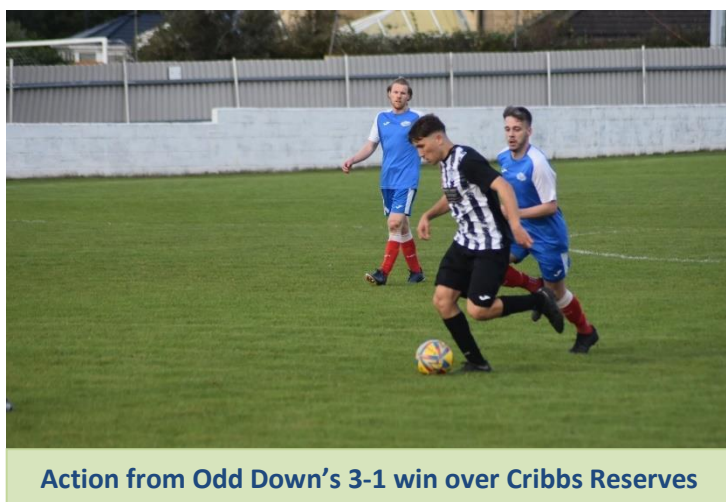




Latest Round-ups:

League Action: Shirehampton produced their best performance since the opening day of the season, putting six past **Keynsham** in their First Division meeting on Friday night. Louis Snailham played a starring role for the home side, striking late in the first period, adding to Scott Bamford's first-half brace during a clinical opening 45 minutes which saw the Reds move into an unassailable 4-0 lead. Snailham then added two more after the interval to complete his treble, with Riley Gifford-Hobbs grabbing a consolation for the visitors. The following afternoon, **Odd Down** made it three wins on the bounce after beating **Cribbs Reserves** 3-1 in Bath. With the game locked at one-all after 45 minutes, it was the home side who came out stronger after the interval, forging ahead thanks to goals from substitute Alfie Andrews and then Dominic Walter.



Saturday also saw a pair of Premier Division contests, with **Brixham** defeating **Oldland** 5-0 in a dominant home win. Having gone one-up through Scott Robinson in the 29th minute, Brixham then struck twice in the closing stages of the first half through Kieran Parkin and Sean Adderley to give themselves a three-goal buffer at the interval. By the time Jaden Maslen made it 4-0, the game was all-but over, with Charlie Johansen putting the cap on a five-star performance with the final kick of the game. Johansen's former side **Buckland** also enjoyed a comfortable afternoon's work in their win at **St Blazey**, with Sam Stayt setting them on their way with a lobbed finish after 20 minutes. The second half then belonged to Jared Lewington, with the Bucks frontman scoring twice after the interval to round out the visitors 3-0 win and a successful trip into Cornwall.

Cup Action: **Bridgwater United** booked their place in the next round of the Les Phillips Cup after beating **Clevedon** 3-0 on Friday evening. After Jay Murray's penalty had put Bridgy in front, they struck twice more after the break through Jason Quick and Adam Wright to secure what turned out to be a straightforward victory. The following day, **Middlezoy** qualified for the next round thanks to a 4-1 win on penalties over **Radstock** after their game had finished one apiece at the end of 90 minutes.

It was also a huge day of action in the FA Vase, with the pick of the ties generally involving head-to-head clashes between Western League sides. One of those included the Premier Division leaders **Helston** who produced another thrilling comeback to topple **Street** by four goals to two. Having overturned a two-goal deficit seven days previously against Ilfracombe, Helston found themselves in a similar hole this week also following a pair of strikes in the opening 25 minutes from Phil Ormrod and Kyle Strange. The Cobblers soon saw their lead trimmed however, with Jacob Smith striking for Helston to give them a foothold in the contest. The game then turned midway through the second half, with Curtis Damerell and Rikki Sheppard scoring in quick succession for the home side, before Rubin Wilson helped seal their passage through to the next round.

Another side to progress were **Nailsea & Tickenham** who struck late to secure a 3-2 win away at **Brislington**. The Swags (*pictured attacking, right*) started much stronger than their hosts, and surged into a deserved two-goal lead courtesy of efforts from Lucas Vowles and Callum Dunn. Bris weren't willing to lie down against their higher-ranked opponents, and battled back to make it 2-2 around the hour mark, only for Nailsea to steal it late on when Nick Buxton scored the decisive fifth goal.



