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**Season 2021/22**

**Midweek Action:** In the highly anticipated top-of-the-table clash, **Exmouth** secured a 1-0 victory over **Tavistock** to set up a dramatic final day in the Premier Division. Going into the game three points behind their visitors, Exmouth claimed the much needed win thanks to Levi Landricombe, who struck for the third game in succession. A mammoth crowd of 728 were in attendance on Wednesday *(pictured left, courtesy of Gerry Hunt)* and it made for a terrific occasion which has given the league a thrilling finale.

The two First Division clashes on Wednesday saw a pair of away forwards notching hat-tricks in some high-scoring affairs. Promotion hopefuls **Wincanton** saw their long winning run brought to an end by **Odd Down**, with Josh Clark claiming a terrific treble for the Bath side in a 3-3 draw. After Clark had opened the scoring in the fifth minute, the Wasps responded well and led at the interval thanks to a brace from Matt Garner. Clark then levelled things 20 minutes from time, but Wincanton hit back once again, with Jamie Irwin setting them up for the win as the game headed towards the final ten. Odd Down had the last word however, and it was Clark again who popped up in stoppage time to deny Wincanton at the death, scoring the sixth and final goal of a thrilling contest. For **AEK Boco**, it was Josh Jenkins who went home with the match-ball after scoring three of his sides goals in their 5-0 win away at **Bishops Lydeard**. The away side flew out of the blocks, and after Jenkins and Nathan Hall had both struck in the opening stages, Jenkins then added another from the spot to make it 3-0 after just 32 minutes. After Freddy Taylor-Fox had increased the lead further in the closing stages, Jenkins then took over, completing the scoring in the 89th minute to cap an outstanding individual performance.

**On the most recent podcast, Ian and Tom review a bumper Easter period, before catching up with Bridgwater United manager Dave Pearse who looks back on a good season which still has something to offer for his side. There is then a conversation with Sherborne Town Chairman, John Bowers, who celebrates his club’s First Division title win, and explaining why he’s relishing the challenges promotion will bring the ambitious Zebras outfit.**

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**Premier Division:** Following a thrilling title race which had been toing and froing, a stoppage time penalty finally decided the destination of this season’s champions. Only goal difference separated the top two going into the final day, and after a nervy day for all, it was a Liam Prynn spot kick which gave **Tavistock** the crucial 1-0 victory to confirm top spot. Hosting an **Ashton & Backwell** outfit battling for points at the other end of the table, it wasn’t an easy afternoon for the Lambs, but Prynn managed to hold his nerve to tuck home the late penalty, extending his lead atop the scoring charts in the process.

**Exmouth** were forced to settle for finishing in second spot after they were unable to force the issue in their goalless draw away at **Shepton Mallet.** Their midweek victory over Tavi had put them on level footing ahead of the final game of the campaign, but they drew a blank to fall just short in their title ambitions. Things looked to be swaying in their favour when Shepton skipper Andy Martin was sent off in first half stoppage time, but Town were unable to find the back of the net against a side who reached the sixty point mark thanks to Saturday’s stalemate. At the opposite end of the ladder, **Street**’s late season ascendancy continued with a 3-0 win at home to **Millbrook**. The Cobblers have ended their season by winning three of their final five fixtures, with goals from Callum Corbidge, Jakob Dickens and Dan Peach helping them see off their Cornish visitors, staving off the threat of relegation. Another side to end their campaign on the front foot were **Clevedon Town**, with their final day 3-0 triumph over **Bridport** giving them five wins from their final seven. Having been held goalless during the opening half, Alex Camm’s effort early in the second half loosened the visitors up, with Callum Eastwood and Josh Morgan adding further goals at St Mary’s Field.

**Action from Shepton Mallet’s goalless draw with Exmouth Town, courtesy of Haydn Jones.**

**Tavistock celebrate after being crowned Western League Premier Division champions.**

**Image courtesy of Chris Chilcott (@ChillyPics).**

The clash between **Helston** and **Buckland** was overshadowed by a neck injury to Stu Bowker forcing the abandonment at Kellaway Park. Fortunately the day ended on a positive note for all concerned, with Bowker confirming that he had been given the all-clear to head home following an afternoon at Truro Hospital. Elsewhere in Cornwall, a second half double from Scott Crocker followed an exquisite free kick from Sam Farrant to hand **Saltash** a 3-0 victory at home to **Brislington**. There was also a home victory for **Keynsham** over third-placed **Mousehole**, with Will Hailston scoring twice inside the opening ten minutes to hand Town a much-needed early buffer in their 2-1 win. **Ilfracombe Town** were also victors by two goals to one, with efforts from Joe Barker and Kyle Paine helping the North Devon outfit defeat ten-man **Bitton**.

