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The Round-Up

- FA VASR -

Clevedon Town stormed through to the fourth round of the competition, hitting Brixham for six in a dominant away performance.

Following a relatively quiet first half, the visitors came to life with the interval on the horizon, scoring twice in quick succession through Freddie King and Syd Camper to move two goals ahead.

Town didn't rest on their laurels however, and made a dream start to the second period, stretching their lead to three thanks to a Camper volley within moments of the restart. An Alex Camm penalty pretty much ended the contest, with Glen Hayer and Archie Heywood adding the finishing touches late on.

Clevedon will be joined in the hat for the next round by Buckland Athletic who saw off fellow Western League side Wellington by two goals to nil at Homers Heath. It took them until first half stoppage time to go ahead, with Owen Stockton providing the finishing touch for the home side.

A fine effort from Charlie Johansen doubled Buckland's tally early in the second half, with the only blemish a late red card given to Stockton after he collected his second yellow of the contest. Things weren't so simple for Bridgwater, but they will also continue their progress in the competition after coming from behind to beat Bashley 2-1.

Having fallen behind to Harry Bunce's opener, Bridgwater grabbed a crucial equaliser three minutes before the break through Harry Horton. The winning goal then came ten minutes from time, with a wicked set piece from Jake Llewellyn finding the head of Ross Edwards who powered the ball home past the visiting keeper.

Unfortunately, Keynsham's run in the tournament has come to an end after they

lost 4-3 on penalties following a goalless draw away at New Milton Town. It was a similar story for Street, who succumbed on spot kicks against Brockenhurst, after their tie finished 1-1 at the end of 90 minutes.

- Premier Division -

Millbrook have now won six of their last seven in the league after easing to a 3-0 triumph away at second-placed Bitton on Saturday afternoon.

After Ben Holter fired them in front after less than ten minutes, the visitors then doubled their tally on the half hour through top scorer Rikki Sheppard.

It was another goal from star man Sheppard that completed the scoring for Millbrook, but they will be equally ecstatic at the other end of the field where the defensive unit have now produced seven straight shut-outs to help aid their winning run.

Another side on top form right now are Mousehole, with their 1-0 victory at home to Shepton Mallet giving them their fifth win on the bounce.

In a game with few chances, it was Callam McOnie who struck the vital goal 11 minutes from time, firing home a free kick to register another three points for the Cornish outfit.

In a bottom-five battle at Springfield, Cadbury Heath edged further away from visitors Ashton & Backwell thanks to a comfortable 3-1 win. At the opposite end of the table, Helston moved up into third spot after securing a 1-1 draw away at Exmouth.

Helston haven't been beaten in 90 minutes since late August, but that record looked under threat when Exmouth went ahead early in the second half thanks to a penalty from the prolific Jordan Harris.



Action from Buckland Athletic v Wellington – Picture courtesy of @aroundwelly



Action from Bridgwater United v Bashley – Picture by John Pool



Action from Street v Brockenhurst – Picture by Richard Palette



Action from Welton Rovers and Bishop Sutton – Picture by Mark Pile

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The visitors have a reliable goalscorer of their own in Stu Bowker, and he came to the fore once again, cutting in from the right before firing home with his left peg to salvage a point for Steve Massey's side.

The points were also shared in Ilfracombe, where the hosts twice came from behind to claim a 2-2 draw with Brislington.

Goals at the beginning of either half from Ash Kington and George Jones handed Brislington the chance to claim a surprise three points, but Town had other ideas, clawing them back on two occasions thanks to equalisers from both Jack Jenkins and Jack Langford.

- First Division -

A week after seeing their unbeaten run come to an end, Welton Rovers were five minutes away from staring at a two-game losing streak

Hosting a mid-table Bishop Sutton side, Welton found themselves both a goal and a man down after skipper Ben Wych was sent off in the closing stages, ten minutes after Oaklan Buck had fired the visitors ahead.

