

Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: On another huge night in the Premier Division promotion race, **Paulton** jumped up into second spot after coming out on top in their eight-goal thriller away at **Buckland Athletic**. Rovers were pegged back on three occasions by their hosts, before eventually running out 5-3 winners to move within four points of top spot. Krystian Woods scored the visitors opener after just seven minutes, capitalising on an error at the back to grab his second goal of the week. Buckland then hit back instantly through Jordan Copp, before a contentious moment at the end of the first half saw Paulton retake the lead, with Stan Wyatt scoring on the counter-attack while many of the home players were still appealing following a disallowed goal at the other end. Buckland shook off that disappointment in the opening minutes of the second half, with Copp beating a couple of defenders before teeing up Isaac McCue who stroked the ball home to make it two-each. A Brandon Bak finish then proved too hot to handle, giving Paulton their third lead of the night, but the Bucks were able to respond once again, with Ryan Bush levelling affairs on the hour mark. It was then a couple of headed finishes in the final 20 minutes which saw Paulton eventually do enough to hold off their hosts, with Chris Peck and Will Osborne becoming the fourth and fifth Rovers scorers in a thrilling back-and-forth contest at Homers Heath. The reason for Paulton's rise up the table on Tuesday came about because the two sides directly above them, **Barnstaple** and **Torpoint**, couldn't be separated during their dramatic 1-1 draw. It looked as though Barnstaple were going to rue a tough first half, with Tommy Rogers' penalty miss followed soon after by a goal from Freddie Chapman which had put Torpoint in position to claim a huge three points. That Chapman strike had seen Torpoint lead from the 37th minute, but with the final whistle on the horizon, the home side managed to grab a last gasp equaliser courtesy of yet another Brodie Montague header, with that goal potentially having huge ramifications on the standings come seasons end. Another side to leave it late were **Oldland Abbotonians**, with Ben Bament's 96th minute equaliser helping them to secure a 2-2 draw away at **Brislington**. The hosts dominated the early stages at Ironmould Lane, and went two-up inside 20 minutes thanks to goals from Lewis Saunders and Spike Weaver. Bament then led the fightback, and having already trimmed the deficit midway through the second half, he then fired home at the back post in the 96th minute to claim another positive result for the battling Abbots. The other game that night went the way of **Ivybridge Town,** with a left-footed finish from Kai Burrell just before half-time, leading them to a 1-0 win at **Street**.

Provisional Playoff Dates

Premier Division –

Semi Finals on April 25th, Final on 2nd May

First Division –

Semi Finals on 21st & 22nd April, Final on 25th April

Tuesday's First Division contests saw the two sides chasing promotion pick up crucial victories in what were potential late-season banana skin ties. **Bitton** bounced back strongly from their humbling home loss to Welton, overcoming a red card to beat **Almondsbury** 4-1. A near perfect start saw Luke Osgood fire the hosts ahead inside the opening minute, only for a close range finish from Kieran Burpitt then making it 1-1 inside the opening quarter-hour. Bitton's task then became tougher after they were reduced to ten men in first half stoppage time, but having regrouped at the break, they came out firing and quickly went 2-1 ahead courtesy of Charlie Roach's half-volley. Any nerves were then eased during a five-minute period midway through the second half, with Aiden Noble scoring with two headers to put Bitton out of sight. **Wells City** also held off a fightback attempt from **Mendip Broadwalk** to secure a 3-2 win in Bristol. Wells were at their best during the opening stages, and opened up a three-goal lead inside 25 minutes thanks to goals from Raphael Oppong, Ross McErlain and Jake Brown. That was the end of the visitor's goalscoring however, and after Connor Saunders had halved the arrears before half-time, Mickey Gough then scored in the 86th minute, but City had just enough of an advantage to secure the victory. At the other end of the table, **Radstock** picked up a crucial point, equalising 13 minutes from time through Danny Carpenter, to rescue a 1-1 draw at home to **Shirehampton**.

