



Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: With the season winding down, a few sides were still in action during the week, with four fascinating playoff semi-finals taking place on Tuesday evening. In the Premier Division, second beat fifth at Bickland Park, with **Falmouth** reaching the final thanks to a 3-1 win over **Barnstaple**. Having finished nine points apart on the final table, Falmouth were favourites heading into the tie, but will have been wary of the Devonians following two hard-fought games earlier in the season. Willed on by another huge home support, Luke Brabyn fired Falmouth ahead on 15 minutes, before leading scorer Oscar Massey added to their advantage just before half time. Rubin Wilson extended the lead further after 70 minutes, with Barnstaple grabbing a late consolation courtesy of Brodie Montague. In the other semi-final, **Clevedon** ran out winners away at **Bridgwater**, complete a hat-trick of 1-0 wins against the same opponent this term (pictured in action, below).



There was very little to separate the sides all season, and that was on show again at Fairfax Park, with Joe Teall's 79th minute winner seeing the visitors prevail. Teall struck at the back post following a floated corner from Harlee Vozza, with the Seasiders keeping their fourth clean sheet on the bounce to secure the slender one-goal victory. There were also a couple of games being caught up on, with Jack Jenkins, Dan Wilson and Jack Magarotto leading **Ilfracombe** to a 3-1 win away at **Millbrook** on Monday, while Cornish rivals **St Blazey** and **Saltash** drew one apiece on Wednesday. In a game where both sides shot into life, Joe Preece broke the deadlock after only 11 minutes for the Ashes, before the home side responded less than two minutes later through Luke Cloke.

There was plenty of drama in the First Division semi-finals, with seventh placed **Brislington** winning away at league runners-up **Radstock** to grab a final spot. Having won the league in 2022/23, Brislington would have been disappointed with their finishing position this season, but managed to secure a 1-0 win on Tuesday evening courtesy of Dean Griffiths' late effort. Having lost 2-1 in the same league fixture just seven days previously, it was an impressive turnaround from Bris who shaded the first half in terms of opportunities and finally made their strong showing pay off thanks to Griffiths' 78th minute goal. Brislington's opponents in the final are **Wincanton** after they came out on top in a ten-goal thriller at home to **Wells City**. Only one point separated the sides at the end of a 42-game season, but not many would have predicted the start to Tuesday's semi-final, with Wells storming into a 3-1 lead after only 15 minutes. It was Steve Murray who got the ball rolling for City, making it 1-0 in the sixth minute, only for the hosts to hit back instantly thanks to a back post finish from Sam Hodges. Wells weren't deterred however, and after Tom Diamond had headed them back in front, Murray then struck again to put them two goals ahead after a frantic quarter-hour of goalmouth action. The game settled down somewhat after that, with the games fifth goal coming on the hour mark courtesy of a penalty from Wincanton's Tom Jarvis, who buried his spot kick following a foul on Connor Williams inside the area. Jarvis was on hand to level the scores shortly after, powering home a header, and then all of a sudden they had completely flipped the game on its head with Williams curling home to make it 4-3 in the Wasps favour. Williams' influence on the game continued to grow, and only the post stopped him from increasing the lead further, but fortunately teammate Jamie Thompson was in the right place to tuck home the rebound as Wells continued to crumble. City weren't finished however, and they set up a grandstand finish thanks to Murray's hat-trick goal, but it was Wincanton who scored the tenth, and final, goal of an absorbing contest, with Lewis Townsend crashing home another header to give them a scarcely believable 6-4 victory. The other game that night saw **Hallen** beat **Cheddar** 6-0 at Bowdens Park thanks to a second-half hat-trick from Elliot Gardner.

On our champions special, Ian catches up with Helston Athletic boss Matt Cusack, who reflects on a season where his side realised their potential, and achieved their ultimate goal. Portishead Town manager Kye Mountford also joins the show to talk about their First Division winning campaign. Kye provides an honest assessment on what life will mean for him and the Posset next season, and considers the lesson that can be learnt from other successful Somerset clubs as they look to establish themselves in the Premier Division in 2024/25. <http://toolstationleague.com/season-2023-24-podcast-episode-39/>



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

Premier Division

Jared Lewington (Buckland) – 31
 Oscar Massey (Falmouth) – 26
 Jack Thorne (Bridgwater) – 25
 Ryan Richards (Torpoint) – 24
 Rubin Wilson (Falmouth) – 20
 Rikki Sheppard (Helston) – 20
 Jack Taylor (Bridgwater) - 19

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) – 28
 Oscar Massey (Falmouth) - 28

First Division

Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 52
 Matt Garner (Wincanton) – 32
 Harry Warwick (Wells) - 31
 Liam Winter (Middlezoy) - 26
 Louis Snailham (Shirehampton) – 24
 Joe Beardwell (Bitton) - 23
 Liam Clayton (Cribbs Reserves) – 23

Weekend Action: Saturday afternoon saw the two playoff finals, with promotion up for grabs in a pair of high-stake contests. The Premier Division runners-up **Falmouth** earned their spot in the Southern League following a 2-0 win over **Clevedon**, bringing the curtain down on a terrific campaign for the Cornish outfit. Alongside their heroics in the FA Vase, Falmouth have produced a second-half surge since the turn of the year, and took that form into the final which saw them prevail by two goals to nil. In a dream start for the hosts, Oscar Massey put them ahead within two minutes of the opening kickoff, cutting in from the left and firing into the bottom corner. Having come close to extending their lead, Falmouth then finally moved into a two-goal advantage after 70 minutes when Luke Barner slotted the ball into the visitors' net, with star man Massey providing the assist. This victory was Falmouth's 13th consecutive on home soil and will see them join Helston in gaining a step-up to the Southern League ahead of the 2024/25 season. Saturday also saw big home wins as the league season creeps towards the finishing line, with braces from Oscar Collins and Lucas Vowles leading **Nailsea & Tickenham** to a 4-2 defeat of **St Blazey**. The other game finished 6-0 to **Oldland**, with Kyle Tooze scoring in either half of their 6-0 win over bottom-side **Millbrook**.

