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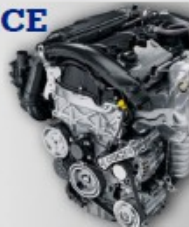
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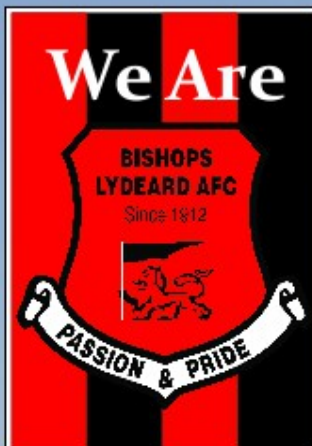
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South West Peninsula
League Premier East



Ladies First Team

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SW Regional Women's
Football League Premier

Mens Reserves

Managers

Peter Wright

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Fixtures Secretary

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Somerset County
League Division Two

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Somerset County Women's
League Division One

Mixed

Under 7... Jono Stevens

Under 8... Jono Stevens

Under 9... Darren Rice

Under 10... Vacant

Under 11... Paul Davis

Under 12... Micheal Knott

Under 13... Carl Salter

Under 14... Ed Livesey

Under 15... Nick Wright

Under 16... Michael Clarke

Managers

Under 18's

Manager

Ben Robinson

Coaches

Paul West

James Cook

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Gary Brown

Western Counties Floodlight
Youth League Division One

Girls

Development... Andy Payne

Under 11... Andy Payne

Under 12... Cheryl White

Under 13... Peter Stephens

Under 14... Andrew Gunstone

Under 15... Dino Pereira

Under 16... Lee Westwood

Managers

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BISHOPS LYDEARD AFC

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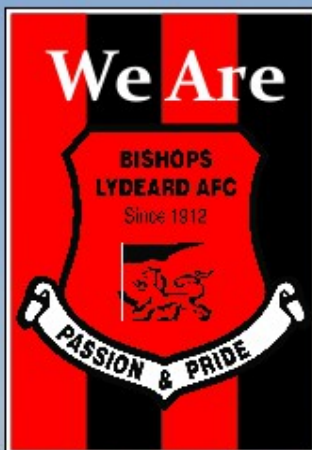
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THE CLUB BACKBONE

BISHOPS LYDEARD AFC

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 rural village of Bishops Lydeard, five miles north-west of Taunton in Somerset.

The club is over 100 years old and has developed into one of the largest clubs in the South West.

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, we had to expand our 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.



CLUB HISTORY

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 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 it was formed in 2001. We now have two ladies teams; the Firsts playing 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 playing in the Somerset County League and a Colts team that play in Division 2 of the Taunton & 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.

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 have noticed the development work that has taken place to achieve the stringent ground grading. The pitch was widened, new dug-outs purchased and a path was made around the perimeter of the pitch. The stand was erected as part of the requirement for Step 6 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 and 12th in 2018/19.

After two seasons of little or no football where the Pandemic hit the World 2021/22 proved difficult for the first team who never really gained any momentum finishing the season in 20th position out of 21.

Last season the club decided to embrace the depth of youth talent in its ranks and give those of strength and ability the chance in the Western League. Although again a disappointing season with the league position it was encouraging to see the player and team ability grow with the experience gained. This can only help as we encounter a new venture in 2023/24 in the SW Peninsula Premier East.

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Matchday Squad

Joseph Hollands	Luke Bryant
Nathan Whatley	Ben Martin
Toby Warner	Callum Victor Chivers
Charlie Cooke	Mason Raymond
Harry Scott	Oscar Albano
Harvey Follett	Samuel Mockridge
Jake Brice	Tai Bewes
Jake Demiranda	Adam Willis
Jake Poole	Conor Bryant
Lewis Wright	Joshua Wadham
Liam Scovell	Marky Jones
Ethan Jones	Michael Murphy
Freddy Garner	Harvey-Larmar

THE BISHOPS

AXMINSTER TOWN



Manager

Dan Prettejohn

Assistant Managers

Ernie Stobbs &

Stuart Wardle

Physio

Stuart Wardle



Matchday Squad

Chris Wearing (GK)

Lewis Waldy

Chris McGrath

Ben Palmer

Matt Brown

Joe Charles

Jamie Short

Craig Veal

Jake Quick

Joe Chamberlain

Jamie Price

Charlie Wilson

Danny Bailly

Ethan Phillips

Scott Wells-Burr

Sam Sheldrake

THE TIGERS

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS TEAM

Assistant Referee
Nicholas Hulland
Yeovil



Referee
James Knowles
Ilchester



Assistant Referee
Peter Horton
Somerset



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**South West Peninsula
Football League**



Founded 2007

South West Peninsula Football League

AXMINSTER TOWN

Axminster Town Association Football Club are based in Axminster, Devon. They are currently members of the South West Peninsula League Premier Division East and play at Tiger Way. The club originally played at Gravelpit Lane. In 1921 they bought a site at Sector Lane, where they played until moving to Tiger Way in 2015.



