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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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# MENTAL HEALTH GUIDANCE

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## AWARENESS

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# D

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## CONNECTION

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# C

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## NEXT GAMES AT THE PLAYING FIELD



**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Kick-off – 2.00pm**  
**Somerset County Women's League – Division 2 South**  
**WELLINGTON WILDCATS v SYDENHAM RANGERS**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Kick-off – 3.00pm**  
**Toolstation Western League Premier Division**  
**WELLINGTON v FALMOUTH TOWN**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Kick-off -7.30pm**  
**Stitch2Print Devon & Exeter League Division One**  
**WELLINGTON RESERVES v NEWTON ST CYRES 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Kick-off – 3.00pm**  
**Stitch2Print Devon & Exeter League Division One**  
**WELLINGTON RESERVES v WINKLEIGH 1<sup>ST</sup>**



## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SPECTATORS



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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

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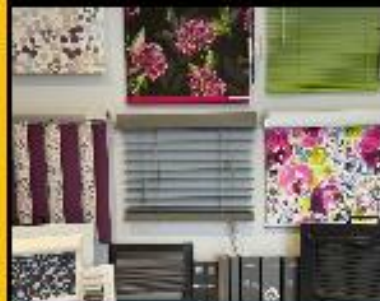
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## WELLINGTON FIRST TEAM SQUAD – 2022/2023



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**

**WELLINGTON      0      0      STREET**

Wellington made it two wins and a draw from three successive homes games with a stalemate against mid-table Street at the Playing Field last Saturday (February 25<sup>th</sup>).

The Tangerines made three changes to the starting 11 which beat Cadbury Heath the previous week with Eli Collins, Alex Cherry and Nathan Byrne coming in for Glen Wright and the unavailable Jack Bown-Porter and Alfie Clark.

But, after their pair of victories, the game was never a great spectacle as the two young sides cancelled each other out.

The first half, in particular, was a difficult watch with no clear-cut chances and far too many passes going astray from both teams.

And, while there was more action after the break, there was no end to the deadlock and, at the final whistle, a draw was a fair result.

Wellington used three of their subs in the second half and one of them threatened to score the winner with Wright seeing two headers go wide and an injury-time volley well saved.

At the other end, Street created only two real openings but striker Paolo Borges was unable to convert both of them against his former club.

The Tangerines, who stayed 15<sup>th</sup> in the table, will be pleased with another clean sheet ahead of their visit to Ilfracombe last Tuesday (28<sup>th</sup> February) visit to Ilfracombe – currently one place below them.



## MAN OF THE MATCH



Man-of-the-match against Street was defender Jason Quick. He received the award from keeper Rob Hall – currently recovering from injury – on behalf of sponsors R W Gale Ltd.

## ACTION SHOTS FROM STREET MATCH (Courtesy of Around Wellington)





## NEXT GAMES FOR THE FIRST TEAM

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Kick-off – 3.00pm**  
**WELLINGTON v FALMOUTH TOWN**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Kick-off – 7.30pm**  
**STREET v WELLINGTON**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Kick-off – 3.00pm**  
**TORPOINT ATHLETIC v WELLINGTON**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Kick-off – 7.30pm**  
**CADBURY HEATH v WELLINGTON**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Kick-off – 3.00pm**  
**WELLINGTON v MOUSEHOLE**

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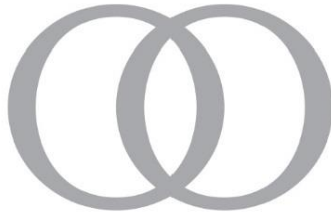
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## MATCH REPORT

**ILFRACOMBE TOWN      0      2      WELLINGTON**

Wellington AFC made it ten points out of a possible 12 with a hard-earned win in North Devon on Tuesday evening (February 28<sup>th</sup>).

After three successive home games, the Tangerines went into the fixture on the back of two 4-0 defeats on their travels. But they maintained their recent momentum to clinch the points with a pair of late goals, continuing their climb up the table.

Wellington made five changes to the side which shared a goalless draw with Street last Saturday (February 25<sup>th</sup>) - Shay Allen, Jack Bown-Porter, Glen Wright, Sully McKenna and Alfie Clark coming in for Harley Wilkinson, Alex Cherry, Eli Collins, Jamie Nicholson and Nathan Byrne.

