



Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: In a welcome change, weather did not get in the way of the most recent set of weeknight games, meaning a number of Les Phillips Cup ties could finally be played. Tuesday's ties all way went the way of the home sides, with **Buckland** defeating **Mousehole** 2-0 thanks to goals either side of the interval from Rob Farkins and Scott Crocker. There was also a derby-day victory for **Shepton Mallet** over **Wells**, with Jacob Sloggett's early goal proving to be enough for the hosts, who had to hold on for the entirety of the second half with ten-men following a red card to Callum Ball in the 33rd minute. **Saltash United** were the other side to book their spot in the next round that night after storming to a 5-2 comeback win at home to **Torpoint**. After George Spencer had fired the Ashes into an 11th minute advantage, they found themselves very much on the back-foot at half time following a quickfire brace from Torpoint frontman Ryan Richards. A leveller early in the second half from Sam Farrant settled the home side's nerves, with Adam Carter and Sam Hughes then putting daylight between the sides, before Harrison Davis wrapped things up three minutes from time. The following evening, **Brislington** showed their scoring prowess by powering to a 6-0 win away at **Cadbury Heath**. Residing a level below their hosts, Brislington showed no mercy, with George Jones, Asa White and Dean Griffiths all finding the back of the net, on a night dominated by Oaklan Buck who completed a marvellous hat-trick. Two first-half goals helped **FC Bristol** join Brislington in dumping out higher-ranked opposition, with **Sherborne** falling to a 2-0 defeat, while a brace from Tim Nixon, plus an effort from Olly Walker helped **Falmouth** beat **Barnstaple** 3-1. That was also the scoreline at **Wellington**, where the home side fell to defeat at the hands of **Clevedon**, for whom Nathaniel Groom and Ethan Feltham each struck in the final ten minutes to add the finishing touches to a hard-fought victory.

There was some stunning late drama in the other game which took place on Wednesday evening, with **Bristol Telephones** keeper Matt Dunk heading home a 96th minute equaliser in their First Division basement battle with **Bishops Lydeard**. Coming off a recent victory, the Lyds looked to be full of confidence, and built a two-goal lead at the interval thanks to a pair of almost identical efforts from Jordan Hayman. It took until the fourth minute of stoppage time for the Phones to finally break down their visitors with Callum Baker netting, but that was only the start of the drama. Having given themselves an outside chance of pulling off the comeback, the home side were awarded a set piece and Dunk was given the licence to join the attack, and lo-and-behold the goalkeeper managed to beat his opposite number with a well-placed header to complete the unlikeliest of endings. The previous evening, **Oldland Abbotonians** made it two wins in the space of three days after dispatching **Almondsbury** by six goals to nil. Harry Pruett was the star of the show, scoring a hat-trick for the Abbots in their one-sided victory, with Mason Davis and Stefan Lee scoring for the second consecutive game, and substitute Harrison Kyte then adding a late sixth. There was a second-half brace for Max Wyatt in **Warminster**'s 2-0 win away at **Tytherington**, while another Max, Briggs, struck a late equaliser for **Gillingham** in their 1-1 draw at home to **Odd Down** after Luke Bryan had struck yet again for the Bath side.

Up in the Premier Division, **Bridgwater United** missed out on the opportunity to trim the gap at the top of the league after falling to a 4-2 defeat away at **Ashton & Backwell**. The home side were very impressive before the interval, and surged into a three-goal advantage thanks to a brace from Oscar Pearce, and a further effort from Joe Banks. Despite the red card awarded to Jake Llewellyn, Bridgwater managed to build their way back into the encounter, and after Jake Taylor struck ten minutes into the second half, they set up a grandstand finish with Jacob Spence pulling the visitors within a goal as the game reached added time. That was as close as they came however, and after pushing for an equaliser, Ashton hit them on the counter, with substitute Kitan Jalyeoba putting some gloss on an excellent performance. The other game that night saw Welton defeat Street 2-0, with Lewis Hunt and Will Gould scoring before the interval to give them back-to-back home victories.



