#### **Latest Round-ups:**

<u>FA Vase</u>: Bridgwater were unable to join Falmouth in the quarter-finals of the Vase after falling to a penalty shootout defeat against <u>Deal Town</u>. United made the worst possible start, falling behind inside the opening minute when Tom Chapman scored from well outside the area to put the visitors in front. The Kent side then doubled their advantage in the 20<sup>th</sup> minute when Chapman turned provider for teammate Rory Smith who finished well for 2-0. Bridgy used the half-time break to regroup, and came out strongly at the beginning of the second period with Ben Griffiths halving the deficit. Deal were then reduced to ten men on the hour mark, and Bridgwater didn't take long to utilise that advantage with Jack Thorne drawing the hosts level. It looked like the turnaround was complete when Jack Taylor made it 3-2 shortly after the leveller, but the linesman had spotted an offside and the goal was ruled out. That sent the game to penalties, with Deal winning a dramatic shootout 6-5 and booking their spot in the last eight.

<u>Premier Division</u>: With game falling by the wayside once again, just three went ahead on Saturday afternoon, and they produced a trio of away wins. One of those were secured by the league's bottom side **Millbrook** who grabbed just their second three points of the season thanks to a late 3-2 victory at **Street**. The Cobblers had been in relatively good form coming into the game, but they trailed at the interval courtesy of an own goal. The hosts were much stronger after the interval, but they came unstuck in the final ten minutes, with both Will Sullivan and substitute Adam Beardsmore firing home to lead Millbrook to a memorable win. At the opposite end of the table, **Buckland** gained ground on the top two thanks to a comeback

win away at Wellington (pictured, right). Having fallen behind to Josh Lukins early long-ranger, the Bucks hit back shortly after through Rob Farkins. It was the away side who then pushed on after the break, with leading scorer Jared Lewington adding another goal to his tally to make it 2-1, before Teigan Rosenquest pushed the lead out further in the closing moments thanks to a calm finish from just inside the box.



To complete the set of away victories, **Shepton Mallet** extended their strong run of results with a 3-0 win at **Welton Rovers**. The sides were level for the majority of the first half, before Mallet took control of the contest with a pair of quickfire strikes from Cam Allen and Will Banks. A tough afternoon got tougher for Welton who found themselves reduced to nine men on the hour mark, with Mallet finally making the man advantage count in stoppage time when Matt Morris scored at the far post to complete the scoring.

<u>First Division</u>: Earlier in the week, **Bitton** claimed a 3-2 win away at **Keynsham** thanks to a star performance from Toby Cole. After falling behind to an early Brandon Oputeri goal, Bitton stormed back behind Cole's strong showing which saw him score twice, while also laying on the assist for Jacob Saunders who scored the visitor's third. Joe Davis then struck 20 minutes from time to give Keynsham hope of a late comeback, but Bitton managed to hold on to end their six-match winless run.

Saturday saw five games avoid postponement, with Cadbury Heath among the winners following their 3-1 triumph at home to **Middlezoy**. The hosts made a fast start with Harry Goldspink breaking the deadlock after only 56 seconds, before Josh Haynes made it 2-0 inside quarter of an hour thanks to a long-range rocket. Rovers got themselves back into the game early in the second half, but the Heath finally wrapped things up five minutes from time courtesy of Zac Cheetham. In the day's early kickoff, league leaders Portishead clawed back a point in their home clash with Longwell Green Sports. Following a goalless opening half, Longwell Green forged ahead shortly after the restart with Sonny Passco finding the back of the net. Having suffered defeat in their previous outing, Portishead were under pressure not to repeat the trick, and managed to grab a share of the spoils when Callum Eastwood headed home Kyle Egan's pin-point cross. Cribbs Reserves capitalised on Town's slip-up, moving within four points of top spot following a 3-0 win at home to Warminster. Having beaten the same opponent 3-1 earlier in the campaign, Cribbs completed the double thanks to goals from Tom Headford, Aaron Coleman and Jack Guthrie. Wells became the eighth side to reach the 50point mark this season, after goals from Joe Morgan and Harry Warwick led them to a 2-0 win at home to Hengrove. 2-0 was also the result at Lakeview, where bottom side Bishop Sutton fell to defeat at home to Odd Down. In an even contest, two goals at the end of the first half proved to be the difference, with Alfie Andrews and Raphael Waugh both finishing well.



#### **Seasiders Support Mind in Somerset**

**Clevedon Town** was the destination for the latest leg of the <u>Toolstation</u> Western League partnership with **Mind in Somerset**.

Ian Nockolds was joined at the Everyone Active Stadium by Alison Baker, Corporate Partnership Co-Ordinator at Mind in Somerset. The duo met with fans and club officials to discuss the League's campaign to promote mental wellbeing which has seen 18 clubs visited to date.

The matchday programme carried an advertisement promoting the support services, and a bucket collection was carried out around the ground to raise money for Mind.

#### **Latest Results**

## Tuesday 13th February 2024

First Division

Keynsham Town	2-3	Bitton	78

## Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024

#### FA Vase

171 Tube			
Bridgwater United	2-2 (5-6 Pens)	Deal Town	
Premier Division			
Falmouth Town	P-P	Ilfracombe Town	
Oldland Abbotonians	P-P	Torpoint Athletic	
Saltash United	P-P	Barnstaple Town	
St Blazey	P-P	Brixham	
Street	2-3	Millbrook	84
Wellington	1-3	Buckland Athletic	151
Welton Rovers	0-3	Shepton Mallet	170
First Division			
AEK Boco	P-P	Radstock Town	
Bishop Sutton	0-2	Odd Down	39
Bristol Telephones	P-P	Keynsham Town	
Cadbury Heath	3-1	Middlezoy Rovers	42
Cheddar	P-P	Shirehampton	
Cribbs Reserves	3-0	Warminster Town	29
Gillingham Town	P-P	Wincanton Town	
Portishead Town	1-1	Longwell Green Sports	
Wells City	2-0	Hengrove Athletic	

On the podcast this week, we have a Press Box special, where Ian and Tom are joined by Ross Reid from South West Sports News, and Josh Thomas, formerly a sports reporter for the Weston Mercury and North Somerset Times.

