

THE MATCHDAY CHRONICLE

MINEHEAD v WATCHET TOWN

ERREA SOMERSET COUNTY LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Boxing Day Monday 26th December 2011

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THURS 5th JANUARY KO 7:00pm (FRIENDLY MATCH)

SOMERSET U18s v GWENT U18s

SAT 14th JANUARY KO 2:00pm (TAUNTON & DISTRICT SATURDAY LGE DIVISION 3)

MINEHEAD RES v HIGHBRIDGE TOWN RES

SAT 21st JANUARY KO 2:00pm (TAUNTON & DISTRICT SATURDAY LGE DIVISION 3)

MINEHEAD RES v WEMBDON

SAT 28th JANUARY KO 3:00pm (ERREA SOMERSET COUNTY PREMIER DIVISION)

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THE HOPPY & NEWY SHOW

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Happy Christmas to you all.

A warm welcome to players and supporters of Watchet Town FC.

Over the last month or so it's been hard to get going due to our stop start fixtures, but when it comes to games like today form goes out the window and it will come down to who wants it more on the day. I've been impressed by the way Watchet have performed this season after some key players moved onto other clubs in the summer, so we will have to be at our best today if we are going take all three points.

For Newy and myself we will find this one of the easier games to get the lads up for. There are going to be places up for grabs in our first team over the next few weeks with Lee and Paul Smyth both banned for two games each and Stefan Phillips having joined Bridgwater Town first team, so I hope the players coming in today will grab their chance to shine.

I hope both sets of supporters enjoy a good game today.

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THE CHAIRMAN'S RAVE

(Rants no longer being allowed)

Good afternoon everybody and welcome to The Rec for this very special piece of a thankfully revived christmas pastime - the Minehead and Watchet local derby.

Today sees the first of two derbies this season - the return match is at Watchet's Memorial Ground on Easter Saturday. I hope that everybody on the ground enjoys the game and that the winner is football entertainment.

Being the last home game of 2011 perhaps this is the most suitable time to reflect for a moment on the past 12 months.

For me the most memorable moment was a goal scored by Jack Groves-Furse during a 5-2 victory at Brislington. The report read..."Groves-Furse was not to be denied and on 30 minutes produced a piece of sublime skill to double the blues' advantage. Following a dangerous corner the ball was headed clear to the edge of the box from where the midfielder responded with a perfectly executed volley which curled away from the keeper and into the top corner. Witnessing a goal of such quality made the journey worthwhile on it's own, and even the home supporters commented that if

captured by TV cameras would be repeatedly shown for months on end."

The worst moment of the last 12 months was learning on of the passing in early October of our absolutely irreplaceable President, Tony Milton, who had battled with Parkinsons Disease for many years. He started watching Minehead in 1946 and his support for the club never waned. Tony was Club Secretary during the glory years of the 60's and 70's and in more recent decades became the club's figure head as President. I remember commenting at the time that the club had lost it's greatest ever talisman, and now almost three months on I would completely stand behind my words. I have met numerous people in my 45 year involvement with the club, who have worked far in excess above the call of duty for MAFC, but Tony really was in my opinion THE talisman. I felt that his son David's eulogy at his funeral ceremony was absolutely exceptional. Very big shoes to fill then - any takers?

I'd like to finish the year by thanking each and every person who has helped in any way towards keeping the blues playing football at The Rec, and I for one look forward to the challenge of the next 12 months.

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THE RETURN OF GERRY HATRICK

mysterious Gerry Hatrick (pronounced "geriatric"), the player winning the accolade on the most occasions will be presented with the prestigious Gerry Hatrick trophy at the end of the season. The Star Ratings, give a more detailed insight into each player's individual form fluctuations throughout the length of the season, but should be largely taken as a bit of fun.

The Gerry Hatrick Man of the Match Trophy, is awarded to the Minehead player whose performance most catches the eye at each home match. Adjudicated by the



**SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER
v STOCKWOOD GREEN**

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	03/12	Total	Games	Average	Wins
Jack Page		43	6	7.17	2
Lee Smyth		28	4	7	2
Mike Mullen	6	58	9	6.44	2
Ross Addicott	7	7	1	7	1
Chris Newbold	5	46	7	6.57	1
Matt Cracknell		12	2	6	1
Craig Carr		14	2	7	0
Sam Armitage		7	1	7	0
Connor Sidley-Adams		27	4	6.75	0
Chris Meredith		20	3	6.67	0
Paul Smyth	5	38	6	6.33	0
Rich Binding		43	7	6.14	0
Stefan Phillips		36	6	6	0
Rob Gurnett		12	2	6	0
Jack Groves-Furse		6	1	6	0
James Browning		6	1	6	0
Ben Flatley		6	1	6	0
Luke Freeman	5	52	9	5.78	0
Nick Phillips	5	46	8	5.75	0
Lee Todd	5	40	7	5.71	0
Chris Yeates	6	17	3	5.67	0
Guy Burns	5	33	6	5.5	0
Andy Hall		11	2	5.5	0
Harry Scatchard	5	11	2	5.5	0
Nathan Sheehan	5	5	1	5	0