On a bobbly pitch which made good football very difficult, Ilfracombe got off to a lively start.

Wellington lost defender Stefan Phillips early on to injury but enjoyed more of the play as the half continued as it ended goalless at the break.

Both sides had chances in the second half with McKenna poking over from close range and, at the other end, Allen producing three fine saves to keep it 0-0.

Ilfracombe became more frustrated as the game wore on and that was to be their downfall. They had no fewer than three players sin binned for comments to the referee which meant they had to play the last 15 minutes with either nine or ten men.

Wellington took full advantage to score twice for victory - both from throw-ins by Bown-Porter. He launched the ball into the box with ten minutes left and it was headed on by Tom Stone for McKenna to run in and head home.

Eight minutes later, the defender's quick throw infield to Wright found the skipper in space and he advanced before sending an unstoppable long-range volley dipping over keeper Jimmy Thorne.

That was game over and the Tangerines moved up into 14th with at least a game in hand on the sides immediately above them. They will be looking to make it nine league games unbeaten at home this afternoon against Ashton and Backwell United. But it will be a tough game as the visitors ran out 4-0 winners when the sides met at their ground early last month.



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## TODAY'S VISITORS ASHTON & BACKWELL UNITED

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

Ashton & Backwell United was formed in June 2010 when a merger was agreed between Backwell United and the Senior and Youth sections of Ashton Boys. This was driven by myself (Mike Thomas) Jim Biggins (the new club's 1<sup>st</sup> chairman), Matt Southern and Ian Jones. During the previous season (09/10), the Ashton Boys Youth side (managed by Jim) played at Backwell as tenants to enable them to participate in the Somerset Floodlight Youth League as Ashton FC (Backwell). They enjoyed a successful 1<sup>st</sup> season in the SFYL finishing as Runners-up to Clevedon Town. I could see that Backwell fc were struggling on and off the pitch and recognized the potential of forming stronger ties, in terms of producing future players and benefiting from extra help in the general running of the football club. I had always wanted the chance to provide a football pathway from Ashton Juniors through to adult football and offer a good level of football at a ground that had the potential to allow progression through promotion. Ashton & Backwell United FC came into existence. The Ashton FC colours of Maroon and Blue were adopted as was the Backwell United nickname "the Stags" which was incorporated into the new club's crest along with the Moto "Ubi Concordia ibi Victoria" which translates as "Where is the Unity, There is the Victory". Ashton & Backwell United form part of the Ashton FC group alongside Ashton Boys and Ashton Girls and collectively they hold the FA Charter Standard "Community Club" status.

The club's first season saw the first team reach the final of the Somerset County League Cup where they lost out to a last minute penalty against Shirehampton. The Youth team ensured that there was some silverware however finishing as Champions of the SFYL North Division and securing the clubs first promotion, a team that would form the basis of 1<sup>st</sup> team squads in years to come. In 12/13, under the management of Shane Smith a 3rd place finish behind Nailsea United and Minehead was enough to secure promotion to Toolstation Western League Division 1.

2013/14 was a season of consolidation, adjusting to life in the Toolstation Western League, former Ashton Boys manager, Rich Coombes was appointed Manager for the 14/15 season and the club improved to an 8th place finish. The Reserves were

beaten finalists in the Somerset County Div2 Cup. The same fate befell the U21s, however, this was their only defeat of the season as they ran away with the U21 Combination title. Coomber continued to keep the club as a very competitive top 8 side, before handing the reigns over to his assistants Paul Waring and Rich Ford for the 2017/18 campaign. For various reasons the first half of the season was a struggle, but a vast improvement February onwards saw the under achieving side climb to safety.

June 2018 saw the significant appointment of Stuart Jones, inheriting a good group that were maturing into experienced Western league players. Stu added some quality new recruits, we climbed to 4<sup>th</sup> place. The following 2 seasons we were consistently placed in and around the top 4 with a squad ready to push on for promotion but to be denied by the Covid pandemic. Stuart decided to step down in April 2021 and in May the club were promoted to the Premier Division of the Tool Station Western league on a points per game basis, therefore finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Calne Town and above Corsham, following the F.A's national restructure of steps 5 and 6. 4 days before the 21/22 season started, manager Charlie Rich resigned, and at the end of September 2021 the club appointed Tony Beecham as new 1<sup>st</sup> team manager. The team was gradually re-organised and new faces introduced resulting in a major upturn in results and performances. The club finished 2<sup>nd</sup> from bottom which was enough to avoid relegation to stay in the Premier Division.

