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**Season 2021/22**

**Midweek Action:** On Bank Holiday Monday, there was late drama at The Tannery Ground where **Street** defeated **Bridgwater** 2-1 thanks to a stoppage time penalty. With Street leading thanks to Harry Foster’s second half strike, the visitors looked like they had done enough to claim a point when Jordan Greenwood drew them level in the 92nd minute. However, that still left enough time for the Cobblers to mount a late attack of their own, and after being awarded a spot kick, Jordan Lovibond made no mistake to claim all three points. **Tavistock** claimed their fifth league win of the campaign after beating **Mousehole** 2-1 at Trungle Parc. Goals in either half from Josh Grant proved pivotal for the Lambs, with the hosts falling just short despite Marc Goldsworthy scoring 20 minutes from time. There was a penalty bonanza at Homers Heath, where **Buckland Athletic** came out on top against **Exmouth** to solidify their spot in the top three. Jordan Harris followed up his hat-trick from the weekend by opening the scoring for Town after 15 minutes when he stroked home an early penalty. The home side then evened it up with Ben Carter scoring a penalty of his own before the interval. Unsurprisingly somewhat, the third and final goal also came from the spot, with Carter stepping up once more to tip the game in Buckland’s balance.

**Helston**’s strong away form continued at **Millbrook**, where Kai Cornish played a starring role in their 3-0 win. After providing the assist for Craig Veal’s opener, Cornish then struck twice in the second half to help Helston claim all three points. The comeback of the day belonged to **Ilfracombe Town** who overturned an early two-goal deficit to beat **Saltash United** 3-2. The Ashes made a strong start to the contest and seemed to be in the ascendancy thanks to goals in the opening quarter from Sam Hughes and Dave Barker. Ilfracombe’s Harry Stevens then took over, scoring twice to draw his side level, before skipper Jack Jenkins hit the winner to stun their hosts. Goals in the final 20 minutes from Kain Edmondson and Simon Prangley fired **Brislington** to a 2-0 win away at **Cadbury Heath**, while **Ashton & Backwell United** secured their first point of the season after drawing 0-0 with the unbeaten **Shepton Mallet**. The biggest win of the day came for **Keynsham** who beat strugglers **Bridport** 6-2, and at the Hand Stadium, **Clevedon** produced a second-half fightback to draw 2-2 with fellow mid-table side **Wellington**. An early brace from Jake Quick put the visitors in the driving seat, but the Seasiders hit back, with Syd Camper halving the deficit before Archie Ferris then slammed home the leveller 20 minutes from time.

**Bishop Sutton** returned to winning ways on Monday in the First Division, scoring a couple of first half goals on their way to a 2-1 victory over **Portishead**. Mason Dagger claimed the opening goal of the game, finishing well from a tight angle, before Cam Shorney then doubled the hosts tally from outside the area. The away side pulled a goal back before the interval, but Sutton held out during the final hour to rebound well from Saturday’s defeat. There was a fifth league win of the season for **Oldland Abbotonians** who defeated a struggling **Hengrove** outfit by three goals to nil. Frank Gingell’s fifth minute header set Oldland on their way, with Adam Mahdi and Aaron Mansfield adding further goals during a solid second half performance. Another side racking up the wins are **AEK Boco**, with the Western League newbies claiming a narrow 1-0 victory away at **Almondsbury**. The vital goal came from the spot, with Nathan Hall making no mistake from 12 yards to continue his side’s unbeaten start to the campaign. Unfortunately, **Devizes** are on the other end of the form book and remain without a victory so far, after goals from Brad Miles and Elliot Bevis saw them lose 2-1 at home to **Gillingham Town**. There was also a 2-1 victory for **Bishops Lydeard**, with goals from Adam Willis and Paulo Borges early in the second half helping them beat **Wells City** to stretch their winning run to two matches.

