**Latest Round-ups:**

**Season 2021/22**

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**Premier Division:** The weekend’s action got underway on Friday night at a wet and windy Langsford Park, where Devon rivals **Tavistock** and **Exmouth** battled out a 2-2 draw. The hosts made a perfect start to the game, when Jake Miller carried the ball from inside his own half before firing an unstoppable drive into the back of the net from 25 yards inside the opening five minutes. The Lambs were very much in the ascendancy for much of the first half, and it came as no surprise that they doubled their advantage, with Dan Kiota scoring for the second consecutive fixture. Exmouth’s away form has been strong of late however, and they got themselves back into the game midway through the second half, when a goal from Ben Steer halved the deficit. Then, with the game heading into the final ten minutes, Town managed to force home an equaliser, with Morgan Cullen netting to secure a share of the spoils.

In the pick of the games on Saturday, **Keynsham** snuck past local rivals **Cadbury Heath** in a seven-goal thriller. Having fallen behind to Dean Preddie’s opener, the K’s got back on level terms just before the break when Will Hailston followed up a free kick from Jordan Metters which was spilled into his path before tapping home. A penalty soon after the interval from Matt Huxley restored the Heath’s advantage, before Hailston struck for the second time to draw the hosts level as the game headed into the final quarter. The fifth goal of the contest was the pick of the bunch, with Dan Cottle picking the ball up 30 yards out before unleashing an unstoppable strike into the back of the Heath net. That goal sparked a frantic final ten minutes, with Octavian Gala levelling for the visitors, before Jordan Anstey headed home the crucial winner five minutes from time for the victorious K’s. In another tight contest, **Helston**survived a second half fightback from **Ashton & Backwell United**, scoring late on to win 3-2. Billy Tucker played a big role in the opening 20 minutes of the encounter, and having seen his early penalty attempt saved, he made amends soon after by tucking home the opener to put Helston ahead. Ryan Turner then scored with the home side’s next attack to double the advantage, before Ashton duo Charlie and Connor Saunders, both struck during the second half to draw the visitors level. The fifth and final goal came pretty soon after Ashton’s equaliser, with Stuart Bowker thumping the ball home to secure all three points for Helston. **Shepton Mallet’**s winless run has now stretched to four matches after they let slip a winning position before drawing 2-2 at home to **Mousehole**. Having fallen behind in just the seventh minute to Connor Leak-Blunt’s early opener, Mallet hit back almost instantly through Finn Haines, before Jack Fillingham headed them into the lead just before the half-hour mark. The hosts were unable to hold on for all three points however, with Mousehole drawing level in the first minute of the second half through Mark Goldsworthy.

**Shepton v Mousehole, via Haydn Jones.**

The fixture at **Brislington**also ended two apiece, with **Buckland**scoring late on to grab a share of the spoils. Having gone in front through Josh Webber from well outside the area, Buckland conceded to George Jones and Jordan Scadding either side of the interval to find themselves trailing as the game headed towards a finish. Brislington’s recent defensive frailties came back to haunt them however, and just as it looked like they would hold on, Ryan Bush scored his sixth goal in the last six games to extend the Devonians unbeaten run. There was a rate victory for **Millbrook**, with Rikki Sheppard scoring 20 minutes from time in their 1-0 win over **Ilfracombe**, while a 43rd minute effort from Jake Quick helped **Wellington** defeat basement-dwellers **Bridport** by the same scoreline. Saturday’s other winners were **Clevedon Town**, with Archie Ferris playing a starring role in their 2-1 victory away at **Saltash**. Having laid on the assist for Freddie King’s 14th minute opener, Ferris then scored Clevedon’s winner from close range after Dave Barker had drawn the home side level midway through the first half.

