



### FIFTH ROUND PROPER

*Larkhall Athletic travelled to Herne Bay a week later than planned due to the frozen pitch in Kent last week. The outcome, however, was not worth the wait for the Toolstation League outfit as they succumbed to a ten man home side. Herne Bay looked the better side in the opening exchanges but received a setback when a straight red was shown to one of their players on the half hour. Larkhall failed to take advantage of the extra man*

*and were pinned back for most of the match. In the second half Herne Bay enjoyed the majority of possession but couldn't break thorough for the all important goal until they found the back of the net on 85 minutes. Larkhall then produced some penetrating play but a series of shots on goal, including a free kick, did not have the desired effect and they can now concentrate on a league and cup double on home soil.*

### LES PHILLIPS CUP

With a torrential downpour before Radstock Town kicked off against visitors Calne Town the playing surface proved very difficult, although the home side seemed to master the conditions better than their visitors. Busiest man on the pitch in the first half was the Calne 'keeper who saved well on several occasions to keep it scoreless at the break. In the second period Calne put pressure on the Radstock custodian before the home side opened the scoring. Unable to build on the lead a stunning shot from the Calne frontrunner forced the match into extra time but Radstock had a player red carded just before the 90 minute mark.

#### SNEAKED

With the extra man Calne went into the lead for the first time, but with the last kick of the match Radstock sneaked the equaliser, setting up the penalty shoot out. Calne earned a trip to Barnstaple in the next round netting five spot kicks to the Radstock's four. A nap hand of goals from Odd Down surprised home side Bristol Manor Farm, who only managed to net once. The first half was well balanced with Manor Farm equalising on the half hour after Odd Down had hit the opening goal on 12 minutes. Odd Down regained the lead within five minutes of the start of the second half and made it three-nil just before the hour. Following a well directed free kick the visitors added to

their score and completed the rout with seven minutes remaining netting their fifth goal. Local neighbours Street and Shepton Mallet battled to produce a narrow 1-0 victory to Premier Division Street. The four other matches were also Premier v First Division encounters - that all went the way of the form book with the top division sides going into the draw for the Quarter Finals. Merthyr Town looked to have the easiest task as they welcomed Elmore who are currently sat 28 places below them, but the Elmore youngsters looked to make a game of it.

#### ENJOYED

Whilst Merthyr enjoyed the biggest percentage of possession they seemed unable to work the ball into scoring positions, and when they did the front men failed to deliver or the visiting 'keeper kept them out. The few neutral spectators present would have made the Elmore glovesman the man of the match. The only goal of the match came from the penalty spot after a Merthyr striker was floored in the area on 26 minutes. The second half was much of the same with Elmore thwarting any hopes Merthyr may have had of grabbing more goals. The gap between home side Bitton and Welton Rovers is 24 places but it was two penalties and a sending off that swung the match in favour of the Premier Division

leaders. The first goal of the match came after 20 minutes in open play shortly after the visitors were reduced to ten men. After the half time break Bitton added two more goals, both from the spot, and cruised to the next round. Gillingham Town gave a good account of themselves at Barnstaple Town but missed out by the odd goal in three. Barnstaple took the lead on 34 minutes with a well hit cross from the right but Gillingham levelled proceedings on the stroke of half time. It remained nip and tuck before the home side grabbed the winner with a 15 yard driving shot with quarter of an hour remaining.

#### CUP HOLDERS

Just up the coast from Barnstaple the other north Devon side, cup holders Ilfracombe Town had to overcome a spirited display from Melksham Town. The heavy pitch proved to be energy sapping but both sides displayed some good play. After producing some good moves Ilfracombe took the lead on 27 minutes from the penalty spot. Melksham looked to get back into the match after Ilfracombe failed to convert pressure into further goals in the remainder of the first half. Ilfracombe's second goal in the second half was more than enough to give them a chance against Odd Down in the next round.

### PREMIER DIVISION

Hallen kept in touch with the leaders after collecting maximum points at Wells City. The home side might have hoped to build on their surprise victory the previous week at high flying Willand but found Hallen a much tougher task. The Well's defence was breached for the first time after 20 minutes play when the ball cannoned off the upright into goal. Hallen added a second goal before the interval and knocked in third just into the second half.

