**Latest Round-ups:**

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**Season 2023/24**

**Premier Division:** Following a spate of postponements, just three games survived on Saturday, with all six sides scoring on an afternoon full of action. New league leaders **Bridgwater** were forced to come from behind to ensure victory at **Saltash**, with Ethan Wright having fired the hosts into a half-time lead. The Somerset outfit made a dream start to the second period, drawing level via the head of George King, with his assister Jack Thorne then scoring what turned out to be the winner shortly after with a fearsome finish from close range. In an even more dramatic turnaround, **Torpoint** scored three goals in the space of 20 second half minutes to win 3-2 away at **Brixham**. The home side have been in blistering form of late, and looked set to complete the double over their opponents this season after moving two goals clear courtesy of Cole Harford and Aaron Wellington. Athletic had other ideas however, and after pulling a goal back through Elliot Crawford, they then got back on level terms shortly after through Ryan Richards. It was then left to Richards to complete the comeback, with his second of the afternoon in the 82nd minute ending a three-match winless run in the league. **Helston** were the only home side to pick up three points on Saturday, with their efforts to get a game on rewarded with a 3-1 win over **Nailsea & Tickenham**. Despite falling behind on the half-hour to Lucas Vowles opener, Helston came surging back and levelled affairs five minutes later via the head of captain Harrison Jewell. A well-struck penalty from Jordan Copp made it 2-1 early in the second half, with Rubin Wilson adding a late third.

**First Division:** On Tuesday evening, **Hengrove Athletic** brought an end to their long winless run by beating **Cheddar** 3-1 at the AVB Stadium. A close range effort from Regan Burton gave Hengrove the lead, with George Green then lobbing the keeper shortly after to hand the hosts a two-goal advantage at the break. Lewis Chappell struck right at the beginning of the second half to get Cheddar back into the contest, before Hengrove’s Jack Jones put the game to bed on the hour mark to lead his side to their first three points since late August. Elsewhere that night, **Longwell Green** produced an incredible late comeback to topple **Bradford Town** by four goals to two. After Billy Hensler had fired the hosts ahead towards the end of the first half, Bradford turned the game in their favour thanks to a Fabian Stanislas header and an excellent strike from Jack Witcombe. A wild finale then saw Liam Oswin and Sonny Passco score within a minute of each other to suddenly put Longwell Green back on top, before Hensler rounded out the scoring in the 88th minute to hand the home side maximum points. Friday’s fixture saw **Bristol Telephones** secure their tenth league win of the campaign by beating **Bitton** 2-1, and then the following afternoon, **Cribbs Reserves** defeated **Keynsham** 3-1. In the only game in the division to beat the weather, goals from Jack Guthrie and James Clayton helped the visitors go two-up early in the second half. Keynsham threatened a late comeback, but that was derailed shortly after with Tom Headford restoring the two-goal buffer between the sides.

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**On the podcast this week, Ian catches up with Welton boss, Tom Smith, to discuss their progression on and off the pitch despite a difficult start to the season, before detailing how he is tackling the challenge of long distance travel by utilising the younger players in his squad. Cadbury Heath’s assistant manager, Aaron Day, then joins the show to reflect upon an uncertain end to last season, and an inconsistent start to the current campaign.**

