



### Latest Round-ups:

**Midweek Action:** On a busy Tuesday night of league action, **Bridgwater** secured their fifth consecutive victory in the Premier Division by beating **Sherborne Town** 2-1. First half goals from Troy Simpson and Jack Taylor proved to be enough for the home side who have laid down a strong marker over the opening rounds of action. In a clash between two Devon sides, **Buckland** claimed some early season bragging rights thanks to a 4-0 triumph over **Ifracombe**. Josh Webber grabbed a brace of goals for the home side, with Ryan Bush and Owen Stockton also getting in on the scoring action. There was also a home win for **Barnstaple Town** over **Wellington**, with Brodie Montague, Stuart Bowker and Tommy Rogers each finding the back of the net at Mill Road. Late goals were very much in fashion on Tuesday, starting at **Bitton**, where visiting skipper Connor Saunders headed home in the seventh minute of stoppage time to lead **Ashton & Backwell** to a 2-1 victory. Another late winner handed **Millbrook** at 2-1 win at Trungle Parc, with a brilliant finish from Sean Thomson in the 82<sup>nd</sup> minute condemning **Mousehole** to a disappointing home defeat. **Keynsham**'s Jemar Thomas was also on hand to strike at the death, with his equaliser four minutes into added time giving the K's a 2-2 draw at home to **Welton**, helping them become the 20<sup>th</sup> and final team to secure a point this season. The points were also shared between **Saltash** and **Helston** following the end of a feisty encounter in south Cornwall. Rubin Wilson's strong start to the campaign continued, with his 30<sup>th</sup> minute opener put the away side in front, but the Ashes managed to hit back after the interval, with Sam Hughes levelling affairs around the hour mark. 24 hours later, Jake Mawford's early headed goal led **Street** to a 1-0 win away at **Cadbury Heath**, while efforts from Tim Nixon, Charlie Edney and Luke Barner gave **Falmouth** a comfortable 3-1 victory over **Torpoint** (pictured right).



**Hallen** have enjoyed an encouraging start to the First Division season, and that continued on Tuesday after they claimed a 4-1 win away at **Bishop Sutton**. Both Saul Jarrett and Mark Thuo scored in either half for the visitors, with kickoff for the second half delayed slightly following a power cut in the local area which caused a brief floodlight failure.

Adam Wright also bagged a pair of goals, striking in either half of **Wells'** 4-0 triumph away at **Almondsbury**, with Tom Ellis' bullet header and Jake Curtis' debut strike adding to the scoreline. On an evening where the goals flowed up and down the division, there was a rare stalemate between **Cheddar** and **Warminster**, but not so in Bath, where **Odd Down** thumped **Gillingham** by five goals to two. The game was two apiece at the interval, before the home side surged home during the second 45, with Luke Bryan completing his double, before Caelen Simpson and a late own goal confirmed back to back wins. **Oldland** continue to prosper during the month of August, after they managed to overturn a half time deficit to win 3-2 at **Radstock**. Kieran Cooper and Jack Farion each struck for the hosts during the first half, but Oldland managed to stay in touch thanks to the in-form Owen McCallum. The away side then got back on level terms in the opening stages of the second half thanks to a penalty from Harry Pruett, before McCallum helped complete the turnaround. In Wednesday's standalone fixture, Mason Davis notched his second hat-trick of the season to give **Bristol Telephones** a 4-2 win at home to **FC Bristol**. Davis' previous treble came in the Phones only other victory this season over Longwell Green, and he was it again on Wednesday, with Jason Thatcher adding a further goal to help secure maximum points.

