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**Season 2021/22**

**Midweek Action: Tavistock** look to be hitting prime form at the perfect time in the season, producing an excellent first half performance to defeat **Clevedon** 4-1 to extend their lead atop the Premier Division. The Lambs were pretty dominant in the opening 45 minutes at Langsford Park, and led by 3-1 at the interval thanks to goals from Josh Parry, Liam Prynn and Josh Grant. Having returned to winning ways the previous weekend, Tavistock saw off the stern challenge of Clevedon, with Parry scoring his second after the break to wrap up maximum points. It was a strong night all around for the home sides on Tuesday, with **Shepton Mallet** storming to a 3-0 win over **Bitton** *(pictured right, courtesy of Haydn Jones)* behind another standout performance from Jacob Sloggett. Having opened the scoring after just nine minutes, Sloggett was influential throughout the win, with further goals from Joe Morgan and Josh Williams putting the result to bed. **Buckland Athletic** also won by three goals to nil that evening, with Ryan Bush, Owen Price and Josh Webber all getting on the scoresheet to help see of the challenge of **Ashton & Backwell** at Homer’s Heath. 24 hours later, there was some success for one of the away sides in action, with **Saltash**winning away at **Street**. Second half efforts from Sam Davey and Charlie Elkington pushed the Ashes to victory, capping the perfect couple of weeks for the away side who have picked up 18 points from 18 throughout the month of March. There was also a huge Cornish derby on Wednesday, with title-chasing **Mousehole** held to a goalless draw away at **Helston**. It was the visitors’ second consecutive shutout, and they will be hoping to have more success in the return fixture when the two sides meet at Trungle Parc in another huge clash at the beginning of the Easter weekend.

There was also a massive top-of-the-table encounter in the First Division on Tuesday evening, where **Warminster** were the victors away at **Welton** to move to within a point of their hosts. In what proved to be a tight contest between the promotion-chasing duo, the only goal of the game came 20 minutes from time, with Martin Johnson edging Warminster ahead, and they managed to hold out for the remainder of the game to capture the points. There was also another strong showing from **Wincanton** who have stretched their unbeaten run in the league to 22 matches following a 3-1 win over **Oldland**. A Connor Williams double, and another goal from Matt Garner did the damage for the Wasps who continue to apply pressure on those sides hoping to grab a promotion spot. The points were shared in the evening’s other fixture, with Adam Jones levelling things for **Cheddar** after visitors **Lebeq** had gone ahead pretty late on thanks to an effort from Kris Miller.

It was also another midweek with plenty of action in the Les Phillips Cup ties, including **Cadbury Heath**’s marathon penalty shootout victory over **Brislington**. Having taken an early lead through Ali Boyer, the Heath found themselves facing elimination following a quick-fire double from Josh Brace and Jordan Scadding, before Korey Pring equalised late on as the game ended two apiece. The home side then produced a perfect penalty sequence to progress, with Brislington finally failing with their eighth spot kick, bringing the curtain down a dramatic night. **Keynsham** will also take part in the quarter-finals, after a hat-trick from Will Hailston, plus further goals from Matt Brown and Jordan Metters, leading them to a 5-1 triumph over **Almondsbury**.

**Premier Division:** In a huge game to kick off the weekend, **Tavistock** stole a march on their title challengers by beating **Saltash United** 4-1 at Langsford Park. The Lambs don’t have the easiest of run-ins, but their recent form will stand them in fine stead over the next couple of weeks. It wasn’t a regular scorer who broke the deadlock on a bitterly cold night in Devon, with Dan Evans heading home an early corner to put Tavistock in front. The remainder of the opening half belonged to the hosts, with Liam Prynn’s penalty making it 2-0, before Josh Parry back-heeled the ball into an empty net to stretch the lead further. When Warren Daw headed home a Josh Robins corner to make it 4-0, the new title favourites were home and dry, with the Ashes finally getting themselves on the scoresheet when Neil Slateford fired home from well outside the area on a tough night for the visitors.

