.00pm
ASHTON & BACKWELL UNITED v WELLINGTON

Tuesday 10th January – Kick-off – 7.45pm
ILFRACOMBE TOWN v WELLINGTON

Saturday 14th January – Kick-off – 3.00pm
WELLINGTON v FALMOUTH TOWN

Wednesday 18th January – Kick-off – 7.30pm
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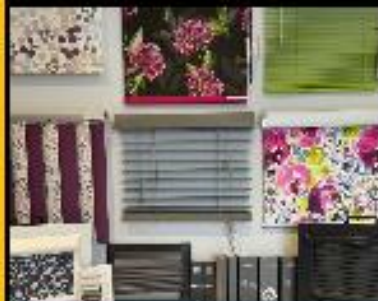
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WELLINGTON FIRST TEAM SQUAD – 2022/2023



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

BUCKLAND ATHLETIC 3 2 WELLINGTON

Wellington long-awaited return to action saw a pair of late goals consign them to an agonising Boxing Day defeat away to Buckland Athletic. The Tangerines were left bitterly disappointed after leading twice against the side lying in fifth place in the table. Having not played since mid-November, they looked anything but rusty as they went ahead after only two minutes.

The ball broke kindly to Jake Quick in the home box and he skipped round keeper Andy Collings to slot home.

Wellington had a great chance to extend their lead after 28 minutes when recent signing Ryan Brereton raced clear and poked the ball past Collings but it rolled the wrong side of the post.

And it was Buckland who struck just before the break, Cieran Bridger being given too much time and space to beat keeper Harley Wilkinson from distance.

The Wellington heads could have dropped after that setback but instead they came out for the second half with another quick goal. Harvey Dorothy played the ball forward to Jake Quick who coolly lobbed Collings for his and the visitors' second of the match.

That was the signal for Buckland to take the game to the Tangerines who used three of their four substitutes in a bid to retain their lead. Although Wellington were on the back foot for most of the second half, it looked like they might hold out until it all went wrong in the final nine minutes of normal time.

First, home striker Ryan Bush was clipped in the box and Owen Stockton made it 2-2 from the penalty spot. Then, with just two minutes of the 90 remaining, Buckland's Scott Crocker was sent racing clear only to be pulled back by Miles Quick who was shown a red card. And the visitors suffered double punishment as the resulting free kick by Sam Morcom was deflected off the wall and into the net for the winning goal.

Wellington stay second from bottom of the table – with games in hand on the four sides immediately above them – and must now pick themselves up for this afternoon’s game.

Squad: Harley Wilkinson, Mark Cornish, Jason Quick, Tom Stone, Jack Bown-Porter, Jamie Nicholson, Ryan Brereton, Eli Collins, Miles Quick, Harvey Dorothy, Jake Quick. Substitutes: Glen Wright, Alex Cherry and Kelson Pollard (used); Nathan Byrne (not used).

ACTION SHOTS FROM MATCH v BUCKLAND ATHLETIC (Courtesy of Around Wellington)



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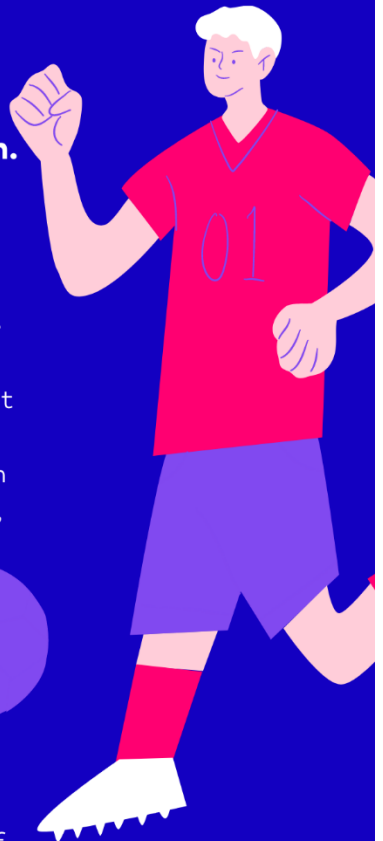
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INTRODUCING...

