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The Round-Up

- MID-WEEK ACTION -

There was an abundance of goalscoring action in the Les Phillips Cup clashes during the week, with the five contests averaging over six goals per game.

One of the high-scoring victors were Almondsbury, with Andy Williams notching a brace in their resounding 5-2 triumph at home to Warminster.

In a result which belies the two sides positions in the league table, Williams double, plus further goals from Isaac Flynn, Seb Scott and Greg Parr saw the home side progress to the next round.

The Almonds will now meet Keynsham in the last eight, after they returned to winning ways at home to Tytherington.

Following a pair of surprise home losses over the past few weeks, the K's were back in form on Tuesday evening, with the forward trio of Dan Cottle, Jordan Metters and Will Hailston (x2) all finding the back of the net against a Rocks side who battled hard, with Bailey Croome striking twice for them in defeat.

Despite their lofty league position, Tavistock cannot now complete a league and cup double, after Craig Veal scored twice before the break during Helston's impressive 3-0 victory at Langsford Park.

Tuesday's other cup tie saw a Jack Taylor-inspired Bridgwater storm back from 3-1 down to beat ten-man Radstock at Fairfax Park.

Having led at the interval thanks to a Nathan Flynn brace, and a slick finish from Morgan Skipp, all of Radstock's hard work came unstuck following a red card awarded to Jack Hopper.

From there, Bridgwater sensed an opportunity, and having already scored twice to draw the sides level, Taylor then completed a marvellous second-half hat trick to help book United's

place in the quarter-finals. 24 hours later, the goals kept flying in, with Ashton & Backwell eventually prevailing on penalties after their last 16 tie away at Clevedon finished 4-4.

Having taken an early lead through Jack Sell, Ashton soon found themselves on the back foot after Alex Camm tucked home a pair of penalties around the 20-minute mark.

Both sides were then reduced to ten men following a flashpoint at the beginning of the second half, and it was Clevedon who managed to regroup quickest, with Archie Ferris making it 3-1 just after the hour mark.

Sell then struck again to pull the visitors to within a goal, and they then managed to find an equaliser soon after, with Zack Ford making it three apiece to set up an exciting finish.

Both sides kept pushing forward, so it was no surprise that despite falling behind again to a curling finish from Freddie King, that Ashton managed to send the game to penalties thanks to another late equaliser from Connor Hartley.

Clevedon really struggled with their spot kicks, converting only one of their four attempts, meaning it was the visitors who will take on either Cadbury Heath or Brislington in the next round.

There was also some meaningful league action taking place during the midweek period, with Cam Allen's hat-trick helping fire Welton Rovers to a 4-0 win at home to Bristol Telephones in the First Division.

The following evening, Wells City overturned a half-time deficit to win 2-1 away at Lebeq, with Jack Baber's early effort putting United in control at the interval.

The visitors stormed back into the contest however, with a left-footed thunderbolt from Craig Herrod drawing them level, before top-

scorer Adam Wright added to his large tally to secure the three points.

In the Premier Division, Wellington produced a repeat of their fightback from the previous weekend, coming from two goals down to secure a dramatic 2-2 draw in the final moments of their home clash with Ilfracombe.

A first half double from Liam Short had put Town two goals to the good, but that advantage was then trimmed after 64 minutes when Jake Quick slotted home.

Then, having won a set piece, Sam Towler swung the ball into the box, where it was powered home by Mark Cornish to give Wellington a share of the spoils deep into stoppage time.

- PREMIER DIVISION -

Three sides now sit level on 60 points atop the league table, with Exmouth's 2-2 draw at home to Street enough to see them climb to first on goal difference.

Exmouth weren't at their best on Saturday, twice falling behind to the Cobblers, but they just about managed to grab a share of the points thanks to equalisers from Levi Landricombe and Max Willard.

With Tavistock out of action over the weekend, the other side to capitalise and join them on 60 points was Mousehole thanks to a 5-1 win away at Buckland.

The game didn't start well for the away side, and they actually trailed at the break after Ryan Bush fired Buckland into a sixth minute lead.

Mark Goldsworthy's equaliser ten minutes into the second half was the turning point in the contest, with an own goal three minutes later completing the quickfire turnaround.

From there, Mousehole didn't look back, with Tallan Mitchell making it 3-1 less than ten minutes after Goldsworthy had levelled affairs.

The away side continued to pull away in the closing stages, with a Hayden Turner penalty, and a Jared Sims strike rounding out the dominant second half performance.

Another side to hit five on the weekend were Helston Athletic, with five different players all notching in their win over Brislington.

Having lost their keeper to a red card early in the second half, Brislington were always likely to be up against it, and that proved to be the case from the moment Craig Veal fired the Blues in front on the hour mark.

Jordan Bentley, Steve Colwell and Sam Buckley all added further goals, with the standout moment for Helston seeing 16-year-old debutant Rocco Hill score with his first touch.

