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**Season 2023/24**

**Premier Division: Falmouth**’s continued progression up the table reached new heights on Saturday after a 4-0 win over **Clevedon** helped them move up into second spot. The highly-anticipated contest ended in disappointing circumstances following an injury to Caleb Selway, but the Cornish side were in control for much of the afternoon. Two first half goals put the hosts ahead at the break, with a 17th minute header from Rubin Wilson followed on the cusp of half-time by an Oscar Massey penalty. The score remained 2-0 up until Selway’s late injury, with Massey then scoring twice during the extended added time period to complete a match-winning hat-trick. 4-0 was also the winning margin for the current league leaders, with **Helston** seeing off **Saltash** at Coach Road in Newton Abbott. Having taken a one-goal lead to the interval courtesy of Rikki Sheppard, a second-half brace from Tom Payne lit up Helston’s temporary home. Payne’s first came shortly after the break, with a late free-kick then wrapping up the victory following a further goal from teammate Jacob Smith. To complete a hat-trick of 4-0 winners, **Barnstaple** eased past **Street** to pick up their fourth win in a row. A dominant first half helped steer Town to victory, with Harvey Dorothy scoring twice in quick succession to add to Tommy Rogers’ opener. Myles Perkins then scored a fourth for the visitors from the edge of the area, with the Cobblers now having been defeated in their past six home games. **Bridgwater United** held off a late charge from **Ilfracombe** to eventually prevail by five goals to three at Fairfax Park. The full-time result would have been scarcely believable for much of the afternoon, with Jay Murray’s second minute effort followed by a Josiah McKayle as Bridgy took complete control. Substitute Jack Taylor then extended the lead to four shortly after half-time, before Ilfracombe staged a remarkable late fightback. Harry Stevens scored twice, and Jack Magarotto once in a wild five minute spell which suddenly saw Town trail 4-3 with ten left on the clock. Fortunately for the home side, they expelled any chance of more late drama, with a wind-assisted corner from Jake Llewellyn nestling in the back of the visitors net to put them two goals clear. **Nailsea & Tickenham** were the day’s other winner, with Oscar Collins scoring late on to help them beat **Brixham** 2-1. Having taken an 11th minute lead through Luke Osgood, the Swags saw their lead disappear when the in-form Josh Parry levelled for the away side. Then with five minutes left on the clock, Collins was able to turn the ball home to help Nailsea secure all three points.

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**On the latest podcast, Barnstaple Town manager, Ben Watson, reflects on his sides path to the Les Phillips Cup, while also touching on how the weather disruption has impacted their progress this season. Ian also catches up with Hallen boss Karl Baggaley, who explains why his side have benefited from a mix of youth and experience, before discussing why Exmouth Town have a lot to be thankful for in their bid for Southern League revival.**

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**First Division:** On a weekend where home sides dominated, **Radstock Town** got the ball rolling on Friday night, putting three past **Keynsham** to become the first side to reach 80 points this term. The Miners enjoyed a dream start under the lights, going ahead inside the opening three minutes thanks to Jack Pearson. A Jacob Reader goal midway through the second half doubled the hosts advantage, but they were then soon pegged back with Joe Davis scoring for the K’s. That was as close as the away side came however, and shortly after the Davis goal, Radstock restored their two-goal lead courtesy of Jack Farion.

