



Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: With the weather finally allowing a full night of action, Tuesday saw eight fixtures across the Western League, where results had big impacts at the top of either league table. In the Premier Division, **Falmouth** closed in on the top two following a 2-0 win away at **Street**. Town's cup heroics have left them with games in hand on most sides in the division, and one of those came on Tuesday, with Oscar Massey scoring both goals in their away win over the Cobblers. At the opposite end of the division, **Saltash** claimed their first away win in the league this season after coming from behind to beat **Wellington** 2-1. The hosts were looking to make it three wins on the bounce, and made a strong start with Sam Towler tucking home an eighth minute penalty. The Ashes responded well, levelling through Joe Preece, before then going ahead for good early in the second half through Josh Toulson. The individual performance of the night belonged to **Barnstaple's** Tor Swann, with the forward scoring four of his sides' goals in their 5-1 defeat of **Welton Rovers**. Swann struck twice in the first half, either side of an effort from Harvey Dorothy, before then completing his hat-trick ten minutes after the interval. A Marcel Lewis strike reduced the arrears, but Swann made sure to leave his mark on the fixture, scoring his fourth in stoppage time to complete Town's big win.

Top spot in the First Division seems to be changing by the minute, and after Tuesday's fixtures it belonged to **Radstock Town** after they stormed to a 4-1 win away at **Hallen**. The Miners rebounded well from a couple of recent defeats, with Jack Farion, Adey Harvey, Jack Pearson and Jacob Reader all scoring in their big win at the Hallen Centre. **Portishead** missed out on the opportunity to move back into first place after they succumbed to a 2-1 defeat at the hands of **Brislington**. An own goal had seen Bris build a half-time lead, before Portishead responded through Toby Lawrence who finished well at the end of a long marauding run. With a share of the spoils looking likely, Brislington kept pushing and were rewarded in added time, with a penalty tucked home by Asa White to complete a last, gasp victory. **Wells City** continue to be one of the form sides in the division, beating **Bristol Telephones** for the second time in the space of seven days to accrue their seventh win in succession. The two Tom's proved to be Wells' difference makers, with Ovigne heading them in front midway through the first half, before namesake Smith then making it 2-0 15 minutes from time with a deflected effort. A flying start from **Warminster** saw them claim a 4-0 win over **Cheddar**, helping them jump up a couple of spots to 18th. Town's Reece Collyer was on target twice during the opening half-hour, helping Warminster storm into an early three-goal advantage, which was then added to early in the second half courtesy of a Nick Taylor strike. In Wiltshire, Sammy Jordan scored a hat-trick to give **Bradford Town** a 3-1 win over **Gillingham**. Having fired the hosts in an 18th minute lead, Jordan then produced a stunning bicycle kick not long after to double the Bobcats tally. The away side pulled a goal back on the stroke of half-time, but Jordan wouldn't allow any fears of a comeback to set in, with the Bobcats star completing his hat-trick at the beginning of the second half to settle the contest.

Good Friday Action: With yet more poor weather sweeping the area, the Easter double-header kicked off with only four games avoiding the dreaded postponement on Friday afternoon. In the Premier Division, **Shepton Mallet** completed the season double over local rivals **Street**, scoring late on to secure a 1-0 win at the Tannery Ground. In a hard-fought encounter, Mallet managed to secure all three points thanks to a thumping volley in the closing



stages from Charlie Bateson. In the other game to survive, **Clevedon** slipped up slightly in their title push, and were held to a 1-1 draw away at **Nailsea & Tickenham** (pictured, left). In another tight local derby, it was the home side who went ahead just prior to half-time with Lucas Vowles firing home. Town's point came in slightly fortuitous circumstances, with a Freddie King corner floating over everybody before nestling in the far corner midway through the second half.

In the game of the day, **Radstock Town** missed out on the opportunity to open a four-point lead atop the First Division after conceding late on in their 3-3 draw away at **Odd Down**. Having gone ahead through Adey Harvey, the Miners were pegged back just prior to half time when Jake Thomas opened the home side's account. Harvey was then on hand again early in the second half to restore his sides advantage, with another goal from Jacob Reader putting them in position to secure maximum points. The hosts had other ideas however, and after reducing the arrears through Dom Walter, they struck again at the death through Jack O'Brien to end their four-match losing run. **AEK Boco** were the other side to enjoy a good Friday, with Luke Bryan's second half penalty leading them to a 1-0 victory over mid-table rival **Longwell Green Sports**.

Easter Monday Action: **Helston Athletic** will not be defending their Les Phillips Cup crown after they succumbed to a second-half fightback at **Barnstaple**, losing 3-2 in their highly-

anticipated semi-final. Having seen the tie postponed on a couple of occasions already, Helston looked to be gunning for another final berth after surging into a two-goal lead at Mill Road. Jordan Copp was the main protagonist for the visitors, and having seen his deflected effort put them one-up in the 20th minute, he then turned provider shortly after, pulling the ball back for Rikki Sheppard who rifled home a half-volley to make it 2-0. The home side had to re-group at the interval, and they did just that, with Harvey Dorothy heading home on the hour mark to get them back into the contest. A set-piece was then finished off by Archie Heywood to draw Town level, with their incredible fightback completed seven minutes from time thanks to another headed finish from Nelson Iseguan.



