



THE YELLOW AND BLACK



Wincanton Town vs Welton Rovers

Tuesday 29th September 2020 – Kick Off 7.30 pm

Toolstation Western League Division 1



Wincanton Town Football Club

SEASON 2020 – 21

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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 Welton Rovers Football Club who have made the journey for tonight's game.

A week is a long time in football, even at our level, and after a very tough start to the season where we lost four on the bounce we have now won the last two games, both of these games being at home. I have stated repeatedly to the players that this season in order to succeed it will take a squad effort and is not about the starting 11 and that has proved to be the case already this term using 21 players and still with having Danny Golden and Brett Cotterill who are yet to kick a ball yet this season to come back in the very near future also.

Tuesday night we beat Bishops Lydeard 4-0, a goal from Louis Irwin early on set us up for a good start with Mike Taylor adding a second, attacking a deep Dan Wise free kick very well to head home. Second half two goals from goal scorer Toby Cole sealed the victory and in truth it could and probably should have been more but 4-0. It was a good victory and nice to get the first three points of the season under our belt. On Saturday we faced Lebeq United who had only lost once so far this season and that was against top of the table Ashton & Backwell. They had already beaten Bristol Telephones, Longwell Green and a enjoyed an impressive 5-1 away opening day thumping of Cheddar meaning they arrived here at Moor Lane in 2nd place. We played well in this game, dictated the tempo and restricted them to no shots at our goal until the 85th minute when the full back hit a 30 yarder which flew into the top left hand corner - this seemed to be just a late consolation goal but they then added a 2nd goal deep into injury time to make for a nervy last few seconds of the game. Before this we had taken a 3-0 lead, a hat trick of penalties from the ever reliable captain Dan Wise. To score three penalties in one game is some feat, not one I have encountered before. Dan's record from the penalty spot is first class and you back him to score every time he steps up and know he will keep his cool in pressured situations time and time again, touch wood!

The other thing I would just like to touch on is our home and away support has increased so far this season, for whatever the reasons I just wanted to thank those that have come to show their support on behalf of myself and the players, it really does make a huge difference to us to and is appreciated massively. Our next home match is on Saturday 10th October when we play Bishop Sutton and we would love to see you back here again. Enjoy the game.

Chris Wise



Dan Wise tucks home his 3rd penalty of the afternoon vs Lebeq - Pic by Steve D'Arcy

Wincanton Town in the Western League (stats include 19/20 season)

Overall - P: 275 W: 118 D: 53 L: 104 F: 570 A: 522 PTS: 407

Home - P: 139 W: 70 D: 26 L: 43 F: 333 A: 248 PTS: 236

Overall - P: 136 W: 48 D: 27 L: 61 F: 237 A: 274 PTS: 171

Best finish - 4th in both seasons 2013 / 14 and 2014 / 15

Biggest win - Wincanton Town 10 Bristol Telephones 0 - April 27th 2019

Biggest loss - Cheddar 7 Wincanton Town 1 - September 11th 2020

Club Information

Spectators will be charged an entrance fee of £6.00 per game (adults), £4.00 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

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Match Report

Wincanton Town 3 Lebeq United 2 - Saturday 26th September 2020 Toolstation Western League Division 1 - Report by Chris Martin

On a bright sunny but chilly early autumn afternoon Wincanton welcomed highflying Lebeq United for their first ever visit to Moor Lane. The Wasps went into the game looking to build on Tuesday night's 4-0 victory against a disappointing Bishops Lydeard side that saw Town collect their first points of the new season. Wincanton manager Chris Wise made one change to the side that defeated Lydeard as Connor Williams had recovered fully from a foot injury to make his first league start of the season in place of the unavailable Jamie Thompson.

Wincanton started on the back foot as Lebeq passed the ball around nicely, keeping possession well but they failed to create a meaningful effort on goal. Wincanton were looking dangerous on the break with the pace of Toby Cole proving a more than useful outlet. On 19 minutes Wincanton took the lead, a foul in the penalty area saw the referee point to the spot and after a brief delay for the fouled player to receive treatment, the dependable Dan Wise dispatched the ball from the spot.