#### REVIVAL

The home side hopes for a revival, following their goal midway through the half, came to nothing as Hallen quickly knocked in a fourth goal. Each side netted once more but Hallen were worthy winners. Brislington could not reproduce their midweek form, when they beat top side Bitton, and had to be happy with a point share against visiting Bridport with two goals apiece. Corsham Town were another side who produced a surprise result in midweek and failed to build on it for Saturday. Bishop Sutton travelled home from

Corsham with all three points after an untidy match on a rain soaked surface. Corsham failed to take a couple of early chances and the sides went in all-square at the break. In the second half Bishop Sutton stepped up a gear and took the lead with a close range shot early in the second half and wrapped it all up with a second goal on 63 minutes, with Corsham with little left to offer.

#### FULL ADVANTAGE

Longwell Green Sports welcomed Sherborne Town and took full advantage of the league inactivity of several of the lower placed clubs to move up the table. Sherborne failed to deal with the busy home midfield and paid the price when the home side opened the scoring on ten minutes. There was no further score until Longwell Green struck again 20 minutes into the second half and with ten minutes remaining they made sure of their three points and added to Sherborne's basement misery.

## FIRST DIVISION

Devizes Town continue to prop up the rest of the division after they failed to collect any points against visiting Chard Town. Ten minutes before half time Chard knocked in their first goal and maintained control into the second half when they made sure of maximum points with a second goal early on in the half. Just above Devizes are Wellington who moved four points clear of the basement spot with a well worked win over visiting Roman Glass St George. Wellington had a two goal lead as early as the seventh minute when the front man knocked in the opening goals. Roman Glass fought back and then Wellington struggled for some time before conceding a goal 11 minutes into the second period.

### VICTORY

The home side then settled down and made sure of victory with a third goal with ten minutes remaining. The pitch at Oldland Abbotonians was passed fit by the referee at the last minute and any doubts he may have had were dispelled when both the home side and visitors Almondsbury UWE produced an enjoyable game of football. It seems that Oldland did everything but score in the first half but the clearest chance of an opening goal fell to Almondsbury - who were denied by a magnificent save by the Oldland goalkeeper. The second half was much more even but on the hour the home side took the lead. In the closing stages Almondsbury levelled proceedings to take a deserve share of the points and remain in mid table, with Oldland just out of the danger area. Shrewton United are in no immediate danger in the table but could have jumped up five places with a home victory, but league leaders Cadbury Heath had other ideas. A rampant Cadbury Heath took the lead after fifteen minutes having dominated from the start. The almost constant pressure from the visitors saw them double their tally on 30 minutes. With just ten minutes gone of the second half Shrewton were reduced to ten men when the skipper was shown a red card. The Shrewton 'keeper then produced some fine saves but was finally beaten for the third time on 71 minutes following a pin point cross.

### LATE PENALTY

A late penalty was hammered home to see Cadbury Heath triumph 4-0 and move six points clear in the table. Portishead Town welcomed Hengrove Athletic and the result was in the balance until the final whistle. Hengrove were first on the scoresheet after 16 minutes and 15 minutes later Portishead made it one apiece. Nine minutes before the interval the home hit their second goal and held the lead until a 75<sup>th</sup> minute leveller from Hengrove. In the dying moments the visitors snatched a third goal to claim all three points. There was a 'six-pointer' played at Bradford Town with the home side and visiting Keynsham Town on equal points before the start of the match. Bradford had the best possible start, opening the scoring after just two minutes. Keynsham hit back on 20 minutes to pull level but the home side restored their lead just minutes later. Keynsham were not finished and soon made it two each, but the second half saw Bradford produce some fine play and grab two more goals without reply to lift maximum points.

### TOP GOALSCORERS

*All competitions*

NAME	Team	Goals	Played
<b>Lee Gale</b>	Gillingham Town	30	30
<b>Nathaniel Auckland</b>	Larkhall Athletic	27	31
<b>Tyler Sibbick</b>	Calne Town	25	31
<b>Gary Higdon</b>	Melksham Town	23	31
<b>Mark Reynolds</b>	Cadbury Heath	23	28
<b>Steven Murray</b>	Street	22	29

*The awards this season include goals in all competitions, and it is therefore important that online teamsheets are completed for every match that appears on football mitto, including those where no paper copy is submitted to the League.*

## HOAX MESSAGES

It has been brought to the attention of the Toolstation Western League officers that a hoax email has been sent to some South West Peninsula League member clubs, claiming to be sent on behalf of the Toolstation League.

It should be pointed out that any official communication from this league always carries the name and position of the sender, which this one did not.

