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**Midweek Action:** On a busy Wednesday night of action, Premier Division leaders **Saltash** stretched their margin atop the table thanks to a 2-0 win awayat **Falmouth**. Following a goalless first half, Sam Leary gave the Ashes a start after the restart, latching onto a loose ball before firing home. With the game remaining in the balance for much of the night, Saltash finally wrapped things up five minutes from time when a George Spencer header doubled their advantage. The other two fixtures were decided by single goals, with Ethan Feltham’s long range screamer leading **Clevedon** past **Keynsham**, with an own goal at the beginning of the second half handed **Wellington** a slender 1-0 win over **Barnstaple** *(pictured right, courtesy of Nathan Bennett).*

In the First Division, **Radstock** continued their rollicking form with a 4-0 win away at **Bristol Telephones**. A first half brace from Jack Farion set the visitors on the path to victory, before goals after the interval from Corey Rawlings and Lewis Wheeler extended Town’s strong run. **Tytherington Rocks** caused the shock result of the night, registering just their sixth win of the campaign after coming from behind to beat sixth-placed **Shirehampton.** Scott Bamford has been finding the back of the net with ease of late, and the Shirehampton marksman was on target once again on Wednesday, putting the hosts’ ahead midway through the first half. The Rocks weren’t behind for long however, with Ryan Sharpe levelling affairs, and they then romped home after the interval, with Michael Johnson completing the turnaround 20 minutes from time, before substitute Mischa Collins extended the winning margin late on. **Oldland Abbotonians** winning streak away from home continued at **FC Bristol**, with fourth beating fifth thanks to a late winner. Having gone ahead on the hour mark thanks to Cash Vinall, the Abbots were pegged back soon after, but managed to emerge with maximum points thanks to Mason Davis’ stoppage-time screamer. The remaining fixtures each finished one-apiece, with Corey Gardner’s penalty cancelling out a Jacob Reader header to help **Warminster** tie with **Bishop Sutton**, while a long ranger from Jake Brice on his first team debut saw **Bishops Lydeard** salvage a draw at **Hengrove**.

**Premier Division: Mousehole**’s winning streak in the league has now stretched to nine matches after they surged to a 3-0 victory at home to **Ashton & Backwell United**. After Callam McOnie handed the Cornish side a 28th minute lead, they then moved two clear just prior to half-time thanks to top scorer Hayden Turner. It was then left to Josh Bissett to wrap things up, with his stoppage time goal helping second-placed Mousehole confirm another three points. Leaders **Saltash** had their lead atop the division trimmed to six points after they could only claim a 1-1 draw away at **Shepton Mallet**. Despite going ahead towards the end of the first half through Harrison Davis, the visitors were pegged back right after the interval thanks to a bullet header from Mallet skipper Matt Wood. The Ashes were unable to find a winning goal during the second half, and it turned out to be a tough afternoon all round, with Davis, Jordan Duffy and Callum Watson all lost to injury. Having beaten the same opposition 5-1 just ten days previously, **Bridgwater** completed the season double over **Torpoint** thanks to a hard-fought 2-1 victory at Fairfax Park. United started the game on top, and got their rewards on the half-hour mark when Jack Taylor knocked home a penalty after his strike-partner Jack Thorne had been felled in the box. Despite their lowly league position, Torpoint have shown signs of improvement over the past few months, and they got back on level terms on the stroke of half-time thanks to a spot kick of their own which was converted by top scorer Curtis Damerell. The decisive goal came 20 minutes into the second half, with an own goal putting Bridgwater ahead, and they managed to maintain that advantage to register their 17th league victory of the campaign. In another quickfire turnaround, **Helston** defeated **Ilfracombe** 4-1 at Kellaway Park, two weeks after the sides had battled out a goalless draw in North Devon. Helston had a slender one-goal advantage at the interval thanks to Jamie Simmonds’ opener, before romping to victory during the second half via further efforts from Teigan Rosenquest, Rubin Wilson and Rocco Hill. The biggest winners of the afternoon were **Buckland Athletic,** with five different scorers leading them past **Clevedon** at Homers Heath. Cieran Bridger’s opener put the home side in front on the half hour mark, with Jared Lewington then striking to give them a two-goal buffer at the break. Owen Stockton’s volleyed finish put the result beyond doubt midway through the second half, and it was then further goals from Sam Stayt and Jesse Howe during the closing stages which completed the 5-1 victory. Having gone months without claiming a victory, **Millbrook** have now gone back-to-back after Jake Foster’s double led them to a 2-0 win away at **Falmouth**. Foster’s first of the afternoon came after just seven minutes, with the same man then wrapping up victory five minutes from time to help Millbrook jump up into the top half. Fifth-placed **Barnstaple** completed a come-from-behind victory over **Street**, with goals from Stu Bowker and Rhys Thomas helping them overcome a half-time deficit to win by two goals to one at Mill Road. **Wellington** mirrored Barnstaple’s comeback efforts, scoring twice after the interval to topple **Cadbury Heath** in Somerset *(pictured, left).* Having fallen behind after just five minutes to an Ali Boyer strike, Welly came out firing after the interval and drew level within two minutes of the restart thanks to Jason Quick. It was a deflected effort from Tom Burt which decided the contest 20 minutes from time, with the hosts making it two wins in the space of four days, showing great resolve after they had suffered a couple of tough defeats in recent weeks.

