


## Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: It was a high-scoring couple of evenings during the week, with the ball hitting the back of the net 28 times during the four completed fixtures. On Wednesday, **Clevedon Town** moved two points off top spot in the Premier Division with a comfortable 5-1 win at home to **Brislington**. The teams traded early strikes, with Ali Sen's 11th minute penalty cancelling out Freddie King's opener, before Clevedon then went back ahead on the stroke of half-time thanks to a headed finish from Lucas Vowles. Another King goal early in the second half put Town two goals to the good, with James Tait then scoring twice during the final half-hour to complete the victory. 24 hours earlier, **Barnstaple** came out on top in a seven-goal thriller away at **Buckland**, scoring a 77th minute winner to prevail 4-3. After Barnstaple skipper Brodie Montague had put his side ahead in the eighth minute, Ryan Richards led the fightback, scoring twice to hand the hosts a 2-1 lead at the interval. Town then came storming out of the blocks after the interval, turning the game back in their favour within six minutes of the restart thanks to a long rang effort from Mitch McCann, followed by an unfortunate Reece Shanley own goal. The action didn't slow during the second half, with Jared Lewington making it three-apiece, before Barnstaple finally scored the winner courtesy of Tommy Rogers. The other league game that evening was a more one-sided affair, with **Street** running out 7-1 winners at **Welton**. Two goals inside the opening four minutes from Harry Foster laid down an early marker, with fellow Cobblers, Freddie Haden, Josh Radford and Connor Linham all netting during a 5-0 opening half. Joel Jackson and Shay Corrick added further goals after the interval, with Street racking up their third consecutive away victory. Elsewhere, **Wells City** qualified for the quarter-finals of the Les Phillips Cup thanks to a 5-2 win away at **Radstock**. The away side dominated the opening stages and powered to a three-goal lead within 20 minutes of kickoff thanks to Conrad Peck, Tommy Smith and Harry Warwick. Radstock's Tom Hobbs then volleyed home to reduce the deficit towards the end of the first half, but any hopes of a comeback were distinguished shortly after the interval when Adam Wright restored Wells' three-goal advantage. Alex Stevens had got Radstock's second prior to the final goal of the game which came from City sub Harvey Hadrill who scored with his first touch after coming on as a sub to make his first appearance of the season.

**Les Phillips Cup Quarter-Final Draw**

- Barnstaple vs Brixham
- Cheddar vs Devizes **or** Street
- Hengrove **or** Portishead vs Brislington **or** Clevedon
- Shepton Mallet **or** Oldland vs Wells City

Premier Division: With any potential winner claiming top spot, many eyes were on the clash at Clevedon, where visitors Brixham ended up reaching the summit thanks to an entertaining 3-2 victory. The opening goal of the afternoon came from the penalty spot, with Brixham's Charlie Johansen netting from 12 yards after teammate Kieran Parker had been fouled inside the visitor's area. Town's leading scorer Freddie King then finished well with his left foot, before Brixham went back ahead instantly thanks to Johansen's second goal of the afternoon. A third Brixham goal from James Moxon looked to have killed the game off ten minutes from time, but Clevedon wouldn't go down without a fight, and reduced the arrears in the 90th minute through Lucas Vowles. The hosts then kept pushing, and came close to snatching a point in stoppage time, only to see Joe Teall's goal-bound effort saved by visiting keeper Josh Nicol. Moving up into second spot were Barnstaple, after a hat-trick from Tommy Rogers led them to a 4-2 victory at home to Bridgwater. In another high scoring contest, it was Rogers who broke the deadlock, with his bullet header putting the hosts in front midway through the first half. A Hayden Chambers goal then brought the sides level, only for Rogers to strike again to make it 2-1 in the lead up to half-time. Town were unable to maintain their advantage until the break however, with Bridgy claiming their second equaliser of the afternoon courtesy of Kyle Tooze. The visitors then saw their chances diminish when Kai Fisher was given a straight red against his former side, and Barnstaple took advantage instantly with Brodie Montague heading home the resulting free-kick. It was then left for Rogers to add the finishing touches, with his stoppage time effort giving him his third goal of a standout individual performance. Another player to find the back of the net on three occasions was Paulton's Kye Simpson, with his treble helping Rovers overturn an early deficit in their 4-2 defeat of St Austell. After Neil Slateford had handed the Cornishmen a 20th minute advantage, Paulton got back on level terms late in the first half thanks to Simpson's first of the afternoon. Milo Murgatroyd then carried the ball from inside his own half before firing Paulton 2-1 up, with Simpson cracking home his second shortly after to extend the lead further. Simpson then completed his hat-trick 15 minutes from time to settle the contest, with Adam Carter claiming a late consolation for the visitors.