MINEHEAD (0) 0 STOCKWOOD GREEN (3) 3



Saturday 3rd December 2011

Minehead fell behind within the first minute of this mid table Errea Somerset Premier Division clash at Irnham Road last Saturday, and though possession was relatively even throughout the game, two further goals just before half time meant that the points went back to Bristol with Stockwood Green who

remain a position below Minehead in the league table.

With both sides having a handful of players missing the visitors took the lead in under 60 seconds when defender Stuart Oppery stabbed a loose ball home from eight yards giving deputising keeper Nathan Sheehan no chance.



Photos courtesy of About My Area

Minehead rallied but their first real chance went begging after 10 minutes when last season's top scorer missed a golden opportunity. Next to be denied was Dominic Jones for the visitors, whose shot was well saved by Sheehan.

With the blues appearing to take a small amount of control an opportunity was presented to Harry Scatchard who latched onto a through ball but slid the wrong side of

minds and when it seemed simpler to push the ball over the crossbar to the relative safety of a corner, he kept the ball in play and it dropped kindly at the feet of Nat Brain who converted to put the game out of reach.

Early in the second half a Guy Burns shot was well saved by the burly but very competent keeper Ricky Lebiedz, then three minutes later the striker found his way into the referee's notebook to join his



the keeper and the goalframe and the chance was gone. Another attempt from Jones, this time an angled effort was competently saved by Sheehan but then in the 5 minutes running up to half time disaster struck twice for the blues and they were left 3-0 down at half time. Firstly Glynn Luffman scored in a goalmouth scramble from which the blues defence failed to clear the danger, then moments later a high cross caught Sheehan in two

team-mates Mike Mullen and Luke Freeman who had been cautioned earlier.

One piece of good news for the blues was the introduction of Matt Cracknell as a second half substitute, and he seemed to come through the test without difficulty. Playing a cameo strikers' role he brought a spark to the home attack and twice forced saves from Lebiedz.

CLUB NEWS

CONNOR TO PLAY FOR ENGLAND SCHOOLBOYS

Goalkeeper Connor Sidley-Adams learnt this week that following his displays in various regional trials he has been chosen to represent his country at full England Schoolboy level in January. Another full weekend of training at Lilleshall culminates in a match against Australia on January 29th.

"This is outstanding news for Connor", commented club chairman Brian Walder, who added "This absolutely proves that through hard work and dedication you can achieve your goals. Having been linked with numerous clubs throughout the last couple of years Connor has taken every knock-back on the chin and has fought his way through to this huge opportunity. I feel certain that with the majority of his team-mates already having been signed by major UK clubs, Connor is likely to be snapped up at any time. He couldn't be in a better place or in better company to be spotted".

Connor was signed to Plymouth Argyle for two years and received extensive training with them only to be dropped from their plans when cuts made

for financial reasons a couple of years ago. Since then he has travelled long and far to attend trials with numerous clubs but surprisingly no one has taken the plunge and signed him on professional terms.

The first time I saw Connor play was for our Under 18's against Tiverton about 15 months ago and he was outstanding. It was obvious that he had a bright future in the game.

Having played at the same level as Minehead for Taunton Blackbrook last season in the hope that he could force his way into the Southern League side, he returned to Irnham Road just after the start of this season, but his availability has been limited due to

Somerset U18 appearances and now his regional and full England trials.

We accept that he will be moving on as soon as the right club comes along, but for the time being it is a great boost for us to be able to drop into conversation that your goalie plays for England.

Naturally, everyone at the club wishes Connor the very best of luck when he returns to Lilleshall at the end of January.



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CLUB NEWS

MINEHEAD TO HOST SOMERSET U18 FRIENDLY



With Connor Sidley-Adams and Jack Page currently appearing regularly for the Somerset Under 18 XI, MAFC have been approached with regard to hosting a few of the upcoming matches.

With there being few floodlit games scheduled for the remainder of the season, the club were thrilled to be approached and on Thursday 7th January West Somerset spectators will have the opportunity to see our

two budding youngsters appear when Gwent U18's provide the opposition.

Both players have also been selected for the squad to make the long journey north to Durham where Somerset face stiff opposition in the 4th Round of the national FA County Youth Competition.

The club are therefore hoping that Jack and Connor can help Somerset to progress to round 5, in the hope that a home draw could see another prestigious fixture here at The Rec.



