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**Midweek Action: Street** forward Leighton Thomas was the standout performer on a busy Tuesday evening, scoring a hat trick during his side’s 4-0 victory over **Clevedon** in the Premier Division. Thomas is in excellent goalscoring form of late, and after scoring twice in the first half, he struck again at the end of the game to complete a one-sided victory for the Cobblers.

In the First Division, **Ashton & Backwell** claimed a dramatic late winner in their top-five clash away at **Longwell Green Sports**. The visitor’s went ahead at Shellards Road through Calum Townsend, who fired home from the spot after 16 minutes. Longwell Green then grabbed an equaliser, before both sides were reduced to ten men following different incidents at the beginning of the second half. With the game moving into stoppage time, Ashton put themselves firmly in the promotion race, with George Jones finding the back of the net to extend their unbeaten run to ten matches. **Wincanton Town** also picked up three points on Tuesday, with a 5-2 victory at home to **Corsham** helping them arrest a two-game losing streak. The home side were rampant during the first half, and found themselves three goals to the good thanks to efforts from Dan Wise, Gary Chapman and Connor Williams. Corsham pulled a goal back just before the interval through Ben Wickens, and then in the opening minute of the second half, Ash Alchin fired home to reduce the deficit to just one as they eyed a famous comeback. Wincanton finally put the game to bed midway through the second half when Toby Cole and Williams struck in quick succession to register their 11th league victory this term.

There was also a trio of quarterfinals in the Gloucestershire FA Challenge Trophy that night, with plenty of Western League sides in action. One of these teams were **Lebeq United**, and they enjoyed late success away at **Cribbs Reserves**, with a last-minute winner seeing them qualify for the semi-final round. The Bristol-outfit will be joined by **Oldland Abbotonians** who struck twice in the closing stages to register an impressive 3-1 victory away at **Hallen**. The home side have been in stellar league form, but required a beautiful free kick from Ben Willshire to grab a share of the half-time spoils after an own-goal had handed the Abbots a 36th minute lead. With ten minutes left on the clock, Joe Beardwell was upended in the Hallen box at the end of a surging run, and he dusted himself down before applying a strong finish from the penalty spot to restore Oldland’s lead. In stoppage time, Hallen sent their keeper up for a late corner, but the ball broke clear for Owen McCallum who slipped the ball into an empty net from outside the area to complete the win. In the other tie, **Bitton** followed up their victory in the FA Vase with another 2-1 triumph, this time at home to **Wick** thanks to goals from Karim Rendall and Oaklan Buck. A late red card to keeper Rob Brown was followed soon after by an injury-time goal for the visitors, but Bitton held out with ten men to reach the semi-final stage. 24 hours later, **Roman Glass St George** completed a clean sweep for Western League sides, beating **Gala Wilton** on 5-3 on penalties after the match finished 1-1 at the end of 90 minutes. The Glass will take on Oldland in the last four next month, with Bitton hosting Lebeq in the other semi-final.

**Hengrove Athletic** created a little bit of history in the Somerset Premier Cup on Tuesday. Having had a tough 2019, Hengrove have enjoyed a much better run of results to start the new decade and that continued in their resounding quarterfinal victory over **Cheddar**. Youngster Jack Jones struck all three of the Grove’s goals during their 3-0 win to book their spot in the final four for the first time in the club’s history.

It was a big night in the Premier Division on Wednesday, with four of the top six in action. The big clash at the top had late drama, with **Bradford** nicking all three points at home to **Shepton Mallet** thanks to an 88th minute winner. The game lived up to the hype in the opening stages, with Tyson Pollard heading Bradford in front, before Aaron Seviour equalised a couple of moments later to make it 1-1 inside ten minutes. Attempts on goal dried up a little bit after that, but then with just two minutes left on the clock, Charlie Maddison unleashed a rasping drive which nestled in the back of the net to secure a crucial victory for the league leaders. The remaining matches that night saw a pair of one-sided wins for a duo of promotion-chasing Devon sides. At Springfield, **Tavistock** put seven past **Cadbury Heath** in a resounding victory, with leading scorer Jack Crago notching another brace. Liam Prynn was also on target in either half, with further goals from the visitors coming from Callum Watson, Tallan Burns and Warren Daw. **Exmouth Town** joined Tavistock in reaching the 50-point mark following their 5-0 triumph at home to **Cribbs**. The game was as good as over after half an hour, with Jamie Dirrane and Max Gillard joining the in-form Jordan Harris on the scoresheet. Exmouth went into the fixture on the back of a four-match winless run, but that was well and truly forgotten, with Harris on target twice more during the second half to complete his hat-trick at the King George V Ground.



