



THE YELLOW AND BLACK



Wincanton Town vs Bishops Lydeard

Tuesday 22nd September 2020 – Kick Off 7.30 pm

Toolstation Western League Division 1



Wincanton Town Football Club

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Members of: The Toolstation Western Football League Division 1
The Dorset Senior Football League

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Wise Words

Good evening and welcome to Moor Lane for our latest home Toolstation Western League Division One match of the season. We would like to welcome the players, the officials and the supporters of Bishop's Lydeard Football Club who have made the trip along the A303 to join us for tonight's game. It is the first of three home games in a week that we hope will kick start our season.

It's been a difficult start to the new season both on and off the field, as we are still looking for our first points of the new campaign. We have narrowly lost three of our matches 2-1 and it could certainly be argued that we deserved something in at least a couple of those games. We can however offer no excuses whatsoever for the Cheddar match and the dreadful performance that we put in. We can only apologise for the display that we put on, especially to those who travelled to the match to support us. Despite coming away empty handed the response in our next match at Ashton and Backwell on Saturday was decent - we missed some good chances in the first half that really should have seen us go in at half time with a good lead. Some poor finishing coupled with good goal keeping kept us out, and then the old sucker punch on the stroke of half time - we didn't properly clear a corner and they bundle it home from close range undoing what had been a promising first half. Ashton then added a second early on in the second half, but we responded immediately with Jamie Thompson pulling one back. Try as we might we couldn't find the equaliser our performance more than deserved.

Off the field we were gutted to see the mindless vandalism that occurred at the ground once again last Tuesday night. Paint was poured over the newly painted seats, fencing was pulled down, advertising boards ripped off and the generator doors were torn off, fuel wires slashed, electrical wires cut, and paint was thrown both over it and inside. Our club is run 100% by volunteers and it is so demoralising to see all of the hard work destroyed by a minority. We have reported this to the police and we would like to appeal for any help in reporting anything that may have been seen. We are proud of our club and want to portray a positive image of our town to visitors.

Some amazing news to come out of the incident was local company Harmony Fire from Milborne Port have approached us and said they would like to donate a CCTV system to us to hopefully be able to eradicate anything like this in the future. We would like to thank them so much for their generosity, it was so unexpected and is a fantastic thing for them to do for us. Major thanks also need to go to Mike Taylor, Paul Slade, Tim O'Keeffe and Andy Stewart for their efforts in repairing and getting the generator back going, and we would also like to thank every single person who

has shown their support, thoughts and passed on their best wishes towards our little club since it all happened. over the last 24 hours . The support has been amazing and we will update you all in due course.

We are back here on Saturday as we welcome Lebeq United for their first visit to Moor Lane, kick off is at 3:00 pm, and then next Tuesday evening we welcome Welton Rovers, kick off for that one is at 7:30 pm. It was nice to have a crowd of over one hundred for the Warminster match, our attendances are some of the lowest in the league and we really could do with some more support from the town. Please spread the word and perhaps bring along a friend to help support us and cheer on some good local talent.

Thank you for your support and hope that you enjoy the game.

Chris Wise



Mike Taylor rises highest to head away an Ashton & Backwell corner - 19/09/20

Club Information

Spectators will be charged an entrance fee of £5.00 per game (adults), £3.00 per game (concession) and £1.00 per child. The cost of a Wincanton Town Football Club programme is £1.00. The monies raised on the gate help to cover the officials, the linesmen and the referee expenses. Any spectators entering the pitch illegally will be asked to pay and potentially fined, alternatively will be asked to leave.

Wincanton Town Football Club tries to keep the entrance fees as competitive as possible, but please appreciate that every game W.T.F.C. plays costs money, which obviously has to be raised by some means in order to keep the club running. We thank you for your understanding.

WARNING - OBJECTIONABLE BEHAVIOUR

It has been stated many times that neither, FOUL, ABUSIVE nor RACIST LANGUAGE will be tolerated within the league.

The Football Association has issued further guidelines to match officials regarding the handling of any situation which may bring the league, club or indeed the whole game into disrepute.



It is a problem that everyone in our game must take responsibility for, in an effort to eradicate it.

Paying spectators are the lifeblood of every club and if they stay away from games because of objectionable behaviour of others, then everyone will suffer.

Team managers and players are encouraged to lead the way in ridding the game of an unnecessary evil, setting an example both on and off the field of play.

RACIST REMARKS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND ALL REPORTED INCIDENTS WILL BE DEALT WITH IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE WAY.

Wincanton Town F.C. HOTLINE

Please telephone **07788 568769** to confirm that the game will be on in adverse weather conditions.

