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# The Round-Up

## - Midweek Action -

**After battling out a stalemate in their tie the previous Saturday, Shepton Mallet made an impactful start to their FA Cup replay with Andover New Street, scoring twice in the opening 11 minutes to shell-shock their hosts.**

Mallet shot out of the blocks, scoring inside the opening minute through Callum Gould, before he then turned provider, sending in a cross which Nick Hewlett nodded home.

An excellent volleyed finish from Harvey Baker extended Shepton's in first half stoppage-time, before substitute Nathan Legge completed the scoring late on with an audacious 40 yard lob.

Unfortunately, Brislington will not be joining Shepton in the Preliminary round after they suffered a 3-1 defeat at the hands of Brimscombe & Thrupp.

24 hours later, an absolutely incredible spell midway through the second half from Millbrook saw them overturn a 3-0 deficit to knock out Saltash United in a wild Cornish derby. The Ashes looked to be home and dry after 55 minutes of the tie, after two goals from Sam Hughes and an effort from Sam Farrant put them three goals to the good.

But from the moment Rikki Shepherd pulled a goal back, the visitors couldn't stop scoring and were suddenly in the ascendancy. Dave Youldon followed up Shepherd's first effort, with the front man then adding his second with the next attack to draw the side's level. Millbrook didn't stop there however, and all of a sudden they were in front, with Josh

Toulson scoring their fourth goal in the space of just five minutes.

Tom Payne then added a fifth for the rampant visitors before Saltash regrouped somewhat, pulling a goal back through Charlie Elkington to set up a frantic final 12 minutes.

It was Millbrook who grabbed the tenth and final goal of a thrilling contest however, with substitute Ed Goodman scoring in stoppage time to complete a memorable night at the Kimberley Stadium.

In league matters, Street claimed their first three points of the campaign after coming from behind to win 4-1 at Bridport. Goals from Harry Foster and Jordan Lovibond overturned the early deficit, with a Foster penalty and an Ollie Pearson tap-in completing the victory. Tuesday's other Premier Division clash saw Tavistock defeat Mousehole 3-0, with Liam Prynne, Josh Grant and Tallan Burns all getting on the scoresheet.

The following evening, Keynsham secured their third successive victory, after a brace from Will Hailston helped them overcome Cadbury Heath 2-1 at Springfield.

Welton Rovers continue to be the early pacesetters in the First Division after they eased to a 3-0 win at home to Devizes Town on Tuesday evening thanks to goals from Joe Ellis, Courtney Charles and Chris Pile.

Cheddar are another side to have started strongly, and first half goals from Robbie Maggs and Harry Taylor saw them beat a previously unbeaten Bishop Sutton side 2-0 at Bowdens Park. Portishead beat

Almondsbury by the same scoreline thanks to a pair of late goals, while Odd Down collected their first three points of the campaign after beating Bishops Lydeard 4-2 in Bath behind a double from Reeko Best and another goal from the impressive Luke Bryan.

Wednesday's big winners were Oldland, for whom Cash Vinall scored two exquisite goals in their 4-1 win over Tytherington Rocks, while Radstock and Longwell Green battled out a 1-1 draw at the Southfields Rec.

Elsewhere, Lebeq United pulled off a brilliant comeback to defeat Bristol Telephones by three goals to two.

The Phones looked destined for all three points thanks to goals from Dhani Golding and Craig Parsons, but Lebeq had other ideas, eventually running out winners after Fabian McCarthy, Adam Mahdi and Jack Baber each found the back of the net at Oaklands Park.

## - Premier Division -

**The weekend action got underway on Friday evening in Tavistock, where the hosts took an early lead before falling to a 2-1 defeat against Bridgwater United.**

It was Josh Grant who put the Lambs ahead after just 19 minutes, smashing the ball past the visiting keeper, but crucially Bridgwater managed to get level just before the interval when Jack Taylor reacted quickest to a loose ball in the area.

The winning moment came 15 minutes from time, with Josh Wadham firing home from long range to give Town their first victory of the season.

The pick of Saturday's games occurred at Keynsham where a dramatic finish saw Helston come away with all three points following a 3-2 victory.

The visitors made a solid start, taking an

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early lead through Stu Bowker, only to be pegged back almost instantly when Sam Jones levelled for the K's.