**First Division:** **Welton**’s unbeaten start looked under threat for long periods on Saturday afternoon, but they showed that never-say-die attitude to eventually claw back a 2-2 draw away at**Wincanton**. After conceding in the 12th minute to a Dan Wise spot kick, Welton’s deficit increased when Wise struck at the end of the first half to make it 2-0 to Wincanton at the interval. If things weren’t bad enough for the Green Army, they gave themselves even more of an uphill task during the second period when James Batchelor was awarded a straight red card. Incredibly, the ten men managed to fight back during the final 20 minutes, with Chris Pile halving the deficit before Toby Cole scored a dramatic equaliser five minutes from time against the same side who he recently left to join the league leaders. Those dropped points meant that Welton’s lead atop the division were trimmed slightly, with second placed**Cheddar** capitalising following a 5-0 win away at **Tytherington**. The Cheesemen are on somewhat of a roll right now, and have scored 13 goals in their previous three matches which have all been victories. After Jordan Yeo scored from close range to make it 1-0 at the end of the first half, it was then left to the strike duo of Nathan Groom and Chris Coombs to do the remainder of the damage, with each of them scoring twice to complete the five-star performance. **Sherborne** were another side to enjoy a relatively stress-free afternoon, with three different scorers helping them defeat **AEK Boco**to help them move up to fourth. Sam Farthing gave the Zebras a dream start, breaking the deadlock within three minutes, before Declan Cornish and Alex Murphy added further goals after the interval. **Oldland Abbotonians** joined the batch of top sides to pick up three points, with Cash Vinall’s early strike the only difference between the sides in their 1-0 win away at **Hengrove**. The other side to pick up a slender one-goal victory were **Warminster,**after Ian Jeffery’s late penalty helped them to capture victory at home to **Longwell Green Sports**. **Devizes** have now three of their previous six fixtures, cutting the gap to those ahead of them in the league, thanks to a 3-2 victory in their relegation six-pointer at home to **Bishop Sutton**. Stuart Windsor, Logan Cassidy and Matt Lever were all on target for the home side, with Sutton scoring twice in the final 15 minutes through Jacob Reader and Craig Wilson at Nursteed Road. In Bath, **Odd Down** denied **Lebeq** victory, when Raphael Waugh equalised 20 minutes from time after Sacha Tong had put the visitors in control before the break. The points were also shared in the fixture between **Gillingham** and **Bishops Lydeard**, with each side scoring three times to give Town their league-leading seventh draw of the current campaign.

**Recent Results**

**Friday 29th October 2021**

**Premier Division**

Tavistock 2-2 Exmouth Town

**Saturday 30th October 2021**

**Premier Division**

Bridgwater United P-P Street

Brislington 2-2 Buckland Athletic 90

Helston Athletic 3-2 Ashton & Backwell United 156

Keynsham Town 4-3 Cadbury Heath 170

Millbrook 1-0 Ilfracombe Town

Saltash United 1-2 Clevedon Town 136

Shepton Mallet 2-2 Mousehole 178

Wellington 1-0 Bridport 72

**First Division**

Almondsbury P-P Bristol Telephones

Devizes Town 3-2 Bishop Sutton 84

Gillingham Town 3-3 Bishops Lydeard 57

Hengrove Athletic 0-1 Oldland Abbotonians 63

Odd Down 1-1 Lebeq United 46

Portishead Town P-P Wells City

Sherborne Town 3-0 AEK Boco 117

Tytherington Rocks 0-5 Cheddar

Warminster Town 1-0 Longwell Green Sports 108

Wincanton Town 2-2 Welton Rovers

**Leading Goalscorers**

**Premier Division First Division**

Dean Griffiths (Bitton) – 18 Bailey Croome (Tytherington) - 16

Jack Taylor (Bridgwater) - 18 Oaklan Buck (Bishop Sutton) 15

Liam Prynn (Tavistock) – 16 Luke Bryan (Odd Down) – 14

Cameron Brown (Lebeq) – 14

Jake Slocombe (Welton) - 13

**All Competitions**

Dean Griffiths (Bitton) – 20

Jack Taylor (Bridgwater) - 19

Liam Prynn (Tavistock) – 17

Bailey Croome (Tytherington) – 16

Rikki Sheppard (Millbrook) – 16

Oaklan Buck (Bishop Sutton) – 15

(Stats courtesy of FA Fulltime Website)

