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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 12th March – Kick-off – 2.00pm Somerset County Women's League – Division One WELLINGTON LADIES v PAULTON ROVERS LADIES RESERVES

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

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

Sunday 19th March – Kick-off – 2.00pm Somerset County Women's League – Division One WELLINGTON LADIES v BATH CITY

Wednesday 22nd March – Kick-off -7.30pm Stitch2Print Devon & Exeter League Division One WELLINGTON RESERVES v CHARD TOWN RESERVES

Saturday 25th March – Kick-off - 3.00pm Toolstation Western League – Premier Division WELLINGTON v MOUSEHOLE

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CONNECTION

Wellington AFC is a true Community Club, and we would like to be a support hub for all our players, parents, volunteers, supporters, and neighbours. We may not have all the answers, but we will support you in finding professional help.

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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 3 2 ASHTON & BACKWELL UTD

A header from sub Tom Burt deep into injury time extended Wellington's unbeaten run with victory over Ashton & Backwell United at the Playing Field last Saturday (March 4th).

It looked like the in-form Tangerines would have to settle for a point when the visitors made it 2-2 from the penalty spot with four minutes remaining until Burt popped up to net the winner.

Wellington had to change their defence after the midweek win at Ilfracombe Town with Tom Stone unavailable and Stefan Phillips injured so Miles Quick dropped back from midfield to partner his twin brother Jason and there was a debut for Lloyd Tucker, a new signing from Bovey Tracey.

Backwell had won 4-0 when the sides met at their ground early last month and the visitors looked lively from the off, taking the lead after only nine minutes when the ball was played through to Alfie Cummings, who poked it past keeper Harley Wilkinson.

Wellington refused to let the early setback affect them and Sully McKenna had a couple of good chances before they equalised from a penalty on 37 minutes - thanks to all three Quick brothers. Jason was fouled as he ran on to a low corner from Miles and Jake scored from the spot.

It stayed level until the break and the Tangerines then played some of their best football of the season from the restart, taking the lead on the hour through a low curler from McKenna after good work by Jake Quick.

That was the signal for Backwell to step up a gear but Wellington repelled all attacks until the 86th minute when Shea Bennington-Mannings was impeded as he ran in on goal and picked himself up to coolly stroke home the resulting penalty.

That set up a grandstand finish with the winner coming in the third minute of added time. More good work by Jake Quick saw him find Glen Wright, whose lofted ball into the box was headed home by Burt to spark wild celebrations.

The victory means Wellington have moved up to 12th in the table, having collected 13 points out of a possible 15 in their past five games.

They are also unbeaten at home in nine league matches - their last defeat at the Playing Field was in mid-October - and they will be looking to make it ten when they host Falmouth Town this afternoon.

ACTION SHOTS FROM ASSHTON & BACKWELL MATCH (Courtesy of Around Wellington)









MAN OF THE MATCH



Our man-of-match against Ashton & Backwell United was winger Sully McKenna who scored the second goal. He received the award from Mike Rogers, left, and Tom Doyle on behalf of match sponsors AFH Wealth Management.



NEXT GAMES FOR THE FIRST TEAM



Wednesday 15th March – Kick-off – 7.30pm STREET v WELLINGTON

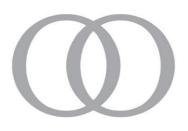
Saturday 18th March – Kick-off – 2.00pm TORPOINT ATHLETIC v WELLINGTON

Wednesday 22nd March – Kick-off – 7.30pm CADBURY HEATH v WELLINGTON

Saturday 25th March – Kick-off – 3.00pm WELLINGTON v MOUSEHOLE

Wednesday 29th March – Kick-off – 7.45pm WELLINGTON v ILFRACOMBE TOWN

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TODAY'S VISITORS FALMOUTH TOWN

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

FALMOUTH TOWN joined the old Cornwall Senior League in 1950 before becoming founder members of the South Western League in 1951/52. After several homes, the sale of their Ashfield ground to Shell-Mex BP enabled the purchase of their present home at Bickland Park.

