**Latest Round-ups:**

**Season 2019/20**

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**Premier Division: Bradford Town** maintained their three-point lead at the top of the Premier Division following a comfortable 4-0 victory over strugglers **Odd Down**. Surprisingly, the game was goalless at the interval, with Tyson Pollard seeing his spot-kick at the end of the half saved by the visiting keeper. The Bobcats didn’t take long to make amends however, and soon after the interval they went in front, when Charlie Walton scored his first for the club. A double from leading scorer Gary Higdon then put the result beyond doubt, with Kieran Baggs adding a late fourth. **Plymouth Parkway**kept up the pressure on Bradford, surviving a penalty miss of their own on the way to a 3-1 victory at home to **Brislington**. Having taken a 13th minute lead thanks to an Aaron Bentley header, Parkway found themselves level when Neikell Plummer converted a Simon Prangley cross for the visitors. Jordan Copp saw his penalty saved by Ben Payter early in the second half, but that didn’t derail the Plymouth outfit, who pushed on to take all three points thanks to a goalscoring double from top scorer Adam Carter. Another side hot on the tails of Bradford are**Exmouth**, and they collected a fourth consecutive win, after goals in either half from Callum Shipton helped them beat **Bitton**by two goals to nil. Fourth-placed **Hallen** defeated **Cadbury Heath** 5-0, with former Heathen frontman Sacha Tong coming back to haunt his former side after plundering a hat-trick. Tong’s first goal of the afternoon came at the end of the first half, doubling Hallen’s lead after Aron Robbins had put them ahead on the half hour. Robbins then struck again ten minutes into the second half, before Tong scored twice more during the final quarter to wrap up the convincing home victory. In another one-sided affair, **Shepton Mallet**’s six second-half goals saw them ease to a 6-0 win at home to **Chipping Sodbury Town**. After drawing a blank during the first 45, Mallet took no time at all in taking control of the game after the break, with Joe Morgan and Jack Fillingham each scoring soon after the restart. Fillingham then teed up Morgan to make it 3-0, before Morgan turned provider for Daryl Charman who continued the romp, adding the home side’s fourth of the afternoon. A Fillingham penalty took the hosts further clear, before a stoppage time effort from Tyrone Tucker-Davis completed the rout. **Buckland Athletic** came out on top following an entertaining game away at **Clevedon Town**, scoring a last-minute winner to cap a 3-2 victory. After Lloyd Gardner had given Buckland a 31st minute lead, Archie Ferris turned the game on its head, scoring twice in the space of ten minutes to put Clevedon in front at the break. The talismanic Richard Groves drew Buckland level early in the second half, and then with a draw looking most likely, Nathan Cooper’s through ball found its way to Will Hancox who tucked the ball home to hand the Bucks all three points.

There was also a dramatic 3-2 victory for **Bridgwater**, who had to overturn a half-time deficit to see off 18th placed **Bridport**at Fairfax Park. Having gone ahead from the spot through Jake Llewellyn, Bridgwater were stunned by their visitors, who scored twice in the space of five minutes through Will Gape and Declan Cornish to lead at the interval. Sam Towler turned out to be Town’s saviour, and after drawing the home side level ten minutes into the second half, he then converted a Jake Brown cut-back late on to complete the comeback. Goals in either half from Jordan Annear saw **Tavistock** beat **Keynsham Town** 2-1, while efforts from Leighton Thomas and Henry Lawrence-Napier helped **Street** come from two-down at the interval to draw 2-2 with **Roman Glass St George**. In Somerset, two first half penalties from Callum Demkiv helped **Westbury United** claim a 3-1 victory over **Wellington**. Having fallen two goals behind, Charlie Dodd gave Wellington a glimmer of hope when he halved the deficit 20 minutes from time, before two-goal hero Demkiv passed the ball to Joe Stradling who tucked home a third for Westbury in the closing stages.

