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The Round-Up

- MID-WEEK ACTION -

Clevedon Town were the big winners on Tuesday in the Premier Division, scoring an impressive 2-1 victory away at Bridgwater.

In front of a large crowd of 333, Alex Camm proved to be the difference maker for Clevedon, putting them ahead after half an hour with a cool finish.

That lead didn't last long however, and with half time on the horizon, the home side levelled through top scorer Jack Taylor.

It was then left to Camm to help Town come away with the points, and not long after they had conceded, Archie Ferris laid the ball off for Camm who fired home to make it 2-1.

In the other game that night, Ilfracombe and Saltash shared the points following a tight tussle which ended one apiece.

Both goals came within five minutes of one another, and it was Saltash who managed to find the quick answer, scoring through Scott Crocker in the 70th minute, just a couple of moments after Jack Jenkins had broken the deadlock for the hosts.

There was plenty of late drama in the First Division, including in the fixture at Lakeview, where Hengrove pulled off an almighty comeback to beat Bishop Sutton 4-3.

Having taken the lead through Danny Dodimead, Hengrove were quickly on the back foot, conceding three goals in the space of 15 minutes either side of the interval to Mason Dagher, Craig Wilson and Keith Kearney.

Suddenly finding themselves 3-1 down, the away side struck twice in quick succession through Luke Crewe and Luco Ponsillo to level affairs with 20 minutes remaining.

Then, deep into stoppage time, the visitors

managed to steal all three points when Dodimead completed his brace.

Welton were another side to produce a late winner, securing a much-needed victory over Odd Down at West Clewes.

Having stumbled of late, Welton looked to have found a response, leading 2-0 thanks to Will Gould and a Saracen Yates own goal.

The away side had other ideas however, and they managed to draw level just after the hour mark thanks to a couple of goals from Caelen Simpson and Curtis Dunn.

That left the game in the balance, but then with only one minute of normal time remaining, Gould smashed home his second of the night to secure the win.

Things were much simpler for Wells City, with Adam Wright and Charlie Crook both scoring hat-tricks in their 9-0 thumping of Bristol Telephones.

The other game that evening saw substitute Sam Beresford equalise for Cheddar in their 2-2 draw at home to Bishops Lydeard, after goals from Paulo Borges and Jordan Hayman had put the Lyds in position for a rare away victory.

24 hours later, Ryan Sharpe's brace, and another effort from top scorer Bailey Croome helped fire Tytherington to a 4-1 win at home to Radstock in the biggest surprise result of the midweek schedule.

Both Les Phillips Cup ties saw the home teams prevailing on Wednesday evening, with a double from substitute Levi Landricombe helping lead Exmouth to a 3-0 win over Wellington.

The other game went the way of Helston Athletic, after both Jordan Bentley and Orlando Anker scored their first goals for the club in a 2-1 defeat of Millbrook.

- PREMIER DIVISION -

In a stunner at Springfield, debutant Ali Boyer made an unbelievable impact for Cadbury Heath, scoring a hat-trick in their 3-2 win over second-placed Exmouth.

The visitors were unbeaten in eight matches heading into Saturday's game, and after taking the lead inside the opening minute through Aaron Denny, few would have predicted what was to unfold.

Boyer's first goal of the afternoon came soon after Denny's opener, but the Heath weren't level for all that long, with Nathan Cooper striking midway through the first half to put the Devonians back in front.

A second goal from Boyer soon after the interval set up an exciting second half, and it was the man on debut who struck again on the hour mark to cap a perfect performance.

Exmouth weren't the only top side to fall on Saturday, with fifth-placed Ilfracombe suffering a 3-1 defeat away at Clevedon. Cam Salmon had an excellent first half for the hosts, and after supplying the assist for Callum Eastwood's

opener, Salmon then whipped in a corner which Archie Ferris headed home to double the advantage.

Ilfracombe grabbed a lifeline in added time at the end of the first half when Jack Langford scored with a header of his own, but they fell short in their comeback attempt with Mitch Osmond volleying home Clevedon's third 15 minutes from time.

Mousehole were the main beneficiary of those two results, and they have now won nine of their last ten league fixtures after putting Bridgwater to the sword at Trungle Parc.

After Mark Goldsworthy had fired them into a tenth minute lead, the Seagulls doubled their tally from the spot through Hayden Turner following a handball in the box. Turner's second penalty of the afternoon made it 3-0 midway through the second half, with Tallan Mitchell adding his name to the scoresheet soon after.