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**Latest Results**

**Tuesday 31st October 2023**

**First Division**

Hengrove Athletic 3-1 Cheddar 42

Longwell Green Sports 4-2 Bradford Town

**Friday 3rd November 2023**

**First Division**

Bristol Telephones 2-1 Bitton 115

**Saturday 4th November 2023**

**Premier Division**

Brixham AFC 2-3 Torpoint Athletic 164

Helston Athletic 3-1 Nailsea & Tickenham 62

Saltash United 1-2 Bridgwater United 96

**First Division**

Keynsham Town 1-3 Cribbs Reserves 117

**Upcoming Fixtures**

**Tuesday 7th November 2023**

**Les Phillips Cup**

Bitton vs Gillingham Town 19:30KO

**Wednesday 8th November 2023**

**Les Phillips Cup**

AEK Boco vs Cribbs Reserves 19:30KO

**Saturday 11th November 2023 (3pm kick-off unless noted)**

**FA Vase Second Round**

**Bridgwater United** vs **Longwell Green Sports**

**Buckland Athletic** vs St Austell

**Clevedon Town** vs Brockenhurst

Cowes Sports vs **Brixham AFC**

**Falmouth Town** vs Moneyfields

**Nailsea & Tickenham**  vs Hartpury College

**Saltash United**  vs Downton

**Wells City** vs Portland United

**Premier Division**

Helston Athletic vs Street

Oldland Abbotonians vs Torpoint Athletic

St Blazey vs Wellington

Welton Rovers vs Ilfracombe Town

**First Division**

AEK Boco vs Bishop Sutton

Bitton vs Portishead Town

Bristol Telephones vs Shirehampton

Cribbs Reserves vs Bradford Town

Gillingham Town vs Hengrove Athletic

Keynsham Town vs Cheddar

Middlezoy Rovers vs Odd Down

Warminster Town vs Hallen

Wincanton Town vs Radstock Town

**League Tables**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | PREMIER DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Bridgwater United** | 13 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 28 | **31** |
| 2 | **Clevedon Town** | 12 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 22 | **30** |
| 3 | **Helston Athletic** | 12 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 36 | **28** |
| 4 | **Brixham AFC** | 15 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 23 | **27** |
| 5 | **Falmouth Town** | 12 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 16 | **24** |
| 6 | **Buckland Athletic** | 13 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 12 | **21** |
| 7 | **Torpoint Athletic** | 14 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 0 | **21** |
| 8 | **Barnstaple Town** | 10 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 16 | **20** |
| 9 | **Street** | 12 | 5 | 4 | 3 | -1 | **19** |
| 10 | **Shepton Mallet** | 13 | 5 | 4 | 4 | -2 | **19** |
| 11 | **Nailsea & Tickenham** | 13 | 6 | 0 | 7 | -2 | **18** |
| 12 | **Ilfracombe Town** | 13 | 4 | 3 | 6 | -2 | **15** |
| 13 | **St Blazey** | 14 | 3 | 5 | 6 | -3 | **14** |
| 14 | **Welton Rovers** | 13 | 3 | 3 | 7 | -5 | **12** |
| 15 | **Oldland Abbotonians** | 13 | 3 | 0 | 10 | -24 | **9** |
| 16 | **Saltash United** | 14 | 2 | 2 | 10 | -16 | **8** |
| 17 | **Wellington** | 13 | 1 | 3 | 9 | -34 | **6** |
| 18 | **Millbrook** | 11 | 0 | 0 | 11 | -64 | **0** |

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|  | FIRST DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Portishead Town** | 19 | 15 | 3 | 1 | 45 | **48** |
| 2 | **Radstock Town** | 19 | 15 | 1 | 3 | 30 | **46** |
| 3 | **Cribbs Reserves** | 20 | 13 | 3 | 4 | 24 | **42** |
| 4 | **Brislington** | 19 | 13 | 2 | 4 | 44 | **41** |
| 5 | **Wincanton Town** | 20 | 11 | 4 | 5 | 8 | **37** |
| 6 | **Bitton** | 19 | 11 | 3 | 5 | 12 | **36** |
| 7 | **Bradford Town** | 20 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 14 | **32** |
| 8 | **Bristol Telephones** | 20 | 10 | 2 | 8 | -8 | **32** |
| 9 | **Wells City** | 16 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 11 | **29** |
| 10 | **Cadbury Heath** | 18 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 11 | **28** |
| 11 | **AEK Boco** | 18 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 7 | **26** |
| 12 | **Middlezoy Rovers** | 20 | 8 | 2 | 10 | -7 | **26** |
| 13 | **Odd Down** | 20 | 8 | 2 | 10 | -16 | **26** |
| 14 | **Longwell Green Sports** | 19 | 7 | 3 | 9 | -7 | **24** |
| 15 | **Hallen** | 19 | 6 | 5 | 8 | -1 | **23** |
| 16 | **Shirehampton** | 19 | 7 | 2 | 10 | -3 | **23** |
| 17 | **Warminster Town** | 18 | 6 | 2 | 10 | -7 | **20** |
| 18 | **Hengrove Athletic** | 20 | 5 | 4 | 11 | -16 | **19** |
| 19 | **Gillingham Town** | 18 | 5 | 1 | 12 | -18 | **16** |
| 20 | **Cheddar** | 19 | 3 | 1 | 15 | -27 | **10** |
| 21 | **Keynsham Town** | 16 | 3 | 1 | 12 | -27 | **10** |
| 22 | **Bishop Sutton** | 20 | 0 | 2 | 18 | -69 | **2** |