Warren Daw heads home for Tavistock in their Friday night win. Image courtesy of Dave Crawford.

Following on from Tavistock’s victory the previous evening, **Mousehole**moved back within four points of top spot after hanging on to beat **Bitton** 2-1. Having gone in front through Steven Burt during the first half, Mousehole saw their lead disappear within ten minutes of the restart when David Duru levelled for the visitors. Then, midway through the second half, Louis Price bundled the ball home from a couple of yards out to restore the Seagulls lead, and they hung to secure all three points. Third-placed **Exmouth** also kept pace with their Devon rivals after claiming an impressive 2-1 win away at **Helston**. Going up against a side who were unbeaten in six, Exmouth started strongly and took the lead after just 18 minutes when Levi Landricombe finished smartly from the edge of the box. Aaron Denny was then on hand to lay on his second assist of the afternoon, playing the ball through for Ben Steer who doubled the visitors advantage after half an hour. There was cause for concern in the final couple of minutes after Stu Bowker tucked home a penalty for Helston, but they couldn’t find an equaliser and Exmouth held on for the win.**Shepton Mallet** continued their outstanding form, beating **Clevedon** 3-2 to extend their winning streak in the league to six matches. Joe Morgan struck twice in the first half, sandwiching an unfortunate own goal to put Shepton 2-1 up at the interval. Then, with the game still in the balance, Clevedon twice had the ball cleared off the line, and the home side surged straight up the other end where Josh Williams was on hand to beat the keeper for a 3-1 lead. Elliot Nicholson managed to trim the deficit in stoppage time, but it was too little too late and Mallet preserved their winning run.

On the opposite end of the form table have been Mallet’s local rivals **Street,** but they ended their seven-match winless run by handing bottom-side **Bridport**a 7-0 defeat. An early double from Kyle Strange put Street in charge, and they didn’t look back, with Toby Davey and Gabriel Plant also finding the back of the net. The Cobblers star man however, was Josh Phillips, who bagged a second-half hat-trick on a morale boosting afternoon for all at the club. It was a family affair for **Wellington**, with Miles and Jake Quick both getting on the scoresheet to help the Somerset outfit land a 2-0 win over **Millbrook** *(pictured, left*)**.**In the shortest possible back-to-back, **Ashton & Backwell**and **Buckland** shared the points following a 2-2 draw at the Lancer Scott Stadium. Having played the reverse fixture just four days previously, Ashton were looking to gain revenge for their 3-0 defeat and made the perfect start when Shea Bennington-Mannings put them ahead in the early stages. The away side drew level midway through the first half thanks to Ryan Bush, but they were soon on the back foot once again when Zack Ford made it 2-1 on the cusp of half time. Just as it looked like Backwell would be celebrating all three points, they were hit by a late sucker-punch when Charlie Johansen’s long throw found its way to Cieran Bridger who tucked the ball home to equalise in the fifth minute of stoppage time. The points were also shared in Bristol, where Simon Prangley’s 86th minute penalty rescued **Brislington** who had trailed for much of the afternoon after Harry Stevens had fired**Ilfracombe**into a tenth minute lead. It also took until the final few minutes to decide the destination of the points in **Bridgwater**, where the hosts triumphed by two goals to one over **Keynsham** thanks to a late winner. In front of a large crowd, Jacob Spence’s opener was cancelled out by the K’s seven minutes from time, but it was Bridgwater who had the last laugh with debutant Troy Simpson striking two minutes from time to help his new side move up into fourth spot.

