



### Latest Round-ups:

**Midweek Action:** The standout result during a wet and windy week saw **Bridgwater** storm to a 7-2 win at home to **Nailsea & Tickenham**. With the original Premier Division clash having been postponed on Friday evening, the teams returned four days later to play in front of another healthy crowd of over 300. Many of those in attendance will have thoroughly enjoyed United's performance, with Jack Taylor producing an outstanding display of finishing which saw him bag a 30-minute hat-trick to put his side in complete command. A further goal from Harry Horton made it 4-1 at the interval, with Jack Thorne then adding Bridgy's fifth on the hour mark just moments after the visitors had struck from the spot. Man of the Match Taylor found time to add his fourth of the evening, with his replacement Adam Wright then finding the back of the net to round out the high-scoring encounter.

Tuesday's First Division contests were much more evening, with basement side **Bishop Sutton** battling back from two goals down to draw 2-2 at **Longwell Green Sports**. The points were also shared at **Hengrove**, where Giorgio Mancini handed the hosts an early lead, only for **Hallen** to peg them back just prior to half-time courtesy of a headed effort from Josiah Dunstan. In the other game that night, **Middlezoy** brought an end to their four-match losing run by defeating **Cheddar** 3-1 at the Ethan Berry Pavilion. Goals from Liam Winter and Acey Mead either side of the interval had put the Rovers 2-1 up, with substitute James Millward then adding a third to secure victory over their fellow Somerset side (pictured, below).



24 hours later, **Brislington's** frontline continued to flourish during a 4-0 win away at **Warminster**. In tough conditions, four different Brislington forwards got their names on the scoresheet, with Dean Griffiths, Danny Dodimead, Oaklan Buck and Asa White each beating the home keeper in a sixth-successive league win.

**Cup Action:** It was a highly-successful day for many of the Western League sides in the FA Vase, with six of the eight ties going in their favour. One of those was a given, considering it was a contest between **Saltash** and **Portishead**, with United securing a 2-0 win over the First Division high-flyers. A fast start really paid dividends for the Ashes, with Josh Toulson putting them ahead in just the fifth minute. Having been provider for the opener, Jordan Ewing then added his name to the scoresheet just prior to the half-hour mark, with his penalty ending up being the final goalscoring action of the afternoon. Another Cornish side booking their spot in the second round was **Falmouth**, who secured a 1-0 victory away at **Fareham Town** thanks to a goal from James Swan. **Barnstaple** were much more dominant in their win, with three unanswered goals helping them brush off **Okehampton Argyle**. Things didn't start brightly for Town however, and they were reduced to ten men during the first half following a red card to goalkeeper Liam Kingston. With Stu Bowker forced to take over with the gloves, Barum were a little short in attack, but they still managed to go ahead before the break thanks to an Oscar Massey strike. The second half then saw Billy Tucker take over the contest, and after slamming home Barnstaple's second early in the second period, he then fired home an excellent free kick to round out the victory. Joining them in the draw for the second round will be **Nailsea & Tickenham** after the Swags overcame **Mangotsfield** 2-0. Goals either side of the interval from Lucas Vowles proved to be enough for the hosts who rebounded excellently from their heavy midweek loss at Bridgwater. **Longwell Green Sports** also tasted Vase success on their home patch, beating **Dobwalls AFC** from Cornwall. Despite their disappointing league position, Longwell Green have now put together back-to-back strong performances in this competition after seeing off Bradford in the last round. Zac Feltham, James Hall and Lewis Coleman all found the back of the net for the First Division outfit, seeing off the challenge of Dobwalls for whom Ryan Knight grabbed a brace. For **Helston**, the 3-2 scoreline didn't work in their favour, with



first half goals from Jordan Copp and Jacob Smith putting them ahead, before a fightback from visitors **Longlevens** seeing the Gloucester side progress. **Torpoint** (pictured, left) were the only other Western League outfit to fall at stage of the competition, with a goalless draw followed by a 4-2 defeat on penalties by **Portland United**. A shootout worked out much better for **Wells City** who pegged back **Laverstock & Ford** before prevailing via penalties. Having fallen behind inside

the opening ten minutes despite a penalty save by Harley Wilkinson, the Somerset side drew level ten minutes before half-time thanks to a low-driven effort from Michael Duffy. A goalless second half then followed, with City winning the shootout 5-4 even though they squandered both of their first two spot kicks.

In a one-sided Les Phillips Cup tie, **Brixham** pulled away in the closing stages of their 6-1 win away at **Millbrook**. Early goals from Aaron Wellington and Scott Robinson put the visitors in command, with the lowly hosts halving the deficit five minutes before the break. James Moxon's 63<sup>rd</sup> minute effort then restored the two-goal advantage, with a late Charlie Johansen brace, and a further Robinson strike completing the victory.