Bowker turned provider for Helston's second, producing an excellent cross for Kai Cornish to restore their advantage midway through the first half.

Will Hailston has hit the ground running this season, and he struck again to put Keynsham in position to grab a point, but Archie Reay had other ideas, striking the fatal blow three minutes from time to tip the balance in Helston's favour.

Saltash United rebounded from their midweek cup capitulation, scoring twice in the final 20 minutes to secure a 3-1 win away at Clevedon.

The Ashes must have feared the worse after an hour when their hosts levelled through Ethan Feltham after Dave Barker had fired them into an early lead from the spot.

They responded much better to conceding this time around however, and after Sam Hughes had restored their lead in the 70th minute, they Cornish outfit wrapped up victory in stoppage time thanks to an effort

from Tom Cleveland.

There was also a 3-1 triumph for Exmouth away at Ashton & Backwell United as they joined a large group of teams on seven points.

Ace High's opener at the end of the opening period put Exmouth in control, but a mix-up at the back allowed the home side to get back on level terms through Brad Skidmore.

A Dan Cullen header then restored Town's advantage, before Aaron Denny struck 12 minutes from time to give Exmouth their third away win in the space of ten days.

3-1 was also the victory margin for Bitton, with Matt Groves, Dean Griffiths and Adam Carter all scoring in their win over Brislington, while Shepton Mallet and Buckland both remain unbeaten following their goalless draw.

Both Bridport and Cadbury Heath remain without a victory this season after falling at the hands of a pair of recent additions to the Western League. For Bridport, their fourth consecutive loss saw them concede three times at the break in a 4-0 defeat away at Millbrook.

**On the latest podcast, Bridgwater manager Dave Pearse tells us how many teams he thinks can challenge for the Premier Division title, and the Chairman of Sherborne Town, John Bowers talks about the strong link he believes exists between getting things right on and off the pitch. Ian and Tom also have a look at the recent league and cup action.**

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Ben Holter struck in either half to give the home side a two-goal lead, with Rikki Shepherd making it 3-0 before Ben Applegate completing the scoring deep into stoppage-time.

Ilfracombe Town's second half comeback condemned Cadbury Heath to a 2-1 defeat at Springfield after Dean Preddie had put the home side ahead in the 38th minute.

An equaliser ten minutes after the interval from Liam Short gave the Bluebirds a foothold in the contest, with Kevin Squire's spot kick soon after helping to complete the turnaround.

#### **- First Division -**

**Welton Rovers made it five wins from five on Saturday afternoon, beating Hengrove by the slenderest of margins at West Clewes. It may have been Welton's poorest performance of the season to date, but they still gained maximum points thanks to a header in first-half stoppage time from Joe Garland.**

Sherborne Town have prevailed in each of their three league fixtures to date, scoring all five of their goals before the break in their big win over Wells City.

After taking a ninth minute lead through Alex Murphy, Sherborne were pegged back by the visitors who have endured a slightly sluggish start to their campaign.

It didn't take long for the Zebras to move back in front via Declan Cornish, with Murphy and Cornish then both finding the back of the net again to stretch the lead before Ash Guppy completed the scoring three minutes before half-time.

Another side to hit five were Tytherington Rocks, with the Gloucestershire side overturning an early deficit to see off Gillingham Town.

Having trailed inside the opening five

minutes, Tytherington went about repairing the damage, and managed to forge ahead just after the half-hour mark thanks to a brace from Bailey Croome.

Matt Hoare then added to the lead just before the interval, with second-half strikes from Perran Blundell and Jack Sheppard-Cozens wrapping up the points.

AEK Boco are another of the new Western League sides who have hit the ground running, and they now have seven points from a possible nine after claiming an impressive 3-1 win away at Warminster.

Cheddar's opening day defeat is now a distant memory, with the Cheesemen now up in second spot after beating Devizes 1-0.

The decisive moment came towards the end of the first half, with Robbi Maggs scoring against the run of play to give Cheddar their fourth win on the bounce.

Oldland Abbotonians will also be pleased with their start to the season, finding themselves in third spot following a 4-1 triumph away at Lebeq.

Goals from Rico Sobers, Craig Sheppard and Ali Sen led Radstock to a 3-1 win away at Bishops Lydeard, while on Friday night there was a stalemate between Longwell Green and Almondsbury at Shellards Road.

