**Latest Round-ups:**

**Season 2023/24**

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**Premier Division:** It was a day of shocks on Saturday towards the top of the Western League, with three sides who started the day in the top six falling to defeat. That included the previously table-topping **Clevedon** who were shocked by **Saltash** on their trip to South Cornwall. It has been a thoroughly disappointing season for the Ashes, but they picked up a morale-boosting victory over the Seasiders, with Joe Preece’s goal three minutes into the second half securing all three points. That result allowed **Helston** to jump into top spot, and they took full advantage, beating **Shepton Mallet** by two goals to nil. A wind-assisted opener from Steve Colwell put the hosts in front after 20 minutes, before Dave Barker also utilised the conditions to lob the visiting keeper from long range in a result which saw Helston become the first side to reach a half-century of points this term. **Barnstaple** were another side to suffer a rare defeat, with their 2-1 loss at **St Blazey** just the second time they had ended up on the wrong end of the scoreline in their 18th match. The in-form George Newton fired St Blazey ahead after only six minutes, with a close-range finish from Jed Smale then putting the home side two goals to the good midway through the first half. Town pushed hard during the remainder of the contest, but only managed to force home a stoppage time consolation courtesy of Stu Bowker.

Fourth-placed **Buckland** were also defeated on Saturday afternoon, conceding twice in the final 15 minutes during a 2-0 loss at **Torpoint** *(pictured, left).* In what turned out to be a tight contest, Torpoint took the lead in slightly fortunate circumstances in the 76th minute with a cross-come-shot from James Rowe fooled the visiting the keeper and nestled in the back of the net. That goal was followed shortly after by a second from Ryan Richards who beat the offside trap before slotting home his 16th league goal of the campaign. Elsewhere, Luke Osgood and Harry Pruett both struck twice during **Nailsea & Tickenham’s** thumping 9-0 win over bottom-side **Millbrook**, while **Brixham** staged a late fightback to draw 2-2 with **Street**. After the Cobblers struck twice in quick succession midway through the second half, Brixham halved the deficit late on through Ben Aldous, before securing a share of the spoils thanks to Kieran Parkin’s stoppage time equaliser.

**First Division:** During the week, there was a triumvirate of hard-fought contests, with very little separating the sides. That included table-topping **Portishead**, who visited high-flying **Bitton** and left with a goalless draw. It was only the second time in which Town had drawn a blank this term, with the lack of goals mainly due to a string of fine saves from keepers Tom Creed and Ryan Thacker. It was also tight in Bristol, where an excellent goal in the final ten minutes from Jack Gore helped **AEK Boco** pip basement boys **Bishop Sutton** to a 1-0 win. Tuesday’s highest scoring encounter saw **Longwell Green** come from two-down to secure a 2-2 draw in their home clash with **Brislington**. An early screamer from Jay Malpas was followed shortly after by another goal from Oaklan Buck as Bris took a commanding lead just 23 minutes into the contest. The home side responded excellently however, and for the third consecutive game, both Matt Brown and Sonny Passco got themselves on the scoresheet, helping Longwell Green secure a share of the spoils.

Five days later, Brown and Passco were at it again for **Longwell Green**, with both getting their name on the scoresheet during a 4-1 defeat of **Bristol Telephones**. Only four games beat the weather on Saturday afternoon, and it was Brown who produced the best individual performance, plundering a hat-trick during the one-sided victory. Passco was also on target for Longwell Green who have now risen into the top half following a dominant second half against the Phones. In the day’s early kick-off, **Boco** downed **Middlezoy** by two goals to nil thanks to a pair of inspired substitutions. With a stalemate looking likely, Mickey Parsons was thrust into action for the away side and made an instant impact, heading home less than a minute after coming on to put Boco ahead. It was then left to another sub to add to Boco’s tally with Mitch Tippins making it 2-0 in the closing stages, handing Middlezoy a rare home defeat.

