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**Season 2023/24**

**Premier Division:** On a wet and windy end to 2023, **Clevedon** finished top of the pile in the Western League thanks to their dramatic 1-0 win away at **Bridgwater**. The Seasiders have suffered just one defeat this season, and toppled third-place Bridgwater thanks to a late winner from leading scorer Sam Beresford. With the game in the sixth minute of added time, Beresford reacted quickest to a loose ball in the box after teammate Elliot Nicholson had seen his shot come back off the crossbar. Breathing down Clevedon’s neck are **Helston Athletic** who rebounded from their Boxing Day defeat with a 4-0 defeat of **Torpoint**. In another Cornish Christmas derby, Helston came out with a point to prove in the first half, with Sam Carter firing them ahead in the 20th minute. Carter then turned provider, crossing for Jordan Bentley who doubled their advantage, with Bentley then adding his sides third ten minutes before the interval. With the game done and dusted, the second half was a quieter affair, and Curtis Damerell added the finishing touches five minutes from time to complete Helston’s 4-0 victory. Elsewhere in Cornwall, **Falmouth** also enjoyed a 4-0 victory over basement side **Millbrook**, with Rubin Wilson’s brace adding to goals from Oscar Massey and James Ward during a comfortable afternoon for the visitors. **Barnstaple** were the other side to end their year on a high, grabbing a 1-0 win away at **Buckland**. The victory saw Town move up into sixth spot and came thanks to a penalty from Billy Tucker towards the end of the first half, handing Buckland a rate home defeat.

**First Division: Wincanton** and **Wells** played out a five-goal thriller to bring the curtain down on 2023, with the home side staving off a late fightback from City to end the game on top. The Wasps enjoyed the best of the first half, and built a commanding two-goal lead at the interval courtesy of goals from Matt Garner and Tom Jarvis. Wells left it late before mounting their comeback, trimming the deficit five minutes from time through debutant Tom Hill, before then level affairs a couple of moments later thanks to Tom Hill. Just as it looked as though Wincanton had squandered two points, they pushed forward in the hope of forcing home a stoppage time winner, and did just that with Garner heading home to cap a thrilling afternoon of action. **Odd Down** brought an abrupt end to their four-match losing streak, three unanswered goals after the break to beat **Warminster** in Bath. Alfie Andrews broke the deadlock on the hour mark, and the home side then added a pair of late goals through Dom Winter and Raphy Waugh to claim their tenth win of the campaign. **Middlezoy** also won 2-0, with Liam Winter’s brace of long-range free kicks helping them see off **Gillingham,** while goals either side of the break from Harry Goldspink and Dominic Anderson helped **Cadbury Heath** leapfrog **Longwell Green** **Sports** following their 2-0 win at Shellards Road. **Radstock Town** missed out on the chance to cut the gap at the top to one point after conceding late on to draw 1-1 with **Bradford**. Having gone ahead midway through the first half, the Miners looked set to complete a perfect festive period, but were denied at the death with Tyson Pollard finding time to eek out a late leveller.

**Latest Results**

**Saturday 30th December 2023**

**Premier Division**

Bridgwater United 0-1 Clevedon Town

Buckland Athletic 0-1 Barnstaple Town 480

Helston Athletic 4-0 Torpoint Athletic 139

Millbrook 0-4 Falmouth Town 136

**First Division**

Bradford Town 1-1 Radstock Town 177

Longwell Green Sports 0-2 Cadbury Heath 412

Middlezoy Rovers 2-0 Gillingham Town 146

Odd Down 3-0 Warminster Town 80

Wincanton Town 3-2 Wells City

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**The pre-Christmas podcast includes a conversation between Ian and new Bridgwater boss, Andy Llewellyn, who reflects on his opening five games and explains why expectations at the Somerset club remain high both on and off the pitch. Ray Johnston of Radstock then joins the show to give his opinion on Boxing Day fixtures, while also admitting fears that his side will face a backlash from opponents during the second half of the campaign.**

