

Latest Round-ups:

Premier Division: Brixham became the first side to reach the 40-point mark this term after overcoming an early scare before beating Welton 6-1. Having taken a tenth minute lead through Jaden Maslen, the hosts were pegged back on the half hour by a Welton side still in search of their first point this term. It remained level until the interval, with the league leaders then pulling away in the second period courtesy of goals from Callum Thomas, George Dandridge, Charlie Johansen and Alfie Slough. The Somerset derby went the way of Bridgwater, with Jack Taylor (pictured in yellow) scoring all four goals in his sides defeat of Wellington. Enjoying a long winning streak coming into the game, Welly found themselves on the back foot after just nine minutes with Taylor heading the visitors ahead after arriving at the back post. It was soon back level with Sam Gleeson slotting home for one apiece, but Taylor then struck again after 27 minutes to put United back in front. They didn't look back from there, and after completing his hat-trick after an hour, Taylor then took his personal, and the team's tally to four after capitalising on a loose back-pass in the final few moments. In another of the day's big games, Clevedon came from two goals down to secure a point at Homers Heath, with Buckland missing out on the opportunity to jump into the top four. Bucks leading marksman Ryan Bush dominated the early passages, and after heading his side in-front, he then scored again after half an hour to put the hosts two-up. Clevedon secured a much-needed goal just as the first half was coming to an end, with Lucas Vowles firing home to half the deficit. The Seasiders then came out with renewed attacking intent after the break, and having gone close on several occasions, they finally grabbed an equaliser, with Freddie King shooting home in the 87th minute. That wasn't quite the end of the entertainment however, but despite 13 minutes of stoppage time being played, neither team could find the winner, and each took home a point. Brislington also ended their game level, but will have been chuffed to do so after scoring late on to draw 1-1 at Ivybridge. It was the Ivies who led for the majority of the second half thanks to a Connor Rush effort, but they were denied victory in the final minutes with Shea Mannings grabbing Bris' late leveller.



Elsewhere, a storming start to the game for St Austell saw them pull off an impressive 3-0 win at Nailsea & Tickenham. The opening goal came inside the opening minute of the game, with the visitors heading on the attack straight from the kickoff and forging ahead through Kieron Bishop. Another goal in the seventh minute from Ryan Downing consolidated the Cornish outfits' dominant start, and they then took complete control on the half hour with Neil Slateford scoring what turned out to be the final goal of the afternoon. The remaining fixtures all went the way of the home teams, including at Portishead where their new era at Bristol Road was kick-started with a 3-0 win over Ilfracombe. In front of a bumper crowd, it was Ethan Feltham who deservedly scored the first goal, finishing off a slick team move to put Town ahead after 13 minutes. Feltham then doubled his tally early in the second half, before Mitch Osmond produced a curling finish after 58 minutes to bring the curtain down on a near-perfect day for the club on and off the pitch. There was also a 3-0 victory for Barnstaple, with the third-place side seeing off the challenge of St Blazey. An early goal from Tommy Rogers set Town on their way, with a Callum Rose finish making it 2-0 on the hour, before Josh Parry lobbed the visiting keeper to wrap things up late in the piece. Second half goals from Paul Braithwaite and Callum Gould helped lead Shepton Mallet to a 2-0 win over Torpoint, while Will Hailston was instrumental during Paulton's 3-1 beating of Saltash. After his corner was headed home by Josh Ford, Hailston then scored a goal of his own in the 33rd minute to put Paulton two in front. Hailston's second assist of the game helped Callum English-Brown extend the lead to three, with Saltash only grabbing a late consolation thanks to a penalty from Aaron Goulty.

Earlier in the week, there were a couple of entertaining contests, with Brixham and Wellington capturing impressive victories. For Brixham, their 2-1 win at St Blazey on Wednesday saw them jump up into top spot, with James Moxon netting in either half at Blaise Park. Having broken the deadlock in just the 12th minute, Moxon and his teammates saw their lead relinquished early in the second half following a goal from Jayden Gilbert. Moxon had also scored a double in their Vase victory over Elburton four days previously, and he repeated the trick 18 minutes from time to settle the game in his sides favour once again. The other game that night saw Wellington extend their winning run to eight matches, with Jake Quick scoring twice in their 3-1 defeat of Ilfracombe. Having opened the scoring with a flicked backheel after only five minutes, Quick then struck again early in the second half to put the hosts two-up. Ilfracombe's Aidan Barrow scored on the hour mark to give them hope of a comeback, but the hosts pulled clear in stoppage time with a curled finish from Matt Crawley restoring their two-goal advantage.



