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**Season 2021/22**

**Midweek Action: Almondsbury** snuck past **AEK Boco** in their Les Phillips Cup first round tie on Tuesday evening, twice coming from behind to draw 2-2, before prevailing on penalties. Harrison Kyte struck twice for Boco at the end of the first half, only to see the visitors respond each time, with the Almonds then dominating the spot kicks to prevail 4-1. In the other tie that night, a second half brace from Dan Cottle saw **Keynsham**book a date with Hengrove in the first round. Having battled out a goalless stalemate during the opening 45 minutes in their home clash with **Wells City**, Cottle struck twice to help his side progress, with Will Hailston also getting his name on the scoresheet during a one-sided second half. Wednesday’s cup tie went the way of **Cadbury Heath**, after Matt Huxley scored a late winner in their 2-1 victory over **Longwell Green Sports**. Having seen Jon Invernizzi’s earlier goal cancelled out by their visitors, Huxley scored two minutes from time to book their spot in the next round. Free-scoring **Sherborne** showed no mercy on Wednesday evening, beating First Division basement dwellers **Devizes**6-1. It was an evening dominated by two players at Raleigh Grove, with both Aaron White and Oli Hebbard scoring hat-tricks in the one-sided victory which saw the hosts lead by five goals to nil at the interval. The other game that evening was a closer affair, but it went with the form guide, as Morgan Skipp played a starring role in fourth-placed **Radstock**’s 3-2 win at home to **Bishops Lydeard**.

**Sherborne were in ruthless form on Wednesday evening. Image courtesy of Martin Edwards.**

**FA Vase: Buckland Athletic** were knocked out of the FA Vase in heartbreaking fashion, conceding late on before falling to a defeat on penalties to **Newport Pagnell Town**. Having gone ahead midway through when the second half when Owen Stockton swept the ball into an empty net from all of 45 yards, Buckland looked set for a spot in the last eight. However, they couldn’t quite hold on, with the home side scoring a 93rd minute equaliser, before holding their nerves during the spot kicks to bring an end to Buckland’s impressive cup run. *Image above courtesy of John Pool.*

**Premier Division: Exmouth Town** became just the second side this season to reach the 50-point mark, edging to a 1-0 victory at home to **Shepton Mallet**. The only goal of the entire came inside the opening 60 seconds, with Levi Landricombe finding the back of the net on his league debut for the hosts. Top spot still belongs to **Tavistock** after they defeated **Brislington**3-0 at Langsford Park. Having gone ahead in the ninth minute through Teigan Rosenquest, the hosts then doubled their tally towards the end of the first half when Liam Prynn finished off a smart counter-attack. The third goal came early in the second half, with Josh Parry finding the bottom corner from long range to end Tavy’s two-match winless run in the league. Another side returning to winning ways were **Street**, who secured their first three points since mid-October after beating **Ilfracombe Town** 2-0. First half goals from Josh Phillips and Kyle Strange proved to be enough for the Cobblers against an Ilfracombe side who have an excellent record at Marlborough Park this season. A goal in either half from Jack Taylor was the catalyst behind **Bridgwater**’s 3-0 victory away at **Ashton & Backwell United**. Having opened the scoring after 20 minutes with a free-kick, Taylor then completed the scoring with a late header after George King had earlier doubled their lead towards the end of the first half. Another side to prevail by three goals to nil were **Bitton**, with all their goals coming after the interval during victory over **Wellington.** After breaking the deadlock through Ben Withey after 58 minutes, Bitton’s job became a little easier just moments later when visiting keeper Shay Allen was given a straight red after bringing down Dean Griffiths. The ten-men held out resolutely for a while, before Bitton finished the game on top, with a long range effort from Callum Ball and a debut goal from 17-year-old Matty Hughes rounding out the victory. The standout team performance of the day may have belonged to **Keynsham** who rolled to a 6-0 triumph at home to **Millbrook**. The K’s duo of Will Hailston and Dan Cottle proved too hot to handle, with each scoring during the opening 45 minutes to help build a 2-0 advantage. Each of them struck again early in the second half to double their lead, with Cottle then completing his hat-trick in the closing stages prior to Jamie Noble adding a sixth in stoppage time. Bottom-side **Bridport** joined Millbrook in tasting defeat by six goals to nil, with the red-hot Orlando Anker scoring twice in the first half for the victorious **Helston**. Jackson Penhallurick scored with his first touch to make it 3-0 five minutes from time, before Bridport capitulated, with Matt Wright, Josh Storey and Sam Buckley all adding further goals for the hosts in the closing stages. In the day’s only draw, third-placed **Mousehole** leaned on the ever-reliable Hayden Turner to tuck home a penalty to salvage a 1-1 result away at **Clevedon** after Cam Salmon had fired the home side ahead. Down in Cornwall, Dave Barker and Reece Thompson each got on the scoresheet in the final 25 minutes to help lead**Saltash** to a hard-fought 3-0 win over **Cadbury Heath**.