Shepton Mallet claimed their fourth consecutive home win, with two goals in either half helping them see off St Blazey. It was Dylan Gould and Charlie Bateson who struck during the opening 45 minutes to put Mallet in control, with Will Banks then heading home a third shortly after the interval to give Ethan Witchell his second assist of the game. It was then left to Ieuan Crowe to score the final goal of the game, with his long run into the area finished off smartly to wrap up the 4-0 win. There was also a home win and clean sheet combination for Brislington, with three goals inside the opening 15 minutes leading them to victory over Street. The stunned visitors made too many early errors, and were punished unceremoniously by Bris, for whom Shea Mannings and Ben Withey scored within five minutes of the game kicking off. Another gift ended with Dean Griffiths adding a third after quarter of an hour, with two red cards not derailing Brislington who ended their three-match winless run. There was also a return to winning ways for Portishead, who struck late to secure a 2-1 win at Buckland Athletic. Having gone in front shortly after half-time courtesy of Jay Murray's volley, Town were pegged back 20 minutes from time when Luke Forward levelled for the hosts. It was Portishead who had the last word however, and after Murray's shot had been saved, Callum Eastwood turned home the rebound to help his side rise up into fourth. There was also late drama at Oldland, where two goals in added time saw the Abbots stun Torpoint on their way to a dramatic 3-2 victory. A fast-paced end to the first half saw Sam Hepworth twice put Torpoint in front, with Oldland doing well to only trail by one. It remained 2-1 to the home side for more than 45 minutes worth of action, before Oldland claimed a leveller in injury time. That wasn't the end of the drama however, and with their final attack of the game, the Abbots struck again to complete the last ditch turnaround and gain revenge over the opening day defeat down in Cornwall.

It was also heartbreak for Welton, who's search for a point continues after they were beaten 3-2 at home to Ilfracombe. Having conceded twice in quick succession to Ryan Turner and Adam Poole, Rovers hit back through Kamal Yasin to grab a foothold in the contest. Yasin then doubled his tally when scoring from the penalty spot in first half injury time, but it was the Devon side who ran out winners thanks to goal on debut from Riley Malin early in the second half.

First Division: Fourth-placed Bitton were the highest placed winners on an unpredictable afternoon of action, with the top three all failing to secure wins. First half goals from Joe Ellis and Toby Cole proved to be enough for Bitton to hold off Sturminster Newton, with Nick Hewlett leading the home side's attempted fightback when scoring on the hour. League leaders Hallen suffered a second half meltdown away at Longwell Green, squandering a three-goal lead before drawing 3-3. An early penalty from Jordan Greenwood had started the day off well for Hallen, who then doubled their advantage courtesy of an own goal. Leading scorer Elliot Gardner looked to have settled the game in Hallen's favour when he made it 3-0 early in the second half. Longwell Green had other ideas however, and after Liam Oswin had got them on the board, they set up a nervy finale thanks to an own goal of their own. It was left to Zach Feltham to complete the fightback, with his long range free kick making it 3-3 five minutes from time. Bradford Town also dropped points in their home clash with Keynsham, conceding a late equaliser to draw 1-1 with a side who had lost seven on the bounce. An excellent finish late in the first half from Callum Demkiv was all that separated the sides up until the final few minutes, when Keynsham scored directly from a corner to secure a dramatic late point. The other member of the top three to come unstuck were Calne Town, with the Lilywhites suffering a 1-0 defeat at the hands of Wells City. Following 70 goalless minutes, it was the home side who finally made the breakthrough with Harry Warwick putting them one-up. Calne ended the game by hitting the woodwork on three occasions, but they drew a blank and suffered a third consecutive league defeat.

