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**Midweek Action:** Nathan Ball had a night to remember between the sticks for **Warminster**, helping his side book a spot in the last eight of the Les Phillips Cup. Taking on an in-form **Longwell Green** outfit, Ball’s first big moment came during the first half, with the keeper scoring directly from a kick upfield, when the ball bounced over his opposite number. Jack Miluk was also on the scoresheet for the visitors, but Longwell Green fought back and sent the game to penalties thanks to goals from Eugene Keary and Sam Crumb. The spotlight then turned back on Ball, and he stepped up, saving three spot kicks, before then firing home the winner from 12 yards to complete an incredible individual performance. In Tuesday’s other second round tie, Sacha Tong struck the winner 13 minutes from time to help **Hallen** defeat **Street**2-1.

**FA Vase: Bradford Town** booked their spot in fourth round following a dramatic extra-time victory over **Bridgwater Town**. In what started out as a tight affair, the Bobcats took until 62 minutes to break the deadlock, with Gary Higdon heading home a Matt Morris cross. Bridgwater weren’t there to make up the numbers however, and having been behind for less than ten minutes, they got back on level terms with Mr Reliable, Jake Llewellyn tucking home his penalty. With the extra-time period less than three minutes old, Bradford went ahead for the second time in the contest through Sean Keet. A frantic 30 minutes then ensued, with Harry Horton volleying the visitors level, before Tyson Pollard restored Bradford’s advantage from the spot. Jack Witcombe was then sent off for the home side just before half-time of extra-time, with Pollard then scoring for the ten men to give them their first two-goal lead of the afternoon. That second Pollard strike proved crucial, after Tom Ellis headed home for Bridgwater who fell one goal short of a last-ditch comeback. In another incident-filled clash, nine-man **Buckland** held off a late charge from ten-man **Tavistock** to prevail by two goals to one in Devon. Tavistock made a really poor start to the contest, and after Tom Strike was awarded an early red card, they then fell two goals behind with Richard Groves and Mani Skett scoring in quick succession. A flash point at the beginning of the second half threatened Buckland’s position of strength, with Dan Harrison dismissed for a foul in the area which led to a penalty for the home side. Jack Crago saw his spot kick saved by Ken Griffiths however to maintain his side’s two-goal advantage. With 20 minutes left on the clock, Lloyd Gardner joined Harrison in getting an early bath, and Tavistock set up a nail-biting final few minutes when Jordan Annear pulled a goal back. The hosts pushed hard in the closing stages, but they were unable to force home an equaliser, giving Buckland a memorable victory.

In the other all-Western League tie on Saturday afternoon, **Bitton** defeated **Cribbs** 2-1 to extend their run in the competition. Having taken a 15th minute lead through Josh Egan, Bitton were hauled back by their visitors who levelled affairs through George Kellow following a fine set-piece delivery from Jacob Hodgson. The game was decided just prior to the hour mark, with Ryan Bath popping up in the right spot to slot home the winner. The star of the day in the FA Vase was **Plymouth Parkway**’s Jordan Copp, who scored all of his side’s goals during a 4-1 victory away at **Hamworthy United**. After Copp had given Parkway a fifth minute lead, the Hammers responded to make it 1-1 towards the end of the first half. After the interval, Copp was unstoppable, firstly restoring Parkway’s lead, before then curling home a terrific effort from outside the box to complete his hat-trick. With less than five minutes left on the clock, Copp added some gloss to the scoreline, slotting home his fourth of the game to wrap up a terrific win for the in-form Devonians. On Sunday, **Warminster** knocked out Premier Division outfit **Roman Glass St George** with a come from behind 2-1 victory. After falling behind to George Box’s early opener, Eben Mortimer-Taylor levelled for Warminster at the end of the first half, before James Vincent struck late on to book the Wiltshire side’s spot in the last 32.