**Action from Bitton’s 3-0 victory over Wellington on Saturday afternoon, courtesy of @AroundWelly.**

**First Division:** **Odd Down** produced a stunning performance to put eight past hosts **Longwell Green Sports** to maintain their spot in the top six. Leading scorer Luke Bryan played a starring role for the Bath outfit once more, scoring twice in either half to help put Longwell Green to the sword. Omar Simpson also struck twice for the rampant visitors, with a couple of late goals adding a slight touch of respect to the final 8-3 scoreline. Bryan wasn’t the only player to find the back of the net four times on Saturday, with **Bishop Sutton**’s Oaklan Buck also scoring a brace in both halves during their dominant 5-0 win away at **Tytherington Rocks**. League leaders **Sherborne**registered their 20th victory of the campaign at home to **Gillingham Town**, starting slowly before capturing a 3-1 win. The Zebras took until minute 56 before moving ahead through Josh Williams, with Alex Murphy then doubling their advantage soon after. The away side supplied some late drama when they halved the deficit, but that kicked Sherborne back into action, with Jack Cutmore ending any chances of a comeback when he scored their third in added time. Goals from Jack Miluk and Ian Jeffery helped **Warminster** keep up the pressure in second after they saw off **Portishead** by two goals to nil, while at the opposite end of the table, **Devizes** fell to a 2-1 defeat at home to **Lebeq**. It was a good day for most of the sides in the top half, including **Radstock**, who beat **Hengrove**2-0 thanks to a standout spell of play from Rico Sobers. Following a goalless first half, Sobers put the away side in front five minutes after the interval, before he then turned provider soon after, supplying the final pass through to Nathan Flynn who added the finishing touches. For **Wincanton** Town, it was a one-sided first half which helped them see off the challenge of **Almondsbury**. Matt Garner was terrific for the Wasps, notching a hat-trick in a repeat of the result from when these sides met less than three months ago in Bristol. An injury time winner from **Oldland’**s Mitchell Dann, helped them fight off a late challenge from **Bishops Lydeard** to prevail by three goals to two. Having built an early two-goal lead through Craig Parsons and Jack Mills, Oldland thought they had squandered their position of strength when Paulo Borges and an own goal made it 2-2 in the closing stages. With the hosts pushing to complete a memorable turnaround, the Abbots scored a winner against the run of play, with Dann striking to end their three-match losing run. There was also plenty of late action down in **Cheddar**, where **AEK Boco** scored an equaliser in the sixth minute of stoppage time to bring the curtain down on a drama-filled 2-2 draw. Rick Bennett capitalised on a blunder from the visiting keeper to put the Cheesemen in front after 20 minutes, before Boco levelled in first half stoppage time just moments after the hosts had been reduced to ten men. Incredibly, the underhanded Cheddar side looked to have stolen all three points late on when Ethan Reed produced an excellent lobbed finish from outside the area to make it 2-1. They hadn’t done enough however, and Boco had the last word, scoring with literally the final kick of the game to move up into the tenth spot. Saturday’s other fixture at West Clewes was abandoned early in the second half following a serious injury to a **Bristol Telephones** player, with **Welton** leading 3-0 at the time.