The Western Peninsula Football League!

From August 2023 the current Western League and South West Peninsula Leagues will merge to form one new Competition covering the Region from Bristol to Lands End.

The merger has been in the pipeline for the past two years with much work going on in the background, but with the start approaching the steering group want to explain the likely changes.

First the new name, "The Western Peninsula" ensures both previous leagues & clubs are part of the new entity, likewise the first officials of the league will be those who have served the previous two leagues so well.

The objective of the merger is to reduce travel and increase sustainability for regional football at Step 5 & 6 whilst maintaining a competitive and exciting competition for Supporters & Participants alike. We have come up with a Five Division set up to achieve this:

TWO Step 5 Divisions, "Premier North" & "Premier South" – These will have 18 clubs in each and although the exact clubs allocated to each will depend on final league tables, the "North" will be mainly Bristol, Gloucestershire and Somerset with the "South" mainly Devon and Cornwall. Both Champions will be able to progress to Step 4 (though exact route is governed by The FA). Clubs finishing in the bottom Two will be liable to relegation to...

THREE Step 6 Divisions, Division One's "East" (covering most of the current Western League Div One area), "Central" (largely where SW Peninsula East sits) and "West" (what is currently SW Peninsula West). These will aim to have 18 clubs in each but to reduce affect on feeder leagues it may be necessary to start with Divisions of 16. The Champions of each will be able to be promoted, with Play-Offs below that for additional spaces.

The new league will also take over the running of league cups, benevolent funds, social media accounts etc.

On March 16th a formal "Launch" will take place at Sandy Park, Home of Exeter Chiefs, more news will follow to all those interested!

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TODAY'S VISITORS MILLBROOK

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

Millbrook was established in 1888 and played in district leagues, including the Plymouth and district league, until joining the Southern Western league in 1980.

The club were South Western League runners-up in 1981–82 and finished in the top five every season until 1988–89, also reaching the final of the Cornwall senior cup in 1983/84. After losing another Cornwall Senior Cup final in 1998/99, they entered the FA Vase for the first time in 2004/05, losing 2–1 at home to Exmouth Town.

The club remained in the league until it merged to form the South west peninsula league in 2007, at which point they were placed in Division One West. After finishing bottom of Division One West in 2008/09 and second-from-bottom in 2009/10, financial problems forced Millbrook to resign from the league, with the first team taking over from the reserves in Division One of the East Cornwall league. The club were Division One runners-up in 2012/13, earning promotion to the Premier Division. A third-place finish in the Premier Division in 2013–14, a season that also saw them lose the League Cup final, was enough to secure promotion back to Division One West of the South West Peninsula League.

In 2017/18 Millbrook were crowned Division One West champions, earning promotion to the SWPL Premier Division. Following league reorganisation at the end of the 2018/19 season, the club were placed in the Premier Division East. This also saw Millbrook re-enter the FA Vase reaching the 3rd Round proper in 2019/20 and playing in the FA Cup for the first time in Millbrooks History.

In 2021 they were promoted to the Premier Division of the Toolstation Western league based on their results in the abandoned 2019/20 and 2020/21 seasons and finished twelfth.



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TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE – PREMIER DIVISION

Monday 2nd January 2023



WELLINGTON

Tangerine & Black

From:

Jack Bown-Porter

Ryan Brereton

Nathan Byrne

Alex Cherry

Eli Collins

Mark Cornish

Harvey Dorothy

Jamie Nicholson

Stefan Phillips

Kelson Pollard

Jake Quick

Jason Quick

Tom Stone

Harley Wilkinson

Henry Woodward

Glen Wright



MILLBROOK

Red & White

From:

Jake Foster

Ed Goodman

Ben Goulty

Hayden Greening

Josh Hambleton

Josh Johnson

Ryan Knight

Tyler Love-Holmes

Laurence Murray

Kieran O'Melia

Jason Richards

Joe Short

Caleb Summerfield

Sean Thomson

Josh Toulson

Chris Wearing

Jack Wood

Dave Youldon

Joint Managers – Tim Legg

& Alex Pope

Physio – Lauren Watts

First Aid – Mike Hall

Manager – Mackenzie Brown

Asst Managers – Gary Jeffery &

Lee Britchford

Physio – Luke Puleston

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- Never engage in or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language
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- 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:

