



### Latest Round-ups:

**Midweek Action:** On Monday evening, **Portishead**'s Ethan Feltham reached the half-century mark of goals in the First Division this season, scoring twice after the break to lead the champions to a 2-0 win away at **Cribbs Reserves**. A bullet header early in the second half was his 50<sup>th</sup> of the campaign, with Feltham then striking again in stoppage time to cap another win for the table-toppers who are also bearing down on a 100-point season.

**Helston Athletic** were confirmed as Premier Division champions on Tuesday evening following their 2-1 victory away at fellow Cornish outfit **Torpoint**. With kickoff pushed back 15 minutes following ferry delays, the champions elect didn't allow this to deter them, and went ahead midway through the first half following a strong finish from outside the area by Steve Colwell. Leading scorer Rikki Sheppard then added a second ten minutes from time, heading home Callum Martindale's cross, and although they conceded a stoppage time penalty to Ryan Richards, nothing could stop Helston wrapping up the title following their 25<sup>th</sup> win of the campaign.



It was also a good night for another side from Cornwall, with **Saltash** beating **Shepton Mallet** 3-0 thanks to another star performance from Joe Preece. Having struck a hat-trick at the weekend, Preece picked up where he left off, scoring twice in the first half to put the Ashes two goals to the good against their sixth-placed visitors. In what was Mallet's last league fixture of the season, they can now turn their attention to the upcoming Les Phillips Cup final, eventually falling to a 3-0 loss at Saltash following Tom Huyton's late goal. Another big home win came from **Bridgwater**, who beat fellow playoff outfit **Barnstaple** by five goals to nil at Fairfax Park. A tight first half only saw one goal, with Jack Thorne firing United ahead in the 40<sup>th</sup> minute to take his personally goal tally for the season to 30. The large midweek crowd had plenty to cheer after the interval, with Jay Murray scoring twice in the space of five minutes, once via a rebound from his saved penalty, and then straight from the spot as Bridgwater moved three goals clear. The hosts kept pushing in the final few minutes, and after Ben Griffith had added to their advantage, the final goal from Jack Taylor in stoppage time helped increase their goal-difference further which could be crucial come playoff seeding at the end of the campaign. The night's other game was an eight-goal thriller, with **Welton** scoring twice in stoppage time to salvage a 4-4 draw in their home clash with **Ilfracombe**. Goals at the beginning and end of the first half from Harry Stevens and Dan Wilson helped steer Town into a handy lead at the break, with Welton finally getting on the scoresheet after 47 minutes following a strong run and finish from Marcel Lewis. A tit-for-tat contest then ensued, with Harry Taffs making it 3-1, only for a heavily deflected effort from Max Dyer helping to get Welton back into the game once again. Wilson's late penalty looked to have put the game to bed, but Ilfracombe were unable to hang onto their 4-2 advantage, with Joe Cattermole's 95<sup>th</sup> minute free kick followed moments later by a Jacob Shore equaliser as Welton claimed the most unlikely of points thanks to their late salvo.

The following evening, second-placed **Radstock** wrapped up their First Division season with a 2-1 win over **Brislington**. With both sides set for the playoffs, it was the Miners who registered an early confidence boost following a pair of first half strikes from Jack Pearson. The visitors reduced the deficit just after the hour mark, and had the opportunity to steal a point in added time, only for Radstock keeper Liam MacFarlane to save a penalty to preserve the three points. Elsewhere on Tuesday, **Hengrove** drew 0-0 away at **Bristol Telephones**, while **Bitton** capitalised on a red card to win 2-0 at **Cheddar**. With Ollie Hucker sent off for a foul just outside the area, Lewis Russell added insult to injury when he opened the scoring from the resulting free-kick. A second goal from Joe Ellis extended Bitton's lead further, helping his side gain revenge over the Cheesemen who had won the reverse fixture just seven days previously.

The back-end of the week saw away sides prosper, winning all eight of the fixtures across Wednesday and Thursday night's action. That included a pair of 2-0 wins in the Premier Division, with **Wellington**'s strong end to the season continuing with victory at **Street**. Following a goalless opening half, Welly made a dream start to the second period, with Harry Scott lobbing the ball into an empty net from well outside the area. Shortly after that, Scott was fouled on the edge of the box, and teammate Josh Lukins curled home the resulting free kick to put the visitor's two goals to the good. The other game that evening saw goals in either half from Luke Cloke lead **St Blazey** to victory against bottom-side **Millbrook**.

