


## Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: There was a full round of Premier Division fixtures during the week, with goals flying in at an average of more than four-per game. On Tuesday evening, there were some big home victories for a trio of sides in the top five, including **Saltash** who stormed to a 4-1 win over **Helston**. The Ashes did all their damage in the opening 45 minutes, with Ben Goulty firing them ahead from the spot in the early stages. Jayden Gilbert then broke through to make it 2-0 inside 15 minutes, with Joe Preece adding a third with the goal of the night. Gilbert then scored from long range to cap a near-perfect first half for a United side who returned to winning ways, while Helston have now only won one of their previous six in the league. **Sidmouth Town** also enjoyed a strong outing at home to **Ivybridge**, with debutant Will Collins scoring twice in their 4-1 win. After Jamie Price opened the scoring in the third minute, Collins then struck with a half-volley to make it 2-0 after half an hour. The Ivies cut into the lead thanks to a header from Joe Cook, but Sidmouth finished the game in the ascendancy, with Isaac Furness' penalty followed by a second from Collins who rounded the keeper before slotting home. **Paulton Rovers** overcame a tough challenge from **Shepton Mallet**, winning 4-2 at Winterfield Road to secure their tenth victory of the campaign. Having gone ahead from the spot through Wayne Nderemani, Paulton doubled their advantage on the stroke of half-time, with skipper Martin Lenihan pouncing to make it 2-0. An incredible long-range goal from Jacob Littlewood got Shepton back into the contest early in the second half, before Paulton restored their two-goal advantage courtesy of Kailan Gould. An own-goal then put the hosts out of sight, with Mallet's Ben Snell scoring a late consolation to end the high-scoring contest. Meanwhile, in the lowest-scoring game of the week, Dan Dodimead's early effort led **Bridgwater** to a 1-0 win at **Oldland Abbotonians**, with visiting keeper Louis Smith taking home the Man of the Match plaudits following a number of crucial late saves. The other away side to prevail during the midweek were **Street**, with Charlie Bateson's second half double and a Preston Hopwood goal leading the Cobblers to a 3-0 win at **Brislington**. Elsewhere that evening, **Bradford** defeated **Nailsea & Tickenham** 4-0, with penalties either side of half-time from Harvey Woods and Jensen Wakefield putting them two up. Substitute Josiah McKayle then scored with his first touch to put the Bobcats out of sight, before Charlie Warren wrapped things up in the closing stages.

Wednesday saw a return to winning ways for **Clevedon Town**, with a dramatic finale helping the table-toppers beat **Wellington** 3-1. Having trailed for much of the night following Josh Baker's early opener, Clevedon got back on level terms midway through the second half when Seb Scott found the bottom corner. The turnaround was then complete in the 86th minute when Charlie Saunders turned the ball home to make it 2-1, with Scott striking again in stoppage time with a curling finish.

Newquay earned local bragging rights after completing a one-sided victory against St Austell at Mount Wise Stadium. Rhys Simmonds plundered a hat-trick for the home side, opening the scoring after 18 minutes, before then striking twice at the beginning of the second half to put the result beyond doubt. Teammate Louis Price claimed a brace of first half goals, one assisted by Simmonds, with Phil Lowry then adding the sixth and final goal during stoppage time. There were also six goals at Homers Heath, but they were shared between the sides, with Buckland and Barnstaple playing out an entertaining 3-3 draw *(pictured, left).* Only one goal separated the sides at the break, with Brodie Montague putting the visitors in front, before Ben Carter then struck within a minute of the restart to get Buckland level. A second Montague set-piece put Barnstaple back on top, but Buckland were able to hit back again, with Cam Sangster toe-poking the ball home from close range to make it two-all. Sangster then struck again to give the hosts their first lead of the night, with Barnstaple earning a deserved share of the spoils when Gabby Rogers scored ten minutes from time. There was also a draw in Cornwall, where Curtis Damerell's third minute goal for Torpoint was cancelled out by St Blazey's Harry Probyn, who scored to make it 1-1 midway through the first half.