**First Division:** A fifth clean sheet on the bounce proved crucial for **Sherborne** who claimed a hard-fought 1-0 win away at**Odd Down** to maintain their title push. A goalless first half was overshadowed by a bad injury to Sherborne’s Sam Farthing, but they managed to re-group during the interval, scoring the crucial goal three minutes into the second half through top scorer Alex Murphy. The Zebras may be edging towards a championship crown, but they will be pushed until the end, with second-placed **Welton** also claiming a dramatic 1-0 win away at **Hengrove**. With the game heading towards a stalemate, Rovers turned to the bench and it paid dividends with substitute Toby Cole putting the visitors ahead five minutes from time. That was just the beginning of the drama however, and a few moments later, Hengrove were afforded the opportunity to equalise from the spot to all-but end Welton’s title hopes. Standing between the sticks for Welton was 16-year-old Alfie Kelsey, and he proved to be the hero, tipping Giorgio Mancini’s spot kick around the post to preserve the crucial victory. Third place now belongs to the rampant **Wincanton Town**who ran out 3-0 winners at home to **Tytherington**. The Wasps haven’t suffered defeat in the league since early-October, and they are finally into the top three, beating the Rocks thanks to goals from Connor Williams, Jack Atkins and Dan Quirke.

Wincanton’s move into the top three only occurred following **Warminster’**s 1-0 defeat at the hands of **Bishop Sutton**. The crucial goal at Lakeview came ten minutes before the break, with Dan Spill scoring for Sutton to help gain revenge for the 5-0 loss at the hands of Warminster earlier this year. There was also a rare home defeat for **Radstock Town** who lost by one goal to nil against **AEK Boco**. Adam Wright was among the goals once more, scoring twice for **Wells City** in their 3-0 win over**Gillingham Town**, while Joe McLeod and Jack Jones each struck to hand **Bristol Telephones**a 2-0 win over basement-dwellers**Devizes**. Having gone five matches without a win, **Oldland** responded with a bang, beating **Bishops Lydeard**by four goals to one. After Owen McCallum headed the Abbots in front, they soon doubled their lead with Cash Vinall striking from the spot following a handball in the box. Harry Pruett’s audacious long-range volley made it 3-0 early in the second half, with McCallum’s second header of the afternoon capping the victory after Paulo Borges had pulled a goal back for the visitors. A pair of first half goals from Sacha Tong helped spearhead **Lebeq**’s 3-1 win away at **Almondsbury**, with **Longwell Green Sports** also bagging maximum points after Ben Mitchell and Liam Oswin each scored in their 2-1 win over **Portishead** at Shellards Road.

On the latest episode of the podcast, we catch up with the league’s Fixture Secretary, George McCaffery, who talks us through how he thinks promotion and relegation will work this season. There is also a conversation with Street’s co-chair Katie Andrews who explains what the club are doing to welcome local fans to the Tannery, and why family is so important to the Somerset club. Finally, Bristol Telephones manager Will Osborne tells us about the rebuilding job which has taken place since Christmas, as well as pinpointing his ambitions for the Phones going forward.

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Photo of the Season

With the campaign edging towards a finale, the **Toolstation Western League** is delighted to welcome the return of the *Photo of the Season*.

The fantastic array of photographs which are received for the gallery on the website makes it an almost impossible task to choose a standout, so there is plenty to consider before submitting your images.

Please head to [www.toolstationleague.com/photo-of-the-season/](http://www.toolstationleague.com/photo-of-the-season/) for full information on how to enter. The deadline for entries is Midday on Sunday 17th April 2022.