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TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE

RESULTS

26th December & 30th December

Ashton & Backwell Utd	4 – 0	Keynsham Town
Bridgwater Utd	2 – 2	Clevedon Town
Buckland Athletic	3 – 2	Wellington
Ilfracombe Town	0 – 3	Barnstaple Town
Millbrook	0 – 0	Torpoint Athletic
Mousehole	3 – 0	Helston Athletic
Saltash Utd	1 – 3	Falmouth Town
Shepton Mallet	3 - 1	Welton Rovers
Street	1 – 1	Sherborne Town

FIXTURES

2nd January

Barnstaple Town	vs	Saltash Utd
Cadbury Heath	vs	Ashton & Backwell Utd
Clevedon Town	vs	Mousehole
Falmouth Town	vs	Bridgwater Utd
Helston Athletic	vs	Shepton Mallet
Sherborne Town	vs	Ilfracombe Town
Torpoint Athletic	vs	Buckland Athletic
Wellington	vs	Millbrook

7th January

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



**TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION AS AT 26TH DECEMBER**

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Saltash United	22	15	5	2	31	50
2	Bridgwater United	20	15	4	1	43	49
3	Shepton Mallet	19	13	2	4	24	41
4	Mousehole	18	11	6	1	27	39
5	Buckland Athletic	20	11	2	7	9	35
6	Barnstaple Town	17	9	2	6	7	29
7	Helston Athletic	18	8	5	5	2	29
8	Clevedon Town	18	7	4	7	-2	25
9	Falmouth Town	17	6	6	5	4	24
10	Ashton & Backwell United	18	7	3	8	2	24
11	Street	18	7	2	9	-13	23
12	Millbrook	20	6	4	10	-14	22
13	Ilfracombe Town	17	4	8	5	2	20
14	Welton Rovers	22	5	4	13	-32	19
15	Torpoint Athletic	20	4	5	11	-15	17
16	Sherborne Town	19	4	4	11	-8	16
17	Cadbury Heath	19	3	5	11	-17	14
18	Wellington	16	3	4	9	-6	13
19	Keynsham Town	22	3	3	16	-44	12

LES PHILLIPS CUP

The draw for the next round of the Les Phillips Cup due to be played on 17th or 18th of January is currently:

Helston	vs	Falmouth or Barnstaple
Mousehole or Buckland Athletic	vs	Saltash United or Torpoint
Odd Down	vs	Bishop Sutton or Ilfracombe
Clevedon Town	vs	Wellington
Wells	vs	Shepton Mallet
Sherborne	vs	FC Bristol
Almondsbury or Shirehampton	vs	Keynsham Town
Brislington	vs	Cadbury Heath

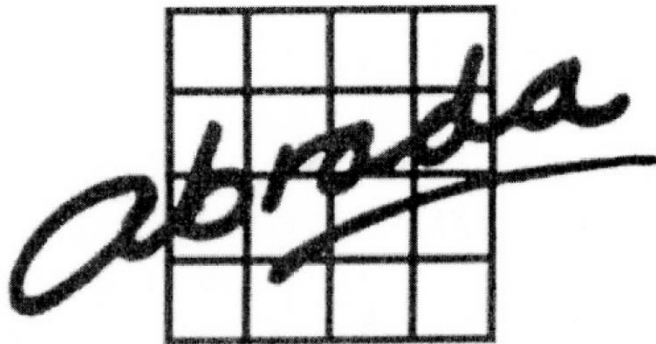
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**TOOLSTATION LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION
2022-2023 SEASON FIXTURES & RESULTS**