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**Awards Update**

**Exmouth Town were presented with their award for January’s Team of the Month on Saturday by Toolstation Western League committee member Martin Painter**

**Recent Results**

**Tuesday 8th February 2022**

**Les Phillips Cup**

AEK Boco 2-2 Almondsbury

Keynsham Town 3-0 Wells City

**Wednesday 9th February 2022**

**Les Phillips Cup**

Cadbury Heath 2-1 Longwell Green Sports

**First Division**

Radstock Town 3-2 Bishops Lydeard 71

Sherborne Town 6-1 Devizes Town 104

**Saturday 12th February 2022**

**FA Vase Fifth Round**

Newport Pagnell Town   1-1 (4-3) **Buckland Athletic**

**Premier Division**

Ashton & Backwell United   0-3 Bridgwater United 194

Bitton 3-0 Wellington

Clevedon Town 1-1 Mousehole 105

Exmouth Town 1-0 Shepton Mallet 235

Helston Athletic 6-0 Bridport 75

Ilfracombe Town 0-2 Street 78

Keynsham Town 6-0 Millbrook 122

Saltash United 3-0 Cadbury Heath 103

Tavistock 3-0 Brislington

**First Division**

Bishops Lydeard 2-2 Oldland Abbotonians 53

Cheddar 2-2 AEK Boco 67

Devizes Town 1-2 Lebeq United

Hengrove Athletic 0-2 Radstock Town 63

Longwell Green Sports 3-8 Odd Down 175

Sherborne Town 3-1 Gillingham Town

Tytherington Rocks 0-5 Bishop Sutton

Warminster Town 2-0 Portishead Town 128

Welton Rovers A-A Bristol Telephones

Wincanton Town 4-0 Almondsbury 43

On the podcast this week, Ian catches up with Cadbury Heath manager, **George Boon**, who reacts to his side’s impressive win over Exmouth, and the importance of tightening things up at the back. Welton’s **Tom Smith** also joins the show to explain how his charges have steadied the ship, putting them back on course for a title run.

<http://toolstationleague.com/season-2021-22-podcast-episode-28/>

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**Upcoming Fixtures**

**Tuesday 15th February 2022**

**Les Phillips Cup**

Buckland Athletic vs Saltash United 19:30KO

**Wednesday 16th February 2022**

**Les Phillips Cup**

Bishops Lydeard vs Bitton 19:30KO

Bristol Telephones vs Tytherington Rocks 19:45KO

Oldland Abbotonians vs Clevedon Town 19:45KO

Radstock Town vs Gillingham Town 19:45KO

Sherborne Town vs Bridgwater United 19:30KO

**Premier Division**

Wellington vs Ilfracombe Town 19:45KO

**First Division**

AEK Boco vs Wincanton Town 19:30KO

**Saturday 19th February 2022 (3pm kick-off unless noted)**

**Les Phillips Cup**

Tavistock vs Bridport

**Premier Division**

Buckland Athletic   vs  Ashton & Backwell United

Cadbury Heath vs Helston Athletic

Clevedon Town vs Shepton Mallet

Exmouth Town vs Wellington

Ilfracombe Town vs Bitton

Millbrook vs Brislington

Mousehole vs Keynsham Town

Street vs Saltash United

**First Division**

Almondsbury vs Hengrove Athletic

Bishop Sutton vs Wincanton Town

Cheddar vs Lebeq United

Devizes Town vs Longwell Green Sports

Odd Down vs AEK Boco

Portishead Town vs Bishops Lydeard

Radstock Town vs Oldland Abbotonians

Sherborne Town vs Bristol Telephones

Tytherington Rocks vs Wells City

Welton Rovers vs Warminster Town

**VACANCY! Match Officials Appointment Officer (Step 5/6) for the 2022/23 Season**

The South West Pool is a tri-party group of The FA, Western League & South West Peninsula Leagues and organises appointment & observing of Match Officials for the Western League Premier (Step 5), the South West Peninsula East (Step 6), the South West Peninsula West (Step 6) & Western League Division One (Step 6).

The current Level 4 Referee appointer, Mark Rogers, is stepping down from the role at the end of the season and the Pool are advertising the role, with applications sought by February 27th with a view to interviewing & appointing in March so that they can work with Mark in April to learn the ropes ahead of taking charge next season.

