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**Season 2022/23**

**Midweek Action:** With weather once again wreaking havoc with the fixture list, five First Division matches went ahead on Wednesday and Thursday evening, with **Wincanton** enduring the tough task of playing twice in 24 hours. They suffered a dramatic 3-2 defeat at **Shirehampton** in the first of their double-header, with Kye Simpson completing his hat-trick six minutes from time to snatch all three points for the hosts. Then, the following evening, it was **Cheddar** who struck late to win by the same 3-2 scoreline. Town had lost regular keeper Nathan Ball to injury during the Shirehampton game, and things were looking rough when they fell behind to Lewis Chappell’s early opener. Winky then struck either side of the interval to go 2-1 up, before substitute Ryan Eardley levelled affairs for the Cheesemen soon after coming on midway through the second half. Just like the night before however, Wincanton didn’t have anything to show for their efforts, with Kieran Ireland scoring in stoppage time to give the visitors all three points. Thursday’s other game also went the way of the away side, with goals from Ali Sen and Adam Wright propelling **Wells** to a 2-0 win over **Odd Down** to help them move up into second spot. Wednesday night saw a couple of in-form sides maintain their recent excellence, with Sacha Tong’s hat-trick helping power **FC Bristol** to a 5-3 win over **Radstock**. In a result which very much aided their playoff hopes, Tong’s treble alongside further goals from Jennison Williams and Rick Davis made it three wins from four for the Bristolians. Unfortunately for **Bristol Telephones,** their late season surge has come too late to offer any shot at the playoffs, but they have now collected 22 points from a possible tally of 27 after winning by two goals to nil away at eighth-placed **Bishop Sutton**. Forced to play at the Imperial Sports Ground due to the flooded Lakeview pitch, the Phones collected their second 2-0 win on the bounce thanks to a Mike Grist header and a 35-yard screamer from Jay Malpas.

**Premier Division: Mousehole** have moved four points clear with two games remaining over the final week of the season after securing a 3-0 win away at relegation threatened **Keynsham**. In a game which had big ramifications at either end of the table, the Seagulls certainly didn’t have it all their own way, and only broke the deadlock five minutes before half-time through Tallan Mitchell. That goal seemed to breathe life into the league leaders however, and after Hayden Turner added a second in the 44th minute, they eased to victory after the break with Paulo Sousa completing the scoring. Fellow title challengers **Saltash** have left themselves a lot of work to do during the final week after they suffered a dramatic 2-1 defeat away at **Clevedon**. Following a quiet opening half, the game came to life midway through the second, with the home side taking advantage of a red card to go 1-0 up courtesy of Archie Ferris. Despite being down a man, the Ashes kept pushing during the closing minutes, and looked set to take home a point after George Spencer drew them level two minutes from time. Clevedon had other ideas however, and having been rocked by the late equaliser, they pushed forward themselves and managed to poke home an injury time winner courtesy of star man Ferris.

Earlier in the day, **Torpoint** powered to a 5-1 victory away at **Wellington** to make it four wins from four *(pictured, right).* Having scored six in their most recent triumph, they couldn’t quite reach those heights again but they came close thanks to doubles from both Gary Hird and Ryan Richards. Callum Thompson also struck for the away side early in the second half, with Zeph Collins having earlier levelled for Wellington when things looked brighter for the hosts. Another side to run out big winners were **Barnstaple,** for who Tor Swann scored in either half of their 4-0 victory over **Shepton Mallet**. Having opened the scoring from close range after only 12 minutes, Swann then struck again midway through the second half for the rampant hosts. Ryan Turner had earlier extended their early advantage, finishing well from inside the box, with midfielder Rhys Thomas then completing the scoring 20 minutes from time. 17th placed **Sherborne** brought an abrupt end to **Falmouth Town**’s excellent run of form, with the strugglers claiming a rare 2-1 win at Raleigh Grove. First half goals from Aaron White and Ben Hughes proved to be enough for the Zebras, who registered just their seventh league win of the campaign, yet their nerves would have been frayed late on when Falmouth pulled a goal back six minutes from time through Louis Cane. A couple of first-half goals also helped propel **Street** to a win, with Harry Foster and Ben Harcourt-Harrison each heading home in their 2-0 victory away at **Ilfracombe**. It was quite the opposite at **Buckland,** where all the drama was saved for the finale with the home side leaving it late before confirming a 1-0 win over **Millbrook**. Having cancelled each other out for more than 80 minutes, it was a special goal which decided the destination of the points with a 30-yard belter from Sammy Stayt leaving the visiting keeper with no chance. **Cadbury Heath’s** hopes of staving off relegation also took a hit on Saturday after they conceded two first half goals on their way to a 2-0 loss at the hands of **Helston**.