**First Division: Nailsea & Tickenham** became the first side to reach the 70-point mark this season after grabbing a 3-0 win at home to **Longwell Green**. Luke Osgood’s excellent goalscoring form continued in the Swags latest victory, but he was outshone by teammate Jacob O’Donnell who bagged twice on Saturday afternoon. With Wells not on action over the weekend, third-placed **Brislington** gained ground on their title rival thanks to a 4-0 win over **Almondsbury**. Bris have been unstoppable of late, and they took just three minutes to break the deadlock with Jordan Scadding scoring from the spot following a foul on Dean Griffiths. The Almonds have been enduring a tough season and thanks went from bad to worse for them after losing Matt Paton to a red card after only half an hour. That should have given Brislington the impetus, but they struggled to increase their lead, only going 2-0 ahead in the 65th minute thanks to a deflected effort from Danny Dodimead. The goal of the game came soon after via a Lewis Dunn free kick, with Ash McGrane then taking the lead to four during the closing stages. The late drama of the day came at Penpole Lane, where **Shirehampton** struck an injury time winner to topple **Warminster** in a five-goal thriller. The game looked to be going in only direction as the game headed towards the interval, with Scott Bamford striking for the second time to put the host’s two goals to the good. Warminster had other ideas however, and after penalty helped them half the deficit, they got on back on level terms ten minutes into the second half to set up an entertaining finish. It was then left to Bamford’s strike partner Ryan Radford to score the winner, with his 92nd minute effort helping fifth-placed Shirehampton secure all three points. Two of the form sides in the division met at the Aitchison Playing Field on Saturday, and it was **Oldland Abbotonians** who extended their winning streak following a 4-1 victory over **Radstock**. The visitor’s eye-opening turnaround during recent weeks has generally come against fellow bottom-half sides, but they threatened to pull off their biggest win of the season when they took a 33rd minute lead through Lewis Wheeler. They couldn’t quite maintain their advantage as the game headed towards the interval however, and Cash Vinall grabbed a crucial goal in first half stoppage time to level affairs. The game remained one apiece for the next 25 minutes, before Vinall completely took over the contest, heading home a Harry Pruett corner to complete Oldland’s turnaround, before then breaking clear and laying it on a plate for Owen McCallum to make it 3-1 just moments later. Vinall wasn’t finished there however, and he his treble by volleying home in the 88th minute to cap a stunning individual performance. Radstock may not have added to their winning run, but two other members of the bottom-seven during secure victories, including **Gillingham**, for whom John Lye struck in the early stages of their 1-0 defeat of **Hallen**. There was also a slender 1-0 win for bottom-side **Bishops Lydeard**, with Ben Martin’s set piece 20 minutes from time leading them past **Bristol Telephones** at Cothelstone Road. The day’s early kickoff also went the way of the home side, with **Portishead** picking up their third victory in ten days to propel themselves up into the top half. Posset’s latest victory, and third-straight clean sheet, came against **AEK Boco**, with goals either side of the interval from Rob Latham and Hamish Hurst proving to be plenty enough at Bristol Road. **Wincanton** somehow survived a fifth-minute red card to goalkeeper Charlie Binns in their 3-0 win away at **Tytherington**, while Craig Wilson was on target yet again, with his bullet header midway through the first half helping **Bishop Sutton** beat **Odd Down** by a goal to nil.

