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**Season 2022/23**

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**Midweek Action:** On Tuesday evening, **Sherborne** made it back-to-back wins to start their campaign thanks to a convincing 4-0 triumph away at **Keynsham**. Having gained promotion to the Premier Division just a couple of weeks ago, the Zebras made it six points from six following goals from Declan Cornish, Anthony Herrin, Josh Williams and Henry Lawrence-Napier. **Shepton Mallet** were another to maintain their winning start, after goals from Ieuan Crowe and Danny Constable led them to a 2-0 victory over **Ashton & Backwell**. Ryan Bush’s first-half header handed **Buckland** a slim 1-0 win at home to **Welton**, while a starring performance from Callum Kenny led **Millbrook** to a 3-1 victory over **Falmouth** at Jenkins Park. Kenny scored twice, while also providing an assist to hand the hosts their first win of the campaign. **Bridgwater United** joined the clubs on six points, after an own goal and a Conor Hartley effort inside the opening 14 minutes helped them defeat **Barnstaple** 2-1. Tuesday’s other contests both ended one apiece, with Harry Foster levelling for **Street** in their draw at **Bitton**, while Callum O’Brien struck 17 minutes from time to rescue a point for **Saltash** on their visit to **Mousehole**. On Wednesday, Callum Eastwood’s 14th minute effort was all that was needed for **Clevedon** to overcome **Cadbury Heath** by one goal to nil.

In the First Division, Dean Horseman’s **Bishop Sutton** side followed up their thumping win on the opening day with a high-scoring 4-2 win over **Tytherington**. With the game level at 2-2 heading into the final 20 minutes, Oaklan Buck was sent on from the bench and he made an immediate impact, scoring twice in the closing stages to help his side bag all three points. Another big winner were **Longwell Green Sports** who dominated the closing stages to claim a comfortable 6-1 win at home to **Almondsbury**. Leading 3-1 heading into the final 12 minutes, Longwell’s Matt Brown then took over the contest, scoring a quick-fire hat-trick to add some gloss to the scoreline. **Nailsea & Tickenham** made it two wins from two away at **Brislington** thanks to goals from Jacob O’Donnell, Andy Head & Callum Dunn, while **Portishead** defeated **Wells City** 3-1, with Matt Lloyd, Josh Honey and Jake Wakefield all notching for the away side. Jacob Grinnell’s opening goal inside ten seconds set **Hengrove** on their way to a 3-0 victory over **Cheddar**. Having lost their opening encounter, the Grove made amends against the Cheesemen, with second half efforts from Jude McCarthy and Joe Banks completing the scoring after Grinnell’s early opener. In Bath, the deadlock remained unbroken throughout, with **Odd Down** and **Hallen** maintaining their unbeaten starts thanks to a goalless draw.

On Wednesday evening, **Wincanton** made it two from two, with a fine effort from Matt Garner helping give them a 1-0 win away at **Warminster** (pictured right, courtesy of Jess Harris). There was also an away victory for **Shirehampton** who overturned an early deficit to beat **Bristol Telephones** 3-1. Having fallen behind inside the opening 20 minutes, the visitors responded well and got back on level terms prior to the interval through Louis Snailham. Dan Spicer then converted a penalty early in the second half to put Shirehampton ahead for the first time, with Ryan Radford tapping home from close range to round out the victory. A terrific first-half treble from Sacha Tong gave **FC Bristol** a 3-1 victory at home to **AEK Boco**. Tong struck twice inside the opening quarter to put the hosts two ahead, and after Boco pulled one back from the spot, Tong then scored again seven minutes before the break to complete a stunning first half performance. **Bishops Lydeard** produced a stunning late salvo to defeat **Radstock** 3-2 at Cothelstone Road. After falling to a tight defeat on the opening day, the Lyds were staring at consecutive defeats to start their season when they fell two goals behind on the hour mark. Then, with 20 minutes left on the clock they were handed a lifeline into the contest thanks to a long range finish from Mason Raymond. The home side then levelled affairs in the 90th minute through substitute Adam Willis, and incredibly they then managed to push on in stoppage time, with Josh Lukins striking a dramatic winner.

**First Division: Nailsea & Tickenham** are the only team with nine points following the opening week of fixtures after they beat fellow new-boys **Shirehampton** 2-0 on Friday evening. Callum Dunn maintained his 100% hit rate, scoring for a third consecutive game, with James Seeley also bagging for the visitors who are still yet to concede in what has been a near perfect start to their campaign. Saturday saw a big away win for **Wells City**, with Adam Wright scoring a double in their 3-0 triumph in Bristol against **AEK Boco**. The highest scorers of the afternoon were **Bristol Telephones** who shot out of the blocks inside the early stages of their 4-2 victory at home to **Longwell Green Sports**. The Phones led by three goals inside half an hour, before scoring again late on to hold off a charge by the visitors. Mason Davis was the star of the show, scoring a hat-trick, with Archie Dark also on target for the hosts, while Alex Grimshaw and Rob Belcher each struck early in the second half for the defeated Longwell Green. There was also an impressive win for **Tytherington Rocks** away at **Odd Down**, with Ethan Johnson scoring twice for the victors. Having gone ahead through Joe Barnes, the Rocks were then pegged back towards the end of the first half following a well-taken set piece by Curtis Dunn. Johnson then struck twice at the beginning of the second half to give Tytherington a healthy advantage, which proved crucial when Jake Thomas headed home a late consolation for the hosts.

