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**Season 2023/24**

**Midweek Action:** On a busy Tuesday evening, **Falmouth’s**late fightback at**Torpoint** helped them move within touching distance of the top two in the Premier Division. Due to their cup heroics, Town have accrued games in hand over many of their title rivals, and looked as though they were destined to drop points on their visit to The Mill. Having fallen behind in the 15th minute to Paul Heveran’s opener, Falmouth hit back through Brad Leivers to make it one apiece. That was how the game stayed for much of the night before a late flourish from the visitors saw Rubin Wilson’s header and an Oscar Massey penalty turn the tide in their favour to allow them to pick up maximum points. In the other game that night, Jared Ford’s double helped **Nailsea & Tickenham**secure a 3-0 win at home to **Welton Rovers.**There was also a big result atop the First Division, with **Radstock** beating**Gillingham** 2-0 to maintain their title charge. Following a goalless opening half, Adey Harvey and Jacob Reader both found the back of the net during the second period to lead the Miners to victory at Southfields. **Bitton**moved back into the top five after Ash McGrane’s 68th minute effort helped them see off ten-man **Boco**in Gloucestershire. **Wells City**racked up their fifth consecutive victory on home soil, with four different goalscorers helping them ease past**Warminster**. After both Joe Morgan and Harry Warwick had struck in back-to-back games to make it 2-0, a strong left-footed finish from Steve Murray stretched the lead out further before Tom Ovigne added the finishing touches. There was late drama at **Hallen**, with an injury time winner from Luke Banfield helping the home side defeat**Cheddar**2-1. A stunning free-kick from Cory Thomas-Barker had given Hallen an early lead before they were pegged back on the hour following a debut goal from Cheddar’s Joe Carter. The game then reached stoppage time with the game still level, before Banfield slotted home to snatch all three points for Hallen, helping to extend their winning run in the league to three matches. 2-1 was also the winning margin for **Hengrove**, with goals from Connor Kingdon & Pete Sheppard leading them to victory away at **Bishop Sutton**.

**On the latest podcast, we hear from the Western Leagues new General Secretary, Jen Gregory who joins Ian for an in-depth conversation. Buckland Athletic boss, Dan Hart, also joins the show to explain why he is targeting a playoff place, and touches on why the Homers Heath faithful can be so important to his sides big finish. The First Division interview this week is with Odd Down manager, Jason Maggs, who reflects on their difficult campaign, but looks ahead to a better future, making the case for why the Bath outfit should be looking up, and not Down.**

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**Weekend Action:** The weather was a huge deterrent again on Friday heading into Saturday, leaving a heavily reduced schedule which saw just five games take place. The lone Premier Division contest was a top-half meeting between **Shepton Mallet** and **Barnstaple**, with the Devon side taking home the points following a 1-0 win. Town were afforded a golden opportunity to go ahead in first half stoppage time when they earned a penalty, but home keeper Sam Jepson was able to save the spot kick to keep the game goalless. The visitors weren’t deterred by that miss however, and 12 minutes after the interval they scored what turned out to be the decisive goal, with Jamie Hearsey scoring from just inside the area. It was a busier afternoon of action in the First Division where **Radstock** have moved into top spot following a slender 1-0 win at home to **Hengrove**. The Miners have haven’t tasted defeat since late November, and that run has seen them rise to the league’s summit, with a first half strike from Jacob Reader handing them their latest three-point haul. Another side who have been winning more often that not recently are **Wincanton**, and they left it late again before beating **Shirehampton** 2-1 on Saturday afternoon. After going ahead in the 11th minute through Jakob Seviour, Town were pegged back shortly after when Louis Snailham headed the visitors level. Having beaten Portishead in stoppage time recently, Wincanton repeated the trick with Matt Garner’s towering header securing maximum points at the death. The biggest risers of the day were **Bristol Telephones** who now sit ninth in the table following an impressive 1-0 win at home to **Bradford Town**. It was Craig Wilson who was the Phones matchwinner ain Whitchurch, with his first half strike making it three wins on the spin in all competitions for the home side. In Bath, hosts **Odd Down** battled back to grab a point in their home clash with **Bitton** to extend their short unbeaten run. Having seen Bitton leading scorer Joe Beardwell break the deadlock on the half hour, the home side secured a share of the spoils courtesy of an impressive strike from Abdoulaye Ndiaye.

