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The Round-Up

- FA Vase -

Football returned with a bang at the Hand Stadium in Clevedon, where the home side came out on top in a seven-goal thriller against Bitton.

Town showed no signs of lockdown rust, scoring after just eight minutes through Elliot Nicholson to build an early lead. The visitors soon found their feet, and got level before the interval when Dean Griffiths slammed the ball home following a smart knock down by strike partner Aysa Corrick.

Griffiths was at the double early in the second half, slotting home a penalty after Jack Alwards had been felled in the box, but Clevedon weren't behind for long with Mitch Osmond drawing them level.

The game then came alive in the final ten minutes, with Clevedon looking like certain victors when substitute Liam Dempsey finished off a counter-attack to put them 3-2 in front.

Bitton responded instantly with Brandon Barnes scoring the visitors third of the afternoon, but that still left time for a winner, and it fell for the home side with less than five minutes left on the clock with Jay Murray booking their spot in the third round.

In a tie involving a pair of First Division sides, Cheddar overturned a half-time deficit to defeat Ashton & Backwell United 2-1. The away side's lead was afforded to them by way of a penalty, with Callum Townsend converting from 12 yards in the early stages of the contest.

It was the Cheesemen who claimed a spot

in the next round however, after goals in the opening ten minutes of the second half from Steve Holland Robbi Maggs helped them complete the turnaround.

The other all-Western League second round clash went the way of Buckland Athletic, after goals from Danny Gaze and Ben Carter helped them see off the late challenge of Wells to prevail by two goals to one.

Plymouth Parkway picked up where they left off prior to the pause in action, coming from behind to beat Newton Abbot Spurs 3-1 at Bolitho Park.

Despite the best efforts of keeper Kyle Moore, Parkway trailed at the interval when Jake Chisholm finally managed to beat him just after the half-hour mark. Moore's earlier saves proved crucial after the break, with Parkway storming to victory thanks mainly to substitute Matt Wright.

After being subbed on after just 34 minutes, Wright struck twice to help maintain the hosts unbeaten start, with forward Ryan Richards picking up where he left off to continue his prolific season in front of goal. Bridgwater survived a late scare to hold off Royal Wootton Bassett Town, winning 2-1 at Fairfax Park.

Goals early in either half from Tom Ellis and Mark Duffy put Bridgy in pole position to qualify for round three, before the visitors set up a nervy finish after scoring from the spot with 17 minutes still left on the clock.

A late sin-bin scuppered Wootton Bassett's chances however, allowing Town to hold on and grab a spot in round three.

Things didn't go quite as well for Sherborne, who fell to a 3-1 defeat away at Millbrook despite leading in the 12th minute through Sam Farthing.

Roman Glass St George were also knocked out of the competition, after a goal in either half from Curtis Robbins saw them suffer a 4-1 loss against Fareham Town.

There was late heartbreak for Bradford Town, who's first half fightback counted for nothing after they lost 3-2 to Brimscombe & Thrupp.

Having fallen behind, Town ended the first period in dominant fashion, scoring twice in quick succession through Lewis Ellington and Morgan Marsh to lead by two goals to one at the break.

A deflected effort drew the away side level, and then just as the game entered the final five minutes, Brimscombe scored the crucial fifth goal, with Jonty Welch completing his double to end the Bobcats run in this year's competition.

On Sunday, Street suffered a defeat on penalties in their delayed tie away at Brockenhurst.

Goals in the opening half hour from Kameron Andrews and Leighton Thomas put Street in front, but the hosts hit back to level affairs before the break.

A goalless second half followed, meaning the game would be decided on spot kicks, with Brockenhurst prevailing 5-3 to end the Cobblers progress in this season's Vase competition.



Action from the Vase clash between Buckland Athletic and Wells City courtesy of John Pool.



Action from the Vase clash between Bridgwater Town and Royal Wotton Bassett Town - pictures courtesy of Debbie Gould.

The podcast has been continuing during the lockdown with Ian speaking to a number of fascinating guests about a number of different topics. The latest episode includes a conversation with Western League Chairman, John Pool, who helps to explain why the fixtures have been suspended until December 18th. To listen, head to the following link:

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Saturday 5th December 2020

FA Vase – Second Round

Bradford Town 2-3 Brimscombe & Thrupp

Bridgwater Town 2-1 Royal Wootton Bassett

Cheddar 2-1 Ashton & Backwell United

Clevedon Town 4-3 Bitton

Fareham Town 4-1 Roman Glass St George

Millbrook 3-1 Sherborne Town

Plymouth Parkway 3-1 Newton Abbott Spurs

Wells City 1-2 Buckland Athletic

Sunday 6th December 2020

FA Vase – Second Round

Brockenhurst 2-2 (5-3 pens) Street

Premier Division

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Plymouth Parkway	13	11	2	0	40	35
2	Tavistock	11	8	1	2	16	25
3	Cribbs	12	7	2	3	8	23
4	Street	13	7	1	5	7	22
5	Exmouth Town	10	7	0	3	12	21
6	Clevedon Town	12	6	3	3	5	21
7	Buckland Athletic	15	6	3	6	1	21
8	Westbury United	10	6	2	2	7	20
9	Bitton	8	6	0	2	16	18
10	Bradford Town	12	5	3	4	2	18
11	Roman Glass St George	11	6	0	5	2	18
12	Bridgwater Town	11	5	1	5	-2	16
13	Shepton Mallet	10	3	4	3	-2	13
14	Cadbury Heath	10	4	0	6	-5	12
15	Brislington	10	3	2	5	-7	11
16	Odd Down	12	3	1	8	-20	10
17	Keynsham Town	11	2	3	6	-7	9
18	Hallen	13	2	3	8	-10	9
19	Wellington	13	2	3	8	-16	9
20	Bridport	9	1	0	8	-23	3
21	Chipping Sodbury Town	10	0	2	8	-25	2

First Division

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Welton Rovers	10	8	2	0	20	26
2	Corsham Town	8	7	1	0	20	22
3	Calne Town	8	7	0	1	16	21
4	Ashton & Backwell United	9	6	1	2	9	20
5	Wincanton Town	12	6	2	4	6	20
6	Warminster Town	9	6	1	2	13	19
7	Wells City	9	5	1	3	5	16
8	Almondsbury	11	5	1	5	-6	16
9	Radstock Town	9	5	0	4	1	15
10	Lebeq United	8	4	2	2	8	14
11	Portishead Town	10	4	2	4	2	14
12	Sherborne Town	11	4	1	6	-2	13
13	Bishop Sutton	9	4	1	4	-6	13
14	Bristol Telephones	9	4	0	5	-1	12
15	Hengrove Athletic	9	3	3	3	-2	12
16	Cheddar	10	4	0	6	-3	12
17	Bishops Lydeard	11	1	1	9	-16	4
18	Oldland Abbotonians	9	1	0	8	-15	3
19	Longwell Green Sports	10	0	1	9	-23	1
20	Devizes Town	9	0	1	8	-26	1

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