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## **WELLINGTON AFC**

### **Club History**

Formed in 1892, we are proud to be a three-star FA Accredited Club and run more than 30 teams, providing football for hundreds and men, women, boys and girls throughout the season.

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.

Since entering entered the Western League in the First Division, we have 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 and have since remained in the Premier Division.

In their first season back in the Premier Division, the team finished a creditable 15<sup>th</sup> and also reached the semi-finals of the Somerset Premier Cup. The side, who ended up 15<sup>th</sup> in 2022-23, are now managed by Richard Cherry, assisted by long-serving defender Jack Bown-Porter.

We have four other senior sides - the Reserves in the Devon and Exeter League's Division One, the A team in the Taunton Saturday League's Division One and the Ladies, who have two teams in the Somerset County Women's League.

We run 22 teams in our youth and minis with both boys and girls playing from the age of eight right through to 18 - along with coaching for even younger children.

We also have a thriving Disability section with two adult sides and a youth team.

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**Somerset County Women's League – Div 1**

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**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October – kick-off – 7.45pm**

**Somerset Premier Cup**

**WELLINGTON v ODD DOWN**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October – kick-off – 3.00pm**

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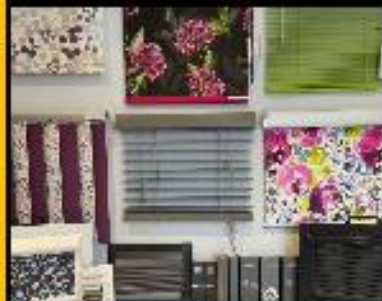
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## WELLINGTON FIRST TEAM SQUAD – 2023-2024 SEASON



Rear, from left, Rob Hall, Mike Hall (chairman), Glen Wright, Nathan Byrne, Rhys Williams, Jordan Hayman, Shay Allen, Mark Cornish, Ryan Hibbert, Ryan Brereton, Graham Aspin (vice-chairman), Alan Shire (president and sponsor).

Front, Beckham Pyatt, Lewis Jennings, Josh Lukins, Tom Burt, Zack Bevan (strength and conditioning coach), Tom Stone (captain), Richard Cherry (manager), Jack Bown-Porter (assistant player-coach), James Cottrill, Nico Cottle, Lauren Watts (sports therapist).

## **MATCH REPORT**

<b>WELLINGTON</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>ST BLAZEY</b>
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In their first home game of the season after nine away fixtures because of cricket at the Playing Field the Tangerines marked their return with a much-improved performance on Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup>.

They bounced back from their 8-0 thrashing at Falmouth the previous week with a well-deserved draw against newly promoted St Blazey.

Manager Richard Cherry was able to field a more experienced side after several key players missed the trip to Cornwall and his line-up also included Nathan Byrne who has rejoined the club on loan from Willand Rovers.

There were half-chances for both sides in an open first half before the deadlock was broken ten minutes before the break.

St Blazey striker Luke Cloke pounced on a defensive slip and advanced on goal before producing a cool finish.

Young keeper Rhys Williams, again deputising for the injured Shay Allen, also pulled off a couple of smart stops but it was Wellington who looked more dangerous after the break. Defenders Jordan Hayman and Tom Stone both went close with headers before they equalised after 53 minutes.

A trademark long throw from assistant player-coach Jack Bown-Porter was flicked on by skipper Stone and reached Glen Wright whose goalbound header went in off a defender.

Wellington almost snatched a winner right at the death as substitute Ryan Hibbert embarked on a mazy run, ending with a shot which curled just wide.

After a busy start to the season, the team had a welcome break as there was no game last weekend (September 23<sup>rd</sup>).

## MAN OF MATCH



Midfielder James Cottrill was man-of-the-match and received the award from vice-chairman Graham Aspin on behalf of sponsors Chetwood Wealth Management.

## ACTION SHOTS FROM ST BLAZEY GAME (Courtesy of Around Wellington)







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## TODAY'S VISITORS WELTON ROVERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Former player Tom Smith took charge of the club in March 2020 and has made incredible progress in a short space of time. With over 225 appearances for the club, Smithy has an undeniable understanding of the Welton DNA and guided the club to promotion in his first full season in charge, breaking multiple club records along the way. Premier Division status was maintained with a comfortable mid-table finish, and now, with attendances the largest they have been for over 40 years, Welton Rovers are ready and excited to establish themselves as a thriving Step 5 club.