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26/12/11	L ESCLPD	WATCHET TOWN	The Olde Harbour House	Mr J Curley
28/01/12	L ESCLPD	CHEDDAR		
04/02/12	L ESCLPD	BERROW		
11/02/12	L ESCLPD	CLEVEDON UNITED		
03/03/12	L ESCLPD	NAILSEA TOWN		
21/03/12	L ESCLPD	BISHOPS LYDEARD		
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11/04/12	L ESCLPD	SHIREHAMPTON		

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GLASTONBURY TOWN	5-4	CLEVEDON UNITED
MINEHEAD	0-3	STOCKWOOD GREEN
SHIREHAMPTON	1-2	BERROW
ST GEORGE EASTON in G	3-1	BRIDGWATER TOWN RES
TAUNTON BLACKBROOK	2-1	NAILSEA TOWN

SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER

ASHTON & BACKWELL UTD	9-1	GLASTONBURY TOWN
BERROW	6-2	TAUNTON BLACKBROOK
BISHOPS LYDEARD	1-2	WATCHET TOWN
CUTTERS FRIDAY	0-0	ODD DOWN RES
LANGFORD ROVERS 2000	4-1	CLEVEDON UNITED
STOCKWOOD GREEN	3-1	NAILSEA TOWN

SATURDAY 17th DECEMBER

BERROW	2-2	SHIREHAMPTON
CHEDDAR	0-3	BRIDGWATER TOWN RES
CLEVEDON UNITED	P	STOCKWOOD GREEN
CUTTERS FRIDAY	P	ASHTON & BACKWELL UTD
GLASTONBURY TOWN	P	NAILSEA UNITED
LANGFORD ROVERS 2000	P	ODD DOWN RESERVES
NAILSEA TOWN	P	MINEHEAD
ST GEORGE EASTON in G	P	BISHOPS LYDEARD
TAUNTON BLACKBROOK	P	WATCHET TOWN

SATURDAY 24th DECEMBER

ASHTON & BACKWELL UTD	0-1	STOCKWOOD GREEN
BERROW	2-5	LANGFORD ROVERS 2000
BRIDGWATER TOWN RES	1-0	ODD DOWN RESERVES
BISHOPS LYDEARD	P	TAUNTON BLACKBROOK
GLASTONBURY TOWN	0-4	CHEDDAR
NAILSEA UNITED	4-2	NAILSEA TOWN
SHIREHAMPTON	3-1	CUTTERS FRIDAY

(up to and including Saturday)

1	Cheddar
2	Berrow
3	Nailsea United
4	Langford Rovers 2000
5	Ashton and Backwell United
6	Cutters Friday
7	Shirehampton
8	Watchet Town
9	Stockwood Green
10	Bishops Lydeard
11	Minehead
12	Taunton Blackbrook
13	Bridgwater Town Res
14	Nailsea Town
15	Clevedon United
16	Odd Down Res
17	Glastonbury Town
18	St George Easton in Gordano

LEADING GOALSCORERS

	Name	Club
1	James Lee	Nailsea United
2	Jeff Read	Berrow
3	Scott Bamford	Shirehampton
4	Ryan Bending	Cutters Friday
5	Levi Marlow	Langford Rovers
6	Joe Parsons	Ashton and Backwell
7	Matthew Long	Nailsea United
8	Ricky Briggs	Ashton and Backwell
9	Dan Griffiths	Shirehampton
10	William Manning	Cheddar
11	Taylor Maddock	Watchet Town
12	Alexis Piper	Bishops Lydeard
13	Tony Cook	Clevedon United
14	Ryan Havard	Langford Rovers
15	Louis Allen	Watchet Town

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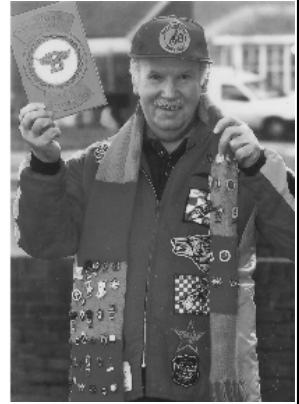
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<u>BOXING DAY MONDAY 26th DECEMBER</u>		
MINEHEAD	v	WATCHET TOWN
<u>SATURDAY 31st DECEMBER</u>		
BERROW	v	MINEHEAD
BRIDGWATER TOWN RES	v	WATCHET TOWN
CUTTERS FRIDAY	v	SHIREHAMPTON
LANGFORD ROVERS 2000	v	CHEDDAR
NAILSEA TOWN	v	ASHTON & BACKWELL UTD
ODD DOWN RESERVES	v	STOCKWOOD GREEN
ST GEORGE EASTON in G	v	GLASTONBURY TOWN
<u>SATURDAY 7th JANUARY</u>		
BERROW	v	ST GEORGE EASTON in G
CLEVEDON UNITED	v	ODD DOWN RESERVES
LANGFORD ROVERS 2000	v	GLASTONBURY TOWN
NAILSEA UNITED	v	CHEDDAR
SHIREHAMPTON	v	MINEHEAD
STOCKWOOD GREEN	v	BRIDGWATER TOWN RES
WATCHET TOWN	v	CUTTERS FRIDAY
<u>SATURDAY 14th JANUARY</u>		
BISHOPS LYDEARD	v	NAILSEA UNITED
BRIDGWATER TOWN RES	v	CLEVEDON UNITED
GLASTONBURY TOWN	v	BERROW
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Western Counties Floodlit League Champions 1974-75

