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**Midweek Action: Shepton Mallet** backed-up their opening day victory with another one-sided performance at home to **Bridport** on Tuesday evening in the Premier Division. Dawid Regula and substitute Joe Morgan each bagged doubles for Mallet who eventually ran out 7-0 winners. **Buckland** were also in excellent goalscoring form during the opening set of midweek fixtures, putting six past **Wellington** at Homer’s Heath. Cieran Badger, Frazer Clark and Charlie Johansen all struck for the hosts, but the main man was Nathan Cooper who fired home a superb hat-trick. In a clash between two of the new Western League sides, goals from Callum McOnie and Tallan Mitchell helped **Mousehole**beat **Millbrook** 2-0, while a crowd of 324 saw **Bridgwater** and **Bitton** battle out a goalless draw. **Tavistock** secured all three points away at **Ilfracombe** after goals from Liam Prynn and Warren in either half saw them claim a 2-1 win, and **Keynsham** secured local bragging rights after a pair of early goals from Will Hailston helped them win 3-0 away at **Brislington**. 24 hours later, **Exmouth Town**laid down an early marker, winning 4-0 away at **Street** thanks in part to a goalscoring brace from Ben Steer. **Clevedon Town** overcame an early two-goal deficit to claim a 2-2 draw at home to **Cadbury Heath**, with Ollie Babbington’s penalty on the hour mark completing their comeback. A huge crowd of 441 was in attendance to watch **Helston**’s clash against **Saltash** where the points were eventually shared following a 1-1 draw. The home side snatched the half-time lead with Ryan Turner putting them ahead in the 44th minute, but the Ashes came back refreshed after the break, with Callum O’Brien drawing them level when his glancing header found the back of the net.

In the First Division, **Bishop Sutton** were Tuesday’s big winners, with goals from Cameron Shorney, Oaklan Buck, Mason Dagger and late substitute Luke Trowbridge firing them to a 4-1 triumph away at **Portishead**. Goals in either half from Chris Pile and Jake Slocombe helped **Welton** maintain their winning start thanks to a 2-0 defeat of **Longwell Green**, with **Lebeq**beating **Tytherington Rocks** by the same scoreline thanks to efforts from Rick Davis and Elan Plummer.

**Action from Tuesday’s clash between Welton & Longwell Green courtesy of Mark Pile.**

**Cheddar** roared back from a two-goal half-time deficit to beat new-boys **Gillingham Town** 3-2. After a pair of James Boyland goals had put the Cheesemen firmly on the back-foot, but they produced an excellent second-half performance to claim victory, with Callum Laird, Simon McElroy and substitute Finlay Biggs each getting on the scoresheet.

**Wincanton** were another side to battle back from a perilous position, scoring an injury-time penalty at the end of the 90 minutes to rescue a 2-2 draw at home to **Warminster.** With the game level at the break, Aaron Cockerill struck from long range to restore Warminster’s advantage, but it was Wincanton who had the last word when Dan Wise converted his spot kick in stoppage time to salvage a point. There was also a 2-2 draw at **Hengrove**, where Luke Bryan equalised in either half to help **Odd Down** secure their first point of the campaign. Goals from Harvey Hadrill and Adam Wright were the difference at the Athletic Ground where **Wells City** defeated visitors **Bishops Lydeard** 2-0. The following evening, Craig Parsons’ brilliant hat-trick gave **Bristol Telephones** a comfortable 4-1 win over **Oldland Abbotonians**, and **Devizes** Town registered their second 2-2 draw of the young season after goals from the two Matt’s, Lever and Swann helped them capture a point away at **Radstock**.

**Cup Action:** In the Extra Preliminary Round of the FA Cup, there were mixed results for Western League sides, with **Bridgwater**’s 2-1 win away at **Brixham** among the standouts. Having seen their hosts balloon a penalty over the crossbar, Bridgwater had no such troubles from 12 yards, with the ever-reliable Jake Llewellyn converting to put them in front at the interval. George King then doubled Bridgwater’s lead before a late consolation gave Brixham fans something to cheer. **Tavistock** were another side to flex their muscles away from home, twice coming from behind to beat **AFC St Austell**3-2. Warren Daw cancelled out an early St Austell strike, before the home side went ahead once more towards the end of the first half. Teigan Rosenquest gave the Lambs a perfect start to the second period with his equaliser, before Liam Prynn struck nine minutes from time to book his side’s spot in the next round. There was no such success for **Odd Down, Clevedon**and**Keynsham** who all suffered defeats on their travels, while a Lewis Putnam brace condemned **Bitton** to a 2-0 loss at the hands of **Oxhey Jets** in Hertfordshire. **Ashton & Backwell United** were also unable to break down their hosts **Ardley United**who progressed to the next round alongside a **Fleet Town** outfit for whom Mal Thomas scored twice in the second half to knock out **Bridport**.