*If there is any doubt please email the Company Secretary, [ken.clarke@toolstationleague.com](mailto:ken.clarke@toolstationleague.com)*

## SAFE HANDS



Elmore's 'keeper safely collects against Merthyr Town

MERTHYR TOWN

Black/White

ELMORE

All Green

## LES PHILLIPS CUP



*JedHewitt, Elmore, Ken Clarke, League Secretary, and Geoff Chinnock, Merthyr Town, conduct the draw for the Quarter Finals at Penydarren Park on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2012*

**BARNSTAPLE TOWN**

*v* **CALNE TOWN**

**ILFRACOMBE TOWN**

*v* **ODD DOWN**

**MERTHYR TOWN**

*v* **STREET**

**WILLAND ROVERS or**

**LARKHALL ATHLETIC**

*v* **BITTON**

Match dates to be notified



## RESULTS & FIXTURES

**Tuesday, 14 February 2012**

**First Division**

Portishead Town 1 - 1 Keynsham Town  
Welton Rovers 0 - 0 Almondsbury UWE

**Wednesday, 15 February 2012**

**Premier Division**

Bitton 1 - 2 Brislington  
Corsham Town 0 - 0 Merthyr Town

**First Division**

Cadbury Heath 3 - 0 Calne Town

**Saturday, 18 February 2012**

**F.A. Vase Fifth Round Proper**

Herne Bay 1 - 0 Larkhall Athletic

**Les Phillips League Cup**

Barnstaple Town 2 - 1 Gillingham Town  
Bitton 3 - 0 Welton Rovers  
Bristol Manor Farm 1 - 5 Odd Down (Bath)  
Ilfracombe Town 2 - 0 Melksham Town  
Merthyr Town 1 - 0 Elmore  
Radstock Town 2 - 2 Calne Town *AET 1-1 90mins pen4-5*  
Street 1 - 0 Shepton Mallet

**Premier Division**

Brislington 2 - 2 Bridport  
Corsham Town 0 - 2 Bishop Sutton  
Longwell Green Sports 3 - 0 Sherborne Town  
Wells City 2 - 5 Hallen

**First Division**

Bradford Town 4 - 2 Keynsham Town  
Devizes Town 0 - 2 Chard Town  
Oldland Abbotonians 1 - 1 Almondsbury UWE  
Portishead Town 2 - 3 Hengrove Athletic  
Shrewton United 0 - 4 Cadbury Heath  
Wellington 3 - 1 Roman Glass St George

**Tuesday, 21 February 2012**

**Premier Division**

Brislington v Larkhall Athletic 7:30 PM  
Radstock Town v Wells City 7:30 PM  
Street v Longwell Green Sports 7:30 PM

**Wednesday, 22 February 2012**

**Premier Division**

Sherborne Town v Willand Rovers

**Saturday, 25 February 2012**

**Premier Division**

Bridport v Longwell Green Sports  
Brislington v Bishop Sutton  
Corsham Town v Willand Rovers  
Larkhall Athletic v Barnstaple Town  
Odd Down (Bath) v Hallen  
Radstock Town v Bitton  
Sherborne Town v Merthyr Town  
Wells City v Ilfracombe Town

**First Division**

Bradford Town v Almondsbury UWE  
Cadbury Heath v Welton Rovers  
Calne Town v Oldland Abbotonians  
Chard Town v Portishead Town  
Hengrove Athletic v Elmore  
Roman Glass St George v Gillingham Town  
Shepton Mallet v Melksham Town  
Shrewton United v Keynsham Town  
Wellington v Westbury United

**Tuesday, 28 February 2012**

**Premier Division**

Bishop Sutton v Wells City 7:30 PM

**First Division**

Almondsbury UWE v Hengrove Athletic 7:30 PM  
Keynsham Town v Melksham Town

**Somerset FA - Premier Cup ¼ Final**

Brislington v Portishead Town

**Wednesday, 29 February 2012**

**Premier Division**

Bitton v Merthyr Town  
Hallen v Radstock Town

**First Division**

Calne Town v Cadbury Heath  
Elmore v Roman Glass St George

**Somerset FA - Premier Cup ¼ Final**

Larkhall Athletic v Taunton Town

**Saturday, 3 March 2012**

**Premier Division**

Barnstaple Town v Merthyr Town  
Brislington v Street  
Bristol Manor Farm v Odd Down (Bath)  
Hallen v Willand Rovers  
Ilfracombe Town v Radstock Town  
Larkhall Athletic v Bitton  
Wells City v Sherborne Town

