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**Season 2022/23**

**Midweek Action:** A busy Tuesday evening of league action saw plenty of talking points as the teams put themselves in position ahead of the upcoming stretch-run. In the Premier Division, **Saltash** enjoyed a comfortable evening at home to **Millbrook**, winning by four goals to nil. After Charlie Elkington gave them a seventh minute lead, the Ashes doubled their advantage on the half-hour mark thanks to a headed effort from Callum O’Brien. The home side then pulled away at the beginning of the second half, with debutant Josh Parry and Sam Hughes putting them four goals to the good. There was also a victory for **Barnstaple** at home to **Sherborne**, with Stu Bowker scoring twice during their 3-1 win *(pictured left, courtesy of Nathan Bennett).* Declan Cornish had levelled affairs for the Zebras during the first half, but they fell to another defeat following Bowker’s double, and a further goal from Ryan Turner. Two goals in the final ten minutes from Sullivan McKenna and Glen Wright led **Wellington** to a 2-0 win at **Ilfracombe**, while **Buckland** also left it late before seeing off **Torpoint**, with Josh Webber scoring the crucial goal after 82 minutes to hand them a 1-0 win. **Helston** also struck at the death to grab a dramatic 2-2 draw awayat **Bridgwater**. Having taken a first half lead through Jordan Bentley, Helston saw their lead evaporate in the space of four minutes when both Jake Llewellyn and Conor Hartley found the back of the net within the opening moments of the second half. Both sides were then reduced to ten men following different incidents, but Helston kept pushing and finally grabbed an equaliser in the 91st minute when Rikki Sheppard produced a fine finish. Another man to impress in front of goal was Ethan Feltham, with a couple of goal of the season contenders were among his treble in **Clevedon’s** big win at **Keynsham**. Feltham scored the first three goals during the Seasiders 4-0 victory, with substitute Nathanial Groom then adding the finishing touches late on. **Street** grabbed a share of the derby day spoils, levelling affairs during the final ten minutes of their 1-1 draw away at **Shepton Mallet**. The home side were in position to secure three points thanks to a goal on the hour mark from sub Jacob Sloggett, but the Cobblers had the last word, with Ed McLaughlin salvaging a draw when he scored during the final ten minutes.

**Shepton Mallet AFC are sad to announce the recent passing of their previous club photographer Haydn Jones, a well-known face around our league grounds. Haydn was club photographer for ten years until ill health forced his retirement at the end of last season, when he won the *Toolstation League Photograph of the Year* and also had a photograph in the 2022 FA Cup Final programme – reflecting the high quality of his work. All our thoughts go to Haydn’s family at this sad time.**

 There was also plenty going on in the First Division during the week, with **Brislington** continuing their incredible run of form thanks to a 3-0 win at home to **AEK Boco** on Tuesday night. Goals from Jordan Metters, Ash McGrane and Asa White inside the opening half hour handed Bris their latest victory, with a tilt at the title now definitely on the cards. At **Wincanton**, goals from Lewis Voizey, Cam Allen and Matt Garner led the hosts to a 3-1 victory over **Warminster**, while a pair of Callum Baker header’s helped **Bristol Telephones** pick up a 2-1 win away at **Portishead**. There was also an away win for **Bishop Sutton** at nearby **Odd Down**, with Josh Clark striking in the 20th minute to condemn his former side to a rare home defeat. In Cheddar, the home side were stunned by a long-range injury time winner by Lewis Coleman who earned Longwell Green Sports a 2-1 victory. After Dean Chrisostomou had cancelled out James Horrocks’ first half opener, Cheddar looked to have done enough to rescue a point, but Coleman had other ideas, finding the back of the net from all of 40 yards to give Longwell Green their second win over the Cheesemen this season. On Wednesday evening, **Gillingham** gained an invaluable come-from-behind victory at fifth-placed **Shirehampton**. Having fallen behind to Jay Spicer’s fine solo effort, the Gills hit back to win 2-1, with Max Westlake and Andy Holmes goals late in the first half completing the turnaround. There was also a big away win for Wells City at Oldland Abbotonians in a crucial battle between third and fourth. A defeat would have seen just four points separate the sides, but Wells made sure that wouldn’t be the case, with Adam Wright firing them ahead after only four minutes. Harrison Kyte maintained his strong run of from with a 22nd minute equaliser, before Tom Ellis’ thundering header restored the visitors’ advantage. Two goals from Harry Horton completed the win for the Somerset side who sit hot on the tails of their title rivals.

