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The Round-Up

- MID-WEEK ACTION -

It was a big week of Les Phillips Cup action, with ten ties decided under the lights on Tuesday & Wednesday evening.

Radstock were among the sides to progress, with the winless First Division outfit claiming their second win in the competition this term thanks to a 2-1 reverse away at Cheddar.

Joining them in the next round will be Longwell Green Sports who prevailed on penalties after drawing one apiece with Bitton.

It was Longwell Green keeper who proved to be the hero, with his two saves during the shootout allowing the visitors to knock out their higher-ranked hosts.

Asa White and Jordan Ricketts were both on target during Brislington's 2-0 victory at home to AEK Boco, with Odd Down defeating Hengrove by the same scoreline despite ending the game with leading marksman Luke Bryan in between the sticks.

Goals from Will Humphries and 75th minute sub Cam New proved to be enough for the Bath side, but an injury to keeper Stuart Mason meant Bryan was required to stand in for the entirety of the second half, with Hengrove unable to take advantage.

A solitary goal 15 minutes from time by Archie Ferris helped Clevedon progress following a tight contest away at Nailsea & Tickenham, while Jamie Thompson, Dan Dix and debutant Paulo Borges all struck during Wincanton's 3-0 win over Hallen.

24 hours later, there was another Premier Division side who fell to lower-league opposition, with Shirehampton coming from behind to defeat Ashton & Backwell by four goals to one. Having gone ahead in the eighth minute, Ashton came

unstuck at the hands of Ryan Radford and Scott Bamford, who each bagged braces to pull off the excellent Shirehampton comeback.

Cadbury Heath also scored four, with Ewan McMillan, Matt Isaacs, Tom Withers and Josiah McKayle each netting in their comprehensive win over Oldland Abbotonians.

Wednesday's penalty shootout saw FC Bristol knockout Prem side Street. James Hall looked to have helped the visitors claim a famous victory, only for Harry Foster to level for the Cobblers in stoppage time. Following a marathon set of spot kicks, it was the Bristol side who claimed their spot in the next round thanks to a 7-6 shootout victory.

Another entertaining saw Wellington defeat local rivals Bishops Lydeard by three goals to two. It was a hat-trick for former Lydeard frontman Jake Quick which did the damage for Welly, with his return to the side coming at just the right time on a night where they were pushed all the way by their visitors, for whom Ryan Brereton struck twice during a frantic second half period.

- PREMIER DIVISION -

In a battle between the two longest undefeated streaks this season, it was Bridgwater who came out on top in a tight contest away at Shepton Mallet.

The game involved the two best defences in the league, so goals were always likely to be at a premium, with the deadlock broken in fortunate circumstances 20 minutes from time when Jake Brown's cross deflected into the back of the Shepton net.

Then, with Shepton doing everything within their power to equalise, Bridgwater broke down the other end, and wrapped things up in stoppage time, with George King firing home from the

edge of the box to make it 2-0.

Clevedon Town dominated mid-table rival Millbrook, scoring five times after the break to complete a 6-0 triumph at the Hand Stadium.

Only Ethan Feltham's 33rd minute effort split the sides at the interval, but the second period belonged exclusively to the hosts from the moment Freddie King doubled their advantage.

Archie Ferris then made it 3-0 with their next attack, before Callum Eastwood curled home a beauty to put the result beyond doubt.

Feltham and Ferris added further to their tallies in the closing stages to give the Seasiders their biggest win of the campaign by some margin.

Second-placed Saltash kept up the pressure on Bridgwater thanks to a 3-1 win away at Welton. Callum Merrin got the ball rolling, continuing his fine run of form in front of goal, with Harrison Davis then scoring a quickfire double to help the Ashes build a comfortable three-goal lead at the interval.

Jake Bird managed to pull a goal back in second half stoppage time for Rovers, but they didn't come close to stopping Saltash's charge towards a 12th league victory of the campaign.

In the most dramatic finish of the day, Buckland grabbed victory from the claws of defeat, with Josh Webber striking twice in injury time to give them a 2-1 win away at Cadbury Heath.

The Devonians had been unable to break their hosts for much of the afternoon, and looked

certain to face defeat due to Matt Huxley's excellent 17th minute header.

Buckland never stopped pushing however, and after Webber finally managed to beat the home side's backline to level the scores, he then got on the end of another attack less than two minutes later to deny the heartbroken Heath any points whatsoever.

- FIRST DIVISION -

With league leaders Wells not in action, second-placed Nailsea & Tickenham won the game of the day, holding off FC Bristol to prevail by three goals to one.

The home team enjoyed the best of the opening half, and led by two at the interval thanks to a pair of quickfire efforts from Joe Berry and Luke Osgood.

The Bristolians managed to pull a goal back on the hour mark through Twaine Plummer, but Nailsea restored their two-goal advantage soon after through Jack Thorne to move within five points of top spot.