Three points is all that separates the leading trio in the Premier Division following a four-game slate on Easter Monday, with **Clevedon** edging past **Bridgwater** in the standout tie. Clevedon had already beaten the Robins by the same scoreline in December, and they repeated the trick at the Hand Stadium with Freddie King scoring the vital goal 20 minutes from time. Third-place **Falmouth** had a slightly easier afternoon's work, putting eight goals past **Welton** to fully position themselves for a title challenge. A five-goal first half blitz did much of the damage for the Cornish outfit, but they made sure to keep pushing after the interval, with goal difference a potentially meaningful factor come seasons end. Rubin Wilson & Brad Leivers both scored doubles for the away side, with Oscar Massey, Luke Barner, Tom Annear & Cam Hutchinson also contributing to rout. **Brixham** were another side to enjoy their Easter, with Kieran Parkin scoring in either half of their 6-0 defeat of **St Blazey**. From the moment Josh Parry finished off their first attack of the afternoon, Brixham looked to be in the mood, with Aaron Wellington and Reece Somers also scoring in the opening 15 minutes. Parkin's double helped add to the one-sided outcome, with Sean Adderley heading home a corner to help Brixham complete the season double over their visitors. In another early kick-off, goals in the final 12 minutes from Josh Lukins and Sam Towler helped lead **Wellington** to a 2-0 win over **Street**.

Following Radstock's victory earlier in the Easter weekend, the chasing pack failed to secure maximum points in the First Division title race. For **Portishead**, they will be happy to have salvaged a draw after trailing at the interval in their 1-1 draw with **Shirehampton**. The visitors had enjoyed a couple of recent wins, and put themselves in position for another when Ryan Radford converted a spot kick towards the end of the first half. Portishead left it late before equalising, scoring a penalty of their own courtesy of Kyle Egan, but were fortunate to hang on to their point after the away side hit the woodwork twice in stoppage time. Second-placed **Wincanton** missed out on the chance to regain top spot after they fell to a 1-0 defeat at **Wells City**. Town's opponents have promotion hopes of their own, and have now extended



their winning streak to eight matches thanks to a late strike from the in-form Harry Warwick. 1-0 was a popular result on Monday, with Josh Haskett's first half effort leading **Gillingham** past **Middlezoy** (*pictured, left, via Mark Gourlay*), while **Warminster** defeated **Odd Down** in front of one of the larger Holiday crowds. In one of the day's lunchtime kick-offs, **Hallen** kept a rare clean sheet in their 2-0 win over top-half opponents **Brislington**. After

Cory Thomas-Barker had broken the deadlock with a smart left-footed finish midway through the first half, Hallen then wrapped things up as the game headed towards a finale with Harrison Fairman sliding the ball home following a mazy run which had begun inside his own half. In the other early afternoon clash, **Bitton** scored twice in the final 20 minutes to win 3-1 at **AEK Boco**. Having taken a 28 minute lead courtesy of an excellently-placed free kick from Lewis Russell, the visitors were pegged back early in the second half when Luke Bryan slotted home a penalty. Bitton then went back ahead thanks to Ash McGrane before the visitors then struck again in the closing stages to confirm the victory. Another away winner was **Longwell Green**, who held off **Cadbury Heath**'s comeback to win 3-2. After goals from Billy Hensler and Matt Brown had put the visitors two-up, Josh Williams then scored either side of the interval to get the Heath back on level terms. It was Hensler who turned out to be the match-winner, with his 83rd minute effort, scored on the counter-attack, firing his side up into the top half. Elsewhere, goals from Giorgio Mancini, Karem Karakus and Marcus Kelly saw **Hengrove** beat **Bishop Sutton** 3-0, while **Keynsham** fought back from a half-time deficit to draw 2-2 with **Bristol Telephones**.

Latest Results

Tuesday 26th March 2024

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	5-1	Welton Rovers	138
Street	0-2	Falmouth Town	91
Wellington	1-2	Saltash United	

First Division

Bradford Town	3-1	Gillingham Town	76
Brislington	2-1	Portishead Town	258
Hallen	1-4	Radstock Town	
Warminster Town	4-0	Cheddar	111
Wells City	2-0	Bristol Telephones	

Friday 29th March 2024

Premier Division

Nailsea & Tickenham	1-1	Clevedon Town	371
Street	0-1	Shepton Mallet	267

First Division

AEK Boco	1-0	Longwell Green Sports	177
Odd Down	3-3	Radstock Town	111

Monday 1st April 2024

Les Phillips Cup Semi-Final

Barnstaple Town	3-2	Helston Athletic	
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Premier Division

Brixham AFC	6-0	St Blazey	174
Clevedon Town	1-0	Bridgwater United	300
Wellington	2-0	Street	94
Welton Rovers	2-8	Falmouth Town	140