By the late 1950's, professionalism was introduced and this led to Falmouth winning their first trophy, the SWL Cup, in the 1957/58 season and retained it the following season. Season 1961/62 saw Falmouth Town win the treble of League Championship, League Cup and Cornwall Senior Cup. The following season history was made when they became the first ever Cornish club to the reach the First Round Proper of the FA Cup where they lost by two goals to one at home to Oxford United whose team included Ron Atkinson, in front of a crowd of 8000. Town reached the First Round on two more occasions in 1967 and 1969 losing both times to Peterborough United, first 5-2 away and then 1-4 at home.

After much more domestic success and winning the South Western League for four consecutive years, Town joined the Western League in season 1974/75. They won both the League and League Cup in their first season without losing a single game and then won the League Championship in the following three seasons. Whilst in the Western League, Falmouth won the Cornwall Senior Cup in four successive seasons, from 1975/76 to 1978/79.

In 1975, midfielder Roy Carter left to join Hereford United in the Football League, going on to play for Swindon Town, Torquay United, Bristol Rovers and Newport County. The following year Town's ace goal scorer Tony Kellow was sold to Exeter City for a record transfer fee of £12,000 and remains their all-time top goal scorer. Then, in 1978 club record scorer Joe Scott joined Bournemouth.

After nine seasons, increased travelling expenses forced Falmouth to resign from the Western League and not being accepted back into the South

Western League, had to enter the Cornwall Combination League which they won at the first attempt. Back in the South Western League they became champions again in 1985/86 which was won several more times along with numerous cups. A period of turmoil then followed with ups and downs in the clubs fortunes both on and off the pitch.

With the formation of the South West Peninsula League, Falmouth Town plied their trade in the Premier Division but never achieved any success until the appointment of local lad and player, Andrew Westgarth. Being his first appointment as manager of any club, he had a steep learning curve. The pendulum eventually started to swing in the right direction and after a period of steady progress Westgarth lead the club to its first success in many years when in season 2017/18 the club won the South West Peninsula League Cup and the League Charity Bowl.

Next season the Cornwall Senior Cup was won and following two incomplete seasons due to the Covid Pandemic, in the first full season after the FA instigated a revised pyramid system, Falmouth Town won the league championship for the first time and with it promotion to the Western League. To complete a fantastic season, the Cornwall Senior Cup and League Charity Bowl were also won to complete a magnificent treble.





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TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE – PREMIER DIVISION Saturday 11th March 2023



WELLINGTON

Tangerine & Black From:

Jack Bown-Porter **Ryan Brereton** Tom Burt Nathan Byrne **Alex Cherry** Alfie Clark **Eli Collins** Sullivan McKenna Jamie Nicholson **Stefan Phillips Kelson Pollard Jake Quick Jason Quick** Miles Quick **Tom Stone Lloyd Tucker Harley Wilkinson**



FALMOUTH TOWN

White From:

Tom Annear Luke Barmer Luke Bradbyn **Andreas Calleja- Stayne Morgan Coxhead Charlie Edney** Max Everall **Kayden Gordon-Dunn Charlie Hambly Cameron Hutchison** Scott Kellow Tim Nixon **Oliver Pickup** Jacob Rowe **James Swan Zach Telling James Ward**

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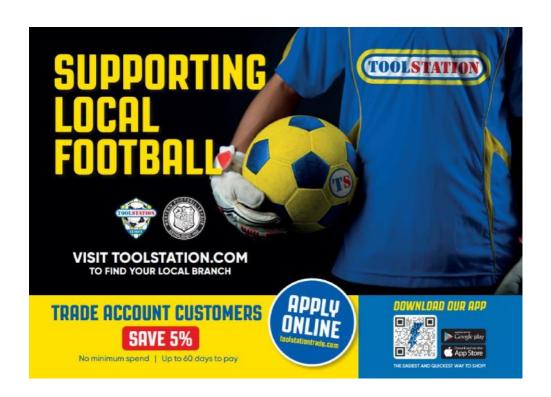
We wish Wellington A.F.C every success for the coming season

