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The Round-Up

- MID-WEEK ACTION -

Helston Athletic produced a thrilling final 15 minutes on Tuesday evening, overturning an early two-goal deficit to beat Bishops Cleeve and book their spot in the third qualifying round of the FA Cup.

Having drawn three days previously, the side's reconvened at Kellaway Park, and it was the visitors who made an excellent start, scoring twice inside the opening 20 minutes to put Helston in a tough spot.

That was how it remained for much of the evening, with the home side only starting to make inroads after 73 minutes thanks to a glancing header from Matty Bye.

Cleeve then started to unravel upon conceding that goal, and were reduced to ten men soon after following a dangerous tackle. That cost them big time, and before long they found themselves chasing the game, with Rubin Wilson's equaliser following just moments later by a gorgeous dinked finish from Bye to put Helston 3-2 up.

The away side were forced to chase the game, and after sending the keeper up for a late set piece in search of a levelling goal, they were hit on the counter, with Rikki Sheppard firing into an empty net to stretch the Western League outfit's advantage.

At the end of an incredible tie, it was Cleeve who had the last word, scoring their third in stoppage time, but that was as good as it got and Helston secured a matchup with Weston-Super-Mare in the next round.

In Premier Division action, a large crowd were in attendance to see Saltash take on Buckland Athletic and the majority of those will have gone home happy, with Callum O'Brien's 19th minute effort giving the home side a slender

victory. There was also victory on Tuesday night for Ashton & Backwell United, with second half goals from Joe Banks and James White leading them to a 2-1 defeat of Welton.

The following evening, Shepton Mallet were forced to come from behind to maintain their winning start at Clevedon. Mallet were trailing at the break, but soon made amends in the second half with Joe Morgan curling home the equaliser within five minutes of the restart.

A penalty from skipper Nick Hewlett gave them their first lead of the tie ten minutes from time, with Nathan Legge then striking a couple of minutes later to add some gloss to the scoreline.

Wells City reached the summit of the First Division league table on Tuesday evening following a 2-1 home victory over Odd Down.

Having only dropped two points in their previous 11 fixtures now, it is no surprise that Wells have gone top, taking their latest three points after goals from Ali Sen and Adam Wright helped them hold off the Bath side.

The only other home side to enjoy success during the midweek fixtures was Brislington who won a 4-3 thriller over Warminster to maintain their strong start.

A pair of Max Wyatt goals had put Warminster two goals to the good during the opening half, with Bris only gaining a footing in the contest in the 45th minute thanks to George Jones. No sooner had home skipper Asa White drawn his side back level midway through the second half, Warminster went back in front, with standout performer Wyatt completing a terrific treble.

Unfortunately for the Town frontman, he would end the night on the wrong end of the full time result, with Dean Griffiths levelling ten from time, before White then headed home in the

89th minute to give Bris their first lead of entire match with added time on the horizon.

Elsewhere, it was very much the away sides who came to the fore, including AEK Boco, for whom substitute Alfie Andrews scored the only goal of the game in their triumph over Wincanton.

There was also a tight 1-0 victory for Nailsea & Tickenham over Tytherington thanks to a late goal from Jack Thorne, while Joe Woodley and Rob Belcher were each on target in Longwell Green's 2-1 defeat of Hallen. Sacha Tong was among the goals once again, helping FC Bristol secure a 2-1 win away at Cheddar, with Almondsbury relying on a late equaliser from Joe White to help salvage a 1-1 draw with Bristol Telephones.

The dominance of visiting sides continued on Wednesday evening, with Oldland Abbotonians' unbeaten start ended in a thumping 3-0 loss at home to Hengrove. A brace from Jack Jones, and a further goal from Will Banks condemned the Abbots to a rare defeat, with Hengrove ending their own four-match winless run with aplomb.

- FA VASE ACTION -

There were plenty of goals in the weekend's FA Vase ties, with a number of Western League sides firing in front of goal to book their spots in the next round.

