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# The Round-Up

## - FIRST DIVISION PLAY-OFFS -

**The strength of the sides towards the top of the table in this season's First Division was incredible, and for second placed Warminster, they managed to overcome Radstock by two goals to nil at Weymouth Street in their semi-final.**

After Conner McKay had slotted the ball home after eight minutes to put them in front, they then struck again at the end of the first half when Martin Johnson's effort took a huge deflection off of Radstock's Luke Ingram before nestling in the back of the net.

The second semi also went the way of the hosts, with Welton ending Wincanton's 29-match unbeaten run in the league.

The first half at West Clewes was particularly cagey, with Rovers forward Toby Cole going close on a couple occasions without hitting the target. The deadlock was finally broken 20 minutes from time thanks to a wicked set piece from Cam Allen.

After Cole had been fouled on the edge of the box, Allen stepped up and whipped a left-footed free kick towards the corner and it did just enough to squirm under the keeper and find the back of the net.

Connor Williams then went close to finding an equaliser for the visitors, but their hopes were then ended in the 83rd minute when a corner from substitute Chris Pile was turned home by Joe Ellis at the back post.

The Wasps continued to push despite the two-goal deficit, and it was only thanks to a remarkable double save from 16-year-old keeper Alfie Kelsey that Welton preserved their clean sheet in the closing stages.

The final was a tight affair between two

outstanding sides, with Joe Garland's solitary goal giving Welton the 1-0 victory.

Achieving promotion back to the Premier Division is just rewards for a top season by the Green Army, and in a game with nearly 700 spectators in attendance, the deciding moment came midway through the second half.

Having also gone close in the first half, centre-back Garland popped up with the matchwinner when he found the bottom corner from the edge of the area to spark wild scenes amongst visiting players and supporters alike.

Warminster went close on a couple of occasions, but despite having five minutes added on in second half stoppage time, they were unable to break down the Welton back five and missed out on promotion in heartbreaking fashion.

## - LES PHILLIPS CUP FINAL -

**In the showpiece event to bring the curtain down on the season, Bridgwater triumphed by one goal to nil to take home the Les Phillips Cup.**

Taking on Cadbury Heath at the Athletic Ground in Wells, it was a solitary goal in the early stages of the second half from Jack Taylor which proved to be the difference between the sides.

A close-range header from Taylor after 58 minutes saw United take a deserved lead, and despite a battling effort from the Heath they were unable to force an equaliser.

For the matchwinner Taylor, it caps another prolific season from the Bridgy frontman, and the victory will give his side a huge boost going into the Summer before they have another crack at gaining promotion from the Premier Division.

# 2022/23 Allocations

Recently, the FA unveiled the league constitutions for the 2022/23 season at Steps 5 & 6. They can be seen below, with a number of new sides joining the fold in the Western League ahead of next season.

Western Football League	
Step 5 - Premier Division (WLP)	
1	Ashton & Backwell United
2	Barnstaple Town <b>SL S</b>
3	Bitton
4	Bridgwater United
5	Buckland Athletic
6	Cadbury Heath
7	Clevedon Town
8	Falmouth Town <b>SWPW</b>
9	Helston Athletic
10	Ilfracombe Town
11	Keynsham Town
12	Millbrook AFC
13	Mousehole
14	Saltash United
15	Shepton Mallet
16	Sherborne Town <b>WL1</b>
17	Street
18	Torpoint Athletic <b>SWPE</b>
19	Wellington
20	Welton Rovers <b>WL1</b>

Western Football League	
Step 6 - Premier Division (WL1)	
1	AEK Boco FC
2	Almondsbury UWE
3	Bishop Sutton
4	Bishops Lydeard
5	Brislington FC
6	Bristol Telephones
7	Cheddar
8	Gillingham Town
9	Hallen
10	Hengrove Athletic
11	Lebeq United
12	Longwell Green Sports
13	Nailsea & Tickenham
14	Odd Down (Bath)
15	Oldland Abbotonians
16	Portishead Town
17	Radstock Town
18	Shirehampton FC
19	Tytherington Rocks
20	Warminster Town
21	Wells City
22	Wincanton Town

## Key

	Promoted
	Relegated
	Lateral Movement
	Voluntary Relegation
	New Club
	Reprieve
<b>WD</b>	Withdrawn

To read the special commemorative matchday programme put together for the Les Phillips Cup Final, please head to the following link:

[www.designrr.page/?id=196908&token=408052246&type=FP&h=6812](http://www.designrr.page/?id=196908&token=408052246&type=FP&h=6812)

For reaction to Welton's play-off success, there are interviews with manager Tom Smith, and also club Secretary Gareth Paisey on the most recent Western League Podcast. Both guests reflect on the team's victory over Warminster, with Smith also giving his thoughts on what life will be like in the Premier Division next season.