The other side to win on their travels were **Cadbury Heath**, with two goals in either half leading them to a 4-0 victory at **Keynsham**. The opening 45 minutes belonged to Heath frontman Zac Cheetham, and having broken the deadlock in the 30th minute, he then struck again just prior to half-time to put the visitors two-up. A long-ranger from Dan Winstone made it 3-0, before star man Josh Haynes followed up his two assists with a late goal of his own to complete the scoring five minutes from time. Elsewhere, **Wells City** defeated **Bitton** 2-1 to follow up their recent Les Phillips Cup victory over the same opponent. The hosts struggled during the opening stages and fell behind after quarter of an hour following a strong finish from George Lloyd. That goal seemed to kick Wells into action, and after Charlie Moon curled home for one apiece, recent addition Steve Murray then headed home in the 32nd minute to score what turned out to be the winner.

Zac Cheetham opens the scoring for Cadbury Heath at Keynsham

**Latest Results**

**Tuesday 16th January 2024**

**First Division**

AEK Boco 1-0 Bishop Sutton 35

Bitton 0-0 Portishead Town 68

Longwell Green Sports 2-2 Brislington 94

**Saturday 20th January 2024**

**Premier Division**

Bridgwater United P-P Ilfracombe Town

Brixham AFC 2-2 Street

Helston Athletic 2-0 Shepton Mallet 135

Nailsea & Tickenham 9-0 Millbrook 47

Saltash United 1-0 Clevedon Town

St Blazey 2-1 Barnstaple Town 150

Torpoint Athletic 2-0 Buckland Athletic 165

Wellington P-P Oldland Abbotonians

Welton Rovers P-P Falmouth Town

**First Division**

Cheddar P-P Portishead Town

Gillingham Town P-P Hallen

Keynsham Town 0-4 Cadbury Heath 95

Longwell Green Sports 4-1 Bristol Telephones 178

Middlezoy Rovers 0-2 AEK Boco 75

Odd Down P-P Hengrove Athletic

Radstock Town P-P Brislington

Wells City 2-1 Bitton 105

Wincanton Town P-P Bishop Sutton

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

**First Division**

**Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 37**

**Matt Garner (Wincanton) – 21**

**Liam Clayton (Cribbs Reserves) – 18**

**Liam Winter (Middlezoy) - 18**

**Louis Snailham (Shirehampton) – 17**

**Milo Murgatroyd (Odd Down) – 16**

**Premier Division**

**Jared Lewington (Buckland) – 23**

**Jack Thorne (Bridgwater) – 18**

**Ryan Richards (Torpoint) – 16**

**Rikki Sheppard (Helston) – 15**

**Phil Ormrod (Street) - 15**

**Sam Beresford (Clevedon) – 14**

**All Competitions**

**Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 40**

**Jared Lewington (Buckland) – 27**

**Jack Thorne (Bridgwater) – 24**

**Matt Garner (Wincanton) – 23**

**Louis Snailham (Shirehampton) – 20**

**Upcoming Fixtures**

**Tuesday 23rd January 2024**

**Premier Division**

Street vs Wellington 19:30KO

**First Division**

Bishop Sutton vs Wells City 19:30KO

Brislington vs Portishead Town 19:30KO

**Les Phillips Cup**

Bridgwater United vs Barnstaple Town 19:45KO

**Wednesday 24th January 2024**

**Premier Division**

Oldland Abbotonians vs Shepton Mallet 19:45KO

**First Division**

Warminster Town vs Gillingham Town 19:45KO

**Les Phillips Cup**

Cribbs Reserves vs Odd Down 19:30KO

**Saturday 27th January 2024 (3pm kick-off unless noted)**

**Premier Division**

Buckland Athletic vs Helston Athletic

Falmouth Town vs Welton Rovers