The first half continued much in the same vein with Wincanton soaking up the pressure and hitting on the break with a growing regularity. These tactics were proving very effective as the Lebeq keeper was kept busy, and he certainly had a little luck on his side as he showed at times an unorthodox technique and skill. Lebeq almost levelled just before half time as full back Connor Hartley found himself bearing down on goal with only Sam Stroud to beat, but an outstanding last ditch tackle from Jamie Irwin helped thwart the danger and Town were able to clear.

Wincanton doubled their advantage in stoppage time at the end of the first half as a through ball found Louis Irwin in on goal, he was then tackled from behind in the box, the defender getting no where near the ball, giving the referee an easy decision to award Wincanton a second penalty of the afternoon. Dan Wise stepped up again, and sent the keeper the wrong way from the spot. The second goal was nothing more than Wincanton deserved. The hosts were certainly providing more of a threat than their opposition had shown despite their lofty league position.

Keen to get themselves back into the encounter Lebeq made a double substitution at the start of the second half but their task almost immediately was to become that much harder. On 48 minutes the constant threat of Cole's pace saw the keeper clip him near to the goal line as he aimed to drag the ball back across goal and incredibly the referee awarded Wincanton their third penalty of the afternoon. Dan Wise once

again stepped up and duly dispatched the penalty, completing a rare hat-trick of penalties. With a comfortable 3-0 lead Wincanton were able to make some changes to freshen up the side and give others game time as Max Hinds, Tom Frampton and Matt Garner replaced Harry Turner, Connor Williams and Louis Irwin.

Lebeq reduced the deficit on 82 minutes as the impressive right full back Abdirizak Hussein let fly from 30 yards and the ball flew into the top left hand corner giving Stroud no chance in the Wincanton goal. With a surprisingly high amount of added time at the end of the game Lebeq managed to grab themselves another consolation goal to give a little respectability to the score line as they made it 3-2 on 95 minutes, substitute Rick Hall finding himself in space at the back post to calmly slide the ball across Sam Stroud and into the far corner. Wincanton took the kick off the referee blew the final whistle sealing back to back home wins for Town, as attentions now turn to Tuesday night and another home match with the visitors Welton Rovers.

Team - Sam Stroud, Jamie Irwin, Gary Chapman, Mike Taylor, Harry Turner, Jack Atkins, Tom Richardson, Dan Wise, Connor Williams, Louis Irwin, Toby Cole

Subs - Max Hinds (for Turner) Matt Garner (for Williams) Tom Frampton (for L. Irwin)

Goals - Dan Wise (3)

Attendance - 79

On The Road

HENGROVE ATHLETIC VS WINCANTON TOWN

Saturday 3rd October 2020
Toolstation Western League Division 1

AVB Stadium, Norton Lane, Whitchurch,
Bristol BS14 0BT / Tel - 07884 492217

Directions

From Wincanton follow the A371 to Shepton Mallet
Then continue on the A37 towards Bristol
In Whitchurch village follow signs for Whitehall Garden Centre into Norton Lane.
The ground is on the left immediately after Garden Centre



TWL Division 1 Table

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

Table after games on Saturday 26th September 2020

Western League Round-up

The Bulletin Issue #04 - Sun 26th Sept - Premier Division

Early league leaders Plymouth Parkway are now the only side without a loss to their name after beating previously unbeaten Brislington 4-0 on Saturday afternoon. Having been slow to start over the past couple of weeks, Parkway made amends in Bristol, going ahead in the early stages through Billy Palfrey. A second goal on the half hour from Callum Hall handed them control at the break, with leading scorer Ryan Richards then putting the result beyond doubt 18 minutes from time. There was still time for Matt Wright to add a late fourth for the Devon side who extended their run of clean sheets to five matches. It was a strong day all round for the county of Devon, with Exmouth Town securing a 3-1 win away at Bridgwater. After an own goal had put the visitors in front after 15 minutes, Exmouth doubled their advantage a couple of moments later thanks to a strong finish from Jordan Harris. Bridgwater made the perfect start to the second half, pulling a goal back through Sam Towler, but it was Exmouth who struck the crucial fourth goal, with Aaron Denny smashing home just before the hour mark.