Premier Division: Paulton Rovers moved within a point of top spot on Saturday after securing a brilliant 4-1 win away at Sidmouth. In a match which involved two top-five outfits, Paulton produced an excellent spell just prior to half-time, when goals from Kyle Witt and Kitan Jaiyeoba helped them to secure a 2-0 lead at the interval. Sidmouth have been in red-hot form over recent weeks, and they attempted to kick-start a fightback during the second half, trimming the deficit on the hour mark thanks to a Sam Gleeson header. It was Paulton who finished the stronger however, and after restoring their two-goal lead courtesy of Tom Bradley, they then wrapped things up in the closing stages when Elliot Haffenden capitalised on a defensive error among the Sidmouth back-line. Table-topping Clevedon suffered their third defeat in four, but their first at home this season, conceding late on to suffer a 1-0 loss at the hands of Buckland Athletic. The Bucks had been without a win in four, but they pinched all three points from their visit to the Hand Stadium after a dramatic finale which saw Ben Carter force the ball home three minutes from time. Clevedon dropping points also allowed Torpoint to move within touching distance of the league-leaders after they secured a 3-0 win away at Wellington. After an own goal put the visitors ahead in the 32nd minute, Welly then continued to unravel, with Jacob Shore dismissed shortly after half-time. A fortunate goal 20 minutes from time gave Torpoint a two-goal lead, with Dave Barker then striking shortly after to complete victory for the Cornish outfit. Another side to win by scoring three goals were Ivybridge, with a strong second half showing leading them past Bridgwater. Following a goalless opening half, birthday-boy Kai Burrell enjoyed a stunning five minutes which saw him score two brilliant goals to put the Ivies 2-0 in front. The home side then struck again in stoppage time courtesy of Charlie Menear, ending their two-match losing run against top-half opposition.



Barnstaple were another side from the county of Devon to enjoy a home win, with goals from Luke Mortimore (pictured) and Oscar Knight leading the hosts to a 2-0 victory over Bradford Town. There was also a huge result at the bottom, where St Austell leapfrogged Nailsea & Tickenham up into 19th after beating their visitors 2-1. Having trailed at the break, the Lilywhites then struck twice during the second half to turn the game on its head and secure their first win of the season at the 16th time of asking. There was another thriller down in Cornwall, where Saltash moved up into fourth spot after beating Oldland Abbotonians 4-3 at the Kimberley Stadium. The Ashes had enjoyed a one-sided midweek victory, and they looked to be repeating the trick when they took a 2-0 lead early in the second half. Oldland had other ideas however, and after pulling a goal back, they then made it two apiece ten minutes after half-time. It was Saltash who ended the game on the front foot, and after going back ahead through Cole Fisher, they then wrapped things up when Reece Thomson fired home 18 minutes from time. Elsewhere, there was a 1-1 draw between Shepton Mallet and St Blazey, while Callum Laird struck 15 minutes from time to rescue a point for Street in their home tie with Newquay. There was also a positive afternoon for Brislington, with their 3-1 victory away at Helston ending a torrid six-match losing run. Having led at the break courtesy of Harrison Kyte's opener, Bris were pegged back in the early stages of the second half when Phil Cattran got the hosts back on level terms. There was still plenty of action to come, and after Shea Mannings had made it 2-1 in Brislington's favour, they were then thankful to keeper Lucas Myers after he saved a Helston penalty 15 minutes from time to maintain their advantage. It was then left for Paulo Borges to add the finishing touches, with his stoppage time goal ending any chance of Helston breaking Brislington hearts.

First Division: Warminster Town took their winning streak in all competitions to five matches on Friday night, after claiming a 3-0 victory away at Shirehampton. Goals either side of the interval from Jack Newman put the visitors in command, before he then turned provider for teammate Corey Gardner who wrapped things up late on. Almondsbury are always in cracking form, and they prevailed again on Saturday afternoon, with a stoppage time winner leading them past Longwell Green. Heading into the game with four consecutive victories, Almondsbury went ahead early through Liam Nicholls, before then being reduced to ten men before the game had even reached the tenth minute. It took a while for the extra man to finally pay dividends for the home side, but they eventually got back on level terms just before the hour mark when Isaac Flynn smashed the ball into the Almonds net. Longwell Green couldn't add another however, and they were then punished in dramatic fashion, with Craig Lancastle finishing well during added time to lead the Almonds to a last-gasp victory. Another side to win on their travels were Bristol Telephones, with a strong performance leading them to a 3-1 defeat of Odd Down. Top scorer Liam McCracken got the scoring started for the visitors, converting a free kick from the edge of the area five minutes before half-time. Stefan Lee then added a second on the stroke of half-time, before Leon Britton capitalised on some lacklustre defending to put the game out of sight prior to a late consolation from Alfie Andrews.

