



### Latest Round-ups:

**Midweek Action:** On a busy Tuesday evening, **Nailsea & Tickenham** continued their impressive start to life in the Premier Division with a 4-0 win at home to **Wellington**. The promoted side swatted their Somerset opponents aside, with Lucas Vowles bagging a treble to give them their fourth win on the bounce in all competitions. **Bridgwater** bounced back well from their heavy defeat the previous weekend by beating **Welton** 4-0 at Fairfax Park. The hosts had four different goalscorers during the victory, with Sam Towler, Jack Thorne, Adam Wright and Jack Taylor all finding the back of the net. Another 4-0 victor was **Barnstaple**



**Town**, with stand-in skipper Matty Andrew striking a hat-trick during their home victory over **Millbrook**. In a much tighter affair, **Brixham AFC** overturned a half-time deficit on their way to securing a 2-1 win away at **Torpoint** (pictured, left). Having fallen behind to Owen Haslam's effort five minutes before the interval, Brixham stormed back to gain all three points courtesy of goals from Kieran Parkin and Cole Harford.

**Saltash's** tough start continued, with visiting **Falmouth** handing them a fourth consecutive defeat to start the campaign. In front of another healthy crowd at the Waterways Stadium, it was Falmouth who came out on top with Cameron Hutchinson, Brad Leivers and late sub Jayden Gilbert leading them to a 3-1 win. The other game that night was a nail-biter, with **Buckland** claiming a dramatic late winner at home to **Ilfracombe**. Having taken the lead through Josh Grant, Buckland found themselves in arrears following goals from Town duo Harry Stevens and Jack Magarotto. An effort from Rob Farkins then got the hosts back on level terms, and with time almost up, centre-half Sam Leary popped up to score the injury time winner to hand Buckland a 3-2 victory. 24 hours later, Rikki Sheppard scored 15 minutes from time to give **Helston** a 1-0 win away at ten-man **St Blazey**, while the Kyle's, Strange and Simpson, both struck inside the opening quarter as **Street** claimed a 2-0 victory over **Oldland**.

It was an equally packed Tuesday in the First Division, with some high-scoring encounters thrilling the crowds in attendance up and down the league. One of those games to including plenty of scoring action took place at **Radstock**, where the hosts came out on top by four goals to three over new-boys **Middlezoy**. Early efforts from Adrian Harvey and Kyle Thomas gave the Miners a dream start, with Jake Reader then scoring just prior to half-time to hand them a 3-1 lead at the break. Rovers came back into the contest, with substitute Dan Lismore scoring a brace off the bench for the second consecutive fixture, but it was Radstock who had the last word, with a sub of their own, Seb Hounsell, scoring five minutes from time to hand them all three points. In an incredible game at **Cheddar**, all eight goals were scored after the interval, with **Warminster** running out 6-2 winners over the Cheesemen. Jack Seviour and Nick Taylor both struck braces for the away side, with Sam Wright and Ben Harris also on target, with Warminster steamrolling into a 5-0 advantage prior to the hosts scoring a couple of goals in the closing stages.

Another side to score six were **Brislington**, with visitors **Hengrove** suffering a heavy defeat which wasn't aided by an early red card. Last year's champions were in blistering goalscoring form once again, with Asa White and Danny Dodimead both grabbing doubles during the big win. The man of the moment in the First Division right now is Ethan Feltham, with the **Portishead** forward adding to his league-leading tally with a hat-trick in their 4-1 win away at **Keynsham**. Joel Bayliss also struck during victory for the away side, but Feltham's goalscoring feat, which has seen him bag ten goals in four games has helped propel the Posset to a lofty early-season standing in the division. At Lakeview, first half goals from Sam Thomas and Nathan Gore led **AEK Boco** to a 2-0 win away at **Bishop Sutton**, while Louis Irwin and Jamie Thompson were each on target during **Wincanton's** 2-1 victory over **Odd Down**. There was also a 2-1 win for **Hallen** away at **Wells** which was kick-started by a long-range special from Tyrel Squire, with **Longwell Green** defeating **Gillingham** 4-1 thanks to a pair of goals from both Sonny Pascoe and Liam Oswin. In a highly-anticipated



Action from Wincanton Town's midweek 2-1 victory over Odd Down. Image courtesy of Jess Harris.

affair at **Bitton**, the hosts secured a share of the spoils, with Jacob Watson cancelling out an early effort from Tom Mack during their 1-1 draw with early pacesetters **Bradford Town**. Wednesday's solitary game went the way of the visitors, with **Bristol Telephones** defeating **Shirehampton** 3-1 thanks to goals from Callum Baker, Connor Saunders and James Batchelor.

