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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 15th and also reached the semi-finals of the Somerset Premier Cup. The side, who ended up 15th 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 23 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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Sunday 15th October – kick-off – 2.00pm

Somerset County Women's League – Div 1

WELLINGTON LADIES v BRIDGWATER VPR VIXENS

Tuesday 17th October – kick-off – 7.30pm

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WELLINGTON UNDER 18s v YEOVIL TOWN U18s

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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

Toolstation League premier division: Barnstaple Town 6, Wellington 0

Wellington's winning bubble was well and truly burst by undefeated Barnstaple Town in sunny North Devon last Saturday.

After successive victories for his side, manager Richard Cherry was without a number of key players for what was always going to be a tough game.

The absentees included loanees Josh Baker – their hat-trick hero in midweek – and Nathan Byrne who were both recalled by Willand Rovers.

Cherry opted to start with a 5-3-2 formation with defender Mark Cornish pushed up front and, although this soon switched to a more conventional 4-4-2, there was no stopping Barnstaple and in particular striker Oscar Massey, who bagged four goals on his home debut.

The Tangerines got off to the worst possible start, falling behind as the game entered only its second minute. A high ball into the box was knocked down and experienced striker Stuart Bowker drove low and powerfully into the net.

The hosts doubled their lead just before the half-hour as Massey – recently on the books of Swindon Town – got in behind to round keeper Rhys Williams before finishing coolly.

Wellington suffered another blow shortly afterwards as assistant player-manager Jack Bown-Porter limped off with a recurrence of a calf injury, and they went further behind before the break with Massey producing a stunning volley off the outside of his foot to give Williams to chance.

That left Wellington with a mountain to climb in the second half and – with diminutive home skipper Billy Tucker orchestrating most of the play – there was no way back.

Cherry, who had brought on his son Alex to replace Bown-Porter, also introduced Flynn Smith and Sol Barclay.

However, Barnstaple were equally as clinical in the second half, making it 4-0 on 68 minutes as sub Blake Shapland turned in a low cross.

But the star of the show was Massey, who swivelled to complete his hat-trick on 73 minutes, drove home his fourth with eight minutes remaining and chipped against the bar, after a brave save by Williams, in stoppage time.

Wellington: Rhys Williams, Lewis Jennings, Tom Stone, Jordan Hayman, Ryan Hibbert, Jack Bown-Porter, James Cottrill, Josh Lukins, Glen Wright, Mark Cornish, Tom Burt.
Substitutes: Alex Cherry, Sol Barclay and Flynn Smith (used); Shay Allen (not used).

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TODAY'S VISITORS ILFRACOMBE TOWN

Ilfracombe Football Club was formed in November 1902 and played local opposition until the formation of the North Devon League in 1904, in which Combe became one of the founder members. The present name of Ilfracombe Town was adopted in 1920, the club contested the East Devon League remaining there for many years.

The present ground of Marlborough Park was acquired in 1923 and laid out for competitive football in the 1924/25 season. In 1949 Western League football was applied for and the club was admitted entry into division three for the season 1949/50, winning promotion as runners-up at the end of that year. During the 1952/53 season the club's finest FA Cup run was experienced by the only division two team to reach the fourth qualifying round where Llanelli was the venue and the result was 1-0 in favour of the Welshmen in front of an 8,500 gate.

Promotion to division one was also achieved at the end of the 52/53 season but, after two years, relegation was followed by poor results and poor support ultimately resulting in withdrawal from the league by the 1958/59 season.

During the 60s and 70s North Devon League football was again contested and during the early 80s, after some very encouraging seasons, it was decided to re-apply for Western League football and re-entry was accepted from the 1984/85 season.

On rejoining the Western League, the club contested division one for many seasons and promotion was eventually achieved to the premier division at the end of the 2006/07 season and Step 5 football was maintained with the winning of the Les Phillips Challenge Cup in the 2010/11 season. After 30 years of membership, the club decided to leave the Western League at the end of the 2012/13 season.

North Devon League football was once again contested with the first team in the premier division, the Reserves in the senior division and the third team in intermediate one. At the end of the 2016/17 season, all three teams won promotion and, with the Ladies team also achieving promotion, a very successful season was enjoyed.

The 2017/18 season saw Combe join the South West Peninsula East Division, and after a couple of good seasons the team was going very well when the season was curtailed because of COVID-19. They were moved up into the Western League premier division for the 2021/22 season when the non-league system was re-organised.