A late equaliser from Jamie Walters enabled Devizes to hang on to top spot, with his late penalty clawing back a 1-1 draw away at Avonmouth. Having fallen behind to a Josh Pearce goal late in the first half, Walters held is nerve from the spot to claim a share of the spoils following an entertaining contest in Bristol. Level on points atop the division are Bitton, with their 3-2 victory at home to Cheddar coming in comeback fashion after they had surprisingly trailed early on. A Blake Longden goal had put the Cheesemen ahead on 20 minutes, and they then had the dream chance to double their advantage, only to see Lourenco Sousa have his penalty saved by the home keeper. That potentially turned out to be the turning point in the entire game, with Bitton getting back on level terms during added time at the end of the first half courtesy of Josh Gilborson. A Mickey Parsons effort then made it 2-1 to the home side right at the beginning of the second half, with Gilborson's second goal of the afternoon extending the Bitton lead further. Cheddar's Joel Frost got his side back into the contest 20 minutes from time, but Bitton held out to preserve the victory, their ninth from 14 league outings this term. Sturminster Newton continue to impress, picking up a 2-0 win away at AEK Boco thanks to a double from Aaron Lane-Leney *(pictured, right),* while Mendip's Jack Jones struck deep into stoppage time to secure a 1-1 draw away at Keynsham. There were also a pair of one-sided home wins, including at Wells, where Harry Warwick's first half hat-trick led City to a 5-0 defeat of Cadbury Heath. After striking twice inside the opening 20 minutes to put Wells into an early position of dominance, Warwick then completed his treble in added time to make it 3-0. It was a tough afternoon for the visitors, who reduced to ten men during the first half, with Nick Fowler then notching two goals after half-time to complete the rout. Radstock enjoyed their most productive day of the season, beating Hengrove 5-1 to end their long winless run in the league. The Miners got an early boost when Kai Williamson produced a moment of magic, scoring from 30 yards out to put them ahead in the ninth minute. Jimmy Redfern then made it 2-0 just prior to half-time, with Danny Carpenter's third shortly after the interval already making it their highest-scoring output in a game this season. Radstock weren't finished there however, and after going four goals in front through Stan Ford, they added a late fifth courtesy of Jack Smith, with his goal coming just moments after Hengrove had got on the board via a Sonny Parker penalty. That loss for Hengrove coincided with a momentous afternoon for Welton, who won for the first time this season to move off the bottom. Rovers were 3-2 victors at Calne Town, recovering from a late setback to capture maximum points and reward their recent improvement. Things didn't start too brightly for Welton, with the home side powering into a ninth minute lead courtesy of Harry Stiles. The visitors slowly built their way back into the contest, and after levelling through Courtney Charles, they then took a lead to the break thanks to Todd Howitt's bullet header. With time running out, Calne finally got an equaliser during the closing stages, with Owen Jones making it 2-2 in the 82nd minute. That late goal didn't deter Welton however, and they got the win their performance deserved, with diminutive winger Chris Pile completing the 3-2 victory thanks to an 85th minute winner.



# Recent Results

## Tuesday 7th October 2025

### Premier Division

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Bradford Town | 4-0 | Nailsea & Tickenham |
| Brislington | 0-3 | Street |
| Oldland Abbotonians | 0-1 | Bridgwater United |
| Paulton Rovers | 4-2 | Shepton Mallet |
| Saltash United | 4-1 | Helston Athletic |
| Sidmouth Town | 4-1 | Ivybridge Town |

## Wednesday 8th October 2025

### Premier Division

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Buckland Athletic | 3-3 | Barnstaple Town |
| Clevedon Town | 3-1 | Wellington |
| Newquay | 6-0 | St Austell |
| St Blazey | 1-1 | Torpoint Athletic |

## Friday 10th October 2025

### First Division

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| Shirehampton | 0-3 | Warminster Town |

## Saturday 11th October 2025

### Premier Division

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|---|---|---|
| Barnstaple Town | 2-0 | Bradford Town |
| Clevedon Town | 0-1 | Buckland Athletic |
| Helston Athletic | 1-3 | Brislington |
| Ivybridge Town | 3-0 | Bridgwater United |
| Saltash United | 4-3 | Oldland Abbotonians |
| Shepton Mallet | 1-1 | St Blazey |
| Sidmouth Town | 1-4 | Paulton Rovers |
| St Austell | 2-1 | Nailsea & Tickenham |
| Street | 1-1 | Newquay |
| Wellington | 1-3 | Torpoint Athletic |

### First Division

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

# Leading Goalscorers

**Premier Division**

**Rhys Simmonds (Newquay) – 10**
**Curtis Damerell (Torpoint) – 9**
**Deacon Thomson (Saltash) – 9**
**Jack Bray-Evans (Newquay) – 9**
**Gabby Rogers (Barnstaple) – 9**

**First Division**

**Jack Newman (Warminster) - 8**
**Charlie Aldom (Avonmouth) – 7**
**Liam McCracken (Bristol Telephones) – 8**
**Jordan Pinder (Warminster) – 7**

## Upcoming Fixtures

### Tuesday 14th October 2025

**First Division**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Keynsham Town | vs | Bristol Telephones | 19:45KO |

**Les Phillips Cup First Round**

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| Oldland Abbotonians | vs | Odd Down | 19:30KO |

### Wednesday 15th October 2025

**Premier Division**

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| Buckland Athletic | vs | Saltash United | 19:30KO |

