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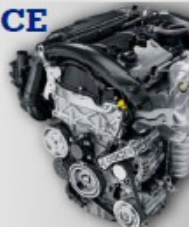
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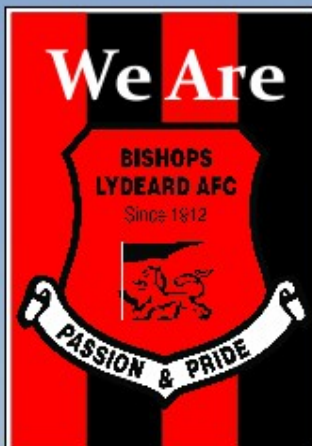
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Mixed

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

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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

PASSION & PRIDE

BISHOPS LYDEARD AFC

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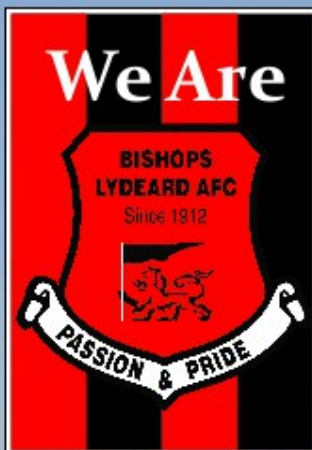
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THE CLUB BACKBONE

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.

PASSION & PRIDE

CHEDDAR AFC

Cheddar Football Club was established in 1892, playing at the local cricket ground near the then Cheddar railway station on the Strawberry Line. The Cheddar Valley League, of which the Cheese Men were one of the founders, was formed in the 1900's. A couple of years after winning the league in 1911, the club joined the Western & District League and moved to a new ground where the Kings of Wessex Academy playing fields are now situated. A historic £1500 investment in 1952 allowed the club to relocate to the current ground, Bowden's Park, after re-joining the Cheddar Valley League shortly after the Second World War.



CLUB HISTORY

Cheddar has continued to look to progress each season and as recently as 2018/19 had a second-place finish which usually would have guaranteed promotion to the division above. This was complimented by a good run to the second preliminary round of the FA Cup and the second round of the FA Vase.

The 'shack', as it was affectionately known opened in 1981 as a licensed facility providing the foundation for future Somerset County League success and was converted into the current clubhouse in 1987.

The added introduction of the play-off system gave a new dynamic to the 2021/22 season where we finished 1 point outside the play-offs in what was an enthralling final game of the season.

To coincide with the centenary year in 1992, the club built new changing rooms and installed flood lights, allowing evening matches to be hosted. Cheddar FC then advanced to Somerset County League Premier Division in 2004 and in 2011 gained promotion to the Western League Division 1 for the first time.

2022/23 was a transitional period following the departure of several of the "old guard" players resulting in an opportunity for the previous seasons reserve team to step up which they duly did so and secured our position in the Toolstation for this season as we look to build on that.

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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

Cheddar



Manager
Michael
Dangerfield
Assistant
Olly Feltham
Physio
Dave Lukins



Matchday Squad

Kieran Webster (GK & Capt)	Ben Windram
Tom Davies	Jake Buxton
Olie Hucker Tom Davies	Ryan Sandford
Morgan Bacon	Ryan Eardley
Luke Prosser	Oscar Collins
Dean Chrisostomou	Michael Murch
Adam Davies	George Fairchild
Lewis Chappell	Aden Criddle
Jack Busby	Harry Pegler
Toby Hucker	Elliott Keen
Finlay Biggs	Owen Griffiths
Tommy Skidmore (GK)	Liam Graham
Sam Talbot (GK)	Matty Moore

THE CHEESEMEN

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS TEAM

Assistant Referee
Ian Harley
Yeovil



Referee
Toby Franklin
Clevedon



Assistant Referee
Sean Clarke
Somerset



**- If the scores are level after 90 Minutes -
The Result will be decided by Penalty Kicks**



SOMERSET PREMIER CUP

SOMERSET PREMIER CUP FIRST ROUND FIXTURES



3rd October 2023 Results

Street 6 Radstock Town 3

Middlezoy Rovers 1 Bridgwater United 3

Welton Rovers 1 Brislington 2

Paulton Rovers 4 Wincanton Town 1

Taunton Town 5 Portishead Town 2

4th October 2023

Wellington v Odd Down

Clevedon Town v Shepton Mallet

Bishops Lydeard v Cheddar

Larkhall Athletic v Nailsea and Tickenham

10th October 2023

Keynsham Town v Yeovil Town

SOMERSET PREMIER CUP

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)..... Lost 0-2

SEPTEMBER

Sat 2nd Crediton - SWPL (A)..... Lost 0-5
Wed 6th Cullompton - WCP Cup (H)..... Won 3-2
Sat 9th Torrington - SWPL (A)..... Lost 2-3
Wed 13th Sidmouth Town - SWPL (H)..... Lost 2-3
Sat 16th Teignmouth - SWPL (A)..... Lost 5-6
Tue 26th Bridport - SWPL (A)..... Lost 1-2
Sat 30th Elburton Villa - SWPL (H)..... Lost 0-3

