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**Season 2022/23**

**Midweek Action: Brislington**’s brilliant run towards the top of the First Division continued on Tuesday evening thanks to a 4-0 win at home to **Tytherington**. The home side struck twice in either half with the Jordan’s, Scadding and Metters putting them two-up, before Oaklan Buck and Danny Dodimead added further goals after the interval. Top-side **Nailsea & Tickenham** maintained their lead at the top thanks to a strong showing at home to **Hengrove**. Sam Beresford, Sam Trueman and man-of-the-match Andy Head all struck during a one-sided first half, with Pete Sheppard pulling a goal back for Hengrove on the hour mark. The other match on Tuesday night saw **Portishead’s** three-match winning run ended by **Longwell Green Sports**, who claimed a 2-1 victory at Bristol Road. Goals from Liam Oswin and Tommy Longhurst did the business for Longwell Green, with Calum Townsend extending his own scoring run with a late consolation for the hosts. 24 hours later, Scott Bamford continued his prolific season in front of goal, firing home a hat-trick in **Shirehampton**’s 4-0 win at home to **Bishop Sutton**. After Bamford opened the scoring ten minutes before half-time, Shirehampton skipper Matt McCall then struck early in the second half to double their advantage. Bamford then struck twice more in the final 15 minutes to smash his way to the top of the scoring charts, while helping to deliver another three points for the Bristolian outfit. The other fixture on Wednesday saw **Bishops Lydeard** move off the foot of the table following a 2-2 draw away at **AEK Boco**. Having already come from behind during the first half, the Lyds then grabbed a crucial point ten minutes from time when Ben Martin tucked home a late penalty.

There was a big night of Les Phillips Cup action on Tuesday evening, with **Buckland** storming to a 6-2 win over **Torpoint** in the pick of the results. Having fallen behind in the opening ten minutes, Buckland levelled affairs just prior to half-time through Sam Stayt. The Bucks then shot out of the blocks after the break, with Ryan Bush and Stayt scoring around the hour mark to put them 3-1 up. Despite the visitors stemming the tide with another goal of their own, Buckland weren’t deterred, and struck twice more in quick succession through Sam Morcom and Josh Webber, before Bush scored again in stoppage time to complete the big victory. Buckland’s opponents in the next round will be **Helston Athletic**, after Tom Payne’s late set piece led them to a 2-1 win over **Falmouth**. Jamie Simmonds’ 12th minute opener was cancelled out by a Falmouth equaliser soon after, but the visitors then suffered a heavy blow with keeper Ryan Barnes sent off for fouling Rikki Sheppard having rushed out of his area. It was then left to Payne to score the winner during the final ten minutes, with his exquisite free kick beating Falmouth’s replacement keeper as the game seemingly headed towards a shootout. One game that was decided on penalties saw **Shepton Mallet** survive a scare at home to **FC Bristol**. After Abdirizak Hussein had put the lower-division side ahead in the 11th minute, Mallet responded well, drawing level ten minutes before half-time through Fin Haines. The away side hit the bar in the closing stages, but the game remained one apiece, with Jasper Jones scoring Mallet’s winning spot kick, moments after Tom Easterbrook had made a smart save from Bristol’s fourth-taker. The other ties both went in the away sides’ favour, with a pair of goals inside the opening quarter leading **Keynsham** to a 2-0 win at **Almondsbury**, while goals from Harry Stevens and Sam Wright helped **Ilfracombe** overcome a half-time deficit to prevail by two goals to one at ten-man **Odd Down**.