**Players from Tavistock and Keynsham challenge for possession during their clash at Langsford Park.**

**First Division:** In an incredible start to 2020, First Division leaders **Longwell Green Sports** came from 4-2 down at the break to defeat **Bristol Telephones** 5-4. Longwell Green had only suffered four defeats in the first half of the campaign, but it looked like they would begin the new year on the losing side after Dhani Golding scored four times for the rampant visitors. The hosts had other ideas however, and managed to pull off a comeback for the ages. As well as an own goal, Longwell Green had four different scorers, with Tom Welling, Kyle Box, Liam Oswin and Sam Crumb each finding the back of the net at Shellards Road. Three goals in the final 20 minutes saw **Wells City** storm to a 5-1 victory at home to **Sherborne Town**. The game was level at the break after Josh Williams equalised for the Zebras to cancel out Craig Herrod’s 11th minute opener. Herrod’s second of the contest restored Wells’ advantage ten minutes into the second half, before a headed effort from Harvey Hadrill put the home side 3-1 ahead. Harry Foster then wrapped up the victory, scoring twice in the closing stages to add to his increasing tally of goals in what has been an impressive season for the striker. Bishops Lydeard forward Jake Quick went one better than Foster, scoring a treble during **Bishops Lydeard**’s 4-1 victory at home to **Welton Rovers**. After lobbing the keeper from a tight angle in the 18th minute, Quick then struck again at the end of the first half to double Lydeard’s half-time lead. Man-of-the-match Quick made it 3-0 20 minutes from time, with Lewis Coleman then pulling a goal back from long range for the visitors, before a wonder strike from Mark Clunie rounded out Lydeard’s first home victory since mid-September.

**Radstock Town** are up to fourth, after goals from James Rustell and Morgan Skipp helped them win 2-1 away at **Warminster**, with James Vincent striking for the home side during a level first half. Another side to win away from home were **Corsham Town**, with goals in either half from Josh Bright and Luke Curtis leading them to a 2-0 victory over**Portishead**. In the day’s early kickoff at Nursteed Road,**Almondsbury** salvaged a point away at**Devizes Town**. Oscar Webster’s 12th minute effort looked set to gift the Wiltshire side all three points, but the away side managed to grab a share when Keelan Mastouras produced a perfect chipped finish with ten minutes left on the clock. **Ashton & Backwell United** have now won three games on the bounce after coming from behind to beat **Lebeq United** 3-2. The Stags trailed on two separate occasions at Oaklands Park, but took all three points thanks to goals from James White, Jacob Spence and Connor Saunders. **Hengrove Athletic** have now won three of their last four games by one goal to nil, after an injury time winner saw them beat promotion-chasing **Cheddar** at Paprika Park. In a repeat of the reverse fixture during October, Hengrove left it late before snatching victory, with a brilliant finish from Peter Sheppard cannoning in off the crossbar to help the home side rise to 16th in the table. **Bishop Sutton** ended a run of nine matches without victory by beating **Oldland Abbotonians** 3-1, scoring twice in the final 15 minutes to give them a perfect start in 2020.

**Action from Corsham Town’s 2-0 victory away at Portishead, courtesy of John Cuthbertson.**

**Cup Action: Calne Town** booked their spot in the semi-final of the Wiltshire Senior Cup, coming through a penalty shootout to beat **Trowbridge**. Having gone ahead from the spot during normal time through Jamal Chevolleau, Calne conceded midway through the second half, before two saves during the shootout from Sam Thomson saw them progress to the final four.

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**Be sure to check out the latest podcast, where Ian, Tom & guests recap all the latest news and results from around the Western League. To follow along all season, each broadcast will be available at the following link:** [**http://www.toolstationleague.com/podcasts.php**](http://www.toolstationleague.com/podcasts.php)

**Western League Statistical Leaders**

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

**Adam Carter (Plymouth Parkway) – 24**

**Jordan Harris (Exmouth Town) – 15**

**Jack Fillingham (Shepton Mallet) – 15**

**Leighton Thomas (Street) – 14**

**Lucas Vowles (Clevedon Town) – 13**

**Neikell Plummer (Bradford & Brislington) - 13**

**Gary Higdon (Bradford Town) – 13**

**PREMIER DIVISION TOP ATTENDANCES:**

Plymouth Parkway 2 Tavistock 3, Thursday 26th December 2019 - **564**

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

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

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

**James Rustell (Radstock Town) – 18**

**Harry Foster (Wells City) – 17**

**Stuart Windsor (Calne Town) – 12**

**Alex Murphy (Sherborne Town) – 11**

**Dhani Golding (Bristol Telephones) – 11**

**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 2019 - **369**

Longwell Green Sports 1 Oldland Abbotonians 2, Saturday 28th December 2019 - **289**

