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**FIRST TEAM**

VS

**SOUTH PETHERTON RESERVES**



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Welcome back to Henhayes for the opening home match of the 2024/25 season. I'm excited to get the season underway, after what has been a (thankfully) relatively uneventful summer as far as our adult sides are concerned.

I'm delighted that Jamie Stewart has agreed to continue in his role as First Team manager, after a very impressive first season in charge. Jamie and captain Josh Merrick have instilled a very positive environment within a squad that is looking to build on the competitive performances from last year. Losing last season's Player of the Year Runner Up, Tyler Cullingford, is of course a blow, but I'm delighted the rest of the squad has remained, including last season's Division One top-scorer Matt Adams. The additions that have come in are of excellent quality and have resulted in a squad with more strength in depth than last season - which should serve the team well this campaign.



The Reserves continue under the guidance of Steve Bryant and James Martin who rescued the team from folding this time last year. Having their first pre-season under their belt has proven very beneficial, where despite playing some tough opposition put in some very encouraging performances. The number of players in the squad, and the quality of those players, have improved. One signing I'm particularly keen to see in action is the return of former Crewkerne Under 16s player Tommy Corrick who scored 20 goals in 18 appearances for Winsham last season. Tommy, combined with fellow youngster Cameron Jewell who has also found the net regularly in pre-season, present an exciting and entertaining prospect for the Reserves this season.

I'm as always very pleased that the ever-present Millie Wiltshire continues as our Ladies Team manager. Recruitment and retention within grassroots Ladies football is always a challenge, but I'm again impressed and delighted to see Millie and her coaches have put together a squad this season to continue their journey in Somerset County League Division 3 South.

There has been a lot of effort off the pitch as always from my parents, Sue and Steve, to get everything ready for the new season - for which I'm very grateful. I'm not sure the concept of an off-season exists for them! Over the coming weeks I'll provide an overview of some of these developments.

And finally thank you to all of you who have braved the weather to come and support us as we get the new season started. We appreciate the time you give to come and watch us each week, and we hope we can provide some entertaining football again for you to enjoy here at Henhayes. Let's get the season started!

Mark Holton

**FIRST TEAM 5 - 2 COMBE A****03/09/2024**

Crewkerne Rangers First Team had a 5-2 win against Combe A on Tuesday evening, kicking off the season in some style.

It took Tom Rennie just 60 seconds to register his first assist of the season. After picking the ball up in midfield, Rennie showed great vision to play a perfectly weighted pass to split the defence, the Rangers defence, 1-0 Combe. Crewkerne got on the front foot immediately after the early set back, with a lot of pressure straight away onto Combe. Some dangerous corners were being swung into the 6 yard box, one of them leading to a goal from Josh White with a brilliant delivery from Barry Hayne. In the space of the next 10 minutes Rangers scored two more with Matt Adams and man of the match Clayton Hayne producing superb finishes. Crewkerne was still keeping up the momentum and not letting the foot off the gas, soon after, Adams gets his second of the game heading it over the line for a 4-1 half time lead.

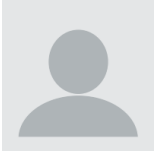
After a positive first half, Combe started to put a lot more pressure on Crewkerne in the second half and it led to them getting their second goal. The Rangers defence held really well throughout the game and was trying to see off the game. But the goals did not stop there. Callum Staines came on with 10 minutes to go, and with 5 minutes left on the clock George Gillman put in a very inviting ball for Staines to attack and head in past the keeper with his first touch of the game! Final score, 5-2 to Rangers.

After the game, Vice-Captain Adam Bagwell commented "The lads went into this game really positive after a well-performed pre season. We started the game with a sloppy mistake in midfield but did not drop our heads and turned it around for a deserved 3 points".

**RESERVE TEAM 1 - 4 YETMINSTER RESERVES****04/09/2024**

Crewkerne started well in what was always likely to be a tough game against Yetminster. After weathering the early storm Rangers hit their hosts on the break with a father-son combo goal. Ross Jewell played a great ball to Cam Jewell, with the youngster finishing like he has been doing in pre season. From that point on however, Yetminster took control of the game. Crewkerne stopper Nathan Dennett made some good saves, and after the break Rangers did create a couple of chances that on another day may have been converted, but Yetminster rattled in 4 well-deserved goals to take the 3 points.

