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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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NEXT GAMES AT THE PLAYING FIELD

Sunday 18th February – kick-off 2.00pm
Somerset County Women's League – Div One
WELLINGTON WILDCATS v ILMINSTER TOWN RESERVES

Saturday 24th February – kick-off – 3.00pm
Toolstation Western League Premier Division
WELLINGTON v FALMOUTH TOWN

Sunday 25th February – kick-off – 2.00pm
Somerset County Women's League – Div One
WELLINGTON WILDCATS v YEOVIL TOWN 1ST

Saturday 2nd March – kick-off – 3.00pm
Toolstation Western League Premier Division
WELLINGTON v SALTASH UNITED



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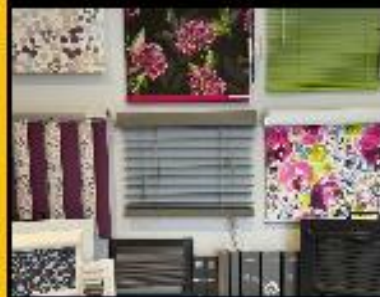
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WELLINGTON FIRST TEAM SQUAD – 2023-2024 SEASON



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

WELLINGTON 2 2 SHEPTON MALLET

Wellington's game v Shepton Mallet last Saturday (February 10th) was marred by a serious injury to visiting keeper Tom Roberts which brought proceedings to a premature end.

Four minutes into added time, he was involved in an accidental collision with home sub Gabriel Plant and sustained a broken tibia and fibula.

The referee ended with match – which was 2-2 at the time – while an ambulance was called to take Roberts, on loan at Shepton from Frome Town, to hospital. Everyone sends their best wishes to him for a full and speedy recovery.

Earlier, Wellington had fought back from 2-0 down for the second week running to get back on terms with in-form Shepton.

Manager Richard Cherry gave a debut to recently signed defender Kieran Bailey, later named man-of-the-match, while their bench included former Exeter City wide man Joe Wragg who has rejoined the club from Weymouth U23s.

There was a cagey opening to the game before Shepton went ahead after 26 minutes as striker Charlie Bateson burst clear to shoot in off the post.

Wellington nearly equalised two minutes into the second half when a 30-yard free kick by Sam Towler smacked against the upright.

But Shepton then doubled their lead four minutes later, Bateson pouncing on a back pass to round keeper Jake Viney and net.

As at Welton the previous week, that was the signal for Cherry to switch to three at the back and again the move paid dividends.

They reduced the arrears after 69 minutes as a long free kick by Nathan Byrne was headed on by Josh Baker for Miles Quick to run in and poke the ball past Roberts.

Wellington were now in control and they drew level ten minutes later with a speculative cross from the left by Josh Lukins sailing over Roberts and dropping into the net.

MAN OF THE MATCH



Our man-of-the-match was new signing Kieran Bailey and he received the award from club secretary Jane Brown on behalf of match sponsors A J Shire Electrical and Solar Services.

ACTION SHOTS FROM SHEPTON MALLET MATCH

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TODAY'S VISITORS BUCKLAND ATHLETIC

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

Buckland Athletic FC was formed in 1977, purely as a junior club. It started life in the Torbay Pioneer League and Sandringham Road was our home pitch. During this time, it was one of the biggest junior clubs in the area, and it won many titles and cups over its early years, including the Devon Youth Cup.

The first big decision the club made was to take a team into senior football in the 1987-88 season, and saw us take a place in the Devon & Exeter League, Senior Division Three. Roy Holmes took his Under 18's side into that division and they were rewarded when they won the league title that season, our first at senior football level. We moved grounds in the 1990-91 season to Decoy Park, which was the season we also won the Wheaton Trophy. Promotions saw us climb into the Premier Division for the 1992-93 season, having again moved, this time to Homers Lane, Kingsteignton.

A lot of work has been carried out at Homers Heath and the ground won the SWPL Premier Division best ground award in both 2007-08 and 2008-09, and then finished runners-up in both 2009-10 and 2010-11.

We spent eight seasons in the Premier Division of the Devon & Exeter League, winning our first title in the 1994-95 season, under manager's Nigel Holmes and Roger Madge, who had taken over the reins from Roy Holmes at the start of that season. The second league title was won in the 1999-00 season allowing us to take promotion to the Devon League. We won a number of cup competitions during this time in the Premier Division, including the D & E Premier Division Cup & East Devon Senior Cup.

2000-01 was our first season in the Devon League and we finished the season runners-up to title winners, Willand Rovers. We also made it through to the semi-finals of the Devon Premier Cup in this campaign. We went on to spend seven seasons in the Devon League, with our lowest finish being 13th in 2005-06. Also, in our time in this league we were runners-up in the Throgmorton Cup in the 2001-02 season. In the final ever season of the Devon League (2006-07), we did just enough to gain promotion to the newly formed South West Peninsula League, finishing that season in 12th place.


