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**Season 2023/24**

**Midweek Action:** With teams in catch-up mode following the vast amount of recent postponements, there was a busy midweek period, where away sides went unbeaten in the seven completed fixtures. Starting on Tuesday, both Premier Division contests ended level, with leaders **Helston**letting a two-goal lead slip in their 2-2 draw at **Bridgwater**. With a big crowd in attendance for the top-four clash, the visitors made a dream start, going ahead inside the opening minute through Aaron Bentley. It then became 2-0 to Helston after 27 minutes when Bentley struck again, but Bridgwater grabbed a lifeline on the stroke of half-time, with an own goal halving the deficit. The score then remained the same for the majority of the second half, but with five minutes left on the clock, Bridgwater’s Dave Thorne managed to find the back of the net to secure a late point. The other game that night finished goalless, with **Saltash**holding**Barnstaple** to a rare blank at the Kimberley Stadium. 24 hours later, Ryan Richards made it six goals in two games, bouncing back from an early penalty miss to fire **Torpoint** to a 3-0 win away at **Oldland Abbotonians**. Having starred in his sides’ late victory on Saturday, Richards looked to pick up where he left off on Wednesday, only to miss the target with a third minute spot kick which he had earned after being fouled in the box. Fortunately for the visitors, Richards managed to make amends, slotting home four minutes into the second half to break the deadlock at the Aitchison Playing Field. The game remained tight for much of the night, but with both sides reduced to ten men, Torpoint ended the game strongly, with James Rowe and Richards scoring in the final minutes to secure the three-goal victory. Elsewhere that evening, the match between **Street** and**Wellington** was abandoned during the first half following a bad injury to visiting forward Ryan Brereton.

In the First Division, there was a clean sweep of away wins, with **Middlezoy**overturning a half-time deficit to topple **AEK Boco** 2-1 to complete the set on Wednesday night. 24 hours earlier, **Wincanton**won a seven-goal thriller away at**Gillingham** to take local bragging rights. With the sides meeting again on Good Friday, the Gills will get a shot at revenge, but this loss will have hit them hard after clawing their way back from three goals down. For Wincanton, everything looked rosy when they led 2-0 at the interval courtesy of goals from Gary Chapman and Jamie Thompson. A further goal at the beginning of the second half from Connor Williams stretched the lead out further, before the home side got back into the contest thanks to a quickfire brace from Harrison Foster. The comeback was then complete 15 minutes from time, but that left the title chasers a chance to push for a fourth goal, and a thunderbolt in added time from Wincanton’s Jamie Jordan brought the curtain down on a terrific night of action in North Dorset. Tuesday also saw Chris Pile’s second half strike edge **Wells City**past **Bristol Telephones**, while **Longwell Green Sports**romped to victory at**Bishop Sutton**, where six different goalscorers helped the Green run out 6-2 winners.

**Premier Division: Helston** have opened up a five point lead atop the division following their come-from-behind 2-1 win at **Welton Rovers**. After dropping a couple of points in midweek, the league leaders were struggling in the early stages at West Clewes, falling behind to a 16th minute effort from Joe Cattermole. It took the away side half an hour to get their first shot on target, but they certainly made it count, with Jordan Copp finding the back of the net to make it one apiece. Copp was then on hand to fire home the winner, scoring from the spot midway through the second half after Rikki Sheppard had been fouled in the area. **Falmouth** maintained their push for a top spot, beating **Nailsea & Tickenham** 1-0 to register their seventh consecutive home victory. A Jared Sims strike was all it took for Town to take home all three points, with the victors now facing a run of five away games in 15 days. **Bridgwater** got back to winning ways at **Shepton Mallet**, with a 2-0 victory helping to establish them in the top four. A couple of usual suspects did the damage for the away side, with leading scorer Jack Thorne breaking the deadlock, which was followed up on the stroke of half time by strike partner Jack Taylor. **Barnstaple** were another away side to take home maximum points, with the Devonians easing to a 4-0 victory at bottom-side **Millbrook**. Billy Tucker played a prominent role in the win, and after putting his side ahead in the 16th minute, he then turned provider for Harvey Dorothy who doubled Town’s advantage. A sweet left-footed strike just prior to half time from Matty Andrew put the game out of sight, before Brodie Montague wrapped up the scoring during a quiet second half period. **Brixham** were another side to make short work of their fixture, with Josh Parry’s brace sandwiching a Tom Mortimore effort during their 3-0 win at home to **Ilfracombe**. The other game on Saturday went the way of **Wellington**, with their 2-1 comeback win at home to **Oldland Abbotonians** giving them back-to-back league victories for the first time all season. It was Tom Blake’s second minute strike which stunned the hosts, putting the Abbots ahead early on as they looked to arrest a four-match losing streak of their own. The hosts eventually fought their way back into the contest, and after levelling through Mark Cornish, they then snatched victory late on, with Sam Towler converting an 87th minute penalty after Rohan Poulsom had been brought down inside the area.