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**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023**



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Nico Cottle  
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Jordan Hayman  
Ryan Hibbert  
Lewis Jennings  
Josh Lukins  
Beckham Pyatt  
Flynn Smith  
Tom Stone  
Lloyd Tucker  
Rhys Williams  
Glen Wright  
Josh Young**

**Manager – Richard Cherry**

**Asst Manager – Jack Bown-Porter**

**Fitness Coach – Zack Bevan**

**Physio – Lauren Watts**



**WELTON ROVERS**

**Green**

**From:**

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Logan Cassidy  
Dan Cottle  
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## TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE

### RECENT RESULTS

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

#### PREMIER DIVISION

Brixham	5	0	Oldland Abbotonians
St Blazey	0	3	Buckland Athletic

#### LES PHILLIPS CUP

Clevedon Town	0	3	Bridgwater United
Middlezoy Rovers	1	1	Radstock Town
(4-1 pens)			

#### FA VASE SECOND QUALIFYING ROUND

<b>Brislington</b>	2	3	<b>Nailsea &amp; Tickenham</b>
<b>Bristol Telephones</b>	2	2	<b>Portishead Town</b>
(4-5 pens)			
<b>Cadbury Heath</b>	1	6	Fairford Town
<b>Cheddar</b>	1	2	Newquay
Cheltenham Saracens	2	1	<b>Hallen</b>
Cullompton Rangers	0	2	<b>Wells City</b>
<b>Falmouth Town</b>	3	1	Crediton United
<b>Helston Athletic</b>	4	2	<b>Street</b>
<b>Hengrove Athletic</b>	0	4	Roman Glass St George
<b>Ilfracombe Town</b>	1	1	Elburton Villa
(6-7 pens)			
<b>Longwell Green Sports</b>	3	3	<b>Bradford Town</b>
(5-4 pens)			
<b>Millbrook</b>	1	7	Dobwalls
<b>Shepton Mallet</b>	1	2	<b>Barnstaple Town</b>
Wadebridge Town	0	1	<b>Torpoint Athletic</b>
<b>Warminster Town</b>	2	4	Fleet Town
Wendron United	2	4	<b>Saltash United</b>
<b>Wincanton Town</b>	2	4	Portland United

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September & Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September****LES PHILLIPS CUP**

Brislington	0	4	AEK Boco
Hallen	1	0	Welton Rovers
Hengrove Athletic	5	2	Bishop Sutton
Warminster Town	2	4	Street

**FORTHCOMING FIXTURES – SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER****PREMIER DIVISION**

Brixham AFC	vs	Shepton Mallet
Buckland Athletic	vs	Falmouth Town
Helston Athletic	vs	Barnstaple Town
Ilfracombe Town	vs	Bridgwater United
Millbrook	vs	Clevedon Town
Oldland Abbotonians	vs	St Blazey
Saltash United	vs	Torpoint Athletic
Street	vs	Nailsea & Tickenham
Wellington	vs	Welton Rovers

**PREMIER DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE AS AT 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Helston Athletic	8	6	1	1	24	19
2	Buckland Athletic	9	5	2	2	13	17
3	Falmouth Town	8	5	2	1	12	17
4	Torpoint Athletic	10	5	2	3	6	17
5	Bridgwater United	7	5	1	1	14	16
6	Brixham AFC	10	4	3	3	7	15
7	Clevedon Town	7	4	3	0	6	15
8	Barnstaple Town	7	3	4	0	8	13
9	Street	7	3	3	1	4	12
10	Nailsea & Tickenham	8	4	0	4	4	12
11	Shepton Mallet	8	3	3	2	1	12
12	St Blazey	9	2	3	4	-1	9
13	Ilfracombe Town	9	2	3	4	-5	9
14	Welton Rovers	8	2	2	4	-3	8
15	Saltash United	9	2	1	6	-11	7
16	Wellington	8	0	3	5	-18	3
17	Oldland Abbotonians	9	1	0	8	-20	3
18	Millbrook	7	0	0	7	-40	0