**League Action:** With a reduced Premier Division fixture list, **Clevedon** are the new league leaders following a 5-0 win over **Wellington** (*pictured, below left*). After Elliot Nicholson had put them one-up in the 7<sup>th</sup> minute, Town then moved further ahead midway through the first half courtesy of Caleb Selway. The game then went away from Wellington in the moments



before half-time, with Sam Beresford and Sol Kent each scoring in added time at the end of the opening period. A fifth goal from Alex Camm 20 minutes from time then rounded out the scoring, with Clevedon one of only two unbeaten sides remaining. There was late drama at **Shepton Mallet**, where the hosts were stunned in stoppage time and ended up having to make do with a 1-1

draw against **Buckland**. In what was a tight and tense affair, Mallet looked like they'd done enough to claim victory thanks to a thumping header from Alessandro Costanza on the hour mark. However, the visitors kept pushing, and were finally rewarded in the seventh minute of stoppage time when Jared Lewington nodded home from close range. In Cornwall, **St Blazey** registered their most impressive victory of the season so far thanks to a 1-0 defeat of **Bridgwater**. Having only mustered ten points from their opening 12 fixtures, the home side will hope this is a result that can kick-start their campaign, with the three points coming thanks to a goal in first half stoppage time from Ryan Downing.

Top spot in the First Division now belongs to **Radstock Town** after they produced a thrilling comeback to beat **Cheddar** 3-2. Having last won in the league at the beginning of September, Cheddar headed into the game as rank outsiders, but started the stronger and moved ahead in the 20<sup>th</sup> minute thanks to a smart finish from Jack Busby. Not long after, Lewis Chappell then flicked the ball into an empty net to put the away side two goals to the good and on track for a stunning win. Radstock weren't in the mood for losing on their home patch however, and scored twice in quick succession at the beginning of the second half through Kyle Thomas and Jack Farion to level affairs. It was then left to Adey Harvey to fire home a long ranger midway through the second half to complete the comeback, with the Miners now victorious in 15 of their 19 league outings this term. On a day with no draws, there were several one-sided victories, including **Cribbs Reserves'** 5-0 derby-day defeat of **Shirehampton**. Two goals from standout Liam Clayton helped condemn the visitors to a heavy loss, with Trystan Baker, Aaron Ward-Baptiste and Dan Monk also getting in on the goalscoring action. **Gillingham Town** also put five past their opponents, following up dominant wins over Longwell Green and Bishop Sutton by handing **Keynsham** a 5-0 loss at Harding's Lane. The third and final side to complete a 5-0 victory was **Warminster**, with Tyson Pollard plundering a hat-trick in their win at bottom side **Bishop Sutton**. The home side were up against it from the third minute, and never recovered, suffering a 17<sup>th</sup> league defeat, with Pollard's influence allowing Warminster to stroll to victory during the second half.

**Wincanton Town** came out on top in a five-goal thriller at home to **Cadbury Heath**, helping them rise up into fourth spot. The sides couldn't be separated for much of the contest, and no sooner had Connor Williams put the home side in front, then Matt Huxley scored his 501<sup>st</sup> career goal to draw the Heath level. The game then came to life 15 minutes from time, with substitute Charlie Bennington making an immediate impact and scoring with his first touch to put the Wasps back ahead. Huxley then doubled his personal tally to make it two apiece with a late volley, but Wincanton had the final word, with Tom Jarvis dispatching an 88<sup>th</sup> minute penalty after Bennington had been hauled down in the opposition box. An excellent fightback from **Hallen** saw them end a three-match winless run by beating the in-form **Odd Down** 4-1 in Bristol (*pictured, right*). After the Bath outfit moved ahead in the 30<sup>th</sup> minute, Liam Attwell scored a crucial leveller shortly after to retain parity. Tom



Cheeseman then made it 2-1 on the stroke of half time following a scramble inside the visitors area, with Luke Banfield and substitute Patryk Kosciolk completing the turnaround victory after half-time. A steady run of goals throughout the game helped **Boco** beat **Hengrove** 4-0, allowing them to register back-to-back league wins. Boco seemed to score every 20 minutes or so in Hanham, with Isiah Crawford, Will Humphries, Sam Thomas and Seb Scott all finding the back of the net. Another side to secure six points from a possible six over the past few days are **Middlezoy**, following up their midweek win over Cheddar with another 3-1 defeat of **Bitton** to complete a season double over the Bristolians.

On this week's Podcast, Barnstaple Town chairman Bill Wilson reflects on a tragic week for the club, joining Ian to express his thanks to the Football Family for the support and compassion they have shown at this difficult time. There is also a conversation with Odd Down boss, Jason Maggs, who reflects on the rebuilding job they have undertaken this term, and then explains how he's hoping the Bath side will now be able to progress and improve on last season's league position.

