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**Midweek Action:** 11 of the 16 Les Phillips Cup matches beat the weather during the week, with the tie at **Brislington** postponed due to floodlight issues. Games in Devon were worst hit, with **Buckland**, **Exmouth**and **Tavistock** all seeing their matches called off, while excessive rainfall also meaning **Bishops Lydeard** and **Keynsham** will play their first round tilt at a later date.

Tuesday evening saw three of the four away sides prevail, with **Bitton**requiring penalties to see off the challenge of **Ashton & Backwell United** at the Lancer Scott Stadium. After the Premier Division side stormed into an early two-goal lead through Karim Rendall and Josh Egan, Ashton produced an excellent fightback, leading with 12 minutes left on the clock thanks to Paul Uppington, Joe Bishop and an own-goal. Bitton weren’t behind for long however, and after a goal from Mitch Tippins had seen them secure the 3-3 draw, the higher ranked team then beat their hosts 5-3 on spot kicks. Goals in either half from Aron Robbins helped **Hallen** defeat **Devizes** 3-0 at Nursteed Road, while **Street** saw off **Radstock** by the same scoreline thanks to efforts from Kyle Strange, Kameron Andrews and Olly Pearson. There was late heartbreak for **Welton** who were denied a penalty shootout away at **Cribbs**, after George Kellow scored in the 3rd minute of stoppage time to give the home side victory by the slimmest of margins.

**Action from Street’s Les Phillips Cup victory over Radstock, courtesy of John Newport.**

Wednesday saw a plethora of goals, with five of the seven victors scoring at least four times during their wins. **Wells City** were one of the teams to flex their goalscoring muscles, with Craig Herrod, Tom Hill, Harry Foster and Harvey Hadrill all on target during their 4-0 victory away at **Corsham**. Another team to win big away from home were **Shepton Mallet** who stormed out of the blocks during their 4-0 defeat of **Hengrove**. Jack Fillingham and Aaron Seviour each struck in the opening five minutes to put the visitors in control, with Tyrone Tucker-Dixon adding a third midway through the first half prior to Fillingham wrapping up victory with his second of the evening. Another side to make a fast start were **Clevedon Town**, where first half doubles from both Jay Murray and Syd Camper proved enough to hold off a fightback from **Chipping Sodbury**, with the Seasiders eventually winning 4-2.

**Bridgwater Town** went one better than Clevedon, with three goals after half-time helping them beat **Odd Down** 5-2. A pair of early goals from Jack Taylor looked to have set Bridgwater up for an easy victory, but the Bath side had other ideas, and were level at the break after Adnan Hiroli and Harry Keen each found the back of the net. Tom Ellis then headed the home side back in front ten minutes into the second half, before the same man then scored again seven minutes from time to put the result beyond doubt. There was still time for Taylor to complete his hat-trick, with the skipper finishing well after being teed up by strike-partner Steve Murray. **Warminster Town** were another team to hit five, with Francois Allen, Lewis Graham, George Butler, Nyke Fletcher and Jack Miluk all netting during their comprehensive victory over **Portishead**. In the most surprising result of the round, **Longwell Green Sports** managed to claim a 1-0 win away at Premier Division outfit **Westbury**. The game didn’t involve a tonne of goalscoring chances, so when Luke Bryan struck for the visitors midway through the second half it turned out to be enough for them to grab victory. At Oaklands Park, **Roman Glass St George** were forced to come from behind to beat Premier Division strugglers **Bridport**. Having suffered two heavy defeats over recent times, things looked rosy for Bridport when Max Westlake handed them the lead just prior to the half-time break. Roman Glass have been bang in form recently however, and after Matt Guy grabbed an equaliser, George Box then struck in injury time to complete the turnaround and hand them a spot in the second round.