Match Report

Ashton & Backwell United 2 Wincanton Town 1 - Saturday 19th September 2020
Toolstation Western League Division 1 - Report by Chris Martin

On a sunny, warm but breezy afternoon Wincanton took on Ashton and Backwell United at the Lancer Scott Stadium looking to gain their first points of the season following three early defeats. Wincanton started the better of the two sides and very much on the front foot as the home side struggled to get out of their half as Wincanton passed the ball around slickly in midfield but lacked the final killer ball.

The first meaningful effort on goal from either side came from Jamie Thompson as a Tom Richardson flick was picked up by Thompson who fired across the face of goal and just wide of the upright on 14 minutes. Excellent distribution from goal keeper Sam Stroud set up Wincanton's next opportunity as his long throw deceived the defender and Toby Cole found himself one on one with the keeper but could only poke the ball wide of the post as the keeper advanced on 20 minutes.

Wincanton had a let off on the half hour mark as following a shot from the edge of the box - which was parried by Stroud - only to see Saul Jarrett poke home the rebound, but thankfully the linesman had his flag up and the 'goal' was chalked off for offside. The half became end to end as Ashton would have a go but failing to create a meaningful effort and then Wincanton would respond as both sides pressed for the opening goal. Captain Dan Wise fired into the side netting from the edge of the area following Cole's pull back on 32 minutes, before Cole found himself through one on one with the keeper again on 35 minutes and his shot was excellently saved by the keeper tipping it around the post only to see the officials award a goal kick.

For the third time in the half Cole found himself with only the keeper to beat from Richardson's through ball and another excellent save from the Ashton keeper to thwart Cole again. On 44 minutes a real sucker punch for Wincanton for all their dominance of the first half just found themselves 1-0 down as Town failed to clear a corner and the loose ball found that man Jarrett who fired home and there was no offside flag this time to save the visitors.

Ashton and Backwell increased their lead on 55 minutes from a corner, Saul Jarrett made a nuisance of himself distracting keeper Sam Stroud as the corner came over. Jacob Spence met the ball with a powerful header and despite Stroud getting a hand to the ball it made its way into the back of the net 2-0. Town dusted themselves down and responded immediately, reducing the deficit to 2-1 as Jamie Thompson fired home from the edge of the box after the Ashton keeper again thwarted Cole

with his low drive saved by the keeper's feet.

Wincanton pushed to try and get back into the game, but the second half became a scrappy affair with lots of fouls breaking up the play as Wincanton became more and more frustrated in their search for an equaliser.

Stroud was forced into a good save on 85 minutes as Ashton countered, but Town could not get that equaliser their first half dominance deserved and so move onto Tuesday night against Bishop's Lydeard still looking for those elusive first points of the season.

Team - Sam Stroud, Jamie Irwin, Tom Frampton, Mike Taylor, Harry Turner, Jamie Thompson, Jack Atkins, Dan Wise, Tom Richardson, Louis Irwin, Toby Cole.

Subs - Max Hinds (for Jamie Thompson), Connor Williams (for Jack Atkins)

Attendance: 65



Wincanton push for an equaliser at Ashton & Backwell - 19/09/20

Western League Round-up

The Bulletin Issue #03 - Sat 19th Sept - FA Vase Qualifying Round 1

Keynsham Town produced a sterling fight back to claim a 3-2 win away at Bodmin Town in one of the pick of the ties. After trailing by two goals to nil, the K's gave themselves a little bit of hope in the final moments of the first half when Nathan Curnock grabbed a goal back. With 20 minutes left on the clock, Matt Brown pulled the Western League side level, and then in the closing stages they completed their comeback thanks to a late winner from Jack Dancey. There were plenty of other bright spots for Toolstation sides in Saturday's Vase fixtures, with Wells amongst them after they cruised to a 6-0 win over Godolphin Atlantic. After scoring a plethora of goals last year, Harry Foster was back in form for the Somerset side, somehow managing to score four of his sides' six goals despite missing from the penalty spot. Scott Hatcher played a starring role in Welton's 4-1 success at home to Cullompton Rangers, laying off four assists for his teammates during the big win. Joe Garland, Chris Pile, Kyle Box and Courtney Charles all profited from Hatcher's final pass to book Welton's spot in the next round.