On this week's podcast, we hear from Bridgwater manager, Dave Pearse, who looks back on their recent success in the FA Vase, and touches on his philosophy when it comes to penalty shootouts. There is also a conversation with Ben Robinson of Bishops Lydeard who explains why the club are putting their faith in youth. [Season 2022/23 Podcast Episode 26 | Toolstation Western League \(toolstationleague.com\)](#)

Premier Division: Table-topping **Saltash** left it late again before pulling clear of **Sherborne**, scoring twice in the final minutes to sneak home by three goals to one in Cornwall. After Adam Carter had put the Ashes in front midway through the first half, the visitors regrouped well and drew level soon after the interval through Alex Murphy. The next half-hour saw the sides continue to be locked at one-apiece, before an own six minutes from time saw Saltash move back ahead. It was then left to Callum Martindale to add the finishing touches to an important victory which extended the Ashes lead atop the division to five points. Second-spot now belongs to **Mousehole** after they thumped **Cadbury Heath** 5-0. Goals from Mark Goldsworthy and Callam McOnie around the midway point of the first half saw the hosts gain early momentum, with skipper Jack Calver then adding a third just prior to half time as Mousehole took control of the fixture. Goldsworthy's second of the afternoon increased the lead to four, with Hayden Turner then completing the scoring in stoppage time to complete a near-perfect performance. Title-chasing **Bridgwater Rovers** suffered another tough defeat, conceding in stoppage time at the hands of an improving **Welton**



on the hour mark. Bridgwater looked to have done enough to end their two-match losing run, but it wasn't to be, and Jaiden Savery was the man of the moment, popping up in the 92nd minute to maintain Welton's strong run of form at West Clewes. Fourth-placed **Shepton Mallet** also dropped points at the death, conceding in the sixth minute of added time to draw 2-2 with **Wellington** (pictured, left). Mallet were two goals to the good thanks to Callum Gould and Aaron Seviour, before a cracking volley from Ryan Brereton, his first Wellington goal, halved the deficit in the 57th minute. Despite protests from the away side, Miles Quick's late header was ruled to have crossed the line, giving Wellington a share of the spoils, while denting Mallet's hopes of hauling in the top three.

The points were also shared in **Torpoint**, where Curtis Damerell struck twice at the death to help the hosts secure a 3-3 draw with **Street** (*pictured, below*). With the Cobblers leading 2-1 at the interval thanks to goals from Harry Foster and Kyle Sampson, they then extended their advantage early in the second half thanks to a stunning long ranger from Merson Ham. Damerell's first of the afternoon came in the 88th minute from the penalty spot, yet incredibly there was still time for him to influence the outcome even further, and he did just that, striking again stoppage time to bring down the curtain on



an entertaining six-goal thriller. **Ilfracombe** and **Helston** were also forced to settle for a point apiece, with the home side holding on for the final 20 minutes following a red card to defender Scott Huxtable. Elsewhere in Devon there was a big home win for **Barnstaple**, with a 4-2 triumph over **Millbrook** giving them their 13th league victory of the campaign. Callum Laird, Brodie Montague and Stu Bowker all netted in victory for the home side who have now won five on the spin in the Premier Division since their 3-0 defeat of Ilfracombe on Boxing Day. Late shows seemed to be very much in vogue on Saturday afternoon, with **Buckland** striking twice in the closing stages of their 3-1 victory over **Ashton & Backwell United** at Homers Heath. Having broken the deadlock early in the second half through Jared Lewington, Buckland saw their league disappear with just 20 minutes left on the clock following an Ashton equaliser. The home side then had leading scorer Josh Webber



Action from Buckland's late 3-1 victory over Ashton & Backwell at Homers Heath, courtesy of Harry Gray

to thank for going back in front 12 minutes from time, with Cieran Bridger putting the result beyond doubt as the game headed towards a finale. One side who didn't rely on late goals were **Falmouth** who scored all of the goals in their 3-0 win away at **Clevedon** during a one-sided first half. Tim Nixon's set pieces proved too hot to handle for the hosts, and after providing the assist for James Ward's early opener, Nixon and Ward then repeated the trick in the 26th minute, with

the skipper heading home from a corner. Clevedon didn't seem to learn their lesson, and they found themselves three-down at the interval after Nixon's latest corner eventually found the head of Olly Walker who nodded home to give the visitors a lead which they maintained for the remainder of the game.

First Division: **Hallen** produced an excellent second half performance to topple **Almondsbury** on Friday night, turning a one-all half-time scoreline into a storming 6-1 victory. Having taken a 21st minute lead through Elliot Gardner, Hallen were pegged back by their visitors just before the interval when Josh Gordon struck on debut. The home side went back in front on the hour mark through Ethan McMahon, before the same man then doubled his tally less than five minutes later to put daylight between the teams. Aron Robbins was influential during the one-sided second half, and after making it four, he then played a hand in the final two goals also, which were both finished with aplomb by recent signing Greg Yarde.