**Premier Division:** In the day’s big game at the top, **Mousehole** came from behind to beat **Bridgwater** 2-1, and move six points clear of their title rivals. United haven’t been in great form recently, but they made a strong start at Trungle Parc, moving into a goal lead after only 13 minutes when George King finished well after racing clear. It looked like they would sustain that lead up until the break, however the home side had other ideas and got back on level terms in first half stoppage time through defender Adel Gafaiti. The game then kicked back into life midway through the second half, and despite losing a man to a red card in the 63rd minute, Mousehole completed their turnaround soon after, with an own goal putting them 2-1 up. Bridgwater did their best to make the man advantage count during the final 20 minutes, coming close to equalising on a number of occasions, but they couldn’t quite convert their late chances and slipped back slightly in the title race. **Saltash** still sit atop the division after completing a 4-1 win at home to **Cadbury Heath**. A 24th minute goal from Callum O’Brien set the home side on their way, before Mike Smith then struck twice towards the end of the first half to put them three goals to the good. Smith picked up where he left off early in the second half, scoring his hat-trick goal eight minutes after the restart, with a penalty from Tom Withers the only dent on a near-perfect afternoon for the league leaders. **Wellington** came out on top in a five-goal thriller at home to **Ashton & Backwell** *(pictured, right),* scoring a winner in stoppage time to extend their excellent run of home results. Having fallen behind to Alfie Cummings’ ninth minute opener, Welly got back on level terms just before half time with Jake Quick converting from the penalty spot. Sully McKenna then struck for the second game this week to put the hosts 2-1 up, only for a penalty to be awarded at the other end, with Shea Bennington-Mannings scoring from 12 yards to level things late on. For the winning goal, Glen Wright picked up the ball out wide before crossing for Tom Burt who placed his header into the back of the net to make it nine unbeaten on their home patch for the Somerset side.

Another side enjoying life at the minute are **Welton Rovers**, with their 1-0 victory over **Buckland** giving them a fourth win from six. The decisive goal came after only ten minutes thanks to Lewis Russell, before the Green Army’s improved back line added another clean sheet to their growing tally to keep their visitors at bay. **Clevedon** also registered a victory thanks to fine performances at both ends of the field, with Glen Hayer playing a starring role in their 2-0 win over **Ilfracombe**. Hayer provided both assists during the Seasiders triumph, with Cam Salmon firing them ahead in the 19th minute, before Syd Camper completed the scoring early in the second half with a strong finish from the edge of the box. **Barnstaple** rescued a point in Cornwall, striking in the fifth minute of stoppage time to draw one apiece with **Helston**. After substitute Matty Bye put the hosts ahead early in the second half, Barum looked to be heading towards a rare defeat, only for Brodie Montague to pop up at the death to get his side level. There was also a 1-1 draw at Raleigh Grove, where **Sherborne**’s Benjani Mwaruwari Jr cancelled out James Forrest’s opener to grab a share of the points with **Torpoint**, while the clash between **Street** and **Falmouth** ended with an identical scoreline also.