**First Division:** After an astounding campaign which has ended with them romping to the title, **Brislington** are officially champions of the second tier after securing a 2-0 win away at the in-form **Longwell Green**. Goals number 122 and 123 of the league campaign led Bris to their latest victory at Shellards Road, with Oaklan Buck opening the scoring, before he then turned provider, whipping in a ball for Danny Dodimead who tapped home to help guarantee his sides position atop the league table come season end. The race for second spot will go down to the final few games after both of the potential runners-up were held to draws on Saturday afternoon. **Nailsea & Tickenham** battled to a goalless draw away at **Bishop Sutton**, while **Wells City** salvaged a draw at home to relegation-threatened **Almondsbury.** Having beaten the same side 4-0 when they met back in October, Wells were facing a shock defeat when Louis Ward fired the visitors ahead from the spot, however City earned a share of the spoils when Mike Duffy levelled just after the hour mark. In another big game at the bottom, **Tytherington** put a little bit of distance between themselves and the bottom two after edging past basement boys **Bishops Lydeard** by a goal to nil. The Rocks had gone seven games without tasting victory, but that all changed at Cothelstone Road with Ryan Sharpe’s early strike inside the opening minute of the contest bagging them the vital three points.

Another side to win by a slender one goal margin were **Warminster**, with Lewis Graham’s excellent finish just prior to the interval bringing an end to opponent **Hallen**’s nine-match unbeaten run. The returning Ryan Radford made a strong impact on his return to the side, with goals at the beginning of either half helping **Shirehampton** beat **Radstock** by two goals to one. **Portishead Town** overturned a half-time deficit away at **Gillingham** to end a horror run which had seen them suffer nine league defeats on the bounce *(Pictured, left, courtesy of Mark Gourlay).* James Boyland and Jordon Clapp were both on target during the first half to help hand the Gills a 2-1 lead, but the away side surged home after the break, with Caolan Pearce, Sam Butcher and Ben Greenslade helping them complete a dramatic late comeback. **AEK Boco** also left it late before confirming a 3-2 win of their own, with Ollie Williams scoring the crucial fifth goal in their victory at home to **FC Bristol**. Sacha Tong has been close to unstoppable over the past few weeks, and his goalscoring form showed no signs of slowing on Saturday, with the visiting frontman breaking the deadlock after only five minutes. Boco’s George Lloyd finished smartly to level things up, before Tong struck again to put his side 2-1 up 20 minutes from time, responding well to a penalty miss which could have dented his confidence at the beginning of the half. From that moment on however, Boco finished the stronger, and after Zac Young had barrelled his way through to level the scores, Williams then struck in added time to complete the victory. An entertaining affair between sides at different ends of the table ended in a 2-2 draw, with 18th placed **Cheddar** salvaging a point away at **Oldland Abbotonians.** Having gone ahead towards the end of the first half through Morgan Bacon, Cheddar were hit by a sucker-punch around the hour mark, with both Jack Mills and Aaron Mansfield getting on the scoresheet for the Abbots. That put the home side on track to follow up their recent victory over the same opponent, however the Cheesemen made sure they would go home with a point after Jack Busby drew them level as the game headed into the final 15 minutes. Elsewhere, Archie Dark scored the final goal of the game to help **Bristol Telephones** draw two apiece at home to **Odd Down,** while efforts from Will Banks and Jack Jones gave **Hengrove** a 2-0 win away at **Wincanton**.

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On the latest episode of the podcast, Falmouth manager Andrew Westgarth reflects on the competitive nature of the Western League, and looks ahead to how his side can progress next season. Ian also catches up with Warminster’s Rob Nash, who explains why he only stepped into the role for a couple of games before getting a taste for rebuilding after his young side produced a number of solid performances.

