



Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: With the weather finally allowing a full night of action, all 14 league matches took place on Tuesday with yet more drama toward the top of both leagues. In the Premier Division, **Clevedon's** recent away struggles continued at **Barnstaple** where they fell to a 2-1 defeat. The visitors were caught cold in the opening stages of the game, and after conceding to Brodie Montague in the 7th minute, they then fell 2-0 down within the opening quarter of the game following a Matty Andrew goal. The Seasiders got themselves back into the contest early in the second half when Glen Hayer headed home a Syd Camper corner, but they were unable to find an equaliser, allowing Barnstaple to overturn the 3-0 defeat they suffered at the hands of Clevedon only 31 days ago. **Falmouth** took advantage of that result to move up into second spot, scoring a late winner in their dramatic 1-0 win at **Wellington**. The away side came close on several occasions, but had to wait until the 86th minute before they finally broke Welly's resistance, with a terrific long range effort from Tom Annear settling the tie. The night's other away winners were **Saltash**, who produced one of their best performances on the season to beat **Torpoint** 4-1 in their Cornish derby. An early goal from Jake Curtis set the Ashes on their way, before Tylor Love-Holmes struck in first half stoppage time to put them two goals to the good. Joe Preece then took over after the interval, with his brace sandwiching a consolatory penalty from Ryan Richards as Saltash secured local bragging rights. Another side to win by four goals to one were **Ilfracombe**, with four different scorers helping them see off bottom side **Millbrook**. In what was a first league win since January, Harry Stevens, Tyler Evans-Loude as well as subs Liam Short and Sam Stephens all found the back of the net at Marlborough Park. It was a much tighter contest at **Shepton Mallet**, where the home side struck at the death to grab a 2-1 comeback win over **Oldland Abbotonians**. The visitors went ahead on the stroke of half-time, with Tom Blake firing home an excellent free-kick as they looked to end their five-match losing run. Things were looking good for the Abbots until ten minutes from time when Mallet scored a set-piece goal of their own courtesy of Cam Allen. Then, with less than 90 seconds remaining, Matty Morris fired home an excellent left-footed strike from outside the area to complete the quickfire turnaround. The other two fixtures finished goalless, with **Welton vs Nailsea & Tickenham**, and **Buckland's** home tie with **Brixham** ending in stalemates.

On the latest podcast, Ian is joined by special guest presenter "Mr Footy Watch" who talks about the Cystic Fibrosis Comfort Fund, and his love for #nonleaguefootball. Nailsea & Tickenham's joint manager, Nic Steadman, joins the show to discuss the progress his side have made this season as well as his development as a coach. There is also a conversation with Bitton boss, Will Justin, who reflects on their recent run of good form, and the motivation to end the season on a high.

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In an entertaining clash between two of the bottom three on Thursday evening, **Oldland** came back from a three-goal half time deficit to draw 3-3 with **Welton Rovers**. The game of two halves saw Welton surge into a three-goal lead at the interval courtesy of Max Dyer, Joe Cattermole and Miguel Alves. The Abbots kick-started their fightback around the hour mark with Jack Mills netting, before a late effort from Harrison Kyte got the hosts back within one. Then in stoppage time, Oldland earned a penalty, which was converted by Aaron Mansfield to make it three apiece. In what proved to be a high-scoring night, **Barnstaple** secured a derby victory away at **Ilfracombe**, with Tor Swann notching a hat-trick in their 5-2 victory. The home side actually led 2-1 early in the second half thanks to goals from Harry Stevens and Rory Paine, before Swann scored his second of the night to level the scores shortly after falling behind. Scott Laird's penalty then put Barnstaple back ahead, and after Tommy Rogers had tapped home for 4-2, another spot kick was awarded to the visitors, with Swann taking over and converting to score his third.

Portishead powered back into top spot of the First Division following Tuesday's action, winning 3-0 away at **Hengrove**. Ethan Feltham added to his incredible goalscoring season with the opener during the first half, before Toby Lawrence and George Fowler efforts completed the victory after half-time. **Bitton** pulled off a huge win at home to **Wincanton**, scoring three unanswered goals to hand their visitors a third consecutive loss. The Wasps were fully involved in the title race at the end of March, but those hopes have now taken a devastating dent following those three defeats in the space of eight days. Stefan Lee, Joe Ellis and George Lloyd all struck for Bitton, who themselves have improved their own promotion chances thanks to a long unbeaten run. The game of the night at **Wells** saw the home side surge back from a 3-1 deficit before eventually prevailing by five goals to three at home to **Gillingham Town**. City weren't at the races during the opening stages, and found themselves staring down the barrel of a damaging home defeat following goals from Gillingham trio Josh Haskett, Kris Hastings and Harrison Foster. Wells had one man to thank for their comeback, and having already scored earlier in the contest, Harry Warwick then struck again to get the hosts back into the contest. A Tom Ovigne equaliser continued to ease Wells' nerves, and they then pushed on during the final 20 minutes, with two more Warwick goals completing a remarkable night, both individually, and also for his playoff chasing teammates. **Brislington** lost ground on the top six after falling to a 2-1 loss at **Bristol Telephones**, while goals from Joe Davis and Brad Selwood in either half helped **Keynsham** capture a 2-0 win away at **Middlezoy**. Elsewhere, Jack Witcombe's first half brace helped **Bradford** secure a 2-1 win over **Warminster**, and **Cheddar** suffered a heavy 6-0 loss at home to **Shirehampton**, with five different goalscorers propelling the visitors to their biggest league win of the season.