It was Jared Sims who added a fifth for the rampant hosts, before Bridgwater managed to claim a late consolation when George King struck with the final attack of the afternoon.

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There was much less jeopardy in the fixture at Bridport, where the bottom side conceded nine unanswered goals to Saltash.

Sam Hughes and Scott Crocker each grabbed doubles for the away side, with Rubin Wilson scoring the goal of the day to make it 9-0 as time expired.

There was late drama in the highly-anticipated derby clash between Street and Shepton Mallet, where the away side claimed an injury time winner to complete their 2-1 comeback victory.

Having fallen behind early in the second half to Harry Foster's smart finish, Mallet got back on level terms ten minutes later when Joe Morgan smashed the ball into the back of the hosts net.

Then, with the points looking destined to be shared, Mallet skipper Andy Martin nodded the ball home to spark joyous scenes for the away side and their travelling support.

Helston were another away side who could celebrate a late victory, after they edged out Brislington by one goal to nil. After scoring from the bench in their midweek cup win, Helston's Orlando Anker repeated the trick in Bristol, grabbing the only goal of the game nine minutes from time to secure full points.

In similar fashion, Wellington left it until the final moments before they secured a 1-0 win over Keynsham, with Jason Quick sending over a cross which was headed home by his twin brother Miles to snatch all the points.

Millbrook brought an end to their four-match winless run by beating Ashton & Backwell United by three goals to two.

Ashton twice cancelled out goals from Josh

Toulson to leave the game evenly poised going into the final 20 minutes, but then in the final moments, substitute Charlie Knight popped up to score a vital winner for the visitors.

Meanwhile in South Gloucestershire, Substitute Charlie Johansen salvaged a point for Buckland, striking midway through the second half to deny Bitton who had led since the 24th minute when Dean Griffiths had popped up to break the deadlock.

- FIRST DIVISION -

Unlike the Premier Division, those in the upper reaches of the First all enjoyed big wins, with the top four winning their matches by an aggregate of 19-4 against their overrun opponents.

Table-toppers Sherborne show no signs of letting up, and are now unbeaten in 12 league fixtures after beating Oldland 4-0 at the Aitchison Playing Field.

The opening goal came 24 minutes in, with Alex Murphy continuing his excellent run in front of goal to put the Zebras a goal to the good.

Aaron White then doubled their lead eight minutes before the break, with Declan Cornish scoring either side of the interval to complete the victory.

Welton Rovers are starting to find their footing again, and after a poor spell, they showed no mercy to hosts Gillingham, recording a 6-0 victory away from home.

A dominant first half showing was behind Welton's big win, and once Toby Cole had put them in front after 16 minutes, they continued to push forward, with Ben Wych doubling their advantage soon after.

- Leading Goalscorers -

Premier Division

Liam Pryn (Tavistock) – 29
Dean Griffiths (Bitton) – 25
Jordan Harris (Exmouth) – 24
Jack Taylor (Bridgwater) – 21
Rikki Sheppard (Millbrook) – 17

First Division

Oaklan Buck (Bishop Sutton) – 23
Luke Bryan (Odd Down) – 23
Craig Sheppard (Radstock) – 22
Toby Cole (Wincanton/Welton) – 22
Adam Wright (Wells) – 21

Cole struck again to make it 3-0 inside half an hour, and Chris Pile then brought down the curtain on a strong 45-minute spell when he grabbed a fourth for the away side.

Despite losing keeper Joel Manning to a red card early in the second half, Welton managed to maintain their clean sheet, and their hard work was rewarded in stoppage time when Cam Allen twice beat the offside trap to complete the six-goal rout.

Warminster Town were forced to do it the hard way, overturning a half-time deficit on their way to a 4-1 victory away at Longwell Green Sports. Having trailed since the 20th minute, Warminster made an ideal start to the second half, levelling through Core Gardner, before Conner McKay then completed the turnaround on the hour mark.

Town stretched their unbeaten run in all competitions to 15 following this result, and they finished with a flourish thanks to a couple of late goals scored by Eben Mortimer-Taylor and sub James Vincent.

Fourth-placed Wincanton were involved in a seven-goal thriller in the day's early kickoff, just about coming out on top at home to Lebeq United.

A brace from Matt Garner, plus further goals from Connor Williams and Louis Irwin did the damage for the Wasps, but United forward Sacha Tong can feel unlucky to have been on the losing side after he claimed a terrific second half hat-trick.

Tytherington ended their dream week with nine points from nine, after they scored twice in the final 20 minutes to complete a 3-1 win away at Hengrove.