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**Recent Results**

**Wednesday 12th April 2023**

**First Division**

Bishop Sutton 0-2 Bristol Telephones

FC Bristol 5-3 Radstock Town

Shirehampton 3-2 Wincanton Town

**Thursday 13th April 2023**

**First Division**

Odd Down 0-2 Wells City

Wincanton Town 2-3 Cheddar

**Saturday 15th April 2023**

**Premier Division**

Barnstaple Town 4-0 Shepton Mallet

Buckland Athletic 1-0 Millbrook

Cadbury Heath 0-2 Helston Athletic

Clevedon Town 2-1 Saltash United

Ilfracombe Town 0-2 Street

Keynsham Town 0-3 Mousehole

Sherborne Town 2-1 Falmouth Town

Wellington 1-5 Torpoint Athletic

**First Division**

AEK Boco 3-2 FC Bristol

Bishop Sutton 0-0 Nailsea & Tickenham

Bishops Lydeard 0-1 Tytherington Rocks

Bristol Telephones 2-2 Odd Down

Gillingham Town 2-3 Portishead Town

Longwell Green Sports 0-2 Brislington

Oldland Abbotonians 2-2 Cheddar

Radstock Town 1-2 Shirehampton

Warminster Town 1-0 Hallen

Wells City 1-1 Almondsbury

Wincanton Town 0-2 Hengrove Athletic

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

**Premier Division**

**Curtis Damerell (Torpoint) – 23**

**Hayden Turner (Mousehole) - 23**

**Harry Foster (Street) – 19**

**Jacob Brown (Bridgwater) – 16**

**Rubin Wilson (Helston) – 16**

**Harry Stevens (Ilfracombe) – 14**

**Josh Webber (Buckland) – 14**

**Stu Bowker (Barnstaple) – 14**

**Ryan Richards (Torpoint) - 14**

**First Division**

**Scott Bamford (Shirehampton) – 32**

**Sacha Tong (FC Bristol) – 32**

**Adam Wright (Wells) – 30**

**Luke Bryan (Odd Down) – 29**

**Luke Osgood (Nailsea) - 24**

**Matt Garner (Wincanton) –23**

**Craig Wilson (Bishop Sutton) – 21**

**Mason Davis (Oldland) - 21**

**All Competitions**

**Scott Bamford (Shirehampton) – 36**

**Sacha Tong (FC Bristol) – 34**

**Adam Wright (Wells) – 32**

**Curtis Damerell (Torpoint) – 30**

**Luke Bryan (Odd Down) – 29**

**Jack Thorne (Bridgwater/N&T) – 28**

**Hayden Turner (Mousehole) - 27**

**Matt Garner (Wincanton) - 25**

**Luke Osgood (Nailsea&Tickenham) – 24**

**Upcoming Fixtures**

**Monday 17th April 2023**

**First Division**

Brislington vs Oldland Abbotonians 19:30KO **Tuesday 18th April 2023**

**Premier Division**

Ashton & Backwell United vs Ilfracombe Town 19:30KO

Bridgwater United vs Mousehole 19:45KO

Millbrook vs Street 19:45KO

Shepton Mallet vs Sherborne Town 19:30KO

Welton Rovers vs Barnstaple Town 19:30KO

**First Division**

Bishops Lydeard vs Warminster Town 19:30KO

Hengrove Athletic vs Gillingham Town 19:30KO

Odd Down vs Nailsea & Tickenham 19:45KO

Portishead Town vs Wells City 19:30KO

Wincanton Town vs Bishop Sutton 19:30KO

**Les Phillips Cup**

Helston Athletic vs Buckland Athletic 19:45KO

**Wednesday 19th April 2023**

**Premier Division**

Cadbury Heath vs Torpoint Athletic 19:30KO

**First Division**

Odd Down vs Wincanton Town 19:45KO

Oldland Abbotonians vs Brislington 19:45KO

**Thursday 20th April 2023**

**Premier Division**

Ashton & Backwell United vs Saltash United 19:30KO

**First Division**

Bishop Sutton vs FC Bristol 19:30KO

Cheddar vs Wells City 19:45KO

Nailsea & Tickenham vs Bishops Lydeard 19:30KO

Portishead Town vs Shirehampton 19:30KO

**Saturday 22nd April 2023 (3pm kick-off unless noted)**

**Premier Division**

Ashton & Backwell United vs Street

