**Latest Round-ups:**

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**Season 2021/22**

**FA Vase: Buckland Athletic**are through to the last 16 of the competition after striking at the death to beat **Egham Town** 2-1. In a quiet first half, it was Buckland who enjoyed the better of the play, deservedly leading through Ben Carter’s tenth minute penalty following a foul on Josh Webber. The hosts were then reduced to ten men momentarily early in the second half when Rob Farkins was sent to the sin bin, and the away side used that momentum to draw level through Brendan Matthew after 67 minutes. With the game destined for penalties, Buckland went ahead in dramatic circumstances with Carter’s strike having just enough pace to nestle in the back of the visitors net, securing their spot in the fifth round. Unfortunately, there is only one Western League side who remain in the competition following a pair of penalty losses. **Clevedon Town**’s clash away at **Southall** finished 1-1 at the end of normal time, with Alex Camm’s cross deflecting off a home defender to draw the visitors level after an hour. It wasn’t to be on penalties however, with the hosts prevailing 5-4. **Bridgwater United**were also dumped out in the cruellest of circumstances, with **Tunbridge Wells** coming from two goals down to draw 2-2 before prevailing on spot kicks. Goals at the beginning of either half from Jack Taylor looked to have booked United’s passage through to round five, but the Kent side struck twice in the final 20 minutes through Harry Hudson and Robbie Bissett to draw level. An early miss in the shootout then cost Bridgwater who will feel they have missed out on an excellent opportunity to continue their excellent run in this season’s competition.

**Premier Division: Tavistock** now lead the league by 14 points following a fairly comfortable 3-1 victory at home to **Cadbury Heath**. After taking an early lead through Liam Prynn, the Lambs had to wait until the 50th minute before they managed to double their advantage when Dan Koita slotted home. The Heath didn’t lie down however, with George Boon trimming the deficit, before Prynn struck his 29th goal of the campaign to wrap up Tavistock’s latest three points. **Exmouth Town** are now up into second spot after they held off a late charge from **Bitton**to prevail by three goals to one in Devon. Goals either side of the interval from Aaron Denny and Jordan Harris put Exmouth in control, before Josh Egan struck 15 minutes from time to set up a nervy finish. The hosts had enough in the tank to push on and confirm the victory, with Nathan Cooper firing home to make it 3-1 during the final five minutes. In their first game in close to a month, **Mousehole** got straight back to winning ways, beating **Brislington** 2-0 at Trungle Parc. Having won 6-2 against Street in their previous fixture on December 18th, Mousehole now sit third after goals from Jack Calver and Callam McOnie at the end of either half saw them overcome their bottom-half opponents.

**Keynsham Town** came out on top in the game of the day, prevailing in an eight-goal thriller at home to **Ilfracombe Town**. The first half saw both attacking units comfortably outperforming those on the defensive side pretty much from the moment Jamie Noble fired the K’s ahead after quarter of an hour. A quickfire double from Jack Langford and Liam Short suddenly saw Ilfracombe move in front, but they were unable to hold onto their lead for long, with Dan Cottle drawing Keynsham level after 21 minutes. A further goal at the end of the first half from Jordan Metters restored the home side’s lead, before Ilfracombe hit back on the other side of the interval through Charlie Prentice to leave the game in the balance once again. Fortunately for the home fans, it was Keynsham who finished the game strongest, and after Cottle hit struck for the second time to put them back in front, they finally made sure of the points in the closing stages when Will Hailston scored their fifth of the afternoon. In a quieter affair, **Wellington** and **Street** shared the points after battling out a goalless draw.

**Keynsham on the attack against Ilfracombe during their 5-3 win, courtesy of Pete Ricketts.**

**First Division:** The weather wreaked havoc with the fixture schedule last weekend, meaning only two games survived on a wet and windy Saturday. 421 fans attended the fixture at Shellards Road, where **Bishop Sutton** turned over **Longwell Green Sports**to come away with a 2-1 win. Sutton’s main man got the ball rolling for the away side, with Oaklan Buck capitalising on a mistake at the back to make it 1-0 in first half stoppage time. The home side regrouped during the interval and levelled early in the second half thanks to a spin and finish from Zac Cheetham, but Bishop Sutton hit back instantly via a chipped finish from Jacob Bird to give them all three points. In the other game which avoided joining the long list of postponements, **Lebeq** responded well after making a sluggish start to draw 3-3 with **Cheddar**. The visitors made a fine start to the contest, with Rick Bennett curling home a magnificent free kick to put them ahead in the early stages. Zack Young equalised for United five minutes later, but Cheddar soon found their groove again, and after Harry Taylor had restored their lead, Bennett whipped home another fine set piece to make it 3-1 after 33 minutes. The first half goalscoring didn’t finish there however, and Lebeq managed to half the deficit when Josh Morgan-Williams struck, before Sacha Tong scored the sixth and final goal of a pulsating contest ten minutes after the break.