**Premier Division: Mousehole** moved to within three points of top spot thanks to an impressive come-from-behind 4-1 victory away at **Buckland Athletic**. Having already met twice this season with a win apiece, it was Buckland who made the stronger start at Homers Heath, with Ryan Bush putting them ahead midway through the first half. The Cornish side managed to get back on level terms not long after falling behind however, with top scorer Hayden Turner firing home a long range free kick which was powered under the Buckland wall and into the back of the home net. A tap-in from Mark Goldsworthy helped Mousehole then move ahead at the beginning of the second half, and they wrapped up victory in the closing stages thanks to a pair of late goals from Turner and Reece Thomson. It was a strong day all around for the away sides in the Premier Division, with a number of other sides also walking away with maximum points. One of those were **Helston Athletic**, with Tom Payne playing a starring role in their 3-0 triumph over **Sherborne**. A hard-fought opening half looked as though it would end in a stalemate, before Payne had his first major contribution, finding the back of the net to hand the visitors a 41st minute lead. Payne then crossed for Jamie Simmonds, whose flicked header made it 2-0 early in the second half, before the star man produced some individual brilliance to put the result beyond doubt on the hour mark. **Welton** were another side to win on their travels, with Courtney Charles’ solitary goal early in the second half helping them squeak past **Millbrook**. The only Premier side to actually win on their home patch was **Barnstaple** who stormed to a 4-0 victory at home to bottom side **Keynsham**. Having beaten the same opposition 5-4 in a thriller earlier this season, Barum found their second contest against the K’s much more of a simple proposition, with Nathan Colley’s brace, and further goals from Tor Swann and Rhys Thomas helping them jump into fourth spot. A penalty save in stoppage time helped ten-man **Ashton & Backwell United** salvage a 1-1 draw away at **Bridgwater** in a dramatic contest at Fairfax Park. The home side made a near perfect start to the contest and led by a goal to nil after only five minutes when Jake Llewellyn whipped the ball into the top corner from well outside the area. The visitors then got back on level terms early in the second half, but saw their hopes of claiming anything from the afternoon dented when they were reduced to ten men on the hour mark. Bridgwater kept pushing for what would be a winning goal, and were given a golden chance in added time following a foul on Jordan Greenwood in the penalty area, but the resulting spot kick was kept out by the visiting keeper to preserve Ashton’s well-earned point. **Torpoint** responded well from their heavy midweek cup defeat by winning 2-0 away at **Ilfracombe.** A pair of first half goals did the business for the away side, with Lewis Pacey opening the scoring after quarter-of-an-hour, before Ryan Richards then doubled their advantage in the 32nd minute after beating the offside trap. Another side to win by two goals to nil on their travels was **Falmouth**, with an effort in either half leading them past **Cadbury** **Heath** at Springfield. The other fixtures on Saturday afternoon both ended in goalless stalemates, with **Wellington** and **Street** cancelling each other out in Somerset *(pictured, left),* while **Clevedon** hung on for a well-earned point at **Shepton Mallet** after losing forward Alex Camm to a red card in the 26th minute.