**First Division:** Champions **Sherborne** ended their season on 99 points following a final day victory at home to **Bishop Sutton**. The Zebras campaign has seen them wrack up 31 wins, while notching 124 goals, and the last of those came in the form of an own goal at the beginning of the second half, helping lead them a 1-0 victory at Raleigh Grove. **Wincanton** have mirrored the champs in scoring 124 times this campaign, but they still have one game remaining and will hope to return to winning form after drawing 1-1 away at**Portishead**. Having seen their long-standing winning run come to an end in their previous fixture, Wincanton were in good position to hit back when Cameron Vere put them in front at Bristol Road, but the hosts managed to grab a share of the spoils thanks to Joe Fitzgerald’s leveller. **Warminster** have leapfrogged Wincanton up into second ahead of the final day after winning 2-0 away at **Oldland**. The in-form visitors went ahead on the half hour mark thanks to a volleyed finish from Conner McKay, before George Butler doubled their advantage ten minutes after the interval. **Welton** will also be a confident bunch heading into the play-offs, and they have now won two of their last three after beating **Lebeq** 3-1 at West Clewes. Lewis Russell’s penalty five minutes before the break looked to have put Rovers in control, but that was soon cancelled out when Sacha Tong hit back for the visitors in added time at the end of the first half. A strong finish from Toby Cole restored Welton’s advantage after the interval, with Cam Allen then assuring the destination of the points when he struck 13 minutes from time. The game of the day took place at the Athletic Ground, where **Cheddar**came from behind to beat fellow play-off hopefuls **Wells City**by three goals to two. Two goals from former Cheddar frontman Adam Wright had put Wells 2-1 up with the game headed towards the final whistle, but the visitors looked to have done enough to secure a point when second half sub Danny Griffiths headed home in the final minute of normal time. At the end of an emotional week for the club, popular player-manager Craig Mawford had announced that he would be leaving the club at the denouement of the season. Having entered the field for potentially the final time, Mawford produced a fairytale ending, with his stoppage time winner helping to complete the dramatic comeback. The fourth and final play-off spot is still very much up for grabs over the final seven days of the campaign, with ninth-placed **AEK Boco**still technically in contention following their 3-1 win away at local rivals **Longwell Green**. Another side who could pinch fifth spot are **Odd Down**, with the league’s leading marksman coming to the fore again in their 2-1 win over **Almondsbury**. Having fallen behind to Stuart Alexander’s 33rd minute opener, it took Luke Bryan just over an hour before his first impact when he slotted home the equaliser. With three points essential to remain in contention for a play-off spot, Bryan was in the right place at the right time yet again, scoring his 35th goal of the season to seal a come-from-behind victory. Bottom side **Devizes** enjoyed some late season cheer, with Ethan Witchell and an acrobatic effort from Dec McStravick handing them a 2-0 win over **Hengrove**, while **Tytherington**’s final game ended in a 2-1 win away at **Bishops Lydeard** thanks to Nathan Croot’s winner on what was his 100th appearance for the Rocks.

**Recent Results**

**Wednesday 20th April 2022**

**Premier Division**

Exmouth Town 1-0 Tavistock 728

**First Division**

Bishops Lydeard 0-5 AEK Boco 50

Wincanton Town 3-3 Odd Down 60

**Saturday 23rd April 2022**

**Premier Division**

Bridport 0-3 Clevedon Town 148

Helston Athletic A-A Buckland Athletic

Ilfracombe Town 2-1 Bitton

Keynsham Town 2-1 Mousehole 172

Saltash United 3-0 Brislington 106

Shepton Mallet 0-0 Exmouth Town 632

Street 3-0 Millbrook

Tavistock 1-0 Ashton & Backwell United

**First Division**

Bishops Lydeard 1-2 Tytherington Rocks 36

Devizes Town 2-0 Hengrove Athletic 98

Longwell Green Sports 1-3 AEK Boco

Odd Down 2-1 Almondsbury 23

Oldland Abbotonians 0-2 Warminster Town 75

Portishead Town 1-1 Wincanton Town 41

Sherborne Town 1-0 Bishop Sutton

Wells City 2-3 Cheddar 64

****Welton Rovers 3-1 Lebeq United 121

There were more **Long Service** honours recognised last weekend, with Wincanton Town duo Richard D’Arcy (right) and Club President Mike Hatcher (left), presented with their awards by Toolstation Western League President, Brian Beer following 50 & 35 years at the club respectively.