Backwell United formed in 1911 and played at the Recreation Ground from 1947. They moved into the Somerset Senior League in 1970, being crowned Champions in 77-78 and again from 79-80 through to 82-83. Elected to the Western League division 1 in 83-84 and finished runners up in 89-90 though missed out on promotion to the Premier division as they could not obtain planning for floodlights. After appeal, lights were in place to allow them to take their place in the Premier Division in 93-94. The Stags progressed to the 5th round of the FA Vase in 04-05 but a change of Manager and exodus of players resulted in a last place finish and relegation to Division 1 in 05-06. Relegated to the Somerset County League 07-08.

Ashton Boys was founded in 1994 by Terry Hazel. The club started on Greville Smyth Park in the shadow of Ashton Gate Stadium. The club developed to become one of the largest in the country with 37 teams and over 400 players per season. The ethos of Football For All saw the club regularly run two or even three teams per age group. An Ashton Girls and Senior section were formed before the latter broke away to join the Ashton & Backwell United setup. The club have produced a number of Championship and Cup winning teams.



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**From:**

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**Ryan Brereton**  
**Tom Burt**  
**Nathan Byrne**  
**Alex Cherry**  
**Callum Chivers**  
**Alfie Clark**  
**Eli Collins**  
**Sullivan McKenna**  
**Jamie Nicholson**  
**Stefan Phillips**  
**Kelson Pollard**  
**Jake Quick**  
**Jason Quick**  
**Miles Quick**  
**Tom Stone**  
**Harley Wilkinson**  
**Glen Wright**

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



**ASHTON & BACKWELL**  
**Maroon & Blue**  
**From:**

**Tom Anthony**  
**Joe Banks**  
**Shea Bennington-Mannings**  
**Joe Bishop**  
**Joe Cattermole**  
**Lewis Coombes**  
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**Zac Ford**  
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**Luke Newman**  
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<b>DATE</b>	<b>H/A</b>	<b>COMP</b>	<b>OPPOSITION</b>	<b>RESULT</b>	
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	0	0
28/01/23	A	Prem	Millbrook	1	0
01/02/23	H	LPC	Clevedon Town	0	3
04/02/23	H	Prem	Shepton Mallet	2	2
07/02/23	A	Prem	Ashton & Backwell Utd	4	0
11/02/23	A	Prem	Saltash	4	0
15/02/23	H	Prem	Barnstaple	1	0
18/02/23	H	Prem	Cadbury Heath	2	1
25/02/23	H	Prem	Street	0	0

DATE	H/A	COMP	OPPOSITION	F	A
28/02/23	A	Prem	Ilfracombe Town	0	2
04/03/23	H	Prem	Ashton & Backwell Utd		
11/03/23	H	Prem	Falmouth Town		
15/03/23	A	Prem	Street	7.30pm	
18/03/23	A	Prem	Torpoint Athletic		
22/03/23	A	Prem	Cadbury Heath	7.30pm	
25/03/23	H	Prem	Mousehole		
29/03/23	H	Prem	Ilfracombe Town	7.45pm	
01/04/23	H	Prem	Helston Athletic		
07/04/23	H	Prem	Buckland Athletic	1.00pm	
15/04/23	H	Prem	Torpoint Athletic	2.00pm	
22/04/23	A	Prem	Mousehole		

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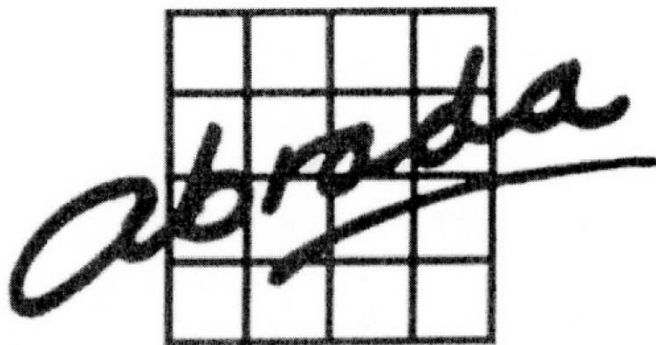
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## TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE

### RESULTS

#### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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

#### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Barnstaple Town	3	1	Sherborne Town
Bridgwater United	2	2	Helston Athletic
Buckland Athletic	1	0	Torpoint Athletic
Ilfracombe Town	0	2	Wellington
Keynsham Town	0	4	Clevedon Town
Saltash United	4	0	Millbrook
Shepton Mallet	1	1	Street

### FIXTURES

#### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Clevedon Town	vs	Ilfracombe Town
Helston Athletic	vs	Barnstaple Town
Mousehole	vs	Bridgwater United
Saltash United	vs	Cadbury Heath
Sherborne Town	vs	Torpoint Athletic
Street	vs	Falmouth Town
Wellington	vs	Ashton & Backwell Utd
Welton Rovers	vs	Buckland Athletic





**TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE  
PREMIER DIVISION AS AT 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

		<b>Played</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Drawn</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>GD</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	Saltash United	28	19	6	3	39	63
2	Mousehole	25	18	6	1	45	60
3	Bridgwater United	26	17	5	4	42	56
4	Barnstaple Town	25	16	2	7	18	50
5	Buckland Athletic	27	16	2	9	16	50
6	Shepton Mallet	23	13	6	4	24	45
7	Helston Athletic	25	12	7	6	12	43
8	Ashton & Backwell United	26	11	4	11	6	37
9	Falmouth Town	26	10	6	10	4	36
10	Welton Rovers	28	9	4	15	-29	31
11	Clevedon Town	25	8	5	12	-13	29
12	Millbrook	26	8	5	13	-14	29
13	Street	25	8	4	13	-21	28
14	Torpoint Athletic	26	7	6	13	-14	27
<b>15</b>	<b>Wellington</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>25</b>
16	Ilfracombe Town	23	5	9	9	-4	24
17	Sherborne Town	24	5	4	15	-15	19
18	Cadbury Heath	25	3	5	17	-30	14
19	Keynsham Town	27	3	3	21	-55	12



**EXTRACT FROM TOOLSTATION BULLETIN – 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

**Mousehole** moved to within three points of top spot thanks to an impressive come-from-behind 4-1 victory away at **Buckland Athletic**. Having already met twice this season with a win apiece, it was Buckland who made the stronger start at Homers Heath, with Ryan Bush putting them ahead midway through the first half. The Cornish side managed to get back on level terms not long after falling behind however, with top scorer Hayden Turner firing home a long range free kick which was powered under the Buckland wall and into the back of the home net. A tap-in from Mark Goldsworthy helped Mousehole then move ahead at the beginning of the second half, and they wrapped up victory in the closing stages thanks to a pair of late goals from Turner and Reece Thomson.

It was a strong day all around for the away sides in the Premier Division, with a number of other sides also walking away with maximum points. One of those were

**Helston Athletic**, with Tom Payne playing a starring role in their 3-0 triumph over **Sherborne**. A hard-fought opening half looked as though it would end in a stalemate, before Payne had his first major contribution, finding the back of the net to hand the visitors a 41<sup>st</sup> minute lead. Payne then crossed for Jamie Simmonds, whose flicked header made it 2-0 early in the second half, before the star man produced some individual brilliance to put the result beyond doubt on the hour mark.

**Welton** were another side to win on their travels, with Courtney Charles' solitary goal early in the second half helping them squeak past **Millbrook**.

The only Premier side to actually win on their home patch was **Barnstaple** who stormed to a 4-0 victory at home to bottom side **Keynsham**. Having beaten the same opposition 5-4 in a thriller earlier this season, Barum found their second contest against the K's much more of a simple proposition, with Nathan Colley's brace, and further goals from Tor Swann and Rhys Thomas helping them jump into fourth spot.

A penalty save in stoppage time helped ten-man **Ashton & Backwell United** salvage a 1-1 draw away at **Bridgwater** in a dramatic contest at Fairfax Park. The home side made a near perfect start to the contest and led by a goal to nil after only five minutes when Jake Llewellyn whipped the ball into the top corner from well outside the area. The visitors then got back on level terms early in the second half, but saw their hopes of claiming anything from the afternoon dented when they were reduced to ten men on the hour mark. Bridgwater kept pushing for what would be a winning goal, and were given a golden chance in added time following a foul on Jordan Greenwood in the penalty area, but the resulting spot kick was kept out by the visiting keeper to preserve Ashton's well-earned point.