**Recent Results**

**Wednesday 15th February 2023**

**Premier Division**

Clevedon Town 1-0 Keynsham Town

Falmouth Town 0-2 Saltash United

Wellington 1-0 Barnstaple Town

**First Division**

Bristol Telephones 0-4 Radstock Town

FC Bristol 1-2 Oldland Abbotonians

Hengrove Athletic 1-1 Bishops Lydeard

Shirehampton 1-3 Tytherington Rocks

Warminster Town 1-1 Bishop Sutton

**Saturday 18th February 2023**

**Premier Division**

Barnstaple Town 2-1 Street

Bridgwater United 2-1 Torpoint Athletic

Buckland Athletic 5-1 Clevedon Town

Falmouth Town 0-2 Millbrook

Helston Athletic 4-1 Ilfracombe Town

Mousehole 3-0 Ashton & Backwell United

Shepton Mallet 1-1 Saltash United

Wellington 2-1 Cadbury Heath

**First Division**

Bishop Sutton 1-0 Odd Down

Bishops Lydeard 1-0 Bristol Telephones

Brislington 4-0 Almondsbury

Gillingham Town 1-0 Hallen

Nailsea & Tickenham 3-0 Longwell Green Sports

Oldland Abbotonians 4-1 Radstock Town

Portishead Town 2-0 AEK Boco

Shirehampton 3-2 Warminster Town

Tytherington Rocks 0-3 Wincanton Town

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

**Premier Division**

**Curtis Damerell (Torpoint) – 18**

**Harry Foster (Street) – 17**

**Jacob Brown (Bridgwater) – 16**

**Hayden Turner (Mousehole) - 15**

**Harry Stevens (Ilfracombe) – 14**

**All Competitions**

**Scott Bamford (Shirehampton) – 28**

**Jack Thorne (Bridgwater/N&T) – 26**

**Luke Bryan (Odd Down) – 25**

**Curtis Damerell (Torpoint) – 25**

**Sacha Tong (FC Bristol) – 24**

**Adam Wright (Wells) – 22**

**Craig Wilson (Bishop Sutton) – 21**

**Luke Osgood (Nailsea & Tickenham) - 19**

**Hayden Turner (Mousehole) – 19**

**Asa White (Brislington) – 19**

**Harry Foster (Street) - 19**

**First Division**

**Luke Bryan (Odd Down) – 25**

**Scott Bamford (Shirehampton) – 24**

**Sacha Tong (FC Bristol) – 22**

**Adam Wright (Wells) – 20**

**Craig Wilson (Bishop Sutton) - 20**

**Luke Osgood (Nailsea & Tickenham) - 19**

**Joe Berry (Nailsea & Tickenham) – 18**

**Upcoming Fixtures**

**Tuesday 21st February 2023**

**First Division**

Brislington vs Tytherington Rocks 19:30KO

Cheddar vs Oldland Abbotonians 19:45KO

Nailsea & Tickenham vs Hengrove Athletic 19:30KO

Portishead Town vs Longwell Green Sports 19:30KO

**Les Phillips Cup**

Almondsbury vs Keynsham Town 19:45KO

Buckland Athletic vs Torpoint Athletic 19:30KO

Helston Athletic vs Falmouth Town 19:45KO

Odd Down vs Ilfracombe Town 19:45KO

Shepton Mallet vs FC Bristol 19:30KO

**Wednesday 22nd February 2023**

**First Division**

AEK Boco vs Bishops Lydeard 19:30KO

Shirehampton vs Bishop Sutton 19:30KO

**Saturday 25th February 2023 (3pm kick-off unless noted)**

**Premier Division**

Barnstaple Town vs Keynsham Town 14:00KO

Bridgwater United vs Ashton & Backwell United

Buckland Athletic vs Mousehole

Cadbury Heath vs Falmouth Town

Ilfracombe Town vs Torpoint Athletic

Millbrook vs Welton Rovers

Shepton Mallet vs Clevedon Town

Sherborne Town vs Helston Athletic

Wellington vs Street

**First Division**

Almondsbury vs Radstock Town 14:00KO

Brislington vs Cheddar

Bristol Telephones vs Hallen

Gillingham Town vs Oldland Abbotonians

Hengrove Athletic vs Bishop Sutton

Longwell Green Sports vs Nailsea & Tickenham

Odd Down vs Shirehampton

Tytherington Rocks vs Portishead Town

Wells City vs Warminster Town

Wincanton Town vs Bishops Lydeard 14:00KO



The latest episode of the podcast includes an interview with Ilfracombe boss Clem Bennellick, who talks about their recent positive run of form, while also giving his thoughts on mental health in the game. Ian then catches up with Nic Steadman of Nailsea & Tickenham, who reflects on his side’s meteoric rise this season. Both guests also reflect on the news that the Western Peninsula League merger is far from certain.

