**Latest Round-ups:**

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**Season 2019/20**

**Midweek Action:** On Wednesday, **Plymouth Parkway** moved through to the next round of the Devon FA St Lukes Bowl, easing past **Ilfracombe Town** by four goals to two at Bolitho Park. The home side flew out of the blocks, storming into a three-goal lead inside 21 minutes following goals from Mikey Williams, Craig Duff and Jack Calver. Half-time sub Francis Rowlands volleyed home a fourth on the hour mark, before the visitors struck twice in the final 20 minutes to trim the deficit. In the only other midweek fixture to beat the weather, **Lebeq** are now in the last eight of the Gloucestershire Challenge Trophy thanks to a 5-2 win against **Ruardean Hill Rovers** at Oaklands Park. First half goals from Fabian McCarthy and Nathan Hill gave Lebeq a strong foothold, before Christian DaCosta took over the game, scoring a hat-trick after the break to lead his side to a convincing victory.

**Premier Division: Bradford Town** retook ownership of top spot in the Premier Division following a thumping 5-0 victory at home to **Cadbury Heath**. The first half was all one way traffic in the home team’s favour from the moment Tyson Pollard curled them into a 15th minute lead. Ross Lye’s penalty doubled the Bobcats advantage, with Lewis Powell and Charlie Maddison adding further goals before the interval. Pollard added his second at the beginning of the second half, but that was how it stayed, with Bradford having now won eight consecutive matches on their home patch. There was also another big win for **Exmouth**, who claimed their 15th league win of the campaign away at **Chipping Sodbury**. A moment of magic from leading marksman Jordan Harris was the difference between the sides at half-time, with the in-form frontman lobbing the home keeper from long range 15 minutes into the contest. Exmouth then shot out of the blocks after the break, with goals in the opening five minutes of the second half from Aaron Denny and Jimmy Hinds wrapping up the 3-0 win. **Shepton Mall**et’s excellent league form continued away at **Street**, where a second half surge saw them secure a 5-0 victory. With half-time on the horizon, the away side moved into the lead, with Jack Fillingham winning, and then converting a 35th minute penalty to put Shepton one goal to the good. Nathan Legge then scored twice in the space of three minutes to extend the visitor’s tally, with Aaron Seviour, and Fillingham completing the scoring in the closing stages. In a top-six battle in Gloucestershire, **Hallen** defeated **Clevedon** 2-1 to extend their winning run to four matches. The fixture was preceded by a minutes silence in memory of Darren Butt and Dave Caines, and Hallen made a perfect start once the whistle was blown, with Aaron Anglin firing them into a 2nd minute lead. Clevedon fought their way back into the game, and grabbed a leveller from the spot through Zach Drew, but less than two minutes later, they fell behind once more, with Aron Robbins scoring what turned out to be the game-winner just before the break. Josh Grant’s 20th minute header was the difference between the sides in Wiltshire, where **Tavistock** secured a hard-fought 1-0 win over mid-table **Westbury**. In another tight contest, goals either side of the break from Ryan Bath and Joe McLennan helped lead**Bitton** to a 2-0 win away at **Wellington**.

**Keynsham** secured their first win of 2020, beating **Bridport**4-2 at the Crown Fields. The game looked to be in the bag for the K’s at half-time, after goals from Matt Brown and Matt Long had helped them build a two-goal lead, which was only kept intact following a penalty save by ash Clark on the half hour. The visitors fought back however, and after pulling a goal back at the beginning of the second half, they then levelled the scores in the 66th minute. That equaliser seemed to kick Keynsham back into life, and after Brown had headed them back in-front, Long then also completed his double with a lob ten minutes from time to complete the victory. **Roman Glass St George** scored three times in either half to grab an impressive 6-1 win away at **Odd Down**, helping the visitors climb up to 15th in the league table.