**First Division:** On Friday evening, **Hallen**’s Harry Barter hit a stunning free kick to lead his side to a 1-0 win at home to **Tytherington Rocks**. Barter’s effort from well outside the box gave the hosts a lead early in the second half, and they hung on to end a four-match winless run. Saturday’s big winners were **Brislington** who have moved into top spot following a 2-0 win away at **Warminster**. The new league leaders didn’t have it all their own way at Weymouth Street, but had enough in the bag to register another three points, with goals in either half from Oaklan Buck proving to be enough. The other title favourites met at Fryth Way, with **Nailsea & Tickenham** twice coming from behind to secure a 2-2 draw with **Wells**. Luke Osgood scored the first equaliser late in the first half, cancelling out an early penalty from Wells’ frontman Adam Wright. City’s leading scorer was on target again during the final 15 minutes, but Wells were pegged back again, with Jacob O’Donnell leading the instant response to grab a point for the Swags. **Bishop Sutton** flew out of the blocks in their 4-0 win at home to **Portishead**, scoring three times in the opening 23 minutes at Lakeview *(pictured, left).* Alessandro Pelliccia was the difference maker in the opening stages, scoring Sutton’s first and second goals of the afternoon, before Josh Clark extended the lead to three in a fast-powered start to the contest. The second half was a much quieter affair, with Reeko Best’s effort 20 minutes from time all the hosts had to show for their efforts, with this latest three points sending Sutton past the 50-point mark. At the opposite end of the table, **Gillingham Town** jumped up a few spots after an incredible comeback win over **Radstock**. The Miners recent turnaround has been dramatic to say the least, and they looked set to register yet another victory when Jacob Bird and Matt Curnock put them two goals ahead at the interval. Gillingham had other ideas however, and after beating Shirehampton in midweek, a goal on the hour mark from Jordon Clapp seemed to give them renewed confidence. A set piece from James Boyland with 20 minutes left on the clock saw the home side get parity, before Max Westlake struck soon after to complete the incredible turnaround at Woodwater Lane. There was no comeback for **Almondsbury**, who conceded three times in the opening half of their 3-0 loss at home to **Longwell Green Sports**. Zac Feltham’s double spearheaded the visitor’s comfortable win, with Jacob Watson also finding the back of the net to condemn the Almonds to their fourth loss on the bounce.

**Shirehampton** slipped down into sixth spot after falling to a second defeat against bottom-half opposition in the space of four days. Following the midweek loss to Gillingham, it was AEK Boco who did the damage this time, beating the Bristolians 3-1 at the Greenbank Rec. Luke Bryan was among the goals again, scoring twice in the first half to give **Odd Down** a 2-1 win at **Cheddar**, while Billy Padfield scored the winner for **Bristol Telephones** as they overturned a half-time deficit to beat **Hengrove** 2-1. Things were much more comfortable for **Oldland** who scored twice in either half of their 4-0 win at home to top-half rival **FC Bristol.** The in-form Mason Davis scored from long, and then close range to help the Abbots build a two-goal half-time advantage, before Harrison Kyte’s screamer was followed by a late effort from Cash Vinall to cap another standout home win. There was late drama in the contest at Cothelstone Road, where **Wincanton** survived a scare to beat **Bishops Lydeard** 3-2. Having lead 2-1 at the interval, Winky were pegged back 15 from time following an own goal, but they managed to find the resolve to hit back with Dan Dix’s left-footed finish in the 89th minute sparking joyous scenes from the Town contingent.

On the latest episode of the podcast, we hear from Chairman of the Toolstation Western League, John Pool. He talks with Ian about the future of the league following the collapse of the proposed Western Peninsula League. There are also interviews with Torpoint boss Dean Cardew and Oldland Abbotonians’ assistant manager, Lee Lintern, who each discuss the progress their sides have made this season in the Premier and First Division’s respectively.

