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The Round-Up

- MID-WEEK ROUND-UP -

In the highly anticipated top-of-the-table clash, Exmouth secured a 1-0 victory over Tavistock to set up a dramatic final day in the Premier Division.

Going into the game three points behind their visitors, Exmouth claimed the much needed win thanks to Levi Landricombe, who struck for the third game in succession.

A mammoth crowd of 728 were in attendance on Wednesday and it made for a terrific occasion which has given the league a thrilling finale.

The two First Division clashes on Wednesday saw a pair of away forwards notching hat-tricks in some high-scoring affairs.

Promotion hopefuls Wincanton saw their long winning run brought to an end by Odd Down, with Josh Clark claiming a terrific treble for the Bath side in a 3-3 draw.

After Clark had opened the scoring in the fifth minute, the Wasps responded well and led at the interval thanks to a brace from Matt Garner.

Clark then levelled things 20 minutes from time, but Wincanton hit back once again, with Jamie Irwin setting them up for the win as the game headed towards the final ten.

Odd Down had the last word however, and it was Clark again who popped up in stoppage time to deny Wincanton at the death, scoring the sixth and final goal of a thrilling contest.

For AEK Boco, it was Josh Jenkins who went home with the match-ball after scoring three of his sides goals in their 5-0 win away at Bishops Lydeard.

The away side flew out of the blocks, and after

Jenkins and Nathan Hall had both struck in the opening stages, Jenkins then added another from the spot to make it 3-0 after just 32 minutes.

After Freddy Taylor-Fox had increased the lead further in the closing stages, Jenkins then took over, completing the scoring in the 89th minute to cap an outstanding individual performance.

- PREMIER DIVISION -

Following a thrilling title race which had been toing and froing, a stoppage time penalty finally decided the destination of this season's champions.

Only goal difference separated the top two going into the final day, and after a nervy day for all, it was a Liam Prynns spot kick which gave Tavistock the crucial 1-0 victory to confirm top spot.

Hosting an Ashton & Backwell outfit battling for points at the other end of the table, it wasn't an easy afternoon for the Lambs, but Prynns managed to hold his nerve to tuck home the late penalty, extending his lead at the top the scoring charts in the process.

Exmouth were forced to settle for finishing in second spot after they were unable to force the issue in their goalless draw away at Shepton Mallet.

Their midweek victory over Tavi had put them on level footing ahead of the final game of the campaign, but they drew a blank to fall just short in their title ambitions. Things looked to be swaying in their favour when Shepton skipper Andy Martin was sent off in first half stoppage time, but Town were unable to find the back of the net against a side who reached the sixty point mark thanks to Saturday's stalemate.

At the opposite end of the ladder, Street's late season ascendancy continued with a 3-0 win

at home to Millbrook. The Cobblers have ended their season by winning three of their final five fixtures, with goals from Callum Corbidge, Jakob Dickens and Dan Peach helping them see off their Cornish visitors, staving off the threat of relegation.

Another side to end their campaign on the front foot were Clevedon Town, with their final day 3-0 triumph over Bridport giving them five wins from their final seven.

Having been held goalless during the opening half, Alex Camm's effort early in the second half loosened the visitors up, with Callum Eastwood and Josh Morgan adding further goals at St Mary's Field.

The clash between Helston and Buckland was overshadowed by a neck injury to Stu Bowker forcing the abandonment at Kellaway Park.

Fortunately the day ended on a positive note for all concerned, with Bowker confirming that he had been given the all-clear to head home following an afternoon at Truro Hospital.

Elsewhere in Cornwall, a second half double from Scott Crocker followed an exquisite free kick from Sam Farrant to hand Saltash a 3-0 victory at home to Brislington.

There was also a home victory for Keynsham over third-placed Mousehole, with Will Hailston scoring twice inside the opening ten minutes to hand Town a much-needed early buffer in their 2-1 win.

Ilfracombe Town were also victors by two goals to one, with efforts from Joe Barker and Kyle Paine helping the North Devon outfit defeat ten-man Bitton.

- FIRST DIVISION -

Champions Sherborne ended their season on 99 points following a final day victory at home to Bishop Sutton.