The biggest winners in the division were Bishop Sutton, who defeated Longwell Green Sports by four goals to nil at Lakeview. Having gone ahead inside the opening five minutes, it was a short spell just prior to half-time which really turned the game in Sutton's favour, with debutant Josh Clark and Ethan Ballantine striking within three minutes of one another.

The second half was a quieter affair, but there was still plenty of time for Craig Wilson to add to his tally for the season, completing the

On the Podcast this week, Millbrook's Mackenzie Brown reflects on his sides start to the season, and discusses why he relishes the challenge of playing in the Western League. There is also a conversation with Hallen boss Stu Jones who gives an honest assessment of where he thinks his side will finish this season, while also rating the top teams in the First Division.

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one-sided scoreline three minutes from time. There was plenty of drama in the day's early kickoff, where Tytherington Rocks survived two penalties to beat Cheddar 1-0.

The Cheesemen had ample opportunity to go in front, including the two penalty misses, and they were made to pay in first-half stoppage time, when Charlie Derham scored what turned out to be the only goal of the game.

Having each claimed a victory over one another in the previous seven days, Wincanton gained ultimate bragging rights over Hallen, capturing their second win in the space of four days against the same opposition.

Hallen were victorious in the reverse league fixture seven days previously, before the Wasps gained revenge in the Les Phillips Cup during midweek.

Then, with the schedule playing out as it did, the sides went once more on Saturday, and it was Wincanton who claimed the 2-1 win.

After an excellent free kick from Cory Thomas-Barker had levelled affairs after half an hour, it was left to recent addition Paulo Borges to grab victory for the Wasps, with his second goal in two matches moving Wincanton into the top half of the table.

Calum Townsend and George Fowler were each on target in Portishead's 2-0 win away at AEK Boco, while a couple of smashing long range finishes from Scott Bamford helped Shirehampton secure a 2-1 victory away at Almondsbury.

There was also another away win for Gillingham, who have incredibly now won three on the spin after handing Radstock a 2-1 defeat.

The recently surging Gills didn't have to wait long before taking control against the bottom side, with James Boyland netting after just three minutes.

Boyland was then on target once again at the beginning of the second half, and that goal proved to be crucial after Ian Jeffery pulled a goal back for the home side 20 minutes from

time with a well-taken set piece.

- FA VASE -

Only three Western League sides are still alive in the FA Vase following a relatively disappointing afternoon of knockout action, with Mousehole's 3-1 win at Lydney Town the pick of the results

After Mark Goldsworthy had fired the Cornish side ahead inside the opening few minutes, a second-half double from Hayden Turner helped complete victory for the visitors.

The other two victories both came in all-Toolstation ties, with Falmouth holding on to knock out cup specialists Helston by two goals to one.

An early penalty converted by Jack Bray-Evans set the hosts on their way, before Luke Brabyn volleyed home a second just after the half-hour mark.

Tom Payne managed to cut the deficit three minutes before the break, but a goalless second period meant that it was Falmouth who progressed to the next round.

Two late goals were the difference in Somerset, where Wellington belied their lowly league position to knock out Barnstaple Town.

When Jake Quick had an effort ruled out for offside, Wellington must have fancied it wasn't going to be their afternoon, however they showed great perseverance to keep attacking, and were rewarded 12 minutes from time, when Sam Towler fired home from the penalty spot.

Brodie Montague's late own-goal confirmed the destination of the victory, with Wellington securing just their second clean sheet of the campaign.

It was a tough afternoon for Odd Down, who were handed a 4-0 defeat at Brixham, with Keynsham beaten by the same scoreline at home against a strong Corsham outfit.

Street were beaten 5-1 by Andover New Street, despite taking an eighth minute lead through Jake Horsey, while Bishops Lydeard's Adam

Willis' late effort wasn't quite enough for Bishops Lydeard in their 2-1 loss at home to Roman Glass St George. There were unfortunate penalty defeats for both Torpoint and Oldland

Abbotonians, with Ashton & Backwell United undone by a fifth minute strike in their 1-0 loss at Elburton Villa.

