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**Season 2023/24**

**Midweek Action:** Third beat fourth on Tuesday evening in the big match towards the top of the Premier Division, with FA Vase quarter-finalists **Falmouth** capturing their fifth consecutive victory. Hosting the free-scoring **Buckland Athletic**, Falmouth managed to keep their opponents at bay during a 2-0 win which has helped them keep pace with the top-two. It was Cam Hutchinson who proved to be the hero for the home side, with his goalscoring double giving the impressive Bickland Park crowd plenty to cheer about. In the other game that evening, **Saltash**gained revenge over Cornish rivals**Millbrook**, completing a 3-0 win at the Kimberley Stadium. A fast start from the Ashes saw Tyler Love-Holmes and then man-of-the-match Joe Preece both score in the opening 20 minutes to put them in control. The third came late in the second half, with Ed Goodman striking to help United overturn the 2-1 defeat they suffered against the same opponent just prior to Christmas. There was also a trio of First Division contests to survive pitch inspections on Tuesday, and **Cadbury Heath’s**fans were rewarded royally with a 4-1 home defeat of**Hallen**. A dominant opening half from the hosts saw a Brandon Dack double put them two-up, before Josh Williams struck just before the interval to make it 3-0. Hallen’s Luke Banfield threatened to lead a fightback when he trimmed the deficit early in the second half, before the Heath put the game to bed during the closing stages with Zac Cheetham reprising his role as a super-sub when he added their fourth. The remaining games both ended all-square, with **Bradford** rescuing a point in their 2-2 draw away at mid-table rivals **Boco**. After Luke Bryan had handed the home side an early advantage, both teams then benefitted from an own goal meaning Boco led 2-1 at the interval. The Bobcats have suffered a disappointing run of results since the turn of the year, but they battled hard to gain a point, with Ben Wickens firing home 20 minutes from time on the day he brought up his half-century of appearances for the club. At the AVB Stadium, **Cribbs Reserves**missed out on the opportunity to move within three points of top spot after being held to a goalless draw by 19th placed**Hengrove**.

**On the podcast this week, Ian catches up with Western League Fixture Secretary, George McCaffery, who provides an update on the impact the weather has had on the fixture list. Shepton Mallet Chairman (and Groundsman!), Rodney Neale, explains how he managed to get their game to go ahead last weekend, and Wincanton Town boss, Chris Wise, joins the show to talk about his sides excellent form, their ambition, and reveals who he believes to be the best team in the First Division!**

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**Weekend Action:** Unfortunately, it was another quiet Saturday of action with only two matches beating the weather. In the Premier Division, there was a hard-fought 1-0 victory for **Bridgwater** away at **Brixham** to help re-ignite their title push. The only goal of the game came five minutes before the interval, with Morgan Williams stroking home, bringing an end to Bridgwater’s run of four matches without a win in four different competitions. Elsewhere, **Shepton Mallet** qualified for the Les Phillips Cup final for the second consecutive thanks to a storming 6-1 win over **Shirehampton**. A sixth minute effort from Josh Jenkins set the hosts on their way, with Joel Sisson then making it 2-0 on the cusp of half-time. A second Jenkins goal early in the second half put Mallet three goals to the good, before Shirehampton reduced the arrears with their only goal just after the hour mark. Harry Rutty finished the game with a flourish, scoring twice in the final 20 minutes, either side of a Jacob Sloggett strike as Mallet earned the opportunity to reverse last season’s final defeat.

**Latest Results**

**Tuesday 27th February 2024**

**Premier Division**

Falmouth Town 2-0 Buckland Athletic 295

Saltash United 3-0 Millbrook 166

**First Division**

AEK Boco 2-2 Bradford Town 49

Cadbury Heath 4-1 Hallen 42

Hengrove Athletic 0-0 Cribbs Reserves 48

**Saturday 2nd March 2024**

**Premier Division**

Brixham 0-1 Bridgwater United 157

**Les Phillips Cup Semi Final**

Shepton Mallet 6-1 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**

**Rubin Wilson (Falmouth) – 16**

**Oscar Massey (Falmouth) – 16**

**Sam Beresford (Clevedon) – 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**

**Joe Beardwell (Bitton) - 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**

**Upcoming Fixtures**

**Tuesday 5th March 2024**

**Premier Division**

Barnstaple Town vs Welton Rovers 19:45KO

Falmouth Town vs Ilfracombe Town 19:45KO

**First Division**

AEK Boco vs Gillingham Town 19:30KO

Bitton vs Cheddar 19:30KO

Brislington vs Portishead Town 19:30KO

Hallen vs Hengrove Athletic 19:30KO

Radstock Town vs Warminster Town 19:45KO

**Wednesday 6th March 2024**

**Premier Division**

Oldland Abbotonians vs Nailsea & Tickenham 19:45KO

St Blazey vs Brixham AFC 19:45KO

**First Division**

Cribbs Reserves vs Odd Down 19:30KO

**Saturday 9th March 2024 (3pm kick-off unless noted)**

**Premier Division**

Buckland Athletic vs Nailsea & Tickenham

Clevedon Town vs Barnstaple Town

Millbrook vs Ilfracombe Town

Oldland Abbotonians vs Brixham

Shepton Mallet vs St Blazey

Street vs Helston Athletic

Torpoint Athletic vs Saltash United

Welton Rovers vs Bridgwater United

**First Division**

AEK Boco vs Cheddar

Bitton vs Keynsham Town

Brislington vs Bradford Town

Bristol Telephones vs Longwell Green Sports

Cribbs Reserves vs Wells City

Hallen vs Cadbury Heath

Middlezoy Rovers vs Warminster Town

Odd Down vs Portishead Town

Radstock Town vs Bishop Sutton

Shirehampton vs Gillingham Town

Wincanton Town vs Hengrove Athletic

**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** | 23 | 16 | 3 | 4 | 36 | **51** |
| 4 | **Bridgwater United** | 23 | 16 | 1 | 6 | 36 | **49** |
| 5 | **Buckland Athletic** | 27 | 14 | 5 | 8 | 31 | **47** |
| 6 | **Barnstaple Town** | 21 | 12 | 7 | 2 | 27 | **43** |
| 7 | **Shepton Mallet** | 25 | 12 | 6 | 7 | 10 | **42** |
| 8 | **Brixham AFC** | 24 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 21 | **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** | 24 | 5 | 3 | 16 | -19 | **18** |
| 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** | 23 | 2 | 0 | 21 | -116 | **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** | 31 | 20 | 5 | 6 | 37 | **65** |
| 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** | 30 | 15 | 6 | 9 | 21 | **51** |
| 9 | **Bristol Telephones** | 30 | 15 | 4 | 11 | -9 | **49** |
| 10 | **Bradford Town** | 32 | 13 | 8 | 11 | 18 | **47** |
| 11 | **Middlezoy Rovers** | 32 | 15 | 2 | 15 | 2 | **47** |
| 12 | **Longwell Green Sports** | 33 | 14 | 5 | 14 | -4 | **47** |
| 13 | **Cadbury Heath** | 31 | 14 | 3 | 14 | 11 | **45** |
| 14 | **Hallen** | 30 | 11 | 7 | 12 | -2 | **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 | **Hengrove Athletic** | 31 | 7 | 6 | 18 | -30 | **27** |
| 20 | **Gillingham Town** | 29 | 8 | 2 | 19 | -27 | **26** |
| 21 | **Cheddar** | 28 | 4 | 1 | 23 | -35 | **13** |
| 22 | **Bishop Sutton** | 32 | 0 | 2 | 30 | -124 | **2** |