Premier Division: Two points now separate the top four after the Good Friday fixtures, with the chasing pack all picking up victories to gain ground on league leaders Clevedon. With the Seasiders out of action, **Torpoint** were the first side to make their move, winning 3-1 at **Saltash** in one of the day's early kick-offs. After leading scorer Curtis Damerell opened the scoring, Torpoint were pegged back late in the first half following an excellent long-range strike from United's Jack Jefford. A strong start to the second period then saw Owen Haslam restore the visitor's lead, with Gary Hird striking after 67 minutes to confirm the victory. Also picking up a derby day victory were **Paulton Rovers**, with the second-place side winning 4-2 at **Street**. With Brandon Bak having already headed Paulton into an early lead, Will Osborne then made it 2-0 midway through the first half. An injury-time penalty from Scott Laird got Street back into the contest, before Bak then scored his second, giving Max Williams a third assist of the afternoon, to put Paulton 3-1 up ten minutes after half-time. Rovers pulled further clear when the in-form Stan Wyatt produced a smart chipped finish, with Street having the final say courtesy of a 68th minute strike from Theo Worth. The final title hopeful to maintain the pressure on their rivals was **Barnstaple**, with two goals in either half helping them beat **Wellington** 4-1. Having gone ahead in the early stages through Shea Mannings, Town's Tommy Rogers then stroked home a penalty to make it 2-0 after half-an-hour. There was a slight scare when Charlie Shearer reduced the arrears 20 minutes from time, but Barnstaple finished the game strongly, with Tre Davey and Neil Slateford each scoring in the final moments.



The only other home side to kick start their Easter with a victory was Sidmouth, with Cholwe Hachipuka's early header helping them beat Bridgwater 1-0. Hachipuka nodded home Zack Williams' 11th minute corner to put the Devonians ahead, with a strong rearguard action for the remainder of the afternoon helping to secure a vital three points in the race for the playoffs. Buckland remain on Sidmouth's tail, scoring twice after half-time to win 2-0 at Ivybridge and keep the deficit to one point. Following a goalless hour, usual suspect Ryan Bush produced a powerful header to nudge Buckland in front, with Josiah McKayle then striking five minutes from time to complete the win. St Blazey also won by two goals to nil, with goals either side of half-time from Harry Blows and Tom Hensman leading them past Oldland Abbotonians, who ended the game with just nine men. The remaining two fixtures both ended 2-1, with dramatic finishes in both, including at Ironmould Lane where Newquay struck late on to beat Brislington. Having gone ahead through Jack Bray-Evans on the stroke of half-time, Newquay were then pegged back early in the second half following a goal from Lewis Saunders. With a 1-1 draw looking the likely outcome, it was the Cornish visitors who went back in front, for good this time, with Louis Price finding the back of the net in the 89th minute. Meanwhile, Bradford Town left it even later to confirm their victory, with a goal in the sixth minute of stoppage time from Jacob Mead helping them beat Shepton Mallet. Things couldn't have started much better for Town, with the away side surging ahead in just the third minute courtesy of another goal from frontman Jensen Wakefield. All their hard work looked to have come undone when Conrad Peck levelled affairs in the 87th minute, but Mead was in the right place at the right time to head home the winner deep into added time.

First Division: Since their blip in late February, Devizes have been on a heater, and have now won seven of their last eight, with the most recent victory coming on Good Friday away at Calne Town. Just as it was last weekend, Devizes produced a dominant first half performance, scoring three of their four goals to easily topple the Lilywhites. Matt Swann was integral in the victory, providing all three of the assists before half-time, with teammates Cal Parsons, Oaklan Buck and Jacob Reader adding the finishing touches. Reader then struck again on the hour mark to complete the visitors' 4-0 triumph. Title rivals Sturminster also secured maximum points, but it came by the skin of their teeth, with only one goal separating themselves and hosts Warminster. It was a solitary goal from Ashley Clarke seven minutes into the second half which decided the contest, with United doing just enough to maintain their pressure on the table-toppers. Third-place Wells City confirmed their spot in the playoffs thanks to a one-sided home victory over Cheddar. Both James Tait and Raphael Oppong scored in each half for Wells, with leading scorer Jake Brown also on target during the 7-1 win. There were also further goals after the break from Ross McErlain and Charlie Dashfield, with Cheddar's hopes of finishing outside the bottom two dealt a major blow. Avonmouth remain in fourth spot after goals either side of half-time from Mitch Wise and Jack Jones led them to a 2-0 win at Almondsbury, while Bristol Telephones battled back from an early deficit to beat Hengrove 2-1. After Bertie Lucas had fired the bottom side into a shock early lead, the Phones' ever reliable frontman Liam McCracken quickly made it one-apiece, with Leon Britton then scoring shortly after the break to complete the turnaround. It was another tough afternoon for the other playoff hopeful Bitton, with a home defeat against Cadbury Heath seeing them drop into sixth spot. Bitton weren't at the races during the first half, and found themselves facing a two-goal deficit after Masood Garder struck at both the beginning and the end of the opening period. Substitute Sonny Parker then breathed life into the Bitton challenge, trimming the deficit ten minutes after half-time. Yet despite finishing with an extra man following Zac Tucker's red card, the home side could not make further inroads, and were condemned to a punishing 2-1 defeat.

