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**Midweek Action:** During the busiest midweek schedule for some time, there was plenty of drama in Tuesday’s three Les Phillips Cup ties. The most straightforward result happened at **Shepton Mallet**, where goals from Aaron Seviour, Joe Morgan and a late penalty from substitute Nick Hewlett saw them beat **Bishop Sutton** 3-0. The in-form **Sherborne Town** beat higher-ranked opposition, with the First Division outfit winning by one goal to nil away at **Street** thanks to Declan Cornish’s 34th minute strike. The other side to qualify for the next round were **Buckland Athletic**, with the visitors converting all five of their penalties in a shootout victory away at **Ilfracombe** after their tie had finished 1-1 at the end of 90 minutes. The First Division clashes were tight affairs on the whole, with super sub Isaac Flynn rescuing a point for **Almondsbury**at home to **Tytherington Rocks.** Having fallen behind, the Almonds grabbed a share of the spoils eight minutes from time, when Flynn scored with his first touch after being summoned from the bench. There was also a 1-1 draw in the matchup between **Wells**and**Wincanton**, with Charlie Crook levelling for City after Dan Quirke had put the visitors ahead inside the opening five minutes. Tuesday’s other matchup saw **Portishead**topple**Lebeq**, with Connor Linham and James Wakefield both finding the back of the net during their 2-1 victory at Bristol Road. Things were a little bit easier 24 hours later for **Hengrove**, with Jackson Brown breaking the deadlock early in their 3-0 win away at**Bristol Telephones**. Following Brown’s opener, it was then the duo of Pete Sheppard and Danny Dodimead who wrapped up the points for Hengrove, with each scoring and assisting one another during the impressive win. There was late drama in Wednesday’s other fixture, with ten-man **Radstock** denied at the death by local rivals **Welton**. Having already seen one lead disappear earlier in the second half, Radstock struck again in the 88th minute to go 2-1 up, but the extra man paid dividends for Welton who grabbed the latest of equalisers through Courtney Charles to secure what could be a crucial point in their promotion challenge.

**Action from Radstock Town’s midweek clash with Welton Rovers, courtesy of John Newport.**

**Premier Division:** Jordan Harris of **Exmouth Town** had an afternoon to remember, scoring three of his side’s goals in their 4-1 win away at **Bitton**. Having fallen behind to Luke Bryan’s opener in first half stoppage time, Harris got Exmouth back on level terms ten minutes after the interval, smashing his penalty into the bottom corner. Town stayed on top for the remainder of the second half, and after Ben Steer put them ahead for the first time, Harris then struck twice more to complete the turnaround.

Exmouth’s victory cut the gap slightly at the top of the league, after their fellow Devonians, **Tavistock,** were held to a goalless draw away at **Keynsham**. The Lambs will see Saturday’s 0-0 as two points dropped after playing the entirety of the second half against ten men, and also having seen Josh Grant’s penalty attempt saved by Seth Locke in the Keynsham goal. Third place now belongs to **Mousehole** after they hit back from last week’s shock defeat to beat **Buckland Athletic**3-2 at Trungle Parc. The hosts flew out of the blocks, with Tallan Mitchell making it 2-0 after seven minutes, following on from Hayden Turner’s opener which came less than 60 seconds after the game had kicked off. Ollie Aplin pulled a goal back for Buckland towards the end of the first half, but order was restored soon after when Josh Otto struck to make it 3-1. The visitors set up a tense finale when Rob Farkins struck a 30-yarder 12 minutes from time, but they were unable to find an equaliser as Mousehole clung on for maximum points. The highest scorers of the afternoon were **Ilfracombe**, where Harry Stevens claimed a treble in their huge 7-2 triumph at home to **Helston**. Despite trailing to Stu Bowker’s early header, Ilfracombe were dominant for large passages during the first half, and quickly built a 3-1 advantage thanks to goals from Jack Langford, Stevens and Liam Short. A penalty converted early in the second half by Craig Veal threatened a fightback for the visitors, but that was as good as it got for them on a tough afternoon. Scott Huxtable’s headed effort put Town back in charge, and when Stevens struck twice more the game was all but over, with Joe Barker firing home a late seventh to complete the rout. There was late drama in Somerset, where hosts **Wellington** claimed a late equaliser to draw 1-1 with **Shepton Mallet**. With the game heading towards a goalless draw, Mallet went ahead in the final ten minutes, with Aaron Seviour expertly lifting the ball into the back of the net after he was slipped in by teammate Jacob Sloggett. The away side were unable to hang on for the victory however, and with 88 minutes on the clock, Sam Towler’s strong headed finish gave Welly a share of the points. There was also a 1-1 draw in the fixture between **Millbrook** and**Street**, and it will probably be the visitors who would be more pleased with the outcome. Rikki Sheppard’s smart finish had put Millbrook a goal ahead after 18 minutes, before Harry Foster struck midway through the second half to get the Cobblers back on level terms. It was Liam Norris who ended up being the hero for Street, with the keeper saving a late penalty from Tom Payne to deny Millbrook at the death. **Clevedon Town**’s Alex Camm struck nine minutes from time to help register a point for his side after they had trailed for much of the contest away at **Ashton & Backwell**. A Miles Hardidge volley had put Ashton in front midway through the first half, but they couldn’t quite hang on for their third consecutive victory and remain in 18th spot. The only team below Ashton in the league are **Bridport**, and they had another tough afternoon after falling to a 4-1 defeat away at **Brislington**. There were four different goalscorers for the home side, with Conor McCormack, Josh Brace, Danny Barwood and George Jones all finding the back of the net on Saturday afternoon.