Saturday saw eight of the nine fixtures won by home sides, with only **Middlezoy**’s shock victory at **Wincanton** stopping it from being a perfect record. The Wasps have been in outstanding form since the turn of the year, winning 11 from 13 prior to now suffering back-to-back defeats. The hosts would have been looking for revenge following the 5-2 loss they suffered at Middlezoy in December, but they were second best for much of the afternoon, and only an injury-time consolation goal from Jamie Irwin stopped them from being shut out on home soil. Second-placed **Portishead** took out some of their recent frustration on **Warminster**, scoring seven unanswered goals to increase their huge advantage in the goal difference standings. Calum Townsend was the main man during the opening stages, and after heading Portishead into an early lead, he then turned provider for Callum Eastwood had converted his cross for 2-0 inside 20 minutes. It then became the Ethan Feltham show, starting with his opening goal of the afternoon which took him to 46 for the season, breaking a club record. He wasn’t finished there however, and after scoring again late in the first half, he bagged another shortly after the restart to complete yet another hat-trick. The game was done and dusted at that stage, but the hosts kept pushing for more goals, with James Crossley-John and Jack Ball completing the scoring. **Cribbs Reserves** are the other side fully ensconced in the title race, and they held on to beat **Cadbury Heath** 2-1 at The Lawns. Goals either side of the interval from Andrew Forward & Tom Burns helped Cribbs go two clear, but they were forced to battle hard until the finale following a late penalty from Heath forward Tom Withers. 2-1 was also the final score at Trowbridge Road, where **Bradford Town** defeated **Shirehampton** thanks to first half efforts from Ben Wickens and Owen Pearce. Things were slightly more one-sided at **Brislington** meanwhile, where three players grabbed goalscoring braces in a 7-1 victory over **Gillingham Town**. Jordan Scadding scored the only goal of the game during a relatively quiet opening half before he then struck again at the beginning of the second to set the ball rolling for a frantic 45 minutes of action. Oaklan Buck edged the lead out to three, with Gillingham reducing the deficit from the spot midway through the second half. That was the away side’s only moment of cheer however, with Neikell Plummer and Jordan Ricketts both scoring twice during a rampant finale from the Bristolians. Elliot Garnder struck in either half of **Hallen’s** 3-1 win over **AEK Boco**, while Joe Beardwell’s early penalty helped kickstart **Bitton**’s 4-1 defeat of **Bristol Telephones**. In Bath, Alfie Andrews and Curtis Dunn both scored inside the opening 15 minutes to help **Odd Down** ease to a 3-0 win over basement boys **Bishop Sutton**. The most impressive team performance of the day probably belonged to **Longwell Green Sports who ended Wells City’s** eight-match winning streak with a relatively comfortable 4-2 victory. Doubles from both Liam Oswin and Fin Burnell did the business for Longwell Green, who led for almost the entirety of the 90 minutes, with Fin Wilkinson scoring twice in defeat for sixth-placed Wells.

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**Latest Results**

**Friday 5th April 2024**

**First Division**

Radstock Town 3-1 Keynsham Town 150

**Saturday 6th April 2024**

**Premier Division**

Bridgwater United 5-3 Ilfracombe Town 231

Buckland Athletic P-P Shepton Mallet

Falmouth Town 4-0 Clevedon Town 531

Helston Athletic 4-0 Saltash United

Millbrook P-P Oldland Abbotonians

Nailsea & Tickenham 2-1 Brixham AFC 131

St Blazey P-P Welton Rovers

Street 0-4 Barnstaple Town

**First Division**

Bitton 4-1 Bristol Telephones 72

Bradford Town 2-1 Shirehampton 130

Brislington 7-1 Gillingham Town 101

Cheddar P-P Hengrove Athletic

Cribbs Reserves 2-1 Cadbury Heath 39

Hallen 3-1 AEK Boco 52

Longwell Green Sports 4-2 Wells City 165

Odd Down 3-0 Bishop Sutton 55

Portishead Town 7-0 Warminster Town 108

Wincanton Town 1-2 Middlezoy Rovers 60

**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**

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**Western League President Brian Beer recently attended Cadbury Heath to award Matt Huxley with a special award for scoring his 500th league goal.**