Portishead Town 3 Longwell Green Sports 5, Saturday 5th October 2019 – **262**

**LEADING SCORERS IN ALL COMPETITIONS:**

**Jack Crago (Tavistock) - 28**

**Adam Carter (Plymouth Parkway) – 24**

**Harry Foster (Wells City) – 24**

**James Rustell (Radstock Town) – 23**

**Gary Higdon (Bradford Town) – 20**

**Jack Fillingham (Shepton Mallet) - 20**

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

**Latest Results**

**Saturday 4th January 2020**

**Premier Division**

Bradford Town 4-0 Odd Down 117

Bridgwater Town 3-2 Bridport 211

Clevedon Town 2-3 Buckland Athletic 111

Exmouth Town 2-0 Bitton 221

Hallen 5-0 Cadbury Heath 55

Plymouth Parkway 3-1 Brislington 212

Shepton Mallet 6-0 Chipping Sodbury Town 92

Street 2-2 Roman Glass St George 73

Tavistock 2-1 Keynsham Town 124

Wellington 1-3 Westbury United 67

**First Division**

Bishop Sutton 3-1 Oldland Abbotonians 38

Bishops Lydeard 4-1 Welton Rovers 50

Devizes Town 1-1 Almondsbury 42

Hengrove Athletic 1-0 Cheddar 60

Lebeq United 2-3 Ashton & Backwell United

Longwell Green Sports 5-4 Bristol Telephones 135

Portishead Town 0-2 Corsham Town 60

Warminster Town 1-2 Radstock Town 152

Wells City 5-1 Sherborne Town 61

**Wiltshire FA Senior Cup – Quarter Final**

Trowbridge Town 1-1 (2-4 pens) **Calne Town**

**Awards Update**

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**Bradford Town manager Wayne Thorne is presented with the Premier Division Team of the Month award for November by League Director Sue Merrill. Photo courtesy of Kelvin Merrill.**

