

Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: Tuesday evening saw a trio of fixtures take place under the lights, with Shirehampton denting Avonmouth's First Division title hopes following a 3-2 victory over their local rivals in Bristol. Three points would have taken the hosts top for the first time this season, and things started well with Kyle O'Donovan putting them in front midway through the first half. Shirehampton's Scott Bamford then made it one apiece, only for Josh Pearce to respond shortly after to put Avonmouth back ahead during added time at the end of the opening period. Derby Day bragging rights belonged to Shirehampton however, and after Bamford had slotted home again to make it two-all, an outstanding free-kick from Kyle Thomas completed the turnaround 20 minutes from time. Elsewhere, Wellington progressed to the semi-final stage of the Les Phillips Cup after storming to a 4-0 win away at Cheddar. In a first-half which saw both sides provided with plenty of goalscoring opportunities, it was the Tangerines who proved to be more clinical, with Jordan Hayman and Nathan Byrne putting them two goals to the good. A clinical finish from Sam Towler then made it 3-0 five minutes after half-time, before Josh Lukins completed the scoring with a long-range strike. Joining Wellington in the last four of the competition are Bradford Town who prevailed on penalties following a 1-1 draw away at Devizes. Having taken a first half lead through Jensen Wakefield, the Bobcats suffered a setback in the closing stages when the home side equalised with just five minutes remaining. The Premier Division outfit then scored with six of their seven penalties to sneak past their hosts, with the Blues happy to be moving on at the expense of their Wiltshire rivals.



Premier Division: The toing and froing atop the league table following Saturday's fixtures, with Clevedon reaching the summit once again following their 4-0 win over Saltash. The Seasiders victory, coinciding with Torpoint's inactivity, saw them move two points clear, with Oscar Bridgman's 27th minute goal settling the nerves. Harlee Vozza then scored late in the first half to make it 2-0, with his effort ruled to have crossed the line. Clevedon then wrapped things up in the closing stages, with Jacob Sloggett's 82nd minute penalty putting them two clear, before Harrison Coker completed the scoring in stoppage time. Another side to win at home were Paulton Rovers, with their slender 1-0 victory over Buckland Athletic helping to strengthen their position in the top five. With just one point separating the sides at the start of the day, the game played out in an equally tight manor, with a goal in the opening stages helping to settle the contest. That goal came from Sam Hill in just the seventh minute, with his strong effort from outside the area travelling through a raft of bodies before finding the back of the net.



Also winning by a goal-to-nil was Shepton Mallet, with a late Luke Wilkinson effort leading them past Bridgwater (pictured, left). After their hosts had seen a Jack Taylor goal ruled out for offside late in the first half, Shepton capitalised 20 minutes from time, with Wilkinson scoring the decisive goal to give his side their second win over Bridgwater this season. With the aforementioned Buckland defeat, it was Barnstaple who ended the afternoon with a place in the top five after they won by two goals to nil away at Bradford Town. The Devon outfit have now won seven league games on the bounce, with the returning Ryan Keates setting them on their way at Bradford with the opening goal after 33 minutes. Gabby Rogers then completed the scoring five minutes before the end, with Bradford's own winning run of five matches brought to an abrupt end. The biggest winners of the day were Street, with four goals in the final 13 minutes leading them to a 5-0 triumph over fellow mid-table side Helston. Following a goalless opening half, the Cobblers flew out of the blocks after the break, with Jakob Dickens applying the finishing touch to a fantastic team goal to break the deadlock. With the game still in the balance late on, Preston Hopwood took it upon himself to land all three points for the hosts, with his smashing finish 13 minutes from time making it 2-0. Another excellent Hopwood finish then made it 3-0, with further goals in stoppage time from Chris Barrett and Callum Laird giving the home side's goal difference a major boost.