There was also a big win for Tavistock, for whom Liam Prynn scored a first half hat-trick during their 5-2 win over Hallen. The Lambs flew out of the blocks and were two goals to the good inside the opening ten minutes thanks to usual contributors Jack Crago and Josh Grant. A response came from the away side through Jordan Whittaker, before Prynn took over the contest, scoring a 20-minute treble to hand Tavistock a 5-1 half-time lead. Sacha Tong got a late consolation for the away side but the result was never in doubt as Tavistock earned their first victory since the first day of the season. Buckland couldn't make it four out of four for the county, with a resolute Chipping Sodbury Town holding out for a goalless draw at Homers Heath to earn their first point of the season.

Shepton Mallet came out on top in a seven-goal thriller at home to Bitton to earn their first league victory this term. There was only one goal in a relatively quiet opening half, with Joe Morgan finishing off a counter attack to put Shepton in front. There were signs of things to come in the opening passages of the second half, with Morgan doubling Shepton's advantage, before Aysa Corrick responded for Bitton following an excellent run and cross from Callum Ball. The floodgates were now well and truly open, and after Matt Morris had restored the home side's two-goal lead, Bitton went straight down the other end and responded once again with Ryan Bath firing home. The 205 fans in attendance were treated to an epic second half, and the

regular sequence of scoring continued with Liam Bishop tapping home for Bitton to pull his side to within a goal once more after Tyson Pollard had struck the home side's fourth. There was still plenty of time for Bitton to draw level, but they couldn't quite find a fourth of their own, meaning Shepton ran out 4-3 winner on the day James Billing made his 250th appearance for the club.

Street are now up into second spot, after second half efforts from Kyle Strange and Leighton Thomas helped them beat Wellington by two goals to nil. There was also a big home win for Odd Down, with the Bath-side moving into the top half following their 4-1 triumph over Bridport. A strike towards the end of the first half from Tom Burgess edged the hosts in front, before Will Hunter and Joe Jarvis each scored soon after the interval to put them three goals to the good. An own goal gave Bridport a glimmer of hope, but Odd Down wouldn't be denied and second half substitute Dylan Hatt scored a fourth in stoppage time.

The points were shared at Trowbridge Road between Bradford and Clevedon, with the visitors clinging on to a draw in stoppage time thanks to an excellent point-blank save from Harley Wilkinson. In a topsy-turvy encounter, Ethan Feltham slipped the ball home after just seven minutes, before Bradford levelled when Aaron Witchell scored for the second game in succession. A Ross Lye cross was turned home by Jake Brown to complete the turnaround, but Clevedon's Archie Ferris pounced on a loose ball in the box to make it 2-2 in the 62nd minute. Both teams had a couple of chances to steal the points, and the best fell to Morgan Marsh in the 95th minute, but Wilkinson did enough to keep him at bay.

Westbury United clung on to a 2-1 win over Cribbs, with Jack Biddiscombe's first half double giving the Wiltshire outfit all three points despite the visitors best efforts which saw Steve Murray trim the deficit before the break. Roman Glass St George extended their winning run to four matches with a late 1-0 victory at home to Cadbury Heath. The Glass looked like they would be made to pay for Ryan Radford's failed penalty attempt in the 59th minute, but with time winding down, star forward Ben Bament added to his ever-increasing early season goal tally to score the vital winner five minutes from time.

Division One

Ashton & Backwell United secured their third away win on the bounce, capitalising on a fast start to beat Sherborne Town 3-1 at Raleigh Grove. A pair of goals inside the opening ten minutes from Ben Jones and Jordan Scadding put the Stags in command, before Alex Murphy halved the deficit. A third and final goal midway through the second half from Calum Townsend wrapped up the win for Ashton and

Backwell who now enjoy a five-point lead atop the division. Second spot is still held by Lebeq United despite their 3-2 defeat at the hands of Wincanton Town. Two late goals from the visitors made the score line a little less one-sided, with Wincanton dominating for large swathes of the match, and Dan Wise proving to be too hot to handle, scoring a match-winning hat-trick.

The result of the day definitely belongs to Corsham Town who stormed to a 7-2 triumph away at Radstock. The home side just weren't at the races, and trailed by three goals before finally getting on the score sheet after 31 minutes through Scott Gregory. For Corsham, Jamal Chevolleau bagged a hat-trick, with Leigh Rogers also striking twice for the rampant visitors. A second half effort from James Rustell stemmed the flow slightly, but Corsham didn't slow down, and ran out big winners with James Vincent and Gary Higdon also finding the back of the net for the Wiltshire side.