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**WASPS SUPPORT MIND IN SOMERSET**

**Wincanton Town** played host to the latest leg of Toolstation Western League’s partnership with **Mind in Somerset**.

Ian Nockolds was joined at the Wincanton Sports Ground by Alison Baker, Corporate Partnership Co-Ordinator at Mind in Somerset, with the duo meeting people at the club to discuss the league’s campaign to promote positive mental wellbeing. [Click here to read more.](http://toolstationleague.com/wasps-support-mind-in-somerset/)

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**On the latest episode of the podcast, Torpoint Athletic boss Dean Cardew explains why he’s targeting a good run of form to finish the season to give them a boost heading into 2024/25. Ian then catches up with Wells City Chairman, Steve Loxton, who reflects on his time at the club, the reality of running a Western League side, and the ambition that he hopes will continue after he steps away from the boardroom.**

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**First Division:** In a title race which seems to be changing by the minute, **Wincanton Town** currently sit top of the pile after beating **Warminster** 4-2 on Saturday afternoon. Wasps forward Matt Garner has been on a hot-streak in front of goal recently, and that trend continued against Warminster, with his ability to get on the end of set pieces spearheading their victory. Having already headed the home side into a two-goal advantage, Garner then completed his hat-trick just prior to half time when he met Jamie Thompson’s in-swinging corner. Warminster threatened a fightback, scoring twice to heavily reduce the arrears, before Winky returned to their tried and trusted method with Garner heading home a fourth corner ten minutes from time to complete the scoring. A log-jam behind Wincanton sees three sides level on 74 points including **Cribbs Reserves** who won 3-1 away at **Middlezoy** thanks to goals from Andrew Forward, Gerlando Parrinello and Tom Headford. The other two sides met at **Portishead**, where the home side squeezed past **Radstock** by a goal to nil. Having not played each other since early August, little separated the sides then, and it was similar second time around, with only a 20th minute goal from Kyle Egan, rebounding after his own penalty miss giving Portishead the crucial three points.

A group of people on a football field

Description automatically generated It was a day of comebacks elsewhere in the division, including at **Hallen** where visitors **Wells City** struck twice in the final quarter to complete their 3-1 victory. A 20th minute penalty from Cory Thomas-Baker saw Hallen go ahead, only for Wells to hit back on the brink of half-time courtesy of Tom Ovigne. Wells had won five on the bounce heading into this game, and that winning run was extended with leading scorer Harry Warwick coming off the bench to score goals two and three in an impressive road win. **Shirehampton** were another side who trailed in the opening few minutes before finishing the game strongly to defeat **AEK Boco** 4-2 at The Creek. For Boco, goals from Ollie Williams and Mickey Parsons put them in front at the beginning of either half, only for the home side to draw level on each occasion thanks to frontman Ryan Radford. The second of Radford’s equalisers came with just 17 minutes left on the clock, but that left Shirehampton plenty of time to push for victory, and they did just that with Louis Snailham’s long ranger making it 3-2, before he then struck again in added time to round out the win. Fifth-placed **Bitton** secured another win, with Lewis Russell, Harry Haughton and Joe Garland each netting in their 3-1 defeat of **Longwell Green**, while **Hengrove** overturned a half-time deficit on their way to a 2-1 victory over **Odd Down**. Bottom-side **Bishop Sutton** picked up their first point in a while following a goalless draw away at **Gillingham**, and it would have been the same outcome at **Cheddar** *(pictured),*only for Dean Chrisostomou to score in the 88th minute to hand the hosts a last-gasp 1-0 win over **Bristol Telephones**. Points were shared in the other contests, with **Keynsham** recovering from an early deficit to draw 1-1 with **Bradford,** while **Cadbury Heath** denied **Brislington** a crucial victory during their 1-1 draw in Bristol.