Players from Wellington and Shepton Mallet battle for possession during their 1-1 draw on Saturday.

**First Division:** The action got underway on Friday evening in the First Division, with nine man **Lebeq** fighting back from a two-goal deficit to draw 2-2 with **Odd Down**. Goals either side of the interval from Omar Simpson and Raphael Waugh had put the Bath side in control, before a pin-point free kick from Jennison Williams found the top corner to half the deficit. Then, despite having suffered two red cards on a dramatic night, Lebeq managed to grab an unlikely equaliser in the 15th minute of added time when Sacha Tong stroked the ball home. There was plenty of late drama in the big game on Saturday afternoon too, with league leaders **Sherborne** striking in stoppage time to grab a 2-1 win away at **Welton**. Having taken the lead after half an hour through Aaron White, Sherborne were pegged back with ten minutes remaining when Will Gould drew the home side level. The Zebras never-say-die attitude shone through at West Clewes however, and then managed to secure the three points thanks to Alex Murphy’s winner deep into added time. Things were a little more simple for second-placed **Warminster**, with goals in either half from Martin Johnson, and an effort from centre back Ian Jeffery helping them land a 3-0 win away at **Bristol Telephones**. In South Somerset, a strong first-half showing helped **Wincanton** get back to winning ways against **Portishead.**Having gone ahead in the tenth minute thanks to a nutmegged finish from Jamie Thompson, the home side finished their scoring a couple of moments later when Connor Williams converted Dan Wise’s free kick to maintain their spot in the top five.

**Radstock Town** made it seven points from a possible nine this week after hanging on to beat **Cheddar** 2-1. Morgan Skipp was a major contributor in Town’s victory, with the midfielder receiving the ball from James Rustell before firing home from the edge of the box just before half-time. Then, with four minutes remaining, Skipp looked to have put the game to bed when he scored for the second time as the hosts moved into a two-goal lead. Cheddar went straight up the other end and halved the deficit from the spot through Rick Bennett, yet that was as close as they came and Radstock hung on to grab the points. The Cheesemen remain in 7th spot following the defeat, but are now just one point clear of **AEK Boco**, after the Bristol side eased to a 3-1 win at home to **Bishops Lydeard**. Elsewhere, it was a promising afternoon for a number of sides in the bottom half, including for the likes of **Gillingham Town**, who scored three goals in the space of 18 minutes to come from behind to register a 3-2 win away at **Bishop Sutton**. There was also a comeback victory for **Tytherington Rocks**, who fell behind early before defeating **Longwell Green** 2-1 in Gloucestershire. Having seen Zac Cheetham break the deadlock after only seven minutes, the Rocks secured a crucial leveller in first half stoppage time when top scorer Bailey Croome found the back of the net. That goal seemed to give Tytherington a boost, and then with the game heading into the final quarter, they scored the third and final goal of the contest through Max Wilding to move up into 15th. A terrific second half fightback from **Almondsbury**saw them beat **Oldland Abbotonians**by three goals to two to end their six-match winless run. Despite Greg Parr firing them ahead from long range in the opening stages, the Almonds soon found themselves on the back-foot following goals from Aaron Mansfield and Andrew Nash. Oldland then had the opportunity to move 3-1 ahead right at the end of the first half, but Craig Parsons was thwarted from the spot by Neill Di Lucia to give the home side a lifeline heading into the second 45 minutes. The penalty save was always likely to play a role in the outcome of the game, and that became even more likely when Henry Greenbury scored from close range for Almondsbury to level the scores five minutes into the second half. The decisive goal was struck in the final ten minutes, and it came for the hosts, with Alex Cumming managing to flick the ball home to complete the memorable turnaround. At the Athletic Ground, Charlie Crook’s first half double spear-headed **Wells**’ 3-0 victory over **Devizes**, with City’s leading marksman Adam Wright extending his strong form when he completed the scoring after the interval.