**Jack Taylor of Bridgwater challenges for possession during their cup win away at Brixham, courtesy of Debbie Gould.**

There were some thoroughly entertaining clashes between Western League sides, with **Ilfracombe Town** just about doing enough to come out on top in a seven-goal thriller against **Wellington**. Brothers Miles and Jake Quick each scored for Wellington during an entertaining opening half, with Joe Barker scoring twice for the home side to leave the game deadlocked after 45 minutes. Wellington then went in front thanks to a Sam Towler penalty, before goals in the final quarter from Jack Jenkins and Kevin Squire saw Ilfracombe storm home. Two Premier League big-hitters met at Homers Heath, where a James Richards winner 20 minutes from time saw **Exmouth** sneak past hosts **Buckland**. Following an Ace High opener in the 26th minute, substitute Nathan Cooper made an instant impact for the Bucks, levelling the scores with his first touch. It was then left to Richards to restore Exmouth’s advantage and they managed to keep their hosts at bay to move on to the next stage of the competition. **Mousehole** will join Exmouth in the hat for the Preliminary Round draw after beating **Helston Athletic** in front a huge crowd. The fans in attendance at Trungle Parc enjoyed a strong showing from the home side, with Hayden Turner scoring twice in their eventual 3-1 victory. **Millbrook**and **Saltash United** will also hope to progress, but will need a replay after battling out a 2-2 draw, while **Shepton Mallet** and **Brislington** both face the same fate after drawing their home clashes against **Andover New Street** and **Brimscombe & Thrupp** respectively. **Cadbury**were denied in the battle of the Heath’s, conceding twice early in the second half to lose at home to **Flackwell**, while **Street** will need to rebound quickly in their league campaign after conceding six goals in the first half of their 8-0 defeat at the hands of **Fareham Town**.

**First Division: Welton Rovers** made it three wins from three in the opening week of the season after scoring twice in the final 20 minutes to close out a 3-1 victory away at **Bishops Lydeard**. Rovers carried the confidence from their other wins into this fixture and led inside the third minute thanks to an early opener from James Batchelor. The home side found their stride during the second half and grabbed a deserved leveller when Doug Camilo slotted home. In Jake Slocombe, Welton have one of the premium goalgetters in the early stages of the season, and he continued to lead their charge, firstly firing home a sensational free-kick to restore their lead, before adding another goal in stoppage time to take his tally to four goals. **Sherborne Town** are the other side who maintain a 100% winning record after the opening seven days, with their mauling of **Devizes** making it two 6-1 victories to open their campaign. A first-half brace from Sam Farthing sandwiched an effort from Alex Murphy to give the Zebras a comfortable three-goal lead at the interval. Devizes attempted to make a comeback, trimming their deficit thanks to a Rhys Talmash effort, but that was as close as they came, with Murphy, Ollie Hebbard and an own goal completing the one-sided affair. **Hengrove Athletic**picked up their first three points of the season, beating **Wincanton** by four goals to one at the AVB Stadium. Giorgio Mancini put the hosts a goal to the good at the interval, and they pushed on in the second half with Pete Sheppard adding to a fine brace from Danny Dodimead for the victorious Grove.

Things aren’t so rosy for **Almondsbury** who remain winless following a 2-1 defeat away at **AEK Boco** despite the efforts of Ashley Knight. His equaliser 20 minutes from time looked to have secured a point for the Almonds, but it wasn’t to be, as Boco ran out winners thanks to goals from Harrison Kyte and Harry Madge.

**Oldland Abbotonians** produced a strong comeback to beat **Wells City** 2-1, with Clayton Woodman levelling from the spot early in the second half, before Frank Gingell popped up to slam home the decisive third goal of a hard-fought contest. **Bishop Sutton** have made a promising beginning to their season, with a 4-1 win over **Tytherington Rocks** making it seven points from a possible nine for them. Sutton dominated for much of the first half and led by three at the break, after Sol Shearer, Liam Villis and Oaklan Buck all managed to beat the visiting keeper. The Rocks got on the scoresheet early in the second half thanks to a Bailey Croome penalty, but Sutton were too strong to allow a fightback, with Buck adding his second of the game in the final ten minutes to preserve the victory. Goals from Alex Grimshaw, Liam Oswin and Ali Bamford saw **Longwell Green Sports** claim a 3-0 win away at **Portishead Town**, while **Warminster**beat **Radstock** 2-0 at Weymouth Street thanks to goals either side of the break Alex Churchyard and Corey Gardener. Goals in either half from Cameron Brown helped **Lebeq** claim a 2-2 draw away at **Gillingham Town**, after the home side had managed to build a two-goal lead inside the opening half-hour following a quickfire double from Iwan Walters. **Cheddar** made it back-to-back wins, capitalising on the early dismissal of Keiron Golding to beat **Bristol Telephones** 4-1 in Stockwood. Golding was sent off after conceding a penalty inside the opening twenty minutes, with Callum Laird slotting home the resulting spot kick to put the Cheesemen in front. Fin Biggs then struck from long range to double their advantage before the Phones struck early in the second half through Craig Parsons to threaten a fightback. It wasn’t to be though, and after Kyle Sampson had restored Cheddar’s two-goal lead, they then added a late fourth through Simon McElroy to complete their victory.