DATE	H/A	COMP	OPPOSITION	RESULT	
31/07/22	A	Prem	Falmouth Town	2	2
06/08/22	A	FA Cup	Willand Rovers	2	1
09/08/22	A	Prem	Welton Rovers	1	4
13/08/22	A	Prem	Helston Athletic	3	2
16/08/22	A	Prem	Barnstaple	3	1
20/08/22	A	Prem	Sherborne Town	3	0
27/08/22	A	Prem	Clevedon Town	4	3
29/08/22	A	Prem	Keynsham	4	0
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	3	2
15/10/22	H	Prem	Sherborne Town	0	2
19/10/22	H	LPC	Bishops Lydeard	3	2
22/10/22	H	FAV	Barnstaple Town	2	0
29/10/22	H	Prem	Bridgwater United	1	1
01/11/22	A	Prem	Shepton Mallet	4	3
05/11/22	H	Prem	Keynsham	5	0
12/11/22	H	FAV	Royal Wootton Bassett	2	2
				(4-5 pens)	
15/11/22	A	LPC	Bridgwater United	2	4
19/11/22	H	Prem	Saltash	1	1
26/12/22	A	Prem	Buckland Athletic	3	2
02/01/23	H	Prem	Millbrook	1.00pm	
07/01/23	A	Prem	Ashton & Backwell Utd		
10/01/23	A	Prem	Ilfracombe Town	7.45pm	
14/01/23	H	Prem	Falmouth Town		
18/01/23	A	LPC	Clevedon Town	7.30pm	
21/01/23	A	Prem	Cadbury Heath		
25/01/23	H	Prem	Street	7.45pm	
01/02/23	H	Prem	Ilfracombe Town	7.45pm	

DATE	H/A	COMP	OPPOSITION	F	A
04/02/23	H	Prem	Shepton Mallet		
11/02/23	A	Prem	Street		
18/02/23	H	Prem	Cadbury Heath		
25/02/23	H	Prem	Barnstaple	2.00pm	
04/03/23	H	Prem	Torpoint		
11/02/23	A	Prem	Torpoint		
18/03/23	A	Prem	Saltash	2.00pm	
25/03/23	H	Prem	Mousehole		
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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EXTRACT FROM TOOLSTATION BULLETIN 27TH DECEMBER 2022



Premier Division: Leaders **Saltash** fell away in the closing stages of their Boxing Day clash with **Falmouth**, suffering a 3-1 defeat against their Cornish adversaries at the Waterways Stadium. Having gone ahead in added on time at the end of the first half through Adam Carter, the Ashes had put themselves in strong position to grab their 16th league win of the campaign. Falmouth had other ideas however, and after drawing level through Tim Nixon in the 75th minute, they suddenly saw an opportunity to snatch all three points. The visitors ended up doing exactly that, and with Olly Walker and Marcello Jones both finding the back of the net during the final ten minutes, Falmouth secured a memorable victory.

Second-placed **Bridgwater** failed to capitalise on the Ashes slip-up, and sit one point behind top spot at the turn of the year after drawing 2-2 at home to **Clevedon**. A glancing header from Jack Taylor put United ahead, before Archie Ferris responded in kind, nodding home a Freddie King corner early in the second half to draw Clevedon level. The visitors then completed the turnaround ten minutes from time after an audacious chip from Glen Hayer nestled in the back of the net from 25 yards out. Bridgwater did manage to salvage a point from the contest however, and after Jake Brown had been tripped in the box, Taylor made no mistake from the spot to deny Clevedon as the game headed towards the finish-line.

Shepton Mallet have now won four on the bounce after coming from behind to beat **Welton** 3-1, maintaining their spot in the top three. Things didn't start ideally for Mallet, with their visitors going ahead after 28 minutes thanks to a smart finish from the returning Toby Cole. Shepton are among a plethora of sides who have seen games postponed recently, and having not played in over three weeks, rust might have been an excuse for the hosts who drew level three minutes into first half stoppage time thanks to a Fin Haines header. The turnaround was complete midway through the second

half following a Jacob Sloggett penalty, with the same man then providing an assist for Josh Jenkins who wrapped things up during the closing stages.