On the latest episode of the podcast, Welton Rovers boss, Ben Carter talks about the importance he sees in the development of players, both on and off the field. Ian also catches up with Cheddar boss, Matt Huxtable, who explains why he is committed to seeing his side fight for their Western League status.

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In the First Division, champions **Portishead** continued their push to reach 100 points after winning 3-0 away at **Shirehampton**. It was another strong showing from Ethan Feltham, and after being brought down in the build-up to Kyle Egan's opener from the spot, Feltham then volleyed home his 55<sup>th</sup> goal of the campaign to make it 2-0 at the interval. Egan was then on target again during the second half to give Town an unassailable lead as they prevailed comfortably in their final away game of the season. There was also a big 6-2 win for playoff-bound **Wells City**, who produced a stunning second half display on their way to overturning a half-time deficit away at **Warminster**. After trailing 1-0 at the interval, Wells soon found their footing during the second period, taking the lead early in the second half thanks to goals from Harry Warwick and Tom Ovigne. The goals kept coming for Wells after that, with James Bayliss' looping header increasing the lead to two, before Chris Pile added his name to the scoresheet. Warwick then lobbed the home keeper to complete his brace, with Felix Brown adding a sixth in stoppage time just moments after Warminster had grabbed a consolation. **Boco** were also victorious on Wednesday, with Isaiah Crawford, Will Humphries and skipper Sam Thomas all scoring in their 3-1 defeat of **Cadbury Heath**. 24 hours later, Toby Cole's hat-trick of goals helped lead **Bitton** to a 4-1 win at **Gillingham**. After Cole had given Bitton an early lead, the home side responded excellently with Harry Lock's cross converted by Josh Haskett for 1-1. A goal at the beginning of the second half from Cole again put Bitton in front, but there was no fightback from the Gills this time, with Garland slamming home a header to make it 3-1, before Cole completed his treble late on. Elsewhere on Thursday, Kieran Clayton and Aaron Coleman were both on target during **Cribbs Reserves'** 2-0 win at **Cheddar**, while **Keynsham** held on to beat ten-man **Brislington** 2-1. Having won the reverse fixture on Boxing Day, Keynsham again made a strong start and went ahead after only 11 minutes through in-form forward Joe Davis. The hosts were then reduced to ten-men early in the second half, and Town capitalised shortly after with Davis doubling his tally from close-range. A late consolation for Brislington gave them hope in the final minutes, but the K's held on to secure their fourth win from five.

Premier Division: **Bridgwater** were the biggest scorers on the full final Saturday of the season, gearing up for the playoffs with a 6-1 win over **Millbrook**. Despite falling behind in the opening stages, Bridgy battled back to lead at the break, with Jason Quick, Jack Taylor and Jay Murray all scoring in the final five minutes of the first half. Taylor then struck again three minutes after the interval, before completing his hat-trick from the spot to make it 5-1. There was still time for leading scorer Jack Thorne to add his name to scoresheet, with his late effort taking him to 31 in all competitions this season. At the opposite end of the table, **Saltash's** strong finish to the campaign continued with a 5-0 thrashing of **Welton Rovers**. Now up into 12<sup>th</sup> spot, the Ashes made it three home wins in seven days, all without conceding after putting Rovers to the sword. Jack Jefford's first goal in senior football made it 1-0 after only seven minutes, with Tyler Yendle doubling the hosts advantage shortly after. A third goal on the stroke of half time from Ethan Wright extended the lead further, before Joe Preece got his customary goal prior to Jake Curtis adding a late fifth. **Brixham** are another side who will be happy with the final few weeks, beating **Wellington** 3-1 in their penultimate fixture. It was the away side who started strongest, going ahead midway through the first half when skipper Kieran Bailey headed home Sully McKenna's corner. The game then turned in the final few minutes of the opening half, with Brixham's Scott Robinson finishing off back-to-back attacking forays to make it 2-1 at the interval. The hosts finally wrapped things 17 minutes from time, with Jaden Maslen doubling their advantage and confirming their eighth placed finish.