Scott Laird produced two moments of brilliance for **Barnstaple** to help lead his side to a 2-1 win away at **Shepton Mallet**. Having taken an early lead through Josh Jenkins, the home side then saw their hopes of progressing dented after seeing their number one Tom Roberts sent off just before half-time. That dismissal saw a non-specialist keeper have to step in between the sticks, and Jack Newman's first job was to pick the ball out of his net after being beaten by a Laird set piece. Mallet and Newman proved resolute, holding out for much of the second half, but the stand-in keeper was finally beaten in the closing stages following another well-taken goal from Laird.

The other two clashes which saw opposing sides from the First Division meet both ended in shootouts, with table-toppers **Portishead** surviving a scare away at **Bristol Telephones**. Having trailed at the break, the Posset called on the unstoppable Ethan Feltham, and his arrival came with instant impact as he notched his 23rd of the season to make it one apiece early in the second half. Calum Townsend then fired home a thunderbolt 20 minutes from time to complete the visitor's turnaround, but they couldn't hang on and conceded an injury time equaliser to send the game to penalties. It then came down to Townsend, and he slotted home the decisive spot kick to send Town through to the First Round proper. They will be joined in the hat for the draw on Monday by **Longwell Green Sports** who knocked out **Bradford** following a six-goal thriller. Goals from Jack Witcombe and Charlie Saunders helped the Bobcats overturn an early deficit, before Kieran Williams stepped up to make it two-all on the hour mark. Witcombe then stroked home a penalty ten minutes from time to put Bradford in pole position, but they were pegged back once again with Williams completing a brace of his own to make it 3-3 at the end of normal time. Almost nothing could separate the sides during 90 minutes, and that also came to pass during the shootout, with one solitary miss condemning Bradford to defeat. **Ilfracombe's** run in the Vase also came to an end following a shootout, with Harry Taffs second half equaliser proving to be inconsequential after they lost 7-6 on penalties to **Elburton Villa**.

Other Western League sides to see their runs in the Vase ended included **Millbrook**, **Hengrove** and **Cadbury Heath** who each suffered heavy home defeats, but things were rosier for **Falmouth** who beat **Crediton** 3-1. Goals from Luke Brabyn, Jayden Gilbert and Jack Webber did the business for Town, who will join **Saltash** in looking forward to seeing the outcome of Monday's draw. For the Ashes, a star performance from Kieran O'Melia helped them claim a 4-2 win away at **Wendron United**. O'Melia was on target late in the first half to help Saltash complete their turnaround after Tylor Love-Holmes had cancelled out Wendron's early opener. Josh Johnson then added a third for the away side, and despite conceding shortly after, they responded well, with O'Melia's second assist of the afternoon leading to an own goal which completed the scoring. 4-2 was a popular result in the Vase, but unfortunately for **Wincanton** and **Warminster**, they both came out on the wrong side of that scoreline in home games with **Portland United** and **Fleet Town**, respectively.

There was further success elsewhere in the competition for a pair of Western League sides, with **Torpoint** edging to a 1-0 win away at **Wadebridge**. In a tight contest which remained goalless for three quarters of play, Torpoint finally grabbed the decisive goal with Ryan Richards rounding the keeper before slotting home. The other victors from our league was **Wells City**, with second half goals from Harry Warwick and Ali Sen leading them to a 2-0 triumph away at **Cullompton Rangers**. The luckless **Cheddar** were denied by an injury time penalty in their 2-1 loss at home to **Newquay**, while **Hallen** fell to defeat at **Cheltenham Saracens** by the same scoreline.