**Premier Division: Bridgwater United** continue to set the pace atop the league, and have now won six on the bounce after defeating **Bitton** 4-0. The in-form hosts took just 17 minutes to go in front on Saturday afternoon, with Jack Taylor unexpectedly getting his name on the scoresheet. Ross Edwards then struck at the back post to double their advantage, with an own goal then making it 3-0 midway through the second half. Bridgy saved the best for last, with George King volleying home to put the finishing touches on a terrific team goal which completed the scoring. **Saltash** are another side who remain unbeaten over the first couple of weeks, and they were in excellent form against **Keynsham**, beating their visitors 6-1 at the Waterways Stadium. The contest was all-but over inside the opening 45 minutes, with the two Callum's, Merrin and Martindale, giving the Ashes a promising start. An unfortunate own goal then made it 3-0 inside half an hour, before Callum O'Brien added a further effort just



Sherborne on the attack during their win over Wellington

prior to the break to put the home side in command. Mike Smith continued the scoring, extending the lead to five after 51 minutes, with Jake Miller adding a late sixth to cap a dominant outing. **Sherborne Town** ended a four-match winless run in all competitions, with three second half efforts leading them to a 3-0 win over **Wellington**. Following 58 goalless minutes, the deadlock was finally broken by the home side, when Alex Murphy grabbed his first of the campaign. Just ten minutes later, Murphy managed to find enough space and time to slot home his second of the afternoon, before Brett Cotterill added a late third for the impressive Zebras.

On a good afternoon all round for the home sides, **Ashton & Backwell United** also ran out comfortable victors, beating **Welton Rovers** by four goals to nil. Goals from Miles Hardidge and Reece Hedges at either end of the opening half put Ashton in control, before a couple of efforts in the final ten minutes from Oscar Pearce and Dean Preddie wrapped up the one-sided victory. The points were shared in the other fixture at Jenkins Park, where Joe Edmonds' first **Barnstaple** goal helped them come from behind to salvage a 1-1 draw against **Millbrook**, for whom Jake Foster had previously put them in front.

**First Division:** **Shirehampton** got the action underway on Friday evening, beating local rivals **Hallen** 2-1 in front of a healthy three-figure crowd. A first half double from Scott Bamford did the business for the Shire, with Aaron Blakemore scoring an injury time consolation for the hosts who missed out on the opportunity of moving briefly into top spot.

On Saturday afternoon, **Cheddar** finally grabbed their first victory of the season away at **AEK Boco**, with Morgan Bacon beating his man before slotting home in the closing stages. For early league leaders **Oldland**, goals from Courtney Charles and Jacob Reader proved to be enough for them in their 2-0 victory over the **Tytherington Rocks**. Slightly more impressive in victory were **Wells City**, with four different scorers helping them ease past the winless **Radstock**. Tom Ellis, Jake Curtis, Tom Hill and Adam Wright each found the back of the net at the Athletic Ground to extend Wells' winning run to four matches, all of which have come without conceding. Another side to score four were **Almondsbury**, with the South Gloucestershire side picking up their first win since the opening day by beating **Warminster**. An excellent opening half was the catalyst for the away side's victory, with Luke Burman and Joe White scoring inside the opening 25 minutes to put them two goals to the good. Lewis Hedges then fired low into the bottom corner to make it 3-0, before Aaron Langdon saved a penalty in first half stoppage time to preserve the Almonds three-goal lead. That save proved to be vitally important, with Warminster bounding into the second half through substitute Jamal Chevolleau who struck twice within five minutes of the restart to open up the contest. In the closing stages of the match, Burman tapped home his second goal of the afternoon to put the result beyond doubt, extending Warminster's winless start to the campaign. The outcome was very similar in the clash between **FC Bristol** and **Brislington**, with the home side holding off an attempted fightback to prevail by four goals to two. Two Sacha Tong efforts put FC Bristol two goals ahead at the interval, and they then moved further in front on the hour mark thanks to Elan Plummer. Brislington have found form over the previous couple of weeks, and no sooner had Josh Egan tucked home his first penalty, he was then scoring from 12 yards once again following a foul on Asa White. With their advantage now in a more perilous position, it was left to Tong to complete his hat-trick, capping a fabulous individual performance from the front man. There was also a high scoring victory for **Nailsea & Tickenham**, with their goalscoring tally now sitting at 16 from their five fixtures after they beat **Gillingham Town** 5-3. Jacob O'Donnell, Callum Dunn, Jack Thorne, Gary Freeman and Joe Berry all struck for the victorious hosts, with Tom Jarvis at the double in defeat for Town who unfortunately remain winless. A second half winner from Luco Ponsillo led **Hengrove** past **Bristol Telephones**, while **Bishops Lydeard** also won 1-0, with a superb finish from Mark Jones in the 92<sup>nd</sup> minute helping them edge past **Longwell Green Sports**.