The Zebras campaign has seen them wrack up 31 wins, while notching 124 goals, and the last of those came in the form of an own goal at the beginning of the second half, helping lead them a 1-0 victory at Raleigh Grove.

Wincanton have mirrored the champs in scoring 124 times this campaign, but they still have one game remaining and will hope to return to winning form after drawing 1-1 away at Portishead.

Having seen their long-standing winning run come to an end in their previous fixture, Wincanton were in good position to hit back when Cameron Vere put them in front at Bristol Road, but the hosts managed to grab a share of the spoils thanks to Joe Fitzgerald's leveller.

Warminster have leapfrogged Wincanton up into second ahead of the final day after winning 2-0 away at Oldland.

The in-form visitors went ahead on the half hour mark thanks to a volleyed finish from Conner McKay, before George Butler doubled their advantage ten minutes after the interval.

Welton will also be a confident bunch heading into the play-offs, and they have now won two of their last three after beating Lebeq 3-1 at West Clewes.

Lewis Russell's penalty five minutes before the break looked to have put Rovers in control, but that was soon cancelled out when Sacha Tong hit back for the visitors in added time at the end of the first half.

A strong finish from Toby Cole restored Welton's advantage after the interval, with Cam Allen then assuring the destination of the points when he struck 13 minutes from time.

The game of the day took place at the Athletic Ground, where Cheddar came from behind to beat fellow play-off hopefuls Wells City by three goals to two.

Two goals from former Cheddar frontman Adam Wright had put Wells 2-1 up with the game headed towards the final whistle, but the visitors looked to have done enough to secure a point when second half sub Danny Griffiths headed home in the final minute of normal time.

At the end of an emotional week for the club,

popular player-manager Craig Mawford had announced that he would be leaving the club at the denouement of the season.

Having entered the field for potentially the final time, Mawford produced a fairytale ending, with his stoppage time winner helping to complete the dramatic comeback.

The fourth and final play-off spot is still very much up for grabs over the final seven days of the campaign, with ninth-placed AEK Boco still technically in contention following their 3-1 win away at local rivals Longwell Green.

Another side who could pinch fifth spot are Odd Down, with the league's leading marksman coming to the fore again in their 2-1 win over

Almondsbury. Having fallen behind to Stuart Alexander's 33rd minute opener, it took Luke Bryan just over an hour before his first impact when he slotted home the equaliser.

With three points essential to remain in contention for a play-off spot, Bryan was in the right place at the right time yet again, scoring his 35th goal of the season to seal a come-from-behind victory.

Bottom side Devizes enjoyed some late season cheer, with Ethan Witchell and an acrobatic effort from Dec McStravick handing them a 2-0 win over Hengrove while Tytherington's final game ended in a 2-1 win away at Bishops Lydeard thanks to Nathan Croot's winner on what was his 100th appearance for the Rocks.

On the most recent podcast, Ian and Tom review a bumper Easter period, before catching up with Bridgwater United manager Dave Pearse who looks back on a good season which still has something to offer for his side. There is then a conversation with Sherborne Town Chairman, John Bowers, who celebrates his club's First Division title win, and explaining why he's relishing the challenges promotion will bring the ambitious Zebras outfit.

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Tavistock celebrate winning the Premier Division - Picture by Dave Crawford



First Division Champions Sherborne Town receive a guard of honour from Bishop Sutton and over 60 members of their youth set-up - Picture by John Taylor



Action from Keynsham Town v Mousehole - Pictures by Eamonn Twamley and Pete Ricketts

Action from Welton Rovers v Lebeq United - Picture by Mark Pile

Latest League Tables

Premier Division

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Tavistock	36	24	7	5	63	79
2	Exmouth Town	36	23	8	5	61	77
3	Mousehole	36	22	7	7	44	73
4	Saltash United	36	20	5	11	34	65
5	Bridgwater United	36	20	5	11	30	65
6	Shepton Mallet	36	17	9	10	41	60
7	Clevedon Town	36	16	11	9	22	59
8	Ilfracombe Town	36	16	8	12	6	56
9	Helston Athletic	35	14	12	9	19	54
10	Keynsham Town	36	15	8	13	10	53
11	Buckland Athletic	35	14	8	13	14	50
12	Bitton	36	13	6	17	-11	45
13	Wellington	36	11	10	15	-12	43
14	Millbrook	35	11	9	15	-11	42
15	Cadbury Heath	36	10	5	21	-33	35
16	Street	36	9	5	22	-23	32
17	Brislington	35	9	5	21	-52	32
18	Ashton & Backwell United	36	7	7	22	-34	28
19	Bridport	36	1	1	34	-168	4