**Upcoming Fixtures**

**Tuesday 7th January 2020**

**Premier Division**

Bridgwater Town vs Cadbury Heath 19:45KO

Bridport vs Wellington 19:45KO

Keynsham Town vs Plymouth Parkway 19:45KO

Street vs Odd Down 19:30KO

**First Division**

Bishop Sutton vs Warminster Town 19:30KO

Welton Rovers vs Oldland Abbotonians 19:30KO

**Les Phillips Cup – Second Round**

Cheddar vs Cribbs 19:45KO

Shepton Mallet vs Exmouth Town 19:30KO

**Wednesday 8th January 2020**

**Les Phillips Cup – Second Round**

Tavistock vs Clevedon Town 19:30KO

**GFA Challenge Trophy – Second Round**

**Bristol Telephones** vs Brimscombe & Thrupp 19:45KO

**Hallen** vs Longlevens 19:45KO

**Oldland Abbotonians** vs Quedgeley Wanderers 19:45KO

**Saturday 11th January 2020 (KICK OFF AT 3.00PM UNLESS NOTED)**

**FA Vase – Fourth Round**

**Bitton** vs **Warminster Town**

**Buckland Athletic** vs **Bradford Town**

Woodbridge Town vs **Plymouth Parkway**

**Premier Division**

Bridgwater Town vs Shepton Mallet

Bridport vs Tavistock

Brislington vs Clevedon Town

Chipping Sodbury Town vs Wellington

Cribbs vs Street

Exmouth Town vs Roman Glass St George

Odd Down vs Westbury United

**First Division**

Almondsbury vs Wincanton Town

Ashton & Backwell United vs Devizes Town

Bishops Lydeard vs Longwell Green Sports

Hengrove Athletic vs Bishop Sutton

Oldland Abbotonians vs Calne Town

Portishead Town vs Wells City

Radstock Town vs Lebeq United

Sherborne Town vs Corsham Town

Welton Rovers vs Cheddar

**League Tables**

**Premier Division**

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|  |  | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
| 1 | **Bradford Town** | 18 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 54 | 18 | 36 | 46 |
| 2 | **Plymouth Parkway** | 17 | 14 | 1 | 2 | 64 | 19 | 45 | 43 |
| 3 | **Exmouth Town** | 16 | 13 | 1 | 2 | 42 | 13 | 29 | 40 |
| 4 | **Hallen** | 20 | 12 | 3 | 5 | 44 | 33 | 11 | 39 |
| 5 | **Clevedon Town** | 22 | 12 | 3 | 7 | 48 | 41 | 7 | 39 |
| 6 | **Shepton Mallet** | 19 | 11 | 3 | 5 | 46 | 26 | 20 | 36 |
| 7 | **Tavistock** | 16 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 45 | 23 | 22 | 35 |
| 8 | **Bridgwater Town** | 19 | 10 | 4 | 5 | 50 | 30 | 20 | 34 |
| 9 | **Bitton** | 18 | 10 | 1 | 7 | 47 | 30 | 17 | 31 |
| 10 | **Buckland Athletic** | 18 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 34 | 35 | -1 | 28 |
| 11 | **Street** | 23 | 8 | 4 | 11 | 49 | 53 | -4 | 28 |
| 12 | **Westbury United** | 21 | 8 | 3 | 10 | 38 | 33 | 6 | 27 |
| 13 | **Brislington** | 22 | 8 | 3 | 11 | 32 | 54 | -22 | 27 |
| 14 | **Keynsham Town** | 20 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 37 | 44 | -7 | 24 |
| 15 | **Cribbs** | 20 | 7 | 2 | 11 | 31 | 48 | -17 | 23 |
| 16 | **Cadbury Heath** | 22 | 5 | 7 | 10 | 29 | 48 | -19 | 22 |
| 17 | **Roman Glass St George** | 18 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 39 | 26 | 13 | 21 |
| 18 | **Bridport** | 21 | 4 | 1 | 16 | 27 | 70 | -43 | 13 |
| 19 | **Chipping Sodbury Town** | 21 | 4 | 1 | 16 | 25 | 69 | -44 | 13 |
| 20 | **Wellington** | 20 | 3 | 2 | 15 | 21 | 54 | -33 | 11 |
| 21 | **Odd Down** | 19 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 16 | 51 | -35 | 10 |

**First Division**

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|  |  | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
| 1 | **Longwell Green Sports** | 18 | 12 | 2 | 4 | 48 | 28 | 20 | 38 |
| 2 | **Calne Town** | 17 | 11 | 2 | 4 | 29 | 12 | 17 | 35 |
| 3 | **Wells City** | 17 | 10 | 4 | 3 | 42 | 21 | 21 | 34 |
| 4 | **Radstock Town** | 16 | 11 | 1 | 4 | 44 | 24 | 20 | 34 |
| 5 | **Sherborne Town** | 18 | 11 | 1 | 6 | 41 | 30 | 11 | 34 |
| 6 | **Ashton & Backwell United** | 18 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 31 | 33 | -2 | 32 |
| 7 | **Corsham Town** | 19 | 9 | 2 | 8 | 32 | 42 | -10 | 29 |
| 8 | **Cheddar** | 18 | 8 | 4 |  6 | 33 | 28 | 5 | 28 |
| 9 | **Wincanton Town** | 15 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 30 | 32 | -2 | 26 |
| 10 | **Oldland Abbotonians** | 17 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 22 | 26 | -4 | 26 |
| 11 | **Warminster Town** | 18 | 8 | 0 | 10 | 34 | 25 | 9 | 24 |
| 12 | **Lebeq United** | 18 | 8 | 0 | 10 | 39 | 40 | -1 | 24 |
| 13 | **Bishops Lydeard** | 16 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 37 | 29 | 8 | 23 |
| 14 | **Almondsbury** | 17 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 24 | 30 | -6 | 19 |
| 15 | **Welton Rovers** | 19 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 21 | 37 | -16 | 19 |
| 16 | **Hengrove Athletic** | 18 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 10 | 37 | -27 | 19 |
| 17 | **Portishead Town** | 17 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 33 | 34 | -1 | 18 |
| 18 | **Devizes Town** | 17 | 3 | 5 | 9 | 29 | 37 | -8 | 14 |
| 19 | **Bishop Sutton** | 16 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 21 | 32 | -11 | 11 |
| 20 | **Bristol Telephones** | 19 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 28 | 51 | -23 | 8 |

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