Things are looking up for Bridport who beat St Austell 4-3 to finally get their first win of the season at the fifth attempt. Goals from Kris Hastings, Matt Searle and Will Gape helped give the home side a 3-2 lead, only for their visitors from Cornwall to level things just after the hour mark. With quarter of an hour left on the clock, new signing Liam Sayers teed up Ben Haines who slammed the ball home to give Bridport the win. In one of the most wild encounters of the afternoon, Cheddar come out on top of a nine-goal epic away at Sidmouth. Goals from Callum Laird, Kris Bell and Callum Ham gave the Cheesemen a 3-1 advantage early in the second half, before Sidmouth hit back to level things soon after thanks mainly to Scott Hughes who claimed a treble. Adam Wright was set up by Reece Ferguson to restore Cheddar's lead, and had the opportunity to add another but were thwarted from the penalty spot. The Vikings took advantage of that miss to draw level once again, but Cheddar weren't to be denied, and shortly after they were awarded another penalty, Ham stepped up and this time beat the keeper to give Cheddar the 5-4 victory.

Street were also successful on their visit to Cornwall, with Kyle Strange's hat-trick helping lead them to a 6-3 win over Newquay. After their hosts had raced into an early two-goal lead, Street scored four times in a stunning 12 minute spell at the end of the first half to turn the game on its head, with Ollie Pearson, Strange, Alessandro Costanza and Oscar Latas all finding the back of the net. The Cobblers didn't let up at the beginning of the second half, with Strange scoring twice more before the hour

mark to claim the huge win. There were also a number of tight contests which had to be settled by spot kicks, with Exmouth Town among those to progress from 12 yards following their goalless draw with Mousehole. Luke Crewe made a vital save to rubber stamp Hengrove's 5-4 penalty shootout victory over Wellington after the tie had finished 2-2 at the end of 90 minutes. In another all-Western League affair, Longwell Green Sports scored all five of the penalties to knock out Radstock, while Brislington enjoyed shootout success at Odd Down with keeper George Dorrington pulling off a crucial stop. Unfortunately for Portishead and Corsham, their Vase runs were brought to an end following penalty defeats to Ilfracombe and Brockenhurst.

There was mixed success for Wiltshire sides on the Isle of Wight on with Westbury United progressing to the next round, but Devizes Town fell at the first hurdle. In an astonishing game at East Cowes Victoria Athletic, Westbury scored just one of the three penalties they were awarded during a 2-1 triumph. After Joe Stradling missed from 12 yards early on for the visitors, East Cowes capitalised to lead by a goal at the interval. Another effort from the spot cannoned back off the post for Westbury, but they got the equaliser they deserved soon after thanks to Sam Jordan. The Vics failed to learn from their earlier mistakes, and conceded a third penalty in the closing stages, with Westbury finally making their dominance count when Jordan Pinder slammed the ball home. On the other side of the River Medina, penalties also played a deciding factor in Devizes defeat against Cowes Sports. In a tight contest, the game eventually boiled down to a penalty shootout, with the Yachtsmen prevailing 5-4.

Two early goals from Luke Boyle weren't enough for Bishops Lydeard who suffered a 4-2 loss away at St Blazey, while Almondsbury conceded four times in the second half on their way to a 5-1 defeat on the road at Camelford. A goal just before half-time from Tyrone Tucker-Dixon saw Chipping Sodbury Town defeated 1-0 by Bishops Cleeve, while Shepton Mallet struck twice in the final 20 minutes to see off Bishop Sutton. Having gone in front thanks to a header from Asa White, Shepton saw their lead cancelled out when Oaklan Buck levelled for the First Division side. Mallet's advantage was restored 20 minutes from time when Matty Morris struck from the penalty spot, with a screamer from Nathan Legge completing the victory.

On Sunday, Calne went the way of many of the other Western League sides, losing a penalty shootout away at Newport Isle of Wight. Having gone ahead in either half of normal time through Lewis McCarron and Jamie Walters, the Lilywhites squandered their winning position on both occasions before suffering a 5-3 defeat on spot kicks.

Les Phillips Cup

Tavistock booked their spot in the semi finals of the delayed Les Phillips Cup thanks to a 4-0 victory over Warminster. The First Division outfit have had an excellent start

to the season, but that came undone in Devon from the moment they were reduced to ten men midway through the first half. The Lambs took advantage, and after goals either side of the break from Liam Prynn had put them two goals to the good, substitute Jack Crago and then Josh Grant wrapped up the comfortable win.

Premier Division

A five-goal second half blitz from Plymouth Parkway saw them extend their winning start to the campaign against Cribbs. After drawing a blank before the break, Rob Farkins set the home side on their way with a powerful header in the early stages of the second stanza. Ryan Richards then took over the contest, scoring a hat-trick in just 17 minutes, before Levi Landricombe added Parkway's fifth in added time. Two goals from Ben Bament helped Roman Glass St George beat Clevedon Town 3-0. The prolific Bament struck twice in the first half to put Glass in command, before skipper Lewis Wentland met Ryan Dunn's corner to complete the scoring.