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Saturday 14th October 2023



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Mark Cornish
James Cottrill
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Josh Lukins
Miles Quick
Flynn Smith
Tom Stone
Rhys Williams
Glen Wright**



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Liam Short
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Harry Taffs
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RESULTS

Saturday 7th October

Barnstaple Town	6	0	Wellington
Bridgwater United	5	0	Torpoint Athletic
Brixham	7	0	Millbrook
Falmouth Town	6	1	Street
Ilfracombe Town	3	0	Welton Rovers
Nailsea & Tickenham	4	3	Buckland Athletic
Oldland Abbotonians	1	5	Helston Athletic
Shepton Mallet	3	1	Saltash United
St Blazey	0	1	Clevedon Town

Wednesday 10th October

Welton Rovers	0	1	Street
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FIXTURES

Friday 13th October

Bridgwater United	vs	Nailsea & Tickenham
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Saturday 14th October

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



**TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION
AS AT 7TH OCTOBER 2023**

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Falmouth Town	10	7	2	1	18	23
2	Helston Athletic	10	7	1	2	26	22
3	Bridgwater United	9	7	1	1	20	22
4	Brixham AFC	12	6	3	3	18	21
5	Clevedon Town	9	6	3	0	12	21
6	Barnstaple Town	9	5	4	0	16	19
7	Torpoint Athletic	12	5	3	4	1	18
8	Buckland Athletic	11	5	2	4	11	17
9	Nailsea & Tickenham	10	5	0	5	4	15
10	Street	9	4	3	2	0	15
11	Shepton Mallet	10	4	3	3	-1	15
12	Ilfracombe Town	11	3	3	5	-3	12
13	St Blazey	11	2	3	6	-4	9
14	Welton Rovers	10	2	2	6	-7	8
15	Saltash United	11	2	2	7	-13	8
16	Oldland Abbotonians	11	2	0	9	-22	6
17	Wellington	10	1	3	6	-23	6
18	Millbrook	9	0	0	9	-53	0

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2022-2023 SEASON FIXTURES & RESULTS**

DATE	H/A	COMP	OPPOSITION	RESULT	
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	1	1
04/10/23	H	SPC	Odd Down (Bath)	5	3
07/10/23	A	Prem	Barnstaple Town	6	0
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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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

Our **Reserves** are still top of division one in the Stitch2Print Devon & Exeter League, despite suffering their first defeat as they went down 1-0 to Newtown 2nds at the Playing Field last Saturday.

Wellington created some excellent opportunities, but chance after chance went begging.

The visitors had a game plan to frustrate the hosts and tried to break at any chance – it was one of these breaks which led to the only goal.

A Newtown player picked the ball up just inside the Tangerines' half on the right and just kept running with Wellington having three chances to tackle and clear. But as the ball broke into the box, the Newtown player shot past Charlie Hawkings in goal – half-time 0-1.

After a team talk and some tactical changes, Wellington started the stronger of the two teams and began creating more chances but again failed to convert.

With 15 minutes gone of the second half, Wellington had a free kick on the left of the box, which was swung over to the far post and, with a Newtown player climbing over Connor Noble, the ref awarded a penalty. Aaron Merry stepped up to take the kick but the keeper was able to change direction and collect the ball.

Wellington kept pushing and Newtown kept breaking but Hawkings ensured the score stayed at 1-0 with some last gasp saves.

Wellington thought they had an equaliser when Ollie Nott collected the ball 25 yards out, drove forward to the edge of the box and hit a shot which rebounded back off the post with the keeper just standing and watching it.

No matter how hard Wellington tried, it was not to be and, with the game in injury time, Tom Davies picked up a second yellow card and was sent off.

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They will be looking to get back to winning ways at East Budleigh this afternoon.

Our **A team** are still unbeaten in division one of the West Country Drainage Services Taunton & District Saturday League after winning 6-4 away to Bridgwater Grasshoppers last Saturday.

The goals were scored by man-of-the-match Jordan Sellick (two), Tom Scarlett (two), Lenny Old and Alfie Hill.

The A team will be looking to continue their excellent start as they travel to Norton Fitzwarren today.

Wellington Ladies completed the double over Crewkerne Rangers Ladies in their first home game in the Somerset County Women's League on Sunday.

Scorers in the 3-1 win were Tash Hole (assisted by Chloe Walker), Tash again (assisted by Charlotte Holder) and Abi Cotter (assisted by Tash).

The Ladies are home again tomorrow (Sunday) as they host Bridgwater Victoria Park Rangers Vixens at the Playing Field, kick-off 2pm.

There was no game for the **Wildcats Ladies** last weekend – they return to action tomorrow with a trip to take on Yeovil Town Women.

Our U18s recorded another excellent win in the Western Counties Floodlit Youth League last night on Tuesday night.

They beat Wells City U18s 5-1 before a healthy crowd at the Playing Field with goals from Sean Conway, Jon Wasey, Ned Ogilvie, Cez Wisniewsk and James King.

The result took them to the top of the South Division table, and they now look forward to welcoming Yeovil Town U18s to the Playing Field on Tuesday, kick-off 7.30pm.

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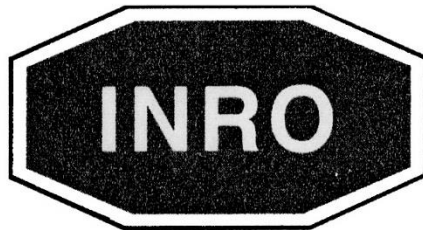
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WELLINGTON A SQUAD 2023/2024



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.

