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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.

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Saturday 4th November – kick-off – 3.00pm Toolstation Western League – Premier Division WELLINGTON v BUCKLAND ATHLETIC

Tuesday 7th November – kick-off 7.45pm Somerset Premier Cup – 2nd Round CHEDDAR v WELLINGTON



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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

CLEVEDON TOWN 5 0 WELLINGTON

Wellington's young side were no match for unbeaten Clevedon Town whose victory at the Everyone Active Stadium yesterday (Saturday) took them to the top of the table.

Manager Richard Cherry was missing a string of senior players, who were either injured or unavailable, and his makeshift line-up included a welcome return in midfield for Kieran Ireland after he broke his leg back in August.

But the writing was on the wall as Clevedon went ahead after only seven minutes when the ball was slipped through to Elliot Nicholson on the right of the box and he drove low past the diving Rhys Williams.

The hosts doubled their advantage midway through the half when the unmarked Caleb Selway was given time from eight yards to pick his spot and fire into the roof of the net.

The Tangerines then had their best spell of the game with Jacob Pickavant and Ireland both shooting just wide but Clevedon struck twice in quick succession before the break to make it 4-0. On both occasions, Williams blocked shots but Sam Beresford and then Sol Kent converted the rebound.

That double strike virtually killed the game although Clevedon did manage a fifth after 69 minutes, another rebound off Williams being converted by Alex Camm.

ACTION SHOTS FROM CLEVEDON TOWN MATCH (Courtesy of Around Wellington)

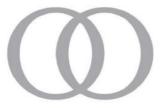












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TODAY'S VISITORS ILFRACOMBE TOWN

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 reorganised.

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TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE LES PHILLIPS CUP – SECOND ROUND Wednesday 25th October 2023



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ILFRACOMBE TOWN Blue From: **Callum Hutchings Ed Jenkins** Jack Jenkins Stan Jenkins **Toby Johnson** Matt King **Finn King-Smith Jack Langford Jack Magarotto** Lawrence McCormack Steve Oliver **Kyle Paine Rory Paine Cory Roach** Liam Short **Harry Stevens Harry Taffs Jimmy Thorne Dainel Wilson** Sam Wright

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TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE HISTORY OF THE LES PHILLIPS CUP

Our league cup is named after a former Chairman of the league, Les Phillips. He is noted for bringing sponsorship to the league.

In 1973, Les was elected Chairman. Many have said that this was a 'milestone' in the league's history. With a broad smile and a booming voice, Les assured everyone that he would do everything in his power to help the league make further progress. And progress it did. A sponsorship deal with Rothmans followed worth £10,000 per season. And so the 1974/75 season kicked off as The Rothmans Western Football League.

Do you remember the Great Mills Western League? That was Les Phillips too. The deal was announced at Ashton Court on Tuesday 27th April 1982 by Peter Bastin of Great Mills and Lawrie McMenemy. The sponsorship deal was worth £100,000 over five years and introduced a 'pounds-for-goals' bonus system. In 1988, Les Phillips passed away. This was a great shock. The man who had given so much to the league was gone. It was therefore decided to re-name the Challenge Cup after Les and the first winners in the 1988/89 season were Exmouth Town.

Having a cup named after you may not be much reward for a man who had given so much to Western League Football, but his name will always be remembered and live on in the Les Phillips Cup.

The trophy itself started life in the 1954/55 season as The Western Football League Professional Challenge Cup. This new cup which cost £45-9s-0d was only open to professional clubs. In those days there was a distinction between professional and amateur clubs in the league. Poole were the first team to win the cup having beaten Frome. In 1961/62 The Professional Challenge Cup was renamed 'The Challenge Cup' and the first winners were Bristol City Reserves.

For the 2012/13 season the cup was sponsored for the first time by Termination Technology of St. George, Bristol. This enabled payments to be made to the winners in each round of the cup



TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE LES PHILLIPS CUP

To avoid too much travelling and allow for games to be played mid-week, the Les Phillips Cup will take the same format as last season. Teams have been drawn in four regional, a number of First Round games were played at the beginning of October with all other teams having a bye into the Second Round. Rounds will then be played on a knock-out basis within the Groups with each producing one Semi-Finalist.

Group One:

Brixham, Buckland Athletic, Falmouth Town, Helston Athletic, Millbrook, Saltash United, St Blazey, Torpoint Athletic

Group Two:

Barnstaple Town, Bridgwater United, Cheddar, Clevedon Town, Ilfracombe Town, Middlezoy Rovers, Portishead, Radstock, Nailsea & Tickenham, Wellington

First Round Results

Cheddar	0	4	Barnstaple Town
Clevedon Town	0	3	Bridgwater United

Group Three:

Bishop Sutton, Bitton, Gillingham, Hallen, Hengrove, Shepton Mallet, Street, Warminster, Wells, Welton Rovers, Wincanton.