**Sherborne Town** are now just two points adrift atop the First Division after claiming a 1-0 win away at **Portishead**in one of six games to beat the weather this Saturday. Following a couple of weeks of inactivity, the Zebras weren’t at their best, but they had just enough in the tank to secure victory, with Alex Murphy scoring the game’s solitary goal after 57 minutes. Another side to win on their travels was fourth-placed **Odd Down**, with the Bath outfit enjoying a strong start on their way to a 2-0 defeat of **AEK Boco**. The away side went ahead after just five minutes through Omar Simpson, and then surged further in front just after the half-hour mark, when Saracen Yates powered home Curtis Dunn’s well-taken corner. At the opposite end of the table, **Bishops Lydeard** ended a four-match winless run by beating **Gillingham Town** 2-0. As one of many teams who have been out of action over the past couple of weeks, the Lyds were strong in their return to the field, with goals either side of the break from Jordan Hayman and Adam Willis handing them the victory.

**Oldland Abbotonians** mounted an excellent comeback away at **Bishop Sutton** to win 3-1 at Lakeview. Having fallen behind to Jacob Bird’s 38th minute opener, the Abbots scored a crucial goal one minute before half time with Aaron Mansfield curling the ball home from the edge of the area. Mansfield was also influential after the interval, producing the assist for Scott Hatcher who made it 2-1, with Craig Parsons then adding a third to complete the turnaround. Another side who came from behind to win were **Longwell Green Sports**, with a large crowd witnessing their 2-1 triumph over **Hengrove**. After man-of-the-match Liam Oswin had cancelled out Jack Cousins’ 20th minute opener, it was left to Alex Grimshaw to score the late winner, with his headed effort securing the points for the home side. Elsewhere, **Radstock Town**beat **Tytherington Rocks** by a goal to nil, while Adam Wright’s brace helped **Wells City** win 2-1 away at **Bristol Telephones**.

**Recent Results**

**Saturday 8th January 2022**

**First Division**

Lebeq United 3-3 Cheddar 61

Longwell Green Sports 1-2 Bishop Sutton 421

**Saturday 15th January 2022**

**FA Vase Fourth Round**

**Bridgwater United** 2-2 (3-5 pens) Tunbridge Wells 336

**Buckland Athletic** 2-1 Egham Town 312

Southall 1-1 (5-4 pens) **Clevedon Town**

**Premier Division**

Exmouth Town 3-1 Bitton 305

Keynsham Town 5-3 Ilfracombe Town 132

Mousehole 2-0 Brislington

Tavistock 3-1 Cadbury Heath

Wellington 0-0 Street

**First Division**

AEK Boco 0-2 Odd Down 97

Almondsbury P-P Warminster Town

Bishop Sutton 1-3 Oldland Abbotonians 68

Bishops Lydeard 2-0 Gillingham Town 61

Bristol Telephones 1-2 Wells City 33

Devizes Town P-P Welton Rovers

Longwell Green Sports 2-1 Hengrove Athletic 225

Portishead Town 0-1 Sherborne Town

Radstock Town 1-0 Tytherington Rocks 85

Wincanton Town P-P Lebeq United

On the latest episode of the podcast, we hear from Bridport manager, Shaun Annetts, who chats about his efforts to stabilise and rebuild the Bees. There is also a conversation with Bishop Sutton’s 1st team coach, Dean Horseman, who explains the benefits that come from consistent team selection. Finally, Ref Support CEO, Martin Cassidy, joins Ian to give a no holds barred account of his organisations ongoing fight against the abuse of match officials.

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**Upcoming Fixtures**

**Tuesday 18thJanuary 2022**

**First Division**

Almondsbury  vs  Bristol Telephones 19:30KO

Gillingham Town vs Cheddar 19:30KO

Portishead Town vs Wells City 19:30KO

**Wednesday 19th January 2022**

**Premier Division**

Street  vs  Shepton Mallet 19:30KO

**Saturday 22ndJanuary 2022 (3pm kick-off unless noted)**

**Premier Division**

Ashton & Backwell United  vs  Mousehole

Bridport vs Shepton Mallet

Buckland Athletic vs Clevedon Town

Cadbury Heath vs Saltash United

Exmouth Town vs Keynsham Town

Helston Athletic vs Bridgwater United

Millbrook vs Bitton

Street vs Ilfracombe Town

Wellington vs Tavistock

**First Division**

Cheddar  vs  Bristol Telephones

Devizes Town vs Radstock Town

Gillingham Town vs AEK Boco

Hengrove Athletic vs Almondsbury

Lebeq United vs Welton Rovers

Longwell Green Sports vs Wells City

Sherborne Town vs Bishops Lydeard

Warminster Town vs Bishop Sutton

Wincanton Town vs Oldland Abbotonians

**Leading Goalscorers**

**Premier Division First Division**

Liam Prynn (Tavistock) – 28 Oaklan Buck (Bishop Sutton) – 23 Dean Griffiths (Bitton) – 24 Luke Bryan (Odd Down) - 22