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**League Tables**

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|  | PREMIER DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Saltash United** | 28 | 19 | 6 | 3 | 39 | **63** |
| 2 | **Mousehole** | 24 | 17 | 6 | 1 | 42 | **57** |
| 3 | **Bridgwater United** | 25 | 17 | 4 | 4 | 42 | **55** |
| 4 | **Buckland Athletic** | 26 | 16 | 2 | 8 | 19 | **50** |
| 5 | **Barnstaple Town** | 24 | 15 | 2 | 7 | 14 | **47** |
| 6 | **Shepton Mallet** | 22 | 13 | 5 | 4 | 24 | **44** |
| 7 | **Helston Athletic** | 24 | 11 | 7 | 6 | 9 | **40** |
| 8 | **Ashton & Backwell United** | 25 | 11 | 3 | 11 | 6 | **36** |
| 9 | **Falmouth Town** | 25 | 9 | 6 | 10 | 2 | **33** |
| 10 | **Millbrook** | 25 | 8 | 5 | 12 | -13 | **29** |
| 11 | **Clevedon Town** | 24 | 8 | 4 | 12 | -13 | **28** |
| 12 | **Welton Rovers** | 27 | 8 | 4 | 15 | -30 | **28** |
| 13 | **Street** | 24 | 8 | 3 | 13 | -21 | **27** |
| 14 | **Ilfracombe Town** | 22 | 5 | 9 | 8 | -2 | **24** |
| 15 | **Wellington** | 23 | 6 | 6 | 11 | -11 | **24** |
| 16 | **Torpoint Athletic** | 25 | 6 | 6 | 13 | -16 | **24** |
| 17 | **Sherborne Town** | 23 | 5 | 4 | 14 | -12 | **19** |
| 18 | **Cadbury Heath** | 24 | 3 | 5 | 16 | -28 | **14** |
| 19 | **Keynsham Town** | 26 | 3 | 3 | 20 | -51 | **12** |

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|  | FIRST DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Nailsea & Tickenham** | 31 | 23 | 3 | 5 | 60 | **72** |
| 2 | **Wells City** | 28 | 22 | 3 | 3 | 45 | **69** |
| 3 | **Brislington** | 27 | 22 | 2 | 3 | 56 | **68** |
| 4 | **Oldland Abbotonians** | 28 | 19 | 5 | 4 | 34 | **62** |
| 5 | **Shirehampton** | 29 | 15 | 4 | 10 | 15 | **49** |
| 6 | **FC Bristol** | 30 | 15 | 4 | 11 | 7 | **49** |
| 7 | **Wincanton Town** | 28 | 14 | 4 | 10 | 14 | **46** |
| 8 | **Warminster Town** | 30 | 13 | 5 | 12 | 1 | **44** |
| 9 | **Odd Down** | 30 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 15 | **43** |
| 10 | **Portishead Town** | 26 | 13 | 3 | 10 | 7 | **42** |
| 11 | **Bishop Sutton** | 27 | 12 | 6 | 9 | 4 | **42** |
| 12 | **Hallen** | 29 | 10 | 6 | 13 | 3 | **36** |
| 13 | **Hengrove Athletic** | 31 | 9 | 7 | 15 | -9 | **34** |
| 14 | **AEK Boco** | 29 | 10 | 3 | 16 | -23 | **33** |
| 15 | **Cheddar** | 30 | 8 | 6 | 16 | -12 | **30** |
| 16 | **Radstock Town** | 31 | 6 | 11 | 14 | -13 | **29** |
| 17 | **Gillingham Town** | 29 | 8 | 5 | 16 | -16 | **29** |
| 18 | **Longwell Green Sports** | 30 | 8 | 5 | 17 | -24 | **29** |
| 19 | **Bristol Telephones** | 32 | 7 | 9 | 16 | -20 | **27\*** |
| 20 | **Almondsbury** | 33 | 6 | 8 | 19 | -61 | **26** |
| 21 | **Tytherington Rocks** | 31 | 6 | 7 | 18 | -44 | **25** |
| 22 | **Bishops Lydeard** | 29 | 6 | 6 | 17 | -39 | **24** |