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FA Challenge Cup 2nd Round Proper 1976-77, 1977-78

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F A Challenge Trophy 1st Round Proper:
1969-70, 1970-71, 1971-72, 1973-74, 1976-77, 1977-78, 1978-79, 1980-81, 1981-82

F A Challenge Vase 2nd Round Proper 1998-99

Western League Challenge Cup Runners-up 1970-71

Somerset Professional Cup Winners 1960-61, 1973-74, 1976-77

Somerset Professional Cup Runners-up 1954-55, 1957-58, 1959-60, 1964-65, 1978-79

Western Counties Floodlit KO Cup Winners 1976-77

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	Matt Cracknell			REFEREE: DARREN CU
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	Andy Hall			<u>MINEHEAD MAN</u>
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	Chris Newbold			ASSISTANT: PAUL NEV
	Jack Page			PHYSIO: MATT THRES
	Nick Phillips			
	Connor Sidley-Adams			<u>VISITOR'S MAN</u>
	Lee Todd			MANAGER: NICK SULL
	Chris Yeates			ASSISTANT: LAWRENC
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December 2011		(RED/BLACK)		F/T
COUNTY LEAGUE		Louis Allen		
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ALS:		Adam Bishop		
ILLUM (Taunton)		Royston Green		
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		Ryan Jones		
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Mr Curley is one of our most regular supporters, and currently a Vice President of the club.

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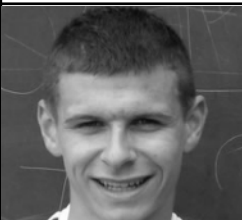









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13/08/11	L ESCLPD	ASHTON & BACKWELL UTD	H		C Meredith ■	C Newbold	M Cracknell	M Mullen	L Todd	R Binding
20/08/11	L ESCLPD	Langford Rovers 2000	A		C Meredith	C Newbold	R Gurnett	A Hall	M Mullen	J Browning
24/08/11	L ESCLPD	ST GEORGE EASTON IN G	H		C Meredith	C Newbold	M Cracknell(1)	L Todd	M Mullen	J Browning
03/09/11	L ESCLPD	Bishops Lydeard	A		S Hutchings	C Newbold	R Gurnett	L Todd	M Mullen	R Binding
10/09/11	L ESCLPD	BRIDGWATER TOWN RES	H		C Meredith	C Newbold (1)	R Gurnett	L Todd	M Mullen	R Binding
17/09/11	L ESCLPD	Stockwood Green	A		C Meredith	C Newbold	D Green	C Yeates	M Mullen	R Binding
24/09/11	C FA VASE	Falmouth Town	A		C Meredith	C Newbold (1)	D Green	C Yeates ■	L Todd	R Binding
01/10/11	L ESCLPD	ODD DOWN RESERVES	H		S Armitage	C Newbold	L Todd (1)	P Smyth	M Mullen	R Binding
08/10/11	L ESCLPD	LANGFORD ROVERS 2000	H		C Sidley-Adams	C Newbold	L Smyth	P Smyth	M Mullen	R Binding
12/10/11	L ESCLPD	TAUNTON BLACKBROOK	H		C Sidley-Adams	C Newbold	L Smyth	P Smyth (1)	M Mullen	R Binding
15/10/11	L ESCLCR1	Langford Rovers 2000	A		C Sidley-Adams	J Groves-Furse	L Smyth	P Smyth	M Mullen	R Binding
18/10/11	L ESCLPD	Bridgwater Town Reserves	A		C Sidley-Adams	C Newbold	L Smyth	P Smyth	M Mullen	R Binding
29/10/11	L ESCLPD	St George Easton in Gordano	A		C Sidley-Adams	C Newbold	L Smyth (2)	P Smyth ■	M Mullen	R Binding
05/11/11	C SSCR2	Cutters Friday	A		S Armitage	Craig Carr	L Smyth (1)	P Smyth	M Mullen	R Binding
16/11/11	L ESCLPD	NAILSEA UNITED	H		C Sidley-Adams	P Smyth (1)	L Todd	C Yeates	M Mullen	R Binding
19/11/11	L ESCLPD	CUTTERS FRIDAY	H	87	C Sidley-Adams	P Smyth	L Todd	C Yeates	M Mullen	R Binding
03/12/11	L ESCLPD	STOCKWOOD GREEN	H		N Sheehan	P Smyth	L Todd	C Yeates	M Mullen ■	R Addico
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17/03/12	L ESCLPD	Odd Down Reserves	A	KO	3:00pm					
21/03/12	L ESCLPD	BISHOPS LYDEARD	H	KO	7:45pm					
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28/04/12	L ESCLPD	Nailsea Town	A	KO	3:00pm					
05/05/12	L ESCLPD	Nailsea United	A	KO	3:00pm					

