



Latest Round-ups:

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 Seaside, 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 Pruettt 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



Zac Cheetham opens the scoring for Cadbury Heath at Keynsham

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.

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)*

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

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

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

	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

	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