Another red card proved critical in Cornwall, where ten-man Wellington fell to a 3-1 loss at Saltash.

Jamie Nicholson's 34th minute dismissal was followed soon after by the Ashes opening goal, with Sam Hughes scoring during the home side's next attack.

To their credit, the visitors hit back in the first minute of injury-time at the end of the opening half through Josh Baker, but that wasn't enough to go into the break level after Saltash went straight back up the other end to retake the lead through Sam Davey with the final kick of the first half.

The only goal after the interval came 13 minutes from time, with Rubin Wilson extending the hosts lead to help them move into the top four.

A second half strike from Jack Jenkins gave Ilfracombe a 1-0 win over Ashton & Backwell, with Millbrook beating Keynsham by the same scoreline thanks to an early goal from Sean Thompson.

Cadbury Heath battled to earn a point in their goalless draw away at Bridgwater, while Clevedon extended their outstanding form with a 4-1 win away at Bitton.

Ignoring penalty shootouts, the Seaside are unbeaten since early December, with Alex Camm picking up where he left off in midweek with a sixth minute penalty to put them ahead early.

David Duru smashed the ball home to draw Bitton level just prior to half-time, with Freddie King then slaloming his way past three defenders before slotting home to restore Clevedon's advantage.

With Bitton starting to put pressure on the visitors, Town managed to run away with the game in final couple of minutes with star performers Archie Ferris and Ethan Feltham each scoring to round out the impressive victory.

- FIRST DIVISION -

It was a tight affair in the big game at the top, with Sherborne strengthening their position in first spot thanks to a 2-0 victory over Warminster Town.

The game was decided during a five-minute spell at the beginning of the second half, with Josh Williams scoring twice in quick succession to lead the Zebras to the crucial win.

The league's leading scorer, Luke Bryan was on target yet again during Odd Down's 2-1 win away at Bishops Lydeard.

A 31st goal of the campaign set the Bath side on their way after half an hour, before Lydeard responded just before the interval when Adam Willis struck from long range to make it 1-1.

With stoppage time underway at the end of the game, it looked as though the points would be shared, but Odd Down executed one more attack, with Shaquille Perkins finding each space and time to force home a dramatic winner.

The only other side to win away from home were Cheddar, with the Somerset side firing out of the blocks on their way to a 4-1 triumph away at Oldland Abbotonians.

The Cheesemen were on fire during the opening

stages of the contest, and after Robbi Maggs had put them ahead in just the third minute, he was then hauled down in the box soon after, with Rick Bennett firing home from the spot to make it 2-0.

The away side continued to push for goals, and they only had to wait a couple more minutes with Ethan Reed scoring in the 20th minute to put them out of sight.

After Kieran Webster had saved an Oldland penalty, he finally lost his clean sheet 20 minutes from time when Andy Nash reduced the deficit, but it was the visitors who had the last word with Reed adding his second of the afternoon.

A pair of late goals from Keith Kearney and Jacob Bird led Bishop Sutton to a 2-0 win over Bristol Telephones at Lakeview, while Josh Honey's 42nd minute effort handed Portishead a slim 1-0 victory at home to Boco.

The biggest scorers of the day were Gillingham Town, who demolished Almondsbury 7-1 in Dorset, while bottom-side Devizes were denied at the death in their 2-2 draw away at Tytherington Rocks.

Having already seen Ethan Witchell's effort cancelled out by their hosts, Devizes went back in front 20 minutes from time through Sam Hughes.

Just like the first time around, Tytherington managed to find the levelling goal, and it was Laurence Lefevre on each occasion, with the second of those coming just three minutes from time to grab a share of the points.

In the Les Phillips Cup, Shepton Mallet defeated the surging Wincanton side 3-0, with goals from Joe Morgan, Danny Constable and Callum Gould helping lead them to victory.

On the latest podcast, Tim Legg of Wellington described the joy of a last minute equaliser, and reflects on why the top sides in the Premier Division are so tough to beat. Hengrove manager Jamie Hillman also joins the show, explaining why he continues to put his trust in the clubs young players despite their inconsistent results this term.

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Action from Helston Athletic v Brislington - Picture by Richard Palette

Action from Sherborne Town v Warminster Town - Picture by Colin Goodland.



Action from Shepton Mallet v Wincanton Town - Picture by Haydn Jones



Action from Saltash United v Wellington - Picture by Around Wellington Website



Sherborne Town celebrate

Non-League Day will return for an 11th season on Saturday 26th March 2022. With England playing Switzerland at 5:30pm and no Premier League or Championship games scheduled that weekend, the date provides a platform for clubs to promote the importance of volunteer-led community football, while empowering fans to show support for their local non-league side.

