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The Round-Up

- MID-WEEK ACTION -

In what was a busy midweek schedule, there was plenty of action for Western League sides, with both cup and league fixtures dishing up goals galore.

Tuesday saw a trio of Les Phillips Cup ties, with Brislington claiming a 3-1 win to knock out one of the tournament favourites Bitton.

A pair of outstanding finishes from Ash Kingston in either half helped lead the home side to victory, with Bitton's late attempted fightback falling short.

There was also a 3-1 victory for Keynsham away at Hengrove thanks to a trio of second half strikes from Will Hailston, Jack Dancey and Jamie Noble, while Radstock required a 5-4 shootout victory to knock out Gillingham after their tie had finished 2-2 at the end of normal time.

Penalties were also required in Wednesday's Les Phillips offering, with Warminster keeper Sam Thompson pulling off a couple of saves to help his side knock out Lebeq after they had been held to a 1-1 draw at the end of 90 minutes.

The standout midweek fixture saw second meet third in the Premier Division, with Exmouth beating Mousehole 3-0 to move within a point of top spot.

The home side made a strong start, and took the lead after just 11 minutes when Ace High powered home a header. It was then over to Exmouth's leading scorer to complete the victory, with Jordan Harris adding a goal in either half to wrap up the crucial three points.

In what was a big night at the top of the division, Saltash United moved up into fifth spot after surviving with ten-men to beat fourth-placed Bridgwater 2-1 down in Cornwall. Having moved ahead after 25 minutes through Reece Thompson, the Ashes hard-work looked to have

been undone when Callum Martindale was given a red card towards the end of the first half.

The hosts managed to find extra resolve after the interval, and the ten-men managed to stretch their advantage when Sam Hughes popped up to score in the 66th minute.

Bridgwater finally made the extra man pay when Jacob Spence headed home a Jake Llewellyn corner 15 minutes from time, but they were unable to find the equaliser with Spence's goalbound effort in stoppage time pushed away by Ryan Rickard to preserve the win for Saltash.

There was plenty of goals in the First Division clash on Wednesday, with Oldland Abbotonians coming from behind to beat Bristol Telephones 5-2. Having fallen behind in the opening stages, Oldland responded well and took a 2-1 lead to the break thanks to goals from Jack Mills and Jacob Reader.

The away side managed to equalise on the hour mark after beating the offside trap, but Oldland managed to forge back ahead soon after thanks to a header from close range by Mitch Dann.

Rather than enduring a nervous finish, the home side continued to push forward in the closing stages, and added to their advantage thanks to goals in the final ten minutes from Cash Vinall and Owen McCallum.

24 hours earlier, Longwell Green beat the bottom-side Devizes by the same scoreline, with Zac Cheetham, Rob Belcher, Liam Oswin, Ben Mitchell and Kyle Parsons all getting their names on the scoresheet thanks to the big win at Nursteed Road.

A late blitz from Portishead saw them come from behind to beat Bishops Lydeard 3-1, with the visitors having led for much of the

contest following a sweet strike from George Sinnott. Then, with 15 minutes left on the clock, Calum Townsend equalised from the spot for Portishead, and from there they didn't look back, with Townsend scoring again soon after to turn the game on its head before youngster Billy Pring sealed the victory in the final few moments.

In the game at Lakeview, Wincanton stretched their unbeaten run in all competitions to 20 matches after goals from Connor Williams and Louis Irwin helped them to secure a 2-1 win over Bishop Sutton.

- PREMIER DIVISION -

Shepton Mallet followed up their derby day victory last weekend with an impressive 5-1 win over Ilfracombe Town.

Jacob Sloggett was the star performer for the hosts during the first half, opening the scoring after five minutes with a bullet header, before then providing assists for Joe Morgan and Aaron Seviour as the hosts powered into a three-goal lead.

A penalty from Nick Hewlett then stretched the lead further, with Seviour adding a late fifth after the visitors had struck a consolation.

Saltash United gained revenge over Keynsham, securing a 3-0 victory at the Crown Fields. Since losing to the K's a fortnight ago, Saltash had claimed a couple of hard-fought wins, with their latest three points helping establish their spot in the top five.

An excellent finish to the first half saw Reece Thompson and Sam Hughes score in the space of five minutes, with Callum Martindale wrapping up the victory from the spot on the hour mark.

There was also a 3-0 triumph for Cadbury Heath at home to Buckland Athletic, with Matt Huxley scoring in either half for the Gloucestershire outfit.

The Heath are becoming a really tough side to beat on their home patch, and that continued on Saturday afternoon, with Huxley's brace putting them in control of the contest, before

Harry Goldspink adding a third in the closing stages. Mousehole are now just three points off top spot after easing to an 8-1 thumping of bottom-side Bridport.