**Upcoming Fixtures**

**Tuesday 2nd November 2021**

**First Division**

Cheddar vs Longwell Green Sports 19:45KO

Wells City vs Warminster Town 19:30KO

Wincanton Town vs Sherborne Town 19:30KO

**Wednesday 3rd November 2021**

**First Division**

AEK Boco vs Hengrove Athletic 19:30KO

**Saturday 6th November 2021 (3pm Kick off unless noted)**

**Premier Division**

Bridgwater United vs Millbrook

Bridport vs Ilfracombe Town

Exmouth Town vs Ashton & Backwell United

Keynsham Town vs Buckland Athletic

Mousehole vs Cadbury Heath

Saltash United vs Brislington

Shepton Mallet vs Tavistock

Street vs Bitton

Wellington vs Clevedon Town

**First Division**

AEK Boco vs Cheddar

Bishop Sutton vs Longwell Green Sports

Bishops Lydeard vs Hengrove Athletic

Bristol Telephones vs Portishead Town

Gillingham Town vs Devizes Town

Radstock Town vs Almondsbury

Sherborne Town vs Odd Down

Warminster Town vs Lebeq United

Wells City vs Tytherington Rocks

Wincanton Town vs Oldland Abbotonians

On the latest episode of the Podcast, we hear from Exmouth Town’s Kevin Hill who explains how his side continue to go under the radar this season. There is also a conversation with Oldland’s manager Paul Weeks who reflects on their excellent progress in the FA Vase.

<http://toolstationleague.com/season-2021-22-podcast-episode-13/>

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**League Tables**

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|  | PREMIER DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Tavistock** | 18 | 10 | 4 | 3 | 19 | **34** |
| 2 | **Bitton** | 15 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 13 | **30** |
| 3 | **Buckland Athletic** | 15 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 19 | **28** |
| 4 | **Helston Athletic** | 14 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 17 | **27** |
| 5 | **Ilfracombe Town** | 14 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 4 | **25** |
| 6 | **Bridgwater United** | 14 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 16 | **24** |
| 7 | **Saltash United** | 15 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 8 | **24** |
| 8 | **Keynsham Town** | 16 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 6 | **24** |
| 9 | **Shepton Mallet** | 15 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 19 | **23** |
| 10 | **Exmouth Town** | 13 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 23 | **22** |
| 11 | **Clevedon Town** | 16 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 5 | **20** |
| 12 | **Mousehole** | 12 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 4 | **20** |
| 13 | **Brislington** | 14 | 6 | 1 | 7 | -26 | **19** |
| 14 | **Wellington** | 13 | 5 | 2 | 6 | -6 | **17** |
| 15 | **Street** | 14 | 5 | 1 | 8 | -9 | **16** |
| 16 | **Cadbury Heath** | 17 | 4 | 2 | 11 | -19 | **14** |
| 17 | **Millbrook** | 14 | 3 | 3 | 8 | -9 | **12** |
| 18 | **Ashton & Backwell United** | 13 | 2 | 1 | 10 | -17 | **7** |
| 19 | **Bridport** | 17 | 1 | 0 | 16 | -67 | **3** |

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|  | FIRST DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Welton Rovers** | 16 | 13 | 3 | 0 | 24 | **42** |
| 2 | **Cheddar** | 16 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 11 | **30** |
| 3 | **Oldland Abbotonians** | 16 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 8 | **29** |
| 4 | **Sherborne Town** | 14 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 24 | **28** |
| 5 | **Warminster Town** | 15 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 11 | **27** |
| 6 | **Radstock Town** | 15 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 3 | **26** |
| 7 | **AEK Boco** | 16 | 7 | 4 | 5 | -3 | **25** |
| 8 | **Odd Down** | 16 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 3 | **24** |
| 9 | **Lebeq United** | 17 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 1 | **23** |
| 10 | **Tytherington Rocks** | 17 | 6 | 5 | 6 | -3 | **23** |
| 11 | **Wells City** | 14 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 7 | **20** |
| 12 | **Bishop Sutton** | 16 | 5 | 4 | 7 | -3 | **19** |
| 13 | **Gillingham Town** | 19 | 4 | 7 | 8 | -10 | **19** |
| 14 | **Wincanton Town** | 14 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 9 | **16** |
| 15 | **Portishead Town** | 15 | 6 | 1 | 8 | -4 | **16\*** |
| 16 | **Longwell Green Sports** | 13 | 4 | 3 | 6 | -3 | **15** |
| 17 | **Hengrove Athletic** | 17 | 4 | 3 | 10 | -15 | **15** |
| 18 | **Bristol Telephones** | 14 | 4 | 2 | 8 | -7 | **14** |
| 19 | **Almondsbury** | 14 | 4 | 1 | 9 | -9 | **13** |
| 20 | **Bishops Lydeard** | 14 | 3 | 3 | 8 | -11 | **12** |
| 21 | **Devizes Town** | 16 | 3 | 2 | 11 | -33 | **11** |