



Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: On a busy Tuesday evening of action, **Keynsham** stormed to a 5-2 win over **Hallen** in the First Division. The K's hadn't taken to the field since their Boxing Day triumph over Brislington making this rare back-to-back wins, and it came thanks in part to a first-half brace from Jemar Thomas. Joe Davis then added a third for the home side at the beginning of the second half, with Brandon Oputeri and Theo Jeremy completing the scoring late on. **Radstock Town** were also well on their way to securing three points, but unfortunately their home clash with **Warminster** was abandoned due a frozen pitch with the hosts leading 4-1 midway through the second half. In the Premier Division, **Oldland Abbotonians** grabbed their fourth win of the season, with Harrison Kyte's double leading them to an away victory at **Welton Rovers**.

Turning attention to cup action, and in the Les Phillips' there was a pair of surprise results with high-ranked First Division sides suffering home defeats. **Bitton's** two-month unbeaten run was brought to an end by **Wells City**, with Joe Morgan and Harry Warwick striking for the away side who face the same opponents in the league a week on Saturday. Wells will be joined in the next round by **Shirehampton**, after Will Gallagher struck twice for the Bristolians in their 4-1 win away at **Bradford Town**. In local knockout competitions, **Falmouth** warmed up for their huge Vase tie with a 3-1 win over **St Blazey** in the Cornwall Senior Cup, while **Brislington** progressed in the Somerset County Cup following a 4-0 defeat of **Bishop Sutton**.

FA Vase: It was a strong showing from all three Western League sides, with both **Falmouth** and **Bridgwater** progressing to the fifth round of the National competition. Falmouth toppled **Hartpury College** at Bickland Park, with a strong all-round performance which saw them win by two goals to nil. The hosts were given a dream opportunity to go ahead in the opening minutes, and Jared Sims took full advantage, tucking home from the spot for 1-0. The back-five keeping their clean sheet intact proved crucial during a tight contest, and Falmouth finally surged clear 20 minutes from time with Jacob Grange doubling their advantage. Bridgwater's victory away at **Farnham Town** came in much more dramatic circumstances, with a late winner from George King securing a 2-1 win. In another tie decided by fine margins, it took over an hour for the deadlock to be broken, and it was worth waiting for, with Tom Llewellyn executing a pin-point set piece. Just as thought it looked like Bridgy would clinch the slender 1-0 victory, they were denied in the 87th minute when Ryan Kinnane headed home for Farnham. That goal could have ruined United's day, but they responded expertly, scoring with their next attack thanks to a strong finish from the edge of the box by matchwinner King. Unfortunately, **Brixham** couldn't quite make it three-from-three, falling to a penalty shootout defeat at the hands of **North Greenford United**. Having fallen behind early in the second half, Brixham rebounded brilliantly, scoring twice in quick succession through Scott Andrews and Aaron Wellington to complete a quickfire turnaround. The home side then drew level 20 minutes from time, before prevailing 5-3 on spot kicks.

Premier Division: In the big game at the top, second placed **Helston** are now just one point behind league leaders **Clevedon** following a dramatic 2-1 win at the Hand Stadium. The highly-anticipated meeting was a tight tussle during the early stages, with Helston grabbing a half-time lead thanks to Tom Payne's 43rd minute opener. Clevedon came out firing at the beginning of the second period, and levelled the game back up thanks to a smart finish from Freddie King. The home side were then reduced to ten men, and it proved costly in the dying moments, with Callum Martindale striking in the fourth minute of stoppage time to claim the last-gasp victory. Another side to claim all three points were **Barnstaple**, with Tor Swann scoring two second half goals in their win over **Saltash**, while **Nailsea & Tickenham** beat **Millbrook** by the same scoreline thanks to goals from Miles Hardidge and Luke Osgood. The highest scoring game of the afternoon took place in Cornwall, where goalscoring doubles from George Newton and Luke Cloke led **St Blazey** to a 4-2 win over **Oldland**. In a reverse of the result when these sides met earlier in the campaign, Newton and Cloke both struck for the home side to help them build a two-goal lead after just 25 minutes. Oldland got a goal back on the half-hour, but were soon two behind once again with Newton striking just before the interval for a 3-1 advantage. Cloke then joined his teammate, scoring his second of the afternoon to stretch the lead out further, with Zac Tucker's consolation strike all the Abbots had to show for their second half efforts. The day's other winners were **Street**, with three unanswered goals helping them see off **Welton Rovers** at the Tannery. **Shepton Mallet** pulled off a late comeback away at **Ilfracombe**, scoring twice in the final half hour to secure a 2-2 draw. Town utilised a strong period of play either side of the interval to take control of the game, with goals from Tyler Evans-Loude and Dan Wilson putting the hosts two-up early in the second. A rifled finish from Callum Gould got Mallet back into the game in the 63rd minute, and they then completed the comeback shortly after with Josh Jenkins grabbing the equalising goal.