The only other side to win on their travels in the division on Saturday were Cadbury Heath, with Sam Crumb's debut goal in the 83rd minute leading them to a 1-0 victory over Buckland. Bridgwater Town produced an excellent second-half comeback to hand Hallen a 2-1 defeat. Sacha Tong's scrambled finish was cancelled out five minutes into the second half by Jack Taylor, with the influential Taylor then playing in Sam Towler who lobbed the visiting keeper 13 minutes from time to complete Town's come from behind victory. Bitton also overturned a deficit on their way to three points, with Ibrahima Diallo notching a brace in their 3-2 defeat of Bradford. Morgan Marsh's header gave the Bobcats an early lead, only for Diallo to level things from the penalty spot. Bitton's Matt Tanner continued his strong start, edging the home side in front prior to half-time, with Diallo then extending the lead to 3-1 with his second of the afternoon. Lewis Powell followed up his goal during the midweek with another 25 minutes from time, but Bradford weren't able to find an equaliser and suffered another away loss.

Division One

There were just three games in the first division and all of the home sides prevailed on Saturday afternoon. Sherborne snatched victory at the death against Oldland to end their losing start. The away side went in front after 17 minutes with Taylor Fox driving the ball past the Sherborne keeper from just inside the area. The Zebras got back on level terms just prior to half-time through Alex Murphy, and then with time running out, Haydn Hodges pounced to hand Sherborne the three points. Ashton & Backwell registered their third win as efforts from Saul Jarret and Jacob Spence proved to be enough for them to squeak past Wincanton 2-1. The early pacesetters are Lebeq United after they toppled Bristol Telephones 3-2 at Oaklands Park, with Shah Bhakerd and Rick Davis among the scorers once more for the home side.

TWL Division 1 Table

		P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1	Lebeq United	4	3	1	0	12	4	10
2	Warminster Town	3	3	0	0	9	3	9
3	Ashton & Backwell Utd	4	3	0	1	11	7	9
4	Portishead Town	3	2	0	1	6	2	6
5	Calne Town	2	2	0	0	5	2	6
6	Radstock Town	3	2	0	1	5	4	6
7	Corsham Town	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
8	Wells City	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
9	Welton Rovers	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
10	Bishop Sutton	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
11	Cheddar	3	1	0	2	8	9	3
12	Oldland Abbotonians	3	1	0	2	4	5	3
13	Sherborne Town	3	1	0	2	2	5	3
14	Almondsbury	3	1	0	2	3	7	3
15	Hengrove Athletic	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
16	Devizes Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Bristol Telephones	3	0	0	3	4	7	0
18	Longwell Green Sports	2	0	0	2	2	6	0
19	Bishops Lydeard	3	0	0	3	2	9	0
20	Wincanton Town	4	0	0	4	4	13	0

Table after games on Saturday 19th September 2020

Wincanton Town - Fixtures and

Date	Opponents	Ven	Comp	Res	Att					
Sat 5 Sep	Almondsbury	(A)	TWL1	1-2	95	Stroud	Davis	Frampton	Taylor	Bl
Tue 8 Sep	Warminster Town	(H)	TWL1	1-2	102	Stroud	Davis	Frampton	Richardson	Tur
Fri 11 Sep	Cheddar	(A)	TWL1	1-7	82	Stroud	Taylor	Frampton	Richardson	Tur
Sat 19 Sep	Ashton & Backwell	(A)	TWL1	1-2	65	Stroud	J. Irwin	Frampton	Taylor	Tur
Tue 22 Sep	Bishops Lydeard	(H)	TWL1							
Sat 26 Sep	Lebeq United	(H)	TWL1							
Tue 29 Sep	Welton Rovers	(H)	TWL1							
Sat 3 Oct	Hengrove Athletic	(A)	TWL1							
Sat 10 Oct	Bishop Sutton	(H)	TWL1							
Sat 17 Oct	Devizes Town	(A)	TWL1							
Sat 24 Oct	Longwell Green	(H)	TWL1							
Sat 31 Oct	Corsham Town	(H)	TWL1							
Sat 7 Nov	Portishead Town	(A)	TWL1							
Sat 14 Nov	Wells City	(H)	TWL1							
Sat 21 Nov	Bishop Sutton	(A)	TWL1							
Sat 28 Nov	Radstock Town	(A)	TWL1							
Sat 12 Dec	Calne Town	(H)	TWL1							
Sat 19 Dec	Bristol Telephones	(A)	TWL1							
Sat 26 Dec	Sherborne Town	(H)	TWL1							
Sat 2 Jan	Wells City	(A)	TWL1							
Sat 9 Jan	Devizes Town	(H)	TWL1							
Sat 16 Jan	Calne Town	(A)	TWL1							
Sat 23 Jan	Ashton & Backwell	(H)	TWL1							
Fri 29 Jan	Cheddar	(H)	TWL1							
Sat 6 Feb	Warminster Town	(A)	TWL1							
Sat 13 Feb	Oldland Abboton.	(H)	TWL1							
Sat 20 Feb	Lebeq United	(A)	TWL1							
Sat 13 Mar	Bristol Telephones	(H)	TWL1							
Sat 20 Mar	Bishops Lydeard	(A)	TWL1							
Sat 27 Mar	Radstock Town	(H)	TWL1							
Fri 2 Apr	Sherborne Town	(A)	TWL1							
Mon 5 Apr	Almondsbury	(H)	TWL1							
Sat 10 Apr	Corsham Town	(A)	TWL1							
Sat 17 Apr	Hengrove Athletic	(H)	TWL1							
Sat 24 Apr	Welton Rovers	(A)	TWL1							
Sat 1 May	Oldland Abboton.	(A)	TWL1							
Sat 8 May	Portishead Town	(H)	TWL1							
Sat 15 May	Longwell Green	(A)	TWL1							