**Latest Results**

**Tuesday 19th March 2024**

**Premier Division**

Bridgwater United 2-2 Helston Athletic 238

Saltash United 0-0 Barnstaple Town 114

**First Division**

Bishop Sutton 2-6 Longwell Green Sports 48

Bristol Telephones 0-1 Wells City 53

Gillingham Town 3-4 Wincanton Town 102

**Wednesday 20th March 2024**

**Premier Division**

Oldland Abbotonians 0-3 Torpoint Athletic 70

Street A-A Wellington

**First Division**

AEK Boco 1-2 Middlezoy Rovers 62

**Saturday 23rd March 2024**

**Premier Division**

Brixham 3-0 Ilfracombe Town 142

Falmouth Town 1-0 Nailsea & Tickenham 455

Millbrook 0-4 Barnstaple Town 79

Shepton Mallet 0-2 Bridgwater United

St Blazey P-P Torpoint Athletic

Wellington 2-1 Oldland Abbotonians 87

Welton Rovers 1-2 Helston Athletic 80

**First Division**

Brislington 1-1 Cadbury Heath 115

Cheddar 1-0 Bristol Telephones 88

Gillingham Town 0-0 Bishop Sutton 37

Hallen 1-3 Wells City 52

Hengrove Athletic 2-1 Odd Down 74

Keynsham Town 1-1 Bradford Town 135

Longwell Green Sports 1-3 Bitton

Middlezoy Rovers 1-3 Cribbs Reserves 80

Portishead Town 1-0 Radstock Town 362

Shirehampton 4-2 AEK Boco 76

Wincanton Town 4-2 Warminster Town 72

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

**Premier Division**

**Jared Lewington (Buckland) – 29**

**Ryan Richards (Torpoint) – 22**

**Jack Thorne (Bridgwater) – 21**

**Phil Ormrod (Street) - 17**

**Rikki Sheppard (Helston) – 17**

**Rubin Wilson (Falmouth) – 17**

**Oscar Massey (Falmouth) – 17**

**First Division**

**Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 42**

**Matt Garner (Wincanton) – 31**

**Liam Winter (Middlezoy) - 23**

**Louis Snailham (Shirehampton) – 21**

**Liam Clayton (Cribbs Reserves) – 20**

**Joe Beardwell (Bitton) - 18**

**All Competitions**

**Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 45**

**Jared Lewington (Buckland) – 34**

**Matt Garner (Wincanton) – 33**

**Jack Thorne (Bridgwater) – 27**

**Louis Snailham (Shirehampton) – 25**

**Ryan Richards (Torpoint) - 24**

**Liam Winter (Middlezoy) – 23**

**Liam Clayton (Cribbs Reserves) - 23**

**Upcoming Fixtures**

**Tuesday 26th March 2024**

**Premier Division**

Barnstaple Town vs Welton Rovers 19:45KO

Street vs Falmouth Town 19:45KO

Wellington vs Saltash United 19:30KO

**First Division**

Bradford Town vs Gillingham Town 19:30KO

Brislington vs Portishead Town 19:30KO

Hallen vs Radstock Town 19:30KO

Warminster Town vs Cheddar 19:45KO

Wells City vs Bristol Telephones 19:30KO

**Thursday 28th March 2024**

**First Division**

Bitton vs Cadbury Heath 19:30KO

**Friday 29th March 2024 (3pm Kick-off unless noted otherwise)**

**Premier Division**

Bridgwater United vs Wellington 13:00KO

Buckland Athletic vs Brixham 13:00KO

Helston Athletic vs Falmouth Town

Ilfracombe Town vs Barnstaple Town

Millbrook vs Torpoint Athletic 11:00KO

Nailsea & Tickenham vs Clevedon Town

Oldland Abbotonians vs Welton Rovers

St Blazey vs Saltash United 11:00KO