Portishead were back in action on Thursday, coming from behind to beat **Brislington** 2-1 to extend their lead atop the division. After falling behind just before half-time, Portishead got back on level terms when Callum Eastwood turned home a well-worked set piece. It was then Ethan Feltham's turn to make his mark, and with the game in the balance, Town's star man stepped up to score the match-winner, taking his tally of goals for the season to the half-century mark. **Bitton** also secured their second win in three days, with substitute Stefan Lee heading home on the hour mark to help set up their 2-0 victory over **Cadbury Heath**. Bottom-side **Bishop Sutton** were defeated by a **Cheddar** side for whom Morgan Bacon, Joe Carter, Mike Busby, Ollie Hucker and Archie Heal all got their names on the scoresheet in a one-sided 5-0 victory at Lakeview.

Premier Division: **Falmouth** have finally reached the summit despite dropping points at **Oldland**, with a 1-1 draw proving to be enough for the Cornishmen. Due to their many cup exploits this term, Town have been in catch-up mode when it comes to fixtures, but they have now reached top spot on the back of a long unbeaten run. That continued on Saturday, despite the dropped points, with a seventh minute effort from Luke Barner cancelled out early in the second half by Zac Tucker, with the Abbots battling back to earn a well-earned share of the spoils. The reason for Falmouth's ascension came following a surprising defeat for previous leaders **Helston** who lost 1-0 at 15th placed **Wellington** (*pictured, right*). A tight contest was decided on the cusp of half-time, with a Sully McKenna corner headed home by teammate Kieran Bailey to give Welly their fourth victory from six.



Clevedon remain fully in the title conversation following an impressive 3-0 win at home to **Ilfracombe**. Despite their recent struggles, the Seasideers are only two points off the top, with a Sam Beresford brace leading them to a fifth consecutive home win. After clipping home late in the first half, Beresford added his second in stoppage time, sandwiching an acrobatic effort from Owen Punselie which had put the hosts two-up on the hour mark. Another comprehensive home winner were **Barnstaple**, for whom Tor Swann scored another hat-trick in their 4-0 defeat of **Nailsea & Tickenham**. Following on from his midweek treble, Swann was among the goals once more in their win over the Swags, with Tommy Rogers also on target at Mill Road. **Shepton Mallet** have now gained 15 points from their past six games, with a 2-0 win away at **Torpoint** helping to consolidate their spot in the top seven. An incredible start for the visitors saw them earn a penalty within 17 seconds of the opening kick-off, with Jacob Sloggett converting for the earliest of leads. Mallet then had to wait until the closing minutes to finally wrap up victory, with a jinking run and a smart finish from Nathan Legge put them two goals to the good. The other side to win away from home were **Buckland Athletic** who battled back from an early deficit to beat **Welton Rovers** 3-2 at West Clewes. In an entertaining clash, it was the Green Army who surged ahead after 15 minutes, with a long ranger from Brandon Oputeri breaking the deadlock. Buckland weren't trailing for long however, and after scoring the equaliser, Ryan Bush then struck again on the cusp of half time to fire the visitors into a half-time lead. It soon became a one man show, and Bush was on hand to side-foot the ball home on the hour mark to double the Bucks advantage. Welton did set up a tense finale when they cut in to the lead thanks to a second goal from Oputeri, but the away side held on to end their three-match winless run. A thrilling finish at **Bridgwater** saw visitors **Saltash** score in the fifth minute of stoppage time to grab a point, maintaining their strong end to the campaign. The Ashes went behind two minutes before half-time courtesy of a Josiah McKayle tap-in, but were given a boost early in the second period when Jake Llewellyn was given his second yellow. Jake Curtis then saw his penalty saved by home keeper Luke Purnell as Saltash continued to hammer away, and they were finally rewarded right at the death with a Ben Goulty effort helping them snatch a point. A combination of injuries and a red card led **Millbrook** with six-men, causing their home clash with **Brixham** to be abandoned late on, with the visitors 7-0 at the time of the game ending.