At the opposite end of the form table are Mendip Broadwalk, with their 5-1 win at home to Warminster making it three on the spin in all competitions, scoring 15 goals in the process. A Connor Biggins goal was all that split the sides following the first half, with Mendip's top scorer Rhys Hickery the netting a cracker shortly after the interval to double their advantage. It was then Warminster's turn to score with Reece Collyer halving the deficit, before Jack Medjedoub quickly restored Mendip's two-goal lead with a side-footed finish. Medjedoub ended up with a hat-trick, scoring twice more during the final 25 minutes to help lead the home side to another comprehensive victory. There was also a five-goal victory for Radstock, with Ben Wickens scoring a second-half treble in their one-sided defeat of Cribbs Reserves. Impressive finishes from Charlie Saunders and Matt Curnock had already put the Miners two up before Wickens took over, with the hosts having also been reduced to ten men. Wickens then struck shortly after half-time to make it 3-0, before scoring two late goals, the last of which came from the penalty spot, with Town rebounding well following a tough couple of weeks. Elsewhere, Boco's Romiah Nevers continued his scoring run, tucking home an early penalty in their 2-0 win at home to Avonmouth, while Gillingham claimed a 1-1 draw at home to Bristol Telephones thanks to Joe Aikhuele's 87th minute equaliser. Shirehampton were the day's other winner, holding off a late charge from Cadbury Heath to secure a 3-2 victory at Springfield. Alfie Merchant's fourth minute opener gave the Shire a dream start, with Steve Fitzpatrick making it 2-0 on the stroke of half time. An outstanding finish from Ryan Radford extended the lead further in the opening stages of the second half, seemingly bringing an end to the contest. The Heath had other ideas however, and scored twice in the final 20 minutes to leave the game on a knives edge, but Shirehampton hung on for their fifth league win of the campaign.

# Latest Results

## Tuesday 26th November 2024

### Premier Division

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Buckland Athletic | 3-4 | Barnstaple Town |
| Welton Rovers | 1-7 | Street |

### Les Phillips Cup

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| Radstock Town | 2-5 | Wells City |

## Wednesday 27th November 2024

### Premier Division

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|---|---|---|
| Clevedon Town | 5-1 | Brislington |

## Saturday 30th November 2024

### Premier Division

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Barnstaple Town | 4-2 | Bridgwater United |
| Brislington | 3-0 | Street |
| Buckland Athletic | 1-2 | Portishead Town |
| Clevedon Town | 2-3 | Brixham |
| Oldland Abbotonians | 3-2 | Torpoint Athletic |
| Paulton Rovers | 4-2 | St Austell |
| Shepton Mallet | 4-0 | St Blazey |
| Welton Rovers | 2-3 | Ilfracombe Town |

### First Division

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|---|---|---|
| AEK Boco | 2-0 | Avonmouth |
| Bradford Town | 1-1 | Keynsham Town |
| Cadbury Heath | 2-3 | Shirehampton |
| Cribbs Reserves | 0-5 | Radstock Town |
| Gillingham Town | 1-1 | Bristol Telephones |
| Hengrove Athletic | A-A | Devizes Town |
| Longwell Green | 3-3 | Hallen |
| Mendip Broadwalk | 5-1 | Warminster Town |
| Sturminster Newton | 1-2 | Bitton |
| Wells City | 1-0 | Calne Town |

Episode 18 of the Western League Podcast includes an interview with Brislington boss, Lee Perks, who gives an honest assessment of his sides promising start in the Premier Division. Ian also catches up with Dave Wilkinson who talks about his new Development role with the league, setting out the challenges and benefits that Western League clubs can enjoy if they access the support provided.
https://www.westernleague.co.uk/news/podcast-episode-18



# Upcoming Fixtures

## Tuesday 3rd December 2024

### Premier Division

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Brislington | vs | Paulton Rovers | 19:45KO |
| Nailsea & Tickenham | vs | Oldland Abbotonians | 19:30KO |
| Portishead Town | vs | Welton Rovers | 19:30KO |

### First Division

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bradford Town | vs | Wells City | 19:30KO |
| Radstock Town | vs | Devizes Town | 19:45KO |
| Shirehampton | vs | Gillingham Town | 19:45KO |

## Friday 6th December 2024

### First Division

| | | | |
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| Bristol Telephones | vs | Cheddar | 19:45KO |

## Saturday 7th December 2024 (3pm Kick-off unless noted otherwise)

### FA Vase Third Round

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|---|---|---|
| AFC Stoneham | vs | **Brixham** |
| Andover New Street | vs | **Clevedon Town** |
| Hartpury University | vs | **Wells City** |
| **Portishead Town** | vs | Okehampton Argyle |

### Premier Division

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Barnstaple Town | vs | Buckland Athletic |
| Brislington | vs | Wellington |
| Ilfracombe Town | vs | Paulton Rovers |
| Nailsea & Tickenham | vs | Torpoint Athletic |
| Oldland Abbotonians | vs | AFC St Austell |
| Saltash United | vs | Bridgwater United |
| Street | vs | St Blazey |

### First Division

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| AEK Boco | vs | Cribbs Reserves |
| Bitton | vs | Gillingham Town |
| Bradford Town | vs | Hengrove Athletic |
| Calne Town | vs | Mendip Broadwalk |
| Hallen | vs | Sturminster Newton United |
| Keynsham Town | vs | Cadbury Heath |
| Longwell Green | vs | Radstock Town |
| Odd Down | vs | Devizes Town |
| Warminster Town | vs | Avonmouth |