**FA Cup: Shepton Mallet** stormed into the qualifying rounds of the FA cup after claiming a 4-0 win at home to **Brixham**. After putting Liskeard to the sword in their previous tie, Mallet were at it again on Saturday, with Jacob Sloggett scoring for the second time this week to put them ahead in the early stages. A towering header from Nick Hewlett then doubled the home side's advantage, with Joe Morgan making it 3-0 just prior to the half-time interval. Any chances of an unlikely comeback were put to bed in the 66<sup>th</sup> minute, when Morgan struck from close range to complete the scoring. Mallet will be joined in the next round by **Helston** after they produced a dramatic late turnaround against fellow Western League outfit **Falmouth**. The visitors had won three games on the bounce coming into this tie, and they led for much of the afternoon, with Tom Moxham's attempted cross inadvertently ending up in the back of the net. Helston pushed for an equaliser, and they were duly rewarded five minutes from time, with Rikki Sheppard heading home to set up a likely midweek replay. However, with their next attack, Shepherd managed to get this head to another cross, and that too found its way past the visiting keeper to spark joyous scenes for the home supporters. There was also a late comeback in the other contest involving Premier Division sides, with **Torpoint** striking twice in the final 20 minutes to beat fellow Cornish outfit **Mousehole** by three goals to two. It was Mousehole who started the game fastest, taking the lead after just five minutes through Hayden Turner, with Torpoint drawing level thanks to skipper Darren Hicks. Callam McOnie then unleashed a mean strike from the edge of the area to put the visitors back ahead, bringing the curtain down on an entertaining opening 45 minutes. Torpoint managed to respond well again, equalising for the second time through John Heveran, and then with ten minutes remaining they



Action from an entertaining cup tie between Torpoint Athletic and Mousehole at The Mill

scored what turned out to be the match-winner, with Curtis Damerell producing an unstoppable headed finish. Things didn't go quite so well for **Buckland** and **Cadbury Heath** who suffered one-sided defeats, while a missed penalty 20 minutes from time costing **Ifracombe** dearly in their 2-1 defeat at the hands of a fast-starting **Willand Rovers**. The cup runs of both **Wincanton** and **Clevedon** will continue, with both sides earning replays following creditable 1-1 draws on Saturday afternoon away at **Camberley** and **Cirencester** respectively.

## Recent Results

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022

#### Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	3-1	Wellington
Bridgwater United	2-1	Sherborne Town
Bitton	1-2	Ashton & Backwell United
Buckland Athletic	4-0	Ilfracombe Town
Keynsham Town	2-2	Welton Rovers
Mousehole	1-2	Millbrook
Saltash United	1-1	Helston Athletic

#### First Division

Almondsbury	0-4	Wells City
Bishop Sutton	1-4	Hallen
Cheddar	0-0	Warminster Town
Odd Down	5-2	Gillingham Town
Radstock Town	2-3	Oldland Abbotonians

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022

#### Premier Division

Cadbury Heath	0-1	Street
Falmouth Town	3-1	Torpoint Athletic

#### First Division

Bristol Telephones	4-2	FC Bristol
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### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022

#### First Division

Hallen	1-2	Shirehampton
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### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August

#### Premier Division

Ashton & Backwell United	4-0	Welton Rovers
Bridgwater United	4-0	Bitton
Millbrook	1-1	Barnstaple Town
Saltash United	6-1	Keynsham Town
Sherborne Town	3-0	Wellington