**FA Vase: Buckland Athletic** progressed to the next round thanks to a 1-0 win away at South West Peninsula League leaders **St Austell**. The game was decided in the closing stages, with Stuart Bowker scoring the only goal 20 minutes from time to knock out their Cornish hosts. It was a successful day all round for the Western League sides, with **Plymouth Parkway** defeating **Brockenhurst** 3-0. Parkway were rewarded for their strong start to the game when Jordan Copp put them ahead in the 25th minute, with top scorer Adam Carter then doubling their advantage just before the break. Brockenhurst have an impressive home record this season, but they were no match for the Devon side who added a third 15 minutes from time through substitute Teigan Rosenquest. In the third game to survive, **Warminster Town** were terrific during their 3-1 win at home to **Portchester**, with first half goals from Francois Allen and Jack Miluk paving the way for their second round victory. **Cribbs** made it four out of four for Western League sides on Sunday afternoon thanks to a 3-1 extra-time victory away at **Thornbury Town**. Having gone ahead on the hour mark thanks to a Jake Hodgson header, Cribbs were denied victory during normal time, when Brandon Benjamin levelled affairs in the 83rd minute. The away side took no time at all in regaining their advantage during the extra 30 minutes, with Jordan Yeo forcing an own goal within 60 seconds of the restart. Then, with 119 minutes on the clock, Cribbs confirmed their spot in the next round thanks to a well taken goal from Ethan Feltham.

**Premier Division: Hallen** made a dream start to the month of November, moving up to fourth spot following a big 5-0 win at home to **Brislington**. The home side only led by one goal at the break with the in-form Aron Robbins putting them ahead in the 13th minute. Robbins then struck again early in the second half, taking advantage while one of the visiting players was spending time in the sin-bin. The final half-hour of the contest belonged exclusively to Sacha Tong, who took just 15 minutes to produce a perfect hat-trick, scoring with both his left and right feet, before completing his treble with a header as Brislington capitulated in the closing stages. There was also a big win for **Westbury**, who bagged five second half goals to claim a 6-2 victory away at **Keynsham Town**. Having given his side a half-time lead, Callum Demkiv took it upon himself to double his personal and Westbury’s tally early in the second half to make it 2-0 to the visitors. Joe Stradling then got in on the act, scoring Westbury’s third, before Matt Long pulled a goal back for Keynsham with a tidy finish at the back-post. The Wiltshire side regained control during the final quarter with Ricky Hulbert restoring their two-goal lead prior to a late double from Sam Jordan which sandwiched Jamie Price’s effort for the hosts. In the only other Premier Division fixture to beat the weather, **Shepton Mallet** picked up their first three points in over a month by beating **Wellington** 2-1. Following a goalless opening half, Shepton made a dream start to the second half, going ahead 100 seconds after the restart, only for Wellington to level things five minutes later through Luke Boyle. Shepton had a big midweek win in the cup, and they managed to back that up with another victory, when Kieran Bailey headed home Andy Martin’s corner 20 minutes from time.

**First Division:** They may be at opposite ends of the table, but the clash at Bremhill View between **Calne** and **Bristol Telephones** was a tight affair decided by one moment of magic. It was league leaders Calne who ended up taking home all three points, with Stuart Windsor lobbing the visiting keeper from 20 yards three minutes into the second half. **Sherborne** produced a late fightback to come from behind and defeat **Lebeq United** 2-1 at Raleigh Grove. Having trailed since the half hour mark, Sherborne got back on level terms 15 minutes from time when Alex Murphy found the back of the net. With both sides pushing for a winner, it was Sherborne who came up trumps, with Murphy striking again to single-handedly turn the game in the hosts favour. **Corsham Town** have risen up to sixth in the league after beating **Hengrove** 2-1 at the Southbank Ground. It took just four minutes for Corsham to go ahead in tough conditions, with Ash Alchin tapping home following a pull back from the influential Lewis McCarron. Hengrove managed to force home an equaliser during the first half, but then with 15 minutes remaining, McCarron dusted himself down after being fouled and sent in a dangerous free-kick which found its way to James Gardner who fired home Corsham’s winner.