First Division: Friday night saw Bradford Town continue their recent run of big victories, capitalising on ill-discipline from Odd Down to win 4-0 in Bath. With nothing to separate the sides at half-time, Bradford made inroads just two minutes after the interval with an own goal putting them ahead. Curtis Dunn then scored a couple of minutes later to put his former side two goals in arrears, with Odd Down's task then becoming nigh on impossible when they suffered their second red card of the evening. Bradford took advantage of the extra-men, scoring twice more in the final quarter through sub Raphael Oppong and the ultra-determined Dunn.

The pick of Saturday's ties saw Bitton score twice in the final 20 minutes to come from behind and beat Wells City 2-1. Things didn't start desirably for Wells who lost Tyson Pollard to an early injury, but it ended up working out for the visitors, after his replacement Tom Smith opened the scoring with his first touch. Bitton kept pushing for an equaliser, and finally managed to break through in the 71st minute when Nathan Hall's deep corner was headed home at the back post by Mickey Parsons. It didn't take long for the home side to complete their turnaround, with Parsons turning provider, crossing for teammate Harley Prior who slid home from close range to make it 2-1.



Top spot now belongs to Hallen, after a second half double from Jack Askins led them past Gillingham. A quiet opening half was followed by a dramatic start to the second period, with Town afforded the opportunity to go ahead from the spot. The resulting penalty was unsuccessful however, and Hallen took advantage instantly with Askins tucking the ball home for 1-0. Town didn't learn their lesson, and with the next Hallen attack, Askins again found himself free in the same position and made no mistake, putting his side two goals in front and leading them to a 15th league win of the campaign. That Hallen victory coincided with Calne suffering a surprise 3-0 defeat at home to Bristol Telephones which saw them drop down into second place. An incredible finish from Lewis Ewins was all that separated the sides at half-time, with the Phones then adding to their winning margin during the second half thanks to goals from James Batchelor and Ellis Yeeles which saw them move into the top half. There was also a three-goal winning margin at Barnets Field, where five different goalscorers helped lead Sturminster Newton to a 5-2 defeat of Cadbury Heath. A pair of late consolation goals from Matt Huxley gave the visitors a little respite, but they were outplayed for much of the contest with Sturminster leading by three at the interval thanks to Ash Clarke, Nick Hewlett and James Danoris. Another goal early in the second half from Billy Bright stretched United's lead to four, with Elliot Bevis then adding the finishing touches after Huxley's brace had threatened the unlikeliest of late turnarounds. Devizes were another side to enjoy a big win, with six different players finding the back of the net in their 6-1 trouncing of Longwell Green. It was Jonathan Bazley and Kieron Gleed who had put Town two goals to the good after 45 minutes, with further strikes after the break from Jacob Reader, Josh Parsons, Jamie Walters and Josh Baker putting considerable distance between the two sides. Six goals also came the way of Mendip Broadwalk, who added to Keynsham's recent woes with a one-sided away victory. Jacob O'Donnell was the main beneficiary of Town's porous defence, with a stoppage time goal completing his hat-trick on Saturday afternoon. Rhys Hickery also struck twice for Mendip who now sit ninth thanks to this latest victory where five goals came during a dominant second half. Elsewhere, both sides ended with ten men in Cheddar's goalless draw at home to Radstock, while Jack Ball was highly influential during Boco's 4-2 win over Warminster. After teeing up Romiah Nevers for the opener, Ball then scored a pair of first half goals to help Boco build a four-goal advantage at the break which would not be overturned.

Latest Results

Wednesday 13th November 2024

Premier Division

St Blazey	1-2	Brixham
Wellington	3-1	Ilfracombe Town

Friday 15th November 2024

Premier Division

Odd Down	0-4	Bradford Town

Saturday 16th November 2024

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	3-0	St Blazey
Brixham	6-1	Welton Rovers
Buckland Athletic	2-2	Clevedon Town
Ivybridge Town	1-1	Brislington
Nailsea & Tickenham	0-3	St Austell
Paulton Rovers	3-1	Saltash United
Portishead Town	3-0	Ilfracombe Town
Shepton Mallet	2-0	Torpoint Athletic
Wellington	1-4	Bridgwater United

