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The Round-Up

- MID-WEEK ACTION -

On a relatively busy Tuesday night of action, Jack Taylor's 34th goal of the campaign saw Bridgwater United complete a rare victory over Street.

In what was a tight affair for much of the evening, Taylor's flicked finish midway through the first half managed to settle the Somerset derby, handing United their first win over the Cobblers in 12 years.

In the other Premier Division clash that evening, Brislington jumped ahead of opponents Wellington in the league table thanks to a 3-0 win at the Poplar Insulation Stadium.

The hosts started strongly, with an own goal, and an effort from Asa White putting them two up inside 25 minutes, before substitute Archie Thayer wrapped things up 12 minutes from time.

24 hours later, Cadbury Heath's Ali Boyer struck seven minutes from time to secure a 1-1 draw at home to Helston, after Stu Bowker had fired the Cornish outfit ahead from the spot during the first half.

The standout performers in the First Division were Wincanton Town, with the Wasps now unbeaten in 20 league matches after beating Radstock 4-0.

A couple of stonking goals from Matt Garner and Louis Irwin put the hosts two goals to the good at the interval, with Dan Wise's penalty and a strong left-footed finish from Conor Williams wrapping things up in the closing stages.

Joe Ellis struck from close range to help Welton Rovers edge to a 1-0 win over Oldland, with his 31st minute header handing the Green Army their sixth league win on the bounce. In another tight contest, Cheddar claimed a late winner to prevail by two goals to one away at Almondsbury.

Having taken an early lead through Nathaniel Groom, the Cheesemen were pegged back by their hosts when Ben Warwick levelled affairs midway through the second half.

It was then left to Ricky Bennett to decide the outcome, with his well-taken free kick proving too hot to handle, giving Cheddar all three points in their push for a top-half finish.

There was also a tense mid-table battle between Wells and AEK Boco, with the visitors twice coming from behind to secure a 2-2 draw at the Athletic Ground.

Goals from Adam Wright and Charlie Moon had given City the lead either side of the interval, but Boco hit back on each occasion, with Nathan Hall's 81st minute equaliser leaving the game locked at two apiece.

Wednesday also share another fixture in the last 16 of the Les Phillips Cup, where second half goals from Ace High, Ben Steer and Jordan Harris helped Exmouth claim a 3-1 win to knock out Saltash.

- PREMIER DIVISION -

Tavistock have stolen a march on their title rivals, moving two points clear atop the division following a tense 1-0 win away at Brislington.

The vital goal came early in the second half, with midfielder Warren Daw rising highest to head home a set piece for the victorious Lambs.

Exmouth and Mousehole remain locked together on 61 points in second and third after they cancelled each other out at Trungle Parc.

In front of a mega crowd, the sides battled out a rare goalless draw, allowing Tavistock to go two clear atop the table. Another clean sheet allowed Bridgwater to capture another tight

victory, with the Somerset side having now pitched shut outs in seven of their last eight league fixtures. Their latest win came away at Ilfracombe Town, with a powerful header from Ross Edwards early in the second half helping them consolidate fourth spot.

It was a strong afternoon for most of the sides in the top half, with a trio of this season's leading protagonists reaching the 50-point mark on Saturday.

This included Helston, with the Cornish outfit having Stu Bowker to thank for their 2-0 victory away Street, with their leading marksman striking in either half against the Cobblers.

Since the turn of the year, Clevedon Town have been outstanding, and that continued this weekend, with a quickfire double from Alex Camm and Glen Hayer at the end of the first half leading them to a 2-0 triumph at home to Buckland Athletic.

The in-form Shepton Mallet completed the trio to rack up their 50 after they claimed an impressive 3-0 win away at Millbrook. Mallet suddenly have four wins on the bounce in all competitions, and they got started early on Saturday, surging into a fourth minute lead through Jacob Sloggett.

Joe Morgan was then on hand to make it 2-0 following more strong work from Sloggett, with Josh Williams completing the scoring midway through the second half.

Fifth-placed Saltash maintained their lead on the chasing pack after they held on to beat Ashton & Backwell 2-1.

Goals from Rubin Wilson and Sam Hughes either side of half time did the damage for the hosts, with Backwell's attempts at a late comeback falling short at The Kimberley Stadium.

Another home side to come out on top were Keynsham Town, with their 2-0 win over Bitton helping them leapfrog their opponents up into tenth.

After going ahead in the 20th minute through Jordan Metters, the K's finally wrapped up the

points midway through the second half with Will Hailston added to his large tally of goals this season.