**Action from Mousehole’s 4-1 victory away at Buckland, courtesy of @dorsetdom1905**

**First Division:** It was a good day for the top sides in the First, with each member of the top six claiming maximum points on Saturday afternoon. Leaders **Nailsea & Tickenham** had little trouble in brushing aside **Longwell Green Sports**, with both Jacob O’Donnell and Joe Berry scoring twice in their one-sided victory. Second-place **Brislington** are enjoying a long winning run, and that continued at home to **Cheddar** after they hung on to win by two goals to one *(pictured, right).* A lofted finish from Dean Griffiths put the hosts’ ahead midway through the first half, with an Asa White penalty then doubling their advantage as the game headed towards the final 20 minutes. Cheddar responded to White’s spot kick with a goal of their own soon after, but they were unable to force home an equaliser and have now won 12 league games on the spin. There was also a big win for **Wells City** who remain firmly in the title race thanks to a 4-1 victory at home to **Warminster**. Home debutant Harry Warwick gave the Somerset outfit a big boost in the opening few minutes, with his superb solo goal making it 1-0 early on. Leading scorer Adam Wright then doubled City’s lead in the ninth minute before Warminster pulled a goal back during an entertaining opening half. It was Wells who pushed on after the interval however, and after Michael Duffy restored their two-goal advantage, Wright was then on target again 20 minutes from time to complete the victory. **Oldland Abbotonians** secured their second 4-1 victory of the week, scoring twice in either half to pick up a strong win away at **Gillingham**. A cheeky backheel from Mason Davis set the Abbots on their way in the 32nd minute, before a penalty just prior to half-time from Harrison Kyte put them two goals to the good. Tom Jarvis threatened to kick-start a fightback when he got Town on the board, but the away side finished the game strongly, with both Kyte and Davis completing goalscoring doubles. Another duo who each struck twice were Louis Irwin and Matt Garner, with their four goals combining to help **Wincanton** defeat **Bishops Lydeard** 5-0. Town dominated the second half against their lowly visitors, scoring four times after the interval to lay down a marker against the same opposition they will play in a seven days’ time at Cothelstone Road. 18th placed **Bristol Telephones** were the biggest scorers of the day, putting six past **Hallen** in their highest scoring outing of the season to date. The victory was never in doubt for the Phones who led by three goals inside the opening 15 minutes, before adding three more during a quieter second half. Lee Pitman and Reuben Gabb each grabbed goals, as did both Sam Thomas and Dan Sutton who were yet another duo to strike twice in their victories on Saturday afternoon. The only other home victory came for **Tytherington Rocks**, with a 15th minute effort from skipper Nathan Croot leading them past **Portishead** at Hardwicke Field. **Radstock Town** are up into the lofty heights of 15th position after they defeated **Almondsbury** 2-0 on a successful visit to Bristol. The hosts fluffed a golden opportunity to go ahead early in the second half when Ashley Knight saw his spot kick saved by young keeper Dominic Law. The Miners made Knight pay dearly for his indiscretion, with Jack Pearson-Brown putting them ahead 20 minutes from time, before Will Osbourne then added some gloss to the scoreline with the final kick of the game. **Bishop Sutton** leapfrogged a couple of sides up into eighth spot, with an early header from Ethan Ballantine and a rare Alessandro Pellacia strike leading them to a 2-0 win away at ten-man **Hengrove**. In Bath, **Shirehampton** overturned a half-time deficit to beat **Odd Down** 2-1. Having fallen behind to Luke Bryan’s opener in added time at the end of the first half, the visitors regrouped and secured all three points thanks to a Ryan Radford double.

On the latest podcast, Ian catches up with Millbrook manager, Mackenzie Brown, who explains why he’s looking up the table rather than down despite the challenge his side are currently facing in the Premier Division. There is also a conversation with Wincanton boss Chris Wise who talks with Ian about their recent run of results, including last weekend’s victory over Tytherington. [Season 2022/23 Podcast Episode 29 | Toolstation Western League (toolstationleague.com)](http://toolstationleague.com/season-2022-23-podcast-episode-29/)

