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Wednesday, October 16th - 7.45pm

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Formed in 1892, we are proud to be a three-star FA Accredited Club and run more than 30 teams, providing football for hundreds of 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 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, the team finished a creditable 15th and also reached the semi-finals of the Somerset Premier Cup.

The side, who finished 15th in 2023-24, are now managed by Richard Cherry.

We have four other senior sides - the Reserves in the Devon and Exeter League's premier division, the A team in the Taunton Saturday League's premier division 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 seven right through to 18 - along with coaching for even younger children.

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Off the pitch, Wellington AFC play a major role in the local community – we are home to a large number of skittles and darts teams and our social facilities are in use throughout the year for a wide range of events staged by local organisations, registered charities and individuals.

WELCOME TO TONIGHT'S GAME WELLINGTON v ILFRACOMBE TOWN

We extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Ilfracombe Town for this evening's Jewson Western League Premier Division game.

The teams met at Ilfracombe in the first game of the 2024-2025 season with Wellington coming away 2-1 winners. Our goal scorers were Miles and Jake Quick

Last season the teams drew 1-1 in the league at Ilfracombe in August. We then met twice at Wellington in October with Ilfracombe winning the league game 3-1. In the Les Phillips Cup ten days later, Ilfracombe won 3-2.

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MATCH REPORT
Western League Premier Division
WELLINGTON 2 SHEPTON MALLET 1

Despite still being without a string of players through injury and illness, Wellington made it three wins in eight days at the Playing Field on Wednesday evening.

Manager Richard Cherry was again forced to field a patched-up squad, including Reserves players Charlie Hawkings in goal, Wes Poulson out wide and defender Connor Noble, a second half sub.

But they all did him proud with 19-year-old keeper Hawkings picking up the man-of-the-match award.

Shepton, who thumped Wellington 5-1 when the sides met last month, were on top early on and nearly went ahead as Charlie Bateson's header hit the underside of the bar and was ruled not to have crossed the line as it bounced down.

Against the run of play, Wellington took the lead after 19 minutes when a Shepton defender was ruled to have handled in the box and skipper Sam Towler stepped up to stroke home the resulting penalty.

The visitors fought to get back on terms but were thwarted by some dogged defending along with a fine save by Hawkings from a Bateson free kick.

It remained 1-0 until the break and Wellington then doubled their lead on the hour mark. Towler swung over a corner from the left and big striker Matt Crawley marked his return to the side with an unstoppable header.

Shepton pegged Wellington back for long periods as they attempted to get back into the game.

But there was no way through until they finally pulled a goal back in stoppage time with player-manager Aaron Seviour's low drive going through a crowd of players into the net.

That sent up an anxious few minutes for the Tangerines but they held out for another excellent win which lifted them up into 13th place in the table.



Our man-of-the-match against Shepton Mallet was young keeper Charlie Hawkings. He received the award from club helper and supporter Daniel Aspin on behalf of C&C Carpets, Curtains, Beds and Blinds, who sponsored the game.



**Action shots from Shepton Mallet game
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TONIGHT'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 1924/25 season. In 1949 Western League football was applied for and the club was admitted entry into division 3 for the season 1949/50, winning promotion as runner up at the end of that year. During the 1952/53 season the clubs finest FA Cup run was experienced by the only Division 2 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 8500 gate.

Promotion to Division 1 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.

Since rejoining the Western League the club contested Division 1 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 and the Reserves in the Senior Division and the 3rd Team in Intermediate 1, at the end of the 2016/17 season all 3 teams won promotion and with the Ladies team achieving promotion a very successful season was enjoyed. The 2017/18 season Combe joined 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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WESTERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE – PREMIER DIVISION

Wednesday 16th October 2024



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Charlie Hawings

Ryan Hibbert

Josh Lukins

Jake Mawford

Connor Noble

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Rohan Poulson

Wesley Poulson

Jake Quick

Jason Quick

Tom Stone

Sam Towler

Jake Viney

Charlie Wilson

Manager – Richard Cherry

Coach – Matt Hesford

Fitness Coach – Zack Bevan

Physio – Lauren Watts



ILFRACOMBE TOWN

Blue

From:

Dom Alpin

Aiden Barrow

Tom Chastey

Joe Edmonds

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**JEWSON WESTERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION
2024-25 SEASON
FIXTURES & RESULTS**

DATE	H/A	COMP	OPPOSITION	RESULT	
27/07/24	A	Prem	Ilfracombe Town	1	2
30/07/24	A	Prem	Nailsea & Tickenham	3	0
03/08/24	H	FAC	Buckland Athletic	1	0
10/08/24	A	Prem	Brixham	1	2
13/08/24	A	Prem	Barnstaple Town	2	1
17/08/24	A	FAC	Bideford	1	1
20/08/24	H	FAC(R)	Bideford	0	2
24/08/24	A	Prem	Paulton Rovers	4	2
28/08/24	A	Prem	Clevedon Town	3	0
31/08/24	A	Prem	Bridgwater United	1	0
07/09/24	A	Prem	St Austell	2	1
10/09/24	A	Prem	Shepton Mallet	5	1
14/09/24	A	Prem	Torpoint Athletic	2	3
18/09/24	H	Prem	Barnstaple Town	Abandoned	
21/09/24	H	FAV	Sidmouth Town	1	3
28/09/24	A	Prem	St Blazey	1	3
02/10/24	H	Prem	Brixham	0	4
05/10/24	H	Prem	Paulton Rovers	2	1
09/10/14	H	SPC	Middlezoy Rovers	7	0
12/10/24	H	Prem	Shepton Mallet	2	1
16/10/24	H	Prem	Ilfracombe Town	7.45pm	
19/10/24	A	Prem	Brislington	7.30pm	
22/10/24	A	LPC	Gillingham Town	7.30pm	
26/10/24	H	Prem	Oldland Abbotonians		
02/11/24	A	Prem	Saltash United		
09/11/24	A	Prem	Welton Rovers		
16/11/24	H	Prem	Bridgwater United		
23/11/24	H	Prem	Welton Rovers		
30/11/24			No game at present		
07/12/24			No game at present		
14/12/24	H	Prem	St Austell		
21/12/24	H	Prem	Torpoint Athletic		