Final Results - Season 2020 / 2021

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In Opposition

BISHOPS LYDEARD F.C.

Ground - Darby Way, Bishops Lydeard

Founded - 1912

Nickname -

Home Colours - Red and Black

Away Colours - Yellow and Blue

Last Season Finish - 11th - TWL Division 1

Our last meeting - 07/12/19 - Wincanton Town 1 Bishops Lydeard 6 (TWL1)



Bishops Lydeard Association Football Club is an FA Charter Standard Community Club, that has a well-established youth section, senior section and girls / women's section with over 350 participants. The football club playing fields and clubhouse are located in the village of Bishops Lydeard, five miles north-west of Taunton, Somerset.

The club is over 100 years old and has developed into one of the largest clubs in the South West of England. Having played at various venues in the village it is now firmly entrenched at Darby Way. Due to the growth of the club, youth, ladies, and extra men's sides, the club had had to expand the facilities in 1999 and now play on Morris Meadow, kindly rented to us by Mr. Morris. This is the field beside the main pitch. We also use the adjoining field, Glanfield Meadow – named after Mr. Glanfield who kindly sold us the land when he stepped away from farming.

The club played in the Taunton and District League and won both the League Cup and the Seward Memorial Cup in 1952–53, and were Division Two champions in 1960–61, as well as winning the Seward Memorial Cup for a second time. The club won the League Cup again in 1988–89 and went on to win the Division One title in 1991–92. The following season saw them retain the Division One title and win the League Cup, with the club retaining the League Cup in 1993–94.

In 1998 the adult and youth section joined forces to become one club. This held many advantages which you will see today when visiting the club. What was once a men's side, and the odd youth team run by an adult for the village kids has developed into football for the community at all ages and genders.

The senior side of the club has a very successful Ladies section which has been led by Julie Bowker since formation in 2001. We now have two ladies teams; the Firsts play

in the South West Women's Football League and the Reserves in Somerset County Women's League. The adult men's teams are headed by the First team who gained promotion in 2016 to the Western League following a Winner takes all game against Nailsea and Tickenham to finish Champions of the Somerset Senior Premier League; there is also a Reserve Team which has just been promoted to the Somerset County League after winning the Taunton and District Saturday League First Division and a Colts team that play in Division 2 of the Taunton and District Saturday League.

In 2008 the clubs dream of developing an all-purpose club house to replace its 'Shack' was made in to reality when Iain Hunter formally announced that he had achieved the funding required to start the build after 5 years of meetings, fund raising and form filling. In January 2009 the whole club celebrated along with Iain when the then England under 21 coach Stuart Pearce arrived at the club to formally cut the ribbon.

The philosophy of the club is to provide a safe and fun environment for the youth to train, practice, express themselves and play football. The same principle is applied to the adult section with one overriding difference – push players to play at the highest level they can achieve. This undoubtedly means that BLAFC will ultimately lose players to a higher standard of football until we can match the level, something that is a constant topic of conversation on a Saturday afternoons for the faithful.

In 2016 planning permission was granted for the erection of floodlights which were promptly installed to enable the First Team to step into Western League Football. Those that visit the club frequently will notice a lot of development work has taken place to achieve the stringent ground grading. The pitch has been widened, new dug-outs purchased and a path has been made around the perimeter of the pitch. The stand was erected as part of the requirement for Western League Football, which further enhances the ground and the clubs determination to progress.