First Division

AEK Boco	4-2	Warminster Town
Bitton	2-1	Wells City
Calne Town	0-3	Bristol Telephones
Cheddar	0-0	Radstock Town
Devizes Town	6-1	Longwell Green Sports
Hallen	2-0	Gillingham Town
Hengrove Athletic	A-A	Avonmouth
Keynsham Town	0-6	Mendip Broadwalk
Sturminster Newton	5-2	Cadbury Heath

Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division

Freddie King (Clevedon Town) – 15
Lucas Vowles (Clevedon Town) – 13
Ryan Bush (Buckland) – 12
Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 11
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) – 11
Luke Cloke (Torpoint) – 10
Jared Lewington (Buckland) – 9
Josh Jenkins (Shepton Mallet) – 9
Kieran O'Melia (Saltash) – 9

First Division

Nathan Hall (Bitton) – 17
Sacha Tong (Bitton) – 16
Raphael Oppong (Bradford) - 14
Jack Guthrie (Cribbs Reserves) – 12
Elliot Gardner (Hallen) - 12
Luke Hopper (Devizes) – 11
Fin Burnell (Longwell Green) – 11
Adam Wright (Wells) - 11

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 19th November 2024

Les Phillips Cup

Brislington	vs	Clevedon Town	19:45KO
Devizes Town	vs	Street	19:30KO
Hengrove Athletic	vs	Portishead Town	19:30KO
Shepton Mallet	vs	Oldland Abbotonians	19:30KO

Wednesday 20th November 2024

First Division

Cadbury Heath	vs	Odd Down	19:30KO

Les Phillips Cup

AFC St Austell	vs	Barnstaple Town	19:30KO
Brixham	vs	Buckland Athletic	19:30KO
Wellington	vs	Cheddar	19:45KO

Friday 22nd November 2024

First Division

Avonmouth	vs	Hallen	19:30KO

Saturday 23rd November 2024 (3pm Kick-off unless noted otherwise)

Premier Division

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

First Division

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

On the podcast this week, Street manager Ben Watson joins the show to talk about the quiet revolution which has propelled the Cobblers up into third spot. Ian also catches up with Rob Nash of Warminster, with the gaffer reflecting on their challenging start, and detailing how he hopes to improve Town's away form.
https://www.westernleague.co.uk/news/podcast-episode-16



League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Brixham	19	12	4	3	23	40
2	Clevedon Town	16	10	5	1	28	35
3	Barnstaple Town	16	11	1	4	25	34
4	Portishead Town	15	10	2	3	20	32
5	Street	18	9	5	4	6	32
6	Buckland Athletic	15	9	4	2	28	31
7	Shepton Mallet	19	9	4	6	12	31
8	Wellington	19	10	0	9	-10	30
9	Nailsea & Tickenham	16	9	1	6	9	28
10	Ivybridge Town	18	8	4	6	2	28
11	Bridgwater United	19	9	1	9	-3	28
12	Brislington	18	8	3	7	14	27
13	Paulton Rovers	16	8	2	6	1	26
14	Oldland Abbotonians	17	6	3	8	2	21
15	Saltash United	22	6	3	13	-17	21
16	St Austell	18	6	2	10	-5	20
17	Ilfracombe Town	21	5	4	12	-17	19
18	St Blazey	18	3	5	10	-20	14
19	Torpoint Athletic	19	4	1	14	-14	13
20	Welton Rovers	19	0	0	19	-84	0

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Hallen	21	15	4	2	30	49
2	Calne Town	22	15	3	4	25	48
3	Bradford Town	19	15	1	3	40	46
4	Bitton	20	14	1	5	21	43
5	Devizes Town	19	11	5	3	29	38
6	Longwell Green Sports	22	11	5	6	11	38
7	Wells City	19	10	3	6	24	33
8	Cribbs Reserves	21	10	2	9	8	32
9	Mendip Broadwalk	22	9	5	8	-4	32
10	Bristol Telephones	20	9	4	7	16	31
11	Sturminster Newton United	19	9	4	6	7	31
12	Avonmouth	22	9	3	10	1	30
13	Cadbury Heath	21	9	3	9	-4	30
14	Shirehampton	16	8	2	6	3	26
15	AEK Boco	22	7	4	11	-4	25
16	Radstock Town	20	6	3	11	-12	21
17	Hengrove Athletic	20	5	4	11	-10	19
18	Warminster Town	19	4	6	9	-13	18
19	Cheddar	22	4	3	15	-35	15
20	Odd Down	22	3	5	14	-28	14
21	Keynsham Town	21	3	4	14	-44	13
22	Gillingham Town	21	1	2	18	-61	5


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