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## Latest Results

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023

#### Premier Division

Bridgwater Town	7-2	Nailsea & Tickenham	301
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#### First Division

Hengrove Athletic	1-1	Hallen	62
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Longwell Green Sports	2-2	Bishop Sutton	85
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Middlezoy Rovers	3-1	Cheddar	57
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### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023

#### First Division

Warminster Town	0-4	Brislington	71
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### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023

#### FA Vase First Round

<b>Barnstaple Town</b>	3-0	Okehampton Argyle
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Fareham Town	0-1	<b>Falmouth Town</b>
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<b>Helston Athletic</b>	2-3	Longlevens
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Laverstock & Ford	1-1 (4-5 pens)	<b>Wells City</b>
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<b>Longwell Green Sports</b>	3-2	Dobwalls AFC
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<b>Nailsea &amp; Tickenham</b>	2-0	Mangotsfield United
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<b>Saltash United</b>	2-0	<b>Portishead Town</b>
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<b>Torpoint Athletic</b>	0-0 (2-4 pens)	Portland United
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#### Les Phillips Cup

Millbrook	1-6	Brixham AFC
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#### Premier Division

Clevedon Town	5-0	Wellington	109
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Shepton Mallet	1-1	Buckland Athletic	190
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St Blazey	1-0	Bridgwater United	154
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#### First Division

AEK Boco	4-0	Hengrove Athletic	80
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Bishop Sutton	0-5	Warminster Town	42
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Cribbs Reserves	5-0	Shirehampton	42
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Gillingham Town	5-0	Keynsham Town	27
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Hallen	4-1	Odd Down	60
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Middlezoy Rovers	3-1	Bitton	55
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Radstock Town	3-2	Cheddar	97
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Wincanton Town	3-2	Cadbury Heath
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## Upcoming Fixtures

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023

#### Les Phillips Cup

Bradford Town	vs	Oldland Abbotonians	19:30KO
Buckland Athletic	vs	Torpoint Athletic	19:30KO
Falmouth Town	vs	Helston Athletic	19:45KO
Gillingham Town	vs	Bitton	19:30KO
Hengrove Athletic	vs	Shepton Mallet	19:30KO
Nailsea & Tickenham	vs	Barnstaple Town	19:30KO
Odd Down	vs	Longwell Green Sports	19:30KO
Portishead Town	vs	Bridgwater United	19:30KO
Wells City	vs	Street	19:30KO
Wincanton Town	vs	Hallen	19:30KO

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023

#### Les Phillips Cup

Shirehampton	vs	Keynsham Town	19:30KO
St Blazey	vs	Saltash United	19:30KO
Wellington	vs	Ilfracombe Town	19:45KO

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

#### First Division

Odd Down	vs	Keynsham Town	19:45KO
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### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (3pm kick-off unless noted)

#### Premier Division

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

#### First Division

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

## League Tables

PREMIER DIVISION		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Clevedon Town	11	8	3	0	20	27
2	Helston Athletic	11	8	1	2	34	25
3	Bridgwater United	11	8	1	2	24	25
4	Brixham AFC	13	7	3	3	20	24
5	Falmouth Town	11	7	2	2	16	23
6	Buckland Athletic	13	6	3	4	12	21
7	Barnstaple Town	9	5	4	0	16	19
8	Shepton Mallet	12	5	4	3	1	19
9	Torpoint Athletic	12	5	3	4	1	18
10	Street	11	5	3	3	-1	18
11	Nailsea & Tickenham	11	5	0	6	-1	15
12	Ilfracombe Town	12	4	3	5	-1	15
13	St Blazey	13	3	4	6	-3	13
14	Welton Rovers	12	2	3	7	-8	9
15	Saltash United	12	2	2	8	-14	8
16	Oldland Abbotonians	12	2	0	10	-25	6
17	Wellington	12	1	3	8	-30	6
18	Millbrook	10	0	0	10	-61	0

FIRST DIVISION		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Radstock Town	19	15	1	3	30	46
2	Portishead Town	18	14	3	1	44	45
3	Brislington	18	13	2	3	45	41
4	Wincanton Town	19	11	4	4	10	37
5	Cribbs Reserves	18	11	3	4	20	36
6	Bitton	18	11	3	4	13	36
7	Bradford Town	18	9	5	4	17	32
8	Wells City	15	8	2	5	8	26
9	Middlezoy Rovers	19	8	2	9	-6	26
10	Bristol Telephones	18	8	2	8	-10	26
11	Cadbury Heath	17	8	1	8	10	25
12	AEK Boco	17	7	4	6	7	25
13	Odd Down	19	7	2	10	-18	23
14	Hallen	18	6	4	8	-1	22
15	Longwell Green Sports	17	6	3	8	-4	21
16	Shirehampton	18	6	2	10	-8	20
17	Warminster Town	17	5	2	10	-10	17
18	Hengrove Athletic	18	4	4	10	-15	16
19	Gillingham Town	18	5	1	12	-18	16
20	Keynsham Town	14	3	1	10	-23	10
21	Cheddar	18	3	1	14	-25	10
22	Bishop Sutton	19	0	2	17	-66	2