Following victories over Longwell Green and Radstock, a confident Rocks outfit started on the front foot at Hengrove, taking the lead after 28 minutes through Max Wilding.

They were then hit by a sucker-punch at the end of the first half however, and headed into the second half all square after conceding to Jack Cousins in added time.

Top scorer Bailey Croome is enjoying an excellent campaign, and after his direct free kick found the back of the net 20 minutes from time, Tytherington then pushed on to secure all three points when Ryan Sharpe came off the bench to extend their lead.

Odd Down were denied at the death on their away day at Wells, conceding deep into stoppage time in a 1-1 draw at the Athletic Ground.

After Luke Bryan had headed them in front after 65 minutes, they looked set to complete the double over Wells, but the hosts had other ideas, with Craig Herrod levelling affairs in the 97th minute.

Almondsbury produced a strong fightback, scoring a pair of unanswered second half goals to beat Bishops Lydeard 2-1, while the fixtures between Bristol Telephones and Bishop Sutton, and also Portishead and Cheddar

On the latest episode, Ilfracombe gaffer Clem Bennelick explains why it is important his side play with a smile on their faces. We also hear from Ryan Child of Radstock, who discusses the promotion battle in the First Division, including why he believes a potential play-off to decide who goes up could be brilliant for the Western League.

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Non-League Footballers Mental Health Championed by Bath Mind and the Toolstation Western League

The Toolstation Western League are working with Bath Mind to pilot a mental health partnership supporting the football family and players in particular.

The six Western League sides located in Bath and North East Somerset have been offered specially created posters, promoting mental health support services designed to help younger people, which can be located into their home and away changing rooms.

Research conducted by the Toolstation Western League earlier this season highlighted that around a quarter of players had considered seeking help with a mental health issue. The subject of mental health was first tackled by the Western League in March 2020, when they launched their Think of a Fan campaign.

Chairman of the Western League, John Pool, explained: "Think of a Fan was our way of remembering that for many fans, football is more than just a game. It's an important release, a chance to meet friends, get out of the house and have some fun.

Many people are still working through the loneliness and anxiety caused by lockdown, but we must not forget that our players are no different. They are as important to us as any members of our football family and this important partnership with Bath Mind is our way of supporting them."

As well as changing room posters, Bath Mind have provided leaflets for fans, as well as programme adverts, highlighting the variety of support services they provide. If successful, this initial pilot will be extended by the Western League to cover all 40 Clubs across the South West of England, from Cornwall to Wiltshire.

Hannah Roper, Director of Business Development at Bath Mind, said: "We at Bath

Mind are thrilled to be working in partnership with The Toolstation Western League, to support and promote positive mental health for the football community. Throughout the pandemic Bath Mind has been fighting an epidemic of mental ill-health. We have increased our services to meet the growing needs of our community, and help reduce pressure on NHS services. Through this pilot we hope to encourage everyone to talk about their mental health, seek help at an early stage and reduce the stigma associated with mental ill-health. As a local, independent charity, Bath Mind relies heavily on local fundraising to keep our services going, therefore we are grateful to The Toolstation Western League and their fans for their fundraising efforts."

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Action from Street v Shepton Mallet - Picture by Haydn Jones



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Action from Warminster's 4-1 win over Longwell Green, courtesy of Jamie House (@Jimmer211993).



Gillingham Town v Welton Rovers- Picture by Mark Pile



Kick off at Oldland Abbotonians v Sherborne Town - Picture by Sam Bowers



Gillingham Town v Welton Rovers- Picture by Mark Pile



Action from Wellington v Keynsham Town - Picture by Around Wellington Website



Clevedon Town v Ilfracombe Town - Picture by Richard Palette



Portishead Town v Cheddar - Picture by John Pool



Action from Wellington v Keynsham Town - Picture by Around Wellington Website

Latest League Tables

Premier Division

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Tavistock	26	17	6	3	41	57
2	Exmouth Town	24	14	5	5	38	47
3	Mousehole	22	15	2	5	29	47
4	Ilfracombe Town	25	13	5	7	15	44
5	Bridgwater United	25	13	3	9	20	42
6	Bitton	25	12	5	8	9	41
7	Shepton Mallet	25	11	7	7	29	40
8	Helston Athletic	23	11	7	5	13	40
9	Saltash United	23	11	5	7	23	38
10	Millbrook	25	10	7	8	16	37
11	Clevedon Town	25	9	9	7	12	36
12	Buckland Athletic	25	10	6	9	10	36
13	Keynsham Town	25	9	8	8	4	35
14	Wellington	23	7	7	9	-9	28
15	Brislington	24	8	3	13	-34	27
16	Cadbury Heath	27	7	2	18	-31	23
17	Street	23	5	3	15	-24	18
18	Ashton & Backwell United	25	4	4	17	-30	16
19	Bridport	28	1	0	27	-131	3