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FIRST XI NEXT MATCHES

Monday 26th DECEMBER HOME v WATCHET TOWN 12 Noon (ESCLPD)

Saturday 31st December AWAY v BERROW 12 Noon (ESCLPD)

Saturday 7th January AWAY v SHIREHAMPTON 2:00pm (ESCLPD)

FIXTURES, RESULTS, APPEARANCES, GOALSCORERS

	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15
g	S Phillips	R Gurnett	L Freeman	N Phillips	J Groves-Furse	J Browning (10,82)	R Addicott (9,82)	J Page (11,70)
g	B Flatley	R Binding	J Groves-Furse	M Cracknell	L Freeman	R Addicott (9,68)	J Page (11, 74)	
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g	S Phillips	J Page	G Burns (2)	N Phillips	L Freeman	H Scatchard (11,75)	Craig Carr (10,83)	R Hopkins
g	S Phillips (1)	J Page (1)	G Burns	N Phillips	L Freeman	H Scatchard (8,46)	Craig Carr (6,79)	R Hopkins
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Goals Scored (2) A N Other (4,64) Substitute replacing No 4 after 64 minutes

SECOND XI NEXT MATCHES

Saturday 7th January AWAY v SYDENHAM RANGERS 2:00pm (T&D SL Div 3)

Saturday 14th January HOME v HIGHBRIDGE TOWN RESERVES 2:00pm (T&D SL Div 3)

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Luke Freeman	17	0	2	30	6	15	48	9	17	31/10/2009	Almondsbury UWE	
Mike Mullen	16	0	0	38	2	4	153	10	6	29/08/2007	Clevedon United	
Rich Binding	15	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	13/08/2011	Ashton and Backwell United	
Chris Newbold	13	0	2	40	0	1	53	0	3	14/08/2010	Watchet Town	
Stefan Phillips	12	0	3	29	4	7	110	13	17	27/08/2005	Saltash United	
Nick Phillips	12	1	1	12	5	2	26	6	3	27/08/2005	Saltash United	
Jack Page	10	4	5	0	0	0	10	6	5	03/09/2011	Bishops Lydeard	
Guy Burns	10	1	3	31	3	12	142	46	30	08/01/2005	Radstock Town	
Paul Smyth	10	0	2	15	5	1	26	5	3	21/11/2009	Almondsbury UWE	
Lee Todd	10	1	1	31	1	3	219	34	32	31/08/1996	St Blazey	
Lee Smyth	8	1	5	5	5	2	32	9	13	27/10/2007	Shrewton United	
Connor Sidley-Adams	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	08/10/2011	Langford Rovers 2000	
Chris Meredith	6	0	0	21	0	0	98	3	0	10/09/2002	Ilfracombe Town	
Chris Yeates	5	0	0	32	3	0	158	26	8	25/03/2006	Cadbury Heath	
Craig Carr	5	7	0	0	0	0	136	65	25	05/11/1994	Amesbury Town	
Harry Scatchard	4	8	1	0	0	0	4	8	1	01/10/2011	Odd Down Reserves	
Andy Hall	4	1	0	27	1	6	272	55	47	13/09/1997	Larkhall Athletic	
Jack Groves-Furse	4	4	0	13	18	2	48	40	2	09/08/2008	Keynsham Town	
Rob Gurnett	4	1	0	16	4	1	46	11	1	06/12/2008	Shrewton United	
Matt Cracknell	3	3	1	25	3	7	53	11	10	08/08/2009	Keynsham Town	
Declan Green	3	5	0	0	0	0	3	6	0	17/09/2011	Stockwood Green	
James Browning	2	5	0	8	5	0	149	46	1	20/11/1993	Torrington	
Ben Flatley	2	0	0	0	0	0	31	3	2	03/10/2009	Shrewton United	
Sam Armitage	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	01/10/2011	Odd Down Reserves	
Sam Hutchings	1	0	0	0	0	0	160	25	6	29/04/2001	Melksham Town	
Nathan Sheehan	1	0	0	4	0	0	16	2	0	02/09/2006	Shepton Mallet	
Ross Addicott	1	5	0	2	8	0	3	13	0	22/02/2011	Bridgwater Town Reserves	
Robbie Hopkins	0	5	0	1	18	0	235	61	20	26/11/1988	Barnstaple Town	
Luke Bloys	0	2	0	21	8	4	21	10	4	21/08/2010	Winscombe	