First Division: Ethan Feltham continues to add to his stellar goalscoring season on a weekly basis, adding two more to his tally in **Portishead's** 2-0 win over **AEK Boco**. Having headed Town in front after only seven minutes, Feltham then scored a goal of the season contender to move to 40 this season, firing home from long range to end Boco's hopes of grabbing a late point. Second placed **Cribbs Reserves** eased to a 3-0 win at home to **Cheddar**, with Liam Clayton, Nathan Goodwin-Worrell and Jack Guthrie all scoring during a one-sided opening half. **Wincanton** overturned a half-time deficit to see off **Brislington** in the battle for fourth, extending their winning run to three to blast through the 50-point mark. After falling behind late in the first half, Town hit back in the 59th minute when Jamie Thompson danced his way through the visiting defence before slotting the ball into the back of the net. It remained one apiece until the dying embers of the contest, when Connor Williams was hacked down, allowing Wasp teammate Tom Jarvis to step up from the spot to fire his side ahead. It was then left to Jakob Seviour to add the finishing touches for Wincanton, firing home their third in stoppage time to hand Brislington back-to-back league defeats. The only other home side to taste victory on Saturday were **Hallen**, with their late show seeing off the challenge of **Gillingham**. Nearly 90 goalless minutes had passed before Hallen finally edged in front through Jordan Greenwood, with the home side then adding their second through Elliot Gardner during the stoppage time period.

The points were shared in Bath, where **Odd Down** came back to draw 1-1 with **Cadbury Heath** (*pictured, right*), while the clash between **Shirehampton** and **Warminster** ended in a goalless stalemate. Elsewhere, a trio of mid-table sides continued their ascendancies up the table thanks to impressive away victories. One of those is **Longwell Green Sports**, who have racked up back-to-back wins to start 2024 thanks to a one-sided 6-2 thumping of **Hengrove**. Having also both scored in last week's victory, both Matt Brown and Sonny Passco bagged goalscoring doubles in their huge away win, with Liam Oswin also getting his name on the scoresheet against the struggling Hengrove. Goals from Liam Winter, Acey Mead and Owen Sellick helped **Middlezoy** (*pictured, below*) pull away from bottom side **Bishop Sutton** in their 3-0 triumph, while **Wells City**'s Harry Warwick wrapped things up late on in the Somerset sides 3-1 defeat of **Bradford Town**. A Craig Herrod effort put City one-up at the interval, before Michael Duffy made it 2-0 early in the second half with a rocket of a finish. Jordan Pinder then struck to get the Bobcats back into the contest, only for Warwick to round things out with Wells' third and final goal of an impressive victory.



Leading Goalscorers (*Stats courtesy of FA Fulltime Website*)

Premier Division

Jared Lewington (Buckland) – 23
 Jack Thorne (Bridgwater) – 18
 Rikki Sheppard (Helston) – 15
 Ryan Richards (Torpoint) – 15
 Sam Beresford (Clevedon) – 14
 Curtis Damerell (Helston) – 13
 Phil Ormrod (Street) – 12
 Rubin Wilson (Falmouth) - 12

First Division

Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 37
 Matt Garner (Wincanton) – 21
 Liam Clayton (Cribbs Reserves) – 18
 Louis Snailham (Shirehampton) – 17
 Liam Winter (Middlezoy) - 17
 Milo Murgatroyd (Odd Down) – 16
 Joe Beardwell (Bitton) – 15

All Competitions

Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 40
 Jared Lewington (Buckland) – 27
 Jack Thorne (Bridgwater) – 24
 Matt Garner (Wincanton) – 23
 Louis Snailham (Shirehampton) – 20

Latest Results

Tuesday 9th January 2024

Premier Division

Welton Rovers	0-2	Oldland Abbotonians	75
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First Division

Keynsham Town	5-2	Hallen	73
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Radstock Town	A-A	Warminster Town	74
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Les Phillips Cup

Bitton	0-2	Wells City	
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Bradford Town	1-4	Shirehampton	
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Saturday 13th January 2024