First Division

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Sherborne Town	27	18	6	3	52	60
2	Welton Rovers	28	18	6	4	34	60
3	Warminster Town	27	18	5	4	34	59
4	Wincanton Town	25	14	5	6	37	47
5	Radstock Town	28	13	7	8	3	46
6	Odd Down (BATH)	29	12	7	10	4	43
7	Cheddar	28	11	7	10	3	40
8	Tytherington Rocks	28	10	8	10	-4	38
9	Wells City	28	9	10	9	5	37
10	AEK Boco	26	10	7	9	-2	37
11	Bishop Sutton	29	10	6	13	-4	36
12	Lebeq United	28	9	8	11	-1	35
13	Oldland Abbotonians	25	11	2	12	-4	35
14	Longwell Green Sports	29	9	7	13	-8	34
15	Hengrove Athletic	29	9	7	13	-13	34
16	Gillingham Town	30	8	9	13	-9	33
17	Almondsbury	26	10	2	14	-13	32
18	Portishead Town	27	10	4	13	-2	31
19	Bristol Telephones	26	7	3	16	-30	24
20	Bishops Lydeard	25	5	6	14	-21	21
21	Devizes Town	26	4	2	20	-61	11

Latest Results & Fixtures

Recent Results

Tuesday 1st February 2022

Premier Division

Bridgwater United 1-2 Clevedon Town - 333

Ilfracombe Town 1-1 Saltash United - 115

First Division

Bishop Sutton 3-4 Hengrove Athletic - 92

Cheddar 2-2 Bishops Lydeard - 52

Wells City 9-0 Bristol Telephones

Welton Rovers 3-2 Odd Down - 178

Wednesday 2nd February 2022

Les Phillips Cup

Exmouth Town 3-0 Wellington - 202

Helston Athletic 2-1 Millbrook - 167

First Division

Tytherington Rocks 4-1 Radstock Town

Saturday 5th February 2022

Premier Division

Ashton & Backwell United 2-3 Millbrook - 98

Bitton 1-1 Buckland Athletic

Bridport 0-9 Saltash United - 85

Brislington 0-1 Helston Athletic - 122

Cadbury Heath 3-2 Exmouth Town - 72

Clevedon Town 3-1 Ilfracombe Town

Mousehole 5-1 Bridgwater United

Street 1-2 Shepton Mallet

Wellington 1-0 Keynsham Town - 65

First Division

Bishops Lydeard 1-2 Almondsbury - 48

Bristol Telephones 0-0 Bishop Sutton - 45

Gillingham Town 0-6 Welton Rovers - 70

Hengrove Ath 1-3 Tytherington Rocks - 61

Longwell Green S 1-4 Warminster Town - 207

Oldland Abbot' 0-4 Sherborne Town - 42

Portishead Town 0-0 Cheddar - 45

Wells City 1-1 Odd Down

Wincanton Town 4-3 Lebeq United - 63

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 8th February 2022

Les Phillips Cup

AEK Boco vs Almondsbury - 19:30

Keynsham Town vs Wells City - 19:45

Wincanton Town vs Cheddar - 19:30

Wednesday 9th February 2022

Les Phillips Cup

Cadbury Heath vs Longwell Green - 19:30

First Division

Radstock Town vs Bishops Lydeard - 19:45

Sherborne Town vs Devizes Town - 19:30

Saturday 12th February 2022

(3pm kick-off unless noted)

Premier Division

Ashton & Backwell Utd vs Bridgwater Utd

Bitton vs Wellington

Clevedon Town vs Mousehole

Exmouth Town vs Shepton Mallet

Helston Athletic vs Bridport

Ilfracombe Town v Street

Keynsham Town vs Millbrook

Saltash United vs Cadbury Heath

Tavistock vs Brislington

First Division

Bishops Lydeard vs Oldland Abbotonians

Cheddar vs AEK Boco

Devizes Town vs Lebeq United

Hengrove Athletic vs Radstock Town

Longwell Green Sports vs Odd Down

Sherborne Town vs Gillingham Town

Tytherington Rocks vs Bishop Sutton

Warminster Town vs Portishead Town

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