Just like Corsham, there are a couple of other sides who have won both of their league fixtures so far, including Wells City. Their second victory came at home to Hengrove on Saturday afternoon, goals in either half from Tom Hill helping them win by two goals to nil. Bishop Sutton are the other side with six points from six after a late penalty saw them win 2-1 away at Warminster. Sutton were one goal ahead at the interval thanks to Oaklan Buck's opener, before Warminster levelled early in the second half thanks to Francois Allen. It was the visitors who claimed the third and final goal from the spot, with Callum Baker keeping his cool to finish with aplomb from 12 yards.

Calne Town are doing even better than those sides on six points, with the Lilywhites now having tasted victory in all three of their league contests so far this term. An own goal midway through the first half put them ahead of Longwell Green, before Matty Jenkins wrapped up the victory when he scored three minutes from time. Welton also have nine points from a possible nine, after substitute Kyle Box made an instant impact to lead them to a 1-0 win away at Bishops Lydeard. After entering the field during the second half, Box took over set piece duties, and curled home an excellent free kick from 25 yards out with one of his first touches to clinch the hard-fought win.

Cheddar were 3-0 winners away at Devizes, with Adam Wright scoring twice, before Callum Ham struck in the closing stages to round out the victory. Almondsbury followed up their midweek win with another three points at home to Bristol Telephones, with Stuart Alexander, Ashley Knight and Matt Davies all scoring during their first half to hand them a relatively simple 3-0 triumph.

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	4-0	62	Stroud	J. Irwin	Chapman	Taylor (1)	Tur
Sat 26 Sep	Lebeq United	(H)	TWL1	3-2	79	Stroud	J. Irwin	Chapman	Taylor	Tur
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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Wincanton Welcomes Welton Rovers

WELTON ROVERS F.C.

Ground - West Clews

Founded - 1887

Nickname - Green Army or Rovers

Home Colours - Green and White

Away Colours - Yellow and Blue

Last Season Finish - 17th

Our last meeting - 15/12/18 - Welton Rovers 2 Wincanton Town 3



Founded as Welton Red Star, in the coal mining town of Midsomer Norton, in 1887, Welton Rovers are five time winners of the Western League and its longest serving members. Rovers' relationship with the Western League began in the 1903/04 season. The club's first few decades saw them triumph in multiple Somerset Senior Cups, and win their first Western League title in 1912, but a failed attempt at professionalism would see the club go bankrupt and unable to compete in the 1923/24 season. This blip is the only break in Welton's membership of the Western League from 1903 to the modern-day, the club holding the dubious honour of aying never been relegated — or promoted — outside of the two division set-up.

In the years following World War II, Welton built the most successful Amateur side in the area with four consecutive Amateur Cup victories, and in Brian Barker, Keith Simmons and Eddie Attwood, the best forward line for miles around.

Rovers' golden period came in the mid-1960's following the appointment, in 1963 of the club's first official manager, former Huddersfield Town and Bristol City striker Arnold Rodgers, and the return to professionalism. Welton became only the second club to win the Western League three times in a row - after Portsmouth F.C. - at the turn of the century, with wins in '65, '66 (undefeated!) and '67. Potent throughout the time was the club's record goal scorer, Ian Henderson, who scored 321 goals in his spells with Welton. Rovers' triumphs brought with them an inflated reputation and showpiece matches, with the club's best ever FA Cup performance seeing them face AFC Bournemouth (then known as Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic) in 1966 as well as exotic away days for end of season matches against a Guernsey XI in 1965 and to the Costa Brava the following year.

As is often the case, Welton's successes brought excesses and financial problems, and following the departure of Rodgers and 10 of his first-team squad, to Bath City, a period of uncertainty and mediocrity followed. That was until Dave Stone took the

managerial reigns in 1971 and led Welton to their fourth, and most recent, league title in the 73/74 season. Other showcases of the early '70s would see Juventus and Leeds United legend John Charles play and score at West Clewes for Merthyr Tydfil in the FA Trophy, and a Rothmans Cup final against now Championship side Wycombe Wanderers.