Callam McOnie and Mark Goldsworthy both struck hat-tricks for the Cornish side, with Louis Price and Hayden Turner also getting their names on the scoresheet.

There was late drama elsewhere in the county of Cornwall, with Wellington's late salvo helping them grab a 2-2 draw away at Millbrook. With the hosts seemingly home and dry following goals from Sean Thompson and Ryan Knight, Wellington gave themselves a flicker of hope when Jordan Casey cut the deficit five minutes from time.

The visitors then completed their late comeback with the final kick of the game, when Jake Quick slotted the ball home. 2-2 was also the score at Street, where the hosts grabbed a stoppage time equaliser to deny Ashton & Backwell at the death.

Having gone in front through Fin Skiverton, the Cobblers were given another boost when the visitors were reduced to ten men. Incredibly, Ashton managed to score twice during the second half to go 2-1 up, but then with Street pushing for an equaliser they managed to restore parity when Elliot Hegarty found the back of the net.

The points were also shared in the highly-anticipated clash between Bridgwater and Helston, with the game at Fairfax Park ending goalless.

- FIRST DIVISION -

A spirited fightback from Welton Rovers help them keep pace in the title race, coming from 2-0 down to prevail by three goals to two away at Devizes Town.

A first half brace from Sam Hughes helped Devizes build a surprise two-goal lead at the interval, with Welton cutting into the deficit five minutes into the second half through Courtney Charles.

Charles then struck again 15 minutes from time to draw the Green Army level, with Toby Cole

heading home a dramatic winner to complete the turnaround.

Sherborne Town's have now won 14 league games on the spin after beating Portishead 5-0 at Raleigh Grove.

The contest was pretty much over by half-time, with Josh Williams and George Mapletoft making it 2-0, before Declan Cornish produced an excellent chipped finish to make it 3-0 after just 35 minutes.

Aaron White's long-ranger extended the lead to four, before the Zebras benefited from a late own-goal to complete the rout.

Warminster Town relied on a late charge to remain in second spot, finally breaking down a gallant Bristol Telephones side at Weymouth Street.

Following 70 goalless minutes, the hosts finally broke the deadlock when Lewis Graham fired home, with Seth Wain and Ian Jeffery then adding further goals in injury time to help Warminster return to winning ways.

Wincanton's long-running unbeaten run shows no signs of letting up, with a brace from Matt

Garner, and another goal from Connor Williams handing them a 3-0 victory away at Longwell Green Sports.

The comeback of the day belonged to Lebeq United, with the home side coming from two-down to beat Tytherington 3-2.

The Rocks had been in decent form over the past couple of weeks, and they put themselves in position to grab another win when Ryan Sharpe and Max Wilding put them two goals to the good.

Lebeq had other ideas however, and they forged an excellent fightback, led by Jennison Williams, with his double and a further goal from Elan Plummer handing them maximum points.

Another player to score a crucial brace was Luke Bryan, with the league's leading scorer notching two goals in the opening 25 minutes to help lead Odd Down to a 2-1 win over Bishop Sutton in Bath.

Oldland Abbotonians finished with just nine-men, but survived to claim a 0-0 draw away at Boco, while Pete Sheppard struck in either half as Hengrove defeated Bishops Lydeard 3-0 at the AVB Stadium.

On the bumper 200th episode of the Official Western League Podcast, there are a plethora of interviews for listeners to enjoy. Ian catches up with Martin Cassidy from Ref Support UK, who gives an update on their bodycam campaign and the role our league have played in it. Saltash manager Dave Bunney also joins the show to talk about the importance of being able to grind out results, while Andy Crabtree, the boss at Warminster Town, explains how the top four in the First Division could have walked away with the title in any other season. There is also a chat with the Godfather of grassroots social media in the South West, Ross Reid, who looks back on the story of this season, and the incredible contribution our clubs have made in promoting Western League football via their social platforms.

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Action from Keynsham Town v Saltash United – Picture by Eamonn Twamley



Action from Keynsham Town v Saltash United – Picture by Pete Ricketts



Action from Devizes Town v Welton Rovers – Picture by Mark Pile



Action from Devizes Town v Welton Rovers – Picture by Martin Stokes



Action from Shepton Mallet v Ilfracombe Town– Picture by Haydn Jones



Action from Bridgwater United v Helston Athletic – Pictures by John Pool and Richard Palette



Action from Millbrook v Wellington – Picture by Around Wellington Website



Sherborne Town and Portishead Town line up before kick-off – Picture by Sam Bowers