Latest Results

Friday 22nd September 2023

Les Phillips Cup

Clevedon Town 0-3 Bridgwater United

First Division

Shirehampton 6-1 Keynsham Town 87

Saturday 23rd September 2023

Premier Division

Brixham AFC 5-0 Oldland Abbotonians 125

St Blazey 0-3 Buckland Athletic 161

First Division

Odd Down 3-1 Cribbs Reserves 60

Les Phillips Cup

Middlezoy Rovers 1-1 (4-1 pens) Radstock Town

FA Vase Second Round Qualifying

Brislington 2-3 Nailsea & Tickenham

Bristol Telephones 2-2 (4-5 pens) Portishead Town

Cadbury Heath 1-6 Fairford Town

Cheddar 1-2 Newquay

Cheltenham Saracens 2-1 Hallen

Cullompton Rangers 0-2 Wells City

Falmouth Town 3-1 Crediton United

Helston Athletic 4-2 Street

Hengrove Athletic 0-4 Roman Glass St George

Ilfracombe Town 1-1 (6-7 pens) Elburton Villa

Longwell Green Sports 3-3 (5-4 pens) Bradford Town

Millbrook 1-7 Dobwalls

Shepton Mallet 1-2 Barnstaple Town

Wadebridge Town 0-1 Torpoint Athletic

Warminster Town 2-4 Fleet Town

Wendron United 2-4 Saltash United

Wincanton Town 2-4 Portland United

The latest episode of the podcast includes an interview with Buckland boss Dan Hart, who explains why his side are set up to achieve both on and off the pitch. Ian also catches up with Bradford Town manager Jamie Jordan, who reintroduces the Wiltshire club to the Western League following a difficult period of adjustment.

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Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 26th September 2023

Les Phillips Cup

Brislington	vs	AEK Boco	19:30KO
Hallen	vs	Welton Rovers	19:30KO
Hengrove Athletic	vs	Bishop Sutton	19:30KO

First Division

Gillingham Town	vs	Bradford Town	19:30KO
Portishead Town	vs	Bristol Telephones	19:30KO
Wells City	vs	Radstock Town	19:30KO
Wincanton Town	vs	Bitton	19:30KO

Wednesday 27th September 2023

Les Phillips Cup

Warminster Town	vs	Street	19:45KO
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Saturday 30th September 2023 (3pm kick-off unless noted)

Premier Division

Brixham AFC	vs	Shepton Mallet
Buckland Athletic	vs	Falmouth Town
Helston Athletic	vs	Barnstaple Town
Ilfracombe Town	vs	Bridgwater United
Millbrook	vs	Clevedon Town
Oldland Abbotonians	vs	St Blazey
Saltash United	vs	Torpoint Athletic
Street	vs	Nailsea & Tickenham
Wellington	vs	Welton Rovers

First Division

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

League Tables

PREMIER DIVISION		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Helston Athletic	8	6	1	1	24	19
2	Buckland Athletic	9	5	2	2	13	17
3	Falmouth Town	8	5	2	1	12	17
4	Torpoint Athletic	10	5	2	3	6	17
5	Bridgwater United	7	5	1	1	14	16
6	Brixham AFC	10	4	3	3	7	15
7	Clevedon Town	7	4	3	0	6	15
8	Barnstaple Town	7	3	4	0	8	13
9	Street	7	3	3	1	4	12
10	Nailsea & Tickenham	8	4	0	4	4	12
11	Shepton Mallet	8	3	3	2	1	12
12	St Blazey	9	2	3	4	-1	9
13	Ilfracombe Town	9	2	3	4	-5	9
14	Welton Rovers	8	2	2	4	-3	8
15	Saltash United	9	2	1	6	-11	7
16	Wellington	8	0	3	5	-18	3
17	Oldland Abbotonians	9	1	0	8	-20	3
18	Millbrook	7	0	0	7	-40	0

FIRST DIVISION		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Portishead Town	13	11	1	1	30	34
2	Radstock Town	13	10	0	3	17	30
3	Bitton	12	8	3	1	17	27
4	Wincanton Town	13	8	3	2	9	27
5	Brislington	13	8	2	3	25	26
6	Bradford Town	13	7	3	3	14	24
7	Bristol Telephones	13	7	2	4	6	23
8	Cribbs Reserves	13	6	3	4	6	21
9	Wells City	11	6	1	4	8	19
10	Cadbury Heath	12	6	0	6	-2	18
11	AEK Boco	12	5	2	5	3	17
12	Middlezoy Rovers	13	5	2	6	0	17
13	Longwell Green Sports	13	5	2	6	-1	17
14	Shirehampton	12	4	2	6	-2	14
15	Hallen	12	4	2	6	-3	14
16	Hengrove Athletic	12	4	2	6	-4	14
17	Odd Down	14	4	2	8	-22	14
18	Warminster Town	13	4	1	8	-10	13
19	Cheddar	13	3	1	9	-15	9
20	Keynsham Town	11	3	0	8	-16	9
21	Gillingham Town	12	2	1	9	-23	7
22	Bishop Sutton	13	0	1	12	-37	1