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The Round-Up

- FA VASE -

Buckland Athletic are through to the last 16 of the competition after striking at the death to beat Egham Town 2-1.

In a quiet first half, it was Buckland who enjoyed the better of the play, deservedly leading through Ben Carter's tenth minute penalty following a foul on Josh Webber.

The hosts were then reduced to ten men momentarily early in the second half when Rob Farkins was sent to the sin bin, and the away side used that momentum to draw level through Brendan Matthew after 67 minutes.

With the game destined for penalties, Buckland went ahead in dramatic circumstances with Carter's strike having just enough pace to nestle in the back of the visitors net, securing their spot in the fifth round.

Unfortunately, there is only one Western League side who remain in the competition following a pair of penalty losses.

Clevedon Town's clash away at Southall finished 1-1 at the end of normal time, with Alex Camm's cross deflecting off a home defender to draw the visitors level after an hour.

It wasn't to be on penalties however, with the hosts prevailing 5-4. Bridgwater United were also dumped out in the cruellest of circumstances, with Tunbridge Wells coming from two goals down to draw 2-2 before prevailing on spot kicks.

Goals at the beginning of either half from Jack Taylor looked to have booked United's passage through to round five, but the Kent side struck twice in the final 20 minutes through Harry Hudson and Robbie Bissett to draw level.

An early miss in the shootout then cost Bridgwater who will feel they have missed out on an excellent opportunity to continue their

excellent run in this season's competition.

- PREMIER DIVISION -

Tavistock now lead the league by 14 points following a fairly comfortable 3-1 victory at home to Cadbury Heath.

After taking an early lead through Liam Pryn, the Lambs had to wait until the 50th minute before they managed to double their advantage when Dan Koita slotted home.

The Heath didn't lie down however, with George Boon trimming the deficit, before Pryn struck his 29th goal of the campaign to wrap up Tavistock's latest three points.

Exmouth Town are now up into second spot after they held off a late charge from Bitton to prevail by three goals to one in Devon. Goals either side of the interval from Aaron Denny and Jordan Harris put Exmouth in control, before Josh Egan struck 15 minutes from time to set up a nervy finish.

The hosts had enough in the tank to push on and confirm the victory, with Nathan Cooper firing home to make it 3-1 during the final five minutes.

In their first game in close to a month, Mousehole got straight back to winning ways, beating Brislington 2-0 at Trungle Parc.

Having won 6-2 against Street in their previous fixture on December 18th, Mousehole now sit third after goals from Jack Calver and Callam McOnie at the end of either half saw them overcome their bottom-half opponents.

Keynsham Town came out on top in the game of the day, prevailing in an eight-goal thriller at home to Ilfracombe Town.

The first half saw both attacking units comfortably outperforming those on the defensive side pretty much from the moment

Jamie Noble fired the K's ahead after quarter of an hour.

A quickfire double from Jack Langford and Liam Short suddenly saw Ilfracombe move in front, but they were unable to hold onto their lead for long, with Dan Cottle drawing Keynsham level after 21 minutes.

A further goal at the end of the first half from Jordan Metters restored the home side's lead, before Ilfracombe hit back on the other side of the interval through Charlie Prentice to leave the game in the balance once again.

Fortunately for the home fans, it was Keynsham who finished the game strongest, and after Cottle hit struck for the second time to put them back in front, they finally made sure of the points in the closing stages when Will Hailston scored their fifth of the afternoon. In a quieter affair, Wellington and Street shared the points after battling out a goalless draw.

- FIRST DIVISION -

The weather wreaked havoc with the fixture schedule last weekend, meaning only two games survived on a wet and windy Saturday.

421 fans attended the fixture at Shellards Road, where Bishop Sutton turned over Longwell Green Sports to come away with a 2-1 win.

Sutton's main man got the ball rolling for the away side, with Oaklan Buck capitalising on a mistake at the back to make it 1-0 in first half stoppage time.

