**Latest Round-ups:**

**Season 2021/22**

**#21**

**Premier Division: Tavistock**will enjoy a ten-point lead for Christmas after they romped to a 6-0 win at home to **Keynsham** on Saturday afternoon. The hosts took no time at all to move ahead, with Ben Cross firing them in front after just two minutes against a Town side who were enduring their fourth consecutive away fixture in a variety of competitions. The Western League’s top scorer then took control of the game, with Liam Prynn making it 2-0 prior to half-time, before the same man added another goal in the opening stages of the second half thanks to a bullet header. It soon became the Prynn show, and after he struck twice more during another standout performance, he was given an early bath, with substitute C.J Pritchard then entering the fray to complete the scoring during the final ten minutes. Another side to hit six were **Mousehole**, with the Cornish outfit now up in third spot thanks to their big win away at **Street**. The visitors quickly built a two-goal advantage at the Tannery Ground, with Hayden Turner’s penalty doubling their advantage after Callam McOnie had broken the deadlock. A cheeky back-heeled finish from McOnie stretched the lead to three at the beginning of the second half, with Kyle Fraser then adding a fourth soon after. Harry Foster struck twice to add some respect to the scoreline, but it was Mousehole’s Turner who took home much of the plaudits, after he scored twice in the final ten minutes to complete his hat-trick. A couple more players also grabbed goalscoring trebles in the same game, with both Tom Payne and Rikki Sheppard striking three times in **Millbrook**’s 12-1 annihilation of **Bridport**. The visitors scored five in the first half, and seven in the second, showing no mercy to the league’s bottom side, with Josh Toulson adding a brace of his own during the romp. It wasn’t all easy going for the top sides in the division, with fourth-placed **Helston**among those to drop points against teams in the bottom half. Despite forging ahead through Craig Veal after just 13 minutes, Helston suffered a 3-1 loss at the hands of **Shepton Mallet** who scored three unanswered goals during the final hour of the contest. Having drawn level through Joe Morgan, Mallet then moved ahead five minutes before the interval thanks to a goal from Finn Haines. Another strike early in the second half from Aaron Seviour extended Mallet’s advantage, and they didn’t look back, handing out revenge for the 1-0 loss they suffered to the same opponent less than 30 days ago. **Ilfracombe Town** were fortunate to come away with a point against **Ashton & Backwell**, scoring a late equaliser in their 1-1 draw at the Lancer Scott Stadium. The home side came close to securing just a third league win of the campaign after going ahead early in the second half, but Town managed to salvage a share of the spoils, when Harry Stevens levelled affairs with just under 20 minutes left on the clock. **Buckland** and **Brislington** shared the points for the second time this season, after the home side capitalised on a red card to claim a 1-1 draw. It was Brislington who led after 30 minutes thanks to a deflected effort from Jordan Scadding, but once Asa White was dismissed they succumbed to their hosts who levelled affairs soon after thanks to a well-taken goal from Jake Evans. **Saltash United** claimed their tenth league win of the campaign after coming from behind to defeat **Wellington** 2-1. Having trailed to Nathan Byrne’s 16th minute opener, the Ashes drew level through Sam Hughes, before an impressive finish from 20 yards out by Sam Leary with 12 minutes remaining helped them capture all three points. There was also an away win for **Exmouth Town**, with two goals in the space of ten second half minutes from Ben Steer and Jordan Harris leading them to a 2-0 win over **Bridgwater United**.