### Saturday 18th October 2025 (3pm kick off unless noted)

**FA Vase – First Round Proper**

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|---|---|---|
| **Barnstaple Town** | vs | Newent |
| Bishops Lydeard | vs | **Buckland Athletic** |
| Bovey Tracey | vs | **Radstock Town** |
| **Bridgwater United** | vs | Hythe & Dibden |
| **Calne Town** | vs | Ilminster Town |
| **Clevedon Town** | vs | Cinderford Town |
| Downton | vs | **Sidmouth Town** |
| Hallen | vs | **Newquay** |
| **Ivybridge Town** | vs | Totton & Eling |
| Okehampton Argyle | vs | **Sturminster Newton United** |
| **Shepton Mallet** | vs | Corsham Town |
| Slimbridge | vs | **Wells City** |
| **Street** | vs | Shortwood United |

**Premier Division**

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|---|---|---|
| Bradford Town | vs | St Blazey |
| Nailsea & Tickenham | vs | Torpoint Athletic |
| Oldland Abbotonians | vs | Wellington |

**First Division**

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|---|---|---|
| Almondsbury | vs | Bitton |
| Bristol Telephones | vs | Warminster Town |
| Cadbury Heath | vs | Cheddar |
| Devizes Town | vs | Odd Down |
| Hengrove Athletic | vs | Shirehampton |
| Welton Rovers | vs | Avonmouth |

**Podcast Episode 10**

On this week's podcast, **St Blazey** boss, Mark Carter, joins Ian to discuss the Green and Blacks' evolution from the end of last season. There is also a conversation with **Devizes Town** manager, Chris Allen, who reflects on their unbeaten start, before stating his ambitions in a highly competitive First Division.
https://www.westernleague.co.uk/news/podcast-episode-10-1



# League Tables

| | PREMIER DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Clevedon Town | 15 | 12 | 0 | 3 | 19 | 36 |
| 2 | Paulton Rovers | 16 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 23 | 35 |
| 3 | Torpoint Athletic | 13 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 18 | 33 |
| 4 | Saltash United | 14 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 16 | 31 |
| 5 | Sidmouth Town | 14 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 20 | 29 |
| 6 | Barnstaple Town | 13 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 15 | 24 |
| 7 | Buckland Athletic | 13 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 24 |
| 8 | Bridgwater United | 15 | 7 | 2 | 6 | -2 | 23 |
| 9 | Bradford Town | 15 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 22 |
| 10 | Newquay | 13 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 12 | 21 |
| 11 | Street | 15 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 20 |
| 12 | Helston Athletic | 14 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 20 |
| 13 | Shepton Mallet | 16 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 19 |
| 14 | Ivybridge Town | 15 | 6 | 1 | 8 | -4 | 19 |
| 15 | St Blazey | 17 | 4 | 6 | 7 | -8 | 18 |
| 16 | Brislington | 16 | 5 | 1 | 10 | -10 | 16 |
| 17 | Oldland Abbotonians | 15 | 2 | 3 | 10 | -12 | 9 |
| 18 | Wellington | 13 | 2 | 3 | 8 | -12 | 9 |
| 19 | St Austell | 16 | 1 | 0 | 15 | -76 | 3 |
| 20 | Nailsea & Tickenham | 14 | 0 | 2 | 12 | -34 | 1* |

| | FIRST DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Devizes Town | 13 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 20 | 31 |
| 2 | Bitton | 14 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 31 |
| 3 | Bristol Telephones | 13 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 28 |
| 4 | Wells City | 15 | 9 | 0 | 6 | 19 | 27 |
| 5 | Sturminster Newton United | 13 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 21 | 26 |
| 6 | Avonmouth | 12 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 25 |
| 7 | Mendip Broadwalk | 13 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 23 |
| 8 | Almondsbury | 14 | 7 | 1 | 6 | -4 | 22 |
| 9 | Longwell Green Sports | 14 | 7 | 1 | 6 | -5 | 22 |
| 10 | Warminster Town | 14 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 20 |
| 11 | AEK Boco | 14 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 18 |
| 12 | Cadbury Heath | 14 | 5 | 2 | 7 | -6 | 17 |
| 13 | Keynsham Town | 13 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 15 |
| 14 | Calne Town | 13 | 4 | 3 | 6 | -3 | 15 |
| 15 | Odd Down | 14 | 4 | 3 | 7 | -7 | 15 |
| 16 | Shirehampton | 13 | 3 | 4 | 6 | -7 | 13 |
| 17 | Cheddar | 14 | 2 | 4 | 8 | -13 | 10 |
| 18 | Radstock Town | 13 | 2 | 3 | 8 | -11 | 8* |
| 19 | Welton Rovers | 13 | 1 | 3 | 9 | -21 | 6 |
| 20 | Hengrove Athletic | 14 | 0 | 4 | 10 | -22 | 4 |


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