The home side regrouped during the interval and levelled early in the second half thanks to a spin and finish from Zac Cheetham, but Bishop Sutton hit back instantly via a chipped finish from Jacob Bird to give them all three points.

In the other game which avoided joining the long list of postponements, Lebeq responded well after making a sluggish start to draw 3-3 with Cheddar.

The visitors made a fine start to the contest, with Rick Bennett curling home a magnificent free kick to put them ahead in the early stages.

Zack Young equalised for United five minutes later, but Cheddar soon found their groove again, and after Harry Taylor had restored their lead, Bennett whipped home another fine set

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Post match handshakes at Mousehole v Brislington.

piece to make it 3-1 after 33 minutes. The first half goalscoring didn't finish there however, and Lebeq managed to half the deficit when Josh Morgan-Williams struck, before Sacha Tong scored the sixth and final goal of a pulsating contest ten minutes after the break.

Sherborne Town are now just two points adrift atop the First Division after claiming a 1-0 win away at Portishead in one of six games to beat the weather this Saturday.

Following a couple of weeks of inactivity, the Zebras weren't at their best, but they had just enough in the tank to secure victory, with Alex Murphy scoring the game's solitary goal after 57 minutes.

Another side to win on their travels was fourth-placed Odd Down, with the Bath outfit enjoying a strong start on their way to a 2-0 defeat of AEK Boco.

The away side went ahead after just five minutes through Omar Simpson, and then surged further in front just after the half-hour mark, when Saracen Yates powered home Curtis Dunn's well-taken corner.

At the opposite end of the table, Bishops Lydeard ended a four-match winless run by beating Gillingham Town 2-0. As one of many teams who have been out of action over the



Keynsham on the attack against Ilfracombe during their 5-3 win, courtesy of Pete Ricketts.



Pre-match handshakes at Portishead Town v Sherborne Town - Picture by Sam Bowers

past couple of weeks, the Lyds were strong in their return to the field, with goals either side of the break from Jordan Hayman and Adam Willis handing them the victory.

Oldland Abbotonians mounted an excellent comeback away at Bishop Sutton to win 3-1 at Lakeview.

Having fallen behind to Jacob Bird's 38th minute opener, the Abbots scored a crucial goal one minute before half time with Aaron Mansfield curling the ball home from the edge of the area.

Mansfield was also influential after the interval, producing the assist for Scott Hatcher who made it 2-1, with Craig Parsons then adding a third to complete the turnaround.

Another side who came from behind to win were Longwell Green Sports, with a large crowd witnessing their 2-1 triumph over Hengrove.

After man-of-the-match Liam Oswin had cancelled out Jack Cousins' 20th minute opener, it was left to Alex Grimshaw to score the late winner, with his headed effort securing the points for the home side.

Elsewhere, Radstock Town beat Tytherington Rocks by a goal to nil, while Adam Wright's brace helped Wells City win 2-1 away at Bristol Telephones.

Latest League Tables

Premier Division

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Tavistock	24	17	4	3	41	55
2	Exmouth Town	21	12	5	4	35	41
3	Mousehole	19	13	2	4	25	41
4	Bridgwater United	22	12	3	7	24	39
5	Bitton	22	12	3	7	12	39
6	Helston Athletic	20	10	7	3	18	37
7	Ilfracombe Town	21	11	4	6	10	37
8	Buckland Athletic	22	10	5	7	13	35
9	Saltash United	20	10	4	6	15	34
10	Keynsham Town	22	9	7	6	6	34
11	Shepton Mallet	22	9	6	7	22	33
12	Millbrook	22	9	5	8	15	32
13	Clevedon Town	21	6	8	7	7	26
14	Brislington	22	7	3	12	-36	24
15	Wellington	20	6	5	9	-10	23
16	Street	20	5	2	13	-21	17
17	Cadbury Heath	25	5	2	18	-33	17
18	Ashton & Backwell United	22	3	3	16	-30	12
19	Bridport	25	1	0	24	-113	3

