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**Midweek Action:** The goals absolutely flew in on Tuesday and Wednesday evening earlier this week, with **Shepton Mallet’s** 4-4 draw with **Torpoint** in the Premier Division an indication of what was to come. In what was a wild game, Shepton flew out of the blocks and led by two goals to nil after just nine minutes thanks to Danny Constable and Sam Jordan. Jasper Jones then added a third for the hosts in the 20th minute as they looked to arrest a five-match winless run. However, despite adding a further goal at the beginning of the second half through Constable, Mallet found themselves hanging on for a point after an incredible second half surge from their visitors. Top scorer Curtis Damerell and Ryan Richards each got on the scoresheet for Torpoint, with Sam Hillson also helping to reduce the deficit, before he then struck again in the closing stages to make it four apiece. That was how it remained and both sides were forced to make do with sharing the spoils at the end of a pulsating 90 minutes. The following evening, two goals apiece from Kameron Andrews and Jake Mawford led **Street** to a 4-2 win over **Wellington**. Both players scored in added time at the end of the first half to make it 2-0 at interval before a long-range free kick from Eli Collins got Wellington on the board just moments after the restart. After Mawford struck again, there was a late goal for Jamie Nicholson, but the Cobblers had the last word with Andrews completing his brace in stoppage time to wrap up the win.

It was a huge night atop the First Division on Tuesday, with **Brislington** laying down a real marker by beating fellow title challengers **Nailsea & Tickenham** 4-0. Despite playing away from home, Brislington’s win streak was never really under threat from the moment Asa White converted a tenth minute penalty. Lewis Dunn doubled the visitor’s advantage midway through the first half, with Oaklan Buck and Saturday’s six-goal hero George Jones then adding further distance between the sides in the early stages of the second period. **Wells City** remain fully ensconced in the race for top spot after they secured an impressive 3-2 win away at **Bishop Sutton**. Efforts by James Bayliss and Michael Duffy had put Wells two goals to the good, before the home side pulled a goal back on the cusp of half-time through Ethan Ballantine. An excellent finish from Charlie Crook then restored City’s two-goal advantage, and that proved crucial in the closing stages after Jacob Reader grabbed a late goal for Sutton. The game at **Wincanton** also finished 3-2 that evening, with the hosts holding on to beatfellow top-six side **Shirehampton**. It was Kye Simpson and Shirehampton who made the first move, poking home in the 17th minute, before Town hit back through Louis Irwin and Matt Garner to lead at the interval. Ollie Crisp then stretched Wincanton’s lead further, with substitute Cody Winkler firing home a consolation for the away side deep into second half stoppage time. 24 hours later, attention turned to the opposite end of the division, with **Bishops Lydeard** hanging on to beat **Portishead** 3-2 to move off the foot of the table. After George Sinnott handed them an early lead, Harry Scott then scored a 35-yard screamer midway through the second to half to put the Lyds two-up. Portishead threatened a fightback when they halved the deficit 15 from time, but then sub Liam Scovell put the result beyond doubt with a late slotted finish just moments after stepping off the bench. Wednesday’s other tie saw **Hengrove** come out on top in a seven-goal thriller away at **FC Bristol**. After goals from Jennison Myrie-Williams and Kinsly Murray had put the hosts in command, Hengrove hit back to level towards the end of the first half thanks to a pair of quick fire efforts from Regan Burton and Luca Bailey. A Jack Jones penalty on the hour mark then gave the Grove their first lead of the night, only for the home side to draw level 12 from time through substitute Sam Archer to set up a thrilling finish. The winning goal in the final few minutes saw Jack Cousins nod home at the near post, bringing the curtain down a high-scoring night of action.