In its first season in Western League Division One, the team worked hard to achieve a creditable 6th place finish, in the 2017/18 season the team finished 14th. In 2018/19 a 12th place position was secured after a down and up season! And so we move on.....

Wincanton Town vs Bishops Lydeard - The Western League Results

16/17	06/08/16 - B. Lydeard 3 Wincanton 3	29/04/17 - Wincanton 1 B. Lydeard 3
17/18	26/09/17 - Wincanton 1 B. Lydeard 3	17/03/18 - B. Lydeard 0 Wincanton 1
18/19	24/11/18 - B. Lydeard 2 Wincanton 4	23/03/19 - Wincanton 2 B. Lydeard 2
19/20	10/08/19 - B. Lydeard 2 Wincanton 3	07/12/19 - Wincanton 1 B. Lydeard 6

Rolling back the years

We've Met Before:

The two sides have followed similar paths, as both were promoted to senior level football at the end of the 2002/03 season, Wincanton from the Yeovil and District League and Lydeard from the Taunton and District Saturday League. This meant they were both new sides in the Somerset Senior League Division 3 for the 03/04 season. Wincanton won both matches that campaign on their way to promotion, 1-0 here at Moor Lane in October 2003, and 3-1 at Darby Way in March 2004. The following season Bishops Lydeard followed Wincanton by winning promotion to division 2 for the 05/06 season, but Wincanton maintained the upper hand winning at Moor Lane 2-1 in October 2005. Bishops Lydeard though won their first match of the series 3-0 in April 2006 as they were marching towards back to back promotions. The teams then went their separate ways, Wincanton into Dorset winning the senior league then premier league en-route to the Western League, whilst Bishops Lydeard after eight seasons in the Somerset Senior Premier Division won promotion in 2015/16 meaning the clubs were to meet again once more.

The clubs have met on 8 occasions at Western League level with an even record. Wincanton winning 3 matches, Bishops Lydeard winning 3 matches with the other 2 drawn. Amazingly neither side has won a home match! All of Wincanton's three wins have been on Lydeard turf and Lydeard's three wins have been in south east Somerset, including a 6-1 drubbing they handed out just before Christmas last year. Hopefully that statistic will change for the better today with both teams desperate to pick up their first points of the campaign! Also, not wishing to tempt a 0-0 draw but in the 8 games there have been 37 goals scored - the first Western League game between the sides - Lydeard's first in the Western League was a 3-3 thriller !

OVERALL IN SENIOR FOOTBALL - P:12 W: 6 D: 2 L: 4 F: 22 A: 26
AT MOOR LANE - P: 6 W: 2 D: 1 L: 3 F: 8 A: 15

September 22nd - in Wincanton Town history

2007 - Portland United 1 Wincanton Town 0 (Dorset Premier League)

2012 - Blandford United 0 Wincanton Town 6 (Dorset Premier League)

2015 - Wincanton Town 4 Corsham Town 6 (Western League Division 1)

2018 - Oldland Abbotonians 4 Wincanton Town 1 (Western League Division 1)

In Reserve

Wincanton Town Reserves - Dorset Senior League

Sat 12 Sept	Merley Cobham Sports Reserves (A)	Lost	0-4
Sat 19 Sept	Mere Town (H)	Won	2-0
Sat 26 Sept	Beaminster (A)		
Sat 3 Oct	Hamworthy Recreation Reserves (H)		
Sat 10 Oct	Mere Town (A)		
Sat 17 Oct	Westland Sports Reserves (H)		
Sat 24 Oct	Poole Borough (A)		
Sat 31 Oct	Hamworthy Recreation Reserves (A)		

Current League Table (19/09/20)

		P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1	Chickerell United	2	2	0	0	9	3	6
2	Tisbury United	2	2	0	0	8	2	6
3	Sturminster Marshall	2	2	0	0	4	0	6
4	Cranborne	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
5	Merley Cobham Reserves	2	1	1	0	7	3	4
6	Stalbridge	2	1	1	0	6	3	4
7	Broadstone FC Seniors	2	1	0	1	4	5	3
8	Mere Town	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
9	Wincanton Town Reserves	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
10	Poole Borough	2	0	0	2	0	2	0
11	Dorchester Sports Reserves	2	0	0	2	3	6	0
11	Hamworthy Rec Reserves	2	0	0	2	2	6	0
13	Beaminster	2	0	0	2	2	8	0
14	Westland Sports Reserves	2	0	0	2	2	9	0