**Premier Division: Hallen**have now won four league games on the bounce thanks to a last-gasp 3-2 victory away at **Chipping Sodbury Town**. After taking a very early lead through Sacha Tong, Hallen conceded either side of the interval to trail going into the final half-hour. They were handed a lifeline when Kyle Thomas slotted home the equalising penalty, and then in injury-time, Hallen managed to beat their ten-man hosts when Isaac Reid scored the game-winner. **Bridport** were the last time to beat Hallen in the league, and they moved up to 18th on Saturday afternoon, after second half goals from Declan Cornish and Tom Richardson handed them a 2-0 victory at home to **Cadbury Heath**. Another team to win by two goals to nil were **Clevedon Town**, with a pair of second half strikes helping them see off **Westbury** at the Hand Stadium. Morgan Williams headed Clevedon in front on the hour mark thanks to a fine cross from George King, with Lucas Vowles then wrapping up the victory to help his side rise up to fourth. Just one place lower on the table are **Exmouth**, who collected their ninth league victory of the season thanks to a 2-1 triumph at home to **Shepton Mallet**. Goals either side of the break from Ben Steer and Jordan Harris proved to be enough for Exmouth, who were given a late scare when Jacob Lyons headed home for the visitors during the final 20 minutes. **Keynsham Town** ended a five-match losing run by sneaking to a 1-0 victory away at free-falling **Odd Down**. With neither side bringing any semblance of form into the contest, it was no surprise that one goal was all that separated the sides, with Stefan Lee’s 62nd minute effort handing the K’s all three points. **Brislington** were denied victory late on during their clash at home to **Street,** with the visitors bagging a late point to end their two-match losing run. After Neikell Plummer had put the hosts within sight of anther home win, Olly Hebbard stepped up to equalise with 11 minutes left on the clock.

**First Division:** In a top-three battle, **Calne Town** eventually wore down their undermanned hosts to claim a 2-1 victory over **Sherborne**. The Zebras suffered a big blow at the end of the first half when Matt Brown was given a straight red card, but they managed to regroup and forged ahead through Ashley Clarke soon after the interval. With a famous victory in sight, Sherborne hearts were broken by Stuart Windsor who headed home an 88th minute equaliser, with the ten men then unable to regroup in time before Zak Mitchell scored less than two minutes later to complete Calne’s late snatch-and-grab. In one of the craziest games of the season so far, **Oldland Abbotonians** scored three times in the final ten minutes to come from behind and secure a 4-3 victory away at **Almondsbury**. Having taken a 13th minute lead through Cash Vinall, Oldland capitulated at the end of the first half, with Stuart Alexander, Geraint Williams and Matthew Davies all finding the back of the net in a five-minute spell. Vinall’s 80th minute penalty gave Oldland hope going into the closing stages, and they then got on level terms two minutes from time when a cross from Antonio Nurse deflected in off an Almondsbury defender. Having played a big part in the equaliser, Nurse then fired home the seventh and final goal of the contest, playing a one-two with Frank Taylor-Fox, before converting the stoppage-time winner to cap a thrilling contest. **Cheddar**couldn’t quite replicate Oldland’s come-from-behind victory, but after falling to a three-goal deficit inside 20 minutes they will be pleased to have survived with a 3-3 draw at home to **Ashton & Backwell United**. In what was a stunning start to the game, Miles Hardidge curled Ashton into a 7th minute lead, before Calum Townsend’s left-footed finish doubled their advantage. The visitors then managed to extend their lead to three, when Joe Bishop was afforded the chance to score with a rebound after his original penalty had been kept out by Tom Creed in the Cheddar net. All the goalscoring action at Bowdens Park occurred before the interval, with Rick Bennett capitalising on an error by the visiting keeper to get his side on the board. Bennett then scored a wind-assisted second six minutes before half-time, with George Booth then sliding the ball home in stoppage time to end a wild opening 45. Another standout individual performance from Lewis McCarron helped **Corsham** come from behind to beat **Bishop Sutton** 2-1 at Lakeview. Following a 23rd minute opener from the hosts, Corsham managed to get back on level terms before the break, with McCarron’s pinpoint corner flicked home by Nick Chandler. Seven minutes into the second half, McCarron got the goal his performance deserved, with the forward stabbing home from close range thanks to a pull-back from Josh Bright.