We started life in this newly formed league in the 2007-08 season. We finished that season in 14th place, but manager, Phil Bayliss was building a squad that he felt was good enough to contest for the league title. In the next season we finished in 3rd place,

and then our dreams were realised when we won two consecutive titles, as well as winning the Throgmorton Cup (2009-10). Then in the 2011-12 season, we applied to the Western league, knowing that a top two finish was needed to take promotion, well it was achieved, but we did relinquish our title, with Bodmin Town coming out on top, but promotion was won.

In our first season in the Western League, we finished in tenth place in the table, but we did win the Hospitality Award and the Programme Award. The 2013-14 season, the team finished the season in 11th place. It was another great season in the history of this great club when the 1st team finished in runners-up spot in the Western League Premier Division in 2014-15, the highest finish in the club's history in the non-league pyramid. We also won the Premier Division best programme award for the third consecutive season, making it eight consecutive league wins in the last eight seasons. The 1st Team, led by Adam Castle finished in 4th Place in the Western League Premier Division, but not good enough to reach our goal of promotion in the 2016/17 season. However, his team made it through to the 6th Round of the FA Vase that year, our best achievement in this competition to date. In this season, we also won the hospitality award and best programme awards. It was a fifth-place finish in the 2017-18, but we did win the Les Phillips Cup for the first time. However, it will be the fixture congestion at the end of the campaign which will be remembered with the number of games our lads had to play, having played fifteen games in twenty-four days. We also won the best programme award again for a fifth time in six seasons. The following season the club finished in ninth place in the Premier table, and again won the best programme award.

In February 2020, the club were devastated when we lost our beloved Chairman, Roy Holmes. A pinnacle figure in our club's history who sadly was taken from us too soon after a battle with Cancer. This was made only worse when a month later, the world was consumed by the Coronavirus pandemic which resulted in two disbanded seasons, during the years 2019/20 and 2020/21. During this time, the club went through arguably it's biggest transition off the field, with John Piller and Nigel Holmes taking the reigns as Co-Chairman, Roy's wife, Christine stood down from her duties as Club Secretary and former Junior Secretary, Judd Barker took on the role as Club Secretary and Vice Chairman.

Once football returned in the 2021/22 season, we finished in 11th position, which was below our expectations and aspirations as we looked to continue to climb the non-league pyramid. In April 2022, Dan Hart was appointed as 1st Team Head Coach, following Paul Froude's reign and with a strong coaching background, Dan hopes to take our club to new heights and new experiences by achieving promotion to the Southern League Division One. In his first season, he has instilled an ethos of commitment within his squad and is building the foundations to what hopes to be a history making year in 2023/24.



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		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Helston Athletic	23	18	2	3	62	56
2	Clevedon Town	25	17	4	4	37	55
3	Bridgwater United	22	15	1	6	35	46
4	Falmouth Town	21	14	3	4	32	45
5	Buckland Athletic	25	13	5	7	31	44
6	Barnstaple Town	20	11	7	2	26	40
7	Shepton Mallet	23	11	6	6	8	39
8	Brixham AFC	23	9	8	6	22	35
9	Street	24	9	7	8	3	34
10	Torpoint Athletic	24	10	4	10	-2	34
11	St Blazey	25	9	5	11	-5	32
12	Nailsea & Tickenham	23	9	1	13	0	28
13	Ilfracombe Town	22	6	7	9	-5	25
14	Saltash United	23	4	3	16	-22	15
15	Oldland Abbotonians	21	5	0	16	-39	15
16	Welton Rovers	20	3	5	12	-29	14
17	Wellington	23	2	8	13	-40	14
18	Millbrook	21	1	0	20	-114	3

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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	1	3
21/10/23	A	Prem	Clevedon Town	5	0
25/10/23	H	LPC	Ilfracombe Town	2	3
28/10/23	H	Prem	Brixham	1	5
11/11/23	A	Prem	St Blazey	5	3
21/11/23	A	SPC	Cheddar	2	4
25/11/23	H	Prem	Torpoint Athletic	2	2
02/12/23	A	Prem	Buckland Athletic	1	1
09/12/23	H	Prem	Barnstaple Town	2	3
16/12/23	A	Prem	Millbrook	0	2
26/12/23	H	Prem	Bridgwater United	1	2
06/01/24	H	Prem	Nailsea & Tickenham	1	5
27/01/24	H	Prem	Clevedon Town	0	0
03/02/24	A	Prem	Welton Rovers	2	2
10/02/24	H	Prem	Shepton Mallet	2	2
17/02/24	H	Prem	Buckland Athletic		
21/02/24	A	SPC	Larkhall Athletic	7.45pm	
24/02/24	H	Prem	Falmouth Town		