**First Division**

Almondsbury UWE v Shepton Mallet  
Cadbury Heath v Wellington  
Chard Town v Keynsham Town  
Devizes Town v Bradford Town  
Hengrove Athletic v Melksham Town  
Oldland Abbotonians v Gillingham Town  
Shrewton United v Elmore  
Westbury United v Calne Town

**Tuesday, 6 March 2012**

**Premier Division**

Ilfracombe Town v Odd Down (Bath)  
Longwell Green Sports v Brislington  
Street v Corsham Town

**First Division**

Devizes Town v Oldland Abbotonians  
Gillingham Town v Hengrove Athletic  
Shepton Mallet v Roman Glass St George 7:30 PM

**Gloucestershire FA - Challenge Trophy Semi Final**

Bristol Manor Farm v Gloucester City Development 7:30 PM

**Wednesday, 7 March 2012**

**Les Phillips League Cup Second Round**

Willand Rovers v Larkhall Athletic

**First Division**

Elmore v Welton Rovers

**Saturday, 10 March 2012**

**Premier Division**

Bishop Sutton v Street  
Bitton v Barnstaple Town  
Bristol Manor Farm v Bridport  
Corsham Town v Longwell Green Sports  
Ilfracombe Town v Wells City  
Merthyr Town v Larkhall Athletic  
Willand Rovers v Radstock Town

**First Division**

Almondsbury UWE v Devizes Town  
Cadbury Heath v Gillingham Town  
Elmore v Calne Town  
Melksham Town v Westbury United  
Portishead Town v Oldland Abbotonians  
Roman Glass St George v Hengrove Athletic  
Shrewton United v Bradford Town  
Welton Rovers v Chard Town

**KICK OFF TIMES**

**SATURDAY 3.00pm**

**MIDWEEK 7.45pm**

**UNLESS SHOWN**

# TOOLSTATION LEAGUE

## LEAGUE TABLES 2011 - 2012

<b>PREMIER DIVISION</b>	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>GD</i>	<i>POINTS</i>
Bitton	23	14	4	5	49	25	+24	46
Willand Rovers	23	13	5	5	44	20	+24	44
Bishop Sutton	22	13	5	4	47	25	+22	44
Larkhall Athletic	20	13	3	4	46	16	+30	42
Merthyr Town	21	11	8	2	49	19	+30	41
Hallen	21	11	7	3	39	26	+13	40
Bristol Manor Farm	26	10	7	9	50	44	+6	37
Brislington	23	9	7	7	32	23	+9	34
Wells City	22	10	4	8	38	40	-2	34
Odd Down (Bath)	23	9	6	8	41	34	+7	*32
Longwell Green Sports	22	8	5	9	24	31	-7	29
Ilfracombe Town	20	8	4	8	31	34	-3	28
Street	24	8	2	14	34	44	-10	26
Barnstaple Town	21	7	2	12	33	45	-12	23
Bridport	24	7	2	15	32	63	-31	23
Corsham Town	25	4	4	17	19	47	-28	16
Radstock Town	22	4	2	16	21	47	-26	14
Sherborne Town	22	3	3	16	19	65	-46	12

### FIRST DIVISION

Cadbury Heath	22	16	5	1	61	19	+42	53
Gillingham Town	24	15	3	6	61	39	+22	48
Melksham Town	22	14	5	3	47	23	+24	47
Calne Town	24	12	7	5	36	22	+14	43
Bradford Town	26	11	8	7	55	34	+21	41
Chard Town	26	11	6	9	46	36	+10	39
Keynsham Town	27	9	11	7	41	38	+3	38
Hengrove Athletic	25	10	6	9	41	42	-1	36
Almondsbury UWE	27	9	5	13	42	54	-12	32
Portishead Town	26	8	7	11	37	44	-7	31
Roman Glass St George	25	8	6	11	31	40	-9	30
Welton Rovers	25	8	6	11	42	44	-2	*29
Westbury United	27	8	4	15	35	50	-15	28
Elmore	19	8	3	8	35	33	+2	27
Shrewton United	23	7	6	10	42	57	-15	27
Shepton Mallet	26	6	8	12	43	64	-21	26
Oldland Abbotonians	24	5	10	9	30	37	-7	25
Wellington	25	7	3	15	29	53	-24	24
Devizes Town	25	5	5	15	26	51	-25	20

*\*one point deducted*



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