**FA Vase Quarter Final Draw**

Having enjoyed home fixtures in the previous round, both Bitton and Plymouth Parkway will be on their travels in the last eight of the Vase**. Bitton** will head to Norfolk to take on **Wroxham** of the Eastern Counties League side. Plymouth Parkway will have to travel slightly further afield, with a 400-mile trip to the North-East where they will challenge Northern League outfit Hebburn Town. The quarter final ties will take place on Saturday 29th February.

**Brian Beer and Richard Palette present the Premier Division Team of the Month awards to Plymouth Parkway (left) and Tavistock (right) for January and December respectively.**



Becks in Clevedon!

David Beckham spent his Wednesday evening at the Hand Stadium, watching his Romeo play for Millfield School against the Clevedon Town under-18 team.

**Weekend Action:** Only one game managed to beat Storm Dennis on Saturday afternoon, but it certainly didn’t lack for drama with **Keynsham** and **Bitton** each scoring late on during their 1-1 draw. With 235 hardy souls battling the conditions, they certainly saw a terrific finish to the game at the Crown Fields, where Bitton believed they had taken all three points following a lovely finish from outside the box by Matt Groves five minutes from time. Keynsham weren’t to be denied however, and they grabbed a draw in stoppage time when Mike Grist headed home a corner.

**Latest Results**

**Tuesday 11th February 2020**

**Premier Division**

Street 4-0 Clevedon Town 57

**First Division**

Longwell Green Sports 1-2 Ashton & Backwell United 90

Wincanton Town 5-2 Corsham Town 33

**GFA Challenge Trophy – Quarter Final Round**

**Bitton**  2-1 Wick 106

**Cribbs Reserves** 1-2 **Lebeq United**

**Hallen** 1-3 **Oldland Abbotonians** 47

**Somerset FA Premier Cup – Quarter Final Round**

**Hengrove Athletic** 3-0 **Cheddar**

**Wednesday 12th February 2020**

**Premier Division**

Bradford Town 2-1 Shepton Mallet 111

Cadbury Heath 2-7 Tavistock 40

Exmouth Town 5-0 Cribbs 102

**GFA Challenge Trophy – Quarter Final Round**

**Roman Glass St George** 1-1 (5-3 pens) Gala Wilton 35

**Saturday 15th February 2020**

**Premier Division**

Keynsham Town 1-1 Bitton 235

**Western League Statistical Leaders**

**PREMIER DIVISION LEADING GOAL SCORERS (League only):**

**Adam Carter (Plymouth Parkway) – 27**

**Jordan Harris (Exmouth Town) – 22**

**Jack Fillingham (Shepton Mallet) – 20**

**Leighton Thomas (Street) – 18**

**Mikey Williams (Plymouth Parkway) – 16**

**Jack Taylor (Bridgwater Town) – 16**

**PREMIER DIVISION TOP ATTENDANCES:**

Plymouth Parkway 2 Tavistock 3, Thursday 26th December 2019 - **564**

Bridport 0 Bridgwater Town 6, Sunday 6th October 2019 – **347**

Wellington 0 Exmouth Town 2, Sunday 6th October 2019 - **315**

**FIRST DIVISION LEADING GOAL SCORERS (League only):**

**Harry Foster (Wells City) – 23**

**James Rustell (Radstock Town) – 19**

**Stuart Windsor (Calne Town) – 17**

**Alex Murphy (Sherborne Town) – 14**

**Josh Bright (Corsham Town) – 13**

**Toby Cole (Wincanton Town) – 12**

**FIRST DIVISION TOP ATTENDANCES:**

Warminster Town 2 Bristol Telephones 3, Saturday 5th October 2019 - **369**

Longwell Green Sports 1 Oldland Abbotonians 2, Saturday 28th December 2019 - **289**