**Players battle for possession during Corsham’s 2-1 win over Bishop Sutton. Image courtesy of John Cuthbertson.**

**Longwell Green Sports** continue to impress, and the second-place side scored three times in either half to secure a 6-0 win away at **Lebeq United.** Kyle Box bagged a brace during the victory, with Sam Crumb, Eugene Keary, Luke Bryan and Connor Britton all on target at Oaklands Park. Another big winner were **Wells City**, for whom leading scorer Harry Foster played a starring role once more during their 5-1 victory away at **Bristol Telephones**. With Harvey Hadrill having put Wells ahead in the opening minutes, Foster had his first major impact on the game after quarter of an hour when his volley doubled the visitors tally. A long range effort from Foster extended Wells’ lead to three, before the Phones pulled a goal back from the spot through Dawid Regula. Wells hit back instantly, with Craig Herrod restoring their three-goal advantage, before Foster provided the assist for Steve Sokol to put a cap on the scoring 11 minutes from time. **Radstock Town** pulled off an impressive 4-0 win away at **Wincanton**, scoring three times in the opening quarter to stun their top six rivals. The visitors shot out of the blocks, and after Simon Millard had handed them a 13th minute lead, Rico Sobers then pounced to double their tally five minutes later. Jack Biddiscombe added a third for the Miners midway through the first half, with Morgan Skipp completing the scoring on the hour mark to make it three away wins on the bounce. **Welton Rovers** ended November on a high, overturning an early deficit to beat **Devizes** 2-1 at West Clewes. It was Town who made the early running, and they went ahead in the 7th minute through Chris Allen, before Welton responded in quick fashion, with Lewis Coleman claiming the equaliser within ten minutes of falling behind. The winning goal then came 15 minutes into the second half, with Dylan Hatt scoring from a near-impossible angle, thanks to a finish which deflected in off the crossbar. In another bottom half clash, Ben Hebditch managed to grab an equaliser for **Bishops Lydeard** during their 1-1 draw with **Portishead Town** at Cothelstone Road.

**Action from the clash between Welton and Devizes at West Clewes, courtesy of Martin Pearce.**

**Volunteers**

The **Toolstation Western League** recognises the value of volunteers in running and developing football at every level.

Volunteers are the backbone of grassroots football. Without the time, dedication and commitment volunteers demonstrate each and every week clubs and leagues would simply not exist. A football club or league is about more than just the players on the pitch.

Clubs in the Western League require a varied number of volunteers to fulfil important roles to help them operate and develop. From turnstile operators, PA announcers and serving refreshments to pitch maintenance and general tidying up of the ground.

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If your club has not listed any volunteer jobs yet, why not contact them directly? You will find their contact details on the individual club pages.

### Devizes Town - Nursteed Road, Devizes SN10 3DX

The club has the following roles to cover:

* Half time hospitality
* Marking of the pitch
* Kit manager
* General duties of cleaning up before and after games
* After match food catering

Anyone interested in volunteering at Devizes Town Football Club should email Club Secretary Neil Fautley: neil@marketplaceflooringltd.co.uk

### Oldland Abbotonians - Aitchison Playing Field, Castle Road, Oldland Common BS30 9SZ

The club has the following roles to cover:

* Gate person
* Volunteer bar staff (Midweek/Friday night/Sunday all day - but Saturday helpers also considered)
* PA announcer
* Programme Editor
* Website Editor
* Matchday ground staff – nets, stands, dugouts (before and after games)

Anyone interested in volunteering at Oldland Abbotonians Football Club should email Chairman Derek Jones -chairman@oldlandfootball.com or Telephone: 07836 648327

### Wells City - Athletic Ground, Rowdens Road, Wells BA5 1TU

The club has the following roles to cover:

* Hospitality
* Gate Office
* Raffle seller
* PA announcer
* Photographer

Anyone interested in volunteering at Wells City Football Club should email Club Secretary Dave Green -daveg55@hotmail.co.uk or Telephone: 07584 045238