The league leaders managed to regroup however, and after Joe Battrick managed to dig out a cross, Joe Ellis powered his head into the back of the net to rescue a point for the Green Army five minutes from time.

Welton's lead at the top of the division now sits at just nine points following another victory for second-place Warminster at home to Oldland Abbotonians.

A goal in either half from Aaron Cockerill was the difference between the sides, with Oldland only scoring a late consolation in stoppage time after being outplayed for much of the afternoon.

Third-place Sherborne Town registered their 12th league win of the campaign, scoring a pretty late winner to beat Almondsbury 2-1.

Having gone ahead in the 20th minute through Sam Farthing, the Zebras were only in front for a matter of seconds with Isaac Flynn equalising

straight from the resulting kickoff.

Town finally moved back in front 18 minutes from time, with Henry Lawrence-Napier rising highest to head home an in-swinging corner.

Wincanton Town produced the most-dominant display of the day, with Jamie Irwin scoring a hat-trick in their 6-1 victory away at Devizes. It wasn't all easy going for the visitors, who despite going ahead inside 20 minutes through Irwin, were pegged back when Josh Cole levelled five minutes before the break.

That goal seemed to jolt the Wasps into life, and after Dan Quirke restored their lead soon after Cole's equaliser, they then extended their advantage in the 52nd minute following an instant impact from half-time substitute Conor Williams.

Irwin then scored his second to stretch the lead further on the hour mark, with Dan Wise making amends for his earlier miss by firing home a late penalty for the away side. The final goal of the game came in stoppage time, with Irwin finding the back of the net for the third time to extend his side's winning run to six matches.

Lebeq United were the last side to defeat Wincanton back in early October, and they also gained three points on Saturday afternoon thanks to a 3-2 win at home to Longwell Green Sports.

The other side to continue their rise up the division were Odd Down, who left it late before sneaking past Gillingham Town by a goal to nil.

The decisive moment came 14 minutes from time, with Man of the Match Shaquille Perkins produced a pin-point cross for teammate Josh Clark who did well to finish from inside the area.

Just two weeks after beating the same opposition by two goals to one, Hengrove missed out on the chance to repeat the trick after they missed a late penalty in their 1-1 draw with Portishead.

The Grove trailed in the early stages at the AVB Stadium, but got back on level terms towards the end of the first half through Jack Jones. It was then Jones who had an opportunity to help

his side steal all three points, but he saw his late penalty saved as the game ended level.

Tytherington's clash with Radstock had to be abandoned at half-time due to floodlight

failure, with the visitors leading 2-1 at the end of what had been an entertaining first half following goals from Rico Sobers and Morgan Skipp.



Action from Welton Rovers v Bishop Sutton - Picture by Mark Pile

On the latest podcast, Ian catches up with Helston Athletic manager, Steve Massey, who talks about the club's exciting start to life in the Western League, and also his personal journey to the Blues dugout. Joe White of Almondsbury explains how his charges managed to become the first side to topple the previously unbeaten First Division leaders, Welton.

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Latest League Tables

Premier Division

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Tavistock	21	14	4	3	30	46
2	Bitton	21	12	3	6	14	39
3	Helston Athletic	18	10	7	1	21	37
4	Bridgwater United	19	11	3	5	23	36
5	Ilfracombe Town	19	11	3	5	12	36
6	Mousehole	17	11	2	4	19	35
7	Exmouth Town	18	9	5	4	27	32
8	Buckland Athletic	19	9	4	6	15	31
9	Keynsham Town	20	8	7	5	10	31
10	Saltash United	18	9	3	6	14	30
11	Shepton Mallet	20	7	6	7	18	27
12	Millbrook	20	8	4	8	4	28
13	Clevedon Town	20	5	8	7	4	23
14	Wellington	18	6	4	8	-9	22
15	Brislington	19	6	2	11	-38	20
16	Cadbury Heath	23	5	2	16	-30	17
17	Street	17	5	1	11	-14	16
18	Ashton & Backwell United	19	2	2	15	-27	8
19	Bridport	22	1	0	21	-93	3