TOOLSTATION LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION 2022-2023 SEASON FIXTURES & RESULTS

DATE	H/A	СОМР	OPPOSITION	RESU	ILT
31/07/22	Α	Prem	Falmouth Town	2	2
06/08/22	Α	FA Cup	Willand Rovers	2	1
09/08/22	Α	Prem	Welton Rovers	1	4
13/08/22	Α	Prem	Helston Athletic	3	2
16/08/22	Α	Prem	Barnstaple	3	1
20/08/22	Α	Prem	Sherborne Town	3	0
27/08/22	Α	Prem	Clevedon Town	4	3
29/08/22	Α	Prem	Keynsham	4	0
03/09/22	Α	Prem	Bridgwater United	0	0
17/09/22	Н	Prem	Welton Rovers	4	2
01/10/22	Н	Prem	Clevedon Town	1	2
04/10/22	Α	SPC	Frome Town	3	2
15/10/22	Н	Prem	Sherborne Town	0	2
19/10/22	Н	LPC	Bishops Lydeard	3	2
22/10/22	Н	FAV	Barnstaple Town	2	0
29/10/22	Н	Prem	Bridgwater United	1	1
01/11/22	Α	Prem	Shepton Mallet	4	3
05/11/22	Н	Prem	Keynsham	5	0
12/11/22	Н	FAV	Royal Wootton Bassett	2	2
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15/11/22	Α	LPC	Bridgwater United	2	4
19/11/22	Н	Prem	Saltash	1	1
26/12/22	Α	Prem	Buckland Athletic	3	2
02/01/23	Н	Prem	Millbrook	0	0
28/01/23	Α	Prem	Millbrook	1	0
01/02/23	Н	LPC	Clevedon Town	0	3
04/02/23	Н	Prem	Shepton Mallet	2	2
07/02/23	Α	Prem	Ashton & Backwell Utd	4	0
11/02/23	Α	Prem	Saltash	4	0
15/02/23	Н	Prem	Barnstaple	1	0
18/02/23	Н	Prem	Cadbury Heath	2	1
25/02/23	Н	Prem	Street	0	0

DATE	H/A	COMP	OPPOSITION	F	Α
28/02/23	Α	Prem	Ilfracombe Town	0	2
04/03/23	Н	Prem	Ashton & Backwell Utd	3	2
11/03/23	Н	Prem	Falmouth Town		
15/03/23	Α	Prem	Street	7.30	pm
18/03/23	Α	Prem	Torpoint Athletic	2.00	pm
22/03/23	Α	Prem	Cadbury Heath	7.30	pm
25/03/23	Н	Prem	Mousehole		
29/03/23	Н	Prem	Ilfracombe Town	7.45	pm
01/04/23	Н	Prem	Helston Athletic		
07/04/23	Н	Prem	Buckland Athletic	1.00	pm
15/04/23	Н	Prem	Torpoint Athletic	2.00	pm
22/04/23	Α	Prem	Mousehole		

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





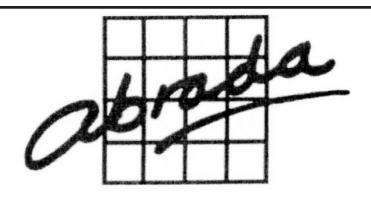
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TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE

RESULTS

Saturday 4th March 2023

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

Tuesday 7th March 2023

Ilfracombe Town	2	3	Buckland Athletic
Millbrook	0	1	Mousehole

Wednesday 8th March 2023

Cadbury Heath	pp		Shepton Mallet
Sherborne Town	pp		Clevedon Town
Street	1	1	Welton Rovers