One such team was Torpoint, who put seven past the visiting Wendron United in a one-sided affair at The Mill. Despite not picking up a league victory yet this term, Torpoint had an afternoon to remember, with Curtis Damerell playing

a starring role in their large victory. A penalty midway through the second half completed Damerell's hat-trick, adding to a pair of assists in an immaculate attacking performance, with Gary Hird, Darren Hicks and Callum Thompson also getting on the scoresheet.

Falmouth were the other big scoring winners on Saturday afternoon, firing out of the blocks in their 5-0 victory over Launceston.

Tim Nixon, Charlie Edney and Luke Brabyn all struck inside the opening quarter hour to put Town in command, with Jack Bray-Evans then adding a pair of powerful strikes to complete the scoring.

Barnstaple were another side in fine form, with Tor Swann scoring either side of the interval during their 4-0 win over Axminster, with Adam Willis also bagging a brace in Bishops Lydeard's impressive 3-1 victory at home to Liskeard Athletic.

Things didn't go quite so well for AEK Boco, who despite taking an early lead through Josh Jenkins, went on to concede ten unanswered goals in a heavy defeat away at Ascot United.

There were also large home defeats for Hengrove and Millbrook, who each conceded five against Lydney Town and Ivybridge respectively, while Portishead were knocked out on Friday night following a 4-0 loss at Cribbs.

There were a trio of all-Western League clashes, and the most notable result came in Shepton Mallet, where the home side suffered a 5-1 defeat against Mousehole. Goals from Louise

On the most recent episode of the podcast, we hear from Mousehole boss Jake Ash whose side remain hungry for success despite coming to terms with second season syndrome. There is also a conversation with Brislington Lee Perks who is targeting a return to the Premier Division with his side following a restructuring at the club.

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Price and Kyle Fraser gave the away side a two-goal lead at the interval, with Hayden Turner then adding the goal of the game soon after the interval, lobbing the home keeper from long range.

Late goals from Andy Watkins and Andy Elcock adding some gloss to the scoreline on a tough afternoon for Mallet, who will turn their attention back to league matters where they still maintain a 100% winning record.

Second half goals from Cash Vinall and Stefan Lee helped lead Oldland past fellow First Division outfit Almondsbury, while a Rikki Sheppard brace proved to be enough for Helston in their tense 2-1 win at home to Saltash United.

Penalty shootouts didn't particularly go the way of Toolstation sides, with only one of four going in their favour.

Odd Down were the lone winner on spot kicks, with keeper Oliver Coleman starring in their triumph over Newton Abbot Spurs. Having fallen two goals behind inside 20 minutes, Odd Down did well to fightback, with Cam New and Curtis Dunn scoring in either half to end the game on level footing.

With games heading straight to penalties at the end of 90 minutes, it was Coleman's two saves during the shootout which saw the Bath side prevail. Unfortunately for the other three Western League teams, they all built leads during their ties before suffering shootout defeats.

Goals from Matt Hoare and Elliot Gardner had put Hallen in command away at Cheltenham Saracens before they conceded twice in the closing stages, while Cadbury Heath were knocked out by Roman Glass St George on penalties despite going ahead after an hour of their tie thanks to a Dan Winstone long ranger.

Goals from Asa White and Danny Dodimead weren't quite enough for Brislington, who went down to a dramatic 6-5 shootout defeat at home to Corsham Town, with Callum Demkiv striking twice for the visitors during normal time. In the other fixtures to take place, Welton went down to a slim 1-0 loss at Bovey Tracey, with the

equally excellently-named Eversley & California FC overturning Jamal Chevolleau's early strike to knock out Bitton by two goals to one.

- WEEKEND LEAGUE ACTION -

With most sides in Vase action, there was a heavily reduced league fixture list over the weekend, and of those in Premier Division action included league leaders Bridgwater.

Hosting Ilfracombe, a surprise result was on the cards at the interval after Sam Wright had edged the visitors in front.

United managed to maintain their unbeaten start however, with top scorer Jake Brown adding to his tally with an equaliser two minutes into the second half. Cornish outfit Buckland remain without a draw in their 11 league fixtures so far this campaign after striking two minutes from time to capture a 2-1 win away at Sherborne.