CLUB HISTORY

The club was established in 1903 and joined the Perry Street Junior League. They won the league in 1911–12, and were champions again in three successive seasons between 1919–20 and 1921–22. The club won the league's Challenge Cup in 1922–23, 1939–40 and 1949–50. They were league champions again the following season, and in 1952 the club moved up to Division One of the Exeter & District Senior League. After winning the division in 1952–53, they were promoted to the Premier Division.

In 1958–59 Axminster finished bottom of the Premier Division, and were relegated to Division One. In 1972 they dropped back into the Perry Street & District League. The club were Challenge Cup winners again in 1979–80 and 1992–93, before returning to the (renamed) Devon & Exeter League in 2001, joining Senior Division Four. They won the division at the first attempt, and were promoted to Senior Division Two. The club won this division the following season, earning promotion to Division One.

Axminster were promoted for the fourth successive season in 2003–04, moving up to the Premier Division. They went on to win the Premier Division title in 2006–07, subsequently becoming founder members of Division One East of the South West Peninsula League. The club finished bottom of the division in 2010–11 but avoided relegation. In 2017–18 they entered the FA Vase for the first time. Following league reorganisation at the end of the 2018–19 season, the club were elevated to the Premier Division East.

Information Supplied by Wikipedia

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COMING SOON – PLAY SAFE WEEKEND 2023 Saturday 30th Sept/Sunday 1st October

English football is set to unite again over the above weekend to promote **Play Safe** – a countrywide campaign to focus attention of the vital importance of safeguarding in our national game.

Led by The Football Association, the Play Safe campaign is endorsed by the NSPCC and will be supported this weekend across every level of English football, including the Premier League, EFL, Barclays Women's Super League and Barclays Women's Championship, and across the grassroots game.

This season we are asking **EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE** – clubs and leagues at every level of the game, (and individuals if they wish) – to tell us what they are planning to do to make a difference over the Play Safe weekend and to share this via an online Play Safe Pledge.

The FA's Survivor Support and Safeguarding Advisory Group (FASSSAG) continues to support Play Safe: "Creating safe environments in every football setting is a collective responsibility. It's really important that every single person in football – no matter if they're actively involved or on the sidelines – understands that they have an ongoing role to play. Knowing how to act on any concerns is vital and Play Safe is a key way to raise awareness so that everyone is vigilant and knows what to do if they become aware of any inappropriate behaviour."

This year's Play Safe weekend focuses on the safeguarding role **EVERYONE** has to play – coach, player, parent/carer, spectator or volunteer – to keep children and young people safe, no matter what the football setting. **EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE, EVERYTIME** is encouraged to **WATCH, LISTEN, TALK** and **ACT** if they have any safeguarding concerns.

These messages are reflected in the visuals on this page, which are examples of the various digital and print resources being distributed to every County FA, league and club in England. Captain's armbands will be worn at various levels of the game over the weekend. Head coaches/managers are also being asked to wear Play Safe pin badges to show their support.

It's all part of football in England uniting to create an ever-safer culture across the game at every level.



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BLAFC FIXTURES 2023

AUGUST

Sat 5th Dartmouth - SWPL (H)..... **Won 4-1**
Sat 12th Bovey Tracey - SWPL (A)..... **Lost 0-5**
Wed 16th Honiton Town - SWPL (H)..... Lost 0-1
Sat 19th Stoke GTP - SWPL (A)..... **Lost 2-3**
Sat 26th Bude Town - FA Vase (H)..... Lost 0-3
Wed 30th Axminster - SWPL (H)..... (7:30pm)

SEPTEMBER

Sat 2nd Crediton - SWPL (A)..... (3pm)
Wed 6th Cullompton - WCP Cup (H)..... (7:30pm)
Sat 9th Torrington - SWPL (A)..... (3pm)
Wed 13th Sidmouth - SWPL (H)..... (7:30pm)
Sat 16th Teignmouth - SWPL (A)..... (3pm)
Wed 20th Honiton Town - SWPL (A)..... (7:30pm)
Sat 23rd No Fixture Planned
Tue 26th Bridport - SWPL (A)..... (7:30pm)
Sat 30th Elburton - SWPL (H)..... (3pm)