**Premier Division: Mousehole** missed out on the opportunity to move up into top spot after conceding at the death to draw three apiece with **Shepton Mallet**. In a game which took time to come to life, Mallet finally broke the deadlock ten minutes into the second half when Danny Constable slotted home at the far post. The action then really kick-started 20 minutes from time, with Mark Goldsworthy drawing the title chasers level. The next two attacking forays both also ended in goals, with Josh Jenkins restoring Mallet’s advantage, only for Mousehole to draw back level once more within a minute of kicking off through Reece Thomson. That wasn’t the end of the scoring however, and the Cornish side moved ahead for the first time in the final few minutes thanks to a penalty from leading scorer Hayden Turner. With first place on the line, it seemed as though Mousehole had done enough to secure all three points, but Mallet managed to secure a deserved point when Andy Martin stooped highest to head home in the fourth minute of added time. There was also six goals in the seaside town of **Clevedon** where visiting **Buckland Athletic** grabbed an impressive 4-2 victory. Ryan Bush gave the away side a dream start, finishing off their first attack to put them ahead in only the fifth minute, with Sammy Stayt then scoring from outside the area to make it 2-0 before the half-hour mark. Clevedon got a much-needed goal of their own late in the first half through Ethan Feltham, and then the same man struck again three minutes after the interval with a long-range effort. The game wasn’t level for long however, and Buckland moved back ahead thanks to a Jared Lewington, before Bush scored his second of the afternoon to complete the victory. **Millbrook** ended a four-match winless run by beating **Cadbury Heath** 4-1 at Mill Road. Goals from the Josh’s, Johnson and Toulson put the hosts’ two-up, before a second half double from Jack Wood wrapped up the victory. **Torpoint** had also been without a win over the past couple of weeks before pulling off a come from behind victory at home to **Wellington** on Saturday afternoon *(pictured, left).* The 27th minute header from Miles Quick which put Welly ahead saw them lead at the interval, before Torpoint regained parity on the hour mark when Gary Hird beat the offside trap. It was then left to the home side’s usual suspects to complete the turnaround, with Ryan Richards driving home for 2-1 midway through the second half, before top scorer Curtis Damerell saved the best for last with a spectacular effort from well outside the area.

Elsewhere, two goals early in the second half from Luke Brabyn handed **Falmouth** a 2-0 win at home to **Welton** *(pictured, right),*while **Keynsham** moved off the bottom of the table thanks to a 2-1 win at home to **Ilfracombe**. At Raleigh Grove, **Bridgwater’s** hopes of gaining ground on the top two were dented by a goalless draw against **Sherborne**, while the clash between **Street** and **Helston** also ended nil-nil.

**First Division: Brislington’s** outstanding run of form still shows no signs of letting up after they surged to a 5-1 win at home to **Longwell Green Sports**. Asa White got the ball rolling for the league leaders after 12 minutes, with Dean Griffiths’ double extending the lead to three inside half an hour. George Jones’ scoring streak continued, with his goals either side of the interval confirming a 20th successive victory and helping them smash through the 90-point mark. **Wells** are doing their best to keep pace with the table-toppers and remain six points in arrears after sneaking to a 1-0 win away at **Tytherington**. Adam Wright is having another stellar season in front of goal, and it was his first half effort which was the difference between the two sides at Hardwicke Field, helping Wells put some distance between themselves and third-placed Nailsea who weren’t in action this weekend. **Oldland Abbotonians** were another of the top five to prevail away from home, with a strong first-half leading them past **Cheddar** *(pictured left).* Harrison Kyte was the first man to find the back of the net in Somerset, reacting fastest to a loose ball after 20 minutes, before Matt Green doubled the Abbots tally after half an hour. **Wincanton** also claimed three away points after easing past **FC Bristol** at Oaklands Park. The home side are enduring a tough patch at the moment, and they proved to be no match for Winky, with Cam Allen, Matt Garner and Cameron Vere all netting during the 4-1 win. At Cothelstone Road, two George Lloyd goals helped **AEK Boco** come from behind to beatstrugglers **Bishops Lydeard** 2-1. It was the Lyds who started fastest on their home patch, and they took the lead in brilliant fashion, with George Sinnott’s 30-yard screamer breaking the deadlock in the 29th minute. Lloyd then took over the contest, and after levelling in first-half stoppage time, the Boco man struck again on the hour mark to condemn Lydeard to a pretty rare home defeat. In the day’s early kick-off, Elliot Gardner flicked home a header ten minutes from time to salvage a 1-1 draw for **Hallen** away at **Almondsbury,** while the bottom-half clash **between Bristol Telephones** and **Gillingham** finished in a goalless stalemate.