FIXTURES

Saturday 11th March 2023

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



TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION AS AT 5TH MARCH 2023

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Saltash United	30	21	6	3	46	69
2	Mousehole	26	19	6	1	46	63
3	Bridgwater United	28	17	6	5	41	57
4	Barnstaple Town	27	17	3	7	20	54
5	Buckland Athletic	29	17	2	10	16	53
6	Shepton Mallet	24	13	7	4	24	46
7	Helston Athletic	27	12	9	6	12	45
8	Ashton & Backwell United	27	11	4	12	5	37
9	Falmouth Town	27	10	7	10	4	37
10	Clevedon Town	27	10	5	12	-7	32
11	Welton Rovers	29	10	4	15	-28	34
12	Wellington	26	8	7	11	-8	31
13	Street	27	8	6	13	-21	30
14	Millbrook	27	8	5	14	-18	29
15	Torpoint Athletic	28	7	7	14	-15	28
16	Ilfracombe Town	25	5	9	11	-8	24
17	Sherborne Town	26	5	5	16	-17	20
18	Cadbury Heath	26	3	5	18	-33	14
19	Keynsham Town	28	3	3	22	-59	12



EXTRACT FROM TOOLSTATION BULLETIN - 5TH MARCH 2023

In Saturday's big game at the top, **Mousehole** came from behind to beat **Bridgwater** 2-1, and move six points clear of their title rivals. United haven't been in great form recently, but they made a strong start at Trungle Parc, moving into a goal lead after only 13 minutes when George King finished well after racing clear. It looked like they would sustain that lead up until the break, however the home side had other ideas and got back on level terms in first half stoppage time through defender Adel Gafaiti. The game then kicked back into life midway through the second half, and despite losing a man to a red card in the 63rd minute, Mousehole completed their turnaround soon

after, with an own goal putting them 2-1 up. Bridgwater did their best to make the man advantage count during the final 20 minutes, coming close to equalising on a number of occasions, but they couldn't quite convert their late chances and slipped back slightly in the title race.

Saltash still sit atop the division after completing a 4-1 win at home to **Cadbury Heath**. A 24th minute goal from Callum O'Brien set the home side on their way, before Mike Smith then struck twice towards the end of the first half to put them three goals to the good. Smith picked up where he left off early in the second half, scoring his hat-trick goal eight minutes after the restart, with a penalty from Tom Withers the only dent on a near-perfect afternoon for the league leaders.

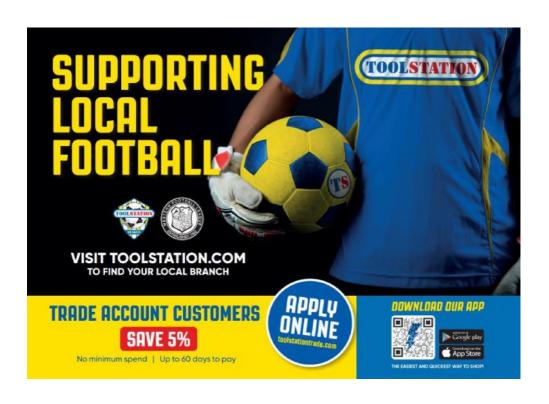
Wellington came out on top in a five-goal thriller at home to Ashton & Backwell, scoring a winner in stoppage time to extend their excellent run of home results. Having fallen behind to Alfie Cummings' ninth minute opener, Welly got back on level terms just before half time with Jake Quick converting from the penalty spot. Sully McKenna then struck for the second game this week to put the hosts 2-1 up, only for a penalty to be awarded at the other end, with Shea Bennington-Mannings scoring from 12 yards to level things late on. For the winning goal, Glen Wright picked up the ball out wide before crossing for Tom Burt who placed his header into the back of the net to make it nine unbeaten on their home patch for the Somerset side.