The Zebras enjoyed the best of the opening stages, and they took a deserved lead midway through the first half thanks to Ashley Guppy. Buckland then levelled affairs on the hour mark thanks to a Rob Farkins header, before Scott Crocker completed the comeback two minutes from time with another headed finish.

The other game in that division also went the way of the visiting side, with Harry Foster's hat-trick help lead Street to a storming 5-1 win over Keynsham.

Foster struck twice inside the opening half hour to put the Cobblers ahead, before the K's halved the deficit just prior to half time to give themselves some hope heading into the second stanza.

Street finally pulled away in the final quarter, with Kyle Strange extending their two-goal advantage, before Foster struck again to complete his treble.

Wells City took advantage of others playing the Vase to extend their lead atop the First Division table to five points.

Having suffered an early blow, falling behind to Gillingham in the early stages on Saturday afternoon, City drew level towards the end of

the first half thanks to a thumping header from Tom Hill. Before long, Charlie Crook had scored to turn the game on its head, with Wells pulling away during the second period thanks to further goals from Adam Wright and Craig Herrod.

The comeback of the day belonged to Longwell Green Sports who overturned a two-goal deficit to beat Cheddar 3-2 at Shellards Road.

Goals either side of the interval from Dean Chrisostomou and Morgan Bacon gave the Cheesemen a hefty advantage, but Longwell Green kept pushing and soon got their rewards thanks to a quick-fire double from the two Zac's, Cheetham and Feltham.

The remaining drama was saved for injury time, with Longwell Green scoring a winner at the death through Tom Warren, all of this coming just moments after the hosts had squandered an opportunity to go in front from the penalty spot.

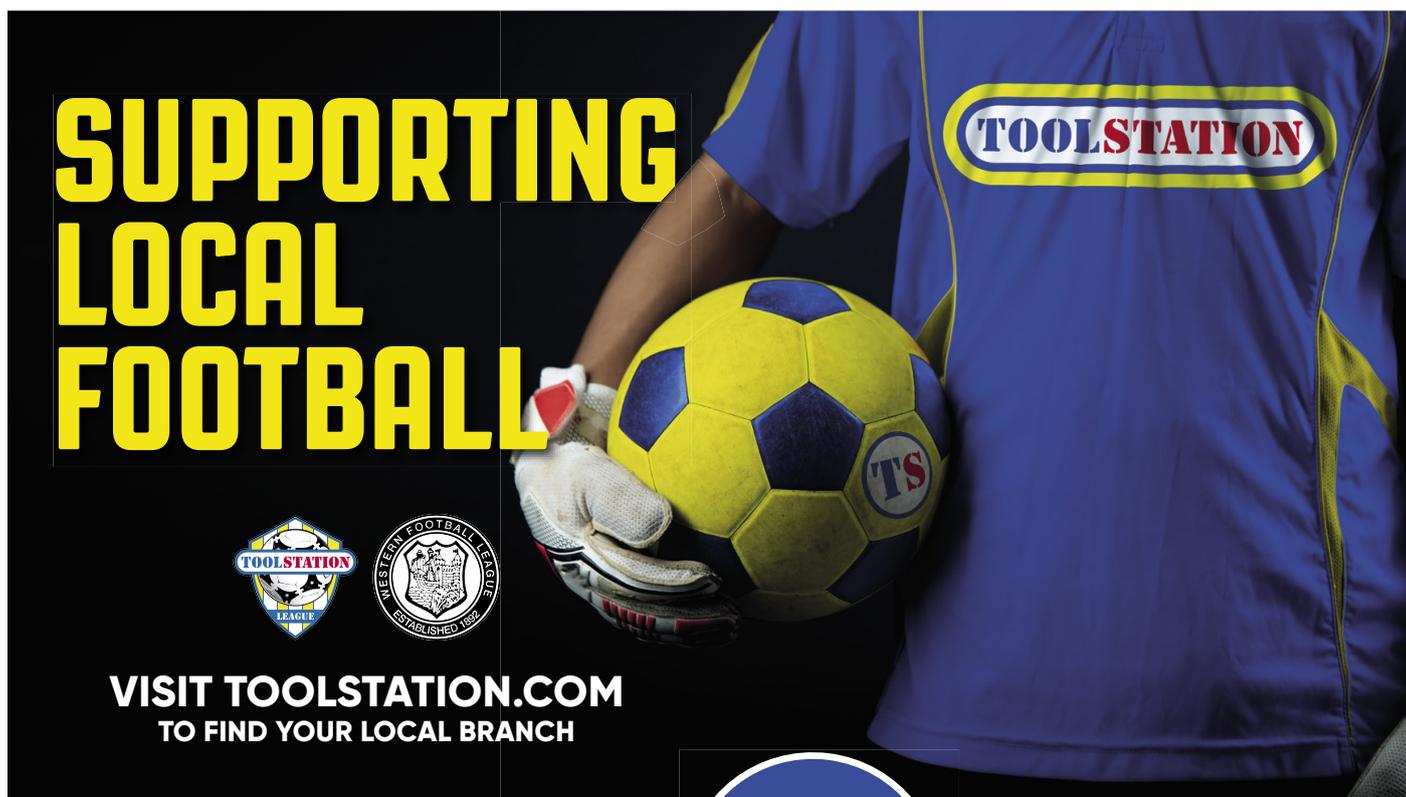
FC Bristol also enjoyed the best of the closing stages in their clash with Bishop Sutton to help secure a 4-2 victory.