**FA Cup Preliminary Round:** A pair of Friday night clashes saw some success for Western League sides, with **Clevedon** and **Bridgwater** booking their spots in the next round. For the Seaside, it was a 2-0 win away at **Aylesbury** which saw them progress, with Owen Punselie



putting them ahead at the end of the first half. Clevedon (*pictured celebrating, left*) were never out of sight and had to wait until the final 20 minutes before finally pulling clear, with Alex Camm doubling their lead from the spot following a foul on James Wakefield. Bridgwater's passage through to the next round came thanks to a 4-0 win at home to

**Street**. Following a goalless first half, Bridgy flew out of the blocks after the interval with Jake Llewellyn and George King putting them two goals clear. Substitute Jack Taylor then entered the fray on the hour mark, and made an instant impact with a pair of quickfire strikes ending any hopes of a Cobblers fightback.

Saturday wasn't quite as successful for the league, with only **Barnstaple** securing a spot in the next round following an epic comeback away at **Tavistock**. Two goals from Alex Battle put the Lambs ahead early on, before Tommy Rogers and Merson Ham both struck towards the end of the first half to get Town on level terms. The turnaround was then complete on the hour mark courtesy of a Stuart Bowker effort, with the same man then scoring again ten minutes later to put the visitors 4-2 up. That wasn't the end of the tension however, and after Battle had completed his hat-trick, the Lambs were given a man advantage following a red-card to Barnstaple's Harvey Dennis. Despite the sudden change, the Western League outfit managed to regroup, and it was the ten-men who closed out the memorable 5-3 victory thanks to a late goal from Harry Foster. **Buckland** were moments away from joining them as qualifiers for the next round, but will have to face a replay away at **Okehampton** after drawing one apiece at Homers Heath. The Bucks led for much of the afternoon courtesy of a Josh Grant strike, but unfortunately for the Devonians, they were denied victory in stoppage time with Luke Alden converting from the penalty spot. The other sides representing the Western League all suffered heavy defeats, with **Helston** falling 4-0 away at **Bideford**, for whom Ryan Turner struck a hat-trick. **Frome**'s Ben Griffith was the man to plunder a treble in his sides' 6-2 win away at **Falmouth**, with Jake Grange and Olly Walker scoring consolation goals for the hosts. **Nailsea & Tickenham** were beaten 3-0 by **Highworth Town**, while **St Blazey** went down to a 5-1 defeat at the hands of **Mousehole**.



The latest episode of the podcast is available by [following this link](#). You will hear from Nailsea & Tickenham's coaching duo, Nic Steadman and Jamie Smith, who explain why it's a case of so far, so good for the newly promoted side. There is also a welcome to Middlezoy Rovers boss Craig Berry who joins Ian to discuss the rise of his side into the Toolstation Western League.



**League Action:** **Saltash's** surprising start to the season continued on Saturday afternoon, with the Cornish outfit now defeated in all five of their Premier Division contests this term. Their latest loss came at the hands of **Ilfracombe**, with the hosts taking the lead with their first attack of the game which was finished off by Tyler Evans-Loude. Rory Paine's free-kick doubled Town's advantage towards the end of the first half, and despite halving the deficit late on courtesy of sub Henry Bunning, the Ashes were unable to claim their first point. The other game finished all-square, with **Welton** equalising late on to deny **Torpoint** at West Clewes. A Ryan Richards penalty in the 43<sup>rd</sup> minute looked to be enough for the away side, but after losing Jordan Rundle to a red card, they were pegged back in the closing stages, with Will Hailston scoring his first Rovers goal to claim a share of the spoils.

