

Latest Round-ups:

New Years Day Action: Of the games to survive the early morning downpour on New Years Day, **Shepton Mallet** were the only home winner in the Premier Division. Goals at the end of either half proved to be enough for Mallet to see off the challenge of **Brislington**, with Matt Morris putting them in front after 45 minutes, before Aaron Seviour doubled the lead with a late header. In the day's other early kickoff, **Portishead** fell to a rare home defeat at the hands of **Nailsea & Tickenham**. Having scored 21 goals in their previous four games at Bristol Road, Town drew a rare blank in the 1-0 defeat, with Luke Osgood's goal early in the second half ending up as the difference between the sides. It wasn't for failure of trying for the home side, with Ethan Feltham having two chances cleared off the line, while Owen Punselie saw his late effort come back off the post while chasing an equaliser. **Saltash** secured back-to-back Cornish derby wins following a 4-1 victory away at **St Austell**. Having gone in front around the half-hour mark thanks to a Tom Payne header, the Ashes then struck late in the first half through Rikki Sheppard to double their advantage. George Marris gave the hosts hope of a fightback when he scored early in the second half, but Saltash then struck twice in quick succession through Sheppard and Hayden Greening to wrap up the victory. Elsewhere, **Oldland Abbotonians** prevailed in their mid-table clash away at **Bridgwater**, winning 3-2 in front of a large Fairfax Park crowd. After falling behind to Jack Taylor's early opener, Oldland hit back through Owen Lingard and then struck again early in the second half to go 2-1 up. A Hayden Chambers equaliser 20 minutes from time should have sparked the hosts, but it had the opposite impact, and Oldland retook the lead instantly before surviving some late opportunities for the United forward line to secure the 3-2 victory.

In the First Division, all three home sides eventually prevailed, with **Bradford** jumping into top spot following a dramatic 2-1 victory at home to **Calne**. After going in front through Jaiden Pearce late in the first half, the Bobcats were pegged back shortly after half time when Nat Bell levelled things up for the Lilywhites. The game then came down to the final minutes, with Bradford's Callum Demkiv rounding the visiting keeper before slotting home to make it 2-1 and toppling the previous league leaders. The other games were decidedly more one-sided, with **Devizes** adding to **Warminster's** recent woes with a thumping 8-0 win at Nursteed Road. Josh Parsons claimed a hat-trick during the heavy win, with five second half goals from the home side taking them to their highest scoring output of the season. Rhys Talmash also netted twice, with Matt Swann, Danny Bowyer and leading scorer Luke Hopper all adding their name to the scoresheet. There was also a big win for **Keynsham**, with Jacob Saunders' hat-trick leading them to a 6-0 defeat of **Gillingham Town** in their basement battle. The K's scored three goals in either half, with two of Saunders' strikes coming from the very top drawer. George Killick had earlier set the ball rolling with a 13th minute effort, while Riley Gifford-Hobbs scored a goal in each half as Keynsham started 2025 on the highest of notes following a tough few months without tasting victory.

Weekend Action: Portishead Town extended their lead atop the Premier Division thanks to a straightforward home win over St Blazey on Saturday afternoon. With more fixtures falling foul to the weather, Portishead took advantage in the race for top spot, with Ethan Feltham and Kyle Egan both scoring twice in their 4-1 victory. Feltham struck in either half for the league leaders to notch goals 16 and 17 this term, while Egan scored a quickfire double from the spot late in the first half to give the home side an unassailable half-time lead. Nailsea & Tickenham have had a perfect start to 2025, backing up their New Years Day win over Portishead with a 2-0 victory at home to second-placed Brixham. Luke Osgood scored in back-to-back fixtures to help confirm the Swags win, with Charlie Saunders having earlier broken the deadlock after just seven minutes. There was also a home a victory for Buckland Athletic, with the trustworthy strike duo of Ryan Bush and Jared Lewington both scoring in a 2-1 win over Ivybridge. After Bush had opened the scoring with a left-footed finish in the ninth minute, Ivybridge struck late in the first half through Ollie Aplin to level things up. It was then left for Lewington to score the winner for Buckland, with his close-range effort 15 minutes from time ending their five-match winless run at Homers Heath. There was late drama at the Tannery Ground, where Wellington came back from 2-0 down to claim their first draw of the season away at fifth-placed Street. Goals in the opening 15 minutes from Callum Laird and Toby Stephens looked set to lead the home side to a comfortable afternoon against their bottom-half opponent. Welly had other ideas however, and after a long-range screamer from Sam Towler got them back into the game early in the second half, they kept pushing throughout the second half. Street withstood the pressure, and looked destined to secure the three points when they were awarded a 95th minute penalty, but visiting keeper Jake Viney denied them with a brilliant double save. Wellington made the Cobblers pay dearly for that miss, with Jake Quick getting on the end of their final attack to score a dramatic 97th minute equaliser.

There was even less action in the First Division, with three games surviving the freeze including Wells City's 1-0 win over Cadbury Heath which came courtesy of a Harry Warwick strike early in the second half. Hallen eased to victory over Odd Down thanks to a first half hat-trick from Elliot Gardner. After scoring twice inside the opening quarter-hour, Gardner capped a perfect opening half when he made it 3-0 after 44 minutes. Harry Barter and Tom Smallman then added further goals after the break to give the league leaders another home victory. Meanwhile, Bitton missed out on the opportunity to move into a share of top spot after relinquishing a lead in their 2-1 home defeat against Mendip Broadwalk. Having gone ahead in the 26th minute thanks to a smart finish from Sacha Tong, Bitton were pegged back late in the first half when Conor Biggins struck for Mendip. It remained one-apiece until the closing stages, when Broadwalk's Jack Medjedoub scored on his return to the lineup, helping the visitors rebound from their lacklustre performance on Boxing Day.

Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division

Freddie King (Clevedon) – 20
Lucas Vowles (Clevedon) – 17
Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 17
Ryan Bush (Buckland) – 15
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) – 14
Jack Taylor (Bridgwater) - 14

First Division

Nathan Hall (Bitton) – 19
Sacha Tong (Bitton) – 18
Elliot Gardner (Hallen) – 16
Josh Pike-Bright (Calne) - 16
Raphael Oppong (Bradford) – 15
Luke Hopper (Devizes) – 15
Rhys Hickery (Mendip) -13

Latest Results

Wednesday 1st January 2025

Premier Division

AFC St Austell	1-4	Saltash United	178
Bridgwater United	2-3	Oldland Abbotonians	
Portishead Town	0-1	Nailsea & Tickenham	335
Shepton Mallet	2-0	Brislington	151

First Division

Bradford Town	2-1	Calne Town	156
Devizes Town	8-0	Warminster Town	133
Keynsham Town	6-0	Gillingham Town	

Saturday 4th January 2025

Premier Division

Buckland Athletic	2-1	Ivybridge Town
Nailsea & Tickenham	2-0	Brixham
Portishead Town	4-1	St Blazey
Street	2-2	Wellington

First Division

Bitton	1-2	Mendip Broadwalk
Hallen	5-0	Odd Down
Wells City	1-0	Cadbury Heath

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 7th January 2025

First Division

Radstock Town	vs	Devizes Town	19:45KO

Wednesday 8th January 2025

Premier Division

Clevedon Town	vs	Paulton Rovers	19:30KO
Wellington	vs	Welton Rovers	19:45KO

First Division

Cribbs Reserves	vs	Shirehampton	
Warminster Town	vs	Avonmouth	19:45KO

Saturday 11th January 2025 (3pm Kick-off unless noted otherwise)

Premier Division

AFC St Austell	vs	Ilfracombe Town
Brixham	vs	Clevedon Town
Nailsea & Tickenham	vs	Buckland Athletic
Oldland Abbotonians	vs	Shepton Mallet
Saltash United	vs	Welton Rovers
St Blazey	vs	Barnstaple Town
Street	vs	Ivybridge Town
Torpoint Athletic	vs	Paulton Rovers

First Division

Avonmouth	vs	Bradford Town
Cadbury Heath	vs	Bristol Telephones
Cheddar	vs	Cribbs Reserves
Devizes Town	vs	Wells City
Gillingham Town	vs	Calne Town
Hallen	vs	Hengrove Athletic
Odd Down	vs	Bitton
Radstock Town	vs	AEK Boco
Shirehampton	vs	Longwell Green Sports
Sturminster Newton	vs	Mendip Broadwalk
Warminster Town	vs	Keynsham Town

League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Portishead Town	23	16	3	4	37	51
2	Brixham	23	14	4	5	24	46
3	Barnstaple Town	21	14	3	4	32	45
4	Clevedon Town	20	13	5	2	38	44
5	Street	24	12	6	6	10	42
6	Shepton Mallet	24	12	5	7	22	41
7	Buckland Athletic	22	12	4	6	30	40
8	Nailsea & Tickenham	21	12	1	8	11	37
9	Paulton Rovers	20	11	3	6	6	36
10	Ivybridge Town	22	9	5	8	7	32
11	Bridgwater United	25	10	2	13	-13	32
12	Brislington	23	9	4	10	8	31
13	Wellington	23	10	1	12	-14	31
14	Oldland Abbotonians	21	9	3	9	3	30
15	Saltash United	26	9	3	14	-9	30
16	St Austell	23	9	2	12	-5	29
17	Ilfracombe Town	24	6	4	14	-23	22
18	St Blazey	23	4	5	14	-29	17
19	Torpoint Athletic	23	5	1	17	-19	16
20	Welton Rovers	25	0	0	25	-116	0

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Hallen	26	18	5	3	37	59
2	Bradford Town	24	18	3	3	44	57
3	Calne Town	28	18	3	7	32	57
4	Bitton	26	18	2	6	28	56
5	Devizes Town	24	14	6	4	42	48
6	Sturminster Newton United	24	13	4	7	13	43
7	Wells City	23	13	3	7	25	42
8	Longwell Green Sports	26	12	6	8	11	42
9	Mendip Broadwalk	26	12	5	9	-1	41
10	Cadbury Heath	29	12	4	13	-1	40
11	Bristol Telephones	24	11	5	8	20	38
12	Cribbs Reserves	25	12	2	11	4	38
13	Shirehampton	22	11	4	7	5	37
14	Avonmouth	27	10	4	13	0	34
15	AEK Boco	26	9	4	13	-5	31
16	Radstock Town	25	8	4	13	-6	28
17	Hengrove Athletic	23	6	5	12	-9	23
18	Odd Down	27	5	5	17	-33	20
19	Cheddar	26	5	4	17	-41	19
20	Warminster Town	25	4	6	15	-37	18
21	Keynsham Town	28	4	5	19	-55	17
22	Gillingham Town	28	1	5	22	-73	8


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