Another side to collect their first three points of the campaign were **Oldland Abbotonians**, with a late goal leading them to a 1-0 win at home to **Bishops Lydeard**. With the game seemingly headed towards a stalemate, debutant Courtney Charles played the ball across, where Stefan Lee was waiting to apply the finish to spark joyous scenes. Relegated **Brislington** earned their second victory of the season after overturning a late deficit to beat **Hallen** 2-1. After Aaron Blakemore had fired the home side in front just prior to the hour mark, Bris then drew level ten minutes from time through Jordan Scadding, before Josh Egan rolled the ball into an empty net to complete the turnaround soon after. **Cheddar** twice came from behind to secure a 2-2 draw in their home clash with **Portishead**. Having already cancelled out Josh Honey’s opener, the Cheesemen fell behind again at the beginning of the second half, but managed to claim a share of the points ten minutes from time thanks to a smart finish from Dean Chrisostomou. There was also a draw at Lakeview where Ethan Hardy equalised for **Hengrove** with three minutes left on the clock to deny **Bishop Sutton** their third win on the bounce. Ashley Knight and Louis Short were each on target for **Almondsbury** during their 2-2 draw at home to **Gillingham Town**, while 17-year-old Lewis Wheeler levelled affairs for **Radstock** during their 1-1 draw against **FC Bristol** after the visitors had gone in front through Josh Williams in first half stoppage time.

Action from Brislington’s last gasp 2-1 win away at Hallen.

**FA Cup Action: Buckland Athletic** produced an excellent comeback to knock out last season’s Western League runners-up **Exmouth Town** at Homers Heath. Having trailed to Ben Steer’s fourth minute opener, Buckland got back on level terms just prior to the half-hour mark when Ryan Bush headed home. It was then left to Sam Stayt to complete the turnaround, with his goal on the cusp of half-time proving to be enough for Buckland who recently celebrated the ten-year anniversary of their first Western League fixture. **Shepton Mallet** also overturned an early deficit to progress at the expense of **Liskeard Athletic** who led after only six minutes at Lux Park. The score remained 1-0 to the hosts for the entirety of the first half, but the second 45 minutes were a completely different story from the moment Aaron Seviour’s screamer hit the back of the Liskeard net. Joe Morgan struck soon after to make it 2-1 to Mallet, with Finn Haines and Seviour then both adding further goals in the final 15 minutes to wrap-up the victory. There was a dramatic late victory for **Clevedon Town**, with the Seasiders knocking out Buckinghamshire outfit **Chalfont St Peter** thanks to a 2-1 scoreline. After Alex Camm’s penalty had been answered by the away side, Clevedon avoided having to travel for a midweek replay when Freddie King slotted home an 89th minute winner.

There was not to be a late winner in the contest at Raleigh Grove where Premier Division sides **Sherborne** and **Ilfracombe** drew one apiece, while a wonder-goal from Taylor Love-Holmes helped **Millbrook** secure a 1-1 draw away at **Torpoint**. Those four sides will all face quick turnarounds, meeting in replays, with **Barnstaple** and **Mousehole** facing the same fate, along with **Cadbury Heath** who were held to a 2-2 draw at home to **Mangotsfield United**.

In another of the all-Western League affairs, **Falmouth Town** battled back to beat **Saltash United** by two goals to one. Having gone ahead five minutes before the break through Callum Merrin, the Ashes were pegged back on the hour mark following James Swan’s equaliser, with Falmouth then booking their spot in the next round thanks to a late winner from Alex Wharton. **Helston Athletic** responded well to their heavy opening day defeat in the league by beat **Street** 2-1 in their first cup tie of the campaign. Goals from Rubin Wilson and Rikki Sheppard either side of the interval put Helston two goals to the good, and they held on despite an injury time goal giving the hosts faint hope. Premier League duo **Bitton** and **Keynsham** both remain winless this season after suffering heavy cup defeats at the hands of **Cinderford** and **Flackwell Heath** respectively, while **Bridgwater** were dumped out by **Bideford** following a header early in the second half from Craig Duff. **Warminster** and **Welton** also each fell at the first hurdle after drawing blanks in their home losses, while a spirited effort from **Wellington** saw them fall just short away at Southern League outfit **Willand Rovers**. A 2-0 loss at home to **Aylesbury** condemned **Ashton & Backwell** to a third straight defeat, but there was much brighter news for **Wincanton Town** who produced a stunning performance to win by six goals to two away at **Tadley Calleva**. Saving the best till last, Wincanton were dominant for large periods of their clash in Hampshire, storming into a three-goal lead after just 26 minutes thanks to a brace of goals, plus an early assist from star man Connor Williams. The home side then scored twice in quick succession to set up an entertaining second half, but the Wasps found a second wind, and after Gary Chapman had put them 4-2 ahead they never looked back, with the immense Williams completing his treble, before substitute Louis Irwin added a late sixth to make it three wins on the spin.