Champions **Helston** finished their season with a goalless draw against long-time title rivals **Clevedon**, while second-placed **Falmouth** snuck a 1-0 win over **Oldland** courtesy of another Oscar Massey effort. **Barnstaple** will be Falmouth's playoff opponent on Tuesday night, and they will be heading into that encounter on the back of a loss after being beaten 2-1 by **Buckland**. First half goals from Cieran Bridger and Owen Stockton led Buckland to victory, with the only blemish for them coming in the form of a late consolation from Tor Swann. The other fixtures finished in big 5-1 home wins, with **Ilfracombe** strolling to victory over **Street**. Liam Short struck twice for the hosts, with Jack Magarotto, Joe Baker and Harry Taffs also netting in Ilfracombe's highest scoring output of the entire season. The other 5-1 victors were **Nailesea & Tickenham**, with Hamish Hurst's second half brace adding to first half efforts from Miles Hardidge and Luke Osgood during their drubbing of **Torpoint Athletic**.

**First Division:** **Portishead Town** finished their campaign with 99 points after falling to a 2-0 loss in their final home fixtures with **Hallen**. The in-form visitors have now won five of their last six, securing their latest three points thanks to goals in either half from regular goalscorers Elliot Gardener and Cory Thomas-Barker. Following on from the midweek heroics, it was another excellent day for away sides up and down the division, including that of **Cadbury Heath** who beat struggling **Cheddar** 7-0. After an early own goal, six different Heath players then got on the scoresheet, with Lewis Hedges, Dominic Anderson and Josh Williams making it 4-0 at the break. The visitors started the second half of the front foot, extending the lead further through Harry Goldspink, with Zac Cheetham and Aaron Day rounding out the victory during the final 15 minutes. **Bitton** were also big winners in their final game of the season, impressing early during their 5-0 defeat of **Bishop Sutton**. Recent addition Scott Gregory made an impressive impact, scoring twice in the opening 20 minutes, sandwiching an effort from Luke Lecrass as Bitton dominated the opening passages. The second half was a quieter affair, with the away side adding two goals to their winning margin courtesy of Cody Vile and Jacob Watson. Elsewhere, **Hengrove** won 1-0 at **Odd Down**, while Liam Clayton struck twice, and brother Kieran once during **Cribbs Reserves** huge 6-0 away victory at **Gillingham**. The day's other away winners were **Wincanton**, with the Wasps holding off a second half charge from **Keynsham** to win by four goals to two. A Sam Fisher double proved pivotal for Wincanton, with Matt Garner also notching during the victory, while Tyler Linton attempted to lead a Keynsham fightback, but it wasn't quite enough as their recent winning run was brought to an end. **Wells** will head into the playoffs on the back of a 2-2 draw away at **AEK Boco**, while **Brislington** warmed up for their semi-final with a 4-2 win over **Warminster** thanks to second half goals from Jay Malpas and Vinny Sweet.

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

#### Premier Division

Jared Lewington (Buckland) – 31  
 Jack Thorne (Bridgwater) – 25  
 Oscar Massey (Falmouth) – 25  
 Ryan Richards (Torpoint) – 24  
 Rubin Wilson (Falmouth) – 20  
 Rikki Sheppard (Helston) – 20  
 Sam Beresford (Clevedon) - 18

#### All Competitions

Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 55  
 Jared Lewington (Buckland) – 36  
 Harry Warwick (Wells) - 36  
 Matt Garner (Wincanton) – 34  
 Jack Thorne (Bridgwater) – 31  
 Louis Snailham (Shirehampton) – 27  
 Ryan Richards (Torpoint) - 26

#### First Division

Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 52  
 Matt Garner (Wincanton) – 32  
 Harry Warwick (Wells) - 31  
 Liam Winter (Middlezoy) – 26  
 Liam Clayton (Cribbs Reserves) – 23  
 Louis Snailham (Shirehampton) – 23  
 Joe Beardwell (Bitton) - 22



## Latest Results

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024

#### Premier Division

Cribbs Reserves	0-2	Portishead Town	102
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### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024

#### Premier Division

Bridgwater United	5-0	Barnstaple Town	273
Saltash United	3-0	Shepton Mallet	102
Torpoint Athletic	1-2	Helston Athletic	204
Welton Rovers	4-4	Ilfracombe Town	69

#### First Division

Bristol Telephones	0-0	Hengrove Athletic	60
Cheddar	0-2	Bitton	
Radstock Town	2-1	Brislington	101

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024

#### Premier Division

Millbrook	0-2	St Blazey	
Street	0-2	Wellington	

#### First Division

Cadbury Heath	1-3	AEK Boco	58
Shirehampton	0-3	Portishead Town	82
Warminster Town	2-6	Wells City	95