**Western League Statistical Leaders**

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

**Adam Carter (Plymouth Parkway) – 20**

**Lucas Vowles (Clevedon Town) – 12**

**Gary Higdon (Bradford Town) – 11**

**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) – 16**

**Harry Foster (Wells City) – 14**

**Stuart Windsor (Calne Town) – 12**

**Adam Wright (Cheddar) – 10**

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

**Toby Cole (Wincanton Town) - 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) - 25**

**James Rustell (Radstock Town) – 21**

**Adam Carter (Plymouth Parkway) – 20**

**Harry Foster (Wells City) – 19**

**Gary Higdon (Bradford Town) – 18**

**Jack Taylor (Bridgwater Town) – 16**

*\*All goalscoring stats via Full-Time FA website*

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**Awards Update**

Longwell Green Sports duo Mitch Hodge and Scott Woodman are presented with the First Division Team of the Month Award for October by League Secretary Andy Radford.

**Latest Results**

**Tuesday 26th November 2019**

**Les Phillips Cup – Second Round**

Hallen 2-1 Street 61

Longwell Green Sports 2-2 (3-4 pens) Warminster Town 40

**Saturday 30th November 2019**

**FA Vase – Third Round**

**Bitton** 2-1 **Cribbs** 70

**Bradford Town** 4-3 AET **Bridgwater Town** 148

Hamworthy United 1-4 **Plymouth Parkway**

**Tavistock** 1-2 **Buckland Athletic** 105

**Premier Division**

Bridport 2-0 Cadbury Heath 89

Brislington 1-1 Street 52

Chipping Sodbury Town 2-3 Hallen 76

Clevedon Town 2-0 Westbury United 70

Exmouth Town 2-1 Shepton Mallet 171

Odd Down 0-1 Keynsham Town 43

**First Division**

Almondsbury 3-4 Oldland Abbotonians 23

Bishop Sutton 1-2 Corsham Town 39

Bishops Lydeard 1-1 Portishead Town

Bristol Telephones 1-5 Wells City 27

Cheddar 3-3 Ashton & Backwell United 67

Lebeq United 0-6 Longwell Green Sports 20

Sherborne Town 1-2 Calne Town 106

Welton Rovers 2-1 Devizes Town 72

Wincanton Town 0-4 Radstock Town 41

**Sunday 1st December 2019**

**FA Vase – Third Round**

**Roman Glass St George** 1-2 **Warminster Town** 140

**Upcoming Fixtures**

**Tuesday 3rd December 2019**

**Premier Division**

Bridgwater Town vs Keynsham Town 19:45KO

Odd Down vs Chipping Sodbury Town 19:45KO

Shepton Mallet vs Buckland Athletic 19:30KO

**First Division**

Longwell Green Sports vs Hengrove Athletic 19:30KO

**Dorset FA Senior Cup – Quarter Final**

Verwood Town vs **Bridport** 19:30KO

**Wednesday 4th December 2019**

**Premier Division**

Cadbury Heath vs Roman Glass St George 19:30KO

**First Division**

Oldland Abbotonians vs Portishead Town 19:45KO

Warminster Town vs Cheddar 19:45KO

**Les Phillips Cup – First Round**

Exmouth Town vs Plymouth Parkway 19:30KO

**Wiltshire FA Premier Shield – Quarter Final**

**Bradford Town** vs Swindon Supermarine 19:30KO

**Westbury United** vs Swindon Town 19:45KO

**Friday 6th December 2019**

**First Division**

Radstock Town vs Bishop Sutton 19:30KO

**Saturday 7th December 2019 (KICK OFF AT 3.00PM UNLESS NOTED)**

**Premier Division**

Brislington vs Tavistock

Buckland Athletic vs Bradford Town

Chipping Sodbury Town vs Street

Cribbs vs Clevedon Town

Exmouth Town vs Hallen

Keynsham Town vs Bridgwater Town

Plymouth Parkway vs Bridport

Roman Glass St George vs Bitton

Wellington vs Shepton Mallet

Westbury United vs Cadbury Heath

**First Division**

Ashton & Backwell United vs Calne Town

Corsham Town vs Cheddar

Devizes Town vs Bristol Telephones

Hengrove Athletic vs Warminster Town

Portishead Town vs Lebeq United

Sherborne Town vs Longwell Green Sports

Welton Rovers vs Almondsbury

Wincanton Town vs Bishops Lydeard

**League Tables**

**Premier Division**

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|  |  | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
| 1 | **Bradford Town** | 14 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 46 | 14 | 32 | 37 |