******First Division:** In the eagerly anticipated clash at the top, **Wincanton Town** continued their incredible form, toppling**Welton Rovers** by three goals to nil at West Clewes. Having enjoyed a long unbeaten run, Welton have now suffered two defeats in recent weeks, failing to lay a glove on their visitors who have now won seven on the spin thanks to goals from Jamie Thompson, Dan Quirke and Cameron Allen. Another side who are surging as the new year closes in are **Sherborne**, and they now sit in second after thumping **Cheddar** 4-1. The Zebras went ahead in spectacular fashion, with Henry Lawrence-Napier lobbing the ball expertly into an empty net from midway inside the opposition half after just 15 minutes. Another goal just prior to half-time from Josh Williams put Sherborne in command, with late goals on the counter attack from Ash Guppy and Alex Murphy rounding out the comprehensive victory. **Odd Down** have now won three games in a row, holding off a late surge from **Wells City** to run out 5-3 victors in Bath. Goals towards the end of the first half from Shaq Perkins and Raphael Waugh made it 2-0 to the hosts, with Francois Allen then extending their advantage five minutes after the interval. Perkins struck again either side of a couple of goals from the visitors, with Wells then sending a huge fright to their hosts when they cut the deficit to one in the 88th minute. Fortunately for Odd Down, they had a little more in the tank, and they closed out an important victory when Waugh completed his double in injury time. **Radstock** returned to action with a bang, coming from behind to win 2-1 away at **AEK Boco**. Having had three weeks on inactivity, Radstock came out a little bit undercooked and fell behind in the 28th minute, but after drawing level on the stroke of half-time through Ali Sen, they then claimed all three points when Rico Sobers scored on the counter-attack 15 minutes into the second half. Goals from Mike Johnson and Laurence Lefevre handed **Tytherington** a 2-1 win away at **Gillingham Town**, while **Longwell Green Sports** ended a seven-match winless run by beating **Bishops Lydeard** 3-0. The victory was Longwell Green’s first since returning to their revamped Shellards Road ground, and it came thanks to three second half goals, with Liam Oswin, Zac Cheetham and Ben Mitchell all scoring in the much-needed triumph.**Bishop Sutton** were another of the big winners on Saturday afternoon, and have now moved up into eighth spot after beating **Almondsbury** 5-1 at Lakeview. It was actually the visitors who made the perfect start, leading after just five minutes through Isaac Flynn, but it was all downhill from then on, with Oaklan Buck beating the offside trap to level after quarter of an hour. A couple of set pieces saw both Craig Wilson and Brad Hardidge score with free headers to make it 3-1 after 32 minutes, and Sutton continued to push on during the second half with Jacob Bird and then the prolific Buck rounding out an impressive victory. From the moment Calum Townsend scored a pair of quickfire goals after half an hour, **Portishead** had little trouble in seeing off **Devizes.** Following a quiet start to the contest, Townsend scored twice to put Posset in command, with further goals after the interval from Josh Honey and Sam Munton capping the 4-0 win.

Action from Saturday’s Premier Division clash between Wellington and Saltash United.

**Recent Results**

**Saturday 18th December 2021**

**Premier Division**

Ashton & Backwell United 1-1 Ilfracombe Town 80

Bridgwater United 0-2 Exmouth Town 439

Bridport 1-12 Millbrook 106

Buckland Athletic 1-1 Brislington 166

Shepton Mallet 3-1 Helston Athletic 133

Street 2-6 Mousehole 150

Tavistock 6-0 Keynsham Town

Wellington 1-2 Saltash United 101

**First Division**

AEK Boco 1-2 Radstock Town 167

Bishop Sutton 5-1 Almondsbury 39

Gillingham Town 1-2 Tytherington Rocks 38

Longwell Green Sports 3-0 Bishops Lydeard 140

Odd Down 5-3 Wells City 30

Portishead Town 4-0 Devizes Town 52

Sherborne Town 4-1 Cheddar 78

Welton Rovers 0-3 Wincanton Town 120

On this week’s Podcast, we hear from Bridgwater United manager, Dave Pearse, who explains the reasons behind his side’s strong home form. Colin Goodland also joins the show to discuss how he put together the history of Sherborne Town, and what the club have in common with West Ham United.

<http://toolstationleague.com/season-2021-22-podcast-episode-20/>

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**Western League Christmas Shopping**

A dedicated webpage has been set up, allowing clubs to promote their online shopping facilities so that fans can purchase merchandise.

Visit <http://www.toolstationleague.com/club-shops> to view a list of those clubs who have online shipping facilities.

**Upcoming Fixtures**

**Sunday 26th December 2021**

**Premier Division**

Exmouth Town vs Bridport 12:30KO

Helston Athletic vs Mousehole 12:00KO

Saltash United vs Millbrook 11:00KO

Shepton Mallet vs Bridgwater United 15:00KO

Tavistock vs Buckland Athletic 12:00KO

**First Division**

Cheddar vs Bishops Lydeard 13:00KO

Portishead Town vs Lebeq United 13:00KO

Radstock Town vs Welton Rovers 13:00KO

Sherborne Town vs Gillingham Town 13:00KO

Wells City vs Wincanton Town 13:00KO

**Monday 27th December 2021 (3pm Kick off unless noted)**

**Premier Division**

Brislington vs Ashton & Backwell United 13:00KO

Cadbury Heath vs Bitton 13:00KO

Clevedon Town vs Street 13:00KO

Wellington vs Ilfracombe Town 13:00KO

**First Division**

Almondsbury vs Tytherington Rocks

Bishop Sutton vs Hengrove Athletic

Bristol Telephones vs AEK Boco

Devizes Town vs Warminster Town

Longwell Green Sports vs Oldland Abbotonians 13:00KO

**Leading Goalscorers**

**Premier Division First Division**

Liam Prynn (Tavistock) – 27 Luke Bryan (Odd Down) - 22 Dean Griffiths (Bitton) – 24 Oaklan Buck (Bishop Sutton) – 22

