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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.

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NEXT GAMES AT THE PLAYING FIELD

**Saturday 7th October – kick-off – 3.00pm
Stitch2Print Devon & Exeter League – Div 1
WELLINGTON RESERVES v NEWTOWN 2ND**

**Sunday 8th October – kick-off – 2.00pm
Somerset County Women's League – Div 2 South
WELLINGTON LADIES v CREWKERNE RANGERS LADIES**

**Tuesday 10th October – kick-off – 7.30pm
Western Counties Floodlight Youth League – South Div
WELLINGTON UNDER 18s v WELLS CITY UNDER 18s**

**Saturday 14th October – kick-off 3.00pm
Toolstation Western League – Premier Division
WELLINGTON v ILFRACOMBE TOWN**

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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

WELLINGTON 1 0 WELTON ROVERS

Wellington gained their first win of the campaign when they won with the only goal of the game against fellow strugglers Welton Rovers at the Playing Field on Saturday. Assistant Manager Jack Bown-Porter was unavailable whilst James Cottrill moved to the bench with both Lloyd Tucker and Miles Quick returning to the line-up.

Keeper Rhys Williams was forced into an early save to deny the visitors but after that Wellington enjoyed much the better possession. Ten minutes in, skipper Tom Stone came close with a superb half-volley from the edge of the box that dipped and clipped the top of the crossbar, and this was followed by Mark Cornish, Ryan Brereton and Nathan Byrne linking up well down the left but Cornish was unable to beat the keeper from close in at the near post. What should have been a decisive moment came a few minutes later when the referee awarded Wellington a controversial penalty for a push on Byrne but Ryan Brereton put his spot-kick wide of the target. Welton Rovers were reduced to nine men with a player being sin-binned prior to the kick being taken and another after the event following protests to the referee. Wellington should have taken advantage and Byrne, Brereton, man of the match Glen Wright and Stone then had opportunities to open the scoring, but it was just before the break that the all-important goal came. Cornish and Josh Lukins combined to set up Tom Burt on the edge of the box and his superbly struck half-volley flew into the corner of the net, giving the keeper no chance.

Although the visitors got the ball in the net twenty minutes into the second half only for it to be ruled offside, Wellington continued to dominate possession but all too often their passing let them down or they were unable to capitalise on the chances that came their way. Burt and Byrne combined well to set up Brereton, Lukins had a shot well saved and Byrne was again involved to give Brereton a further chance but he was unable to beat the keeper from close in. Wellington brought on four of their subs in an effort to make the game 'safe', including new signing Sol Berkley from

Dartmouth, but they were unable to increase their lead and the final whistle was greeted with some relief at gaining that all important first win. The visitors capped their afternoon by having yet another player 'binned' for dissent.

MAN OF MATCH



Man-of-the-match was Glen Wright who received the award from Keith Harcombe on behalf of match sponsors County Roofing.

ACTION SHOTS FROM WELTON ROVERS GAME (Courtesy of Around Wellington)





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TONIGHT'S VISITORS ODD DOWN AFC (BATH)

We extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Odd Down for tonight's Somerset Premier Cup First Round game.

Odd Down was founded in 1901 by Fred Weaver and brothers Walt and Stan Noad. Then a self-contained village on the outskirts of Bath in Somerset, played in the Bath and District Football League. In 1920 Odd Down won the Bath City Knockout Cup, but in all its playing years the club has had little success in winning cups.

Odd Down FC spent their formative years on pitches at Stirlingale Farm and at the Quarr Ground, before moving to Combe Hay Lane in the 1930s. The club was finally able to purchase the ground in 1952 and it was renamed in memory of long-serving former President Lew Hill.

During the 1920s the club played in the Wiltshire Football League, but prior to World War II had graduated to playing in the Somerset Senior League. Re-grouping after the war, Odd Down started off again in the Somerset Senior League and in the 1946–47 season finished as runners-up to Somerton. They also won the Mid-Somerset Football League that season, a league formed to make up for the shortage of Somerset Senior League fixtures at that time.

Following a bad report into the facilities at Odd Down the club were expelled from the Somerset Senior League, whereupon an application to join the Wiltshire Football League was accepted. A few years later the Wiltshire League voiced disapproval of Somerset-based teams competing in their league and Odd Down found themselves re-admitted to the Somerset Senior League.

From 1967 to 1972 the club formed a steering committee which worked hard to provide a social club, eventually opening one on 5 April 1972. The

hard work paid off as Odd Down gained admittance to the Western Football League for the start of the 1977–78 season.

However, it was to be season 1991–92 before the club won its first major honour, lifting the Somerset Senior Cup, and further success was to come the following season as the club won promotion to the Western League Premier Division, finishing as the 1992–93 Division One Champions.

In their centenary year of 2001 Odd Down reached the final of the Somerset Premier Cup for the first time, losing 1–0 to Southern League side Clevedon Town. The feat was repeated in 2004, this time going down 5–0 to Yeovil Town at the club's Huish Park home. They remained in the Premier Division until relegation to Division One in 2008 but were promoted back to the Premier Division in 2010 until the 2021/22 season.