DATE	H/A	COMP	OPPOSITION	RESULT
26/12/24	H	Prem	Buckland Athletic	
01/01/24	A	Prem	Ivybridge Town	
04/01/25	A	Prem	Street	
11/01/25	H	Prem	Portishead Town	
18/01/25			No game at present	
25/01/25	H	Prem	Nailsea & Tickenham	
01/02/25	H	Prem	Saltash United	
08/02/25	A	Prem	Oldland Abbotonians	
15/02/25			No game at present	
22/02/25	H	Prem	Street	
01/03/25	H	Prem	Clevedon Town	
08/03/25			No game at present	
15/03/25	A	Prem	Portishead Town	
22/03/25	H	Prem	Brislington	
29/03/25			No game at present	
05/04/25			No game at present	
12/04/25	H	Prem	St Blazey	
18/04/25	A	Prem	Buckland Athletic	Good Friday
21/04/25	H	Prem	Ivybridge Town	Easter Monday

NEXT GAMES AT THE PLAYING FIELD

Saturday 19th October – 3.00pm

Devon & Exeter League – Premier Division

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JEWSON WESTERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

PREMIER DIVISION TABLE (After last Saturday's matches)

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Brixham	14	9	4	1	19	31
2	Clevedon Town	13	9	3	1	27	30
3	Barnstaple Town	13	9	1	3	22	28
4	Street	15	8	4	3	7	28
5	Buckland Athletic	12	8	3	1	27	27
6	Portishead Town	12	8	2	2	17	26
7	Ivybridge Town	15	8	2	5	5	26
8	Shepton Mallet	15	7	3	5	10	24
9	Brislington	14	7	1	6	14	22
10	Nailsea & Tickenham	12	7	1	4	5	22
11	Bridgwater United	15	7	1	7	-9	22
12	Saltash United	17	5	3	9	-11	18
13	Wellington	14	6	0	8	-13	18
14	Oldland Abbotonians	13	5	2	6	3	17
15	Paulton Rovers	12	5	1	6	-5	16
16	AFC St Austell	15	4	1	10	-9	13
17	Torpoint Athletic	15	4	0	11	-10	12
18	Ilfracombe Town	16	3	3	10	-15	12
19	St Blazey	13	2	3	8	-17	9
20	Welton Rovers	15	0	0	15	-67	0

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Bridgwater United	1	0	Torpoint Athletic
Brislington	1	3v	Buckland Athletic
Brixham	2	0v	Nailsea & Tickenham
Clevedon Town	A	A	Paulton Rovers
Ilfracombe Town	1	0	Oldland Abbotonians
Ivybridge Town	0	2	Street
Saltash United	0	3	Barnstaple Town
Wellington	2	1	Shepton Mallet
Welton Rovers	0	2v	St Austell

PREMIER DIVISION FIXTURES

TUESDAY 15th OCTOBER

Paulton Rovers v Portishead Town

WEDNESDAY 16th OCTOBER

AFC St Austell v Ivybridge Town

Clevedon Town v Brislington

St Blazey v Brixham

Wellington v Ilracombe Town

SATURDAY 19th OCTOBER

Brislington v Wellington

Brixham v Bridgwater United

Oldland Abbotonians v Shepton Mallet

Saltash United v Nailsea & Tickenham

Street v St Blazey

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Last Saturday a depleted **Reserves** side played against a very organised and well drilled University of Exeter side. Having a bad first half with keeper Rob Hall going off injured they were 4-0 down at half time. They picked up in the second half and the game ended 5-2. Scorers were Oli Nott and Alfie Barratt.

They are at home on Saturday when the visitors to the Playing Field are Clyst Valley (3.00pm).

Following their victory over Nailsea & Tickenham Reserves in the first round of the Somerset Senior Cup, the Reserves have been drawn away to Brislington Reserves in the second round with the game to be played on Saturday, 2nd November.



The **A Team** were without a game last weekend. On Friday evening they face Bridgwater Wolves in the first round of the Rowbarton Charity Cup on the 3G pitch at Court Fields School (8.00pm).

There were agonising defeats for both of our teams in the Somerset County Women's League on Sunday.

An injury time penalty saw the **Wildcats** go down 2-1 away to Wells City in division one. Their goal scorer was Ebony Sellick and player-of-the-match was her sister Bryony.

The **Ladies** were pipped 5-4 at the Playing Field by Pen Mill Development. player-of-the-match was Natasha Hole who scored three of their goals, the fourth was scored by Ashleigh Grabham-White.

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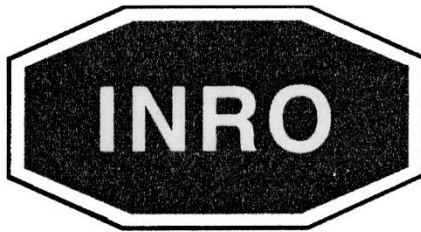
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