Wellington ended a long winless run by holding on to beat Cadbury Heath 3-1. Having gone ahead in the 22nd minute thanks to a curling finish by Sam Towler, Welly were pegged back midway through the second half when Matt Huxley volleyed home. Fortunately for the home crowd, the hosts hit back instantly with Jake Quick restoring their advantage, before Jordan Casey struck late on to confirm the destination of the three points.

- FIRST DIVISION -

It was a memorable afternoon for all at fourth-placed Wincanton who celebrated a big win over Hengrove.

The main cause for celebration came after 25 minutes, when Dan Wise fired home from the spot to open the scoring in what was the 700th first team appearance of his career.

Since joining the club six years ago, Wise has been included in every matchday lineup, quickly becoming a fan favourite.

A bullet header from Matt Garner doubled the lead on the cusp of half-time, before further goals after the interval from Louis Irwin and star performer Connor Williams handed the Wasps a 4-0 win.

Wincanton remain outside the top three despite their outstanding run of results after the trio of sides above them all added three points to their large tallies.

Top spot still belongs to Sherborne Town after they won by three goals to nil away at Longwell Green Sports. Declan Cornish's 19th minute opener was all that separated the sides at the interval, with substitute Ollie Hebbard and Anthony Herrin completing the victory.

Warminster secured victory by the same three-goal margin, with Seth Wain scoring in either half against Almondsbury.

Having opened the scoring after 27 minutes, Wain then completed the scoring in the closing

stages, with Aaron Cockerill's header having earlier made it 2-0 against their youthful hosts.

Things were much more dramatic for second-placed Welton, with a stoppage time winner required to defeat strugglers, Bishops Lydeard.

Having gone in front through Toby Cole, Welton were pegged back just prior to half time when Harry Scott headed home for the visitors.

It was Lewis Hunt who was the late hero for Rovers, choosing a perfect moment to score his first of the campaign, with his headed effort securing a vital three points in the promotion race.

Top-half duo Cheddar and Radstock Town shared a surprising goalless draw, while Adam Wright was the top performer for Wells City yet again, scoring the only goal in their 1-0 win at home to Portishead.

Bottom-side Devizes gave themselves some late season cheer, coming from three goals down to claim a 3-3 draw in their home tie with Oldland Abbotonians.

Jacob Reader's double, and a goal from Owen

McCallum looked set to end the Abbots' three-match winless run, but the Nursteed Road outfit had other ideas.

Having come on as a half-time replacement, Jack Smith made a brilliant impact for Devizes, scoring twice to set up a tense finish, and then with less than five minutes remaining on the clock, George Bettles found the back of the net to grab a share of the spoils.

Tytherington Rocks produced a fightback of their own, overturning an early deficit to beat Odd Down 3-1. The Bath-side started strongly, and got the rewards their early dominance deserved, going ahead in the tenth minute thanks to a long-distance rocket from Curtis Dunn.

That goal seemed to fire up the Rocks, and they eventually ran out comfortable winners thanks to Laurence Lefevre's double, and a further goal from Perran Blundell.

Elsewhere, Joe McLeod was on target during Bristol Telephones' 2-1 win at home to Lebeq, with AEK Boco going ahead six minutes from time to defeat Bishop Sutton by the same scoreline.

The latest podcast includes an interview with Clevedon Town's manager, Alex White, who looks back on his sides unbeaten run, and lauds the development of the talented youngsters leading the charge for the Seaside. Cheddar boss Craig Mawford also joins the show, explaining why he is still committed to targeting the First Division playoffs, as well as noting that he believes his side are due a bit of luck after what's been a difficult season.

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Action from Wells City v Portishead Town - Picture by Richard Palette



The scene at Longwell Green v Sherborne Town - Picture by James Healey



Jack Smith scores for Devizes Town - Picture by Martin Stokes



Action from Almondsbury v Warminster Town



Wellington celebrate - Picture by Around Wellington Website



Welton Rovers v Bishop Lydeard - Picture by Mark Pile

It was announced earlier in the week that this season's Les Phillips Cup Final will take place at 3pm on Saturday 14th May, and will take place at the home of Wells City.