Top Goalscorers – All Competitions

Sacha Tong (FC Bristol) – 18

Adam Wright (Wells) – 17

Jacob Brown (Bridgwater) – 15

Luke Bryan (Odd Down) – 14

Jack Thorne (Nailsea/Tickenham) – 13

Rubin Wilson (Helston) – 12

Curtis Damerell (Torpoint) – 12

Connor Williams (Wincanton) – 11

Dean Griffiths (Brislington) – 11

Harry Stevens (Ilfracombe) – 11

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Tuesday 18th October

Les Phillips Cup

Bitton 1-1 (4-5 pens) Longwell Green Sports

Brislington 2-0 AEK Boco

Cheddar 1-2 Radstock Town

Nailsea & Tickenham 0-1 Clevedon Town

Odd Down 2-0 Hengrove Athletic

Wincanton Town 3-0 Hallen

Wednesday 19th October

Les Phillips Cup

Cadbury Heath 4-0 Oldland Abbotonians

Shirehampton 4-1 Ashton & Backwell United

Street 1-1 (6-7 pens) FC Bristol

Wellington 3-2 Bishops Lydeard

Saturday 22nd October

Premier Division

Cadbury Heath 1-2 Buckland Athletic

Clevedon Town 6-0 Millbrook

Shepton Mallet 0-2 Bridgwater United

Welton Rovers 1-3 Saltash United

First Division

AEK Boco 0-2 Portishead Town

Almondsbury 1-2 Shirehampton

Bishop Sutton 4-0 Longwell Green Sports

Nailsea & Tickenham 3-1 FC Bristol

Radstock Town 1-2 Gillingham Town

Tytherington Rocks 1-0 Cheddar

Wincanton Town 2-1 Hallen

FA Vase

Bishops Lydeard 1-2 Roman Glass St George

Brimscombe & Thrupp 1-1 (5-4 pens)

Torpoint Athletic

Brixham 4-0 Odd Down

Elburton Villa 1-0 Ashton & Backwell United

Falmouth Town 2-1 Helston Athletic

Keynsham Town 0-4 Corsham Town

Lydney Town 1-3 Mousehole

Oldland Abbotonians 0-0 (3-4 pens)

Shaftsbury Town

Street 1-5 Andover New Street

Wellington 2-0 Barnstaple Town

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 25th October

First Division

Almondsbury vs Cheddar - 19:45

Odd Down vs AEK Boco - 19:45

Wincanton Town vs Nailsea & Tickenham - 19:30

Les Phillips Cup

Welton Rovers vs Shepton Mallet - 19:30

Saturday 29th October

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town vs Mousehole

Cadbury Heath vs Clevedon Town

Falmouth Town vs Keynsham Town

Millbrook vs Buckland Athletic - 14:00

Saltash United vs Street - 14:00

Shepton Mallet vs Ilfracombe Town

Sherborne Town vs Ashton & Backwell United

Wellington vs Bridgwater United

Welton Rovers vs Torpoint Athletic

First Division

Almondsbury vs Warminster Town - 14:00

Brislington vs Gillingham Town

Cheddar vs Shirehampton

FC Bristol vs Bishops Lydeard

Hallen vs Odd Down

Hengrove Athletic vs Nailsea & Tickenham

Longwell Green Sports vs Bishop Sutton

Oldland Abbotonians vs AEK Boco

Portishead Town vs Tytherington Rocks

Wincanton Town vs Radstock Town



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League Tables

Premier Division

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Bridgwater United	16	13	2	1	38	41
2	Saltash United	16	12	3	1	21	39
3	Shepton Mallet	12	8	1	3	12	25
4	Buckland Athletic	14	8	0	6	6	24
5	Mousehole	12	6	5	1	13	23
6	Barnstaple Town	10	6	2	2	10	20
7	Clevedon Town	12	5	2	5	0	17
8	Helston Athletic	11	4	4	3	-3	16
9	Millbrook	13	5	1	7	-10	16
10	Street	12	5	1	6	-10	16
11	Ilfracombe Town	11	3	5	3	5	14
12	Sherborne Town	13	4	2	7	1	14
13	Ashton & Backwell United	11	4	2	5	-1	14
14	Falmouth Town	12	3	4	5	0	13
15	Welton Rovers	15	3	3	9	-20	12
16	Cadbury Heath	14	2	4	8	-12	10
17	Torpoint Athletic	12	2	3	7	-13	9
18	Wellington	11	2	2	7	-9	8
19	Keynsham Town	15	2	2	11	-28	8

First Division

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Wells City	18	15	1	2	35	46
2	Nailsea & Tickenham	18	13	2	3	35	41
3	Brislington	16	12	2	2	25	38
4	Oldland Abbotonians	16	11	2	3	15	35
5	FC Bristol	17	9	3	5	11	30
6	Shirehampton	16	8	4	4	8	28
7	Bishop Sutton	16	7	3	6	7	24
8	Portishead Town	14	7	2	5	3	23
9	AEK Boco	16	7	2	7	-7	23
10	Hallen	16	6	4	6	4	22
11	Wincanton Town	13	6	2	5	8	20
12	Hengrove Athletic	17	5	4	8	0	19
13	Warminster Town	15	5	4	6	-4	19
14	Longwell Green Sports	16	5	4	7	-10	19
15	Odd Down	16	4	6	6	5	18
16	Tytherington Rocks	17	4	5	8	-13	17
17	Cheddar	18	4	4	10	-14	16
18	Bristol Telephones	17	3	4	10	-18	13
19	Almondsbury	17	3	4	10	-34	13
20	Bishops Lydeard	13	3	3	7	-14	12
21	Gillingham Town	15	3	3	9	-18	12
22	Radstock Town	17	0	6	11	-24	6



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