**Radstock** ran out 3-2 winners at home to **Sherborne** in an entertaining affair, condemning the Zebras to their first defeat of the campaign. Craig Sheppard scored in either half for the home side, with George Walker-Wiltshire also getting on the scoresheet, while Alex Murphy and Aaron White both found the back of the net in defeat for the unfortunate Sherborne. **Tytherington Rocks** seem to be very much feast of famine at the moment, with their 4-1 win away at **Longwell Green Sports** helping them leapfrog their hosts on the league ladder. The Rocks are capable of conceding plenty of goals, but are also proving to be strong at the other end of the field also, with Nathan Croot, Ethan Johnson, Ryan Sharpe and Rahib Rehman all scoring in Monday afternoon’s victory. Unfortunately, the fixture between **Bristol Telephones** & **Lebeq** was abandoned followed a bad injury to one of the visitors playing X1.

Despite seeing striker Courtney Charles sent off after just seven minutes, First Division leaders **Welton Rovers** extended their unbeaten run to nine games thanks to a 3-0 win over **Cheddar** on Tuesday evening. The early setback kept Rovers quiet during much of the first half, before a stunning strike from 25 yards out by Jaiden Savery put them ahead in the 38th minute. James Batchelor then scored from a similar distance soon after the interval, with the prolific Jake Slocombe completing the scoring 15 minutes from time. 24 hours later, there was another big home win, with **Warminster** putting four past **Odd Down**. Seth Wain scored in either half for the home side, with Alex Churchyard and Lewis Graham also finding the back of the net.

**Action from Welton’s midweek win over Cheddar courtesy of Mark Pile.**

**FA Cup:** All three remaining Western League sides were knocked out of this season’s FA Cup following defeats against higher-ranked opposition. **Exmouth** were beaten 3-1 at Bolitho Park against **Truro City,** with Rocky Neal, Ryan Brett and Tyler Harvey all scoring in the first half for the home side. **Shepton Mallet** capitulated at home to **Taunton,** conceding five goals after the interval on their way to a humbling 8-1 loss, with Toby Holmes notching a hat-trick for the away side. Ten-man **Bridgwater** threatened a late fightback away at **Baskingstoke**, only to concede twice in the closing stages to lose 4-1 at the Winklebury Sports Complex. Having conceded a brace of goals to Conor Lynch either side of the interval, Bridgy’s task then got even tougher when Mike Duffy was dismissed on the hour mark. The hosts missed a penalty to put the game beyond doubt, and Bridgwater capitalised, with Nick Woodrow halving the arrears with around ten minutes remaining. Throwing extra men forward in the search of an equaliser, United were picked off, with D’Andre Brown and then Lynch giving the scoreline a more one-sided look.

**Premier Division:** In a game which went down to the wire, **Saltash** scored twice in the final five minutes to complete a dramatic 3-2 turnaround win at home to **Buckland**. Having fallen behind to an early Ryan Bush header, Saltash saw Dave Barker’s 20th minute penalty saved, before eventually getting back on level terms when Sam Hughes struck on his 400th appearance for the club. The Ashes didn’t have long to celebrate and were on the back foot once more when Owen Stockton fired home an unstoppable drive from more than 20 yards out to put the away side back in front. With the game now into the final ten minutes, Saltash were awarded a lifeline when the referee awarded them a penalty for handball in the box, with Chris Menhenhick making no mistake from 12 yards out to level the scores. Rob Farkins was sent off for his protestations following the award of the spot kick, and the ten men of Buckland were unable to hold out against their rampant hosts with Barker crossing for Hughes to make it 3-2 deep into stoppage time. **Mousehole** flew out of the blocks at home to **Millbrook**, scoring three times in the opening quarter of an hour on their way to a 5-1 victory. Tallan Mitchell, Mark Goldsworthy and Callam Mconie all scored during the early stages to put Mousehole in complete control, with Jake Foster seemingly giving the visitors a slight foothold five minutes before the interval. That positivity didn’t last long however, with Goldsworthy restring the three-goal buffer in the 43rd minute, before Mitchell added a fifth goal midway through the second half to wrap up victory. Harry Stevens and Liam Short each scored twice during **Ilfracombe**’s 5-2 win at home to **Bridport**, while **Helston** beat **Cadbury Heath** 2-0 thanks to goals in the final 20 minutes from Craig Veal and Stu Bowker.