Ilfracombe Town vs St Blazey

Nailsea & Tickenham vs Shepton Mallet

Oldland Abbotonians vs Bridgwater United

Saltash United vs Brixham AFC

Torpoint Athletic vs Barnstaple Town

Wellington vs Clevedon Town

**First Division**

Bishop Sutton vs Brislington

Bitton vs Radstock Town

Bristol Telephones vs Portishead Town 14:00KO

Gillingham Town vs Cheddar

Hengrove Athletic vs Middlezoy Rovers

Keynsham Town vs Warminster Town

Odd Down vs Wincanton Town

Shirehampton vs Bradford Town

Wells City vs Cadbury Heath



**On the latest podcast, we hear from Bridgwater boss, Andy Llewellyn, who recaps his sides dramatic FA Vase victory over Farnham Town.**

**Ian then catches up with Warminster Town manager, Rob Nash, who talks about the development of his young side, and why his focus is on consistency during the second half of the campaign.**

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**League Tables**

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|  | PREMIER DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Helston Athletic** | 21 | 16 | 2 | 3 | 58 | **50** |
| 2 | **Clevedon Town** | 22 | 15 | 3 | 4 | 26 | **48** |
| 3 | **Bridgwater United** | 20 | 14 | 1 | 5 | 30 | **43** |
| 4 | **Buckland Athletic** | 22 | 11 | 5 | 6 | 31 | **38** |
| 5 | **Falmouth Town** | 17 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 23 | **36** |
| 6 | **Barnstaple Town** | 18 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 23 | **34** |
| 7 | **Torpoint Athletic** | 22 | 10 | 4 | 8 | 1 | **34** |
| 8 | **Brixham AFC** | 21 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 22 | **32** |
| 9 | **Shepton Mallet** | 20 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 5 | **32** |
| 10 | **Street** | 22 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 3 | **31** |
| 11 | **St Blazey** | 22 | 8 | 5 | 9 | -6 | **29** |
| 12 | **Nailsea & Tickenham** | 21 | 9 | 1 | 11 | 4 | **28** |
| 13 | **Ilfracombe Town** | 19 | 5 | 7 | 7 | -2 | **22** |
| 14 | **Saltash United** | 21 | 4 | 3 | 14 | -18 | **15** |
| 15 | **Welton Rovers** | 18 | 3 | 4 | 11 | -23 | **13** |
| 16 | **Oldland Abbotonians** | 19 | 4 | 0 | 15 | -35 | **12** |
| 17 | **Wellington** | 20 | 2 | 5 | 13 | -40 | **11** |
| 18 | **Millbrook** | 19 | 1 | 0 | 18 | -102 | **3** |

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|  | FIRST DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Portishead Town** | 26 | 20 | 4 | 2 | 54 | **64** |
| 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** | 25 | 16 | 3 | 6 | 51 | **51** |
| 6 | **Bitton** | 26 | 15 | 5 | 6 | 26 | **50** |
| 7 | **AEK Boco** | 25 | 13 | 5 | 7 | 21 | **44** |
| 8 | **Wells City** | 24 | 14 | 2 | 8 | 15 | **44** |
| 9 | **Bradford Town** | 28 | 12 | 7 | 9 | 20 | **43** |
| 10 | **Longwell Green Sports** | 30 | 13 | 4 | 13 | -3 | **43** |
| 11 | **Bristol Telephones** | 27 | 13 | 4 | 10 | -11 | **43** |
| 12 | **Middlezoy Rovers** | 29 | 13 | 2 | 14 | 0 | **41** |
| 13 | **Cadbury Heath** | 26 | 12 | 2 | 12 | 10 | **38** |
| 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** | 26 | 7 | 1 | 18 | -33 | **22** |
| 20 | **Hengrove Athletic** | 25 | 5 | 5 | 15 | -26 | **20** |
| 21 | **Cheddar** | 25 | 4 | 1 | 20 | -32 | **13** |
| 22 | **Bishop Sutton**  | 27 | 0 | 2 | 25 | -102 | **2** |