The biggest winners of the day were Longwell Green Sports, with a stunning showing in front of goal seeing them beat AEK Boco by eight goals to three. The home side were in red hot form early on, and had built a 3-0 lead inside the opening 25 minutes courtesy of goals from Sonny Passco, Will Cains and Matt Brown. Boco then hit back, but it was Longwell Green who ended the first half in the ascendancy, with Issac Flynn and Brown scoring late on to make it 5-1 at the break. There were two more consolation goals for the away side during the second half, but the day belonged to Longwell Green, with Liam Oswin and Passco each netting alongside Brown, with the Western League hotshot bagging yet another hat-trick in his esteemed career. The remaining fixtures all ended in home wins, with super-sub Jackson Brown scoring both goals off the bench in Mendip Broadwalk's 2-0 win over Shirehampton, while Keynsham made it back-to-back home wins by beating Odd Down 3-1 *(pictured, left)*. After Jeremy Agyemang had given Town a half-time lead, substitute Mason Kelsey then forced home a second goal on the hour mark. James Fortune's second yellow card then gave Odd Down a reason to believe, and they set up a nervy finale when they halved the deficit thanks to a smart finish from Charlie Saunders. Despite being down to ten, Keynsham were able to add to their advantage in stoppage time, with Sam Franklin wrapping things up to confirm the destination of three crucial points. That Keynsham victory coincided with a derby day defeat for Radstock, who lost 1-0 away at the in-form Welton to drop down into 18th. The previously relegation-threatened Rovers have turned a corner in recent weeks, and secured another three points in their fight for survival, with Caelen Simpson's 70th minute strike settling the tie.



Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division
Ryan Bush (Buckland) - 26
Kitan Jaiyeoba (Paulton) – 22
Sam Beresford (Clevedon) – 21
Jack Bray-Evans (Newquay) – 20
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) - 19
Rhys Simmonds (Newquay) – 16

First Division
Liam McCracken (Bristol Telephones) – 26
Josh Pearce (Avonmouth) – 25
Jack Newman (Warminster) – 18
Josh Gilborson (Bitton) - 18
Jake Brown (Wells) – 18
Harry Warwick (Wells) - 17

All Competitions
Ryan Bush (Buckland) – 33
Josh Pearce (Avonmouth) - 28
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) - 26
Jensen Wakefield (Bradford) – 26
Liam McCracken (Bristol Telephones) – 26

Latest Results

Tuesday 31st March 2026

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	1-1	Torpoint Athletic
Brislington	2-2	Oldland Abbotonians
Buckland Athletic	3-5	Paulton Rovers
Street	0-1	Ivybridge Town

First Division

Bitton	4-1	Almondsbury
Mendip Broadwalk	2-3	Wells City
Radstock Town	1-1	Shirehampton

Friday 3rd April 2026

Premier Division

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

First Division

Almondsbury	0-2	Avonmouth
Bitton	1-2	Cadbury Heath
Bristol Telephones	2-1	Hengrove Athletic
Calne Town	0-4	Devizes Town
Keynsham Town	3-1	Odd Down
Longwell Green	8-3	AEK Boco
Mendip Broadwalk	2-0	Shirehampton
Warminster Town	0-1	Sturminster Newton United
Wells City	7-1	Cheddar
Welton Rovers	1-0	Radstock Town

Podcast Episode 34

On this week's podcast, **Oldland Abbotonians** boss, Lee Lashenko, joins the show to reflect on their battling performance away at Buckland. He then discusses how the tenacity being shown by the O's during this difficult season is giving him hope for the future.