Portishead Town 3 Longwell Green Sports 5, Saturday 5th October 2019 – **262**

**LEADING SCORERS IN ALL COMPETITIONS:**

**Jack Crago (Tavistock) - 35**

**Harry Foster (Wells City) – 30**

**Adam Carter (Plymouth Parkway) – 27**

**Jack Fillingham (Shepton Mallet) – 25**

**Jordan Harris (Exmouth Town) - 25**

**James Rustell (Radstock Town) – 24**

**Jack Taylor (Bridgwater Town) – 23**

**Be sure to check out the latest podcast, where Ian, Tom & guests recap all the latest news and results from around the Western League. To follow along all season, each broadcast will be available at the following link:** [**http://www.toolstationleague.com/podcasts.php**](http://www.toolstationleague.com/podcasts.php)

*\*All goalscoring stats*

*via Full-Time FA website*

**Upcoming Fixtures**

**Tuesday 18th February 2020**

**Premier Division**

Bitton vs Shepton Mallet 19:30KO

Brislington vs Keynsham Town 19:30KO

Odd Down vs Exmouth Town 19:45KO

**First Division**

Almondsbury vs Wells City 19:30KO

Bishop Sutton vs Wincanton Town 19:30KO

**Les Phillips Cup – Quarter Final**

Hallen vs Cheddar 19:45KO

**Wiltshire FA Senior Cup – Semi Final**

**Corsham Town** vs Bemerton Heath Harlequins 19:45KO

**Somerset FA Premier Cup – Quarter Final**

**Welton Rovers**  vs Yeovil Town 19:45KO

**Wednesday 19th February 2020**

**Premier Division**

Cadbury Heath vs Buckland Athletic 19:30KO

Clevedon Town vs Plymouth Parkway 19:45KO

**First Division**

Bishops Lydeard vs Devizes Town 19:30KO

Radstock Town vs Bristol Telephones 19:30KO

**Les Phillips Cup – Quarter Final**

Roman Glass St George vs Bradford Town 19:30KO

Tavistock vs Warminster Town 19:30KO

**Wiltshire FA Senior Cup – Semi Final**

**Calne Town** vs Wroughton 19:45KO

**Saturday 22nd February 2020 (KICK OFF AT 3.00PM UNLESS NOTED)**

**Premier Division**

Bradford Town vs Tavistock

Bridgwater Town vs Hallen

Bridport vs Bitton

Cadbury Heath vs Plymouth Parkway

Chipping Sodbury Town vs Clevedon Town

Cribbs vs Shepton Mallet

Exmouth Town vs Wellington

Odd Down vs Buckland Athletic

Roman Glass St George vs Street

Westbury United vs Brislington

**First Division**

Ashton & Backwell United vs Cheddar

Bristol Telephones vs Bishops Lydeard

Calne Town vs Wincanton Town

Corsham Town vs Sherborne Town

Devizes Town vs Portishead Town

Hengrove Athletic vs Almondsbury

Longwell Green Sports vs Bishop Sutton

Radstock Town vs Oldland Abbotonians

Wells City vs Lebeq United

Welton Rovers vs Warminster Town

**League Tables**

**Premier Division**

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|  |  | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
| 1 | **Bradford Town** | 22 | 19 | 1 | 2 | 69 | 20 | 49 | 58 |
| 2 | **Plymouth Parkway** | 20 | 17 | 1 | 2 | 71 | 19 | 52 | 52 |
