



### Latest Round-ups:

**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 87<sup>th</sup> minute penalty after Rohan Poulsom had been brought down inside the area.



#### **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.](#)

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.

<http://toolstationleague.com/season-2023-24-podcast-episode-33/>



**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 20<sup>th</sup> minute goal from Kyle Egan, rebounding after his own penalty miss giving Portishead the crucial three points.

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 88<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024

#### Premier Division

Oldland Abbotonians	0-3	Torpoint Athletic	70
Street	A-A	Wellington	

#### First Division

AEK Boco	1-2	Middlezoy Rovers	62
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### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

#### 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

#### 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

## Upcoming Fixtures

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

#### First Division

Bitton	vs	Cadbury Heath	19:30KO
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### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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

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

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