Latest League Tables

Premier Division

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Tavistock	28	18	6	4	43	60
2	Exmouth Town	28	18	5	5	46	59
3	Mousehole	27	18	3	6	38	57
4	Bridgwater United	30	16	4	10	27	52
5	Saltash United	28	15	5	8	30	50
6	Shepton Mallet	30	13	8	9	33	47
7	Helston Athletic	27	12	9	6	18	45
8	Bitton	28	13	6	9	10	45
9	Clevedon Town	29	11	11	7	14	44
10	Keynsham Town	30	12	8	10	6	44
11	Ilfracombe Town	28	13	5	10	6	44
12	Millbrook	28	10	9	9	10	39
13	Buckland Athletic	28	11	6	11	8	39
14	Wellington	28	7	8	13	-18	29
15	Brislington	27	8	4	15	-39	28
16	Cadbury Heath	30	8	3	19	-31	27
17	Street	27	6	4	17	-25	22
18	Ashton & Backwell United	28	5	5	18	-32	20
19	Bridport	31	1	1	29	-144	4

First Division

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Sherborne Town	33	23	6	4	62	75
2	Warminster Town	31	21	5	5	39	68
3	Welton Rovers	30	20	6	4	36	66
4	Wincanton Town	30	19	5	6	49	62
5	Radstock Town	31	16	7	8	7	55
6	Odd Down (BATH)	32	14	7	11	8	49
7	Lebeq United	32	12	9	11	5	45
8	Oldland Abbotonians	29	14	3	12	3	45
9	Wells City	31	11	10	10	8	43
10	AEK Boco	30	11	9	10	-2	42
11	Tytherington Rocks	33	11	9	13	-10	42
12	Cheddar	30	11	8	11	2	41
13	Hengrove Athletic	33	11	8	14	-10	41
14	Portishead Town	32	13	4	15	5	40
15	Bishop Sutton	34	11	7	16	-2	40
16	Longwell Green Sports	34	10	9	15	-13	39
17	Gillingham Town	33	9	9	15	-13	36
18	Almondsbury	29	10	2	17	-22	32
19	Bristol Telephones	32	7	4	21	-44	25
20	Bishops Lydeard	31	5	6	20	-34	21
21	Devizes Town	32	4	3	25	-74	12

Latest Results & Fixtures

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Tuesday 8th March 2022

Les Phillips Cup

Brislington 3-1 Bitton

Hengrove Athletic 1-3 Keynsham Town

Radstock Town 2-2 (5-4 pens) Gillingham T

First Division

Bishop Sutton 1-2 Wincanton Town 52

Devizes Town 2-5 Longwell Green Sports 65

Portishead Town 3-1 Bishops Lydeard

Wednesday 9th March 2022

Les Phillips Cup

Warminster Town 1-1 (5-3 pens) Lebeq Utd

Premier Division

Exmouth Town 3-0 Mousehole - 183

Saltash United 2-1 Bridgwater United - 86

First Division

Oldland Abbotonians 5-2 Bristol Tele' - 40

Saturday 12th March 2022

Premier Division

Bridgwater United 0-0 Helston Athletic

Cadbury Heath 3-0 Buckland Athletic - 35

Keynsham Town 0-3 Saltash United - 150

Millbrook 2-2 Wellington

Mousehole 8-1 Bridport - 103

Shepton Mallet 5-1 Ilfracombe Town - 174

Street 2-2 Ashton & Backwell United

First Division

AEK Boco 0-0 Oldland Abbotonians - 262

Devizes Town 2-3 Welton Rovers - 102

Hengrove Athletic 3-0 Bishops Lydeard - 57

Lebeq United 3-2 Tytherington Rocks

Longwell Green S 0-3 Wincanton Town - 143

Odd Down 2-1 Bishop Sutton

Sherborne Town 5-0 Portishead Town - 105

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 15th March 2022

Les Phillips Cup

Almondsbury vs Warminster Town - 19:30

Bridgwater United vs Radstock Town - 19:45

Keynsham T vs Tytherington Rocks - 19:45

Tavistock vs Helston Athletic - 19:45

Premier Division

Wellington vs Ilfracombe Town - 19:45

First Division

Welton Rovers vs Bristol Telephones - 19:30

Wednesday 16th March 2022

Les Phillips Cup

Cadbury Heath vs Brislington - 19:30

Clevedon T vs Ashton & Backwell Utd - 19:30

First Division

Bishops Lydeard vs AEK Boco - 19:30

Lebeq United vs Wells City - 19:30

Saturday 19th March 2022

(3pm kick-off unless noted)

Les Phillips Cup

Shepton Mallet vs Wincanton Town

Premier Division

Bitton vs Clevedon Town

Buckland Athletic vs Mousehole

Exmouth Town vs Street

Helston Athletic vs Brislington

Ilfracombe Town vs Cadbury Heath

Millbrook vs Keynsham Town

Saltash United vs Wellington

First Division

Bishop Sutton vs Bristol Telephones

Bishops Lydeard vs Odd Down

Gillingham Town vs Almondsbury

Oldland Abbotonians vs Cheddar

Portishead Town vs AEK Boco

Sherborne Town vs Warminster Town

Tytherington Rocks vs Devizes Town

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