**Recent Results**

**Tuesday 29th March 2022**

**Les Phillips Cup**

Keynsham Town 5-1 Almondsbury

**Premier Division**

Buckland Athletic 3-0 Ashton & Backwell United 84

Shepton Mallet 3-0 Bitton 103

Tavistock 4-1 Clevedon Town

**First Division**

Cheddar 1-1 Lebeq United 54

Welton Rovers 0-1 Warminster Town 185

Wincanton Town 3-1 Oldland Abbotonians

**Wednesday 30th March 2022**

**Les Phillips Cup**

Cadbury Heath 2-2 (8-7 pens) Brislington

**Premier Division**

Helston Athletic 0-0 Mousehole

Street 0-2 Saltash United 100

**Friday 1st April 2022**

**Premier Division**

Tavistock 4-1 Saltash United

**Saturday 2nd April 2022**

**Premier Division**

Ashton & Backwell United 2-2 Buckland Athletic 114

Bridgwater United 2-1 Keynsham Town 282

Brislington 1-1 Ilfracombe Town 62

Helston Athletic 1-2 Exmouth Town

Mousehole 2-1 Bitton

Shepton Mallet 3-2 Clevedon Town 327

Street 7-0 Bridport

Wellington 2-0 Millbrook

**First Division**

Almondsbury 1-3 Lebeq United 33

Bishop Sutton 1-0 Warminster Town 60

Bristol Telephones 2-0 Devizes Town 21

Hengrove Athletic 0-1 Welton Rovers 75

Longwell Green Sports 2-1 Portishead Town

Odd Down 0-1 Sherborne Town

Oldland Abbotonians 4-1 Bishops Lydeard

Radstock Town 0-1 AEK Boco 71

Wells City 3-0 Gillingham Town

Wincanton Town 3-0 Tytherington Rocks

**Upcoming Fixtures**

**Tuesday 5th April 2022**

**Les Phillips Cup**

Cadbury Heath vs Ashton & Backwell United 19:30KO

Bridgwater United vs Shepton Mallet 19:45KO

**Premier Division**

Mousehole vs Keynsham Town 19:30KO

**First Division**

Gillingham Town vs Cheddar 19:30KO

Bristol Telephones vs Almondsbury 19:45KO

**Wednesday 6th April 2022**

**Les Phillips Cup**

Helston Athletic vs Exmouth Town 19:45KO

**First Division**

AEK Boco vs Wincanton Town 19:30KO

Radstock Town vs Oldland Abbotonians 19:45KO

**Saturday 9th April 2022 (3pm kick-off unless noted)**

**Premier Division**

Bitton vs Tavistock

Buckland Athletic vs Street

Cadbury Heath vs Bridport

Clevedon Town vs Brislington

Exmouth Town vs Bridgwater United

Helston Athletic vs Ilfracombe Town

Millbrook vs Ashton & Backwell United

Saltash United vs Shepton Mallet

****Wellington vs Mousehole

**First Division**

Almondsbury vs Wells City

Bishops Lydeard vs Bishop Sutton

Cheddar vs Hengrove Athletic

Lebeq United vs Gillingham Town

Longwell Green Sports vs Devizes Town

Portishead Town vs Welton Rovers

Radstock Town vs Odd Down

Sherborne Town vs Oldland Abbotonians

Warminster Town vs Tytherington Rocks

Wincanton Town vs Bristol Telephones

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