**Recent Results**

**Tuesday 14th March 2023**

**Premier Division**

Shepton Mallet 4-4 Torpoint Athletic

**First Division**

Bishop Sutton 2-3 Wells City

Nailsea & Tickenham 0-4 Brislington

Wincanton Town 3-2 Shirehampton

**Wednesday 15th March 2023**

**Premier Division**

Street 4-2 Wellington

**First Division**

Bishops Lydeard 3-2 Portishead Town

FC Bristol 3-4 Hengrove Athletic

**Saturday 18th March 2023**

**Premier Division**

Clevedon Town 2-4 Buckland Athletic

Falmouth Town 2-0 Welton Rovers

Keynsham Town 2-1 Ilfracombe Town

Millbrook 4-1 Cadbury Heath

Shepton Mallet 3-3 Mousehole

Sherborne Town 0-0 Bridgwater United

Street 0-0 Helston Athletic

Torpoint Athletic 3-1 Wellington

**First Division**

Almondsbury 1-1 Hallen

Bishops Lydeard 1-2 AEK Boco

Brislington 5-1 Longwell Green Sports

Bristol Telephones 0-0 Gillingham Town

Cheddar 0-2 Oldland Abbotonians

FC Bristol 1-4 Wincanton Town

Tytherington Rocks 0-1 Wells City

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

**All Competitions**

**Scott Bamford (Shirehampton) – 34**

**Adam Wright (Wells) – 29**

**Luke Bryan (Odd Down) – 28**

**Curtis Damerell (Torpoint) – 27**

**Jack Thorne (Bridgwater/N&T) – 26**

**Sacha Tong (FC Bristol) – 24**

**Hayden Turner (Mousehole) - 24**

**Luke Osgood (Nailsea & Tickenham) – 23**

**Asa White (Brislington) - 23**

**Premier Division**

**Curtis Damerell (Torpoint) – 20**

**Hayden Turner (Mousehole) - 20**

**Harry Foster (Street) – 18**

**Jacob Brown (Bridgwater) – 16**

**First Division**

**Scott Bamford (Shirehampton) – 30**

**Luke Bryan (Odd Down) – 28**

**Adam Wright (Wells) – 27**

**Luke Osgood (Nailsea & Tickenham) - 23**

**Sacha Tong (FC Bristol) – 22**

**Upcoming Fixtures**

**Tuesday 21st March 2023**

**Premier Division**

Saltash United vs Barnstaple Town 19:30KO

Welton Rovers vs Helston Athletic 19:30KO

**First Division**

Bishop Sutton vs AEK Boco 19:30KO

Hallen vs Gillingham Town 19:30KO

Radstock Town vs Wells City 19:45KO

**Les Phillips Cup**

Brislington vs Keynsham Town 19:30KO

Ilfracombe Town vs Clevedon Town 19:45KO

**Wednesday 22nd March 2023**

**Premier Division**

Cadbury Heath vs Wellington 19:30KO

**First Division**

Oldland Abbotonians vs Portishead Town 19:45KO

Shirehampton vs Wincanton Town 19:30KO

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

**Premier Division**

Bridgwater United vs Keynsham Town

Cadbury Heath vs Torpoint Athletic 14:00KO

Helston Athletic vs Clevedon Town

Ilfracombe Town vs Ashton & Backwell United

Millbrook vs Sherborne Town

Shepton Mallet vs Falmouth Town

Wellington vs Mousehole

Welton Rovers vs Barnstaple Town

**First Division**

AEK Boco vs Odd Down

Gillingham Town vs Almondsbury

Hallen vs Oldland Abbotonians

Longwell Green Sports vs Bishops Lydeard

Nailsea & Tickenham vs Bristol Telephones

Portishead Town vs Hengrove Athletic

Tytherington Rocks vs Bishop Sutton

Warminster Town vs Cheddar

Wells City vs Brislington

On the latest episode of the podcast, Saltash United boss Danny Lewis explains why his focus is solely on what the Ashes can achieve in their remaining games, and that the league table will take care of itself. Ian then catches up with Hallen manager Stu Jones who talks about why the First Division has been made more competitive by the number of Bristol sides, and he also lifts the lid on the psychology of the half time team talk!