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024

#### First Division

Brislington	1-2	Keynsham Town	104
Cheddar	0-2	Cribbs Reserves	
Gillingham Town	1-4	Bitton	41

### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024

#### Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	2-1	Buckland Athletic	
Bridgwater United	6-2	Millbrook	301
Brixham	3-1	Wellington	145
Falmouth Town	1-0	Oldland Abbotonians	361
Helston Athletic	0-0	Clevedon Town	
Ilfracombe Town	5-1	Street	74
Nailsea & Tickenham	5-1	Torpoint Athletic	137
Saltash United	5-0	Welton Rovers	117

#### First Division

AEK Boco	2-2	Wells City	76
Bishop Sutton	0-5	Bitton	
Brislington	4-2	Warminster Town	54
Cheddar	0-7	Cadbury Heath	
Gillingham Town	0-6	Cribbs Reserves	41
Keynsham Town	2-4	Wincanton Town	62
Odd Down	0-1	Hengrove Athletic	320
Portishead Town	0-2	Hallen	104

## Upcoming Fixtures

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Premier Division

Millbrook vs Ilfracombe Town 19:45KO

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Premier Division – Play Off Semi Finals

Bridgwater United vs Clevedon Town 19:45KO

Falmouth Town vs Barnstaple Town 19:45KO

First Division – Play Off Semi Finals

Radstock Town vs Brislington 19:45KO

Wincanton Town vs Wells City 19:30KO

First Division

Cheddar vs Hallen 19:30KO

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024

Premier Division

St Blazey vs Saltash United 19:30KO

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

First Division

Cheddar vs Hengrove Athletic 19:45KO

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024 (3pm Kick-off unless noted otherwise)

Premier Division

Nailsea & Tickenham vs St Blazey

Oldland Abbotonians vs Millbrook

First Division

Bradford Town vs Middlezoy Rovers

Shirehampton vs Hallen

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 (3pm Kick-off unless noted otherwise)

Premier Division

Millbrook vs Oldland Abbotonians

St Blazey vs Welton Rovers



## League Tables

PREMIER DIVISION		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
<b>C</b>	<b>Helston Athletic</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>80</b>
2	Falmouth Town	34	24	4	6	55	76
3	Bridgwater United	34	23	3	8	51	72
4	Clevedon Town	34	21	7	6	44	70
5	Barnstaple Town	34	19	10	5	40	67
6	Buckland Athletic	34	18	7	9	35	61
7	Shepton Mallet	34	18	6	10	17	60
8	Brixham AFC	33	14	10	9	33	55*
9	Torpoint Athletic	34	13	6	15	-8	45
10	Nailsea & Tickenham	33	13	4	16	3	43
11	Ilfracombe Town	33	9	10	14	-11	37
12	Saltash United	33	10	5	18	-9	35
13	St Blazey	31	10	5	16	-16	35
14	Street	34	9	7	18	-22	34
15	Wellington	34	8	8	18	-38	32
16	Welton Rovers	33	4	8	21	-58	17*
17	Oldland Abbotonians	32	5	2	25	-58	17
18	Millbrook	30	2	1	27	-132	7

FIRST DIVISION		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
<b>C</b>	<b>Portishead Town</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>99</b>
2	Radstock Town	42	28	7	7	55	91
3	Bitton	42	27	8	7	51	89
4	Wincanton Town	42	27	4	11	28	85
5	Wells City	42	27	3	12	41	84
6	Cribbs Reserves	42	27	3	12	45	83*
7	Brislington	42	25	5	12	71	80
8	Bradford Town	41	18	11	12	22	65
9	AEK Boco	42	19	8	15	17	65
10	Bristol Telephones	42	19	6	17	-12	63
11	Hallen	40	18	8	14	9	62
12	Longwell Green Sports	42	18	5	19	-3	59
13	Middlezoy Rovers	41	18	2	21	-9	56
14	Cadbury Heath	42	17	4	21	14	55
15	Odd Down	42	13	7	22	-41	46
16	Shirehampton	41	12	7	22	-12	43
17	Hengrove Athletic	41	12	7	22	-25	43
18	Keynsham Town	42	13	4	25	-27	43
19	Warminster Town	42	10	7	25	-42	37
20	Gillingham Town	42	10	4	28	-59	34
21	Cheddar	40	8	1	31	-52	25
22	Bishop Sutton	42	0	3	39	-164	3