**Recent Results**

**Tuesday 21st February 2023**

**First Division**

Brislington 4-0 Tytherington Rocks

Nailsea & Tickenham 3-1 Hengrove Athletic

Portishead Town 1-2 Longwell Green Sports

**Les Phillips Cup**

Almondsbury 0-2 Keynsham Town

Buckland Athletic 6-2 Torpoint Athletic

Helston Athletic 2-1 Falmouth Town

Odd Down 1-2 Ilfracombe Town

Shepton Mallet 1-1 (3-2 pens) FC Bristol

**Wednesday 22nd February 2023**

**First Division**

AEK Boco 2-2 Bishops Lydeard

Shirehampton 4-0 Bishop Sutton

**Saturday 25th February 2023**

**Premier Division**

Barnstaple Town 4-0 Keynsham Town

Bridgwater United 1-1 Ashton & Backwell United

Buckland Athletic 1-4 Mousehole

Cadbury Heath 0-2 Falmouth Town

Ilfracombe Town 0-2 Torpoint Athletic

Millbrook 0-1 Welton Rovers

Shepton Mallet 0-0 Clevedon Town

Sherborne Town 0-3 Helston Athletic

Wellington 0-0 Street

**First Division**

Almondsbury 0-2 Radstock Town

Brislington 2-1 Cheddar

Bristol Telephones 6-0 Hallen

Gillingham Town 1-4 Oldland Abbotonians

Hengrove Athletic 0-2 Bishop Sutton

Longwell Green Sports 1-4 Nailsea & Tickenham

Odd Down 1-2 Shirehampton

Tytherington Rocks 1-0 Portishead Town

Wells City 4-1 Warminster Town

Wincanton Town 5-0 Bishops Lydeard

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

**All Competitions**

**Scott Bamford (Shirehampton) – 31**

**Jack Thorne (Bridgwater/N&T) – 26**

**Curtis Damerell (Torpoint) – 26**

**Luke Bryan (Odd Down) – 26**

**Sacha Tong (FC Bristol) – 24**

**Adam Wright (Wells) – 24**

**Hayden Turner (Mousehole) - 22**

**Craig Wilson (Bishop Sutton) – 21**

**Luke Osgood (Nailsea & Tickenham) – 20**

**Harry Foster (Street) – 20**

**Premier Division**

**Curtis Damerell (Torpoint) – 19**

**Hayden Turner (Mousehole) - 18**

**Harry Foster (Street) – 18**

**Jacob Brown (Bridgwater) – 16**

**First Division**

**Scott Bamford (Shirehampton) – 27**

**Luke Bryan (Odd Down) – 26**

**Sacha Tong (FC Bristol) – 22**

**Adam Wright (Wells) – 22**

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

**Luke Osgood (Nailsea & Tickenham) - 20**

**Upcoming Fixtures**

**Tuesday 28th February 2023**

**Premier Division**

Barnstaple Town vs Sherborne Town 19:45KO

Bridgwater United vs Helston Athletic 19:45KO

Buckland Athletic vs Torpoint Athletic 19:30KO

Ilfracombe Town vs Wellington 19:45KO

Keynsham Town vs Clevedon Town 19:45KO

Saltash United vs Millbrook 19:30KO

Shepton Mallet vs Street 19:30KO

**First Division**

Brislington vs AEK Boco 19:30KO

Cheddar vs Longwell Green Sports 19:45KO

Odd Down vs Bishop Sutton 19:45KO

Portishead Town vs Bristol Telephones 19:30KO

Wincanton Town vs Warminster Town 19:30KO

**Wednesday 1st March 2023**

**First Division**

Oldland Abbotonians vs Wells City 19:45KO

Shirehampton vs Gillingham Town 19:30KO

**Friday 3rd March 2023**

**First Division**

Hallen vs Tytherington Rocks 19:45KO

**Saturday 4th March 2023 (3pm kick-off unless noted)**

**Premier Division**

Clevedon Town vs Ilfracombe Town

Helston Athletic vs Barnstaple Town

Mousehole vs Bridgwater United

Saltash United vs Cadbury Heath

Sherborne Town vs Torpoint Athletic 14:00KO

Street vs Falmouth Town

Wellington vs Ashton & Backwell United

Welton Rovers vs Buckland Athletic

**First Division**

AEK Boco vs Shirehampton

Almondsbury vs Longwell Green Sports 14:00KO

Bishop Sutton vs Portishead Town

Bishops Lydeard vs Wincanton Town 14:00KO

Bristol Telephones vs Hengrove Athletic

Cheddar vs Odd Down

Gillingham Town vs Radstock Town

Nailsea & Tickenham vs Wells City

Oldland Abbotonians vs FC Bristol

Warminster Town vs Brislington

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[**TSWL Statement | Toolstation Western League (toolstationleague.com)**](http://toolstationleague.com/tswl-statement/)