On Saturday, **Shirehampton** ended their four-match losing run by defeating joint leaders **Nailsea & Tickenham**. A tough set of fixtures had seen Shirehampton remain winless since Christmas, but that was turned on in its head at Nailsea, where a pair of usual suspects fired them to a 3-1 victory. Scott Bamford took just six minutes to open the scoring for the away side, giving them a dream start, only for Luke Osgood to head home on the cusp of half time to level for the title-chasing Swags. That was as good as it got for the hosts however, and after Ryan Radford fired Shirehampton back in front, Bamford then doubled his own tally just after the hour mark to help complete the memorable victory. With Wells' fixture away at Portishead postponed, **Brislington** continued to gain ground on the top two after storming to a big win 4-0 over **Odd Down**. The in-form Oaklan Buck set them on their way after just 11 minutes, with Dean Griffiths nabbing a second for the home side just prior to half-time. Brislington didn't take their foot off the pedal after the break, with Jordan Metters finishing off a fine team move to make it 3-0, before Danny Dodimead chipped into an empty net to round out the scoring late on. Another side to bag four were the recently-improved **Radstock**, with four different goalscorers helping lead them past **AEK Boco**. Town now have seven points from a possible 12 since the turn of the year after this 4-1 victory which was kick-started by Jack Pearson's opener. Even Boco tying it up didn't deter Radstock, with further goals towards the end of the first half from Jack Farion and Corey Rawlings putting them 3-1 up at the break. An Ian Jeffery penalty added to Radstock's stranglehold of the contest early in the second half, with this latest three points moving them up into 20th spot. Another away victor were **Bishop Sutton**, with goals either side of the interval from Jacob Reader and the prolific Craig Wilson helping them see off **Bishops Lydeard** by two goals to nil. 2-0 was also the scoreline at the home of **FC Bristol**, where Kristian Miller's brace helped them see off **Gillingham Town**, while a late Dan Sutton effort helped **Bristol Telephones** edge past **Warminster** by a goal to nil. **Oldland Abbotonians** capped an excellent week since returning to action by winning 3-1 away at **Hengrove**. Having scored nine and conceded none over the past seven days, Oldland made it nine points from nine, with Mason Davis, Aaron Mansfield and late sub Owen McCallum all notching at the AVB Stadium. The day's early kickoff went the way of **Cheddar**, with Lewis Chappell and Morgan Bacon spearheading their 5-0 thumping of **Tytherington**. After both of Cheddar's standout performers had struck to give the hosts a 2-0 lead, Chappell then extended the Cheesemen's advantage of the cusp of half time thanks to an assist from his strike partner. A hat-trick goal from Chappell didn't take long to materialise after the interval, with his close range effort making it 4-0, before a free header in the closing stages from Bacon completed a tough afternoon for the Rocks. **Wincanton** made it back-to-back home wins at the Sports Ground, with the Somerset side handing **Longwell Green Sports** a 2-1 defeat.

Recent Results

Tuesday 31st January 2023

Les Phillips Cup

Buckland Athletic	2-0
Saltash United	5-2
Shepton Mallet	1-0

Mousehole
Torpoint Athletic
Wells City

Premier Division

Ashton & Backwell United	4-2
Welton Rovers	2-0

Bridgwater United
Street

First Division

Almondsbury	0-6
Gillingham Town	1-1
Portishead Town	A-A
Tytherington Rocks	0-2

Oldland Abbotonians
Odd Down
Hallen
Warminster Town

Wednesday 1st February 2023

Les Phillips Cup

Cadbury Heath	0-6
FC Bristol	2-0
Falmouth Town	3-1
Wellington	1-3

Brislington
Sherborne Town
Barnstaple Town
Clevedon Town

First Division

Bristol Telephones	2-2
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Bishops Lydeard

Friday 3rd February 2023

First Division

Hallen	6-1
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Almondsbury

Saturday 4th February 2023

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	4-2
Buckland Athletic	3-1
Clevedon Town	0-3
Ilfracombe Town	0-0
Mousehole	5-0
Saltash United	3-1
Torpoint Athletic	3-3
Wellington	2-2
Welton Rovers	2-1

Millbrook
Ashton & Backwell United
Falmouth Town
Helston Athletic
Cadbury Heath
Sherborne Town
Street
Shepton Mallet
Bridgwater United

First Division

AEK Boco	1-4
Bishops Lydeard	0-2
Brislington	4-0
Bristol Telephones	1-0
Cheddar	5-0
FC Bristol	2-0
Hengrove Athletic	1-3
Nailsea & Tickenham	1-3
Portishead Town	P-P
Wincanton Town	2-1