#### First Division

AEK Boco	0-1	Cheddar
Bishops Lydeard	1-0	Longwell Green Sports
FC Bristol	4-2	Brislington
Hengrove Athletic	1-0	Bristol Telephones
Nailsea & Tickenham	5-3	Gillingham Town
Odd Down	A-A	Bishop Sutton
Oldland Abbotonians	2-0	Tytherington Rocks
Warminster Town	2-4	Almondsbury
Wells City	4-0	Radstock Town

## FA Cup Preliminary Round

<b>Buckland Athletic</b>	0-3	Frome Town
Camberley	1-1	<b>Wincanton Town</b>
Cirencester Town	1-1	<b>Clevedon Town</b>
Didcot	4-0	<b>Cadbury Heath</b>
<b>Helston Athletic</b>	1-2	<b>Falmouth Town</b>
<b>Shepton Mallet</b>	4-0	Brixham
<b>Torpoint Athletic</b>	3-2	<b>Mousehole</b>
Willand Rovers	2-1	<b>Ilfracombe Town</b>



## Upcoming Fixtures

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022

#### Premier Division

Helston Athletic	vs	Falmouth Town	19:45KO
Millbrook	vs	Saltash United	19:45KO
Shepton Mallet	vs	Buckland Athletic	19:30KO
Torpoint Athletic	vs	Barnstaple Town	19:30KO

#### First Division

Almondsbury	vs	Portishead Town	19:45KO
Cheddar	vs	Nailsea & Tickenham	19:45KO
Radstock Town	vs	AEK Boco	19:45KO

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2022

#### FA Cup Preliminary Round - Replay

<b>Clevedon Town</b>	vs	Cirencester Town	19:30KO
<b>Wincanton Town</b>	vs	Camberley	19:45KO

#### Premier Division

Street	vs	Ashton & Backwell United	19:30KO
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#### First Division

Oldland Abbotonians	vs	Hallen	19:45KO
Shirehampton	vs	Bishops Lydeard	19:30KO
Warminster Town	vs	Wells City	19:45KO

## Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022

### Premier Division

Bridgwater United vs Street 19:45KO

### First Division

Wells City vs Nailsea & Tickenham 19:30KO

### FA Vase First Qualifying Round

Fawley vs **Wincanton Town** 19:45KO

## Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August (3pm kick-off unless noted)

### Premier Division

Clevedon Town vs Wellington  
Keynsham Town vs Buckland Athletic  
Millbrook vs Mousehole  
Torpoint Athletic vs Helston Athletic

### First Division

Bishop Sutton vs Shirehampton  
Bishops Lydeard vs Hengrove Athletic  
Gillingham Town vs FC Bristol  
Oldland Abbotonians vs Almondsbury

### FA Vase First Qualifying Round

**Ashton & Backwell United** vs Knaphill  
**Bitton** vs Wokingham & Emmbrook  
Bodmin Town vs **Odd Down**  
Camelford vs **Ilfracombe Town**  
**Cheddar** vs Crediton United  
Clanfield 85 vs **Bristol Telephones**  
**Falmouth Town** vs St Austell  
Godolphin Atlantic vs **Barnstaple Town**  
Milton United vs **Longwell Green Sports**  
Moreton FC vs Brislington  
Newport (IoW) vs **Warminster Town**  
**Portishead Town** vs Shrivenham FC  
**Radstock Town** vs Newton Abbot Spurs  
**Sherborne Town** vs Andover New Street  
Stonehouse Town vs **Hallen**  
Wantage vs **Tytherington Rocks**  
Woodley United FC vs **Cadbury Heath**



This week's Podcast includes a conversation with Falmouth Town manager Andrew Westgarth who helps introduce his side to the Toolstation Western League. Portishead boss Eammon Daly reflects on his side's excellent start to the campaign, while outlining their ambition to compete for promotion. There is also an important interview with Phil Hiscox from the South West Peninsula League and Western League Chairman, John Pool, providing an update on the merger between the two Leagues.

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