**Latest Results**

**Tuesday 20th February 2024**

**Premier Division**

Nailsea & Tickenham 3-0 Welton Rovers 48

Torpoint Athletic 1-3 Falmouth Town 163

**First Division**

Bishop Sutton 1-2 Hengrove Athletic 71

Bitton 1-0 AEK Boco 123

Hallen 2-1 Cheddar 54

Radstock Town 2-0 Gillingham Town 72

Wells City 4-0 Warminster Town 54

**Saturday 24th February 2024**

**Premier Division**

Shepton Mallet 0-1 Barnstaple Town 220

**First Division**

Bristol Telephones 1-0 Bradford Town 60

Odd Down 1-1 Bitton 46

Radstock Town 1-0 Hengrove Athletic 87

Wincanton Town 2-1 Shirehampton 144

**Upcoming Fixtures**

**Tuesday 27th February 2024**

**Premier Division**

Falmouth Town vs Buckland Athletic 19:45KO

Saltash United vs Millbrook 19:30KO

**First Division**

AEK Boco vs Bradford Town 19:30KO

Cadbury Heath vs Hallen 19:30KO

Cheddar vs Bitton 19:45KO

Gillingham Town vs Wincanton Town 19:30KO

Hengrove Athletic vs Cribbs Reserves 19:30KO

Radstock Town vs Brislington 19:45KO

**Wednesday 28th February 2024**

**Premier Division**

Street vs Wellington 19:30KO

**First Division**

Shirehampton vs Portishead Town 19:30KO

Warminster Town vs Wells City 19:45KO

**Friday 1st March 2024**

**First Division**

Cadbury Heath vs AEK Boco 19:30KO

**Saturday 2nd March 2024 (3pm kick-off unless noted)**

**Premier Division**

Brixham vs Bridgwater United

Oldland Abbotonians vs Millbrook

St Blazey vs Torpoint Athletic

Street vs Falmouth Town

Wellington vs Saltash United

Welton Rovers vs Ilfracombe Town

**First Division**

Bishop Sutton vs Bitton

Bradford Town vs Gillingham Town

Hallen vs Radstock Town

Hengrove Athletic vs Portishead Town

Keynsham Town vs Wincanton Town

Warminster Town vs Cheddar

Wells City vs Bristol Telephones

**Les Phillips Cup Semi Finals**

Barnstaple Town vs Helston Athletic

Shepton Mallet vs Shirehampton

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

**Premier Division**

**Jared Lewington (Buckland) – 27**

**Jack Thorne (Bridgwater) – 20**

**Phil Ormrod (Street) - 17**

**Ryan Richards (Torpoint) – 16**

**Rikki Sheppard (Helston) – 16**

**Sam Beresford (Clevedon) – 15**

**Rubin Wilson (Falmouth) – 15**

**Oscar Massey (Falmouth) - 15**

**First Division**

**Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 39**

**Matt Garner (Wincanton) – 26**

**Liam Winter (Middlezoy) - 21**

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

**Louis Snailham (Shirehampton) – 18**

**Milo Murgatroyd (Odd Down) – 16**

**Harry Warwick (Wells) – 16**

**All Competitions**

**Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 42**

**Jared Lewington (Buckland) – 32**

**Matt Garner (Wincanton) – 28**

**Jack Thorne (Bridgwater) – 26**

**Louis Snailham (Shirehampton) – 22**

**Liam Clayton (Cribbs Reserves) - 21**

**Liam Winter (Middlezoy) – 21**

**Harry Warwick (Wells) – 21**

**League Tables**

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|  | 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 | **Falmouth Town** | 22 | 15 | 3 | 4 | 34 | **48** |
| 4 | **Buckland Athletic** | 26 | 14 | 5 | 7 | 33 | **47** |
| 5 | **Bridgwater United** | 22 | 15 | 1 | 6 | 35 | **46** |
| 6 | **Barnstaple Town** | 21 | 12 | 7 | 2 | 27 | **43** |
| 7 | **Shepton Mallet** | 25 | 12 | 6 | 7 | 10 | **42** |
| 8 | **Brixham AFC** | 23 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 22 | **35** |
| 9 | **Street** | 25 | 9 | 7 | 9 | 2 | **34** |
| 10 | **Torpoint Athletic** | 25 | 10 | 4 | 11 | -4 | **34** |
| 11 | **St Blazey** | 25 | 9 | 5 | 11 | -5 | **32** |
| 12 | **Nailsea & Tickenham** | 24 | 10 | 1 | 13 | 3 | **31** |
| 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** | 22 | 3 | 5 | 14 | -35 | **14** |
| 17 | **Wellington** | 24 | 2 | 8 | 14 | -42 | **14** |
| 18 | **Millbrook** | 22 | 2 | 0 | 20 | -113 | **6** |

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|  | FIRST DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Radstock Town** | 31 | 22 | 4 | 5 | 43 | **70** |
| 2 | **Portishead Town** | 29 | 21 | 5 | 3 | 57 | **68** |
| 3 | **Cribbs Reserves** | 30 | 20 | 4 | 6 | 37 | **64** |
| 4 | **Wincanton Town** | 31 | 20 | 4 | 7 | 21 | **64** |
| 5 | **Bitton** | 31 | 17 | 8 | 6 | 28 | **59** |
| 6 | **Brislington** | 27 | 18 | 3 | 6 | 61 | **57** |
| 7 | **Wells City** | 28 | 17 | 2 | 9 | 21 | **53** |
| 8 | **AEK Boco** | 29 | 15 | 5 | 9 | 21 | **50** |
| 9 | **Bristol Telephones** | 30 | 15 | 4 | 11 | -9 | **49** |
| 10 | **Middlezoy Rovers** | 32 | 15 | 2 | 15 | 2 | **47** |
| 11 | **Longwell Green Sports** | 33 | 14 | 5 | 14 | -4 | **47** |
| 12 | **Bradford Town** | 31 | 13 | 7 | 11 | 18 | **46** |
| 13 | **Cadbury Heath** | 30 | 13 | 3 | 14 | 8 | **42** |
| 14 | **Hallen** | 29 | 11 | 7 | 11 | 1 | **40** |
| 15 | **Odd Down** | 32 | 11 | 5 | 16 | -30 | **38** |
| 16 | **Shirehampton** | 30 | 8 | 6 | 16 | -12 | **30** |
| 17 | **Keynsham Town** | 31 | 9 | 2 | 20 | -26 | **29** |
| 18 | **Warminster Town** | 29 | 7 | 6 | 16 | -21 | **27** |
| 19 | **Gillingham Town** | 29 | 8 | 2 | 19 | -27 | **26** |
| 20 | **Hengrove Athletic** | 30 | 7 | 5 | 18 | -30 | **26** |
| 21 | **Cheddar** | 28 | 4 | 1 | 23 | -35 | **13** |
| 22 | **Bishop Sutton** | 32 | 0 | 2 | 30 | -124 | **2** |