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

**Premier Division**

**Curtis Damerell (Torpoint) – 19**

**Hayden Turner (Mousehole) - 18**

**Harry Foster (Street) – 18**

**Jacob Brown (Bridgwater) – 16**

**Harry Stevens (Ilfracombe) – 14**

**Josh Webber (Buckland) – 14**

**First Division**

**Scott Bamford (Shirehampton) – 28**

**Luke Bryan (Odd Down) – 28**

**Adam Wright (Wells) – 24**

**Sacha Tong (FC Bristol) – 22**

**Joe Berry (Nailsea/Tickenham) – 20**

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

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

**All Competitions**

**Scott Bamford (Shirehampton) – 32**

**Luke Bryan (Odd Down) – 28**

**Jack Thorne (Bridgwater/N&T) – 26**

**Adam Wright (Wells) – 26**

**Curtis Damerell (Torpoint) – 26**

**Sacha Tong (FC Bristol) – 24**

**Hayden Turner (Mousehole) - 22**

**Craig Wilson (Bishop Sutton) – 21**

**Joe Berry (Nailsea & Tickenham) – 20**

**Harry Foster (Street) – 20**

**Luke Osgood (Nailsea & Ticken0ham) – 20**

**Asa White (Brislington) – 20**

**Recent Results**

**Tuesday 28th February 2023**

**Premier Division**

Barnstaple Town 3-1 Sherborne Town

Bridgwater United 2-2 Helston Athletic

Buckland Athletic 1-0 Torpoint Athletic

Ilfracombe Town 0-2 Wellington

Keynsham Town 0-4 Clevedon Town

Saltash United 4-0 Millbrook

Shepton Mallet 1-1 Street

**First Division**

Brislington 3-0 AEK Boco

Cheddar 1-2 Longwell Green Sports

Odd Down 0-1 Bishop Sutton

Portishead Town 1-2 Bristol Telephones

Wincanton Town 3-1 Warminster Town

**Wednesday 1st March 2023**

**First Division**

Oldland Abbotonians 1-4 Wells City

Shirehampton 1-2 Gillingham Town

**Friday 3rd March 2023**

**First Division**

Hallen 1-0 Tytherington Rocks

**Saturday 4th March 2023**

**Premier Division**

Clevedon Town 2-0 Ilfracombe Town

Helston Athletic 1-1 Barnstaple Town

Mousehole 2-1 Bridgwater United

Saltash United 4-1 Cadbury Heath

Sherborne Town 1-1 Torpoint Athletic

Street 1-1 Falmouth Town

Wellington 3-2 Ashton & Backwell United

Welton Rovers 1-0 Buckland Athletic

**First Division**

AEK Boco 3-1 Shirehampton

Almondsbury 0-3 Longwell Green Sports

Bishop Sutton 4-0 Portishead Town

Bishops Lydeard 2-3 Wincanton Town

Bristol Telephones 2-1 Hengrove Athletic

Cheddar 1-2 Odd Down

Gillingham Town 3-2 Radstock Town

Nailsea & Tickenham 2-2 Wells City

Oldland Abbotonians 4-0 FC Bristol

Warminster Town 0-2 Brislington

**Upcoming Fixtures**

**Tuesday 7th March 2023**

**Premier Division**

Ilfracombe Town vs Buckland Athletic 19:45KO

Millbrook vs Mousehole 19:45KO

**First Division**

Gillingham Town vs Brislington 19:30KO

Hallen vs AEK Boco 19:30KO

Wells City vs Shirehampton 19:30KO

Wincanton Town vs Oldland Abbotonians 19:30KO

**Wednesday 8th March 2023**

**Premier Division**

Cadbury Heath vs Shepton Mallet 19:30KO

Sherborne Town vs Clevedon Town 19:30KO

Street vs Welton Rovers 19:30KO

**First Division**

FC Bristol vs Cheddar 19:45KO

Warminster Town vs Bishops Lydeard 19:45KO

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

**Premier Division**

Ashton & Backwell United vs Helston Athletic

Barnstaple Town vs Buckland Athletic

Bridgwater United vs Shepton Mallet