**First Division:** In a complete reversal of last week when only one top half side secured three points, all five of Saturday’s First Division fixtures went in favour of teams who began the day in the top seven. **Longwell Green Sports** beat **Warminster Town** 3-0 away from home to maintain their single point lead atop the league. Goals from Liam Oswin, Connor Britton and Danny Carter fired ten-man Longwell Green to their latest triumph at Weymouth Street as they began the second half of their campaign in perfect fashion. Maintaining a grasp on Longwell Green are second-placed **Calne Town** whose fast start helped them held off a late charge by**Portishead Town** to prevail by two goals to one at Bremhill View. After 15 goalless minutes, the home side went ahead through Joe Broadbank, after his effort from just outside the area found the back of the net. Eight minutes later, Calne doubled their advantage, when an Aaron Witchell cross was headed home at the back post by Stuart Windsor. Portishead are now without a win in five following this latest defeat, but they came close to claiming a point after captain Mitch Osmond pulled a goal back midway through the second half with an acrobatic finish. In another game decided by just one goal, **Corsham Town** defeated **Devizes** in the day’s early kickoff. Both team’s created a number of chances throughout the 90 minutes, but it was Corsham who took home the points, after Ash Alchin slid the ball home ten minutes into the second half. The most one-sided game of the day saw third-placed **Wells City** capitalise on hosts **Lebeq** suffering three red cards to grab a 7-1 win. It was a tight affair during much of the first half, but the game then shot to life from the moment Tom Hill stroked home a 32nd minute penalty to put Wells in front. United were reduced to ten men soon after Hill’s opener, and Wells took advantage almost instantly, with Alex Camm flicking home to double the lead. The Lebeq keeper was then dismissed after handling the ball outside of the area, but incredibly, then nine-men went straight down the other end and brought a close to the first half by reducing the deficit. With only one goal separating the sides, Wells’ task became easier once more when Lebeq’s third red card was handed out. The final 20 minutes was nothing more than a procession, with Camm making it 3-1, before providing assists for Charlie Crook and Craig Herrod to stretch the lead to four. Harvey Hadrill continued the rout nine minutes from time, before the eventful game was given a perfect ending with Camm completing his hat-trick thanks to a screaming effort from all of 30 yards. **Sherborne** remain in touching distance of the top three, after goals either side of the interval from Sam Farthing and Joe Smith saw them beat **Hengrove** by two goals to nil at Raleigh Grove.

Action from Corsham’s 1-0 win over Devizes, courtesy of John Cuthbertson.

**Western League Statistical Leaders**

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

**Adam Carter (Plymouth Parkway) – 26**

**Jordan Harris (Exmouth Town) – 17**

**Jack Fillingham (Shepton Mallet) – 17**

**Leighton Thomas (Street) – 14**

**Lucas Vowles (Clevedon Town) – 13**

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

**Gary Higdon (Bradford Town) – 13**

**Richard Groves (Buckland Athletic) – 13**

**Mikey Williams (Plymouth Parkway) – 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) – 18**

**Stuart Windsor (Calne Town) – 14**

**Alex Murphy (Sherborne Town) – 12**

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

**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) – 26**

**Harry Foster (Wells City) – 23**

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

**Jack Fillingham (Shepton Mallet) – 22**

**Gary Higdon (Bradford Town) – 20**

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

**Latest Results**

**Wednesday 15th January 2020**

**Devon FA St Lukes Bowl – Second Round**

**Plymouth Parkway** 4-2 Ilfracombe Town 121

**GFA Challenge Trophy – Third Round**

Lebeq United 5-2 **Ruardean Hill Rovers**

**Saturday 18th January 2020**

**Premier Division**

Bradford Town 5-0 Cadbury Heath 131

Chipping Sodbury Town 0-3 Exmouth Town 123

Hallen 2-1 Clevedon Town 102

Keynsham Town 4-2 Bridport 114

Odd Down 1-6 Roman Glass St George 47

Street 0-5 Shepton Mallet 156

Wellington 0-2 Bitton 74

Westbury United 0-1 Tavistock 56

**First Division**

Calne Town 2-1 Portishead Town 105

Devizes Town 0-1 Corsham Town 102

Lebeq United 1-7 Wells City 20

Sherborne Town 2-0 Hengrove Athletic 116

Warminster Town 0-3 Longwell Green Sports 116

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**Awards Update**

Life member Tony Alcock presents the Premier Division Team of the Month Award for October to Plymouth Parkway.

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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)