[www.toolstationleague.com/season-2021-22-podcast-episode-41/](http://www.toolstationleague.com/season-2021-22-podcast-episode-41/)

# Final League Tables

## Premier Division

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
C	Tavistock	36	24	7	5	63	79
P	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	36	14	12	9	19	55*
10	Keynsham Town	36	15	8	13	10	53
11	Buckland Athletic	36	14	8	13	14	51*
12	Millbrook	36	12	9	15	-10	45
13	Bitton	36	13	6	17	-11	45
14	Wellington	36	11	10	15	-12	43
15	Cadbury Heath	36	10	5	21	-33	35
16	Street	36	9	5	22	-23	32
17	Brislington	36	9	5	22	-53	32
18	Ashton & Backwell United	36	7	7	22	-34	28
R	Bridport	36	1	1	34	-168	4

## First Division

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
C	Sherborne Town	40	31	6	3	86	99
2	Warminster Town	40	28	5	7	51	89
3	Wincanton Town	40	27	7	6	77	88
4	Welton Rovers	40	27	7	6	51	88
5	Radstock Town	40	18	9	13	2	63
6	Cheddar	40	17	11	12	10	62
7	Wells City	40	16	12	12	13	60
8	AEK Boco	40	16	12	12	5	60
9	Odd Down	40	16	9	15	4	57
10	Oldland Abbotonians	40	17	4	19	0	55
11	Bishop Sutton	40	15	7	18	3	52
12	Lebeq United	40	13	12	15	2	51
13	Tytherington Rocks	40	13	10	17	-17	49
14	Portishead Town	40	14	7	19	-6	46*
15	Gillingham Town	40	12	10	18	-14	46
16	Hengrove Athletic	40	12	9	19	-19	45
17	Longwell Green Sports	40	11	9	20	-24	42
18	Almondsbury	40	12	2	26	-41	38
19	Bristol Telephones	40	10	5	25	-59	35
20	Bishops Lydeard	40	6	6	28	-48	24
21	Devizes Town	40	6	7	27	-76	22*

# Latest Results & Fixtures

**Tuesday 3rd May 2022**

**First Division Play-Off Semi Finals**

Welton Rovers 2-0 Wincanton Town

Warminster Town 2-0 Radstock Town - 321

**Saturday 7th May 2022**

**First Division Play-Off Semi Finals**

Warminster Town 0-1 Welton Rovers

**Saturday 14th May 2022**

**Les Phillips Cup Final**

Cadbury Heath 0-1 Bridgwater United

## - Leading Goalscorers -

### Premier Division

Liam Pryn (Tavistock) - 35

Jack Taylor (Bridgwater) - 29

Jordan Harris (Exmouth) - 27

Will Hailston (Keynsham) - 23

Dean Griffiths (Bitton) - 21

Sam Hughes (Saltash) - 20

### First Division

Luke Bryan (Odd Down) - 37

Adam Wright (Wells) - 33

Oaklan Buck (Bishop Sutton) - 28

Alex Murphy (Sherborne) - 24

Connor Williams (Wincanton) - 22

Toby Cole (Welton) - 21

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# ITS OK TO ASK FOR HELP!

**We're here to help if you need support with your mental health.**

## **Crisis Safe Space**

Out-of-hours support for anyone who feels like they are really struggling with their mental health. Instead of going to A&E, the doctors or suffering in silence, you can visit one of our offices in Bridgwater, Yeovil, Shepton Mallet or Taunton. There you will find a supportive member of staff who will be willing to listen and be able to help you with your problems, whatever they may be.

Open Monday to Sunday 6- 10pm Saturday and Sunday 12-4pm

## **Mindline 24/7**

Our emotional support and mental health helpline is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Mindline is a confidential listening service which provides a safe place to talk if you, or someone you know, is in distress. We can also give basic information about mental health and local support services.

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