Ilfracombe Town vs Mousehole

Keynsham Town vs Saltash United

Millbrook vs Clevedon Town

Sherborne Town vs Cadbury Heath

Wellington vs Falmouth Town

**First Division**

Cheddar vs Bishop Sutton

FC Bristol vs Bristol Telephones

Gillingham Town vs AEK Boco

Hengrove Athletic vs Almondsbury

Longwell Green Sports vs Warminster Town

Odd Down vs Bishops Lydeard

Portishead Town vs Brislington

Radstock Town vs Nailsea & Tickenham

Shirehampton vs Hallen

Tytherington Rocks vs Oldland Abbotonians

Wincanton Town vs Wells City

**League Tables**

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|  | PREMIER DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Saltash United** | 30 | 21 | 6 | 3 | 46 | **69** |
| 2 | **Mousehole** | 26 | 19 | 6 | 1 | 46 | **63** |
| 3 | **Bridgwater United** | 28 | 17 | 6 | 5 | 41 | **57** |
| 4 | **Barnstaple Town** | 27 | 17 | 3 | 7 | 20 | **54** |
| 5 | **Buckland Athletic** | 29 | 17 | 2 | 10 | 16 | **53** |
| 6 | **Shepton Mallet** | 24 | 13 | 7 | 4 | 24 | **46** |
| 7 | **Helston Athletic** | 27 | 12 | 9 | 6 | 12 | **45** |
| 8 | **Ashton & Backwell United** | 27 | 11 | 4 | 12 | 5 | **37** |
| 9 | **Falmouth Town** | 27 | 10 | 7 | 10 | 4 | **37** |
| 10 | **Clevedon Town** | 27 | 10 | 5 | 12 | -7 | **32** |
| 11 | **Welton Rovers** | 29 | 10 | 4 | 15 | -28 | **34** |
| 12 | **Wellington** | 26 | 8 | 7 | 11 | -8 | **31** |
| 13 | **Street** | 27 | 8 | 6 | 13 | -21 | **30** |
| 14 | **Millbrook** | 27 | 8 | 5 | 14 | -18 | **29** |
| 15 | **Torpoint Athletic** | 28 | 7 | 7 | 14 | -15 | **28** |
| 16 | **Ilfracombe Town** | 25 | 5 | 9 | 11 | -8 | **24** |
| 17 | **Sherborne Town** | 26 | 5 | 5 | 16 | -17 | **20** |
| 18 | **Cadbury Heath** | 26 | 3 | 5 | 18 | -33 | **14** |
| 19 | **Keynsham Town** | 28 | 3 | 3 | 22 | -59 | **12** |

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|  | FIRST DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Brislington** | 31 | 26 | 2 | 3 | 66 | **80** |
| 2 | **Nailsea & Tickenham** | 34 | 25 | 4 | 5 | 65 | **79** |
| 3 | **Wells City** | 31 | 24 | 4 | 3 | 51 | **76** |
| 4 | **Oldland Abbotonians** | 31 | 21 | 5 | 5 | 38 | **68** |
| 5 | **Wincanton Town** | 31 | 17 | 4 | 10 | 22 | **55** |
| 6 | **Shirehampton** | 33 | 17 | 4 | 12 | 17 | **55** |
| 7 | **Bishop Sutton** | 31 | 15 | 6 | 10 | 7 | **51** |
| 8 | **FC Bristol** | 31 | 15 | 4 | 12 | 3 | **49** |
| 9 | **Odd Down** | 33 | 12 | 10 | 11 | 14 | **46** |
| 10 | **Warminster Town** | 33 | 13 | 5 | 15 | -6 | **44** |
| 11 | **Portishead Town** | 30 | 13 | 3 | 14 | 0 | **42** |
| 12 | **Hallen** | 31 | 11 | 6 | 14 | -2 | **39** |
| 13 | **Longwell Green Sports** | 34 | 11 | 5 | 18 | -22 | **38** |
| 14 | **AEK Boco** | 32 | 11 | 4 | 17 | -24 | **37** |
| 15 | **Bristol Telephones** | 35 | 10 | 9 | 16 | -12 | **36\*** |
| 16 | **Gillingham Town** | 32 | 10 | 5 | 17 | -17 | **35** |
| 17 | **Hengrove Athletic** | 34 | 9 | 7 | 18 | -14 | **34** |
| 18 | **Radstock Town** | 33 | 7 | 11 | 15 | -12 | **32** |
| 19 | **Cheddar** | 33 | 8 | 6 | 19 | -15 | **30** |
| 20 | **Tytherington Rocks** | 34 | 7 | 7 | 20 | -48 | **28** |
| 21 | **Almondsbury** | 35 | 6 | 8 | 21 | -66 | **26** |
| 22 | **Bishops Lydeard** | 32 | 6 | 7 | 19 | -45 | **25** |