

Latest Round-ups:

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 highlyanticipated 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.

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. http://toolstationleague.com/season-2023-24-podcast-episode-35/



<u>First Division</u>: 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 backto-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

<u>Friday 5⁴⁴ April 2024</u>			
First Division			
Radstock Town	3-1	Keynsham Town	150
<u>Saturday 6th April 2024</u>			
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	АЕК Восо	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)

<u>Premier Division</u> 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

Friday 5th April 2024

<u>First Division</u> 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



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

Upcoming Fixtures

<u>Tuesday 9th April 2024</u> Premier Division

PTEITHEI 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 11 th 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

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

	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