Paulton Rovers	vs	Wincanton
Wellington	vs	Odd Down
Welton Rovers	vs	Brislington
Clevedon	vs	Shepton Mallet
Street	vs	Radstock
Bushops Lydeard	vs	Cheddar
Middlezoy Rovers	vs	Bridgwater United
Yeovil	vs	Keynsham
Larkhall Athletic	vs	Nailsea & Tickenham
Taunton	vs	Portishead

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Wednesday 4th October 2023



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Fitness Coach – Zack Bevan
Physio – Lauren Watts**

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Saturday 30th September

Brixham	4	0	Shepton Mallet
Buckland Athletic	1	2	Falmouth Town
Helston Athletic	1	3	Barnstaple Town
Ilfracombe Town	0	1	Bridgwater United
Millbrook	1	6	Clevedon Town
Oldland Abbotonians	4	2	St Blazey
Saltash United	1	1	Torpoint Athletic
Street	4	3	Nailsea & Tickenham
Wellington	1	0	Welton Rovers

FIXTURES

Wednesday 4th October

LES PHILLIPS CUP

Cadbury Heath	vs	Longwell Green Sports
Cribbs Reserves	vs	Bristol Telephones

Saturday 7th October

PREMIER DIVISION

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

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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	0
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	



**TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION
AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER**

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Falmouth Town	9	6	2	1	13	20
2	Helston Athletic	9	6	1	2	22	19
3	Bridgwater United	8	6	1	1	15	19
4	Brixham AFC	11	5	3	3	11	18
5	Clevedon Town	8	5	3	0	11	18
6	Torpoint Athletic	11	5	3	3	6	18
7	Buckland Athletic	10	5	2	3	12	17
8	Barnstaple Town	8	4	4	0	10	16
9	Street	8	4	3	1	5	15
10	Nailsea & Tickenham	9	4	0	5	3	12
11	Shepton Mallet	9	3	3	3	-3	12
12	St Blazey	10	2	3	5	-3	9
13	Ilfracombe Town	10	2	3	5	-6	9
14	Welton Rovers	9	2	2	5	-4	8
15	Saltash United	10	2	2	6	-11	8
16	Wellington	9	1	3	5	-17	6
17	Oldland Abbotonians	10	2	0	8	-18	6
18	Millbrook	8	0	0	8	-46	0

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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.

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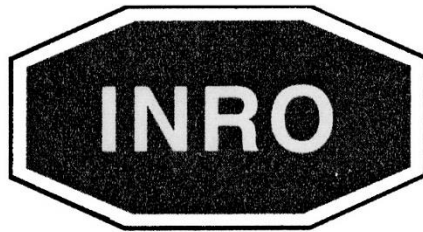
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The Reserves had an excellent 3-0 away win over previous leaders St Martins in Div 1 of the Devon & Exeter League to go top of the table. Their goals came from Tom Davies, Aaron Merry and Luke Perry. Man of the match was Dylan Groves.

This Saturday, 7th October, they are at home to Newtown 2nd at the Playing Field with a 3.00pm kick-off.

The A Teams last Saturday's Taunton Saturday League Div 1 agme against Galmington Reserves was postponed but this weekend they are at home to Bridgwater Grasshoppers at the Recreation Ground, kick-off 2.30pm.

Wellington Wildcats game in Div 1 of the Somerset County Women's League on Sunday against Portishead was also postponed and they are without a game this coming weekend.

The Ladies lost their away game in Div 2 South against Wincanton Ladie 6-1, their only goal coming from Tash Hole. They are home to Crewkerne Rangers this Sunday, 8th October, at the Playing Field, kick-off 2.00pm.

The Under 18s are away to Paulton Rovers in the Western Counties Floodlight Youth League Cup tomorrow evening and are then at home to Wells City in a League game next Tuesday 10th October, kick-off 7.30pm.

The Under 16s Town played in the First Round of the County Youth Shield last Sunday and won 4-0 against Street Youth Green.

This weekend both Under 13 teams are in action in the County Under 13 Cup. **Wellington Town** are at home on Saturday to Tone Youth Hornets on Pitch 2 at the Playing Field with a 10.30 kick-off. On Sunday **Wellington Athletic** are away to Ashton Colts.



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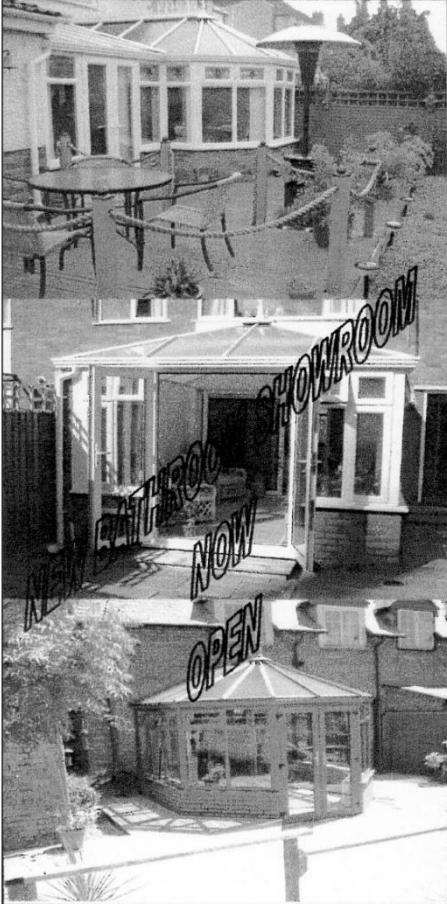
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Front, Lenny Old, Matt Turner, Matt Groves (joint manager), Myles Evett (captain), Warren Toth (captain), Mitch Hanson, Aaron Chugg.