Fixtures and Results

Saturday 19th September - F.A. Vase Qualifying Round 1

Bodmin Town	2-3	Keynsham Town	
Bridport	4-3	St Austell	
Camelford	5-1	Almondsbury	
Chipping Sodbury Town	0-1	Bishops Cleeve	
Corsham Town	1-1	Brockenhurst	(Pens 5-6)
Cowes Sports	2-2	Devizes Town	(Pens 5-4)
East Cowes Athletic	1-2	Westbury United	
Exmouth Town	0-0	Mousehole	(Pens 4-3)
Ilfracombe	3-3	Portishead Town	(Pens 5-3)
Newquay	3-6	Street	
Odd Down	2-2	Brislington	(Pens 2-3)
Radstock Town	1-1	Longwell Green Sports	(Pens 3-5)
Shepton Mallet	3-1	Bishop Sutton	
Sidmouth Town	4-5	Cheddar	
St Blazey	4-2	Bishops Lydeard	
Wellington	2-2	Hengrove Athletic	(Pens 4-5)
Wells City	6-0	Godolphin Atlantic	
Welton Rovers	4-1	Cullompton Rangers	

Les Phillips Cup Quarter Final (Season 2019-20 competition)

Tavistock	4-0	Warminster Town
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Toolstation Western League Premier Division

Bitton	3-2	Bradford Town	Att: 276
Bridgwater Town	2-1	Hallen	Att: 225
Buckland Athletic	0-1	Cadbury Heath	Att: 172
Clevedon Town	0-3	Roman Glass St George	Att: 105
Plymouth Parkway	5-0	Cribbs	Att: 299

Division One

Ashton & Backwell Utd	2-1	Wincanton Town	Att: 65
Lebeq United	3-2	Bristol Telephones	Att: 42
Sherborne Town	2-1	Oldland Abbotonians	Att: 107

Tuesday 22nd September - F.A. Cup Qualifying Round 1

Chichester City	vs	Cribbs
Swindon Supermarine	vs	Shepton Mallet
Winchester City	vs	Clevedon Town

Toolstation Western League Premier Division

Bridport	vs	Bridgwater Town
Hallen	vs	Keynsham Town
Plymouth Parkway	vs	Buckland Athletic

Division One

Almondsbury	vs	Oldland Abbotonians
Bristol Telephones	vs	Cheddar
Portishead Town	vs	Longwell Green Sports
Welton Rovers	vs	Sherborne Town
Wincanton Town	vs	Bishops Lydeard

Wednesday 23rd September - F.A. Cup Qualifying Round 1

Larkhall Athletic	vs	Bitton
Tavistock	vs	Gosport Borough

Toolstation Western League Premier Division

Cadbury Heath	vs	Bradford Town
Street	vs	Exmouth Town

Division One

Lebeq United	vs	Ashton & Backwell United
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Saturday 26th September - Toolstation Western League Division One

Almondsbury	vs	Bristol Telephones
Bishops Lydeard	vs	Welton Rovers
Calne Town	vs	Longwell Green Sports
Devizes Town	vs	Cheddar
Radstock Town	vs	Corsham Town
Sherborne Town	vs	Ashton & Backwell United
Warminster Town	vs	Bishop Sutton
Wells City	vs	Hengrove Athletic
Wincanton Town	vs	Lebeq United

Who Are We ???

Wincanton Town Football Club - Recent Club History

Wincanton Town Football Club was founded in 1890 and played most of its football in the Yeovil and District Football League at Dancing Lane on West Hill. In the early to mid 1990's the West Hill ground was sold to fund Wincanton's new Sports ground development on Moor Lane to the south west of the town. The club continues to play here still today.



During the club's recent history, they progressed significantly in the late 1980's by winning the Yeovil and District League Division 2 in 1988/89, winning Division 1 the following season before completing a notable hat-trick in 1990/91 as they became the Yeovil and District Premier Division Champions. Wincanton remained within the Yeovil league set up for the next few years and in 2002/03 with Mike Hatcher as the first team manager the side finished as runners up in the Premier Division. This then allowed the club to apply for promotion into the Somerset County League to which they were accepted. The club adapted well to the new 'Senior' level of football as they finished their first season as runners up in Division 3 thus securing back to back promotions. Town scored over 100 goals along the way. In 2006 and following two seasons of mid table finishes in Somerset Senior League Division 2, the club made the decision to move over the border to play in the Dorset County League. Wincanton were allocated a space in the Dorset Senior League for season 2006/07. The side managed by Wayne Jerome stormed to the title winning a 20 game league season by a 10 point margin and as a result were promoted into the Dorset Premier League.