OCTOBER

Wed 4th Cheddar - Som Prem Cup (H).. (7:30pm)
Sat 7th Torridgeside - SWPL (A)..... (3pm)
Sat 14th Mullion - WCP Cup (A)..... (3pm)
Sat 21st No Fixture Planned
Tue 24th Sidmouth Town - 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)..... *(2:15pm)*
Sat 25th Dartmouth - SWPL (A)..... (3pm)

DECEMBER

Sat 2nd Bridport - SWPL (H)..... *(2:15pm)*
Sat 9th Okehampton - SWPL (H)..... *(2:15pm)*
Sat 16th Ivybridge - SWPL (A)..... (3pm)
Tue 26th Cullompton - SWPL (A)..... (TBA)

BLAFC FIXTURES 2024

JANUARY

Sat 6th Bovey Tracey - SWPL (H).....* (2:15pm)*
Sat 13th Torrington - SWPL (H).....* (2:15pm)*
Sat 20th Crediton - SWPL (H).....*(2:15pm)*
Sat 27th Elburton Villa - SWPL (A)..... (3pm)

FEBRUARY

Sat 3rd Honiton Town - SWPL (A).....(3pm)
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)



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This Weeks SWP East Fixtures



Tuesday 3rd October 2023

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Stoke Gabriel & Torbay Police 1 v Newton Abbot Spurs 4

Wednesday 4th October 2023

Bishops Lydeard v Cheddar (Somerset Premier Cup)

Bovey Tracey v Ivybridge Town

Cullompton Rangers v Okehampton Argyle

Honiton Town v Teignmouth AFC

Friday 6th October 2023

Axminster Town v Sidmouth Town

Saturday 7th October 2023

Bovey Tracey v Stoke Gabriel & Torbay Police

CREDITON UNITED v Dartmouth AFC

Cullompton Rangers v Elburton Villa

Ivybridge Town v Torrington AFC

Newton Abbot Spurs v Honiton Town

Okehampton Argyle v Bridport FC

Torridgeside AFC v Bishops Lydeard

SWP Premier East League Table



		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Ivybridge Town	11	10	1	0	42	8	31
2	Bridport FC	10	8	1	1	30	19	25
3	Crediton United	10	6	2	2	29	15	20
4	Axminster Town	11	6	2	3	27	17	20
5	Elburton Villa	9	5	2	2	17	12	17
6	Sidmouth Town	11	5	2	4	24	20	17
7	Newton Abbot Spurs	10	4	3	3	23	17	15
8	Cullompton Rangers	9	4	2	3	17	15	14
9	Torrington AFC	10	4	2	4	13	15	14
10	Bovey Tracey	10	3	4	3	23	13	13
11	Teignmouth AFC	9	4	1	4	22	21	13
12	Stoke G&T Police	11	4	1	6	21	31	13
13	Honiton Town	10	2	3	5	15	27	9
14	Okehampton Argyle	6	2	1	3	9	12	7
15	Torridgeside AFC	8	2	0	6	4	25	6
16	Bishops Lydeard	11	1	0	10	16	34	3
17	Dartmouth AFC	12	0	1	11	9	40	1

TOOLSTATION LEAGUE

Western Football League Division One Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1	Portishead Town	15	12	2	1	47	11	38
2	Radstock Town	15	11	1	3	39	18	34
3	Wincanton Town	15	10	3	2	37	23	33
4	Bradford Town	16	9	4	3	42	24	31
5	Bitton	14	9	3	2	31	15	30
6	Brislington	14	9	2	3	50	22	29
7	Bristol Telephones	15	8	2	5	32	31	26
8	Cribbs Reserves	14	7	3	4	35	27	24
9	Wells City	13	6	2	5	28	22	20
10	Middlezoy Rovers	14	6	2	6	30	29	20
11	AEK Boco	14	5	4	5	25	22	19
12	Cadbury Heath	13	6	0	7	22	25	18
13	Longwell Green Sport	14	5	2	7	25	27	17
14	Odd Down (BATH)	15	5	2	8	29	50	17
15	Shirehampton	13	4	2	7	24	27	14
16	Hallen	13	4	2	7	18	23	14
17	Hengrove Athletic	13	4	2	7	28	34	14
18	Warminster Town	14	4	2	8	28	38	14
19	Keynsham Town	12	3	1	8	23	39	10
20	Cheddar	14	3	1	10	23	41	10
21	Gillingham Town	14	2	1	11	16	43	7
22	Bishop Sutton	14	0	1	13	10	51	1

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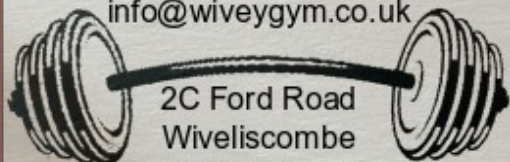


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