**Brislington** moved into the top half following an impressive 3-2 win at home to league-leaders **Bitton**on Saturday afternoon. George Jones was the hero for Bris, scoring in either half for the hosts after Jordan Scadding had put them in front during the opening 20 minutes. Bitton were always in the contest, and saw goals from Dean Griffiths and Josh Egan keep them close, but they couldn’t find a late equaliser and succumbed to their first loss this season. **Tavistock** took advantage of that Bitton defeat, and now find themselves level atop the division after beating **Wellington** 3-1 at Langsford Park. The slightly delayed kickoff didn’t disrupt Tavistock who took the lead inside ten minutes of the opening kickoff through Tallan Burns. A strong response from Welly saw youngster Josh Baker level for them at the beginning of the second half, but the Lambs found a second wind, scoring twice more through Josh Grant and Liam Prynn to secure all three points.

**Ashton & Backwell** gained local bragging rights, scoring a late winner on their way to a 3-2 derby triumph away at **Clevedon**, while **Keynsham**maintained their strong start, cancelling out Harry Foster’s early opener to claim a 1-1 draw away at **Street**.

**First Division: Welton Rovers** just about hung onto their unbeaten start, scoring three minutes from time to secure a 1-1 draw away at **Tytherington Rocks**. The early season pacesetters trailed for much of the contest following Perran Blundell’s opener, but managed to remain undefeated when Joe Garland grabbed a last-gasp equaliser from close range. It has been a slightly underwhelming start for **Wells City**, but they enjoyed a strong showing on Saturday, scoring five unanswered goals to secure a come-from-behind 5-1 win over **Bishop Sutton**. After falling behind to the prolific Oaklan Buck, it was all one-way traffic with Ross Padfield, Craig Herrod and Callum Ham all finding the scoresheet to add to Adam Wright’s double. **Sherborne** rebounded well after suffering their first defeat earlier this week, easing to a 3-0 win away at **Boco**. Going up against their unbeaten hosts, Sherborne made a strong start with Sam Farthing handing them a 7th minute lead. Anthony Herrin then doubled the Zebras advantage ten minutes before the break, with Ash Guppy completing the scoring late on. **Wincanton** secured a much-needed victory away at **Bishops Lydeard**, cancelling out Mark Cornish’s 14th minute opener before storming away during the second half to eventually win by four goals to two. Toby Dolton Cole and Brett Cotterill each struck twice for the away side to settle the contest, with Wincanton moving up a couple of spots following their inauspicious start to date. Things have been much more encouraging for **Warminster** during the first month of the season and that continued when they claimed a 3-0 win away at **Hengrove**. A fifth minute header from Alex Churchyard set the ball rolling for Town, with Lewis Graham making it 2-0, before Seth Wain completed the scoring with an acrobatic effort midway through the second half. Second half strikes from Tom Bevan and James Boyland led **Gillingham Town**to a 2-0 win at home to **Longwell Green Sports**, while **Odd Down**salvaged a point when Caelen Simpson scored late on to help them draw 1-1 in Bath against **Bristol Telephones**. The points were also shared in the top-four clash between **Cheddar**and **Oldland**, with all four goals scored during a frantic first half at Bowdens Park. A win would have seen Oldland jump up to second spot, and despite going ahead twice thanks to a brace from Owen McCallum, they were clawed back on each occasion by the Cheesemen for whom Dean Chrisostomu and Adam Jones found the back of the net. **Almondsbury** are finally in the winner’s circle this season, defeating fellow struggles **Devizes**3-1 and at Bristol Road, two goals early in the second half saw **Radstock** come from behind to win 2-1 away at **Portishead Town**.