First Division

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Welton Rovers	22	16	5	1	33	53
2	Warminster Town	22	13	5	4	19	44
3	Sherborne Town	21	12	6	3	33	42
4	Cheddar	22	11	4	7	8	37
5	Wincanton Town	20	10	4	6	26	34
6	Odd Down	23	10	4	9	1	34
7	Radstock Town	20	9	6	5	9	33
8	Oldland Abbotonians	21	10	2	9	0	32
9	Lebeq United	23	8	6	9	-1	30
10	AEK Boco	21	8	6	7	-4	30
11	Bishop Sutton	22	8	5	9	0	29
12	Gillingham Town	25	7	8	10	-1	29
13	Wells City	19	6	7	6	-3	25
14	Almondsbury	20	8	1	11	-8	25
15	Tytherington Rocks	22	6	7	9	-10	25
16	Hengrove Athletic	24	6	7	11	-16	25
17	Longwell Green Sports	21	6	5	10	-8	23
18	Portishead Town	21	7	3	11	-5	21*
19	Bishops Lydeard	19	4	5	10	-11	17
20	Bristol Telephones	18	5	2	11	-13	17
21	Devizes Town	22	4	2	16	-49	14

Latest Results & Fixtures

Saturday 11th December 2021

FA Vase Third Round

Bridgwater United 2-1 Bashley

Brixham 0-6 Clevedon Town

Buckland Athletic 2-0 Wellington - 152

New Milton T 0-0 (4-3 pens) Keynsham Twn

Street 1-1 (2-4 pens) Brockenhurst

Premier Division

Bitton 0-3 Millbrook - 42

Cadbury Heath 3-1 Ashton & Backwell U - 52

Exmouth Town 1-1 Helston Athletic - 246

Ilfracombe Town 2-2 Brislington - 82

Mousehole 1-0 Shepton Mallet

First Division

Almondsbury 1-2 Sherborne Town - 30

Devizes Town 1-6 Wincanton Town - 82

Hengrove Athletic 1-1 Portishead Town - 53

Lebeq United 3-2 Longwell Green Sports - 33

Odd Down 1-0 Gillingham Town - 25

Tytherington Rocks A-A Radstock Town

Warminster Town 2-1 Oldland Abbotonians

Welton Rovers 1-1 Bishop Sutton - 93

Saturday 18th December 2021

(3pm Kick off unless noted)

Premier Division

Ashton & Backwell Utd vs Ilfracombe Town

Bridgwater United vs Exmouth Town

Bridport vs Millbrook

Buckland Athletic vs Brislington

Shepton Mallet vs Helston Athletic

Street vs Mousehole

Tavistock vs Keynsham Town

Wellington vs Saltash United

First Division

AEK Boco vs Radstock Town

Bishop Sutton vs Almondsbury

Bristol Telephones vs Hengrove Athletic

Gillingham Town vs Tytherington Rocks

Longwell Green Sports vs Bishops Lydeard

Odd Down vs Wells City

Portishead Town vs Devizes Town

Sherborne Town vs Cheddar

Welton Rovers vs Wincanton Town

- Leading Goalscorers -

Premier Division

Dean Griffiths (Bitton) - 24

Liam Pryn (Tavistock) - 23

Jack Taylor (Bridgwater) - 20

Jordan Harris (Exmouth) - 15

First Division

Luke Bryan (Odd Down) - 21

Oaklan Buck (Bishop Sutton) - 19

Bailey Croome (Tytherington) - 18

Cameron Brown (Lebeq) - 16

Jake Slocombe (Welton) - 16

All Competitions

Dean Griffiths (Bitton) - 26

Liam Pryn (Tavistock) - 26

Luke Bryan (Odd Down) - 22

Jack Taylor (Bridgwater) - 21

Oaklan Buck (Bishop Sutton) - 20

Bailey Croome (Tytherington) - 18

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