Odd Down continue to show encouraging signs, winning 2-1 away at Bristol Telephones to move into the top half.

After scoring a double in midweek, Reeko Best picked up where he left off, firing the Bath side ahead after only 17 minutes.

The home side responded well after the break, deservedly drawing level through Craig Parsons, but they could do nothing about Odd Down's winner, with the in-form Luke Bryan curling home an excellent free-kick to snatch away all three points.

# Latest Results & Fixtures

**Tuesday 10th August 2021**

**FA Cup – Extra Preliminary Round**

Andover New Street 0-4 Shepton Mallet  
Brimscombe & Thrupp 3-1 Brislington

**Premier Division**

Bridport 1-4 Street – 130  
Tavistock 3-0 Mousehole

**First Division**

Almondsbury 0-2 Portishead Town – 36  
Cheddar 2-0 Bishop Sutton – 98  
Odd Down 4-2 Bishops Lydeard – 30  
Welton Rovers 3-0 Devizes Town – 155

**Wednesday 11th August 2021**

**FA Cup – Extra Preliminary Round**

Saltash United 4-6 Millbrook – 222

**Premier Division**

Cadbury Heath 1-2 Keynsham Town – 75  
Exmouth Town Wellington

**First Division**

Lebeq United 3-2 Bristol Telephones – 71  
Oldland Abbotonians 4-1 Tytherington Rocks – 54  
Radstock Town 1-1 Longwell Green Sports – 72

**Friday 13th August 2021**

**Premier Division**

Tavistock 1-2 Bridgwater United

**First Division**

Longwell Green Sports 0-0 Almondsbury

**Saturday 14th August 2021**

**Premier Division**

Ashton & Backwell United 1-3 Exmouth Town – 88  
Bitton 3-1 Brislington – 121  
Cadbury Heath 1-2 Ilfracombe Town – 41  
Clevedon Town 1-3 Saltash United – 103  
Keynsham Town 2-3 Helston Athletic – 95  
Millbrook 4-0 Bridport  
Shepton Mallet 0-0 Buckland Athletic – 122

**First Division**

Bishops Lydeard 1-3 Radstock Town – 54  
Bristol Telephones 1-2 Odd Down – 60  
Devizes Town 0-1 Cheddar – 123  
Lebeq United 1-4 Oldland Abbotonians – 35  
Sherborne Town 5-1 Wells City – 124  
Tytherington Rocks 5-1 Gillingham Town  
Warminster Town 1-3 AEK Boco 117

Welton Rovers 1-0 Hengrove Athletic – 110

**Upcoming Fixtures**

**Tuesday 17th August 2021**

**FA Cup**

Bridgwater United vs Brixham – 19:45

**Premier Division**

Brislington vs Cadbury Heath – 19:45  
Buckland Athletic vs Bridport – 19:30  
Millbrook vs Tavistock – 19:45  
Shepton Mallet vs Ashton & Backwell United – 19:30

**First Division**

Bishop Sutton vs Radstock Town – 19:30  
Hengrove Athletic vs Cheddar – 19:30  
Odd Down vs Devizes Town – 19:45  
Portishead Town vs Tytherington Rocks – 19:30  
Wells City vs Welton Rovers – 19:30

**Wednesday 18th August 2021**

**Premier Division**

Clevedon Town vs Bitton – 19:30

**First Division**

Lebeq United vs AEK Boco – 19:30  
Oldland Abbotonians vs Almondsbury – 19:45  
Warminster Town vs Sherborne Town – 19:45

**Saturday 21st August 2021 (3pm kick-off unless noted)**

FA Cup Preliminary Round  
Exmouth Town vs Bristol Manor Farm  
Mangotsfield United vs Tavistock  
Melksham Town vs Shepton Mallet  
Mousehole vs Plymouth Parkway  
Willand Rovers vs Millbrook

**Premier Division**

Brislington vs Saltash United

**First Division**

AEK Boco vs Wells City  
Almondsbury vs Bishop Sutton  
Bristol Telephones vs Bishops Lydeard  
Cheddar vs Longwell Green Sports  
Odd Down vs Oldland Abbotonians  
Radstock Town vs Hengrove Athletic  
Sherborne Town vs Lebeq United  
Tytherington Rocks vs Warminster Town  
Welton Rovers vs Gillingham Town  
Wincanton Town vs Devizes Town

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