The tail end of the 20th century saw Welton trade promotions and relegation's, creating many a club legend along the way. Managers such as Geoff Elliott and Steve Coles brought good times, while legendary players like Malcolm Beck and Graham Withey commanded transfer fees to move on to Football League clubs. The 1980's saw huge improvements to facilities with the expansion of the club house - which remains one of the best in the league to this day - and the installation of floodlights in 1988, the erection of which were celebrated with a friendly against Oxford United, then managed by Mark Lawrenson.

The 1990's started with possibly the club's most ridiculous season, finishing rock bottom of the Premier Division and getting through 3 managers. The third of which, Peter De Sisto, brought former Football League players Alan Biley and Gary Stanley to the club, but could only win 3 games all season. As bad as the decade began, it ended on a high with Rovers' locally assembled side winning promotion back to the Premier Division, under the tutelage of Adie Britton.

The past two decades have brought plenty of good times for Rovers' large and vociferous support, known as the Green Army. In 2006, Chris Mountford led Welton to their most successful season since the 1970's, with a 4th place Premier Division finish and Les Phillips Cup Semi-Final. Then, under Mark Harrington in 2010, Rovers won the Somerset Premier Cup for the first time, at Huish Park. A semi-final victory against Yeovil Town landed Rovers a final with Bridgwater Town, who they defeated on penalties to claim the silverware. That side contained Nick Beaverstock, the man who would lead the Greens to their next taste of glory - as manager - when they won promotion to the Western League Premier Division in 2015. Beaverstock would go on to become the Rovers manager to take charge of the second highest number of matches, totaling 223 after a caretaker spell last season.

The club began the 2019/20 season with Jared Greenhalgh at the helm, but this did not bring the anticipated results, and shortly after Christmas the manager and club parted ways by mutual agreement. After a rigorous application process, Tom Smith and his assistant Will Justin took the helm, but before they could make their mark, Coronavirus caused the curtailment of the season. The Summer of 2020 has seen huge efforts to bring together a strong and exciting squad to push Rovers forward into the 2020's.

Rolling back the years

We've Met Before:

Since our promotion into the Toolstation Western League Wincanton have played Welton Rovers on 10 occasions with the record evenly split - Wincanton have won 4 of the matches, Welton Rovers have won 4 matches with the other two drawn.

The first match was played at Welton's West Clewes home in November 2013 and we began with an action packed first half as Welton stormed into a 2-0 lead inside the opening twenty minutes with a brace of goals from Jamie Taylor. The second goal kicked Town into life and they immediately responded as Mike Taylor rose the highest with a bullet header from a Danny Golden corner. Within ten minutes we were level as Lee Gale lobbed Welton keeper Andy King to make it 2-2. On the stroke of half time Welton re-took the lead through Tom Pawley. The second half was less dramatic with only the one goal, Ren Turnock's penalty sealing a share of the points for Wincanton in a 3-3 draw.

Despite being in the same league last season, neither fixture was played due to the suspension of the season, both matches having been postponed at varying stages earlier in the campaign. Therefore we have to go back to December 2018 for the most recent match between the sides, Wincanton running out 3-2 winners at West Clewes. Shortly after half time Wincanton lead three nil as goals from Brett Cotterill, Connor Williams had set us up for what seemed a comfortable afternoon, however Shakeil Green pulled a goal back on 66 minutes, and then with 10 minutes left Omar Simpson scored a second to set up a grandstand finish. Despite some pressure from Welton, the wasps held out to take the three points back home with them.

Overall record between Wincanton Town and Welton Rovers

Played: 10 Won: 4 Drawn: 2 Lost: 4 For: 18 Against: 19

Record between Wincanton Town and Moor Lane at Moor Lane:

Played: 5 Won: 2 Drawn: 0 Lost: 3 For: 7 Against: 9

September 29th - in Wincanton Town history

2012 - Wincanton Town 2 Holt United 2 (Dorset Premier League)

2018 - Wincanton Town 3 Warminster 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)	Lost	0-3
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 (27/09/20)

		P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1	Sturminster Marshall	3	3	0	0	10	0	9
2	Tisbury United	3	3	0	0	9	2	9
3	Broadstone FC Seniors	3	2	0	1	7	5	6
4	Mere Town	3	2	0	1	7	6	6
5	Cranborne	3	2	1	1	4	3	6
6	Chickerell United	3	2	1	1	9	9	6
7	Merley Cobham Reserves	3	1	1	1	7	5	4
8	Stalbridge	3	1	1	1	9	8	4
9	Poole Borough	3	1	0	2	2	2	3
10	Dorchester Sports Reserves	3	1	0	2	5	6	3
11	Beaminster	3	1	0	2	5	8	3
12	Wincanton Town Reserves	3	1	0	2	2	7	3
13	Hamworthy Rec Reserves	3	0	0	3	2	7	0
14	Westland Sports Reserves	3	0	0	3	2	12	0