Latest League Tables

Premier Division

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Tavistock	29	19	6	4	44	63
2	Exmouth Town	30	18	7	5	46	61
3	Mousehole	29	19	4	6	42	61
4	Bridgwater United	33	18	5	10	29	59
5	Saltash United	30	17	5	8	33	56
6	Helston Athletic	30	14	10	6	25	52
7	Shepton Mallet	31	14	8	9	36	50
8	Clevedon Town	31	13	11	7	19	50
9	Ilfracombe Town	31	14	6	11	6	48
10	Keynsham Town	32	13	8	11	7	47
11	Bitton	30	13	6	11	5	45
12	Millbrook	30	11	9	10	8	42
13	Buckland Athletic	30	11	6	13	2	39
14	Wellington	32	8	9	15	-21	33
15	Brislington	30	9	4	17	-42	31
16	Cadbury Heath	33	8	5	20	-33	29
17	Street	30	6	5	19	-28	23
18	Ashton & Backwell United	30	5	5	20	-34	20
19	Bridport	31	1	1	29	-144	4

First Division

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Sherborne Town	35	26	6	3	77	84
2	Welton Rovers	33	23	6	4	42	75
3	Warminster Town	33	22	5	6	40	71
4	Wincanton Town	32	21	5	6	57	68
5	Radstock Town	33	16	8	9	3	56
6	Odd Down	34	15	7	12	7	52
7	Wells City	34	13	11	10	10	50
8	Cheddar	33	13	9	11	6	48
9	Oldland Abbotonians	32	14	4	14	-1	46
10	AEK Boco	33	12	10	11	-2	46
11	Tytherington Rocks	35	12	10	13	-8	46
12	Lebeq United	34	12	9	13	3	45
13	Bishop Sutton	36	12	7	17	-1	43
14	Hengrove Athletic	34	11	8	15	-14	41
15	Portishead Town	34	13	4	17	-5	40*
16	Gillingham Town	34	10	9	15	-7	39
17	Longwell Green Sports	35	10	9	16	-16	39
18	Almondsbury	32	10	2	20	-32	32
19	Bristol Telephones	35	8	4	23	-49	28
20	Bishops Lydeard	33	5	6	22	-36	21
21	Devizes Town	34	4	5	25	-74	14*

Latest Results & Fixtures

Recent Results

Tuesday 22nd March 2022

Bridgwater United 1-0 Street - 225
Brislington 3-0 Wellington - 72

First Division

Almondsbury 1-2 Cheddar
Wells City 2-2 AEK Boco
Welton Rovers 1-0 Oldland Abbot's - 127
Wincanton Town 4-0 Radstock Town - 60

Wednesday 23rd March 2022

Les Phillips Cup

Exmouth Town 3-1 Saltash United

Premier Division

Cadbury Heath 1-1 Helston Athletic 75

Saturday 26th March 2022

Premier Division

Brislington 0-1 Tavistock - 126
Clevedon Town 2-0 Buckland Athletic - 121
Ilfracombe Town 0-1 Bridgwater United - 141
Keynsham Town 2-0 Bitton - 119
Millbrook 0-3 Shepton Mallet - 104
Mousehole 0-0 Exmouth Town - 348
Saltash Utd 2-1 Ashton & Backwell Utd - 119
Street 0-2 Helston Athletic - 135
Wellington 3-1 Cadbury Heath - 94

First Division

AEK Boco 2-1 Bishop Sutton
Almondsbury 0-3 Warminster Town
Bristol Telephones 2-1 Lebeq United - 28
Cheddar 0-0 Radstock Town - 77
Devizes Town 3-3 Oldland Abbot's - 100
Longwell Green 0-3 Sherborne Town - 251
Tytherington Rocks 3-1 Odd Down
Wells City 1-0 Portishead Town - 30
Welton Rovers 2-1 Bishops Lydeard - 179
Wincanton Town 4-0 Hengrove Athletic - 36

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 29th March 2022

Les Phillips Cup

Keynsham Town vs Almondsbury - 19:45

Premier Division

Buckland Ath vs Ashton & Backwell Utd- 19:45
Shepton Mallet vs Bitton - 19:30
Tavistock vs Clevedon Town - 19:45

First Division

Cheddar vs Lebeq United - 19:45
Welton Rovers vs Warminster Town - 19:30
Wincanton Town vs Oldland Abbot's - 19:30

Wednesday 30th March 2022

Les Phillips Cup

Cadbury Heath vs Brislington - 19:30

Premier Division

Helston Athletic vs Mousehole - 19:45
Street vs Saltash United - 19:45

Friday 1st April 2022

Premier Division

Tavistock vs Saltash United - 19:45

Saturday 2nd April 2022

(3pm kick-off unless noted)

Premier Division

Ashton & Backwell Utd vs Buckland Athletic
Bridgwater United vs Keynsham Town
Brislington vs Ilfracombe Town
Helston Athletic vs Exmouth Town
Mousehole vs Bitton
Shepton Mallet vs Clevedon Town
Street vs Bridport
Wellington vs Millbrook

First Division

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

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