# Leading Goalscorers

**Premier Division**

**Freddie King (Clevedon Town) – 18**
**Lucas Vowles (Clevedon Town) – 15**
**Ryan Bush (Buckland) – 13**
**Jack Taylor (Bridgwater) - 12**
**Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 11**
**Josh Parry (Barnstaple) – 11**
**Luke Cloke (Torpoint) – 10**

**First Division**

**Nathan Hall (Bitton) – 17**
**Sacha Tong (Bitton) – 16**
**Raphael Oppong (Bradford) – 14**
**Luke Hopper (Devizes) – 13**
**Jack Guthrie (Cribbs Reserves) – 12**
**Elliot Gardner (Hallen) – 12**
**Rhys Hickery (Mendip) -12**

# League Tables

| | PREMIER DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Brixham | 20 | 13 | 4 | 3 | 24 | 43 |
| 2 | Barnstaple Town | 19 | 13 | 2 | 4 | 28 | 41 |
| 3 | Clevedon Town | 18 | 11 | 5 | 2 | 31 | 38 |
| 4 | Portishead Town | 17 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 21 | 36 |
| 5 | Street | 20 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 35 |
| 6 | Buckland Athletic | 18 | 10 | 4 | 4 | 30 | 34 |
| 7 | Shepton Mallet | 20 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 16 | 34 |
| 8 | Brislington | 20 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 13 | 30 |
| 9 | Wellington | 19 | 10 | 0 | 9 | -10 | 30 |
| 10 | Paulton Rovers | 17 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 29 |
| 11 | Nailsea & Tickenham | 16 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 28 |
| 12 | Ivybridge Town | 18 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 28 |
| 13 | Bridgwater United | 21 | 9 | 1 | 11 | -9 | 28 |
| 14 | Oldland Abbotonians | 18 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 3 | 24 |
| 15 | Ilfracombe Town | 22 | 6 | 4 | 12 | -16 | 22 |
| 16 | Saltash United | 22 | 6 | 3 | 13 | -17 | 21 |
| 17 | St Austell | 19 | 6 | 2 | 11 | -7 | 20 |
| 18 | St Blazey | 19 | 3 | 5 | 11 | -24 | 14 |
| 19 | Torpoint Athletic | 20 | 4 | 1 | 15 | -15 | 13 |
| 20 | Welton Rovers | 21 | 0 | 0 | 21 | -91 | 0 |

| | FIRST DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Hallen | 23 | 16 | 5 | 2 | 31 | 53 |
| 2 | Calne Town | 24 | 15 | 3 | 6 | 23 | 48 |
| 3 | Bradford Town | 20 | 15 | 2 | 3 | 40 | 47 |
| 4 | Bitton | 21 | 15 | 1 | 5 | 22 | 46 |
| 5 | Devizes Town | 20 | 12 | 5 | 3 | 35 | 41 |
| 6 | Longwell Green Sports | 23 | 11 | 6 | 6 | 11 | 39 |
| 7 | Wells City | 20 | 11 | 3 | 6 | 25 | 36 |
| 8 | Mendip Broadwalk | 23 | 10 | 5 | 8 | 0 | 35 |
| 9 | Bristol Telephones | 21 | 10 | 4 | 7 | 18 | 34 |
| 10 | Cadbury Heath | 23 | 10 | 3 | 10 | -3 | 33 |
| 11 | Cribbs Reserves | 22 | 10 | 2 | 10 | 3 | 32 |
| 12 | Sturminster Newton United | 20 | 9 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 31 |
| 13 | AEK Boco | 24 | 9 | 4 | 11 | -1 | 31 |
| 14 | Avonmouth | 24 | 9 | 3 | 12 | -2 | 30 |
| 15 | Shirehampton | 17 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 29 |
| 16 | Radstock Town | 21 | 7 | 3 | 11 | -7 | 24 |
| 17 | Hengrove Athletic | 20 | 5 | 4 | 11 | -10 | 19 |
| 18 | Warminster Town | 21 | 4 | 6 | 11 | -19 | 18 |
| 19 | Cheddar | 23 | 4 | 3 | 16 | -41 | 15 |
| 20 | Odd Down | 23 | 3 | 5 | 15 | -30 | 14 |
| 21 | Keynsham Town | 22 | 3 | 5 | 14 | -44 | 14 |
| 22 | Gillingham Town | 21 | 1 | 2 | 18 | -61 | 5 |


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