**Action from Warminster’s 3-0 victory away at Hengrove, courtesy of Jamie House (@Jimmer211993)**

**Recent Results**

**Monday 30th August**

**Premier Division**

Ashton & Backwell United 0-0 Shepton Mallet 90

Buckland Athletic 2-1 Exmouth Town 223

Cadbury Heath 0-2 Brislington 85

Clevedon Town 2-2 Wellington 116

Keynsham Town 6-2 Bridport 109

Millbrook 0-3 Helston Athletic

Mousehole 1-2 Tavistock 171

Saltash United 2-3 Ilfracombe Town

Street 2-1 Bridgwater United

**First Division**

Almondsbury 0-1 AEK Boco 64

Bishop Sutton 2-1 Portishead Town 60

Bishops Lydeard 2-1 Wells City

Bristol Telephones A-A Lebeq United 74

Devizes Town 1-2 Gillingham Town 123

Longwell Green Sports 1-4 Tytherington Rocks

Oldland Abbotonians 3-0 Hengrove Athletic 77

Radstock Town 3-2 Sherborne Town

**Tuesday 31st August 2021**

**First Division**

Welton Rovers 3-0 Cheddar 237

**Wednesday 1st September 2021**

**First Division**

Warminster Town 4-0 Odd Down 128

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A goalmouth image taken by John Newport during Radstock’s recent win over Sherborne.

**Saturday 4th September 2021**

**FA Cup**

Baskingstoke 4-1 **Bridgwater Town**

**Shepton Mallet** 1-8 Taunton Town

Truro City 3-1 **Exmouth Town**

**Premier Division**

Brislington 3-2 Bitton 106

Clevedon Town 2-3 Ashton & Backwell United 96

Helston Athletic 2-0 Cadbury Heath 115

Ilfracombe Town 5-2 Bridport

Mousehole 5-1 Millbrook

Saltash United 3-2 Buckland Athletic

Street 1-1 Keynsham Town

Tavistock 3-1 Wellington

**First Division**

AEK Boco 0-3 Sherborne Town 231

Almondsbury 3-1 Devizes Town 31

Bishops Lydeard 2-4 Wincanton Town 68

Cheddar 2-2 Oldland Abbotonians 92

Gillingham Town 2-0 Longwell Green Sports 49

Hengrove Athletic 0-3 Warminster Town 76

Odd Down 1-1 Bristol Telephones 28

Portishead Town 1-2 Radstock Town 66

Tytherington Rocks 1-1 Welton Rovers

Wells City 5-1 Bishop Sutton

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On the most recent episode of the Podcast, Bitton manager Dan Langdon looks at his sides impressive start to the season, while Radstock’s Ryan Child hopes his side can push on following their impressive Bank Holiday victory.