Goals from Niekell Plummer and Kinsly Murray helped give the hosts a two-goal lead, which was soon cancelled out following a pair of quick strikes from Sutton forward Craig Wilson.

Then, with quarter of an hour remaining, Jennison Williams put the home side back ahead, and they finally wrapped up victory in stoppage time through Cameron Brown.

The points were shared in the remaining fixture, with Warminster coming from two-down to claim a 2-2 draw at home to Tytherington.

Goals from Ethan Johnson and Cameron Horseman had put the Rocks in control at the break, but Warminster were able to surge back during the second half, with Corey Gardner and Max Wyatt each striking to salvage a draw.



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Tuesday 20th September

FA Cup Second Qualifying Round Replay

Helston Athletic 4-3 Bishops Cleeve

Premier Division

Saltash United 1-0 Buckland Athletic

Welton Rovers 1-2 Ashton & Backwell United

First Division

Almondsbury 1-1 Bristol Telephones

Brislington 4-3 Warminster Town

Cheddar 1-2 FC Bristol

Hallen 1-2 Longwell Green Sports

Tytherington Rocks 0-1 Nailsea & Tickenham

Wells City 2-1 Odd Down

Wincanton Town 0-1 AEK Boco

Wednesday 21st September

Premier Division

Clevedon Town 1-3 Shepton Mallet

First Division

Oldland Abbotonians 0-3 Hengrove Athletic

Friday 23rd September

FA Vase Second Qualifying Round

Cribbs 4-0 Portishead Town

Saturday 24th September

FA Vase Second Qualifying Round

Ascot United 10-1 AEK Boco

Ashton & Backwell United 2-1 Camberley

Barnstaple Town 4-0 Axminster

Bishops Lydeard 3-1 Liskeard Athletic

Bitton 1-2 Eversley & California FC

Bovey Tracey 1-0 Welton Rovers

Brislington 2-2 (5-6 pens) Corsham Town

Cadbury Heath 1-1 (2-4 pens) Roman Glass St George

Cheltenham Saracens 2-2 (4-3 pens) Hallen

Falmouth Town 5-0 Launceston

Hengrove Athletic 1-5 Lydney Town

Helston Athletic 2-1 Saltash United

Millbrook 2-5 Ivybridge

Odd Down 2-2 (5-4 pens) Newton Abbot Spurs

Oldland Abbotonians 3-1 Almondsbury

Shepton Mallet 1-5 Mousehole

Torpoint Athletic 7-0 Wendron United

Premier Division

Bridgwater United 1-1 Ilfracombe Town

Keynsham Town 1-5 Street

Sherborne Town 1-2 Buckland Athletic

First Division

FC Bristol 4-2 Bishop Sutton

Longwell Green Sports 3-2 Cheddar

Warminster Town 2-2 Tytherington Rocks

Wells City 4-1 Gillingham Town

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 27th September

Premier Division

Bridgwater United vs Saltash United - 19:45

Helston Athletic vs Millbrook - 19:45

Shepton Mallet vs Keynsham Town - 19:30

First Division

Bishop Sutton vs Wincanton Town - 19:30