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>H/A</b>	<b>COMP</b>	<b>OPPOSITION</b>	<b>RESULT</b>	
29/07/23	A	Prem	Helston Athletic	2	2
01/08/23	A	Prem	Shepton Mallet	2	0
05/08/23	H	FAC	Bideford	0	2
12/08/23	A	Prem	Torpoint Athletic	2	1
15/03/23	A	Prem	Nailsea & Tickenham	4	0
26/08/23	H	FAV	Okehampton Argyle	0	3
29/08/23	A	Prem	Ilfracombe Town	1	1
02/09/23	A	Prem	Saltash United	4	1
09/09/23	A	Prem	Falmouth Town	8	0
16/09/23	H	Prem	St Blazey	1	1
30/09/23	H	Prem	Welton Rovers		
04/10/23	H	SPC	Odd Down (Bath)		
07/10/23	A	Prem	Barnstaple Town		
14/10/23	H	Prem	Ilfracombe Town		
21/10/23	A	Prem	Clevedon Town		
25/10/23	H	LPC	Ilfracombe Town	7.45pm	
28/10/23	H	Prem	Brixham		
04/11/23	H	Prem	Buckland Athletic		
11/11/23	A	Prem	St Blazey		
18/11/23	H	Prem	Clevedon Town		
25/11/23	H	Prem	Torpoint Athletic		
02/12/23	A	Prem	Buckland Athletic		
09/12/23	H	Prem	Barnstaple Town		
16/12/23	A	Prem	Millbrook		
26/12/23	H	Prem	Bridgwater United	Boxing Day	
30/12/23	A	Prem	Street		
06/01/24	H	Prem	Nailsea & Tickenham		
13/01/24	No game at present				
20/01/24	H	Prem	Oldland Abbotonians		
27/01/24	No game at present				

DATE	H/A	COMP	OPPOSITION	RESULT
03/02/24	A	Prem	Welton Rovers	
10/02/24	H	Prem	Shepton Mallet	
17/02/24			No game at present	
24/02/24	H	Prem	Falmouth Town	
02/03/24			No game at present	
09/03/24	A	Prem	Brixham	
16/03/24	H	Prem	Millbrook	
23/03/24	H	Prem	Saltash United	
29/03/24	A	Prem	Bridgwater United	Good Friday
01/04/24	H	Prem	Street	Easter
Monday				
06/04/24	H	Prem	Helston Athletic	
13/04/24			No game at present	
20/04/24	A	Prem	Oldland Abbotonians	

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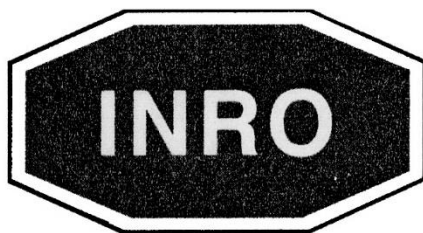
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## WELLINGTON RESERVES SQUAD – 2023/2024



Rear from left, Adrian Ridgeway (kit man), Aaron Hawkings, Connor Noble, Jordan Sellick, Ned Ogilvie, Steve Butler (goalkeeping coach), Luke Perry, Alfie Barratt, Jake Nichol, Sam Poole, Adrian Rowland (sponsor).

Front, Ollie Nott, Dylan Groves, Tom Hawkings (coach), Mark Owen (player-manager), Tom Davies (captain), Mike Owen (joint manager), Ken Pearson (physio), Aaron Merry, Wes Poulson.

## AROUND THE CLUB

**The Reserves** were at home to East Budleigh last Saturday (23<sup>rd</sup> September) and drew 1-1 with their goal coming from substitute Aaron Merry.

Today they are away to St Martins and welcome neighbours Chard Town Reserves to the Playing Field next Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> October with a 3.00pm kick-off.

### RESERVE TEAM SPONSOR



We are extremely grateful to County Roofing for continuing to sponsor our Reserves this season and managing director Adrian Rowland is pictured, left, with player-manager Mark Owen and captain Tom Davies.

**The A Team** were at home to Old Inn 98 last Saturday and drew 2-2, goals come from Brad Holmans and Reegan Scotcher. They are at home again this afternoon against Galmington Reserves and again next Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> October when Bridgwater Grasshoppers are the visitors for a 2.30pm kick-off.