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Episode 2 of the Western League Podcast looks back at the opening round of fixtures, catching up with **Saltash** boss Dane Bunney and **Welton** manager Tom Smith to reflect on their starts to the season.

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**Recent Results**

**Tuesday 3rd August 2021**

**Premier Division**

Bridgwater Town 0-0 Bitton 324

Brislington 0-3 Keynsham Town 196

Buckland Athletic 6-1 Wellington 132

Ilfracombe Town 1-2 Tavistock 140

Millbrook 0-2 Mousehole 193

Shepton Mallet 7-0 Bridport 139

**First Division**

Cheddar 3-2 Gillingham Town 68

Hengrove Athletic 2-2 Odd Down 89

Portishead Town 1-4 Bishop Sutton 62

Tytherington Rocks 0-2 Lebeq United

Wells City 2-0 Bishops Lydeard 54

Welton Rovers 2-0 Longwell Green Sports

Wincanton Town 2-2 Warminster Town 118

**Wednesday 4th August 2021**

**Premier Division**

Clevedon Town 2-2 Cadbury Heath 110

Helston Athletic 1-1 Saltash United 441

Street 0-4 Exmouth Town 85

**First Division**

Bristol Telephones 4-1 Oldland Abbotonians 93

Radstock Town 2-2 Devizes Town 90

**Saturday 7th August 2021**

**FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round**

AFC St Austell 2-3 **Tavistock**

Alresford Town 3-0 **Odd Down**

Ardley United 2-0 **Ashton & Backwell United**

Bishops Cleeve 6-1 **Clevedon Town**

**Bridport** 1-2 Fleet Town 175

**Brislington** 3-3 Brimscombe & Thrupp 106

Brixham 1-2 **Bridgwater Town**

**Buckland Athletic** 1-2 **Exmouth Town** 219

**Cadbury Heath** 0-2 Flackwell Heath 74

Fareham Town 8-0 **Street**

**Ilfracombe Town** 4-3 **Wellington**

**Millbrook** 2-2 **Saltash United** 113

**Mousehole** 3-1 **Helston Athletic**

Oxhey Jets 2-0 **Bitton**

**Shepton Mallet** 0-0 Andover New Street 258

Tring Athletic 3-0 **Keynsham Town**

**First Division**

AEK Boco 2-1 Almondsbury

Bishop Sutton 4-1 Tytherington Rocks 47

Bishops Lydeard 1-3 Welton Rovers 66

Bristol Telephones 1-4 Cheddar 45

Devizes Town 1-6 Sherborne Town 102

Gillingham Town 2-2 Lebeq United 28

Hengrove Athletic 4-1 Wincanton Town 76

Oldland Abbotonians 2-1 Wells City 42

Portishead Town 0-3 Longwell Green Sports 57

Warminster Town 2-0 Radstock Town 118

**Upcoming Fixtures**

**Tuesday 10th August 2021**

**FA Cup – Extra Preliminary Round**

Andover New Street vs **Shepton Mallet** 19:45KO

**Premier Division**

Bridport vs Street 19:45KO

Tavistock vs Mousehole 19:45KO

**First Division**

Almondsbury vs Portishead Town 19:30KO

Cheddar vs Bishop Sutton 19:45KO

Odd Down vs Bishops Lydeard 19:45KO

Welton Rovers vs Devizes Town 19:30KO

**Wednesday 11th August 2021**

**FA Cup – Extra Preliminary Round**

Brimscombe & Thrupp vs **Brislington** 19:45KO

**Saltash United** vs **Millbrook** 19:30KO

**Premier Division**

Cadbury Heath vs Keynsham Town 19:30KO

Exmouth Town vs Wellington 19:30KO

**First Division**

Lebeq United vs Bristol Telephones 19:30KO

Oldland Abbotonians vs Tytherington Rocks 19:45KO

Radstock Town vs Longwell Green Sports 19:45KO

**Friday 13th August 2021**

**Premier Division**

Tavistock vs Bridgwater United 19:45KO

**First Division**

Longwell Green Sports vs Almondsbury 19:30KO

**Saturday 14th August 2021 (3pm kick-off unless noted)**

**Premier Division**

Ashton & Backwell United vs Exmouth Town

Bitton vs Brislington

Cadbury Heath vs Ilfracombe Town

Clevedon Town vs Saltash United

Keynsham Town vs Helston Athletic

Millbrook vs Bridport

Mousehole vs Street

Shepton Mallet vs Buckland Athletic

**First Division**

Bishops Lydeard vs Radstock Town

Bristol Telephones vs Odd Down

Devizes Town vs Cheddar

Lebeq United vs Oldland Abbotonians

Sherborne Town vs Wells City

Tytherington Rocks vs Gillingham Town

Warminster Town vs AEK Boco

Welton Rovers vs Hengrove Athletic