**Action from Corsham’s 2-1 win over Hengrove Athletic, courtesy of John Cuthbertson.**

**Western League Statistical Leaders**

**PREMIER DIVISION LEADING GOAL SCORERS (League only):**

**Adam Carter (Plymouth Parkway) – 17**

**Jack Taylor (Bridgwater Town) – 9**

**Jack Fillingham (Shepton Mallet) – 9**

**Lucas Vowles (Clevedon Town) – 9**

**Josh Egan (Bitton) – 9**

**Gary Higdon (Bradford Town) – 9**

**Tyson Pollard (Bradford Town) – 9**

**PREMIER DIVISION TOP ATTENDANCES:**

Bridport 0 Bridgwater Town 6, Sunday 6th October 2019 – **347**

Wellington 0 Exmouth Town 2, Sunday 6th October 2019 - **315**

Plymouth Parkway 1 Exmouth Town 0, Wednesday 21st August 2019 - **308**

**FIRST DIVISION LEADING GOAL SCORERS (League only):**

**James Rustell (Radstock Town) – 14**

**Harry Foster (Wells City) – 11**

**Stuart Windsor (Calne Town) – 11**

**Adam Wright (Cheddar) – 10**

**Danny Carter (Longwell Green Sports) - 10**

**FIRST DIVISION TOP ATTENDANCES:**

Warminster Town 2 Bristol Telephones 3, Saturday 5th October - **369**

Portishead Town 3 Longwell Green Sports 5, Saturday 5th October – **262**

Devizes Town 0 Ashton & Backwell United 1, Saturday 5th October – **252**

**LEADING SCORERS IN ALL COMPETITIONS:**

**Jack Crago (Tavistock) - 20**

**James Rustell (Radstock Town) – 19**

**Adam Carter (Plymouth Parkway) – 18**

**Harry Foster (Wells City) – 15**

**Jack Taylor (Bridgwater Town) - 15**

**Jack Fillingham (Shepton Mallet) – 14**

**Gary Higdon (Bradford Town) – 13**

*\*All goalscoring stats via*

*Full-Time FA website*

**Latest Results**

**Tuesday 29th October 2019**

**Les Phillips Cup – First Round**

Ashton & Backwell United 3-3 (3-5 pens) Bitton 64

Cribbs 1-0 Welton Rovers 52

Devizes Town 0-3 Hallen 50

Radstock Town 0-3 Street 66

**Wednesday 30th October 2019**

**Les Phillips Cup – First Round**

Bridgwater Town 5-2 Odd Down 72

Clevedon Town 4-2 Chipping Sodbury Town 72

Corsham Town 0-4 Wells City 41

Hengrove Athletic 0-4 Shepton Mallet 62

Roman Glass St George 2-1 Bridport

Warminster Town 3-0 Portishead Town 68

Westbury United 0-2 Longwell Green Sports 44

**Saturday 2nd November 2019**

**Premier Division**

Hallen 5-0 Brislington 72

Keynsham Town 2-6 Westbury United 137

Shepton Mallet 2-1 Wellington 148

**First Division**

Calne Town 1-0 Bristol Telephones 65

Corsham Town 2-1 Hengrove Athletic 48

Sherborne Town 2-1 Lebeq United

**FA Vase – Second Round**

AFC St Austell 0-1 **Buckland Athletic**

Brockenhurst 0-3 **Plymouth Parkway**

**Warminster Town** 3-1 AFC Portchester 222

**Sunday 3rd November 2019**

**FA Vase – Second Round**

Thornbury Town 1-1 (1-3 AET) **Cribbs**

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**Upcoming Fixtures**

**Tuesday 5th November 2019**

**FA Vase – Second Round**

**Bitton** vs Fairford Town 19:30KO

Petersfield Town vs **Roman Glass St George** 19:30KO

**Premier Division**

Shepton Mallet vs Cribbs 19:30KO

**Wednesday 6th November 2019**

**FA Vase – Second Round**

Baffins Milton Rovers vs **Bradford Town** 19:45KO

Saltash United vs **Bridgwater Town**  19:45KO

**Tavistock** vs **Exmouth Town** 19:45KO

**Premier Division**

Westbury United vs Bridport 19:30KO

**Les Phillips Cup – First Round**

Bishops Lydeard vs Keynsham Town 19:30KO

**Friday 8th November 2019**

**First Division**

Wincanton Town vs Cheddar

**Saturday 9th November 2019 (KICK OFF AT 3.00PM UNLESS NOTED)**

**Premier Division**

Bradford Town vs Shepton Mallet

Bridgwater Town vs Cadbury Heath

Brislington vs Bitton

Buckland Athletic vs Tavistock

Clevedon Town vs Keynsham Town

Exmouth Town vs Cribbs

Plymouth Parkway vs Chipping Sodbury Town

Street vs Odd Down

Wellington vs Hallen

Westbury United vs Roman Glass St George

**First Division**

Almondsbury vs Bishops Lydeard

Ashton & Backwell United vs Radstock Town

Bishop Sutton vs Warminster Town

Bristol Telephones vs Welton Rovers

Calne Town vs Sherborne Town

Devizes Town vs Wells City

Hengrove Athletic vs Portishead Town

Lebeq United vs Oldland Abbotonians 15:15KO

Longwell Green Sports vs Corsham Town

**League Tables**

**Premier Division**

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|  |  | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
| 1 | **Bradford Town** | 12 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 39 | 13 | 26 | 31 |