First Division

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Welton Rovers	23	16	5	2	30	53
2	Sherborne Town	24	15	6	3	41	51
3	Warminster Town	24	15	5	4	23	50
4	Odd Down	26	12	5	9	5	41
5	Wincanton Town	22	12	4	6	34	40
6	Radstock Town	24	11	6	7	2	39
7	Cheddar	24	11	5	8	5	38
8	Bishop Sutton	25	10	5	10	3	35
9	Oldland Abbotonians	23	11	2	10	1	35
10	AEK Boco	24	9	6	9	-4	33
11	Longwell Green Sports	26	9	6	11	-6	33
12	Lebeq United	24	8	7	9	-1	31
13	Gillingham Town	27	7	8	12	-4	29
14	Wells City	22	7	7	8	-6	28
15	Tytherington Rocks	24	7	7	10	-10	28
16	Almondsbury	21	8	1	12	-12	25
17	Hengrove Athletic	25	6	7	12	-17	25
18	Portishead Town	23	8	3	12	-2	24
19	Bishops Lydeard	21	5	5	11	-12	20
20	Bristol Telephones	20	5	2	13	-17	17
21	Devizes Town	24	4	2	18	-55	14

Latest Results & Fixtures

Recent Results

Saturday 8th January 2022

First Division

Lebeq United 3-3 Cheddar - 61
Longwell Green Sports 1-2 Bishop Sutton - 421

Saturday 15th January 2022

FA Vase Fourth Round

Bridgwater Utd 2-2 (3-5 pens) Tunbridge W - 336
Buckland Athletic 2-1 Egham Town - 312
Southall 1-1 (5-4 pens) Clevedon Town

Premier Division

Exmouth Town 3-1 Bitton - 305
Keynsham Town 5-3 Ilfracombe Town - 132
Mousehole 2-0 Brislington
Tavistock 3-1 Cadbury Heath
Wellington 0-0 Street

First Division

AEK Boco 0-2 Odd Down - 97
Almondsbury P-P Warminster Town
Bishop Sutton 1-3 Oldland Abbotonians - 68
Bishops Lydeard 2-0 Gillingham Town - 61
Bristol Telephones 1-2 Wells City - 33
Devizes Town P-P Welton Rovers
Longwell Green Sports 2-1 Hengrove Ath - 225
Portishead Town 0-1 Sherborne Town
Radstock Town 1-0 Tytherington Rocks - 85
Wincanton Town P-P Lebeq United

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 18th January 2022

First Division

Almondsbury vs Bristol Telephones - 19:30KO
Gillingham Town vs Cheddar - 19:30KO
Portishead Town vs Wells City - 19:30KO

Wednesday 19th January 2022

Premier Division

Street vs Shepton Mallet - 19:30KO

Saturday 22nd January 2022

Premier Division

Ashton & Backwell United vs Mousehole
Bridport vs Shepton Mallet
Buckland Athletic vs Clevedon Town
Cadbury Heath vs Saltash United
Exmouth Town vs Keynsham Town
Helston Athletic vs Bridgwater United
Millbrook vs Bitton
Street vs Ilfracombe Town
Wellington vs Tavistock

First Division

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

- Leading Goalscorers -

Premier Division

Liam Pryn (Tavistock) - 28
Dean Griffiths (Bitton) - 24
Jack Taylor (Bridgwater) - 20
Jordan Harris (Exmouth) - 20
Rikki Sheppard (Millbrook) - 16

First Division

Oaklan Buck (Bishop Sutton) - 23
Luke Bryan (Odd Down) - 22
Bailey Croome (Tytherington) - 18
Cameron Brown (Lebeq) - 17
Jake Slocombe (Welton) - 16

All Competitions

Liam Pryn (Tavistock) - 31
Dean Griffiths (Bitton) - 26
Oaklan Buck (Bishop Sutton) - 23
Jack Taylor (Bridgwater) - 23
Luke Bryan (Odd Down) - 22
Rikki Sheppard (Millbrook) - 21
Jordan Harris (Exmouth) - 21

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