First Round Results:

Hengrove	5	2	Bishop Sutton
Hallen	1	0	Welton Rovers
Warminster	2	4	Street

Group 4

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First Round Results:

Cadbury Heath	1	2	Longwell Green Sports
Brislington	0	4	АЕК Восо
Cribbs Reserves	3	0	Bristol Telephones

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RESULTS – SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Clevedon Town	5	0	Wellington
Shepton Mallet	1	1	Buckland Athletic
St Blazey	1	0	Bridgwater United
LES PHILLIPS CUP) – SE	COND	ROUND
Millbrook	1	6	Brixham
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Barnstaple Town	3	0	Okehampton Argyle
Fareham Town	0	1	Falmouth Town
Helston Athletic	2	3	Longlevens
Laverstock & Ford	1	1	Wells City
	(4-5	pens)	
Longwell Green Sports	3	2	Dobwalls
Nailsea & Tickenham	2	0	Mangotsfield United
Saltash United	2	0	Portishead Town
Torpoint Athletic	0	0	Portland United
	(2-4	pens)	

FIXTURES LES PHILLIPS CUP – SECOND ROUND Tuesday 24th October

Bradford Town	VS	Oldlands Abbotonians
Buckland Athletic	VS	Torpoint Athletic
Gillingham	VS	Bitton
Hengrove	VS	Shepton Mallet
Odd Down	VS	Longwell Green Sports
Nailsea & Tickenham	VS	Barnstaple Town
Portishead	VS	Bridgwater United
Wells	VS	Street
Wincanton	VS	Hallen
Falmouth Town	VS	Helston Athletic

Wednesday 25th October

Shirehampton	VS	Keynsham Town
St Blazey	VS	Saltash United
Wellington	VS	Ilfracombe Town

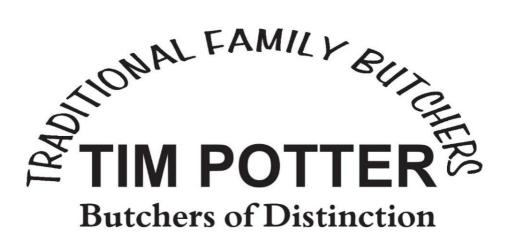
Saturday 28th October PREMIER DIVISION

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



TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE - PREMIER DIVISION AS AT 22^{ND} OCTOBER 2023

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Clevedon Town	11	8	3	0	20	27
2	Helston Athletic	11	8	1	2	34	25
3	Bridgwater United	11	8	1	2	24	25
4	Brixham AFC	13	7	3	3	20	24
5	Falmouth Town	11	7	2	2	16	23
6	Buckland Athletic	13	6	3	4	12	21
7	Barnstaple Town	9	5	4	0	16	19
8	Shepton Mallet	12	5	4	3	1	19
9	Torpoint Athletic	12	5	3	4	1	18
10	Street	11	5	3	3	-1	18
11	Nailsea & Tickenham	11	5	0	6	-1	15
12	Ilfracombe Town	12	4	3	5	-1	15
13	St Blazey	13	3	4	6	-3	13
14	Welton Rovers	12	2	3	7	-8	9
15	Saltash United	12	2	2	8	-14	8
16	Oldland Abbotonians	12	2	0	10	-25	6
17	Wellington	12	1	3	8	-30	6
18	Millbrook	10	0	0	10	-61	0



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TOOLSTATION LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION 2022-2023 SEASON FIXTURES & RESULTS

DATE	H/A	СОМР	OPPOSITION	RESUL	т
29/07/23	А	Prem	Helston Athletic	2	2
01/08/23	А	Prem	Shepton Mallet	2	0
05/08/23	Н	FAC	Bideford	0	2
12/08/23	А	Prem	Torpoint Athletic	2	1
15/03/23	А	Prem	Nailsea & Tickenham	4	0
26/08/23	Н	FAV	Okehampton Argyle	0	3
29/08/23	А	Prem	Ilfracombe Town	1	1
02/09/23	А	Prem	Saltash United	4	1
09/09/23	А	Prem	Falmouth Town	8	0
16/09/23	Н	Prem	St Blazey	1	1
30/09/23	Н	Prem	Welton Rovers	1	1
04/10/23	Н	SPC	Odd Down (Bath)	5	3
07/10/23	А	Prem	Barnstaple Town	6	0
14/10/23	Н	Prem	Ilfracombe Town	1	3
21/10/23	А	Prem	Clevedon Town	5	0
25/10/23	Н	LPC	Ilfracombe Town	7.45pr	n
28/10/23	Н	Prem	Brixham		
04/11/23	Н	Prem	Buckland Athletic		
07/11/23	А	SPC	Cheddar	7.45pr	n
11/11/23	А	Prem	St Blazey		
18/11/23	Н	Prem	Clevedon Town		
25/11/23	Н	Prem	Torpoint Athletic		
02/12/23	А	Prem	Buckland Athletic		
09/12/23	Н	Prem	Barnstaple Town		
16/12/23	А	Prem	Millbrook		
26/12/23	Н	Prem	Bridgwater United	Boxing	g Day
30/12/23	А	Prem	Street		
06/01/24	Н	Prem	Nailsea & Tickenham		
13/01/24	No gar	ne at pr	esent		
20/01/24	Н	Prem	Oldland Abbotonians		
27/01/24	No gar	ne at pr	resent		

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



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EXTRACT FROM TOOLSTATION BULLETIN 22ND OCTOBER 2023



In a one-sided Les Phillips Cup tie, **Brixham** pulled away in the closing stages of their 6-1 win away at **Millbrook**. Early goals from Aaron Wellington and Scott Robinson put the visitors in command, with the lowly hosts halving the deficit five minutes before the break. James Moxon's 63rd minute effort then restored the two-goal advantage, with a late Charlie Johansen brace, and a further Robinson strike completing the victory.