First Division: The thrilling race for the title continued on Saturday afternoon, with Devizes returning to winning ways to maintain their three-point lead. Having suffered a heavy defeat last time out, Devizes rebounded in their home tie with Hengrove, scoring five unanswered goals in a big win. Matt Swann was the hero during the early stages, with the Town skipper scoring twice inside the opening 20 minutes to put his side two to the good. A Jake Reader goal then made it 3-0 before half-time, with recent signing Sam Francis scoring twice in the closing stages to claim the Man of the Match award. Second place now belongs to Wells City after they thumped Mendip Broadwalk 6-0 at the Athletic Ground. Jake Horsey was the star of the show for Wells, with his hat-trick of goals helping the home side dominate throughout. Horsey netted twice during the first half, sandwiching a Harry Warwick effort, before he then completed his treble in the 87th minute, adding to other late goals from substitutes Jenson Murphy and Jake Brown.

Elsewhere, we saw away sides enjoy a stellar day, including for Bristol Telephones who stormed to a 4-1 victory over Shirehampton. After an early free kick from Liam McCracken had put the Phones ahead, the league's top marksman then struck again to put the visitors two-up inside 15 minutes. A headed finish from Ben Adam gave Shirehampton a foothold in the contest, but it was the visitors who soon began to dominate again, with Craig Wilson restoring the two-goal advantage. It was then left for McCracken to complete his scoring before the game had even reached the half-hour mark, extending his lead atop the division's scoring charts. The in-form Longwell Green were also successful on their trip to Bath, with Matt Brown scoring two second half goals to lead his side to a 3-0 victory over Odd Down. Jack Ball went one better, notching a hat-trick in Boco's thumping 4-1 win away at Keynsham, while Kevin Zyberi starred in Cadbury Heath's thrilling 3-2 defeat of Welton Rovers. After falling behind to Will Ford's early opener, Zyberi scored either side of the interval to give the visitors a 2-1 lead. The rapidly improving Rovers looked to have grabbed a share of the spoils when they levelled things late on, but it was Cadbury Heath who took home maximum points thanks to Matt Isaacs, who went on a winding run, beating three defenders before slotting the ball past the home keeper.

The final away winner was Bitton, with an early red card not stalling their progress in a 2-1 victory over Warminster. In a dramatic opening to the contest, Bitton took a 15th minute lead thanks to Josh Gilborson's penalty, before Warminster were then awarded a spot kick of their own which was saved by the visiting keeper, Teddy Maggs. A red card around the half-hour mark then threatened to derail Bitton's hopes, but they regrouped and actually managed to add to their advantage on the stroke of half-time when Gilborson netted his second of the afternoon. Warminster did threaten a fightback, halving the deficit through Tyson Pollard, but it was the title-chasing Bitton side who managed to hang on and claim three vital points. In the only draw of the day, Calne's Luke Ballinger rescued a point for the Lilywhites on their trip to Radstock, with Louie Gurner having earlier put the home side in front.

Latest Results

Tuesday 17th February 2026

First Division

Avonmouth	2-3	Shirehampton

Les Phillips Cup

Cheddar	0-4	Wellington
Devizes Town	1-1	Bradford Town

(Bradford win 5-6 on pens)

Saturday 21st February 2026

Premier Division

Bradford Town	0-2	Barnstaple Town
Bridgwater United	0-1	Shepton Mallet
Clevedon Town	4-0	Saltash United
Ivybridge Town	P-P	St Blazey
Paulton Rovers	1-0	Buckland Athletic
Street	5-0	Helston Athletic
Torpoint Athletic	P-P	Newquay
Wellington	P-P	Brislington

First Division

Almondsbury	P-P	Cheddar
Avonmouth	P-P	Sturminster Newton United
Devizes Town	5-0	Hengrove Athletic
Keynsham Town	1-4	AEK Boco
Odd Down	0-3	Longwell Green Sports
Radstock Town	1-1	Calne Town
Shirehampton	1-4	Bristol Telephones
Warminster Town	1-2	Bitton
Wells City	6-0	Mendip Broadwalk
Welton Rovers	2-3	Cadbury Heath

Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division

Ryan Bush (Buckland) - 23
Sam Beresford (Clevedon) – 17
Kitan Jaiyeoba (Paulton) – 17
Jack Bray-Evans (Newquay) – 16
Rhys Simmonds (Newquay) – 15
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) - 14

First Division

Liam McCracken (Bristol Telephones) – 21
Josh Pearce (Avonmouth) – 17
Jake Brown (Wells) – 17
Jack Newman (Warminster) – 16
Harry Warwick (Wells) - 15
Josh Gilborson (Bitton) - 15