The club finished in a creditable 5th position in its first season in the DPL, and then followed this up with three mid table finishes of 8th, 9th and 7th. Paul Down was appointed as first team manager in the summer of 2010, and in his second season (2011/12) the club finished in 4th position losing just 3 league matches all season. The following season (2012/13) saw the club do even better as Wincanton finished as runners up to Portland United. This allowed the club to apply for promotion to the Toolstation Western Football League. During the season Wincanton won 25 of their 34 league matches and scored over 100 goals in the process. Wincanton worked their way through to the final of the Somerset Senior Cup and a 1-0 win against Brislington Reserves in a match played at Street Football Club saw Town add a trophy to the cabinet in the final game of a memorable season. Things got even better as early on in the summer of 2013 Wincanton received confirmation that they had been accepted into the Toolstation Western League for the following season. A busy summer then lay ahead as big changes at the club had to be made both on and

off the pitch. The committee worked hard to ensure floodlights, hard standing and fencing was installed on time to achieve the league's ground grading rules. Gary Johnson then manager of Yeovil Town Football Club officially switched on the club's new floodlights in October 2013. His then Championship first team squad played a match to celebrate the switching on of the lights. Yeovil won 8-0 but a crowd of more than 450 watched the fixture. In the league the team finished its first season in the Western League in a very creditable 4th spot scoring 116 league goals.

Season 2014/15 saw the club enter the F.A. Vase for the first time, however Wessex League Bemerton Heath Harlequins proved too strong and won the tie at Moor Lane 5-0. The team repeated their 4th position finish in the league and were one of only two sides to defeat runaway champions Barnstaple Town. A run to the quarter finals of the Les Phillips Cup was ended by the eventual Cup winners Willand Rovers. At the end of the season manager Paul Down announced he would be standing down after five successful seasons in charge.

Season 2015/16 saw Andy Mitchell and Chris Wise take charge of the club as joint managers. A tough first half to the season with a completely new look team saw the team struggling in the bottom three, however the New Year saw the side enjoy better fortunes and a strong second half to the campaign saw the Wasps climb to a respectable 16th position. This season also saw the club enter the F.A. Cup for the first time and Wincanton beat Wessex League Premier division side (1 step higher) Whitchurch United 3-1 in a replay at Moor Lane following a 1-1 draw in Hampshire. That victory earned the club an away tie at Southern league side Winchester City, a tie we would eventually lose 5-1 but a good experience for all concerned.

The 2016/2017 season was the 2nd under the Wise and Mitchell reign and with a settled squad the club looked destined for a solid top half finish until injuries to some key players disrupted things around Christmas time and meant the Wasps finished in 13th place overall. Season 2017/2018 season saw a management shuffle with Chris Wise being the sole manager and having Andy Mitchell and Gary Chapman as his playing assistants. A 10th placed finish was secured as well as a first win in the F.A. Vase, 2-1 at Bridport from the league above.

For the 2018/19 season Mitch stood down from his role as assistant manager so he could concentrate solely on playing. To fill the role the club welcomed back former player Matt Peters to work alongside Chris and Chappo. Too many drawn games hampered the team – 14 from their 38 matches which meant the team had to settle for a 14th placed finish. Season 2019/20 saw an improvement with the club in 8th position when the season was cancelled owing to the global pandemic. With most of the squad retained for the new season alongside a few additions, hopes are high of a finish closer to the top of the table.

Today's Squads

WINCANTON TOWN F.C.

Manager - Chris Wise



BISHOPS LYDEARD F.C.

Manager - Nick Buttle



Sam Stroud
Aron Wallis
Tom Richardson
Harry Turner
Gary Chapman
Jamie Irwin
Dan Wise ©
Connor Williams
Louis Irwin
Toby Cole
Max Hinds
Tom Frampton
Jack Atkins
Mike Taylor
Jamie Thompson
Brett Cotterill
Matt Garner
Luke Davis
Ryan Biss

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Luke Boyles
Luke Bryant
Guy Burns
Mark Cornish
Charlie Cooke
Mario Franco
Jack Groves-Furse
Joseph Gill
Will Hazeldine
Jack Kelly
Shaun Kitchen
Samuel Mockridge
Michael Mullen
Jake Quick
Cahal Robertson
Amauri Ruiz
Harry Scratchard
Nathan Whatley



Today's Match Officials

Referee: George Lynch

Assistants: Dominic Gregory and Stuart Griffiths



NEXT HOME MATCH

Saturday 26th September 2020 (TWL Division 1)

Wincanton Town vs Lebeq United - Kick off 3:00 pm



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