**In the second podcast of the season, Tom and Ian look back on the opening round of fixtures. There is then an interview with Cadbury Heath’s George Boon who talks about the motivation his side have this year following their Les Phillips Cup final defeat in May. Nic Steadman of Nailsea & Tickenham then joins Ian to introduce his side to the Western League fraternity.**

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**Recent Results**

**Tuesday 2nd August 2022**

**Premier Division**

Bitton 1-1 Street

Bridgwater United 2-1 Barnstaple Town

Buckland Athletic 1-0 Welton Rovers

Keynsham Town 0-4 Sherborne Town

Millbrook 3-1 Falmouth Town

Mousehole 1-1 Saltash United

Shepton Mallet 2-0 Ashton & Backwell United

**First Division**

Bishop Sutton 4-2 Tytherington Rocks

Brislington 0-3 Nailsea & Tickenham

Hengrove Athletic 3-0 Cheddar

Longwell Green Sports 6-1 Almondsbury

Odd Down 0-0 Hallen

Wells City 1-3 Portishead Town

**Wednesday 3rd August 2022**

**Premier Division**

Clevedon Town 1-0 Cadbury Heath

**First Division**

Bishops Lydeard 3-2 Radstock Town

Bristol Telephones 1-3 Shirehampton

FC Bristol 3-1 AEK Boco

Warminster Town 0-1 Wincanton Town

**Friday 5th August 2022**

**First Division**

Shirehampton 0-2 Nailsea & Tickenham

**Saturday 6th August**

**First Division**

AEK Boco 0-3 Wells City

Almondsbury 2-2 Gillingham Town

Bishop Sutton 1-1 Hengrove Athletic

Bristol Telephones 4-2 Longwell Green Sports

Cheddar 2-2 Portishead Town

Hallen 1-2 Brislington

Odd Down 2-3 Tytherington Rocks

Oldland Abbotonians 1-0 Bishops Lydeard

Radstock Town 1-1 FC Bristol

**FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round**

**Ashton & Backwell United** 0-2 Aylesbury United

**Barnstaple Town** 1-1 **Mousehole**

Bideford 1-0 **Bridgwater United**

**Bitton**  1-3 Cinderford Town

**Buckland Athletic** 2-1 Exmouth Town

**Cadbury Heath** 2-2 Mangotsfield United

**Clevedon Town** 2-1 Chalfont St Peter

**Falmouth Town** 2-1 **Saltash United**

Flackwell Heath 4-0 **Keynsham Town**

Liskeard Athletic 1-4 **Shepton Mallet**

**Sherborne Town** 1-1 **Ilfracombe Town**

**Street**  1-2 **Helston Athletic**

Tadley Calleva 2-6 **Wincanton Town**

**Torpoint Athletic** 1-1 **Millbrook**

**Warminster Town** 0-2 Andover New Street

**Welton Rovers**  0-1 United Services Portsmouth

Willand Rovers 2-1 **Wellington**



**Upcoming Fixtures**

**Tuesday 9th August 2022**

**Premier Division**

Keynsham Town vs Bridgwater United 19:45KO

Welton Rovers vs Wellington 19:45KO

**First Division**

Brislington vs Bristol Telephones 19:30KO

Hengrove Athletic vs AEK Boco 19:30KO

Portishead Town vs Radstock Town 19:30KO

Wincanton Town vs Longwell Green Sports 19:30KO

**FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round Replay**

**Ilfracombe Town** vs **Sherborne Town** 19:45KO

Mangotsfield United vs **Cadbury Heath** 19:45KO

**Millbrook** vs **Torpoint Athletic** 19:45KO

**Mousehole** vs **Barnstaple Town** 19:45KO

**Wednesday 10th August 2022**

**Premier Division**

Clevedon Town vs Ashton & Backwell United 19:30KO

**First Division**

Bishops Lydeard vs Odd Down 19:30KO

Oldland Abbotonians vs Gillingham Town 19:45KO

**Thursday 11th August 2022**

**First Division**

Radstock Town vs Hallen 19:45KO

**Saturday 13th August (3pm kick-off unless noted)**

**Premier Division**

Ashton & Backwell United vs Mousehole

Buckland Athletic vs Saltash United

Falmouth Town vs Clevedon Town

Helston Athletic vs Wellington

Ilfracombe Town vs Keynsham Town

Millbrook vs Bitton

Shepton Mallet vs Barnstaple Town

Street vs Bridgwater United

Torpoint Athletic vs Cadbury Heath

Welton Rovers vs Sherborne Town

**First Division**

AEK Boco vs Almondsbury

Brislington vs Bishop Sutton

Bristol Telephones vs Portishead Town

Gillingham Town vs Bishops Lydeard

Longwell Green Sports vs Hengrove Athletic

Nailsea & Tickenham vs Oldland Abbotonians

Shirehampton vs Cheddar

Warminster Town vs Odd Down

Wells City vs Wincanton Town