**Recent Results**

**Tuesday 25thJanuary 2022**

**Les Phillips Cup**

Shepton Mallet 3-0  Bishop Sutton

Street 0-1 Sherborne Town

Ilfracombe Town 1-1 (3-5 pens) Buckland Athletic

**First Division**

Almondsbury  1-1 Tytherington Rocks 58

Portishead Town 2-1 Lebeq United 55

Wells City 1-1 Wincanton Town 35

**Wednesday 26th January 2022**

**First Division**

Bristol Telephones 0-3  Hengrove Athletic 133

Radstock Town 2-2 Welton Rovers 373

**Friday 28th January 2022**

**First Division**

Lebeq United 2-2   Odd Down 25

**Saturday 29th January 2022**

**Premier Division**

Ashton & Backwell United  1-1   Clevedon Town 202

Bitton 1-4 Exmouth Town 85

Brislington 4-1 Bridport 55

Ilfracombe Town 7-2 Helston Athletic 152

Keynsham Town 0-0 Tavistock 187

Millbrook 1-1 Street 105

Mousehole 3-2 Buckland Athletic

Wellington 1-1 Shepton Mallet 105

**First Division**

AEK Boco  3-1   Bishops Lydeard

Almondsbury 3-2 Oldland Abbotonians

Bishop Sutton 2-3 Gillingham Town 42

Bristol Telephones 0-3 Warminster Town 53

Radstock Town 2-1 Cheddar 52

Tytherington Rocks 2-1 Longwell Green Sports

Wells City 3-0 Devizes Town 40

Welton Rovers 1-2 Sherborne Town 183

Wincanton Town 2-0 Portishead Town 81

**Leading Goalscorers** (Stats courtesy of FA Fulltime Website)

**Premier Division**

**Liam Prynn (Tavistock) – 29**

**Jordan Harris (Exmouth) – 24**

**Dean Griffiths (Bitton) – 24**

**Jack Taylor (Bridgwater) – 21**

**Rikki Sheppard (Millbrook) -17**

**First Division**

**Oaklan Buck (Bishop Sutton) -23**

**Luke Bryan (Odd Down) -22**

**Bailey Croome (Tytherington) -19**

**Adam Wright (Wells) -18**

**Cameron Brown (Lebeq) – 17**

**All Competitions**

**Liam Prynn (Tavistock) – 32**

**Jordan Harris (Exmouth) – 26**

**Dean Griffiths (Bitton) – 26**

**Jack Taylor (Bridgwater) – 24**

**Oaklan Buck (Bishop Sutton) – 23**

**Luke Bryan (Odd Down) – 22**

**Rikki Sheppard (Millbrook) – 22**

**Upcoming Fixtures**

**Tuesday 1st February 2022**

**Premier Division**

Bridgwater United vs  Clevedon Town 19:45KO

Ilfracombe Town vs Saltash United 19:45KO

**First Division**

Bishop Sutton vs Hengrove Athletic 19:30KO

Cheddar vs Bishops Lydeard 19:30KO

Wells City vs Bristol Telephones 19:30KO

Welton Rovers vs Odd Down 19:30KO

**Wednesday 2nd February 2022**

**Les Phillips Cup**

Exmouth Town vs Wellington 19:30KO

Helston Athletic vs Millbrook 19:45KO

**First Division**

Tytherington Rocks vs Radstock Town 20:00KO

**Saturday 5th February 2022 (3pm kick-off unless noted)**

**Premier Division**

Ashton & Backwell United  vs  Millbrook

Bitton vs Buckland Athletic

Bridport vs Saltash United

Brislington vs Helston Athletic

Cadbury Heath vs Exmouth Town

Clevedon Town vs Ilfracombe Town

Mousehole vs Bridgwater United

Street vs Shepton Mallet

Wellington vs Keynsham Town

**First Division**

Bishops Lydeard vs Almondsbury

Bristol Telephones vs Bishop Sutton

Gillingham Town vs Welton Rovers

Hengrove Athletic vs Tytherington Rocks

Longwell Green Sports vs Warminster Town

Oldland Abbotonians vs Sherborne Town

Portishead Town vs Cheddar

Wells City vs Odd Down

Wincanton Town vs Lebeq United 13:00KO

On the latest episode of the podcast, Ian catches up with Ashton & Backwell’s assistant manager, Jim Williams, who explains how his side have turned a corner, and why things are looking more rosy at the Lancer Scott Stadium. Lebeq’s manager, Curtis Reid, also joins the show to reflect on where the team need to improve to realise his ambition to compete for promotion.

