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Editorial

Just like that the first month of the new season is complete and what a month it has been, full of goals and drama as the league table slowly starts to take shape. Unfortunately we enter the rest of the season one team short than what we started with as Lakeside Athletic have made the difficult decision to resign from the league with immediate effect. We wish them well for the future and hopefully they will be back in the league in the future.

In August I managed to get myself along to three games within the division and they were all entertaining matches. Firstly I would like to say a thank you to all the hosts clubs who made us feel extremely welcome, we had a warm welcome at all the matches. It is great to see such positive comments about our clubs on football groups online and it is even better to experience the fantastic welcome first hand.

Whilst attending the matches in August I have taken to trying to use a camera I have acquired recently and whilst my photos aren't great (the cover photo is a prime example), I hope to continue learning and keep improving over time. If there are any photographers reading this that may have some spare time to assist in educating a complete novice, feel free to drop me an email and I would be willing to learn. I can be contacted on devonfootballleaguemedia@gmail.com

I am unsure as to what games I will be attending in September but hopefully I will see more of you at games and if you see me with the camera in my hand feel free to come and say hello.

The Devon Premier Cup draw has been made and this can be found on the cups page of the newsletter. This is always a brilliant competition and one that I have fond memories of from over the years. Hopefully one of our clubs can go all the way this season and lift the wonderful silverware in May. Beer Albion are the current holders as they beat

Park United in the showpiece final last season.

This season I have started to write regular weekend preview articles on the website and hopefully this is something which you can all enjoy reading. I am continuing to work hard to improve the league media and I am always happy to receive suggestions and feedback as to what more can be done. It is great to see more clubs also getting involved in social media this season with the amount of our clubs regularly updating their social media pages increasing massively from last season, keep up the great work!

Unfortunately I haven't had a chance to update the all time league table with results from August due to work commitments, this has led to this issue of the newsletter being a little bit rushed. It is due to this same issue that there was no weekend preview for Saturday 7th September as releasing this newsletter was a priority before it became too late into the month. Hopefully this is a one off and I can continue to produce weekly reports.

I look forward to continuing to visit our great clubs and I hope to visit all clubs this season, prioritising those who I didn't get to last season. Keep an eye out for me and I look forward to having a catch up at games in the future.

Enjoy the football

Tom

SEPTEMBER FIXTURES & AUGUST RESULTS

Saturday 7th September 2024

Appledore v Newtown
Bere Alston United v University of Exeter
Dartmouth v Thorverton
Ipplepen Athletic v Elmore
North Molton SC v Ottery St Mary
Plymouth Marjon v Beer Albion
Plymstock United v Alphington

Tuesday 10th September 2024

Ottery St Mary v Beer Albion - 7.30PM

Wednesday 11th September 2024

Budleigh Salterton v Newtown - 7.30PM
North Molton SC v Elmore - 7.30PM

Saturday 14th September 2024

Alphington v Budleigh Salterton
Appledore v Elmore
Newtown v Dartmouth
Thorverton v Plymstock United
Topsham Town v Plymouth Marjon
University of Exeter v North Molton SC
Beer Albion v Bere Alston United - 2.30PM CUP

Saturday 21st September 2024

Alphington v Ipplepen Athletic
Appledore v Budleigh Salterton
Bere Alston United v Topsham Town
Dartmouth v Ottery St Mary
North Molton SC v Beer Albion
Plymouth Marjon v Thorverton
Plymstock United v Newtown

Wednesday 25th September 2024

Elmore v University of Exeter - 7.30PM
North Molton SC v Appledore - 7.30PM CUP

Saturday 28th September 2024

Alphington v Appledore
Budleigh Salterton v Plymouth Marjon
Elmore v Bere Alston United
Newtown v Beer Albion
Topsham Town v North Molton SC
University of Exeter v Dartmouth
Ipplepen Athletic v Thorverton - 2.30PM CUP
Ottery St Mary v Plymstock United - CUP

Friday 9th August 2024

Budleigh Salterton 0 Alphington 1

Saturday 10th August 2024

Thorverton 2 Elmore 2
Newtown 1 Appledore 2
Ipplepen Athletic 1 Ottery St Mary 3
Dartmouth 2 Topsham Town 0
Beer Albion 1 Plymstock United 0

Tuesday 13th August 2024

Newtown 2 Ottery St Mary 2
Plymstock United 0 Plymouth Marjon 4
Topsham Town 3 Ipplepen Athletic 0

Wednesday 14th August 2024

Thorverton 1 Alphington 2
Budleigh Salterton 2 Beer Albion 1
Elmore 2 Appledore 1