Street vs Shepton Mallet 13:00KO

**First Division**

AEK Boco vs Longwell Green Sports

Bishop Sutton vs Cheddar

Bradford Town vs Warminster Town

Brislington vs Keynsham Town

Bristol Telephones vs Hengrove Athletic

Cribbs Reserves vs Portishead Town

Odd Down vs Radstock Town 12:30KO

Middlezoy Rovers vs Wells City 13:00KO

Shirehampton vs Hallen

Wincanton Town vs Gillingham Town 13:00KO

**League Tables**

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|  | PREMIER DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Helston Athletic** | 27 | 21 | 3 | 3 | 68 | **66** |
| 2 | **Clevedon Town** | 27 | 19 | 4 | 4 | 45 | **61** |
| 3 | **Falmouth Town** | 25 | 18 | 3 | 4 | 40 | **57** |
| 4 | **Bridgwater United** | 27 | 18 | 2 | 7 | 37 | **56** |
| 5 | **Buckland Athletic** | 29 | 15 | 6 | 8 | 33 | **51** |
| 6 | **Barnstaple Town** | 25 | 14 | 8 | 3 | 30 | **50** |
| 7 | **Shepton Mallet** | 27 | 13 | 6 | 8 | 10 | **45** |
| 8 | **Brixham AFC** | 28 | 12 | 8 | 8 | 26 | **44** |
| 9 | **Torpoint Athletic** | 27 | 12 | 4 | 11 | 1 | **40** |
| 10 | **Nailsea & Tickenham** | 27 | 11 | 1 | 15 | 2 | **34** |
| 11 | **Street** | 27 | 9 | 7 | 11 | -3 | **34** |
| 12 | **St Blazey** | 27 | 9 | 5 | 13 | -9 | **32** |
| 13 | **Ilfracombe Town** | 24 | 6 | 8 | 10 | -8 | **26** |
| 14 | **Wellington** | 26 | 4 | 8 | 14 | -39 | **20** |
| 15 | **Saltash United** | 25 | 5 | 4 | 16 | -19 | **19** |
| 16 | **Oldland Abbotonians** | 26 | 5 | 0 | 21 | -49 | **15** |
| 17 | **Welton Rovers** | 25 | 3 | 5 | 17 | -43 | **14** |
| 18 | **Millbrook** | 25 | 2 | 0 | 23 | -122 | **6** |

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|  | FIRST DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Wincanton Town** | 35 | 24 | 4 | 7 | 30 | **76** |
| 2 | **Portishead Town** | 31 | 23 | 5 | 3 | 67 | **74** |
| 3 | **Radstock Town** | 35 | 23 | 5 | 7 | 44 | **74** |
| 4 | **Cribbs Reserves** | 36 | 23 | 5 | 8 | 38 | **74** |
| 5 | **Bitton** | 33 | 19 | 8 | 6 | 31 | **65** |
| 6 | **Wells City** | 32 | 21 | 2 | 9 | 29 | **65** |
| 7 | **Brislington** | 30 | 20 | 4 | 6 | 67 | **64** |
| 8 | **AEK Boco** | 34 | 17 | 6 | 11 | 20 | **57** |
| 9 | **Middlezoy Rovers** | 35 | 17 | 2 | 16 | 3 | **53** |
| 10 | **Longwell Green Sports** | 37 | 16 | 5 | 16 | -1 | **53** |
| 11 | **Bristol Telephones** | 34 | 16 | 4 | 14 | -12 | **52** |
| 12 | **Bradford Town** | 35 | 14 | 9 | 12 | 16 | **51** |
| 13 | **Cadbury Heath** | 35 | 15 | 4 | 16 | 10 | **49** |
| 14 | **Hallen** | 33 | 13 | 7 | 13 | -2 | **46** |
| 15 | **Odd Down** | 36 | 11 | 5 | 20 | -43 | **38** |
| 16 | **Shirehampton** | 34 | 10 | 6 | 18 | -10 | **36** |
| 17 | **Hengrove Athletic** | 35 | 9 | 6 | 20 | -28 | **33** |
| 18 | **Gillingham Town** | 32 | 9 | 3 | 20 | -27 | **30** |
| 19 | **Keynsham Town** | 34 | 9 | 3 | 22 | -31 | **30** |
| 20 | **Warminster Town** | 34 | 7 | 7 | 20 | -30 | **28** |
| 21 | **Cheddar** | 30 | 5 | 1 | 24 | -35 | **16** |
| 22 | **Bishop Sutton** | 36 | 0 | 3 | 33 | -136 | **3** |