**Upcoming Fixtures**

**Monday 25th April 2022**

**First Division**

Odd Down vs Tavistock 19:45KO

**Tuesday 26th April 2022**

**First Division**

Almondsbury vs Radstock Town 19:30KO

**Wednesday 27th April 2022**

**Les Phillips Cup Semi Final**

Cadbury Heath vs Keynsham Town 19:30KO

**Saturday 30th April 2022 (3pm kick off unless noted)**

**Les Phillips Cup**

Bridgwater United vs Helston Athletic

**Premier Division**

Millbrook vs Brislington

**First Division**

AEK Boco vs Tytherington Rocks

Hengrove Athletic vs Wells City

Lebeq United vs Devizes Town

Odd Down vs Cheddar

Oldland Abbotonians vs Portishead Town

Radstock Town vs Bristol Telephones

Warminster Town vs Gillingham Town

Welton Rovers vs Almondsbury

Wincanton Town vs Bishops Lydeard

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

**First Division**

**Luke Bryan (Odd Down) -35**

**Adam Wright (Wells) – 32**

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

**Alex Murphy (Sherborne) - 24**

**Ian Jeffery (Warminster) - 24**

**All Competitions**

**Liam Prynn (Tavistock) – 41**

**Jack Taylor (Bridgwater) – 37**

**Luke Bryan (Odd Down) – 35**

**Will Hailston (Keynsham) – 34**

**Adam Wright (Wells) – 32**

**Jordan Harris (Exmouth) – 29**

**Oaklan Buck (Bishop Sutton) – 28**

**Premier Division**

**Liam Prynn (Tavistock) – 35**

**Jack Taylor (Bridgwater) – 29**

**Jordan Harris (Exmouth) – 27**

**Will Hailston (Keynsham) – 23**

**Dean Griffiths (Bitton) - 21**

**Sam Hughes (Saltash) – 20**

**League Tables**

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|  | PREMIER DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| C | **Tavistock** | 36 | 24 | 7 | 5 | 63 | **79** |
| 2 | **Exmouth Town** | 36 | 23 | 8 | 5 | 61 | **77** |
| 3 | **Mousehole** | 36 | 22 | 7 | 7 | 44 | **73** |
| 4 | **Saltash United** | 36 | 20 | 5 | 11 | 34 | **65** |
| 5 | **Bridgwater United** | 36 | 20 | 5 | 11 | 30 | **65** |
| 6 | **Shepton Mallet** | 36 | 17 | 9 | 10 | 41 | **60** |
| 7 | **Clevedon Town** | 36 | 16 | 11 | 9 | 22 | **59** |
| 8 | **Ilfracombe Town** | 36 | 16 | 8 | 12 | 6 | **56** |
| 9 | **Helston Athletic** | 35 | 14 | 12 | 9 | 19 | **54** |
| 10 | **Keynsham Town** | 36 | 15 | 8 | 13 | 10 | **53** |
| 11 | **Buckland Athletic** | 35 | 14 | 8 | 13 | 14 | **50** |
| 12 | **Bitton** | 36 | 13 | 6 | 17 | -11 | **45** |
| 13 | **Wellington** | 36 | 11 | 10 | 15 | -12 | **43** |
| 14 | **Millbrook** | 35 | 11 | 9 | 15 | -11 | **42** |
| 15 | **Cadbury Heath** | 36 | 10 | 5 | 21 | -33 | **35** |
| 16 | **Street** | 36 | 9 | 5 | 22 | -23 | **32** |
| 17 | **Brislington** | 35 | 9 | 5 | 21 | -52 | **32** |
| 18 | **Ashton & Backwell United** | 36 | 7 | 7 | 22 | -34 | **28** |
| R | **Bridport** | 36 | 1 | 1 | 34 | -168 | **4** |

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|  | FIRST DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| C | **Sherborne Town** | **40** | **31** | **6** | **3** | **86** | **99** |
| 2 | **Warminster Town** | 39 | 27 | 5 | 7 | 50 | **86** |
| 3 | **Wincanton Town** | 39 | 26 | 7 | 6 | 75 | **85** |
| 4 | **Welton Rovers** | 39 | 26 | 7 | 6 | 46 | **85** |
| 5 | **Radstock Town** | 38 | 17 | 9 | 12 | -1 | **60** |
| 6 | **Wells City** | 39 | 16 | 11 | 12 | 13 | **59** |
| 7 | **Cheddar** | 39 | 16 | 11 | 12 | 9 | **59** |
| 8 | **Odd Down** | 38 | 16 | 9 | 13 | 7 | **57** |
| 9 | **AEK Boco** | 39 | 15 | 12 | 12 | 3 | **57** |
| 10 | **Bishop Sutton** | 40 | 15 | 7 | 18 | 3 | **52** |
| 11 | **Oldland Abbotonians** | 39 | 16 | 4 | 19 | -1 | **52** |
| 12 | **Lebeq United** | 39 | 13 | 11 | 15 | 2 | **50** |
| 13 | **Tytherington Rocks** | 40 | 13 | 10 | 17 | -17 | **49** |
| 14 | **Portishead Town** | 39 | 14 | 7 | 18 | -5 | **46\*** |
| 15 | **Gillingham Town** | 39 | 12 | 10 | 17 | -13 | **46** |
| 16 | **Hengrove Athletic** | 39 | 12 | 8 | 19 | -19 | **44** |
| 17 | **Longwell Green Sports** | 40 | 11 | 9 | 20 | -24 | **42** |
| 18 | **Almondsbury** | 38 | 11 | 2 | 25 | -38 | **35** |
| 19 | **Bristol Telephones** | 39 | 10 | 5 | 24 | -54 | **35** |
| 20 | **Bishops Lydeard** | 39 | 6 | 6 | 27 | -46 | **24** |
| 21 | **Devizes Town** | 39 | 6 | 6 | 27 | -76 | **21\*** |