Saturday 17th August 2024

Elmore 4 Dartmouth 1
Ipplepen Athletic 2 Budleigh Salterton 4
North Molton SC 1 Alphington 3
Plymouth Marjon 2 Newtown 2
Thorverton 2 Bere Alston United 1
Topsham Town 4 Plymstock United 0

Tuesday 20th August 2024

Bere Alston United 0 Plymouth Marjon 6
Ipplepen Athletic 1 Alphington 2
Thorverton 2 Newtown 3

Wednesday 21st August 2024

Appledore 2 North Molton SC 1
Beer Albion 4 Ottery St Mary 2
Budleigh Salterton 2 Dartmouth 4
Elmore 0 Topsham Town 1

Saturday 24th August 2024

Appledore 1 University of Exeter 2
Beer Albion 0 Alphington 0
Bere Alston United 0 Newtown 2
Elmore 4 Plymstock United 3
North Molton SC 2 Thorverton 2
Plymouth Marjon 3 Ottery St Mary 0

Tuesday 27th August 2024

Plymstock United 1 Bere Alston United 1
Thorverton 3 Topsham Town 1

Wednesday 28th August 2024

Budleigh Salterton 1 Ottery St Mary 2
Dartmouth 0 Ipplepen Athletic 1

Saturday 31st August 2024

Beer Albion 2 Appledore 1
Budleigh Salterton 4 Plymstock United 0
Dartmouth 3 Alphington 3
Ipplepen Athletic 1 Topsham Town 6
Newtown 1 North Molton SC 2
Ottery St Mary 7 Bere Alston United 2
University of Exeter 2 Plymouth Marjon 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Alphington	7	4	3	0	12	7	5	15
Plymouth Marjon	5	4	1	0	18	4	14	13
Topsham Town	6	4	0	2	15	6	9	12
Elmore	5	3	1	1	12	8	4	10
Ottery St Mary	6	3	1	2	16	13	3	10
Beer Albion	5	3	1	1	8	5	3	10
Budleigh Salterton	6	3	0	3	13	10	3	9
Newtown	7	2	3	2	12	11	1	9
Thorverton	6	2	2	2	12	11	1	8
Dartmouth	5	2	1	2	10	10	0	7
Appledore	5	2	0	3	7	8	-1	6
North Molton SC	4	1	1	2	6	8	-2	4
University of Exeter	2	1	0	1	4	4	0	3
Ipplepen Athletic	6	1	0	5	6	18	-12	3
Bere Alston United	5	0	1	4	4	18	-14	1
Plymstock United	6	0	1	5	4	18	-14	1

Updated 6/9/24

Blank squares in fixture grid indicates fixture to be rearranged

	A L P	A P P	B E E	B E R	B U D	D A R	E L M	I P P	N E W	N O R	O T T	M A R	P L Y	T H O	T O P	U N I
Alphington		28/9	23/11	7/12	14/9	4/1	21/12	21/9	1-1	28/12	1/3	1/2	11/1	9/11	26/10	15/2
Appledore	18/1		7/12	16/11	21/9	22/2	14/9	12/10	7/9	2-1	14/12	25/1	26/10	28/12	15/3	1-2
Beer Albion	0-0	2-1			28/12	2/11	30/11	21/12	26/10	11/1	4-2	16/11	1-0	22/2	12/10	8/2
Bere Alston	22/2	8/3	25/1		19/10	28/12	14/12	26/10	0-2	15/2	4/1	0-6	18/1	12/10	21/9	7/9
Budleigh	0-1	1/2	2-1	21/12		2-4	15/2	25/1	11/9	7/12	1-2	28/9	4-0	26/10	23/11	
Dartmouth	3-3	19/10	15/3	9/11			11/1	0-1	25/1	26/10	21/9	30/11	8/2	7/9	2-0	18/1
Elmore	16/11	2-1	1/2	28/9	12/10	4-1		8/3	22/2	1/3	2/11	19/10	4-3	23/11	0-1	25/9
Ipplepen	1-2	15/2	18/1		2-4	23/11	7/9		15/3	19/10	1-3	2/11	9/11	11/1	1-6	14/12
Newtown	8/3	1-2	1/3	2/11	16/11	14/9		1/2		1-2	2-2	14/12	21/12	15/2	4/1	22/3
North Molton	1-3	16/10	21/9	30/11	8/2	16/11	11/9	4/1	12/10		7/9		8/3	2-2	18/1	25/1
Ottery	30/11		10/9	7-2	9/11	1/2	28/12	7/12	8/2	21/12		11/1		18/1		12/10
Marjon	12/10	9/11	7/9	8/2	18/1	8/3		28/12	2-2	23/11	3-0		15/2	1/3	7/12	4/1
Plymstock	7/9	1/3	19/10	1-1	4/1	14/12		30/11	21/9	2/11	23/11	0-4		25/1		16/11
Thorverton	1-2	8/2	4/1	2-1	30/11	7/12	2-2		2-3	14/12		21/12	14/9		3-1	2/11
Topsham	2/11	11/1	15/2	1/2	14/12	22/3	25/1	3-0	9/11	28/9	22/2	14/9	4-0	16/11		30/11
Uni		23/11		11/1	1/3	28/9	9/11	22/2	21/10	14/9	26/10	2-3	1/2	8/3	4/11	