**Upcoming Fixtures**

**Tuesday 21st January 2020**

**Premier Division**

Bitton vs Cribbs 19:30KO

Bridgwater Town vs Wellington 19:45KO

Odd Down vs Bridport 19:45KO

**First Division**

Wells City vs Longwell Green Sports 19:30KO

Wincanton Town vs Almondsbury 19:30KO

**GFA Challenge Trophy – Third Round**

**Chipping Sodbury Town** vs **Oldland Abbotonians**  19:30KO

**Wednesday 22nd January 2020**

**Premier Division**

Bradford Town vs Plymouth Parkway 19:30KO

Exmouth Town vs Brislington 19:30KO

**First Division**

Bishops Lydeard vs Bishop Sutton 19:30KO

Hengrove Athletic vs Portishead Town 19:30KO

Lebeq United vs Devizes Town 19:30KO

**Les Phillips Cup – Second Round**

Tavistock vs Clevedon Town 19:30KO

**Saturday 25th January 2020 (KICK OFF AT 3.00PM UNLESS NOTED)**

**Premier Division**

Bitton vs Westbury United

Bridport vs Odd Down

Buckland Athletic vs Brislington

Cadbury Heath vs Wellington

Chipping Sodbury Town vs Plymouth Parkway

Clevedon Town vs Bradford Town

Exmouth Town vs Bridgwater Town

Keynsham Town vs Hallen

Shepton Mallet vs Roman Glass St George

Tavistock vs Cribbs

**First Division**

Almondsbury vs Bristol Telephones

Ashton & Backwell United vs Welton Rovers

Corsham Town vs Radstock Town

Devizes Town vs Bishops Lydeard

Lebeq United vs Hengrove Athletic 15:15KO

Longwell Green Sports vs Cheddar

Portishead Town vs Oldland Abbotonians

Sherborne Town vs Bishop Sutton

Wells City vs Calne Town

Wincanton Town vs Warminster Town

**League Tables**

**Premier Division**

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|  |  | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
| 1 | **Bradford Town** | 19 | 16 | 1 | 2 | 59 | 18 | 41 | 49 |
| 2 | **Plymouth Parkway** | 18 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 67 | 19 | 48 | 46 |
| 3 | **Exmouth Town** | 18 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 47 | 14 | 33 | 46 |
| 4 | **Shepton Mallet** | 21 | 13 | 3 | 5 | 53 | 27 | 26 | 42 |
| 5 | **Hallen** | 21 | 13 | 3 | 5 | 46 | 34 | 12 | 42 |
| 6 | **Tavistock** | 18 | 13 | 2 | 3 | 47 | 23 | 24 | 41 |
| 7 | **Clevedon Town** | 23 | 12 | 3 | 8 | 49 | 43 | 6 | 39 |
| 8 | **Bridgwater Town** | 21 | 11 | 4 | 6 | 55 | 32 | 23 | 37 |
| 9 | **Bitton** | 19 | 11 | 1 | 7 | 49 | 30 | 19 | 34 |
| 10 | **Street** | 26 | 10 | 4 | 12 | 54 | 60 | -6 | 34 |
| 11 | **Westbury United** | 23 | 9 | 3 | 11 | 40 | 34 | 6 | 30 |
| 12 | **Buckland Athletic** | 18 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 34 | 35 | -1 | 28 |
| 13 | **Keynsham Town** | 22 | 8 | 3 | 11 | 41 | 49 | -8 | 27 |
| 14 | **Brislington** | 22 | 8 | 3 | 11 | 32 | 54 | -22 | 27 |
| 15 | **Roman Glass St George** | 20 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 46 | 29 | 17 | 24 |
| 16 | **Cribbs** | 21 | 7 | 2 | 12 | 33 | 52 | -19 | 23 |
| 17 | **Cadbury Heath** | 24 | 5 | 7 | 12 | 29 | 57 | -28 | 22 |
| 18 | **Chipping Sodbury Town** | 23 | 5 | 1 | 17 | 28 | 73 | -45 | 16 |
| 19 | **Bridport** | 23 | 4 | 1 | 18 | 29 | 75 | -46 | 13 |
| 20 | **Wellington** | 22 | 3 | 2 | 17 | 22 | 59 | -37 | 11 |
| 21 | **Odd Down** | 22 | 3 | 1 | 18 | 17 | 60 | -43 | 10 |

**First Division**

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|  |  | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
| 1 | **Longwell Green Sports** | 20 | 13 | 3 | 4 | 53 | 30 | 23 | 42 |
| 2 | **Calne Town** | 19 | 13 | 2 | 4 | 34 | 13 | 21 | 41 |
| 3 | **Wells City** | 19 | 11 | 5 | 3 | 50 | 23 | 27 | 38 |
| 4 | **Sherborne Town** | 20 | 12 | 2 | 6 | 44 | 31 | 13 | 38 |
| 5 | **Ashton & Backwell United** | 20 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 34 | 35 | -1 | 36 |
| 6 | **Radstock Town** | 16 | 11 | 1 | 4 | 44 | 24 | 20 | 34 |
| 7 | **Corsham Town** | 21 | 10 | 3 | 8 | 34 | 43 | -9 | 33 |
| 8 | **Cheddar** | 19 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 33 | 32 | 1 | 28 |
| 9 | **Wincanton Town** | 15 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 30 | 32 | -2 | 26 |
| 10 | **Oldland Abbotonians** | 18 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 22 | 29 | -7 | 26 |
| 11 | **Warminster Town** | 20 | 8 | 1 | 11 | 36 | 30 | 6 | 25 |
| 12 | **Bishops Lydeard** | 17 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 39 | 31 | 8 | 24 |
| 13 | **Lebeq United** | 19 | 8 | 0 | 11 | 40 | 47 | -7 | 24 |
| 14 | **Welton Rovers** | 21 | 6 | 4 | 11 | 26 | 39 | -13 | 22 |
| 15 | **Hengrove Athletic** | 20 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 13 | 39 | -26 | 22 |
| 16 | **Portishead Town** | 19 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 35 | 37 | -2 | 19 |
| 17 | **Almondsbury** | 17 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 24 | 30 | -6 | 19 |
| 18 | **Devizes Town** | 19 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 30 | 39 | -9 | 15 |
| 19 | **Bishop Sutton** | 18 | 3 | 3 | 12 | 23 | 37 | -14 | 12 |
| 20 | **Bristol Telephones** | 19 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 28 | 51 | -23 | 8 |

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