Manager Steve Bryant remarked, "it was a great effort from everyone, especially being a midweek away a good turnout. Great goal from Cam, I had no doubt he would score. They were on top after that and it was a fair result. If they keep that team all season Yetminster will be strong contenders for the title".



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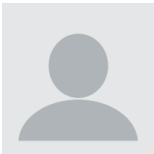
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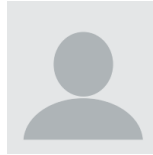
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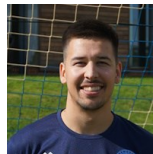
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**Matt Adams**

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Today's visitors are South Petherton Reserves, an always tough opponent who provide a challenging test for Crewkerne at this Henhayes season opener.

Pethy finished 4th in Division One last season, 2 places and 3 points ahead of Rangers. Today's visitors also came out better from last season's meetings. The home fixture ended in a 2-2 draw, with Petherton coming back from 2-0 down following Rangers goals from Josh Hayne and Tyler Cullingford. Pethy took all 3 points in the away fixture with a 3-1 win, the Crewkerne consolation coming from Matt Adams.



Petherton lost their opening game of the season against newly promoted Perry Street Reserves, who looked surprisingly strong in a 6-1 victory at Tatworth. Rangers are off the back of a 5-2 win against another promoted side, Combe A, but did lose keeper Jamie Stewart to injury, of which the extent is still unknown, in a blow to Crewkerne.

We extend a warm welcome to the South Petherton players and coaches, and to all of you who have come out to watch at Henhayes today. We hope for an entertaining game.



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## FIRST TEAM

| PSDL DIVISION ONE |                    |   |
|-------------------|--------------------|---|
| 2                 | Donyatt United     | 3 |
| 3                 | <b>CRFC FIRSTS</b> | 3 |
| 4                 | Drimpton           | 3 |
| 5                 | Forton Rangers Res | 3 |

| RECENT RESULTS       |
|----------------------|
| Won 5 - 2 vs Combe A |
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## RESERVE TEAM

| PSDL DIVISION TWO |                      |   |
|-------------------|----------------------|---|
| 10                | Ilminster Town A     | 0 |
| 11                | <b>CRFC RESERVES</b> | 0 |
| 12                | Merriott Saints      | 0 |
| 13                | Winsham United       | 0 |

| RECENT RESULTS               |
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| Lost 4 - 1 vs Yetminster Res |
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## LADIES TEAM

| SCWL DIVISION THREE SOUTH |                    |   |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---|
| 4                         | Staplegrave        | 0 |
| 5                         | Watchet Town       | 0 |
| 6                         | <b>CRFC LADIES</b> | 0 |
| 7                         | Wellington         | 0 |

| RECENT RESULTS       |
|----------------------|
| Lost 10 - 1 vs Combe |
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### Upcoming Fixtures at Henhayes

08/09 @ 14:00 - Ladies Team vs Pen Mill Reserves

10/09 @ 18:15 - First Team vs Donyatt United

At the Perry Street League AGM there were no drastic changes this year, with the league still structured in 3 divisions. There was an effort to equalise the number of teams in each division, as follows...

In the Premier Division we see no relegations, but three additions. Ilminster Town Reserves and Axminster Town 3rds are promoted from Division One having finished 1st and 3rd respectively. Forton Rangers Reserves sat between them, but cannot be promoted as their Firsts are already in the top division. The other addition is a new team, Ilchester Firsts make the switch from the Yeovil & District League having finished 3rd in their top tier.



In Division One, Perry Street Reserves and Kingsbury are promoted from Division Two. Combe 3rds are also promoted despite finishing 12th to allow Combe to enter a 4th side in the bottom tier. Their 3rds are renamed Combe A, with their 4ths keeping the Colts name from last season. Halstock re-enter having folded from the Premier last season, and come in a step down. Drimpton are another new team coming back in to the second tier.

In Division Two, we see relegated sides Dowlish Wake and Charmouth joining the 'new' Combe Colts. Uplyme 2nds have withdrawn, leaving 13 sides in the division.

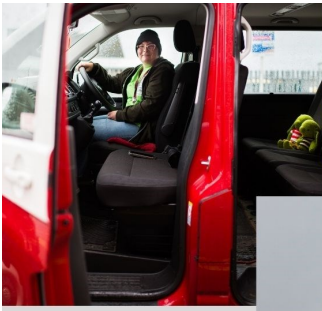
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