STATS & FACTS

Biggest Home Win: Ottery St Mary 7 Bere Alston United 2

Biggest Away Win: Bere Alston United 0 Plymouth Marjon 6

Highest Score Draw: Dartmouth 3 Alphington 3

League Games Played: 43/240

League Goals Scored: 159

Cup Games Played: 0/15

Cup Goals Scored: 0

Top Ten Goalscorers:

Name	Club	Goals
Jack Hocking	Alphington	6
Lee Radford	Topsham Town	6
Nathan May	Topsham Town	5
Sebastien Copp	Ottery St Mary	4
Samuel Jones	Elmore	4
Jake Anderson	Plymouth Marjon	3
Dean Albert Joseph Billingsley	Alphington	3
Stuart Bowker	Dartmouth	3
Liam Donovan	Plymouth Marjon	3
Jack Furzer	Alphington	3
Six others also on 3 goals each		

Top Ten Attendances:

Home Team	Away Team	ATT
Beer Albion	Alphington	120
Beer Albion	Appledore	100
Dartmouth	Topsham Town	98
Beer Albion	Plymstock United	95
Beer Albion	Ottery St Mary	90
Dartmouth	Ipplepen Athletic	78
Dartmouth	Alphington	59
Bere Alston United	Plymouth Marjon	53
Thorverton	Alphington	50
Bere Alston United	Newtown	45

Postponed Games:

Home Team	Away Team	Date	Reason
Ottery St Mary	Appledore	17/8	Personal Reasons
Beer Albion	Bere Alston United	14/9	League Cup
Plymouth Marjon	Elmore	21/9	Club Request
Ottery St Mary	Plymstock United	28/9	League Cup
Thorverton	Ipplepen Athletic	28/9	League Cup
Newtown	Elmore	5/10	League Cup
Plymstock United	Topsham Town	5/10	League Cup
Ottery St Mary	Topsham Town	19/10	League Cup
University of Exeter	Alphington	19/10	League Cup
Budleigh Salterton	University of Exeter	2/10	Club Request

League News

Lakeside Athletic:

The league recently received notification from Lakeside Athletic that they were resigning from the league with immediate effect. We wish them well for the future and hopefully we will see them return to the league one day in the future. Lakeside were founder members of the league and in their opening game of this season they played their 100th league fixture since the Devon League was formed. All records against Lakeside Athletic this season have been expunged and cup games altered. Due to the withdrawal of Lakeside Athletic from the Devon Football League, Dartmouth AFC will receive a bye in the ThirstFitness League Cup.

Texting of Results:

Clubs are reminded to please text the result of their match to 07940 830601 once the final whistle has gone. This will help make sure the correct scores are posted on social media accounts. In the past we have waited for results to be input into FA Full Time but this has led to the occasional wrong result when a mistake has been made with inputting the scores.

Devon Premier Cup:

The draw for the first round of the Sportsighting Devon Premier Cup has been made and can be seen opposite (or on the next page depending how this is viewed.) Ten clubs are involved in the draw with six sides receiving a bye into the next round. Fixtures are due to be played on Saturday the 5th of October 2024.

Teamsheets:

League secretary Dave Loder would like to place his thanks to all clubs from the opening month of the season for correctly completing the new teamsheets and in a timely manner as well. Thank you to all clubs in the league.

FA Play Safe Weekend:

This is a gentle reminder to all clubs that the FA Play Safe weekend for the 2024/2025 season takes place on the 28th and 29th of September. This is a weekend where clubs up and down the country come together to help promote awareness of the importance of safeguarding across the beautiful game. More details on this special weekend can be found on www.thefa.com/playsafe

Social Media:

It is brilliant to see the amount of clubs within the league using X (Twitter) to promote their upcoming games and posting post match reviews and interviews. It is also great to see how many clubs are complimenting their opponents for their hospitality. Whilst I try and retweet (share) every post to help the clubs promote their games, there are a lot of posts getting missed due to not being seen. Please could clubs ensure they are tagging the league (@devondfl) and South West Sports News (@swsportsnews) so that we get notifications and can share these posts.