Bridgwater United vs Buckland Athletic

Cadbury Heath vs Millbrook

Clevedon Town vs Barnstaple Town

Falmouth Town vs Sherborne Town

Keynsham Town vs Helston Athletic

Mousehole vs Wellington

Saltash United vs Shepton Mallet

Torpoint Athletic vs Ilfracombe Town

**First Division**

Almondsbury vs Bishop Sutton

Bishops Lydeard vs Shirehampton

Brislington vs Hallen

Cheddar vs AEK Boco

Hengrove Athletic vs Longwell Green Sports

Odd Down vs Warminster Town

Oldland Abbotonians vs Wincanton Town

Radstock Town vs Portishead Town

Tytherington Rocks vs FC Bristol

Wellington vs Helston Athletic

**League Tables**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | PREMIER DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Mousehole** | 34 | 25 | 7 | 2 | 58 | **82** |
| 2 | **Saltash United** | 34 | 24 | 6 | 4 | 54 | **78** |
| 3 | **Buckland Athletic** | 34 | 22 | 2 | 10 | 24 | **68** |
| 4 | **Bridgwater United** | 34 | 19 | 8 | 7 | 41 | **65** |
| 5 | **Barnstaple Town** | 31 | 20 | 3 | 8 | 24 | **63** |
| 6 | **Helston Athletic** | 33 | 16 | 11 | 6 | 19 | **59** |
| 7 | **Shepton Mallet** | 33 | 15 | 10 | 8 | 20 | **55** |
| 8 | **Falmouth Town** | 33 | 14 | 7 | 12 | 10 | **49** |
| 9 | **Clevedon Town** | 35 | 13 | 7 | 15 | -8 | **46** |
| 10 | **Ashton & Backwell United** | 31 | 12 | 6 | 13 | 5 | **42** |
| 11 | **Street** | 33 | 11 | 9 | 13 | -16 | **42** |
| 12 | **Torpoint Athletic** | 33 | 11 | 8 | 14 | -4 | **41** |
| 13 | **Millbrook** | 34 | 10 | 7 | 17 | -17 | **37** |
| 14 | **Welton Rovers** | 34 | 10 | 6 | 18 | -33 | **36** |
| 15 | **Wellington** | 33 | 9 | 7 | 17 | -17 | **34** |
| 16 | **Ilfracombe Town** | 32 | 6 | 9 | 17 | -17 | **27** |
| 17 | **Sherborne Town** | 33 | 7 | 6 | 20 | -22 | **27** |
| 18 | **Keynsham Town** | 35 | 5 | 3 | 27 | -72 | **18** |
| 19 | **Cadbury Heath** | 33 | 3 | 6 | 24 | -49 | **15** |

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|  | FIRST DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Brislington** | 39 | 34 | 2 | 3 | 92 | **104** |
| 2 | **Wells City** | 40 | 29 | 7 | 4 | 56 | **94** |
| 3 | **Nailsea & Tickenham** | 40 | 29 | 5 | 6 | 71 | **92** |
| 4 | **Oldland Abbotonians** | 39 | 23 | 9 | 7 | 38 | **78** |
| 5 | **Wincanton Town** | 39 | 20 | 5 | 14 | 22 | **65** |
| 6 | **Shirehampton** | 40 | 20 | 5 | 15 | 17 | **65** |
| 7 | **FC Bristol** | 40 | 19 | 4 | 17 | 2 | **61** |
| 8 | **Bishop Sutton** | 38 | 17 | 8 | 13 | 4 | **59** |
| 9 | **Longwell Green Sports** | 41 | 16 | 5 | 20 | -17 | **53** |
| 10 | **Hallen** | 39 | 14 | 10 | 15 | 3 | **52** |
| 11 | **Warminster Town** | 38 | 15 | 7 | 16 | -6 | **52** |
| 12 | **Odd Down** | 37 | 13 | 11 | 13 | 9 | **50** |
| 13 | **Bristol Telephones** | 42 | 14 | 11 | 17 | -9 | **50\*** |
| 14 | **AEK Boco** | 40 | 15 | 4 | 21 | -18 | **49** |
| 15 | **Portishead Town** | 36 | 14 | 3 | 19 | -15 | **45** |
| 16 | **Hengrove Athletic** | 39 | 12 | 8 | 19 | -7 | **44** |
| 17 | **Gillingham Town** | 41 | 11 | 8 | 22 | -25 | **41** |
| 18 | **Cheddar** | 40 | 10 | 8 | 22 | -18 | **38** |
| 19 | **Radstock Town** | 39 | 7 | 12 | 20 | -20 | **33** |
| 20 | **Tytherington Rocks** | 41 | 8 | 9 | 24 | -57 | **33** |
| 21 | **Almondsbury** | 41 | 7 | 10 | 24 | -73 | **31** |
| 22 | **Bishops Lydeard** | 37 | 7 | 7 | 23 | -49 | **28** |