On Tuesday evening, 26<sup>th</sup> September, **the Under 18s** were at home to Axminster Town Under 18s and put in an excellent performance winning 7-0. Their goals came from Sean Conway (3), Cez Wisniewski (2), Dylan Sellick and Jon Wasey. They are in Cup action on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> October, when they visit Pualton Rovers Under 18s.



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Rear from left, Sam Scarlett, Will Powell, Tom Scarlett, Brad Holmans, Sean Conway, Tom Hyam, Connor Porter, Nathan Roberts, Ed Baker, Reegan Scotcher.

Front, Lenny Old, Matt Turner, Matt Groves (joint manager), Myles Evett (captain), Warren Toth (captain), Mitch Hanson, Aaron Chugg.



## **AROUND THE CLUB cont...**

**The Wildcats** got back to winning ways last Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> September, with a 3-0 victory against Paulton Rovers Ladies Reserves at the Playing Field. Goals came from Ebony Sellick (2) and Emily Ayres.

They are at home again tomorrow when Portishead Ladies Reserves are the visitors with a 2.00pm kick-off.

**The Ladies** won for the first time this season with 2-0 victory away to Crewkerne Rangers Ladies First. Goalscorers were Sheldon Hancock and Tash Hole.

Tomorrow, they visit Wincanton Town Ladies and play their first home game of the season next Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> October, when Crewkerne Rangers Ladies are the visitors for a 2.00pm kick-off.



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## EXTRACT FROM TOOLSTATION BULLETIN 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023



Last Saturday saw a pair of **Premier Division** contests, with **Brixham** defeating **Oldland** 5-0 in a dominant home win. Having gone one-up through Scott Robinson in the 29<sup>th</sup> minute, Brixham then struck twice in the closing stages of the first half through Kieran Parkin and Sean Adderley to give themselves a three-goal buffer at the interval. By the time Jaden Maslen made it 4-0, the game was all-but over, with Charlie Johansen putting the cap on a five-star performance with the final kick of the game. Johansen's former side **Buckland** also enjoyed a comfortable afternoon's work in their win at **St Blazey**, with Sam Stayt setting them on their way with a lobbed finish after 20 minutes. The second half then belonged to Jared Lewington, with the Bucks frontman scoring twice after the interval to round out the visitors 3-0 win and a successful trip into Cornwall.

**Les Phillips Cup:** **Bridgwater United** booked their place in the next round of the cup after beating **Clevedon** 3-0. After Jay Murray's penalty had put Bridgy in front, they struck twice more after the breakthrough Jason Quick and Adam Wright to secure what turned out to be a straightforward victory. **Middlezoy** also qualified for the next round thanks to a 4-1 win on penalties over **Radstock** after their game had finished one apiece at the end of 90 minutes.

It was also a huge day of action in the **FA Vase**, with the pick of the ties generally involving head-to-head clashes between Western League sides. One of those included the Premier Division leaders **Helston** who produced another thrilling comeback to topple **Street** by four goals to two. Having overturned a two-goal deficit seven days previously against Ilfracombe, Helston found themselves in a similar hole this week also following a pair of strikes in the opening 25 minutes from Phil Ormrod and Kyle Strange. The Cobblers soon saw their lead trimmed however, with Jacob Smith striking for Helston to give them a foothold in the contest. The game then turned midway through the second half, with

Curtis Damerell and Rikki Sheppard scoring in quick succession for the home side, before Rubin Wilson helped seal their passage through to the next round. Another side to progress were **Nailsea & Tickenham** who struck late to secure a 3-2 win away at **Brislington**. The Swags (*pictured attacking, right*) started much stronger than their hosts, and surged into a deserved two-goal lead courtesy of efforts from Lucas Vowles and Callum Dunn. Bris weren't willing to lie down against their higher-ranked opponents, and battled back to make it 2-2 around the hour mark, only for Nailsea to steal it late on when Nick Buxton scored the decisive fifth goal. Scott Laird produced two moments of brilliance for **Barnstaple** to help lead his side to a 2-1 win away at **Shepton Mallet**. Having taken an early lead through Josh Jenkins, the home side then saw their hopes of progressing dented after seeing their number one Tom Roberts sent off just before half-time. That dismissal saw a non-specialist keeper have to step in between the sticks, and Jack Newman's first job was to pick the ball out of his net after being beaten by a Laird set piece. Mallet and Newman proved resolute, holding out for much of the second half, but the stand-in keeper was finally beaten in the closing stages following another well-taken goal from Laird.