All Competitions

Ryan Bush (Buckland) - 30
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) - 22
Jensen Wakefield (Bradford) – 22
Liam McCracken (Bristol Telephones) - 21

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 24th February 2026

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	vs	Bridgwater United	19:45KO
Sidmouth Town	vs	Torpoint Athletic	19:30KO

First Division

Hengrove Athletic	vs	Odd Down	19:30KO
Mendip Broadwalk	vs	AEK Boco	19:30KO
Radstock Town	vs	Avonmouth	19:30KO
Wells City	vs	Sturminster Newton United	19:30KO

Wednesday 25th February 2026

Premier Division

Wellington	vs	Street	19:45KO

Saturday 28th February 2026 (3pm kick off unless noted)

Premier Division

Brislington	vs	St Blazey
Buckland Athletic	vs	Bridgwater United
Oldland Abbotonians	vs	Newquay
Shepton Mallet	vs	Helston Athletic
Sidmouth Town	vs	Street

First Division

Almondsbury	vs	Wells City
Bristol Telephones	vs	Devizes Town
Calne Town	vs	AEK Boco
Hengrove Athletic	vs	Avonmouth
Odd Down	vs	Bitton
Radstock Town	vs	Shirehampton
Sturminster Newton	vs	Keynsham Town
Warminster Town	vs	Mendip Broadwalk
Welton Rovers	vs	Longwell Green Sports

Les Phillips Cup Semi Finals

Bradford Town	vs	Ivybridge Town
Wellington	vs	Barnstaple Town

Podcast Episode 28

On the podcast this week, Ian welcomes Sam Allison, a select-group 2 match official, who describes his journey from playing in the Western League to becoming a referee at the Premier League level. **Saltash** manager, Lee Britchford, also joins the show to talk about the belief he has in his young side despite a challenging run of results, while Chris Alway of Longwell Green Sports reflects on their incredible victory over Devizes, and says he hopes they can maintain their good run of form for as long as possible.

https://www.westernleague.co.uk/news/podcast-episode-28-1



League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Clevedon Town	26	19	2	5	41	59
2	Torpoint Athletic	22	18	3	1	34	57
3	Paulton Rovers	23	15	4	4	43	49
4	Sidmouth Town	25	14	4	7	19	46
5	Barnstaple Town	21	14	3	4	32	45
6	Buckland Athletic	26	13	6	7	25	45
7	Saltash United	26	12	5	9	5	41
8	Newquay	22	12	3	7	20	39
9	Bridgwater United	27	11	4	12	-3	37
10	Bradford Town	27	10	6	11	2	36
11	Helston Athletic	25	10	3	12	-6	33
12	Street	23	8	6	9	11	30
13	Shepton Mallet	27	8	6	13	-5	30
14	Ivybridge Town	23	9	2	12	-7	29
15	St Blazey	27	7	8	12	-19	29
16	Wellington	21	5	4	12	-13	19
17	Brislington	24	5	3	16	-19	18
18	Oldland Abbotonians	20	2	2	16	-25	8
19	St Austell	23	0	0	23	-135	0

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Devizes Town	25	17	7	1	47	58
2	Wells City	26	18	1	7	47	55
3	Sturminster Newton United	24	17	2	5	42	53
4	Bitton	27	15	8	4	15	53
5	Avonmouth	27	15	8	4	13	53
6	Bristol Telephones	26	14	7	5	14	49
7	Longwell Green Sports	29	13	3	13	0	42
8	Mendip Broadwalk	26	11	6	9	-3	39
9	AEK Boco	25	11	5	9	14	38
10	Calne Town	28	10	8	10	4	38
11	Almondsbury	23	10	6	7	0	36
12	Warminster Town	27	9	8	10	3	35
13	Cadbury Heath	28	9	7	12	-19	34
14	Shirehampton	26	7	6	13	-21	27
15	Odd Down	25	7	5	13	-9	26
16	Radstock Town	25	4	10	11	-12	21*
17	Keynsham Town	28	5	4	19	-38	19
18	Cheddar	27	3	9	15	-36	18
19	Welton Rovers	25	4	3	18	-27	15
20	Hengrove Athletic	25	2	7	16	-34	13


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