First Division

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Sherborne Town	40	31	6	3	86	99
2	Warminster Town	39	27	5	7	50	86
3	Wincanton Town	39	26	7	6	75	85
4	Welton Rovers	39	26	7	6	46	85
5	Radstock Town	38	17	9	12	-1	60
6	Wells City	39	16	11	12	13	59
7	Cheddar	39	16	11	12	9	59
8	Odd Down (BATH)	38	16	9	13	7	57
9	AEK Boco	39	15	12	12	3	57
10	Bishop Sutton	40	15	7	18	3	52
11	Oldland Abbotonians	39	16	4	19	-1	52
12	Lebeq United	39	13	11	15	2	50
13	Tytherington Rocks	40	13	10	17	-17	49
14	Portishead Town	39	14	7	18	-5	46
15	Gillingham Town	39	12	10	17	-13	46
16	Hengrove Athletic	39	12	8	19	-19	44
17	Longwell Green Sports	40	11	9	20	-24	42
18	Almondsbury	38	11	2	25	-38	35
19	Bristol Telephones	39	10	5	24	-54	35
20	Bishops Lydeard	39	6	6	27	-46	24
21	Devizes Town	39	6	6	27	-76	21

Latest Results & Fixtures

Recent Results

Wednesday 20th April 2022

Premier Division

Exmouth Town 1-0 Tavistock - 728

First Division

Bishops Lydeard 0-5 AEK Boco - 50

Wincanton Town 3-3 Odd Down - 60

Saturday 23rd April 2022

Premier Division

Bridport 0-3 Clevedon Town - 148

Helston Athletic A-A Buckland Athletic

Ilfracombe Town 2-1 Bitton

Keynsham Town 2-1 Mousehole - 172

Saltash United 3-0 Brislington - 106

Shepton Mallet 0-0 Exmouth Town - 632

Street 3-0 Millbrook

Tavistock 1-0 Ashton & Backwell United

First Division

Bishops Lydeard 1-2 Tytherington Rocks - 36

Devizes Town 2-0 Hengrove Athletic - 98

Longwell Green Sports 1-3 AEK Boco

Odd Down 2-1 Almondsbury - 23

Oldland Abbot's 0-2 Warminster Town - 75

Portishead Town 1-1 Wincanton Town - 41

Sherborne Town 1-0 Bishop Sutton

Wells City 2-3 Cheddar - 64

Welton Rovers 3-1 Lebeq United - 121

Upcoming Fixtures

Monday 25th April 2022

First Division

Odd Down vs AEK Boco - 19:45

Tuesday 26th April 2022

First Division

Almondsbury vs Radstock Town - 19:30

Wednesday 27th April 2022

Les Phillips Cup Semi Final

Cadbury Heath vs Keynsham Town - 19:30

Saturday 30th April 2022

(3pm kick off unless noted)

Les Phillips Cup

Bridgwater United vs Helston Athletic

Premier Division

Millbrook vs Brislington

First Division

AEK Boco vs Tytherington Rocks

Hengrove Athletic vs Wells City

Lebeq United vs Devizes Town

Odd Down vs Cheddar

Oldland Abbotonians vs Portishead Town

Radstock Town vs Bristol Telephones

Warminster Town vs Gillingham Town

Welton Rovers vs Almondsbury

Wincanton Town vs Bishops Lydeard

- Leading Goalscorers -

Premier Division

Liam Pryn (Tavistock) - 35

Jack Taylor (Bridgwater) - 29

Jordan Harris (Exmouth) - 27

Will Hailston (Keynsham) - 23

Dean Griffiths (Bitton) - 21

Sam Hughes (Saltash) - 20

First Division

Luke Bryan (Odd Down) - 35

Adam Wright (Wells) - 32

Oaklan Buck (Bishop Sutton) - 28

Alex Murphy (Sherborne) - 24

Ian Jeffery (Warminster) - 24

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