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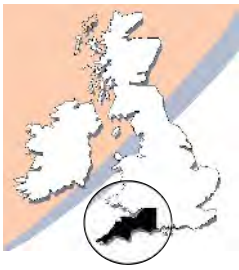
Three weeks ago (03/12/11) Minehead slipped to a disappointing 3-0 home defeat against Stockwood Green. This was one of only five matches played in the Errea Somerset County Premier League. Berrow moved back up to second place in the table following an important 2-1 win at improving Shirehampton. The home side took the lead after twenty minutes as Scott Bamford found the top corner of the net. Shirehampton should have clinched the points when Dan Griffiths was brought down on 70 minutes by the Berrow goalkeeper. The offender received his marching orders but to his dismay Shirehampton's Tony Beacham watched the resultant penalty strike the upright. The home side were to rue this missed opportunity after Berrow equalised on 81 minutes and following some sloppy defending, clinched the winner with just two minutes remaining. Shirehampton manager Micky Tanner was a disappointed man and said afterwards, "We dominated the game for long spells. I am still trying to work out how we lost a game we should have won." It was a good weekend for some of the struggling clubs as basement side St. George Easton in Gordano claimed a much needed three points following a 3-1 home win over second from bottom club Bridgwater Reserves. Glastonbury moved up to fourth from bottom courtesy of a 5-4 home victory against Clevedon United. The home team virtually wrapped up the points in the first-half as they went into the interval with a three goal lead. Whatever Clevedon caretaker manager Stu Henley said at the break certainly saw an improvement as a brace from Tony Cook and further efforts from Sam Brown and Luke Mortimore almost clinched a point. Taunton Blackbrook climbed above visiting Nailsea Town following a narrow 2-1 win at Wordsworth Drive.

In the fourth round of the Somerset Senior Cup Nailsea United enjoyed a 3-2 home victory over Ashton and Backwell, avenging the previous week's defeat by the same scoreline. Matt Long's 25-yard volley in the third minute gave Nailsea the lead and the same player doubled the advantage with a close range effort on the hour. An own-goal from Jim Lee gave Ashton some hope and they finally equalised through Connor Biggins after 85 minutes only for Steve Lester's chipped effort to clinch the win for Nailsea in the final minute. United manager said afterwards, "I felt we deserved our victory but we came very close to allowing it to slip away". Cutters Friday booked their passage into the next round with a 4-1 win at Street Reserves. The visitors nosed ahead on fifteen minutes with a goal from Andy Nash but Street levelled matters just before the interval. Cutters dominated the second-half and an own-goal together with strikes from Ben Barmant and Ryan Bending sealed the win. Today's visitors to the Rec, Watchet, were unable to repeat their Cup heroics of last season as they went down 2-1 at home against Langford Rovers. Two goals within a ten minute spell in the first-half proved decisive for the visitors. First of all a misplaced back pass let in Ryan Havard who chipped keeper Adam Bishop and then Marlow was unmarked at the far post to head home a corner for Langford's second. Watchet applied the pressure after the interval but could only manage a Jason Worth headed goal ten minutes from time to show for their effort.

A fortnight ago (10/12/11), Errea Somerset County Premier Division leaders Cheddar were not in action which gave their title rivals the chance to make up some ground. Second placed Berrow, who have experienced a recent dip in form, closed the gap on the leaders to just two points following a comfortable 6-2 home win against Taunton Blackbrook. Fourth placed

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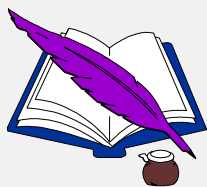


Langford Rovers, seven points behind the leaders, enjoyed a 4-1 home win over struggling Clevedon