The group discuss Falmouth's success in the Vase, as well as reflecting on the title and play off races in both the Premier and First Division's. http://toolstationleague.com/season-2023-24-podcast-episode-28/



#### Leading Goalscorers (<u>Stats courtesy of FA Fulltime Website</u>)

### **Premier Division**

Jared Lewington (Buckland) – 27
Jack Thorne (Bridgwater) – 20
Phil Ormrod (Street) - 16
Ryan Richards (Torpoint) – 16
Rikki Sheppard (Helston) – 16
Sam Beresford (Clevedon) – 15

#### **All Competitions**

Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 42
Jared Lewington (Buckland) – 31
Matt Garner (Wincanton) – 27
Jack Thorne (Bridgwater) – 27
Liam Clayton (Cribbs Reserves) - 21
Louis Snailham (Shirehampton) – 21
Liam Winter (Middlezoy) - 21

#### First Division

Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 39
Matt Garner (Wincanton) – 25
Liam Winter (Middlezoy) - 21
Liam Clayton (Cribbs Reserves) – 18
Louis Snailham (Shirehampton) – 17
Milo Murgatroyd (Odd Down) – 16

# **Upcoming Fixtures**

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Bridgwater United	VS	Barnstaple Town	19:45KO
Nailsea & Tickenham	VS	Welton Rovers	19:30KO
Torpoint Athletic	VS	Falmouth Town	19:30KO
First Division			
Bishop Sutton	VS	Hengrove Athletic	19:30KO
Bitton	VS	AEK Boco	19:30KO
Brislington	VS	Shirehampton	19:30KO
Hallen	VS	Cheddar	19:30KO
Radstock Town	VS	Gillingham Town	19:45KO
Wells City	VS	Warminster Town	19:30KO

### Wednesday 21st February 2024

**Premier Division** 

Wellington vs Oldland Abbotonians 19:45KO

First Division

Cadbury Heath vs Cribbs Reserves 19:30KO

# Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (3pm kick-off unless noted)

# **Premier Division**

Bridgwater United	VS	Millbrook
Helston Athletic	VS	Clevedon Town
Ilfracombe Town	VS	Street
Nailsea & Tickenham	VS	Torpoint Athletic
Oldland Abbotonians	VS	Brixham
Saltash United	VS	Welton Rovers
Shepton Mallet	VS	Barnstaple Town
Wellington	VS	Falmouth Town
First Division		
AEK Boco	VS	Wells City
Bishop Sutton	VS	Longwell Green Sports
Brislington	VS	Warminster Town
Bristol Telephones	VS	Bradford Town
Cheddar	VS	Cadbury Heath
Gillingham Town	VS	Cribbs Reserves
Middlezoy Rovers	VS	Keynsham Town
Odd Down	VS	Bitton
Portishead Town	VS	Hallen
Radstock Town	VS	Hengrove Athletic
Wincanton Town	VS	Shirehampton

# **League Tables**

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Helston Athletic	23	18	2	3	62	56
2	Clevedon Town	25	17	4	4	37	55
3	Buckland Athletic	26	14	5	7	33	47
4	Bridgwater United	22	15	1	6	35	46
5	Falmouth Town	21	14	3	4	32	45
6	Shepton Mallet	24	12	6	6	11	42
7	Barnstaple Town	20	11	7	2	26	40
8	Brixham AFC	23	9	8	6	22	35
9	Street	25	9	7	9	2	34
10	Torpoint Athletic	24	10	4	10	-2	34
11	St Blazey	25	9	5	11	-5	32
12	Nailsea & Tickenham	23	9	1	13	0	28
13	Ilfracombe Town	22	6	7	9	-5	25
14	Saltash United	23	4	3	16	-22	15
15	Oldland Abbotonians	21	5	0	16	-39	15
16	Welton Rovers	21	3	5	13	-32	14
17	Wellington	24	2	8	14	-42	14
18	Millbrook	22	2	0	20	-113	6

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Portishead Town	29	21	5	3	57	68
2	Radstock Town	29	20	4	5	40	64
3	Cribbs Reserves	30	20	4	6	37	64
4	Wincanton Town	30	19	4	7	20	61
5	Brislington	27	18	3	6	61	57
6	Bitton	29	16	7	6	27	55
7	AEK Boco	28	15	5	8	22	50
8	Wells City	27	16	2	9	17	50
9	Middlezoy Rovers	32	15	2	15	2	47
10	Longwell Green Sports	33	14	5	14	-4	47
11	Bradford Town	30	13	7	10	19	46
12	Bristol Telephones	29	14	4	11	-10	46
13	Cadbury Heath	30	13	3	14	8	42
14	Hallen	28	10	7	11	0	37
15	Odd Down	31	11	4	16	-30	37
16	Shirehampton	29	8	6	15	-11	30
17	Keynsham Town	31	9	2	20	-26	29
18	Warminster Town	28	7	6	15	-17	27
19	Gillingham Town	28	8	2	18	-25	26
20	Hengrove Athletic	28	6	5	17	-30	23
21	Cheddar	27	4	1	22	-34	13
22	Bishop Sutton	31	0	2	29	-123	2