 **Applications to Keith Mann, Secretary of the Pool, at:****keithmann26@btinternet.com****and for informal queries phone him on 07712 156423.**

**League Tables**

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|  | PREMIER DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Tavistock** | 27 | 18 | 6 | 3 | 44 | **60** |
| 2 | **Exmouth Town** | 25 | 15 | 5 | 5 | 39 | **50** |
| 3 | **Mousehole** | 23 | 15 | 3 | 5 | 29 | **48** |
| 4 | **Bridgwater United** | 26 | 14 | 3 | 9 | 23 | **45** |
| 5 | **Ilfracombe Town** | 26 | 13 | 5 | 8 | 13 | **44** |
| 6 | **Bitton** | 26 | 13 | 5 | 8 | 12 | **44** |
| 7 | **Helston Athletic** | 24 | 12 | 7 | 5 | 19 | **43** |
| 8 | **Saltash United** | 24 | 12 | 5 | 7 | 26 | **41** |
| 9 | **Shepton Mallet** | 26 | 11 | 7 | 8 | 28 | **40** |
| 10 | **Keynsham Town** | 26 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 10 | **38** |
| 11 | **Clevedon Town** | 26 | 9 | 10 | 7 | 12 | **37** |
| 12 | **Millbrook** | 26 | 10 | 7 | 9 | 10 | **37** |
| 13 | **Buckland Athletic** | 25 | 10 | 6 | 9 | 10 | **36** |
| 14 | **Wellington** | 24 | 7 | 7 | 10 | -12 | **28** |
| 15 | **Brislington** | 25 | 8 | 3 | 14 | -37 | **27** |
| 16 | **Cadbury Heath** | 28 | 7 | 2 | 19 | -34 | **23** |
| 17 | **Street** | 24 | 6 | 3 | 15 | -22 | **21** |
| 18 | **Ashton & Backwell United** | 26 | 4 | 4 | 18 | -33 | **16** |
| 19 | **Bridport** | 29 | 1 | 0 | 28 | -137 | **3** |

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|  | FIRST DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Sherborne Town** | 29 | 20 | 6 | 3 | 59 | **66** |
| 2 | **Warminster Town** | 28 | 19 | 5 | 4 | 36 | **62** |
| 3 | **Welton Rovers** | 28 | 18 | 6 | 4 | 34 | **60** |
| 4 | **Radstock Town** | 30 | 15 | 7 | 8 | 6 | **52** |
| 5 | **Wincanton Town** | 26 | 15 | 5 | 6 | 41 | **50** |
| 6 | **Odd Down** | 30 | 13 | 7 | 10 | 9 | **46** |
| 7 | **Cheddar** | 29 | 11 | 8 | 10 | 3 | **41** |
| 8 | **Bishop Sutton** | 30 | 11 | 6 | 13 | 1 | **39** |
| 9 | **Lebeq United** | 29 | 10 | 8 | 11 | 0 | **38** |
| 10 | **AEK Boco** | 27 | 10 | 8 | 9 | -2 | **38** |
| 11 | **Oldland Abbotonians** | 26 | 12 | 2 | 12 | -3 | **38** |
| 12 | **Tytherington Rocks** | 29 | 10 | 8 | 11 | -9 | **38** |
| 13 | **Wells City** | 28 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 5 | **37** |
| 14 | **Longwell Green Sports** | 30 | 9 | 7 | 14 | -13 | **34** |
| 15 | **Hengrove Athletic** | 30 | 9 | 7 | 14 | -15 | **34** |
| 16 | **Gillingham Town** | 31 | 8 | 9 | 14 | -11 | **33** |
| 17 | **Almondsbury** | 27 | 10 | 2 | 15 | -17 | **32** |
| 18 | **Portishead Town** | 28 | 10 | 4 | 14 | -4 | **31\*** |
| 19 | **Bristol Telephones** | 26 | 7 | 3 | 16 | -30 | **24** |
| 20 | **Bishops Lydeard** | 27 | 5 | 6 | 16 | -23 | **21** |
| 21 | **Devizes Town** | 28 | 4 | 2 | 22 | -67 | **11\*** |