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**League Tables**

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|  | PREMIER DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Saltash United** | 31 | 22 | 6 | 3 | 50 | **72** |
| 2 | **Mousehole** | 29 | 21 | 7 | 1 | 51 | **70** |
| 3 | **Bridgwater United** | 30 | 18 | 7 | 5 | 42 | **61** |
| 4 | **Buckland Athletic** | 31 | 19 | 2 | 10 | 19 | **59** |
| 5 | **Barnstaple Town** | 27 | 17 | 3 | 7 | 20 | **54** |
| 6 | **Shepton Mallet** | 27 | 13 | 9 | 5 | 23 | **48** |
| 7 | **Helston Athletic** | 29 | 12 | 11 | 6 | 12 | **47** |
| 8 | **Falmouth Town** | 29 | 12 | 7 | 10 | 8 | **43** |
| 9 | **Ashton & Backwell United** | 28 | 11 | 5 | 12 | 5 | **38** |
| 10 | **Clevedon Town** | 29 | 10 | 6 | 13 | -9 | **36** |
| 11 | **Street** | 30 | 9 | 8 | 13 | -19 | **35** |
| 12 | **Welton Rovers** | 31 | 10 | 5 | 16 | -30 | **35** |
| 13 | **Millbrook** | 30 | 9 | 6 | 15 | -16 | **33** |
| 14 | **Torpoint Athletic** | 30 | 8 | 8 | 14 | -13 | **32** |
| 15 | **Wellington** | 29 | 8 | 7 | 14 | -14 | **31** |
| 16 | **Ilfracombe Town** | 28 | 5 | 9 | 14 | -14 | **24** |
| 17 | **Sherborne Town** | 28 | 6 | 6 | 16 | -16 | **24** |
| 18 | **Keynsham Town** | 30 | 4 | 3 | 23 | -62 | **15** |
| 19 | **Cadbury Heath** | 28 | 3 | 5 | 20 | -37 | **14** |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | FIRST DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Brislington** | 35 | 30 | 2 | 3 | 84 | **92** |
| 2 | **Wells City** | 35 | 27 | 5 | 3 | 54 | **86** |
| 3 | **Nailsea & Tickenham** | 36 | 26 | 4 | 6 | 63 | **82** |
| 4 | **Oldland Abbotonians** | 34 | 22 | 7 | 5 | 40 | **73** |
| 5 | **Wincanton Town** | 35 | 19 | 5 | 11 | 25 | **62** |
| 6 | **Shirehampton** | 36 | 17 | 5 | 14 | 14 | **56** |
| 7 | **Bishop Sutton** | 33 | 16 | 6 | 11 | 7 | **54** |
| 8 | **FC Bristol** | 34 | 15 | 4 | 15 | -3 | **49** |
| 9 | **Odd Down** | 33 | 12 | 10 | 11 | 14 | **46** |
| 10 | **Hallen** | 34 | 13 | 7 | 14 | 1 | **46** |
| 11 | **Warminster Town** | 34 | 13 | 5 | 16 | -8 | **44** |
| 12 | **AEK Boco** | 35 | 13 | 4 | 18 | -21 | **43** |
| 13 | **Portishead Town** | 32 | 13 | 3 | 16 | -8 | **42** |
| 14 | **Longwell Green Sports** | 36 | 12 | 5 | 19 | -24 | **41** |
| 15 | **Hengrove Athletic** | 36 | 11 | 7 | 18 | -8 | **40** |
| 16 | **Bristol Telephones** | 37 | 11 | 10 | 16 | -10 | **40\*** |
| 17 | **Gillingham Town** | 35 | 10 | 6 | 19 | -23 | **36** |
| 18 | **Radstock Town** | 34 | 7 | 11 | 16 | -14 | **32** |
| 19 | **Cheddar** | 35 | 8 | 6 | 21 | -18 | **30** |
| 20 | **Tytherington Rocks** | 36 | 7 | 8 | 21 | -49 | **29** |
| 21 | **Bishops Lydeard** | 34 | 7 | 7 | 20 | -45 | **28** |
| 22 | **Almondsbury** | 37 | 6 | 9 | 22 | -71 | **27** |