**Torpoint** responded well from their heavy midweek cup defeat by winning 2-0 away at **Ilfracombe**. A pair of first half goals did the business for the away side, with Lewis Pacey opening the scoring after quarter-of-an-hour, before Ryan Richards then doubled their advantage in the 32<sup>nd</sup> minute after beating the offside trap.

Another side to win by two goals to nil on their travels was **Falmouth**, with an effort in either half leading them past **Cadbury Heath** at Springfield.

The other fixtures on Saturday afternoon both ended in goalless stalemates, with **Wellington** and **Street** cancelling each other out in Somerset while **Clevedon** hung on for a well-earned point at **Shepton Mallet** after losing forward Alex Camm to a red card in the 26<sup>th</sup> minute

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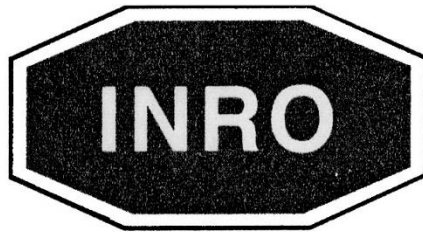
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Front, Dylan Groves, Clay Westcott, Oli Nott, Adam Watson (Coach), Mark Owen (Capt) Nick Buttle (Manager) Wesley Poulosom, Tom Davies, Luke Perry

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## AROUND THE CLUB

Last Saturday (February 25<sup>th</sup>) the **Reserves** travelled to Exeter to play University 3rds. Character and game management proved the key to them taking their unbeaten run to double figures against very capable opposition who are challenging for honours nationally and regionally. The home team took an early two goal lead but by half-time the score was level, Rohan Poulosom having converted a penalty on 33 minutes and a Logan Sellick goal on 43 minutes. The team introduced a change of formation for the second half and on 71 minutes an excellent delivered corner to the front post by Poulosom was met by the leaping Perry who headed home from close range. This gave the Tangerines a well-deserved lead which they managed to hold on to until the final whistle despite a number of attempts on goal by the home team. Man of the match was Connor Noble

Today the Reserves are away to unbeaten leaders Upottery who they drew 2-2 with at the Playing Field in January.

The **A Team** entertained North Petherton 1st at the Recreation Ground and unfortunately lost 4-6 with their goals coming from Alfie Hill, Sean Conway and Dan Troup (2). This afternoon they are away to Stogursey 1st.

There were no league games for either the **Ladies** or the **Wildcats** last weekend.

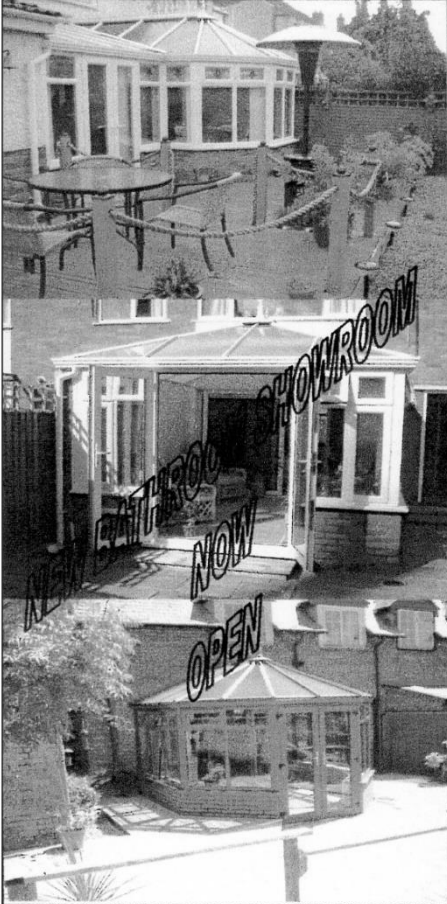
The **Wildcats** played a friendly at Wincanton which resulted in a 13 – 1 win for the visiting team, both teams took the opportunity to give match experience to younger players. Tomorrow the league winners Wildcats will be looking to avenge their only defeat of the season when they play their final match of the campaign at the Playing Field to runners-up Sydenham Rangers Ladies, kick-off 2pm.

The **Ladies** are away to Bath City Women tomorrow and then finish their season with three games at home.

The **Under 18s** lost 0-3 at home to Bishops Lydeard Under 18s on Tuesday evening (February 28<sup>th</sup>), they are away to Welton Rovers Under 18s next Thursday (March 9<sup>th</sup>).

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