The second promotion spot in the First Division eventually went to **Brislington**, with last season's champions producing a thrilling come-from-behind 3-2 victory at **Wincanton**. After the Wasps had come through a thrilling semi-final earlier in the week, they took that goal-



scoring form into Saturday's final, going ahead in the fourth minute thanks to a Jamie Thompson volley. Tom Jarvis then tucked home a penalty midway through the first half to put Town two-up, with the hosts hoping for a repeat of the win they secure over the same opponent in mid-January. Brislington had other ideas however, and they turned to the subs bench to turn the game on it's head, with Ashley Kington firing

home a free kick after an hour to get them back into the game. It was then all-square heading into the final 15 minutes after another substitute netted for the away side, with Joe McLennan ending his goal drought to make it two apiece. Just as though it looked like the sides wouldn't be separated at the end of normal time, Brislington completed their incredible fightback with Lewis Dunn scoring two minutes into stoppage time, giving Lee Perks' side a spot in next season's Premier Division following the most dramatic of finales. In non-playoff matters, **Hengrove** strolled to a 4-0 win away at **Cheddar**, while goals from Fabian Stanislas, Sam Jordan and Ben Wickens led **Bradford** to a 3-0 victory at home to **Middlezoy**. In the day's early kickoff, Elliot Gardner bagged a hat-trick during **Hallen's** thrilling 4-3 win away at **Shirehampton**. An incredible start to the game saw both sides score twice inside the opening 20 minutes, with Trystan Baker and Scott Bamford leading the charge for Shirehampton. Their top scorer Louis Snailham then made it 3-2 from the penalty spot, but Hallen eventually came out on top thanks to Gardener's treble, and a further goal from teammate Patryk Kosciolek.

The league season finally came to an end of Bank Holiday Monday with a pair of Premier Division clashes, including **Oldland's** 4-0 win away at **Millbrook**. There was also a cheerful finale to the campaign for **St Blazey**, with Luke Cloke, George Newton, Lewis Russell, Jacob Bowker and Jordan Pearce all scoring in their comprehensive 5-0 win over **Welton**.

Latest Results

Monday 29th April 2024

Premier Division

Millbrook 1-3 Ilfracombe Town

Tuesday 30th April 2024

Premier Division – Play Off Semi Finals

Bridgwater United 0-1 Clevedon Town
Falmouth Town 3-1 Barnstaple Town 480

First Division – Play Off Semi Finals

Radstock Town 0-1 Brislington 365
Wincanton Town 6-4 Wells City 152

First Division

Cheddar 0-6 Hallen 24

Wednesday 1st May 2024

Premier Division

St Blazey 1-1 Saltash United 136

Saturday 4th May 2024

Premier Division – Play Off Final

Falmouth Town 2-0 Clevedon Town

First Division – Play Off Final

Wincanton Town 2-3 Brislington 326

Premier Division

Nailsea & Tickenham 4-2 St Blazey 141
Oldland Abbotonians 6-0 Millbrook

First Division

Bradford Town 3-0 Middlezoy Rovers 175
Cheddar 0-4 Hengrove Athletic 53
Shirehampton 3-4 Hallen 55

Monday 6th May 2024

Premier Division

Millbrook 0-4 Oldland Abbotonians 92
St Blazey 5-0 Welton Rovers 227



League Tables

PREMIER DIVISION		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
C	Helston Athletic	34	25	5	4	74	80
PO	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	34	15	10	9	33	55
9	Nailsea & Tickenham	34	14	4	16	5	46
10	Torpoint Athletic	34	13	6	15	-8	45
11	Ilfracombe Town	34	10	10	14	-9	40
12	St Blazey	34	11	6	17	-13	39
13	Saltash United	34	10	6	18	-9	36
14	Street	34	9	7	18	-22	34
15	Wellington	34	8	8	18	-38	32
16	Oldland Abbotonians	33	7	2	25	-48	23
17	Welton Rovers	34	4	8	22	-63	17*
18	Millbrook	34	2	1	31	-144	7

FIRST DIVISION		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
C	Portishead Town	42	31	6	5	93	99
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*
PO	Brislington	42	25	5	12	71	80
8	Bradford Town	42	19	11	12	25	68
9	Hallen	42	20	8	14	16	68
10	AEK Boco	42	19	8	15	17	65
11	Bristol Telephones	42	19	6	17	-12	63
12	Longwell Green Sports	42	18	5	19	-3	59
13	Middlezoy Rovers	42	18	2	22	-12	56
14	Cadbury Heath	42	17	4	21	14	55
15	Hengrove Athletic	42	13	7	22	-21	46
16	Odd Down	42	13	7	22	-41	46
17	Shirehampton	42	12	7	23	-13	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	42	8	1	33	-62	25
22	Bishop Sutton	42	0	3	39	-164	3