First Division

AEK Boco	1-3	Bitton	107
Cadbury Heath	2-3	Longwell Green Sports	94
Gillingham Town	1-0	Middlezoy Rovers	46
Hallen	2-0	Brislington	89
Hengrove Athletic	3-0	Bishop Sutton	84
Keynsham Town	2-2	Bristol Telephones	142
Portishead Town	1-1	Shirehampton	
Warminster Town	1-0	Odd Down	155
Wells City	1-0	Wincanton Town	

On the latest podcast, Brixham boss Jason Couch looks back on his sides first season in the Toolstation Western League, and discusses the competitive nature of the Premier Division. Ian also catches up with Portishead manager, Kye Mountford, who reflects on their recent victory over title rivals Radstock, before explaining why he will only reflect on Town's body of work once the season has come to an end.

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Podcast

Upcoming Fixtures

Wednesday 3rd April 2024

First Division

Cheddar	vs	Hallen	19:30KO
Gillingham Town	vs	Bitton	19:30KO

Thursday 4th April 2024

Premier Division

Millbrook	vs	Ilfracombe Town	19:45KO
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Friday 5th April 2024

First Division

Radstock Town	vs	Keynsham Town	19:30KO
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Saturday 6th April 2024 (3pm Kick-off unless noted otherwise)

Premier Division

Bridgwater United	vs	Ilfracombe Town
Buckland Athletic	vs	Shepton Mallet
Falmouth Town	vs	Clevedon Town
Helston Athletic	vs	Saltash United
Millbrook	vs	Oldland Abbotonians
Nailsea & Tickenham	vs	Brixham AFC
St Blazey	vs	Welton Rovers
Street	vs	Barnstaple Town

First Division

Bitton	vs	Bristol Telephones
Bradford Town	vs	Shirehampton
Brislington	vs	Gillingham Town
Cheddar	vs	Hengrove Athletic
Cribbs Reserves	vs	Cadbury Heath
Hallen	vs	AEK Boco
Longwell Green Sports	vs	Wells City
Odd Down	vs	Bishop Sutton
Portishead Town	vs	Warminster Town
Wincanton Town	vs	Middlezoy Rovers

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

Premier Division

Jared Lewington (Buckland) – 29
Ryan Richards (Torpoint) – 22
Jack Thorne (Bridgwater) – 21
Oscar Massey (Falmouth) – 20
Rubin Wilson (Falmouth) – 19
Phil Ormrod (Street) - 17
Rikki Sheppard (Helston) – 17

All Competitions

Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 45
Jared Lewington (Buckland) – 34
Matt Garner (Wincanton) – 33
Jack Thorne (Bridgwater) – 27
Harry Warwick (Wells) - 25
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
Harry Warwick (Wells) - 20
Joe Beardwell (Bitton) - 18

League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Helston Athletic	27	21	3	3	68	66
2	Clevedon Town	29	20	5	4	46	65
3	Falmouth Town	27	20	3	4	48	63
4	Bridgwater United	28	18	2	8	36	56
5	Barnstaple Town	26	15	8	3	34	53
6	Buckland Athletic	29	15	6	8	33	51
7	Shepton Mallet	28	14	6	8	11	48
8	Brixham AFC	29	13	8	8	32	47
9	Torpoint Athletic	27	12	4	11	1	40
10	Nailsea & Tickenham	28	11	2	15	2	35
11	Street	30	9	7	14	-8	34
12	St Blazey	28	9	5	14	-15	32
13	Ilfracombe Town	24	6	8	10	-8	26
14	Wellington	28	5	8	15	-38	23
15	Saltash United	26	6	4	16	-18	22
16	Oldland Abbotonians	26	5	0	21	-49	15
17	Welton Rovers	27	3	5	19	-53	11*
18	Millbrook	25	2	0	23	-122	6

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Radstock Town	37	24	6	7	47	78
2	Wincanton Town	36	24	4	8	29	76
3	Portishead Town	33	23	6	4	66	75
4	Cribbs Reserves	36	23	5	8	38	74
5	Wells City	34	23	2	9	32	71
6	Bitton	34	20	8	6	33	68
7	Brislington	32	21	4	7	66	67
8	AEK Boco	36	18	6	12	19	60
9	Longwell Green Sports	39	17	5	17	-1	56
10	Bradford Town	36	15	9	12	18	54
11	Middlezoy Rovers	36	17	2	17	2	53
12	Bristol Telephones	36	16	5	15	-14	53
13	Cadbury Heath	36	15	4	17	9	49
14	Hallen	35	14	7	14	-3	49
15	Odd Down	38	11	6	21	-44	39
16	Shirehampton	35	10	7	18	-10	37
17	Hengrove Athletic	36	10	6	20	-25	36
18	Warminster Town	36	9	7	20	-25	34
19	Gillingham Town	34	10	3	21	-28	33
20	Keynsham Town	35	9	4	22	-31	31
21	Cheddar	31	5	1	25	-39	16
22	Bishop Sutton	37	0	3	34	-139	3