United. The hosts took the lead in the 17th minute as Ross Needs broke away to score only for Max James to level for Clevedon on the hour. Needs fired Langford ahead on 70 minutes, with the help of a deflection and the points were wrapped up with two goals in the final three minutes courtesy of a Levi Marlow header and a last minute strike from Grant Giles. Fifth placed Ashton and Backwell went goal crazy as they won 9-1 at home against third from bottom club Glastonbury. The visitors have now conceded twenty one goals in their last three league matches. Ashton manager Shane Smith said: "It took us 28 minutes to open the scoring, but once we had taken the lead through Ricky Briggs, who sprang their offside trap, there was only one team in the game. I was disappointed when a defensive mix up gifted a late consolation goal to Glastonbury." Briggs doubled the advantage with a chip shot after 36 minutes before Dave Gould crashed home a superbly struck 35-yard drive on 42 minutes to make the score 3-0. Connor Biggins added a fourth just before the interval and striker Joe Parsons netted a second-half hat-trick to increase the deficit to 7-0. Ashton still were not finished as Ben Goddard headed in number eight after 76 minutes and a Terry Keen effort completed the rout on 82 minutes, although Glastonbury did net a late consolation. Cutters Friday were surprisingly held to a goalless draw by lowly visitors Odd Down Reserves whilst Nailsea Town suffered a 3-1 defeat at recent visitors to the Rec, Stockwood Green. Daniel Jones gave Stockwood a 15th minute lead and he made it 2-0 after half an hour. Mark Davidson increased the lead to 3-0 on the hour before Dan Cook netted a 70th

minute consolation for Nailsea. The local derby between Bishops Lydeard and Watchet saw the Red and Blacks come away with a creditable 2-1 victory. It was Watchet who took the lead just before the interval when Tayler Maddock struck a half-volley from the edge of the area following Matt Heywood's cross. Five minutes into the second-half the visitors doubled the advantage as Tom Sparks reacted quickest to a Maddock's free-kick that the Lydeard keeper failed to hold. The home side did manage to get onto the scoresheet through an Alexis Piper spot-kick, but Watchet comfortably held on to achieve the double over their neighbours.

A fortnight ago (17/12/11) virtually the whole Errea Somerset County Premier Division fixture list was wiped out by the extremely wet weather. One of the few matches to go ahead saw struggling Bridgwater Reserves pull off an unexpected 3-0 win at leaders Cheddar. The hosts, who had won thirteen out of their sixteen previous matches, fell behind after twenty minutes when Tyne Govier converted a penalty for a handball offence. Ten minutes later Sam Peppin fired Bridgwater further ahead as he smashed the ball home from the edge of the penalty area. To cap a fine performance Bridgwater were on target after 70 minutes when Govier netted, again from the penalty spot. Second placed Berrow were unable to capitalise on Cheddar's defeat when they entertained Shirehampton. In very windy conditions it was Berrow who took the lead after 25 minutes courtesy of a Ryan McErlain drive into the top corner. Eleven minutes later the home side doubled the advantage as Harry Penfold poked the loose ball home following a corner. Shirehampton pulled a goal back after 71 minutes through Ryan Crouch, forcing the ball home after a rebound from the crossbar and the visitors completed a fine comeback when Scott Bamfield equalised in the final minutes.



MINEHEAD AFC

THE STORY SO FAR.....

Minehead Football Club was originally founded in 1889 and spent their early years in local competitions. They entered the Western League at the start of the 1924/25 season, but after Division 2 had diminished to just 8 clubs returned to the Somerset Senior League for 1928/29, remaining in the league until WWII. After the hostilities the club enjoyed success in firstly the North Devon Senior League, followed by the East Devon and Exeter League, returning to the Western League ranks for the 1949/50 season. The club turned semi-professional in 1950/51 under former Exeter City captain Steve Walker, and in the late fifties became one of the strongest forces in the league under the guidance of Bristol based Ron Gingell. Though they remained in the Western League for 23 seasons, in spite of being one of the most consistent teams in the league, Minehead never actually won the Western League Championship, although they finished as runners-up twice (in 66/67 and 71/72).

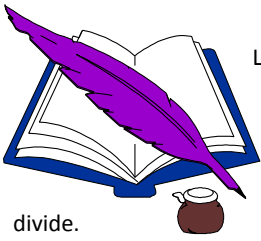
They joined the Southern League in 1972, finishing 5th in Division One (South). The following season saw them improve slightly by finishing 4th, followed by 3rd in 74/75. In the 75/76 season the club improved yet again to carry off the league title as champions, plus winning the Southern League Merit Cup by scoring more goals than any other club in the competition (all 3 divisions). Andy Leitch lead the charge with 36 goals, (the highest tally recorded while Minehead were a Southern League side), closely followed by Jimmy Jenkins and Derek Bryant who both managed 30. The next season, the most successful in it's roller-coaster history, saw Minehead finish as runners-up to Wimbledon, as well as reaching the 2nd Round Proper of the FA Cup for the first time, when they were beaten 2-1 by Portsmouth at Fratten Park,

witnessed by more than 16,000 spectators. At this stage the club were considered to be amongst the top 6 non league clubs in the country, reflected by being invited to represent England in the Non League Anglo-Italian Cup competition during 1978. Having won both matches at home, Minehead lost both return matches in Italy, one of which was against Udinese. Within a few short years Udinese had progressed through to the Italian 1st Division, with their ground being chosen as a venue for the World Cup finals in 1990.