Hengrove Athletic vs FC Bristol - 19:30

Nailsea & Tickenham vs Cheddar - 19:30

Odd Down vs Radstock Town - 19:45

Wednesday 28th September

Premier Division

Cadbury Heath vs Welton Rovers - 19:30

Falmouth Town vs Mousehole - 19:45

Sherborne Town vs Bitton - 19:30

Street vs Ilfracombe Town - 19:30

First Division

Shirehampton vs AEK Boco - 19:30KO

Tytherington Rocks vs Brislington - 19:45

Warminster Town vs Bristol Telephones - 19:45

Saturday 1st October (3pm kick-off unless noted)

Premier Division

Buckland Athletic vs Bitton

Ilfracombe Town vs Falmouth Town

Millbrook vs Ashton & Backwell United

Mousehole vs Barnstaple Town

Sherborne Town vs Welton Rovers

Street vs Saltash United - 14:00

Torpoint Athletic vs Shepton Mallet

Wellington vs Clevedon Town

First Division

AEK Boco vs Bishop Sutton

Almondsbury vs Brislington

Bishops Lydeard vs FC Bristol

Bristol Telephones vs Oldland Abbotonians

Gillingham Town vs Cheddar

Hengrove Athletic vs Radstock Town

Longwell Green Sports vs Wells City

Nailsea & Tickenham vs Wincanton Town

Shirehampton vs Odd Down

Tytherington Rocks vs Hallen

Warminster Town vs Portishead Town

League Tables

Premier Division

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Bridgwater United	13	11	2	0	36	35
2	Saltash United	11	8	3	0	16	27
3	Shepton Mallet	7	7	0	0	14	21
4	Barnstaple Town	9	6	1	2	14	19
5	Buckland Athletic	11	6	0	5	2	18
6	Ashton & Backwell United	9	5	1	3	4	16
7	Mousehole	8	4	3	1	10	15
8	Helston Athletic	8	3	4	1	-1	13
9	Street	9	3	2	4	-10	11
10	Sherborne Town	10	3	1	6	0	10
11	Millbrook	9	3	1	5	-4	10
12	Clevedon Town	9	3	1	5	-7	10
13	Falmouth Town	9	2	3	4	1	9
14	Ilfracombe Town	7	2	3	2	-2	9
15	Welton Rovers	11	2	3	6	-10	9
16	Wellington	9	2	2	5	-6	8
17	Keynsham Town	11	2	2	7	-23	8
18	Cadbury Heath	8	1	2	5	-5	5
19	Torpoint Athletic	8	0	3	5	-11	3
20	Bitton	8	0	1	7	-18	1

First Division

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Wells City	14	11	1	2	26	34
2	Oldland Abbotonians	12	9	2	1	16	29
3	Brislington	11	8	1	2	17	25
4	Nailsea & Tickenham	11	7	1	3	17	22
5	FC Bristol	11	6	3	2	11	21
6	AEK Boco	11	7	0	4	4	21
7	Portishead Town	9	6	1	2	7	19
8	Longwell Green Sports	12	5	3	4	2	18
9	Wincanton Town	8	5	1	2	12	16
10	Shirehampton	11	4	3	4	2	15
11	Hallen	11	4	3	4	2	15
12	Hengrove Athletic	13	4	3	6	1	15
13	Odd Down	11	3	5	3	4	14
14	Bishop Sutton	11	3	3	5	0	12
15	Warminster Town	12	3	3	6	-6	12
16	Tytherington Rocks	11	3	3	5	-7	12
17	Almondsbury	13	3	3	7	-30	12
18	Cheddar	13	2	4	7	-11	10
19	Bishops Lydeard	10	3	1	6	-13	10
20	Bristol Telephones	12	2	3	7	-14	9
21	Radstock Town	12	0	4	8	-17	4
22	Gillingham Town	11	0	3	8	-23	3