| 2 | **Plymouth Parkway** | 10 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 43 | 8 | 35 | 25 |
| 3 | **Bridgwater Town** | 12 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 39 | 18 | 21 | 24 |
| 4 | **Hallen** | 13 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 27 | 24 | 3 | 23 |
| 5 | **Exmouth Town** | 9 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 22 | 5 | 17 | 21 |
| 6 | **Brislington** | 15 | 7 | 0 | 8 | 23 | 38 | -15 | 21 |
| 7 | **Westbury United**  | 12 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 27 | 20 | 7 | 20 |
| 8 | **Clevedon Town** | 12 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 25 | 27 | -2 | 19 |
| 9 | **Bitton** | 10 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 29 | 16 | 13 | 18 |
| 10 | **Street** | 12 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 30 | 27 | 3 | 18 |
| 11 | **Shepton Mallet** | 10 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 21 | 16 | 5 | 17 |
| 12 | **Buckland Athletic** | 11 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 20 | 21 | -1 | 16 |
| 13 | **Keynsham Town** | 11 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 23 | 28 | -5 | 14 |
| 14 | **Cadbury Heath** | 13 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 18 | 26 | -8 | 14 |
| 15 | **Cribbs** | 13 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 16 | 30 | -14 | 14 |
| 16 | **Roman Glass St George** | 9 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 25 | 12 | 13 | 12 |
| 17 | **Tavistock** | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 19 | 16 | 3 | 11 |
| 18 | **Wellington** | 13 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 16 | 33 | -17 | 10 |
| 19 | **Odd Down** | 13 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 13 | 32 | -19 | 10 |
| 20 | **Bridport** | 15 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 21 | 55 | -34 | 10 |
| 21 | **Chipping Sodbury Town** | 13 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 13 | 44 | -31 | 7 |

**First Division**

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|  |  | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
| 1 | **Calne Town** | 12 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 20 | 7 | 13 | 23 |
| 2 | **Wincanton Town** | 11 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 25 | 17 | 8 | 23 |
| 3 | **Ashton & Backwell United** | 11 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 19 | 14 | 5 | 22 |
| 4 | **Wells City** | 11 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 29 | 18 | 11 | 20 |
| 5 | **Longwell Green Sports** | 10 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 23 | 17 | 6 | 19 |
| 6 | **Corsham Town** | 13 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 24 | 35 | -11 | 19 |
| 7 | **Radstock Town** | 10 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 25 | 20 | 5 | 18 |
| 8 | **Lebeq United** | 12 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 26 | 23 | 3 | 18 |
| 9 | **Sherborne Town** | 10 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 20 | 19 | 1 | 18 |
| 10 | **Cheddar** | 11 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 21 | 17 | 4 | 17 |
| 11 | **Oldland Abbotonians** | 11 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 10 | 13 | -3 | 16 |
| 12 | **Portishead Town** | 9 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 24 | 20 | 4 | 13 |
| 13 | **Bishops Lydeard** | 10 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 20 | 19 | 1 | 13 |
| 14 | **Almondsbury** | 10 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 16 | 18 | -2 | 13 |
| 15 | **Warminster Town** | 11 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 23 | 18 | 5 | 12 |
| 16 | **Welton Rovers** | 11 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 13 | 22 | -9 | 11 |
| 17 | **Devizes Town** | 10 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 20 | 20 | 0 | 10 |
| 18 | **Hengrove Athletic** | 11 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 28 | -21 | 9 |
| 19 | **Bishop Sutton** | 10 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 13 | 19 | -6 | 7 |
| 20 | **Bristol Telephones** | 12 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 16 | 30 | -14 | 4 |

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