| 2 | **Plymouth Parkway** | 13 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 54 | 13 | 41 | 34 |
| 3 | **Hallen** | 15 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 32 | 27 | 5 | 29 |
| 4 | **Clevedon Town** | 16 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 36 | 33 | 3 | 29 |
| 5 | **Exmouth Town** | 11 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 29 | 7 | 22 | 27 |
| 6 | **Bridgwater Town** | 14 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 42 | 21 | 21 | 27 |
| 7 | **Brislington** | 19 | 8 | 3 | 8 | 30 | 43 | -13 | 27 |
| 8 | **Bitton** | 13 | 8 | 0 | 5 | 38 | 22 | 16 | 24 |
| 9 | **Westbury United** | 16 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 33 | 25 | 8 | 24 |
| 10 | **Buckland Athletic** | 13 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 23 | 22 | 1 | 22 |
| 11 | **Tavistock** | 11 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 28 | 16 | 12 | 20 |
| 12 | **Shepton Mallet** | 13 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 23 | 22 | 1 | 20 |
| 13 | **Street** | 16 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 34 | 38 | -4 | 20 |
| 14 | **Cribbs** | 16 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 26 | 35 | -9 | 20 |
| 15 | **Keynsham Town** | 15 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 29 | 38 | -9 | 17 |
| 16 | **Cadbury Heath** | 17 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 22 | 37 | -15 | 15 |
| 17 | **Roman Glass St George** | 12 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 29 | 17 | 12 | 14 |
| 18 | **Bridport** | 18 | 4 | 1 | 13 | 23 | 61 | -38 | 13 |
| 19 | **Odd Down** | 15 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 14 | 36 | -22 | 10 |
| 20 | **Wellington** | 17 | 3 | 1 | 13 | 17 | 43 | -26 | 10 |
| 21 | **Chipping Sodbury Town** | 16 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 17 | 55 | -38 | 7 |

**First Division**

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|  |  | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
| 1 | **Calne Town** | 15 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 24 | 9 | 15 | 32 |
| 2 | **Longwell Green Sports** | 14 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 37 | 20 | 17 | 31 |
| 3 | **Sherborne Town** | 14 | 9 | 0 | 5 | 31 | 21 | 10 | 27 |
| 4 | **Wincanton Town** | 13 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 28 | 23 | 5 | 26 |
| 5 | **Wells City** | 14 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 35 | 20 | 15 | 25 |
| 6 | **Radstock Town** | 13 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 34 | 22 | 12 | 25 |
| 7 | **Cheddar** | 14 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 28 | 22 | 6 | 24 |
| 8 | **Ashton & Backwell United** | 15 | 6 | 5 |  4 | 23 | 28 | -5 | 23 |
| 9 | **Oldland Abbotonians** | 14 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 18 | 21 | -3 | 22 |
| 10 | **Corsham Town** | 16 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 28 | 41 | -13 | 22 |
| 11 | **Lebeq United** | 15 | 7 | 0 | 8 | 31 | 33 | -2 | 21 |
| 12 | **Warminster Town** | 13 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 27 | 18 | 9 | 18 |
| 13 | **Welton Rovers** | 15 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 19 | 28 | -9 | 18 |
| 14 | **Bishops Lydeard** | 13 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 25 | 23 | 2 | 17 |
| 15 | **Almondsbury** | 14 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 23 | 28 | -5 | 17 |
| 16 | **Portishead Town** | 12 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 27 | 25 | 2 | 14 |
| 17 | **Devizes Town** | 12 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 22 | 24 | -2 | 10 |
| 18 | **Hengrove Athletic** | 13 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 31 | -24 | 10 |
| 19 | **Bishop Sutton** | 13 | 2 | 2 |  9 | 17 | 25 | -8 | 8 |
| 20 | **Bristol Telephones** | 16 | 1 | 2 | 13 | 19 | 41 | -22 | 5 |

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