<http://toolstationleague.com/season-2021-22-podcast-episode-5/>

**Upcoming Fixtures**

**Tuesday 7th September 2021**

**Premier Division**

Bitton vs Ashton & Backwell United 19:30KO

Bridgwater United vs Ilfracombe Town 19:45KO

Bridport vs Wellington 19:45KO

Brislington vs Street 19:30KO

Keynsham Town vs Clevedon Town 19:45KO

Millbrook vs Buckland Athletic 19:45KO

Shepton Mallet vs Cadbury Heath 19:30KO

Tavistock vs Helston Athletic 19:45KO

**Wednesday 8th September 2021**

**Premier Division**

Exmouth Town vs Saltash United 19:30KO

**Saturday 11th September 2021 (3pm kick-off unless noted)**

**FA Vase – First Qualifying Round**

**Almondsbury** vs Cheltenham Saracens

Bradford Town vs **Wincanton Town**

**Brislington**  vs Fleet Town

**Devizes Town** vs Badshot Lea

Elburton Villa vs **Welton Rovers**

**Exmouth Town** vs **Shepton Mallet**

Farnham Town vs **Warminster Town**

**Hengrove Athletic** vs Ascot United

**Ilfracombe Town** vs **Bishop Sutton**

**Radstock Town** vs Arundel

Ringwood Town vs **Bridport**

**Saltash United**  vs Cullompton Rangers

**Sherborne Town** vs Verwood Town

Stonehouse Town vs **Ashton & Backwell United**

Torrington vs **Bishops Lydeard**

**Premier Division**

Buckland Athletic vs Bridgwater United

Cadbury Heath vs Mousehole

Helston Athletic vs Keynsham Town

Millbrook vs Clevedon Town

Street vs Tavistock

Wellington vs Bitton

**First Division**

AEK Boco vs Portishead Town

Bristol Telephones vs Gillingham Town

Odd Down vs Tytherington Rocks

Oldland Abbotonians vs Lebeq United

Wells City vs Longwell Green Sports

**League Tables**

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|  | PREMIER DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Bitton** | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 13 | **19** |
| 2 | **Tavistock** | 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 9 | **19** |
| 3 | **Keynsham Town** | 9 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 10 | **16** |
| 4 | **Buckland Athletic** | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 10 | **15** |
| 5 | **Helston Athletic** | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 10 | **14** |
| 6 | **Saltash United** | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 9 | **14** |
| 7 | **Shepton Mallet** | 7 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 18 | **13** |
| 8 | **Ilfracombe Town** | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 2 | **12** |
| 9 | **Brislington** | 8 | 4 | 0 | 4 | -9 | **12** |
| 10 | **Exmouth Town** | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 12 | **11** |
| 11 | **Bridgwater Town** | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 | **10** |
| 12 | **Wellington** | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | -4 | **8** |
| 13 | **Mousehole** | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | **7** |
| 14 | **Clevedon Town** | 8 | 1 | 4 | 3 | -2 | **7** |
| 15 | **Street** | 8 | 2 | 1 | 5 | -6 | **7** |
| 16 | **Cadbury Heath** | 10 | 1 | 2 | 7 | -19 | **5** |
| 17 | **Millbrook** | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | -7 | **4** |
| 18 | **Ashton & Backwell United** | 7 | 1 | 1 | 5 | -11 | **4** |
| 19 | **Bridport** | 10 | 1 | 0 | 9 | -39 | **3** |

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|  | FIRST DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Welton Rovers** | 10 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 16 | **26** |
| 2 | **Cheddar** | 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 6 | **19** |
| 3 | **Warminster Town** | 9 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 10 | **17** |
| 4 | **Oldland Abbotonians** | 10 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 3 | **17** |
| 5 | **Sherborne Town** | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 18 | **16** |
| 6 | **Bishop Sutton** | 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 6 | **16** |
| 7 | **AEK Boco** | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 | **15** |
| 8 | **Radstock Town** | 10 | 4 | 3 | 3 | -2 | **15** |
| 9 | **Odd Down** | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 | **14** |
| 10 | **Wells City** | 9 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 | **11** |
| 11 | **Lebeq United** | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | -1 | **11** |
| 12 | **Gillingham Town** | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | -3 | **11** |
| 13 | **Tytherington Rocks** | 9 | 3 | 2 | 4 | -4 | **11** |
| 14 | **Bristol Telephones** | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | **10** |
| 15 | **Portishead Town** | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | -1 | **10** |
| 16 | **Longwell Green Sports** | 8 | 2 | 2 | 4 | -4 | **8** |
| 17 | **Wincanton Town** | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 | **7** |
| 18 | **Bishops Lydeard** | 9 | 2 | 1 | 6 | -9 | **7** |
| 19 | **Hengrove Athletic** | 9 | 1 | 2 | 6 | -14 | **5** |
| 20 | **Almondsbury** | 9 | 1 | 1 | 7 | -9 | **4** |
| 21 | **Devizes Town** | 9 | 0 | 2 | 7 | -23 | **2** |