**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** | 25 | 18 | 6 | 1 | 45 | **60** |
| 3 | **Bridgwater United** | 26 | 17 | 5 | 4 | 42 | **56** |
| 4 | **Barnstaple Town** | 25 | 16 | 2 | 7 | 18 | **50** |
| 5 | **Buckland Athletic** | 27 | 16 | 2 | 9 | 16 | **50** |
| 6 | **Shepton Mallet** | 23 | 13 | 6 | 4 | 24 | **45** |
| 7 | **Helston Athletic** | 25 | 12 | 7 | 6 | 12 | **43** |
| 8 | **Ashton & Backwell United** | 26 | 11 | 4 | 11 | 6 | **37** |
| 9 | **Falmouth Town** | 26 | 10 | 6 | 10 | 4 | **36** |
| 10 | **Welton Rovers** | 28 | 9 | 4 | 15 | -29 | **31** |
| 11 | **Clevedon Town** | 25 | 8 | 5 | 12 | -13 | **29** |
| 12 | **Millbrook** | 26 | 8 | 5 | 13 | -14 | **29** |
| 13 | **Street** | 25 | 8 | 4 | 13 | -21 | **28** |
| 14 | **Torpoint Athletic** | 26 | 7 | 6 | 13 | -14 | **27** |
| 15 | **Wellington** | 24 | 6 | 7 | 11 | -11 | **25** |
| 16 | **Ilfracombe Town** | 23 | 5 | 9 | 9 | -4 | **24** |
| 17 | **Sherborne Town** | 24 | 5 | 4 | 15 | -15 | **19** |
| 18 | **Cadbury Heath** | 25 | 3 | 5 | 17 | -30 | **14** |
| 19 | **Keynsham Town** | 27 | 3 | 3 | 21 | -55 | **12** |

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|  | FIRST DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Nailsea & Tickenham** | 33 | 25 | 3 | 5 | 65 | **78** |
| 2 | **Brislington** | 29 | 24 | 2 | 3 | 61 | **74** |
| 3 | **Wells City** | 29 | 23 | 3 | 3 | 48 | **72** |
| 4 | **Oldland Abbotonians** | 29 | 20 | 5 | 4 | 37 | **65** |
| 5 | **Shirehampton** | 31 | 17 | 4 | 10 | 20 | **55** |
| 6 | **Wincanton Town** | 29 | 15 | 4 | 10 | 19 | **49** |
| 7 | **FC Bristol** | 30 | 15 | 4 | 11 | 7 | **49** |
| 8 | **Bishop Sutton** | 29 | 13 | 6 | 10 | 2 | **45** |
| 9 | **Warminster Town** | 31 | 13 | 5 | 13 | -2 | **44** |
| 10 | **Odd Down** | 31 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 14 | **43** |
| 11 | **Portishead Town** | 28 | 13 | 3 | 12 | 5 | **42** |
| 12 | **Hallen** | 30 | 10 | 6 | 14 | -3 | **36** |
| 13 | **Hengrove Athletic** | 33 | 9 | 7 | 17 | -13 | **34** |
| 14 | **AEK Boco** | 30 | 10 | 4 | 16 | -23 | **34** |
| 15 | **Radstock Town** | 32 | 7 | 11 | 14 | -11 | **32** |
| 16 | **Longwell Green Sports** | 32 | 9 | 5 | 18 | -26 | **32** |
| 17 | **Cheddar** | 31 | 8 | 6 | 17 | -13 | **30** |
| 18 | **Bristol Telephones** | 33 | 8 | 9 | 16 | -14 | **30\*** |
| 19 | **Gillingham Town** | 30 | 8 | 5 | 17 | -19 | **29** |
| 20 | **Tytherington Rocks** | 33 | 7 | 7 | 19 | -47 | **28** |
| 21 | **Almondsbury** | 34 | 6 | 8 | 20 | -63 | **26** |
| 22 | **Bishops Lydeard** | 31 | 6 | 7 | 18 | -44 | **25** |