| 3 | **Hallen** | 25 | 16 | 4 | 5 | 56 | 38 | 18 | 52 |
| 4 | **Tavistock** | 22 | 16 | 2 | 4 | 61 | 27 | 34 | 50 |
| 5 | **Exmouth Town** | 22 | 16 | 2 | 4 | 55 | 21 | 34 | 50 |
| 6 | **Shepton Mallet** | 24 | 15 | 3 | 6 | 60 | 30 | 30 | 48 |
| 7 | **Bridgwater Town** | 25 | 13 | 6 | 6 | 63 | 37 | 26 | 45 |
| 8 | **Bitton** | 22 | 13 | 2 | 7 | 58 | 33 | 25 | 41 |
| 9 | **Street** | 28 | 12 | 4 | 12 | 60 | 60 | 0 | 40 |
| 10 | **Clevedon Town** | 26 | 12 | 4 | 10 | 53 | 54 | -1 | 40 |
| 11 | **Westbury United** | 26 | 11 | 3 | 12 | 49 | 38 | 11 | 36 |
| 12 | **Keynsham Town** | 27 | 10 | 4 | 13 | 47 | 54 | -7 | 34 |
| 13 | **Buckland Athletic** | 21 | 10 | 2 | 9 | 38 | 42 | -4 | 32 |
| 14 | **Brislington** | 24 | 9 | 4 | 11 | 35 | 55 | -20 | 31 |
| 15 | **Roman Glass St George** | 24 | 8 | 4 | 12 | 52 | 41 | 11 | 28 |
| 16 | **Cadbury Heath** | 28 | 6 | 7 | 15 | 33 | 71 | -38 | 25 |
| 17 | **Cribbs** | 25 | 7 | 2 | 16 | 33 | 63 | -30 | 23 |
| 18 | **Bridport** | 25 | 5 | 2 | 18 | 35 | 80 | -45 | 17 |
| 19 | **Chipping Sodbury Town** | 26 | 5 | 1 | 20 | 29 | 84 | -55 | 16 |
| 20 | **Wellington** | 27 | 3 | 3 | 21 | 24 | 67 | -43 | 12 |
| 21 | **Odd Down** | 25 | 3 | 1 | 21 | 22 | 69 | -47 | 10 |

**First Division**

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|  |  | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
| 1 | **Calne Town** | 24 | 16 | 2 | 6 | 42 | 18 | 24 | 50 |
| 2 | **Sherborne Town** | 24 | 16 | 2 | 6 | 56 | 33 | 23 | 50 |
| 3 | **Wells City** | 24 | 14 | 6 | 4 | 64 | 27 | 37 | 48 |
| 4 | **Longwell Green Sports** | 25 | 15 | 3 | 7 | 59 | 37 | 22 | 48 |
| 5 | **Ashton & Backwell United** | 24 | 14 | 6 | 4 | 40 | 37 | 3 | 48 |
| 6 | **Radstock Town** | 20 | 14 | 1 | 5 | 49 | 26 | 23 | 43 |
| 7 | **Corsham Town** | 25 | 12 | 3 | 10 | 43 | 50 | -7 | 39 |
| 8 | **Wincanton Town** | 20 | 11 | 2 | 7 | 41 | 42 | -1 | 35 |
| 9 | **Oldland Abbotonians** | 21 | 10 | 5 | 6 | 29 | 32 | -3 | 35 |
| 10 | **Cheddar** | 22 | 10 | 4 | 8 | 38 | 34 | 4 | 34 |
| 11 | **Bishops Lydeard** | 22 | 10 | 3 | 9 | 48 | 35 | 13 | 33 |
| 12 | **Lebeq United** | 23 | 10 | 0 | 13 | 47 | 54 | -7 | 30 |
| 13 | **Hengrove Athletic** | 24 | 8 | 4 | 12 | 21 | 46 | -25 | 28 |
| 14 | **Warminster Town** | 23 | 8 | 2 | 13 | 41 | 38 | 3 | 26 |
| 15 | **Portishead Town** | 23 | 7 | 4 | 12 | 40 | 43 | -3 | 25 |
| 16 | **Almondsbury** | 22 | 7 | 4 | 11 | 31 | 37 | -6 | 25 |
| 17 | **Welton Rovers** | 24 | 6 | 4 | 14 | 27 | 44 | -17 | 22 |
| 18 | **Devizes Town** | 23 | 3 | 6 | 14 | 33 | 54 | -21 | 15 |
| 19 | **Bishop Sutton** | 23 | 3 | 3 | 17 | 25 | 52 | -27 | 12 |
| 20 | **Bristol Telephones** | 22 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 28 | 63 | -35 | 8 |

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