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Falmouth now found themselves sitting top of the pile following another dramatic afternoon of action. Travelling to Devon to take on **Buckland**, Town got off to a flying start and led after only four minutes thanks to a free header at the back post. It looked as though one goal would be enough to separate the sides throughout the contest, but then with three minutes left on the clock, the Bucks managed to force home an equaliser through top scorer Jared Lewington. That goal seemed to energise Falmouth however, and with their next attack, they earned a stoppage time penalty which would give them the chance at all three points. Buckland keeper Andy Collings had other ideas however, and saved the resulting spot kick to seemingly preserve a point for his side. The thrills and spills weren't over however, and with the corner which followed the penalty save, Andreas Calleja-Stayne headed home to bring the end to a thrilling contest.

Former league leaders **Helston** tasted some of their medicine, squandering a lead on their way to a 3-1 home defeat to **Barnstaple**. Unlike their previous recent encounters which had seen Helston start slowly, they were quickest to settle on Saturday afternoon and went ahead in the 25th minute through Tyler Elliott. The away side grabbed a much needed leveller just prior to half-time courtesy of Brodie Montague, and then completed the turnaround soon after the break through Oscar Massey. Any chance of a late salvo for the home side were dented when Elliott was dismissed five minutes from time, and they then conceded a third in stoppage time when Massey completed his second half brace.

The individual performance of the afternoon belonged to **Street's** Jakob Dickens, who scored all four of his sides goals in their thrilling 4-3 win at home to **Nailsea & Tickenham**. Dickens made an unbelievable start to the game, putting the hosts two-up inside the opening half-hour thanks to a

pair of stunning long range efforts. The game then turned entirely in the Swags favour, and after pulling a goal back late in the first half, Jake Horsey was then dismissed to leave the hosts facing a second 45 minutes with just ten men. Two further Nailsea goals put them 3-2 up with the game heading into the final quarter, and it looked as though the red card would prove costly. Dickens had other ideas however, and after he had completed his hat-trick late on, he was then given the chance to steal maximum points, and did just that when converting a penalty in added time.

Bridgwater have now won four on the bounce in all competitions, after recent addition Jay Murray fired them to a 1-0 win away at **Ilfracombe**, while **Clevedon** overturned a sixth minute deficit to defeat bottom-side **Millbrook** 6-1 thanks to goals from Freddie King, Brad Probert, Joe Teall and a Sam Beresford treble. Another man to score three this weekend was Harrison Kyte, with all his goals coming before half-time in **Oldland's** 4-2 win over **St Blazey**. Having broken the deadlock in the seventh minute, Kyte then saw his lead added to by Abbots teammate Cash Vinall shortly after. Two more strong finishes from Kyte all-but ended the contest after only 36 minutes, with the away side scoring two late consolations.

Brixham are a team on the up, and have now won three consecutive league matches without conceding following a 4-0 victory at home to **Shepton Mallet**. Charlie Johansen got the ball rolling with his second goal of the week, with Ben Aldous then adding a second for the hosts midway through the opening half. A red card just prior to half time threatened to upset Brixham's flow, but that wasn't the case and they pushed on after the break to run out comfortable victors thanks to further goals from Reece Somers and sub Cole Harford.

In Somerset, **Wellington's** Tom Burt volleyed the only goal in their 1-0 win at home to **Welton** while further West, Tyler Love-Holmes rescued a point for **Saltash** after they had fallen behind to Ryan Richards and **Torpoint** early in the second half.

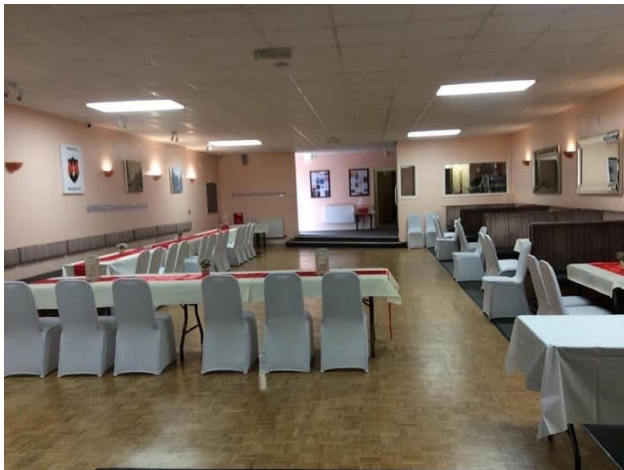
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