The other two clashes which saw opposing sides from the First Division meet both ended in shootouts, with table-toppers **Portishead** surviving a scare away at **Bristol Telephones**. Having trailed at the break, the Posset called on the unstoppable Ethan Feltham, and his arrival came with instant impact as he notched his 23<sup>rd</sup> of the season to make it one apiece early in the second half. Calum Townsend then fired home a thunderbolt 20 minutes from time to complete the visitor's turnaround, but they couldn't hang on and conceded an injury time equaliser to send the game to penalties. It then came down to Townsend, and he slotted home the decisive spot kick to send Town through to the First Round proper. They will be joined in the hat for the draw on Monday by **Longwell Green Sports** who knocked out **Bradford** following a six-goal thriller. Goals from Jack Witcombe and Charlie Saunders helped the Bobcats overturn an early deficit, before Kieran Williams stepped up to make it two-all on the hour mark. Witcombe then stroked home a penalty ten minutes from time to put Bradford in pole position, but they



were pegged back once again with Williams completing a brace of his own to make it 3-3 at the end of normal time. Almost nothing could separate the sides during 90 minutes, and that also came to pass during the shootout, with one solitary miss condemning Bradford to defeat. **Ilfracombe's** run in the Vase also came to an end following a shootout, with Harry Taffs second half equaliser proving to be inconsequential after they lost 7-6 on penalties to **Elburton Villa**.

Other Western League sides to see their runs in the Vase ended included **Millbrook**, **Hengrove** and **Cadbury Heath** who each suffered heavy home defeats, but things were rosier for **Falmouth** who beat **Crediton** 3-1. Goals from Luke Brabyn, Jayden Gilbert and Jack Webber did the business for Town, who will join **Saltash** in looking forward to seeing the outcome of Monday's draw. For the Ashes, a star performance from Kieran O'Melia helped them claim a 4-2 win away at **Wendron United**. O'Melia was on target late in the first half to help Saltash complete their turnaround after Tylor Love-Holmes had cancelled out Wendron's early opener. Josh Johnson then added a third for the away side, and despite conceding shortly after, they responded well, with O'Melia's second assist of the afternoon leading to an own goal which completed the scoring. 4-2 was a popular result in the Vase, but unfortunately for **Wincanton** and **Warminster**, they both came out on the wrong side of that scoreline in home games with **Portland United** and **Fleet Town**, respectively.

There was further success elsewhere in the competition for a pair of Western League sides, with **Torpoint** edging to a 1-0 win away at **Wadebridge**. In a tight contest which remained goalless for three quarters of play, Torpoint finally grabbed the decisive goal with Ryan Richards rounding the keeper before slotting home. The other victors from our league were **Wells City**, with second half goals from Harry Warwick and Ali Sen leading them to a 2-0 triumph away at **Cullompton Rangers**. The luckless **Cheddar** were denied by an injury time penalty in their 2-1 loss at home to **Newquay**, while **Hallen** fell to defeat at **Cheltenham Saracens** by the same scoreline.

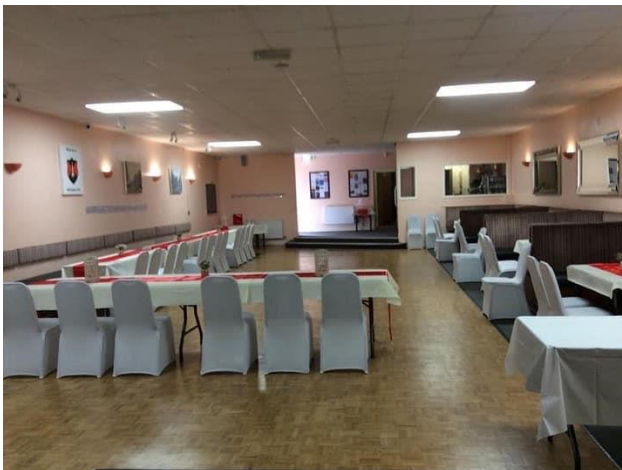
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