

Latest Round-ups:

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-thematch 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, lan 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!





Weekend Action: Unfortunately, it was another quiet Saturday of action with only two matches beating the weather. In the <u>Premier Division</u>, 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 <u>Les Phillips Cup</u> 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 **Buckland Athletic** 295 2-0 Saltash United 3-0 Millbrook 166 First Division Bradford Town 49 **AEK Boco** 2-2 42 Cadbury Heath 4-1 Hallen Hengrove Athletic Cribbs Reserves 0-0 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

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

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

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 5th March 2024

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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			

19:30KO

<u>First Division</u>
Cribbs Reserves vs Odd Down

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

	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

	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