Radstock Town
Bishop Sutton
Odd Down
Warminster Town
Tytherington Rocks
Gillingham Town
Oldland Abbotonians
Shirehampton
Wells City
Longwell Green Sports

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 7th February 2023

Les Phillips Cup

Ilfracombe Town vs Bishop Sutton 19:30KO

Premier Division

Ashton & Backwell United vs Wellington 19:30KO

Buckland Athletic vs Falmouth Town 19:30KO

Saltash United vs Barnstaple Town 19:30KO

Shepton Mallet vs Sherborne Town 19:30KO

Torpoint Athletic vs Bridgwater United 19:30KO

First Division

Almondsbury vs Wincanton Town 19:45KO

Gillingham Town vs Bishops Lydeard 19:30KO

Hallen vs Warminster Town 19:30KO

Hengrove Athletic vs Longwell Green Sports 19:30KO

Odd Down vs FC Bristol 19:30KO

Radstock Town vs Tytherington Rocks 19:45KO

Wednesday 8th February 2023

Premier Division

Street vs Clevedon Town 19:30KO

First Division

Oldland Abbotonians vs Brislington 19:30KO

Shirehampton vs Portishead Town 19:30KO

Saturday 11th February 2023 (3pm kick-off unless noted)

FA VASE - Fifth Round

Bridgwater United vs Ascot United

Premier Division

Ashton & Backwell United vs Barnstaple Town

Falmouth Town vs Buckland Athletic

Helston Athletic vs Street

Ilfracombe Town vs Cadbury Heath

Millbrook vs Keynsham Town 14:00KO

Saltash United vs Wellington

Torpoint Athletic vs Clevedon Town

Welton Rovers vs Mousehole

First Division

AEK Boco vs Oldland Abbotonians

Gillingham Town vs Bristol Telephones

Hallen vs Bishop Sutton

Longwell Green Sports vs Shirehampton

Odd Down vs Almondsbury 14:00KO

Portishead Town vs Cheddar

Radstock Town vs Bishops Lydeard

Tytherington Rocks vs Hengrove Athletic

Warminster vs Nailsea & Tickenham

Wells City vs FC Bristol

Wincanton Town vs Brislington

League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Saltash United	25	17	5	3	33	56
2	Mousehole	22	15	6	1	37	51
3	Bridgwater United	23	15	4	4	37	49
4	Shepton Mallet	21	13	4	4	24	43
5	Barnstaple Town	21	13	2	6	14	41
6	Buckland Athletic	23	13	2	8	11	41
7	Helston Athletic	22	9	7	6	2	34
8	Falmouth Town	21	9	6	6	10	33
9	Ashton & Backwell United	22	10	3	9	6	33
10	Welton Rovers	26	8	4	14	-28	28
11	Clevedon Town	20	7	4	9	-7	25
12	Street	21	7	3	11	-17	24
13	Millbrook	23	6	5	12	-18	23
14	Ilfracombe Town	20	4	9	7	0	21
15	Torpoint Athletic	22	5	6	11	-13	21
16	Sherborne Town	23	5	4	14	-12	19
17	Wellington	19	4	6	9	-5	18
18	Cadbury Heath	22	3	5	14	-26	14
19	Keynsham Town	24	3	3	18	-48	12

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Nailsea & Tickenham	29	21	3	5	56	66
2	Wells City	27	21	3	3	43	66
3	Brislington	25	20	2	3	44	62
4	Oldland Abbotonians	25	16	5	4	29	53
5	FC Bristol	28	15	4	9	10	49
6	Wincanton Town	25	13	4	8	20	43
7	Shirehampton	25	13	4	8	15	43
8	Odd Down	28	11	9	8	16	42
9	Warminster Town	26	12	4	10	2	40
10	Bishop Sutton	24	11	4	9	3	37
11	Hallen	26	10	5	11	5	35
12	Portishead Town	23	10	3	10	3	33
13	Hengrove Athletic	29	9	6	14	-8	33
14	AEK Boco	27	10	3	14	-20	33
15	Cheddar	29	8	6	15	-11	30
16	Longwell Green Sports	28	8	5	15	-19	29
17	Gillingham Town	26	7	5	14	-13	26
18	Bristol Telephones	29	6	9	14	-18	24*
19	Almondsbury	30	5	7	18	-58	22
20	Radstock Town	27	3	11	13	-21	20
21	Tytherington Rocks	27	4	7	16	-43	19
22	Bishops Lydeard	25	4	5	16	-35	17