Match Attendances:

Whilst it is not a mandatory requirement it would be great to see more attendance figures from games being listed on the Full Time website by clubs. This means that more games will be able to be added to our top attendances for the season and we can look back through the archives to create a league records book from all the previous seasons.

2024/2025 Cup Matches

ThirstFitness League Cup

Preliminary Round

Ipplepen Athletic v Thorverton

Round One

Ottery St Mary v Plymstock United

Dartmouth - BYE

Alphington v Elmore

North Molton SC v Appledore

Newtown v Topsham Town

Plymouth Marjon v University of Exeter

Beer Albion v Bere Alston United

Ipplepen Athletic or Thorverton v Budleigh Salterton

Sportslighting Devon Premier Cup

DFL Teams in **Bold**

Round One

AFC Dumnonii v Winkleigh

Alphington v Totnes & Dartington

Beesands Rovers v **Newtown**

Bere Alston United v Plymouth Eco

Boca Seniors v Newton Abbot Spurs Reserves

Braunton v Paignton Saints

Budleigh Salterton v Kingsteignton Athletic

Colyton v Signal Box Oak Villa

Princerock v **North Molton SC**

East Allington United v Lapford

Elmore v Buckfastleigh Rangers

Feniton v Tamar View

Hedges v Shamwickshire Rovers

Horrabridge Rangers v Fremington

Ipplepen Athletic v **Beer Albion**

Sidmouth Town Reserves v Crediton United Reserves

St Martins v **Ottery St Mary**

Torridgeside Reserves v Ilsington Villa

Upottery v Clyst Valley

Waldon Athletic v **Thorverton**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
University of Exeter	95	70	12	13	328	98	230	224
Newtown	107	58	14	35	306	182	124	188
Budleigh Salterton	110	48	12	50	237	238	-1	153
North Molton SC	76	44	14	18	164	99	65	146
Lakeside Athletic	99	42	16	41	256	285	-29	136
Plymstock United	96	41	11	44	223	239	-16	134
Topsham Town	103	35	22	46	185	239	-54	129
Exwick Villa	54	40	7	7	194	52	142	127
Buckland Athletic Res	68	37	8	23	184	130	54	119
Beer Albion	54	35	11	8	139	59	80	116
Ottery St Mary	85	32	15	38	173	215	-42	111
Mount Gould	38	35	2	1	185	26	159	107
Appledore	54	35	5	14	132	63	69	107
Bere Alston United	100	30	15	55	154	240	-86	105
Paignton Saints	70	33	3	34	194	202	-8	102
Teignmouth	45	32	5	8	176	57	119	101
Alphington	51	25	6	18	156	103	53	87
Newton Abbot Spurs Res	74	25	9	40	144	206	-62	84
Braunton	44	24	5	15	101	69	32	77
Ipplepen Athletic	70	23	5	42	130	211	-81	74
Thorverton	54	22	6	26	94	116	-22	72
Plympton Athletic	48	20	6	22	110	104	6	66
Plymouth Argyle Dev	50	15	12	23	92	105	-13	57
Plymouth Marjon	32	15	8	9	62	49	13	53
Feniton	76	13	13	50	114	204	-90	52
St Martins	30	16	3	11	75	48	27	51
Exmouth Town Res	48	16	3	29	65	128	-63	51
Kingsteignton Athletic	26	15	2	9	75	60	15	47
Liverton United	52	13	8	31	78	187	-109	47
Elmore	32	12	7	13	72	77	-5	43
Barnstaple Town Res	54	14	7	33	91	149	-58	43
Waldon Athletic	31	13	2	16	61	111	-50	41
Roselands	35	12	3	20	78	117	-39	39
Watcombe Wanderers	30	12	2	16	65	66	-1	38
Heavitree United	26	11	3	12	49	55	-16	36
Totnes & Dartington	34	10	4	20	56	95	-39	34
Stoke Gabriel & TP	18	10	2	6	38	41	-3	32
Okehampton Argyle	12	10	1	1	48	9	39	31
Tavistock Association Res	12	7	5	0	47	21	26	26
The Windmill	18	6	4	8	38	43	-5	22
Chudleigh Athletic	27	4	6	17	40	87	-47	18
Paignton Villa	30	4	3	23	35	96	-61	15
Witheridge	17	4	0	13	24	58	-34	12
Bovey Tracey Res	14	3	0	11	20	57	-37	9
Fremington	22	2	3	17	26	70	=44	9
Clyst Valley	49	1	8	40	52	190	-138	6

ALL TIME LEAGUE TABLE

Results from Covid suspended seasons included. Any record against clubs who withdrew mid-season has been expelld as their records no longer exist.

Up to date prior to 2024/2025 season starting