Jack Taylor (Bridgwater) – 20 Bailey Croome (Tytherington) - 18

Jordan Harris (Exmouth) – 18 Cameron Brown (Lebeq) – 17

Jake Slocombe (Welton) – 16

**All Competitions**

Liam Prynn (Tavistock) – 30

Dean Griffiths (Bitton) – 26

Luke Bryan (Odd Down) – 22

Oaklan Buck (Bishop Sutton) – 22

Jack Taylor (Bridgwater) - 21

(Stats courtesy of FA Fulltime Website)

**League Tables**

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|  | PREMIER DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Tavistock** | 22 | 15 | 4 | 3 | 36 | **49** |
| 2 | **Bitton** | 21 | 12 | 3 | 6 | 14 | **39** |
| 3 | **Mousehole** | 18 | 12 | 2 | 4 | 23 | **38** |
| 4 | **Helston Athletic** | 19 | 10 | 7 | 2 | 19 | **37** |
| 5 | **Ilfracombe Town** | 20 | 11 | 4 | 5 | 12 | **37** |
| 6 | **Bridgwater United** | 20 | 11 | 3 | 6 | 21 | **36** |
| 7 | **Exmouth Town** | 19 | 10 | 5 | 4 | 29 | **35** |
| 8 | **Saltash United** | 19 | 10 | 3 | 6 | 15 | **33** |
| 9 | **Buckland Athletic** | 20 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 15 | **32** |
| 10 | **Millbrook** | 21 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 15 | **31** |
| 11 | **Keynsham Town** | 21 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 4 | **31** |
| 12 | **Shepton Mallet** | 21 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 20 | **30** |
| 13 | **Clevedon Town** | 20 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 4 | **23** |
| 14 | **Wellington** | 19 | 6 | 4 | 9 | -10 | **22** |
| 15 | **Brislington** | 20 | 6 | 3 | 11 | -38 | **21** |
| 16 | **Cadbury Heath** | 23 | 5 | 2 | 16 | -30 | **17** |
| 17 | **Street** | 18 | 5 | 1 | 12 | -18 | **16** |
| 18 | **Ashton & Backwell United** | 20 | 2 | 3 | 15 | -27 | **9** |
| 19 | **Bridport** | 23 | 1 | 0 | 22 | -104 | **3** |

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|  | FIRST DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Welton Rovers** | 23 | 16 | 5 | 2 | 30 | **53** |
| 2 | **Sherborne Town** | 22 | 13 | 6 | 3 | 36 | **45** |
| 3 | **Warminster Town** | 22 | 13 | 5 | 4 | 19 | **44** |
| 4 | **Wincanton Town** | 21 | 11 | 4 | 6 | 29 | **37** |
| 5 | **Cheddar** | 23 | 11 | 4 | 8 | 5 | **37** |
| 6 | **Odd Down** | 24 | 11 | 4 | 9 | 3 | **37** |
| 7 | **Radstock Town** | 21 | 10 | 6 | 5 | 10 | **36** |
| 8 | **Bishop Sutton** | 23 | 9 | 5 | 9 | 4 | **32** |
| 9 | **Oldland Abbotonians** | 21 | 10 | 2 | 9 | 0 | **32** |
| 10 | **Lebeq United** | 23 | 8 | 6 | 9 | -1 | **30** |
| 11 | **AEK Boco** | 22 | 8 | 6 | 8 | -5 | **30** |
| 12 | **Gillingham Town** | 26 | 7 | 8 | 11 | -2 | **29** |
| 13 | **Tytherington Rocks** | 23 | 7 | 7 | 9 | -9 | **28** |
| 14 | **Longwell Green Sports** | 22 | 7 | 5 | 10 | -5 | **26** |
| 15 | **Wells City** | 20 | 6 | 7 | 7 | -5 | **25** |
| 16 | **Almondsbury** | 21 | 8 | 1 | 12 | -12 | **25** |
| 17 | **Hengrove Athletic** | 24 | 6 | 7 | 11 | -16 | **25** |
| 18 | **Portishead Town** | 22 | 8 | 3 | 11 | -1 | **24\*** |
| 19 | **Bristol Telephones** | 18 | 5 | 2 | 11 | -13 | **17** |
| 20 | **Bishops Lydeard** | 20 | 4 | 5 | 11 | -14 | **17** |
| 21 | **Devizes Town** | 23 | 4 | 2 | 17 | -53 | **14** |