In a top-half clash between two of the highly fancied sides, **Bitton** laid down an early season marker by claiming a 3-2 win away at 2022/23 champs **Brislington**. Ash McGrane played a starring role in the victory, opening the scoring after 34 minutes, before scoring a long-ranger to put his side 2-1 up following Dean Griffiths equaliser. McGrane's second half replacement, Harry Neil, then produced an excellent finish to make it 3-1 a couple of minutes after coming on, with Oaklan Buck's late effort not quite enough for Brislington in their comeback attempt. The only other side to remain unbeaten this season in the First Division are **Wincanton Town**, with goals in either half helping them see off **Cadbury Heath**. The away side went ahead very much against the run of play thanks to Toby Cole before Matt Garner's seventh goal of the campaign put the result beyond doubt 20 minutes from time. **Bradford Town** left the group of unbeaten sides on Saturday afternoon, conceding three times during a poor first half in their 3-1 loss at home to **Cheddar**. A dream start for the Cheesemen saw Dean Chrisostomou capitalise on a defensive error to put them ahead inside the opening minute, before Oscar Collins struck a couple of moments later to double their tally. Lewis Chappell then capped an excellent opening period for the away side, with a late consolation

from Sam Jordan all Bradford had to show for their afternoon's work. At the opposite end of the table, **Odd Down** finally got their first win at the seventh time of asking by beating **Wells City** 3-1 in Bath (pictured, right). Having gone ahead through in-form midfielder Milo Murgatroyd, the Down were pegged back almost immediately with Wells' Harry Warwick finding the back of the net. A Ben Millett goal towards the end of the first half helped Odd Down go back ahead, and they then pushed on after the interval, with Millett striking again to close out the 3-1 win. **Warminster** are another side who have been struggling early doors, but they have now won two on the spin after Jake Seviour struck a tremendous hat-trick in their thumping 5-0 victory over basement boys **Bishop Sutton**.



Three goals in the final half-hour saw **Hengrove** produce an excellent fightback at home to **Radstock**, with the Miners finishing with nine men during a second half implosion. An 81<sup>st</sup> minute penalty completed the turnaround for Hengrove, with their win at the AVB Stadium ending a tricky spell of recent form. Another side to win by three goals to two were **Longwell Green Sports**, with Matt Brown's double and a Zac Feltham effort leading them to victory away at **Keynsham**. A couple of other sides to win by the odd goal on their travels were **Bristol Telephones** and **Shirehampton**, with both delivering 1-0 victories over **Hallen** and **Middlezoy** respectively. **Portishead** have now stormed to five consecutive victories, after a first-half blitz helped them beat **Gillingham** 4-1. Posset did all of their scoring during a devastating opening half, with Troy Simpson, Toby Lawrence, Mitch Osmond and George Fowler all beating the visiting keeper. There was late drama at the LA Clark Pavilion, with Liam Clayton's stoppage time penalty rescuing a point for **Cribbs Reserves** in their 1-1 draw away at **AEK Boco**.

## Midweek Results

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023

#### Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	4-0	Millbrook	134
Bridgwater United	4-0	Welton Rovers	258
Buckland Athletic	3-2	Ilfracombe Town	212
Nailsea & Tickenham	4-0	Wellington	66
Saltash United	1-3	Falmouth Town	170
Torpoint Athletic	1-2	Brixham AFC	162

#### First Division

Bishop Sutton	0-2	AEK Boco	52
Bitton	1-1	Bradford Town	167
Brislington	6-1	Hengrove Athletic	108
Cheddar	2-6	Warminster Town	73
Keynsham Town	1-4	Portishead	152
Longwell Green Sports	4-1	Gillingham Town	94
Radstock Town	4-3	Middlezoy Rovers	73
Wells City	1-2	Hallen	90
Wincanton Town	2-1	Odd Down	

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023

#### Premier Division

St Blazey	0-1	Helston Athletic	175
Street	2-0	Oldland Abbotonians	92

#### First Division

Shirehampton	1-3	Bristol Telephones	56
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### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023