First Division: With Portishead not in action on Saturday afternoon, **Radstock** moved into a share of top spot thanks to a slim 1-0 win away at **AEK Boco**. The only goal of the game came late in the first half, but it proved to be enough for the Miners, with recent signing Sacha Tong making a dream impact for his new side. A strong fightback from **Cribbs Reserves** gave them their fourth win on the bounce, with brothers Liam and Kieran Clayton edging them to victory at **Cadbury Heath**. Having gone ahead thanks to a volleyed finish from Zac Cheetham midway through the first half, the Heath saw their lead disintegrate shortly after the interval following a quickfire double from the Clayton's. Fourth-placed **Wincanton** held off a spirited fightback from the **Bristol Telephones**, prevailing by four goals to three, in a result which ends their three-match losing run. Things started well for the Wasps who went ahead in the 11th minute through Connor Williams, before the Phones hit back midway through the first half. Town then produced an incredible burst just prior to half-time, with Tom Jarvis, Sam Hodges and Jakob Seviour all netting in an eight-minute period to put the hosts 4-1 up at the interval. Wincanton did eventually hold on to complete the win, but it wasn't made easy for them, with two goals during a strong second half from the visitors making them sweat to secure maximum points. Things were much simpler for **Wells City**, with Harry Warwick's first half hat-trick helping fire them to an 8-0 win over basement dwellers **Bishop Sutton**. A horrific start for the hosts saw them trail by three within ten minutes of the game starting, and Wells didn't let up throughout the afternoon, with youngster Alex Robertson chipping in with a second-half double. On a high-scoring afternoon, **Hallen** finished strongly to secure a 7-2 win away at **Gillingham**. Two goals from Elliot Gardener had helped Hallen move into a 3-1 lead, before some late heroics added some real gloss to the scoreline. Harry Barter was the main beneficiary, and having opened the scoring early on, he then struck twice in the final 15 minutes to complete a hat-trick, with subs Patryk Kosciolk and Luke Banfield also scoring late on. 7-2 is usually a pretty rate outcome, but **Keynsham** mirrored Hallen's winning margin, putting **Middlezoy** to the sword. With the game in the balance at half-time, Joe Davis took over the contest, scoring twice around the hour mark to make it 5-2, before he then struck again to become another player to bag a hat-trick on Saturday afternoon. **Warminster** were the only other side to win on their home patch, with a second-half fightback leading them past **Longwell Green Sports** by three goals to two. Another bottom-half side to prevail were **Odd Down**, with Ashley Marsh's third minute strike helping them topple **Shirehampton** in the battle for 15th. Higher up the division, **Brislington** remain firmly in the playoff shake-up, scratching their way to a 2-1 win over an inconsistent **Cheddar** side at Oaklands Park. Elsewhere, Bradford Town stretched their winning run to four matches following a 3-1 defeat of Hengrove. Goals in either half from Jack Witcombe bookended the Bobcats victory, with Jordan Pinder also getting his name on the scoresheet as Bradford registered their second 3-1 win over Hengrove this season.

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

Premier Division

Jared Lewington (Buckland) – 29
 Oscar Massey (Falmouth) – 23
 Ryan Richards (Torpoint) – 23
 Jack Thorne (Bridgwater) – 21
 Rubin Wilson (Falmouth) – 20
 Rikki Sheppard (Helston) – 18
 Phil Ormrod (Street) - 17

All Competitions

Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 50
 Jared Lewington (Buckland) – 34
 Matt Garner (Wincanton) – 33
 Harry Warwick (Wells) - 32
 Jack Thorne (Bridgwater) – 27
 Louis Snailham (Shirehampton) – 26
 Ryan Richards (Torpoint) – 25
 Liam Winter (Middlezoy) – 25

First Division

Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 47
 Matt Garner (Wincanton) – 31
 Harry Warwick (Wells) - 27
 Liam Winter (Middlezoy) - 25
 Louis Snailham (Shirehampton) – 22
 Liam Clayton (Cribbs Reserves) – 20
 Joe Beardwell (Bitton) - 20

Latest Results

Tuesday 9th April 2024

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	2-1	Clevedon Town	141
Buckland Athletic	0-0	Brixham	372
Ilfracombe Town	4-1	Millbrook	52
Shepton Mallet	2-1	Oldland Abbotonians	143
Torpoint Athletic	1-4	Saltash United	127
Wellington	0-1	Falmouth Town	
Welton Rovers	0-0	Nailsea & Tickenham	110

First Division

Bitton	3-0	Wincanton Town	65
Bradford Town	2-1	Warminster Town	89
Bristol Telephones	2-1	Brislington	64
Cheddar	0-6	Shirehampton	21
Hengrove Athletic	0-3	Portishead Town	94
Middlezoy Rovers	0-2	Keynsham Town	80
Wells City	5-3	Gillingham Town	60

Thursday 11th April 2024

Premier Division

Ilfracombe Town	2-5	Barnstaple Town	210
Oldland Abbotonians	3-3	Welton Rovers	100