Fixtures and Results

Saturday 26th September - Toolstation Western League Premier Division

Bradford Town	2-2	Clevedon Town	Att: 124
Bridgwater Town	1-3	Exmouth Town	Att: 238
Brislington	0-4	Plymouth Parkway	Att: 216
Buckland Athletic	0-0	Chipping Sodbury Town	Att: 154
Odd Down	4-1	Bridport	Att: 64
Roman Glass St George	1-0	Cadbury Heath	Att: 105
Shepton Mallet	4-3	Bitton	Att: 205
Street	2-0	Wellington	Att: 107
Tavistock	5-2	Hallen	Att:
Westbury United	2-1	Cribbs	Att: 72

Division One

Almondsbury	3-0	Bristol Telephones	Att: 42
Bishops Lydeard	0-1	Welton Rovers	Att:
Calne Town	2-0	Longwell Green Sports	Att: 95
Devizes Town	0-3	Cheddar	Att: 102
Oldland Abbotonians	P-P	Portishead Town	
Radstock Town	2-7	Corsham Town	Att: 110
Sherborne Town	1-3	Ashton & Backwell Utd	Att: 111
Warminster Town	1-2	Bishop Sutton	Att:
Wells City	2-0	Hengrove Athletic	Att: 52
Wincanton Town	3-2	Lebeq United	Att: 79

Tuesday 29th September - Toolstation Western League Premier Division

Bitton	vs	Cribbs
Bridgwater Town	vs	Buckland Athletic
Chipping Sodbury Town	vs	Hallen
Keynsham Town	vs	Bradford Town
Odd Down	vs	Brislington

Division One

Bishop Sutton	vs	Calne Town
Wincanton Town	vs	Welton Rovers

Wednesday 30th September - Toolstation Western League Premier Division

Cadbury Heath	vs	Street
Clevedon Town	vs	Shepton Mallet
Exmouth Town	vs	Bridport
Roman Glass St George	vs	Westbury United
Wellington	vs	Plymouth Parkway

Division One

Bishops Lydeard	vs	Portishead Town
Radstock Town	vs	Oldland Abbotonians
Sherborne Town	vs	Wells City

Saturday 3rd October - Toolstation Western League Premier Division

Bitton	vs	Odd Down
Bradford Town	vs	Exmouth Town
Bridport	vs	Chipping Sodbury Town
Brislington	vs	Buckland Athletic
Clevedon Town	vs	Keynsham Town
Cribbs	vs	Cadbury Heath
Hallen	vs	Wellington
Plymouth Parkway	vs	Shepton Mallet
Tavistock	vs	Roman Glass St George
Westbury United	vs	Bridgwater Town

Division One

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

Tuesday 6th October - Toolstation Western League Division One

Bristol Telephones	vs	Calne Town
Devizes Town	vs	Wells City

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

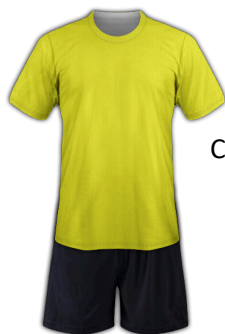
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Manager - Chris Wise



WELTON ROVERS F.C.

Manager - Tom Smith



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Max Hinds
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Jack Atkins
Mike Taylor
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Alex Wych (C)
Sam Stoppard
Keelan Mastouras
Mason Farrington
Dan Veal
Sam Roberts
Joe Ellis
Scott Hatcher
Matt Curnock
Lewis Coleman
Chris Pile
Leon Clayton-Clarke
Lewis Russell
Kyle Box
Jacob Reader
Dawid Regula
Courtney Charles



Today's Match Officials

Referee: Steven Brenchley

Assistants: Mark Chinnock and Spencer Chinnock



NEXT HOME MATCH

Saturday 10th October 2020 (TWL Division 1)

Wincanton Town vs Bishop Sutton - Kick off 3:00 pm



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