#### FA Cup Preliminary Round

Aylesbury United	0-2	Clevedon Town
Bridgwater United	4-0	Street

## Weekend Results

### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023

#### FA Cup Preliminary Round

Bideford	4-0	<b>Helston Athletic</b>
<b>Buckland Athletic</b>	1-1	Okehampton Argyle
<b>Falmouth Town</b>	2-6	Frome Town
<b>Nailsea &amp; Tickenham</b>	0-3	Highworth Town
<b>St Blazey</b>	1-5	Mousehole
Tavistock	3-5	<b>Barnstaple Town</b>

#### Premier Division

Ilfracombe Town	2-1	Saltash United	76
Welton Rovers	1-1	Torpoint Athletic	102

#### First Division

AEK Boco	1-1	Cribbs Reserves	64
Bradford Town	1-3	Cheddar	96
Brislington	2-3	Bitton	135
Cadbury Heath	0-2	Wincanton Town	45
Hallen	0-1	Bristol Telephones	52
Hengrove Athletic	3-2	Radstock Town	67
Keynsham Town	2-3	Longwell Green Sports	87
Middlezoy Rovers	0-1	Shirehampton	
Odd Down	3-1	Wells City	60
Portishead Town	4-1	Gillingham Town	132
Warminster Town	5-0	Bishop Sutton	

## Upcoming Fixtures

### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023

#### FA Cup Preliminary Round - Replay

Okehampton Argyle	vs	<b>Buckland Athletic</b>	19:30KO
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#### First Division

Bishop Sutton	vs	Hallen	19:30KO
Bitton	vs	Odd Down	19:30KO
Bradford Town	vs	Brislington	19:30KO
Bristol Telephones	vs	Middlezoy Rovers	19:45KO
Cheddar	vs	Wincanton Town	19:45KO
Cribbs Reserves	vs	Hengrove Athletic	19:30KO
Gillingham Town	vs	Warminster Town	19:30KO
Longwell Green Sports	vs	Portishead Town	19:30KO
Radstock Town	vs	Shirehampton	19:45KO
Wells City	vs	AEK Boco	19:30KO

### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023

#### First Division

Cadbury Heath	vs	Keynsham Town	19:30KO
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## Fixtures Continued

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2023 (3pm kick-off unless noted)

### FA Vase First Qualifying Round

<b>AEK Boco</b>	vs	Tuffley Rovers
<b>Axminster</b>	vs	<b>Street</b>
<b>Bishop Sutton</b>	vs	Wadebridge Town
<b>Bitton</b>	vs	<b>Nailsea &amp; Tickenham</b>
<b>Calne Town</b>	vs	<b>Bradford Town</b>
<b>Cheddar</b>	vs	Torridgeside
<b>Dobwalls AFC</b>	vs	<b>St Blazey</b>
<b>Falmouth Town</b>	vs	Honiton
<b>Gillingham Town</b>	vs	Fareham Town
<b>Keynsham Town</b>	vs	Longlevens
<b>Oldland Abbotonians</b>	vs	<b>Brislington</b>
<b>Portishead Town</b>	vs	Berks County
<b>Saltash United</b>	vs	<b>Radstock Town</b>
<b>Shirehampton</b>	vs	Wantage
<b>Stonehouse Town</b>	vs	<b>Odd Down</b>
<b>Wellington</b>	vs	Okehampton Argyle
<b>Welton Rovers</b>	vs	<b>Wells City</b>

### Premier Division

<b>Barnstaple Town</b>	vs	Bridgwater United
<b>Buckland Athletic</b>	vs	Clevedon Town
<b>Helston Athletic</b>	vs	Millbrook
<b>Shepton Mallet</b>	vs	Brixham AFC
<b>Torpoint Athletic</b>	vs	Ilfracombe Town

### First Division

<b>Bristol Telephones</b>	vs	Wincanton Town
<b>Hallen</b>	vs	Longwell Green Sports
<b>Hengrove Athletic</b>	vs	Cadbury Heath
<b>Warminster Town</b>	vs	Middlezoy Rovers