FA Vase Fourth Round

Falmouth Town	2-0	Hartpury College	
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Farnham Town	1-2	Bridgwater United	
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North Greenford United	2-2 (5-3 pens)	Brixham AFC	
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Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	2-0	Saltash United	151
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Clevedon Town	1-2	Helston Athletic	215
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Ilfracombe Town	2-2	Shepton Mallet	70
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Millbrook	0-2	Nailsea & Tickenham	
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St Blazey	4-2	Oldland Abbotonians	140
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Street	3-0	Welton Rovers	80
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First Division

Bishop Sutton	0-3	Middlezoy Rovers	37
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Bradford Town	1-3	Wells City	103
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Cribbs Reserves	3-0	Cheddar	36
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Hallen	2-0	Gillingham Town	42
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Hengrove Athletic	2-6	Longwell Green Sports	88
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Keynsham Town	A-A	Bitton	
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Odd Down	1-1	Cadbury Heath	60
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Portishead Town	2-0	AEK Boco	160
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Shirehampton	0-0	Warminster Town	41
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Wincanton Town	3-1	Brislington	
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Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 16th January 2024

First Division

AEK Boco	vs	Bishop Sutton	19:30KO
Bitton	vs	Portishead Town	19:30KO
Longwell Green Sports	vs	Brislington	19:30KO

Les Phillips Cup

Cribbs Reserves	vs	Odd Down	19:30KO
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Wednesday 17th January 2024

First Division

Cadbury Heath	vs	Hallen	19:30KO
Warminster Town	vs	Wells City	19:45KO

Saturday 20th January 2024 (3pm kick-off unless noted)

Premier Division

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

First Division

Cheddar	vs	Portishead Town	
Gillingham Town	vs	Hallen	
Keynsham Town	vs	Cadbury Heath	
Longwell Green Sports	vs	Bristol Telephones	
Middlezoy Rovers	vs	AEK Boco	14:00KO
Odd Down	vs	Hengrove Athletic	
Radstock Town	vs	Brislington	
Wells City	vs	Bitton	
Wincanton Town	vs	Bishop Sutton	

On the podcast this week, we hear from Western League Fixtures Secretary, George McCaffery, who explains how postponements are impacting the fixture schedule, and the state of promotion and relegation this term. There is also a conversation with St Blazey's joint boss Andrew Moon, who discusses their recent win over leaders Clevedon, and touches on how the Green and Whites are continuing to evolve. Ian also catches up with Bristol Telephones manager, Josh Bruton, who explains why he wants his side to continue to go under the radar and why every game in the First Division is always competitive.

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League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Clevedon Town	21	15	3	3	27	48
2	Helston Athletic	20	15	2	3	56	47
3	Bridgwater United	20	14	1	5	30	43
4	Buckland Athletic	21	11	5	5	33	38
5	Falmouth Town	17	11	3	3	23	36
6	Barnstaple Town	17	9	7	1	24	34
7	Shepton Mallet	19	9	5	5	7	32
8	Brixham AFC	20	8	7	5	22	31
9	Torpoint Athletic	21	9	4	8	-1	31
10	Street	21	8	6	7	3	30
11	St Blazey	21	7	5	9	-7	26
12	Nailsea & Tickenham	20	8	1	11	-5	25
13	Ilfracombe Town	19	5	7	7	-2	22
14	Welton Rovers	18	3	4	11	-23	13
15	Saltash United	20	3	3	14	-19	12
16	Oldland Abbotonians	19	4	0	15	-35	12
17	Wellington	20	2	5	13	-40	11
18	Millbrook	18	1	0	17	-93	3

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Portishead Town	25	20	3	2	54	63
2	Radstock Town	27	19	3	5	38	60
3	Cribbs Reserves	28	18	4	6	32	58
4	Wincanton Town	26	16	4	6	14	52
5	Brislington	24	16	2	6	51	50
6	Bitton	24	15	4	5	27	49
7	Bradford Town	28	12	7	9	20	43
8	Bristol Telephones	26	13	4	9	-8	43
9	Wells City	23	13	2	8	14	41
10	Middlezoy Rovers	28	13	2	13	2	41
11	Longwell Green Sports	28	12	3	13	-6	39
12	AEK Boco	23	11	5	7	18	38
13	Cadbury Heath	25	11	2	12	6	35
14	Hallen	27	9	7	11	-1	34
15	Odd Down	28	10	3	15	-27	33
16	Shirehampton	27	8	5	14	-10	29
17	Warminster Town	23	7	4	12	-11	25
18	Gillingham Town	25	7	1	17	-25	22
19	Keynsham Town	25	7	1	17	-29	22
20	Hengrove Athletic	25	5	5	15	-26	20
21	Cheddar	25	4	1	20	-32	13
22	Bishop Sutton	26	0	2	24	-101	2