With a reduced Premier Division fixture list, **Clevedon** are the new league leaders following a 5-0 win over **Wellington**. After Elliot Nicholson had put them one-up in the 7th minute, Town then moved further ahead midway through the first half courtesy of Caleb Selway. The game then went away from Wellington in the moments before half-time, with Sam Beresford and Sol Kent each scoring in added time at the end of the opening period. A fifth goal from Alex Camm 20 minutes from time then rounded out the scoring, with Clevedon one of only two unbeaten sides remaining.

There was late drama at **Shepton Mallet**, where the hosts were stunned in stoppage time and ended up having to make do with a 1-1 draw against **Buckland**. In what was a tight and tense affair, Mallet looked like they'd done enough to claim victory thanks to a thumping header from Alessandro Costanza on the hour mark. However, the visitors kept pushing, and were finally rewarded in the seventh minute of stoppage time when Jared Lewington nodded home from close range.

In Cornwall, **St Blazey** registered their most impressive victory of the season so far thanks to a 1-0 defeat of **Bridgwater**. Having only mustered ten points from their opening 12 fixtures, the home side will hope this is a result that can kick-start their campaign, with the three points coming thanks to a goal in first half stoppage time from Ryan Downing.

It was a highly successful day for many of the Western League sides in the FA Vase, with six of the eight ties going in their favour. One of those was a given, considering it was a contest between **Saltash** and **Portishead**, with United securing a 2-0 win over the First Division high-flyers. A fast start really paid

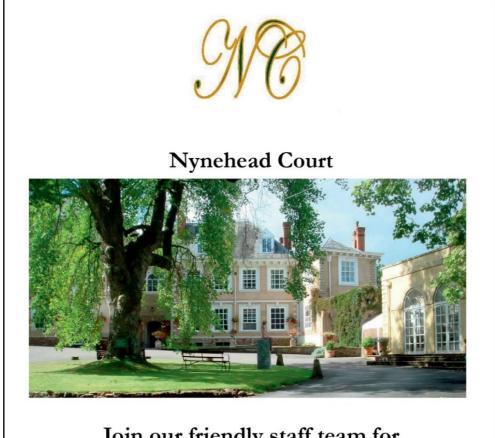
dividends for the Ashes, with Josh Toulson putting them ahead in just the fifth minute. Having been provider for the opener, Jordan Ewing then added his name to the scoresheet just prior to the half-hour mark, with his penalty ending up being the final goalscoring action of the afternoon.

Another Cornish side booking their spot in the second round was **Falmouth**, who secured a 1-0 victory away at **Fareham Town** thanks to a goal from James Swan. **Barnstaple** were much more dominant in their win, with three unanswered goals helping them brush off **Okehampton Argyle**. Things didn't start brightly for Town however, and they were reduced to ten men during the first half following a red card to goalkeeper Liam Kingston. With Stu Bowker forced to take over with the gloves, Barum were a little short in attack, but they still managed to go ahead before the break thanks to an Oscar Massey strike. The second half then saw Billy Tucker take over the contest, and after slamming home Barnstaple's second early in the second period, he then fired home an excellent free kick to round out the victory.

Joining them in the draw for the second round will be **Nailsea & Tickenham** after the Swags overcame **Mangotsfield** 2-0. Goals either side of the interval from Lucas Vowles proved to be enough for the hosts who rebounded excellently from their heavy midweek loss at Bridgwater. **Longwell Green Sports** also tasted Vase success on their home patch, beating **Dobwalls AFC** from Cornwall. Despite their disappointing league position, Longwell Green have now put together back-toback strong performances in this competition after seeing off Bradford in the last round. Zac Feltham, James Hall and Lewis Coleman all found the back of the net for the First Division outfit, seeing off the challenge of Dobwalls for whom Ryan Knight grabbed a brace.

For **Helston**, the 3-2 scoreline didn't work in their favour, with first half goals from Jordan Copp and Jacob Smith putting them ahead, before a fightback from visitors **Longlevens** seeing the Gloucester side progress. **Torpoint** were the only other Western League outfit to fall at stage of the competition, with a goalless draw followed by a 4-2 defeat on penalties by **Portland United**.

A shootout worked out much better for **Wells City** who pegged back **Laverstock & Ford** before prevailing via penalties. Having fallen behind inside the opening ten minutes despite a penalty save by Harley Wilkinson, the Somerset side drew level ten minutes before half-time thanks to a low-driven effort from Michael Duffy. A goalless second half then followed, with City winning the shootout 5-4 even though they squandered both of their first two spot kicks.



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