**First Division**

**Luke Bryan (Odd Down) -31**

**Adam Wright (Wells) - 29**

**Oaklan Buck (Bishop Sutton) -28**

**Alex Murphy (Sherborne) - 24**

**Bailey Croome (Tytherington) -20**

**All Competitions**

**Liam Prynn (Tavistock) – 38**

**Jack Taylor (Bridgwater) – 36**

**Will Hailston (Keynsham) – 32**

**Luke Bryan (Odd Down) – 31**

**Oaklan Buck (Bishop Sutton) – 28**

**Jordan Harris (Exmouth) – 28**

**Premier Division**

**Liam Prynn (Tavistock) – 32**

**Jack Taylor (Bridgwater) – 29**

**Jordan Harris (Exmouth) – 26**

**Will Hailston (Keynsham) – 21**

**Sam Hughes (Saltash) – 20**

**Dean Griffiths (Bitton) – 19**

**League Tables**

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|  | PREMIER DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Tavistock** | 31 | 21 | 6 | 4 | 50 | **69** |
| 2 | **Mousehole** | 31 | 20 | 5 | 6 | 43 | **65** |
| 3 | **Exmouth Town** | 31 | 19 | 7 | 5 | 47 | **64** |
| 4 | **Bridgwater United** | 34 | 19 | 5 | 10 | 30 | **62** |
| 5 | **Saltash United** | 32 | 18 | 5 | 9 | 32 | **59** |
| 6 | **Shepton Mallet** | 33 | 16 | 8 | 9 | 40 | **56** |
| 7 | **Helston Athletic** | 32 | 14 | 11 | 7 | 24 | **53** |
| 8 | **Clevedon Town** | 33 | 13 | 11 | 9 | 15 | **50** |
| 9 | **Ilfracombe Town** | 32 | 14 | 7 | 11 | 6 | **49** |
| 10 | **Keynsham Town** | 33 | 13 | 8 | 12 | 6 | **47** |
| 11 | **Bitton** | 32 | 13 | 6 | 13 | 1 | **45** |
| 12 | **Buckland Athletic** | 32 | 12 | 7 | 13 | 5 | **43** |
| 13 | **Millbrook** | **31** | **11** | **9** | **11** | **6** | **42** |
| 14 | **Wellington** | **33** | **9** | **9** | **15** | **-19** | **36** |
| 15 | **Brislington** | 31 | 9 | 5 | 17 | -42 | **32** |
| 16 | **Cadbury Heath** | 33 | 8 | 5 | 20 | -33 | **29** |
| 17 | **Street** | 32 | 7 | 5 | 20 | -23 | **26** |
| 18 | **Ashton & Backwell United** | 32 | 5 | 6 | 21 | -37 | **21** |
| 19 | **Bridport** | 32 | 1 | 1 | 30 | -151 | **4** |

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|  | FIRST DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Sherborne Town** | 36 | 27 | 6 | 3 | 78 | **87** |
| 2 | **Welton Rovers** | 35 | 24 | 6 | 5 | 42 | **78** |
| 3 | **Wincanton Town** | 34 | 23 | 5 | 6 | 62 | **74** |
| 4 | **Warminster Town** | 35 | 23 | 5 | 7 | 40 | **74** |
| 5 | **Radstock Town** | 34 | 16 | 8 | 10 | 2 | **56** |
| 6 | **Wells City** | 35 | 14 | 11 | 10 | 13 | **53** |
| 7 | **Odd Down** | 35 | 15 | 7 | 13 | 6 | **52** |
| 8 | **Cheddar** | 34 | 13 | 10 | 11 | 6 | **49** |
| 9 | **Lebeq United** | 36 | 13 | 10 | 13 | 5 | **49** |
| 10 | **Oldland Abbotonians** | 34 | 15 | 4 | 15 | 0 | **49** |
| 11 | **AEK Boco** | 34 | 13 | 10 | 11 | -1 | **49** |
| 12 | **Bishop Sutton** | 37 | 13 | 7 | 17 | 0 | **46** |
| 13 | **Tytherington Rocks** | 36 | 12 | 10 | 14 | -11 | **46** |
| 14 | **Longwell Green Sports** | 36 | 11 | 9 | 16 | -15 | **42** |
| 15 | **Hengrove Athletic** | 35 | 11 | 8 | 16 | -15 | **41** |
| 16 | **Portishead Town** | 35 | 13 | 4 | 18 | -6 | **40\*** |
| 17 | **Gillingham Town** | 35 | 10 | 9 | 16 | -10 | **39** |
| 18 | **Almondsbury** | 33 | 10 | 2 | 21 | -34 | **32** |
| 19 | **Bristol Telephones** | 36 | 9 | 4 | 23 | -47 | **31** |
| 20 | **Bishops Lydeard** | 34 | 5 | 6 | 23 | -39 | **21** |
| 21 | **Devizes Town** | 35 | 4 | 5 | 26 | -76 | **14\*** |