Another side enjoying life at the minute are **Welton Rovers**, with their 1-0 victory over **Buckland** giving them a fourth win from six. The decisive goal came after only ten minutes thanks to Lewis Russell, before the Green Army's improved back line added another clean sheet to their growing tally to keep their visitors at bay.

Clevedon also registered a victory thanks to fine performances at both ends of the field, with Glen Hayer playing a starring role in their 2-0 win over **Ilfracombe**. Hayer provided both assists during the Seasiders triumph, with Cam Salmon firing them ahead in the 19th minute, before Syd Camper completed the scoring early in the second half with a strong finish from the edge of the box.

Barnstaple rescued a point in Cornwall, striking in the fifth minute of stoppage time to draw one apiece with **Helston**. After substitute Matty Bye put the hosts ahead early in the second half, Barum looked to be heading towards a rare defeat, only for Brodie Montague to pop up at the death to get his side level.

There was also a 1-1 draw at Raleigh Grove, where **Sherborne**'s Benjani Mwaruwari Jr cancelled out James Forrest's opener to grab a share of the points with **Torpoint**, while the clash between **Street** and **Falmouth** ended with an identical scoreline also





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AROUND THE CLUB

Confidence and discipline were the ingredients for an excellent all-round performance for our in-form **Reserves**, who inflicted the first league defeat of season on the current league leaders Ottery St Mary last Saturday (March 4^{th}) at Glebe Farm while extending their own unbeaten run to 11 games.

The Otters commenced proceedings with a succession of long balls into the box, with all efforts quashed by some solid defending. However a succession of quick balls into the front three reaped their rewards with Rohan Poulsom showing some clinical finishing to score a quick brace inside 15 minutes. Poulsom completed his hat-trick with another quick ball releasing him with a one-on-one with the keeper to finish with a low drive on the stroke of half-time for a 3-0 lead.

A questionable penalty award on 71 minutes saw the solid Tom Davies punished for an alleged push, which was well dispatched by Blake Freemantle. Focus was now key as the rejuvenated hosts looked to finish strong, however they found the visitors in no mood to capitulate as they worked together and on 87 minutes, Poulsom was set free in a race with the exhausted central defender to get his and his team's fourth goal.

Another superb team performance by this group of players which is made up of youth and experience. Man-of-the-match was Rohan Poulsom.

The Reserves' next fixture is at the Playing Field on Wednesday, (March 15th), against Newton St Cyres, kick-off – 7.30pm

The **A Team** were away to Stogursey on Saturday (March 4th) and unfortunately lost 6-1 with Regan Scotcher scoring their goal. This afternoon they are at home to Redgate at the Recreation Ground kicking off at 2.30pm

Last Sunday the **Ladies** travelled to Bath City Ladies and lost 2-0. Both teams had chances but the first half ended goalless. Wellington were denied a penalty on the hour mark and Bath got the first goal just after 75 minutes. Wellington pushed for an equaliser but without the end result. Bath scored the winning goal in the second minute of added time. Despite the result the team stay positive and optimistic that they are able to gain points in their remaining three games. Player of the match was Kate Hussey.

The Ladies are at home tomorrow afternoon when the visitors are Paulton Rovers Ladies Reserves. Kick-off – 2.00pm.

League winners **Wildcats** played their final game of the season at the Playing Field last Sunday (March 5th) and they were up against runners-up Sydenham Rangers, the only team to have defeated them this season. Wildcats started a little nervously giving confidence to Sydenham but they began to take a foothold in the game. However it was Sydenham who scored the only goal of the game on 34 minutes.

The second half saw Wildcats dominant in both possession and territory but they were unable to make the necessary breakthrough and were thwarted on a number of occasions by Sydenhams defence.

At the end of the game both teams celebrated their successful seasons. Player of the match for the Wildcats was Heidi Stuki.

The **Under 18s** should have played at Welton Rovers on Thursday evening but the game was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch. They have two games left to play, both of which are away.

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