First Division

Bishop Sutton	0-5	Cheddar	42
Bitton	2-0	Cadbury Heath	56
Portishead Town	2-1	Brislington	156

Saturday 13th April 2024

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	4-0	Nailsea & Tickenham	
Bridgwater United	1-1	Saltash United	326
Clevedon Town	3-0	Ilfracombe Town	130
Millbrook	A-A	Brixham	
Oldland Abbotonians	1-1	Falmouth Town	150
Torpoint Athletic	0-2	Shepton Mallet	142
Wellington	1-0	Helston Athletic	
Welton Rovers	2-3	Buckland Athletic	65

First Division

AEK Boco	0-1	Radstock Town	77
Bishop Sutton	0-8	Wells City	38
Cadbury Heath	1-2	Cribbs Reserves	42
Cheddar	1-2	Brislington	37
Gillingham Town	2-7	Hallen	36
Hengrove Athletic	1-3	Bradford Town	65
Keynsham Town	7-2	Middlezoy Rovers	86
Shirehampton	0-1	Odd Down	32
Warminster Town	3-2	Longwell Green Sports	141
Wincanton Town	4-3	Bristol Telephones	62

Upcoming Fixtures

Monday 15th April 2024

Premier Division

Millbrook vs Torpoint Athletic 19:30KO

Tuesday 16th April 2024

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town vs Helston Athletic 19:45KO

Bridgwater United vs Wellington 19:45KO

Falmouth Town vs Ilfracombe Town 19:45KO

Oldland Abbotonians vs Shepton Mallet 19:45KO

First Division

Bitton vs Cheddar 19:30KO

Brislington vs Shirehampton 19:30KO

Bristol Telephones vs Keynsham Town 19:45KO

Radstock Town vs Bradford Town 19:45KO

Wells City vs Portishead Town 19:30KO

Wincanton Town vs Gillingham Town 19:30KO

Wednesday 17th April 2024

Premier Division

St Blazey vs Torpoint Athletic 19:30KO

Thursday 18th April 2024

Premier Division

Buckland Athletic vs Shepton Mallet 19:30KO

Helston Athletic vs Falmouth Town 19:45KO

Saltash United vs Ilfracombe Town 19:45KO

First Division

AEK Boco vs Gillingham Town 19:30KO

Brislington vs Hallen 19:30KO

Cheddar vs Portishead Town 19:45KO

Middlezoy Rovers vs Wells City 19:30KO

Saturday 20th April 2024 (3pm Kick-off unless noted otherwise)

Premier Division

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

First Division

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

League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Falmouth Town	30	22	4	4	53	70
2	Helston Athletic	29	22	3	4	71	69
3	Clevedon Town	32	21	5	6	44	68
4	Barnstaple Town	30	19	8	3	46	65
5	Bridgwater United	30	19	3	8	38	60
6	Buckland Athletic	31	16	7	8	34	55
7	Shepton Mallet	30	16	6	8	14	54
8	Brixham AFC	31	13	9	9	31	48
9	Torpoint Athletic	29	12	4	13	-4	40
10	Nailsea & Tickenham	31	12	3	16	-1	39
11	Street	31	9	7	15	-12	34
12	St Blazey	28	9	5	14	-15	32
13	Ilfracombe Town	28	7	8	13	-13	29
14	Saltash United	29	7	5	17	-19	26
15	Wellington	30	6	8	16	-38	26
16	Oldland Abbotonians	29	5	2	22	-50	17
17	Welton Rovers	30	3	7	20	-54	13*
18	Millbrook	26	2	0	24	-125	6

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Portishead Town	36	26	6	4	77	84
2	Radstock Town	39	26	6	7	50	84
3	Cribbs Reserves	38	25	5	8	40	80
4	Wincanton Town	39	25	4	10	26	79
5	Bitton	37	23	8	6	41	77
6	Wells City	37	25	2	10	40	77
7	Brislington	36	23	4	9	71	73
8	Bradford Town	39	18	9	12	22	63
9	AEK Boco	38	18	6	14	16	60
10	Longwell Green Sports	41	18	5	18	0	59
11	Middlezoy Rovers	39	18	2	19	-4	56
12	Bristol Telephones	39	17	5	17	-17	56
13	Hallen	37	16	7	14	4	55
14	Cadbury Heath	39	15	4	20	5	49
15	Odd Down	40	13	6	21	-40	45
16	Shirehampton	38	11	7	20	-6	40
17	Keynsham Town	38	11	4	23	-26	37
18	Warminster Town	39	10	7	22	-32	37
19	Hengrove Athletic	38	10	6	22	-30	36
20	Gillingham Town	37	10	3	24	-41	33
21	Cheddar	34	6	1	27	-41	19
22	Bishop Sutton	40	0	3	37	-155	3