DATE	H/A	COMP	OPPOSITION	RESULT
28/02/24	A	Prem	Street	7.30pm
02/03/24	H	Prem	Saltash United	
09/03/24	A	Prem	Brixham	
16/03/24	H	Prem	Millbrook	
23/03/24	H	Prem	Oldland Abbotonians	
29/03/24	A	Prem	Bridgwater United	Good Friday
01/04/24	H	Prem	Street	Easter Monday
06/04/24			No game at present	
13/04/24	H	Prem	Helston Athletic	
20/04/24	A	Prem	Oldland Abbotonians	



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WELLINGTON RESERVES SQUAD – 2023/2024



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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

Stitch2Print Devon & Exeter League – Div One

The Reserves game last Saturday against Bow Amateur Athletic Club was cancelled due to the weather conditions and they are without a game this afternoon. Their next game is on Saturday, March 2nd when they visit Ottery St Mary Reserves. They then welcome Teignmouth 2nd to the Playing Field on Saturday 9th March.

They are currently in second place in the Devon & Exeter League Div 2.

West Country Drainage Services Taunton Saturday League – Div One

Our A team are still top of their table despite losing 2-1 away to Middlezoy Rovers last Saturday. Their only goal came from Sean Conway and man-of-the-match was Robbie Walker.

This afternoon they are at home to Bridgwater Sports

Western Counties Floodlight Youth League – South Div

Our Under 18s remain top of the table even though they have not played since the end of January when they won 1-0 away to Chard Town.

They have six league games remaining only one of which is at home to Chard Town (week commencing March 4th). They next play on Thursday, February 22nd, when they visit Axminster Town Tigers.

Somerset County Women's League

Division One

The Wildcats last played on Sunday 4th February when they lost 2-0 at home to Portishead Ladies Reserves. Player of the match was Grace Winter.

They are home to Ilminster Town Ladies Reserves tomorrow, February 18th and welcome Yeovil Town 1st to the Playing Field on Sunday 25th February. Both games kick-off at 2.00pm.

Division Two South

The Ladies finished their league fixtures with a 3-0 home defeat to Yeovil Town Development last Sunday, February 11th.

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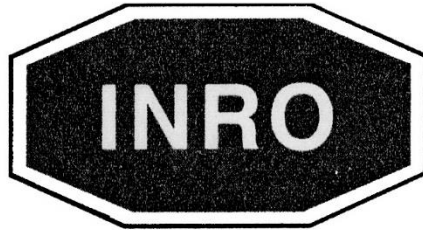
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Falmouth Town produced another outstanding result to move through to the quarter-finals of the FA Vase, winning 3-0 away at Combined Counties outfit **Jersey Bulls**. With the F-Troop following in their droves, the Cornishmen had a tonne of support with them on their trip to St Hellier, and they got to enjoy a near-perfect performance which saw them topple the cup specialists. Having reached this stage of the competition last term, the Bulls would have been full of confidence, but that took a dent as early as the 18th minute when Jared Sims fired Falmouth ahead from the spot following a foul on Olly Walker. It was then Walker himself who was on hand to double Town's advantage, with his far-post volley making it 2-0 just before the hour mark. Any chances of a late fightback from the spots were killed off in the closing stages, with Cam Hutchinson slotting home from close range to complete the scoring. This is now Falmouth's best showing in the Vase since the 1989-90 season, and they will be hoping to go one step further when they compete in the last eight next month.

In league matters, **Clevedon** moved back to within a point of Premier Division leaders Helston thanks to a 3-0 win away at **Ilfracombe**. Having only scored once in their previous three away games, Clevedon were under pressure coming into the contest, but they took control just before half time, with Brad Probert and Owen Punsellie scoring in quick succession to put them two-up at the break. Joe Teall then wrapped up the victory for Clevedon 20 minutes from time with a fierce strike which proved too hot to handle for the home keeper.

There was also an away victory for **Buckland**, with the Premier Division's top sharpshooter Jared Lewington scoring both goals in their 2-1 win at **Street**. A bullet header after only eight minutes set the ball rolling for the Bucks, with Lewington then scoring his second midway through the first half thanks to a smart turn and finish inside the home area. Street set up a

tense finish, halving the deficit on the hour mark, but they were unable to find a leveller to bring an end to their four-match unbeaten run.

The other game finished all square, with **Wellington** coming back from two down to draw 2-2 with **Shepton Mallet**. The away side had won three on the spin coming into the game and looked to be extending that run of good form following goals in either half from Charlie Bateson. After smashing home in the 26th minute to break the deadlock, Bateson then struck again early in the second half, capitalising on an error among the home defenders. Welly have been showing signs of improvement over recent weeks, and they managed to forge a way back into the contest with 20 minutes remaining when Miles Quick poked the ball home from close range. Ten minutes later, the home side struck again in slightly fortunate circumstances, with Josh Lukins' cross inadvertently ending up in the back of the Mallet net. Unfortunately, the game ended in tough circumstances, with visiting keeper Tom Roberts suffering a leg injury after pulling off an impressive save during stoppage time.



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