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

Jordan Harris (Exmouth) – 20 Cameron Brown (Lebeq) – 17

Rikki Sheppard (Millbrook) – 16 Jake Slocombe (Welton) – 16

**All Competitions**

Liam Prynn (Tavistock) – 31

Dean Griffiths (Bitton) – 26

Oaklan Buck (Bishop Sutton) – 23

Jack Taylor (Bridgwater) – 23

Luke Bryan (Odd Down) – 22

Rikki Sheppard (Millbrook) – 21

Jordan Harris (Exmouth) – 21 (Stats courtesy of FA Fulltime Website)

**League Tables**

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|  | PREMIER DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Tavistock** | 24 | 17 | 4 | 3 | 41 | **55** |
| 2 | **Exmouth Town** | 21 | 12 | 5 | 4 | 35 | **41** |
| 3 | **Mousehole** | 19 | 13 | 2 | 4 | 25 | **41** |
| 4 | **Bridgwater United** | 22 | 12 | 3 | 7 | 24 | **39** |
| 5 | **Bitton** | 22 | 12 | 3 | 7 | 12 | **39** |
| 6 | **Helston Athletic** | 20 | 10 | 7 | 3 | 18 | **37** |
| 7 | **Ilfracombe Town** | 21 | 11 | 4 | 6 | 10 | **37** |
| 8 | **Buckland Athletic** | 22 | 10 | 5 | 7 | 13 | **35** |
| 9 | **Saltash United** | 20 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 15 | **34** |
| 10 | **Keynsham Town** | 22 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 6 | **34** |
| 11 | **Shepton Mallet** | 22 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 22 | **33** |
| 12 | **Millbrook** | 22 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 15 | **32** |
| 13 | **Clevedon Town** | 21 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 7 | **26** |
| 14 | **Brislington** | 22 | 7 | 3 | 12 | -36 | **24** |
| 15 | **Wellington** | 20 | 6 | 5 | 9 | -10 | **23** |
| 16 | **Street** | 20 | 5 | 2 | 13 | -21 | **17** |
| 17 | **Cadbury Heath** | 25 | 5 | 2 | 18 | -33 | **17** |
| 18 | **Ashton & Backwell United** | 22 | 3 | 3 | 16 | -30 | **12** |
| 19 | **Bridport** | 25 | 1 | 0 | 24 | -113 | **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** | 24 | 15 | 6 | 3 | 41 | **51** |
| 3 | **Warminster Town** | 24 | 15 | 5 | 4 | 23 | **50** |
| 4 | **Odd Down** | 26 | 12 | 5 | 9 | 5 | **41** |
| 5 | **Wincanton Town** | 22 | 12 | 4 | 6 | 34 | **40** |
| 6 | **Radstock Town** | 24 | 11 | 6 | 7 | 2 | **39** |
| 7 | **Cheddar** | 24 | 11 | 5 | 8 | 5 | **38** |
| 8 | **Bishop Sutton** | 25 | 10 | 5 | 10 | 3 | **35** |
| 9 | **Oldland Abbotonians** | 23 | 11 | 2 | 10 | 1 | **35** |
| 10 | **AEK Boco** | 24 | 9 | 6 | 9 | -4 | **33** |
| 11 | **Longwell Green Sports** | 26 | 9 | 6 | 11 | -6 | **33** |
| 12 | **Lebeq United** | 24 | 8 | 7 | 9 | -1 | **31** |
| 13 | **Gillingham Town** | 27 | 7 | 8 | 12 | -4 | **29** |
| 14 | **Wells City** | 22 | 7 | 7 | 8 | -6 | **28** |
| 15 | **Tytherington Rocks** | 24 | 7 | 7 | 10 | -10 | **28** |
| 16 | **Almondsbury** | 21 | 8 | 1 | 12 | -12 | **25** |
| 17 | **Hengrove Athletic** | 25 | 6 | 7 | 12 | -17 | **25** |
| 18 | **Portishead Town** | 23 | 8 | 3 | 12 | -2 | **24\*** |
| 19 | **Bishops Lydeard** | 21 | 5 | 5 | 11 | -12 | **20** |
| 20 | **Bristol Telephones** | 20 | 5 | 2 | 13 | -17 | **17** |
| 21 | **Devizes Town** | 24 | 4 | 2 | 18 | -55 | **14** |