Latest League Tables

Premier Division

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Exmouth Town	29	18	6	5	46	60
2	Tavistock	28	18	6	4	43	60
3	Mousehole	28	19	3	6	42	60
4	Saltash United	29	16	5	8	32	53
5	Bridgwater United	31	16	5	10	27	53
6	Helston Athletic	28	13	9	6	23	48
7	Ilfracombe Town	30	14	6	10	7	48
8	Shepton Mallet	30	13	8	9	33	47
9	Clevedon Town	30	12	11	7	17	47
10	Bitton	29	13	6	10	7	45
11	Keynsham Town	31	12	8	11	5	44
12	Millbrook	29	11	9	9	11	42
13	Buckland Athletic	29	11	6	12	4	39
14	Wellington	30	7	9	14	-20	30
15	Cadbury Heath	31	8	4	19	-31	28
16	Brislington	28	8	4	16	-44	28
17	Street	28	6	5	17	-25	23
18	Ashton & Backwell United	29	5	5	19	-33	20
19	Bridport	31	1	1	29	-144	4

First Division

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Sherborne Town	34	25	6	3	74	81
2	Welton Rovers	31	21	6	4	40	69
3	Warminster Town	32	21	5	6	37	68
4	Wincanton Town	30	19	5	6	49	62
5	Radstock Town	31	16	7	8	7	55
6	Odd Down	33	15	7	11	9	52
7	Wells City	32	12	10	10	9	46
8	Lebeq United	33	12	9	12	4	45
9	Oldland Abbotonians	30	14	3	13	0	45
10	Cheddar	31	12	8	11	5	44
11	Bishop Sutton	35	12	7	16	0	43
12	Tytherington Rocks	34	11	10	13	-10	43
13	AEK Boco	31	11	9	11	-3	42
14	Hengrove Athletic	33	11	8	14	-10	41
15	Portishead Town	33	13	4	16	-4	40
16	Gillingham Town	34	10	9	15	-7	39
17	Longwell Green Sports	34	10	9	15	-13	39
18	Almondsbury	30	10	2	18	-28	32
19	Bristol Telephones	34	7	4	23	-50	25
20	Bishops Lydeard	32	5	6	21	-35	21
21	Devizes Town	33	4	4	25	-74	13

Latest Results & Fixtures

Recent Results

Tuesday 15th March 2022

Les Phillips Cup

Almondsbury 5-2 Warminster Town

Bridgwater United 4-3 Radstock Town

Keynsham Town 4-2 Tytherington Rocks

Tavistock 0-3 Helston Athletic

Premier Division

Wellington 2-2 Ilfracombe Town - 72

First Division

Welton Rovers 4-0 Bristol Telephones - 102

Wednesday 16th March 2022

Les Phillips Cup

Clevedon Town 4-4 Ashton & Backwell Utd
(1-3 pens)

First Division

Lebeq United 1-2 Wells City - 16

Saturday 19th March 2022

Les Phillips Cup

Shepton Mallet 3-0 Wincanton Town

Premier Division

Bitton 1-4 Clevedon Town - 75

Bridgwater United 0-0 Cadbury Heath - 298

Buckland Athletic 1-5 Mousehole - 219

Exmouth Town 2-2 Street - 310

Helston Athletic 5-0 Brislington - 82

Ilfracombe T 1-0 Ashton & Backwell Utd - 85

Millbrook 1-0 Keynsham Town

Saltash United 3-1 Wellington - 114

First Division

Bishop Sutton 2-0 Bristol Telephones - 70

Bishops Lydeard 1-2 Odd Down - 58

Gillingham Town 7-1 Almondsbury - 39

Oldland Abbotonians 1-4 Cheddar - 33

Portishead Town 1-0 AEK Boco - 56

Sherborne Town 2-0 Warminster Town - 253

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 22nd March 2022

Premier Division

Bridgwater United vs Street - 19:45KO

Brislington vs Wellington - 19:30KO

First Division

Almondsbury vs Cheddar - 19:30KO

Wells City vs AEK Boco - 19:30KO

Welton Rovers vs Oldland Abbot' - 19:30KO

Wincanton Town vs Radstock Town - 19:30KO

Wednesday 23rd March 2022

Les Phillips Cup

Exmouth Town vs Saltash United - 19:30KO

Premier Division

Cadbury Heath vs Helston Athletic - 19:30KO

Saturday 26th March 2022

(3pm kick-off unless noted)

Premier Division

Brislington vs Tavistock

Clevedon Town vs Buckland Athletic

Ilfracombe Town vs Bridgwater United

Keynsham Town vs Bitton

Millbrook vs Shepton Mallet

Mousehole vs Exmouth Town

Saltash United vs Ashton & Backwell United

Street vs Helston Athletic

Wellington vs Cadbury Heath

First Division

Almondsbury vs Warminster Town

Bristol Telephones vs Lebeq United

Cheddar vs Radstock Town

Devizes Town vs Oldland Abbotonians

Longwell Green Sports vs Sherborne Town

Tytherington Rocks vs Odd Down

Wells City vs Portishead Town

Welton Rovers vs Bishops Lydeard

Wincanton Town vs Hengrove Athletic

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