More history was created the following season when striker Andy Leitch found his name in the record books by scoring in 6 consecutive FA Cup matches, equalling Jeff Astle's record. Leitch had a scorching header hooked off the line with the keeper beaten during Minehead's 2nd Round Proper tie at home to Exeter City, which would have given him the record outright. Minehead were beaten 3-0 by the Devon club, a tie which attracted the club's second highest home attendance of 3,050.

Though the club were still a cup force to be reckoned with, their stunning strike partnership of Leitch, Jenkins and Bryant parted company. Struggling to score goals they were relegated from the Southern League Premier Division, finishing 17th of 20, just one point from safety. However the name had been put firmly on the non league map. On the occasion of the Southern League's centenary year (1994) manager Bob Boyd was chosen as one of the top one hundred managers in it's history, where his name stands proudly alongside such names as Malcolm Allison, Ron Atkinson and Barry Fry.

The 79/80 season saw a restructuring of the non-league pyramid, with the "creation" of the Alliance Premier League (now the Conference



League). The Southern League, losing 13 clubs in the switch, opted for a Midland/Southern divide. Minehead competed in the Midland Division, and after leading the division from January, finally finished as runners-up to Bridgend. Season 80/81 saw them finish 12th, however the club were starting to experience financial problems, and the decision was made to withdraw from the Southern League at the end of the 82/83 campaign.

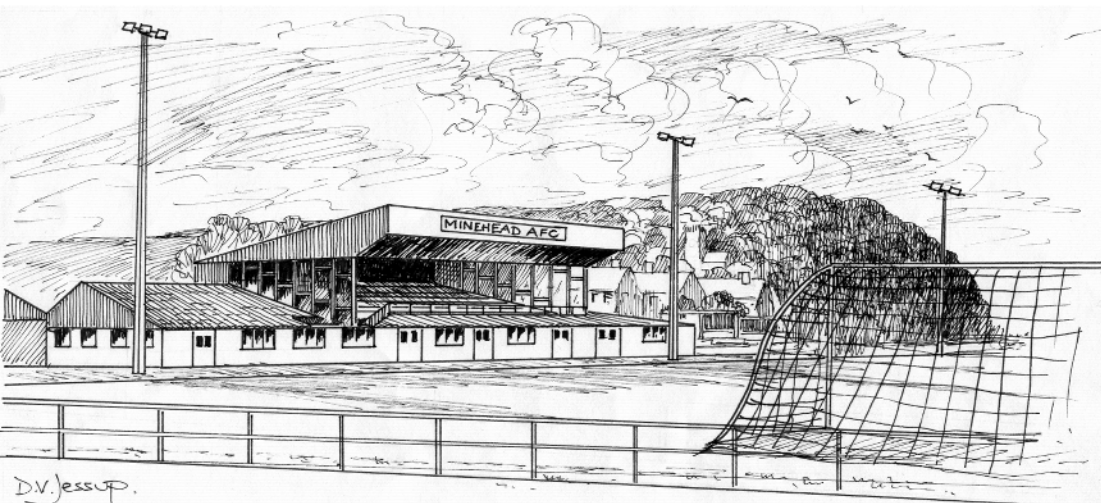
Back in the Western League, the team were brought back to reality with an 8-0 thrashing at Frome Town on the opening Saturday of the new season. Relegated to the First Division in 1989, the following year saw things get progressively worse, finishing bottom of the lower league. With no relegation that season, the blues lived to fight again, and the following season manager Andy Hodgson led a locally based team to the First Division Championship, gaining a record number of points. Teenage striker Gareth Morgan scoring 44 times in 40 appearances, which remains a Western League record for the club.

Further off the pitch problems soon hit the club and in the 93/94 season with 6 points

being deducted the side were relegated again, staying in the First Division until 98/99 when they won the championship. Their only league defeat came in the final match, away to neighbours Ilfracombe, having been presented with the trophy several games earlier. The high point of this season again being a lethal strike partnership, this time between Nick Woon, Gareth Morgan and Jason Charlesworth. All three appearing in the Western League's top six scorers, with over 30 goals each.

On their arrival back in the Premier Division finances had dried up, with many of the successful team moving on. Woon stayed, and was again amongst the top scorers in the league, however his goals alone could not prevent the side finishing bottom, avoiding relegation due to a restructuring of the league. The club were relegated the following season however, and languished near the bottom of the First Division ever since.

At the end of the 2009-10 season the club finished ten points adrift at the bottom of the table, and having flirted with relegation for several seasons were relegated into the Errea Somerset County League Premier Division. Robbie Hopkins remains in charge with Paul Newbold as his assistant as the club looks to re-establish itself and to build again for the future.





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