Another side to pull off a comeback were **Buckland Athletic**, who twice came from behind to beat **Wellington** 3-2 in the game of the day at Homers Heath (*pictured, right*). The visitors made a dream start to the game, taking the lead after only two minutes when Jake Quick fired home in a battle between sides at different ends of the table. Buckland finally drew level towards the end of the first half through Cieran Bridger, but the hosts then fell back behind within two minutes of the second half restarting when Quick struck again in a repeat of the opening to the contest. With Buckland forced to battle back once again, they finally got back on level footing with ten minutes remaining thanks to a penalty from Owen Stockton. The drama wasn't finished there however, and after Miles Quick was dismissed following a cynical foul, the resulting free kick ended up in the back of the Wellington net after Sam Morcom's deflected set piece gave Buckland maximum points.

Another home side to secure victory were **Ashton & Backwell**, with a Lewis Hedges brace bookending their 4-0 triumph over **Keynsham**. After Hedges had opened the scoring, Joe Banks was on target towards the end of the opening half to put United two-up at the break. Shea Mannings extended the hosts advantage on the hour mark, with Hedges then volleying home as the game entered the final ten minutes to put a cap on an excellent performance for both team and individual alike.

Second half goals from Hayden Turner, Jack Rhead and Mark Goldsworthy led **Mousehole** to a strong 3-0 win at home to **Helston**, with **Barnstaple** beating Devon rivals **Ifracombe** by the same scoreline thanks in part to a late brace from Matt Andrew. In the remaining post-Christmas contests, bottom-half duo **Millbrook** and **Torpoint** battled out a rare goalless draw at Mill Road while **Sherborne** were held to a 1-1 draw away at **Street** despite taking the lead through Benjani Mwaruware Jr, the son of the former Portsmouth and Manchester City star.

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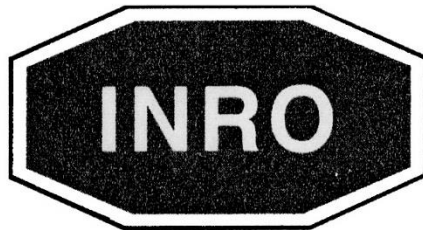
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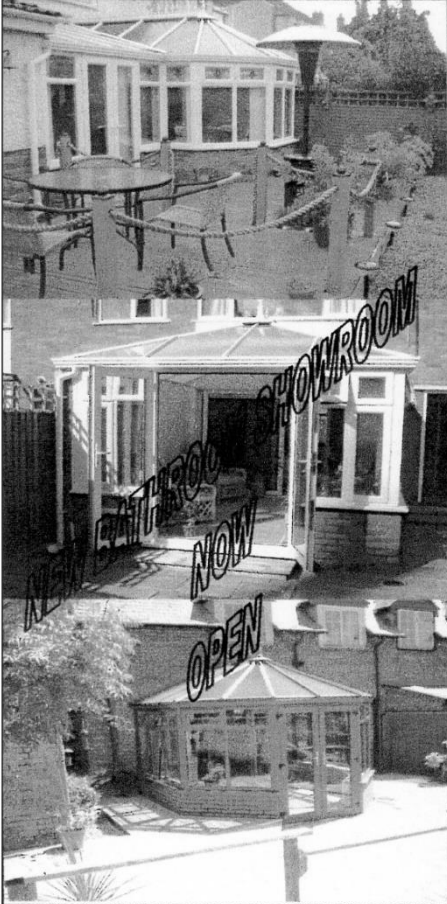
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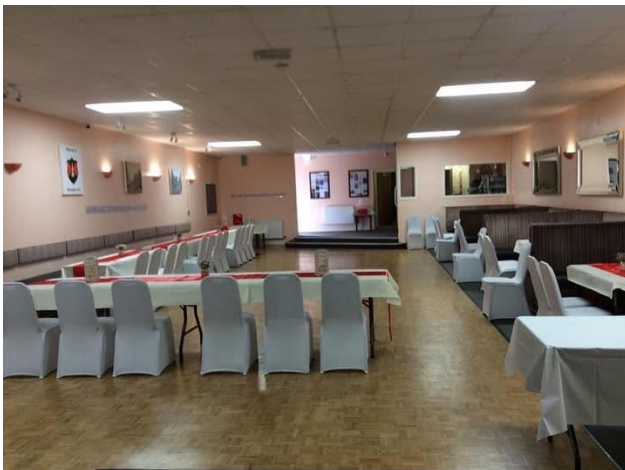
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