OCTOBER

Wed 4th Cheddar - Som Prem Cup (H).. (7:30pm)
Sat 7th Torridgeside - SWPL (A)..... (3pm)
Sat 14th Walter C Parson Cup
Sat 21st No Fixture Planned
Tue 24th Sidmouth - SWPL (A)..... (7:30pm)
Sat 28th Stoke GTP - SWPL (H)..... (3pm)
Tue 31st Axminster - SWPL (A)..... (7:30pm)

NOVEMBER

Sat 4th Newton Spurs - SWPL (A)..... (3pm)
7th & 8th Somerset Premier Cup
Sat 11th Okehampton - SWPL (A)..... (3pm)
Sat 18th Ivybridge - SWPL (H)..... (3pm)
Sat 25th Dartmouth - SWPL (A)..... (3pm)

DECEMBER

Sat 2nd Bridport - SWPL (H)..... (3pm)
Sat 9th Okehampton - SWPL (H)..... (3pm)
Sat 16th Ivybridge - SWPL (A)..... (3pm)
Tue 26th Cullompton - SWPL (A)..... (TBA)

BLAFC FIXTURES 2024

JANUARY

Sat 6th Bovey Tracey - SWPL (H)..... (3pm)
Sat 13th Torrington - SWPL (H)..... (3pm)
Sat 20th Crediton - SWPL (H)..... (3pm)
Sat 27th Elburton - SWPL (A)..... (3pm)

FEBRUARY

Sat 10th Torridgeside - SWPL (H)..... (3pm)
Sat 17th Teignmouth - SWPL (H)..... (3pm)
Fri 23rd Newton Spurs - SWPL (H)..... (7:30pm)

MARCH

Good Friday
Friday 29th Cullompton - SWPL (H)..... (TBA)

APRIL

MAY

This Weeks SWP East Fixtures



Tuesday 29th August 2023

Dartmouth AFC 0 v Bovey Tracey 5

Newton Abb Spurs v Stoke G & T Police (Post-Floodlights)

Bridport FC v Honiton Town (Abandoned-Floodlights)

Wednesday 30th August 2023

Bishops Lydeard v Axminster Town

Cullompton Rangers v CREDITON UNITED

Saturday 2nd September 2023

Axminster Town v Ivybridge Town

Bovey Tracey v Cullompton Rangers

CREDITON UNITED v BISHOPS LYDEARD

Dartmouth AFC v Bridport FC

Teignmouth AFC v Sidmouth Town

Torriceside AFC v Honiton Town

Tuesday 5th September 2023

Sidmouth Town v Axminster Town

Torriceside AFC v CREDITON UNITED

Wednesday 6th September 2023

WCP CUP Bishops Lydeard v Cullompton Rangers

Ivybridge Town v Elburton Villa

Okehampton Argyle v Torrington AFC

SWP Premier East League Table



		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Ivybridge Town	5	4	1	0	19	5	13
2	Bovey Tracey	6	3	3	0	19	4	12
3	Bridport FC	4	4	0	0	11	6	12
4	Axminster Town	4	3	1	0	12	4	10
5	Elburton Villa	5	2	2	1	9	9	8
6	Newton Abbot Spurs	4	2	0	2	11	8	6
7	Torrington AFC	4	2	0	2	7	8	6
8	Honiton Town	5	1	2	2	5	8	5
9	Cullompton Rangers	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
10	Crediton United	3	1	1	1	5	4	4
11	Teignmouth AFC	4	1	1	2	11	12	4
12	Stoke G & T Police	6	1	1	4	7	19	4
13	Sidmouth Town	3	1	0	2	6	7	3
14	Bishops Lydeard	4	1	0	3	6	10	3
15	Dartmouth AFC	6	0	1	5	6	23	1
16	Okehampton Argyle	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
17	Torridgeside AFC	2	0	0	2	0	7	0

SWP Premier West League Table



		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	St Austell AFC	6	6	0	0	27	3	18
2	Wadebridge Town	5	3	1	1	11	8	10
3	Holsworthy AFC	6	3	1	2	12	14	10
4	Liskeard Athletic	3	3	0	0	18	4	9
5	Newquay AFC	3	2	1	0	8	2	7
6	Bude Town	5	2	1	2	12	9	7
7	Dobwalls AFC	5	2	1	2	11	9	7
8	Bodmin Town	6	2	1	3	9	14	7
9	Wendron United	2	2	0	0	9	3	6
10	Truro City Reserves	3	2	0	1	6	6	6
11	Penzance AFC	4	2	0	2	10	11	6
12	Callington Town	5	2	0	3	11	16	6
13	Mullion AFC	6	2	0	4	11	17	6
14	Launceston AFC	4	1	0	3	4	10	3
15	Sticker AFC	5	1	0	4	2	12	3
16	Camelford AFC	6	1	0	5	7	18	3
17	St Dennis 1st	4	0	0	4	3	15	0