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**League Tables**

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|  | PREMIER DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Tavistock** | 26 | 17 | 6 | 3 | 41 | **57** |
| 2 | **Exmouth Town** | 23 | 14 | 5 | 4 | 39 | **47** |
| 3 | **Mousehole** | 21 | 14 | 2 | 5 | 25 | **44** |
| 4 | **Ilfracombe Town** | 23 | 13 | 4 | 6 | 17 | **43** |
| 5 | **Bridgwater United** | 23 | 13 | 3 | 7 | 25 | **42** |
| 6 | **Bitton** | 24 | 12 | 4 | 8 | 9 | **40** |
| 7 | **Shepton Mallet** | 24 | 10 | 7 | 7 | 28 | **37** |
| 8 | **Helston Athletic** | 22 | 10 | 7 | 5 | 12 | **37** |
| 9 | **Buckland Athletic** | 24 | 10 | 5 | 9 | 10 | **35** |
| 10 | **Keynsham Town** | 24 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 5 | **35** |
| 11 | **Millbrook** | 24 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 15 | **34** |
| 12 | **Saltash United** | 21 | 10 | 4 | 7 | 14 | **34** |
| 13 | **Clevedon Town** | 23 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 9 | **30** |
| 14 | **Brislington** | 23 | 8 | 3 | 12 | -33 | **27** |
| 15 | **Wellington** | 22 | 6 | 7 | 9 | -10 | **25** |
| 16 | **Cadbury Heath** | 26 | 6 | 2 | 18 | -32 | **20** |
| 17 | **Street** | 22 | 5 | 3 | 14 | -23 | **18** |
| 18 | **Ashton & Backwell United** | 24 | 4 | 4 | 16 | -29 | **16** |
| 19 | **Bridport** | 27 | 1 | 0 | 26 | -122 | **3** |

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|  | FIRST DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Sherborne Town** | 26 | 17 | 6 | 3 | 48 | **57** |
| 2 | **Warminster Town** | 26 | 17 | 5 | 4 | 31 | **56** |
| 3 | **Welton Rovers** | 26 | 16 | 6 | 4 | 27 | **54** |
| 4 | **Radstock Town** | 27 | 13 | 7 | 7 | 6 | **46** |
| 5 | **Wincanton Town** | 24 | 13 | 5 | 6 | 36 | **44** |
| 6 | **Odd Down** | 27 | 12 | 6 | 9 | 5 | **42** |
| 7 | **Cheddar** | 26 | 11 | 5 | 10 | 3 | **38** |
| 8 | **AEK Boco** | 26 | 10 | 7 | 9 | -2 | **37** |
| 9 | **Lebeq United** | 27 | 9 | 8 | 10 | 0 | **35** |
| 10 | **Oldland Abbotonians** | 24 | 11 | 2 | 11 | 0 | **35** |
| 11 | **Bishop Sutton** | 27 | 10 | 5 | 12 | -3 | **35** |
| 12 | **Longwell Green Sports** | 28 | 9 | 7 | 12 | -5 | **34** |
| 13 | **Gillingham Town** | 29 | 8 | 9 | 12 | -3 | **33** |
| 14 | **Wells City** | 26 | 8 | 9 | 9 | -4 | **33** |
| 15 | **Tytherington Rocks** | 26 | 8 | 8 | 10 | -9 | **32** |
| 16 | **Hengrove Athletic** | 27 | 8 | 7 | 12 | -12 | **31** |
| 17 | **Portishead Town** | 26 | 10 | 3 | 13 | -2 | **30\*** |
| 18 | **Almondsbury** | 25 | 9 | 2 | 14 | -14 | **29** |
| 19 | **Bristol Telephones** | 24 | 7 | 2 | 15 | -21 | **23** |
| 20 | **Bishops Lydeard** | 23 | 5 | 5 | 13 | -20 | **20** |
| 21 | **Devizes Town** | 26 | 4 | 2 | 20 | -61 | **14** |