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Premier Division: League leaders **Falmouth** were among a bunch of high-scoring home winners on Saturday afternoon, with a dominant second half leading them past **Street**. After being pegged back just prior to half-time, Falmouth flew out of the blocks after the interval, eventually winning by six goals to one. Luke Barner and Cam Hutchinson each struck twice for Town, with Jared Sims and Jayden Gilbert also notching during a one-sided second period.

Another side to prosper during the second half of their match was **Bridgwater**, with four of their goals coming after the interval to cap a 5-0 win at home to **Torpoint**. Sustained pressure from the hosts was finally rewarded two minutes before half-time when Harry Horton fired United into a one-goal lead. The Thorne's then took over the contest, with Dave making it 2-0 in the early stages of the second half, before Jack then struck twice to put the result beyond doubt. It was then left to recent addition Jay Murray to add the finishing touches, with his late volley capping an excellent five-goal performance.

Barnstaple went one better than Bridgy, scoring three times in either half to claim a 6-0 victory at home to **Wellington**. The visitors made the worst possible start, conceding inside the second minute when Stu Bowker stroked home. The in-form Oscar Massey then came to the fore for Town, with his quickfire double putting them three up at the break. Blake Shepherd was then on hand to fire home Barnstaple's fourth, before the unstoppable Massey took his personal tally to four with two further goals.

On a day of incredible goalscoring, **Brixham** went one better again, putting seven past a hapless **Millbrook** to secure their fourth consecutive league win, all without conceding. Their form man up top right now is Charlie Johansen, and after scoring at the beginning and end of the first half, the former Buckland frontman then struck again early in the second half to complete his hat-trick. There were four other scorers on Saturday

afternoon for the home side, with Cole Harford, Jake Chisholm, Jaden Maslen and Kieran Parkin condemning Millbrook to another tough loss.

In a less one-sided affair, **Clevedon** were one of the rare away victors, with Sam Beresford firing them to a 1-0 win at **St Blazey**, while **Ilfacombe** defeated **Welton** 3-0.

The most competitive clash of the afternoon took place at Fryth Way, where **Nailsea & Tickenham** toppled **Buckland** by four goals to three. It didn't look as though the Swags would come out on top after their slow start which saw Josh Webber and Josh Grant fire the visitors into an early two-goal lead. Nailsea then turned the game on its head in the period either side of half-time, scoring four times in the space of 15 minutes to stun the Bucks. Joe Berry and Callum Dunn were each on target twice to hand the home side a 4-2 advantage within moments of the second-half restart. That wasn't the end of the scoring however, and Rob Farkins struck with four minutes remaining to set up a grandstand finish, but it wasn't to be for Buckland who have suffered back-to-back defeats.

Back towards the top of the table, **Helston** secured a 5-1 win away at **Oldland** to bounce back from last Saturday's surprise home defeat. Rikki Sheppard helped Helston dominate the early passages, and having already broken the deadlock at the end of their first attack, he was then on target again to make it 2-0 after just nine minutes. Oldland kicked into life on the back of that start, and got a lifeline back into the contest when Mitch Dann found the back of the net shortly after Sheppard's second. That was as close as they got however, and after substitute Sam Carter made it 3-1, Jordan Copp added goal number four, before Sheppard capped an outstanding performance with his hat-trick goal from the penalty spot.

The other victors on Saturday afternoon were **Shepton Mallet**, with debutant Leo Eglin setting them on their way to a 3-1 defeat of **Saltash**. Eglin took just 12 minutes to make his mark for Mallet, giving the home side a lead which they then added to on the half hour thanks to a free kick from Josh Jenkins. Saltash did manage to reduce the deficit courtesy of Tyler Love-Holmes, but the result was then put to bed in the closing stages when Will Banks added a third for Shepton.

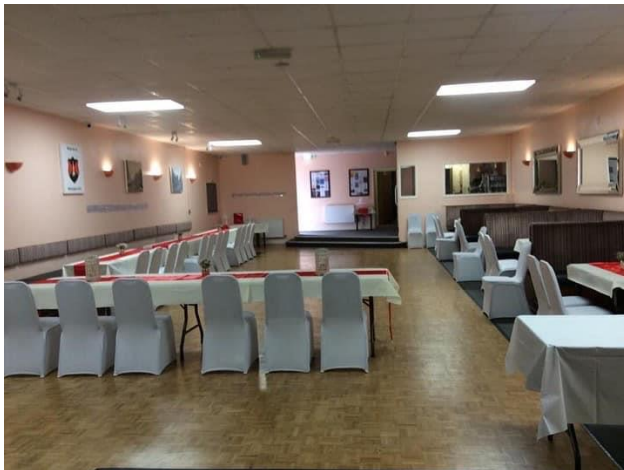
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