**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**

**Upcoming Fixtures**

**Tuesday 9th April 2024**

**Premier Division**

Barnstaple Town vs Clevedon Town 19:45KO

Buckland Athletic vs Brixham 19:30KO

Ilfracombe Town vs Millbrook 19:45KO

Shepton Mallet vs Oldland Abbotonians 19:30KO

Torpoint Athletic vs Saltash United 19:30KO

Wellington vs Falmouth Town 19:45KO

Welton Rovers vs Nailsea & Tickenham 19:30KO

**First Division**

Bitton vs Wincanton Town 19:30KO

Bradford Town vs Warminster Town 19:30KO

Bristol Telephones vs Brislington 19:30KO

Cheddar vs Shirehampton 19:45KO

Hengrove Athletic vs Portishead Town 19:30KO

Middlezoy Rovers vs Keynsham Town 19:30KO

Wells City vs Gillingham Town 19:30KO

**Thursday 11th April 2024**

**Premier Division**

Ilfracombe Town vs Barnstaple Town 19:45KO

Oldland Abbotonians vs Welton Rovers 19:45KO

**First Division**

Bishop Sutton vs Cheddar 19:30KO

Bitton vs Cadbury Heath 19:30KO

Portishead Town vs Brislington 19:30KO

**Saturday 13th April 2024 (3pm Kick-off unless noted otherwise)**

**Premier Division**

Barnstaple Town vs Nailsea & Tickenham

Bridgwater United vs Saltash United

Clevedon Town vs Ilfracombe Town

Millbrook vs Brixham

Oldland Abbotonians vs Falmouth Town

Torpoint Athletic vs Shepton Mallet

Wellington vs Helston Athletic

Welton Rovers vs Buckland Athletic

**First Division**

AEK Boco vs Radstock Town

Bishop Sutton vs Wells City

Cadbury Heath vs Cribbs Reserves

Cheddar vs Brislington

Gillingham Town vs Hallen

Hengrove Athletic vs Bradford Town

Keynsham Town vs Middlezoy Rovers

Shirehampton vs Odd Down

Warminster Town vs Longwell Green Sports

Wincanton Town vs Bristol Telephones

**League Tables**

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|  | PREMIER DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Helston Athletic** | 28 | 22 | 3 | 3 | 72 | **69** |
| 2 | **Falmouth Town** | 28 | 21 | 3 | 4 | 52 | **66** |
| 3 | **Clevedon Town** | 30 | 20 | 5 | 5 | 42 | **65** |
| 4 | **Bridgwater United** | 29 | 19 | 2 | 8 | 38 | **59** |
| 5 | **Barnstaple Town** | 27 | 16 | 8 | 3 | 38 | **56** |
| 6 | **Buckland Athletic** | 29 | 15 | 6 | 8 | 33 | **51** |
| 7 | **Shepton Mallet** | 28 | 14 | 6 | 8 | 11 | **48** |
| 8 | **Brixham AFC** | 30 | 13 | 8 | 9 | 31 | **47** |
| 9 | **Torpoint Athletic** | 27 | 12 | 4 | 11 | 1 | **40** |
| 10 | **Nailsea & Tickenham** | 29 | 12 | 2 | 15 | 3 | **38** |
| 11 | **Street** | 31 | 9 | 7 | 15 | -12 | **34** |
| 12 | **St Blazey** | 28 | 9 | 5 | 14 | -15 | **32** |
| 13 | **Ilfracombe Town** | 25 | 6 | 8 | 11 | -10 | **26** |
| 14 | **Wellington** | 28 | 5 | 8 | 15 | -38 | **23** |
| 15 | **Saltash United** | 27 | 6 | 4 | 17 | -22 | **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** |

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|  | FIRST DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Radstock Town** | 38 | 25 | 6 | 7 | 49 | **81** |
| 2 | **Portishead Town** | 34 | 24 | 6 | 4 | 73 | **78** |
| 3 | **Cribbs Reserves** | 37 | 24 | 5 | 8 | 39 | **77** |
| 4 | **Wincanton Town** | 37 | 24 | 4 | 9 | 28 | **76** |
| 5 | **Bitton** | 35 | 21 | 8 | 6 | 36 | **71** |
| 6 | **Wells City** | 35 | 23 | 2 | 10 | 30 | **71** |
| 7 | **Brislington** | 33 | 22 | 4 | 7 | 72 | **70** |
| 8 | **AEK Boco** | 37 | 18 | 6 | 13 | 17 | **60** |
| 9 | **Longwell Green Sports** | 40 | 18 | 5 | 17 | 1 | **59** |
| 10 | **Bradford Town** | 37 | 16 | 9 | 12 | 19 | **57** |
| 11 | **Middlezoy Rovers** | 37 | 18 | 2 | 17 | 3 | **56** |
| 12 | **Bristol Telephones** | 37 | 16 | 5 | 16 | -17 | **53** |
| 13 | **Hallen** | 36 | 15 | 7 | 14 | -1 | **52** |
| 14 | **Cadbury Heath** | 37 | 15 | 4 | 18 | 8 | **49** |
| 15 | **Odd Down** | 39 | 12 | 6 | 21 | -41 | **42** |
| 16 | **Shirehampton** | 36 | 10 | 7 | 19 | -11 | **37** |
| 17 | **Hengrove Athletic** | 36 | 10 | 6 | 20 | -25 | **36** |
| 18 | **Warminster Town** | 37 | 9 | 7 | 21 | -32 | **34** |
| 19 | **Gillingham Town** | 35 | 10 | 3 | 22 | -34 | **33** |
| 20 | **Keynsham Town** | 36 | 9 | 4 | 23 | -33 | **31** |
| 21 | **Cheddar** | 31 | 5 | 1 | 25 | -39 | **16** |
| 22 | **Bishop Sutton** | 38 | 0 | 3 | 35 | -142 | **3** |