<http://toolstationleague.com/season-2023-24-podcast-episode-21/>

**Upcoming Fixtures**

**Saturday 6th January 2024 (3pm kick-off unless noted)**

**Premier Division**

Barnstaple Town vs Helston Athletic

Buckland Athletic vs Welton Rovers

Clevedon Town vs St Blazey

Falmouth Town vs Bridgwater United

Ilfracombe Town vs Brixham AFC

Oldland Abbotonians vs Millbrook

Shepton Mallet vs Torpoint Athletic

Street vs Saltash United

Wellington vs Nailsea & Tickenham

**First Division**

AEK Boco vs Bradford Town

Bishop Sutton vs Odd Down

Bitton vs Wincanton Town

Brislington vs Shirehampton

Bristol Telephones vs Gillingham Town 14:00KO

Cadbury Heath vs Middlezoy Rovers

Hallen vs Cheddar

Hengrove Athletic vs Cribbs Reserves

Portishead Town vs Longwell Green Sports

Radstock Town vs Wells City

Warminster Town vs Keynsham Town

**League Tables**

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|  | PREMIER DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Clevedon Town** | 19 | 15 | 3 | 1 | 29 | **48** |
| 2 | **Helston Athletic** | 19 | 14 | 2 | 3 | 55 | **44** |
| 3 | **Bridgwater United** | 18 | 13 | 1 | 4 | 30 | **40** |
| 4 | **Falmouth Town** | 16 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 24 | **36** |
| 5 | **Buckland Athletic** | 20 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 28 | **35** |
| 6 | **Barnstaple Town** | 16 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 22 | **31** |
| 7 | **Torpoint Athletic** | 20 | 9 | 4 | 7 | 1 | **31** |
| 8 | **Brixham AFC** | 19 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 22 | **30** |
| 9 | **Shepton Mallet** | 17 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 5 | **28** |
| 10 | **Street** | 19 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 0 | **26** |
| 11 | **Ilfracombe Town** | 17 | 5 | 5 | 7 | -2 | **20** |
| 12 | **St Blazey** | 19 | 5 | 5 | 9 | -10 | **20** |
| 13 | **Nailsea & Tickenham** | 18 | 6 | 1 | 11 | -11 | **19** |
| 14 | **Welton Rovers** | 15 | 3 | 4 | 8 | -13 | **13** |
| 15 | **Saltash United** | 18 | 3 | 2 | 13 | -17 | **11** |
| 16 | **Wellington** | 19 | 2 | 5 | 12 | -36 | **11** |
| 17 | **Oldland Abbotonians** | 17 | 3 | 0 | 14 | -35 | **9** |
| 18 | **Millbrook** | 17 | 1 | 0 | 16 | -91 | **3** |

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|  | FIRST DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Portishead Town** | 24 | 19 | 3 | 2 | 52 | **60** |
| 2 | **Radstock Town** | 26 | 18 | 3 | 5 | 36 | **57** |
| 3 | **Cribbs Reserves** | 27 | 17 | 4 | 6 | 29 | **55** |
| 4 | **Brislington** | 23 | 16 | 2 | 5 | 53 | **50** |
| 5 | **Bitton** | 24 | 15 | 4 | 5 | 27 | **49** |
| 6 | **Wincanton Town** | 25 | 15 | 4 | 6 | 12 | **49** |
| 7 | **Bradford Town** | 27 | 12 | 7 | 8 | 22 | **43** |
| 8 | **Bristol Telephones** | 25 | 12 | 4 | 9 | -9 | **40** |
| 9 | **AEK Boco** | 22 | 11 | 5 | 6 | 20 | **38** |
| 10 | **Wells City** | 21 | 12 | 2 | 7 | 14 | **38** |
| 11 | **Middlezoy Rovers** | 26 | 12 | 2 | 12 | 1 | **38** |
| 12 | **Cadbury Heath** | 24 | 11 | 1 | 12 | 6 | **34** |
| 13 | **Longwell Green Sports** | 26 | 10 | 3 | 13 | -12 | **33** |
| 14 | **Odd Down** | 27 | 10 | 2 | 15 | -27 | **32** |
| 15 | **Hallen** | 25 | 8 | 7 | 10 | 0 | **31** |
| 16 | **Shirehampton** | 26 | 8 | 4 | 14 | -10 | **28** |
| 17 | **Warminster Town** | 22 | 7 | 3 | 12 | -11 | **24** |
| 18 | **Gillingham Town** | 23 | 7 | 1 | 15 | -22 | **22** |
| 19 | **Hengrove Athletic** | 24 | 5 | 5 | 14 | -22 | **20** |
| 20 | **Keynsham Town** | 24 | 6 | 1 | 17 | -32 | **19** |
| 21 | **Cheddar** | 24 | 4 | 1 | 19 | -29 | **13** |
| 22 | **Bishop Sutton** | 25 | 0 | 2 | 23 | -98 | **2** |