Alongside the usual round-up, Ian also catches up with **Devizes Town**'s Chris Allen, who talks about the clubs promotion ambitions, their return to form, and the challenges they face during the run-in.

https://www.westernleague.co.uk/news/podcast-episode-34-1



Upcoming Fixtures

Monday 6th April 2026 (3pm kick off unless noted)

Premier Division

Bridgwater United	vs	Barnstaple Town	
Buckland Athletic	vs	Helston Athletic	
Clevedon Town	vs	Brislington	13:00KO
Ivybridge Town	vs	Torpoint Athletic	
Newquay	vs	Oldland Abbotonians	
Saltash United	vs	Street	
Shepton Mallet	vs	Paulton Rovers	13:00KO
Wellington	vs	Sidmouth Town	

First Division

Cadbury Heath	vs	Almondsbury	13:30KO
Keynsham Town	vs	Hengrove Athletic	
Longwell Green Sports	vs	Bitton	13:30KO
Mendip Broadwalk	vs	Bristol Telephones	
Odd Down	vs	Devizes Town	
Shirehampton	vs	Avonmouth	
Sturminster Newton	vs	AEK Boco	
Warminster Town	vs	Calne Town	
Wells City	vs	Radstock Town	
Welton Rovers	vs	Cheddar	

Saturday 11th April 2026 (3pm kick off unless noted)

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	vs	Clevedon Town	
Helston Athletic	vs	Oldland Abbotonians	
Newquay	vs	Brislington	
Paulton Rovers	vs	Ivybridge Town	
Saltash United	vs	Bridgwater United	
St Blazey	vs	Bradford Town	
Wellington	vs	Shepton Mallet	14:00KO

First Division

Almondsbury	vs	Bristol Telephones	
Avonmouth	vs	Sturminster Newton United	
Cadbury Heath	vs	Mendip Broadwalk	
Calne Town	vs	Odd Down	
Cheddar	vs	Warminster Town	
Devizes Town	vs	Keynsham Town	
Hengrove Athletic	vs	Welton Rovers	
Radstock Town	vs	AEK Boco	
Shirehampton	vs	Longwell Green Sports	

JEWSON

League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Clevedon Town	31	22	4	5	40	70
2	Paulton Rovers	31	21	6	4	48	69
3	Torpoint Athletic	30	21	6	3	31	69
4	Barnstaple Town	31	21	5	5	37	68
5	Sidmouth Town	32	17	5	10	12	56
6	Buckland Athletic	33	15	10	8	21	55
7	Newquay	30	14	5	11	14	47
8	Saltash United	31	12	6	13	-11	42
9	Bradford Town	33	11	7	15	-8	40
10	Ivybridge Town	31	11	5	15	-15	38
11	Street	30	9	9	12	6	36
12	Bridgwater United	31	10	6	15	-12	36
13	Helston Athletic	29	9	4	16	-27	31
14	St Blazey	31	7	9	15	-22	30
15	Wellington	29	7	6	16	-17	27
16	Shepton Mallet	30	6	8	16	-21	26
17	Brislington	30	4	6	20	-34	18
18	Oldland Abbotonians	29	3	5	21	-42	14
19	St Austell	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Nailsea & Tickenham	0	0	0	0	0	0

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Devizes Town	35	24	8	3	63	80
2	Sturminster Newton United	34	24	4	6	56	76
3	Wells City	36	23	4	9	55	73
4	Avonmouth	34	20	9	5	22	69
5	Bristol Telephones	35	20	8	7	25	68
6	Bitton	36	19	9	8	16	66
7	Mendip Broadwalk	35	16	8	11	8	56
8	Longwell Green Sports	35	15	4	16	1	49
9	AEK Boco	35	13	8	14	5	47
10	Calne Town	35	12	8	15	0	44
11	Cadbury Heath	35	12	8	15	-17	44
12	Odd Down	34	12	7	15	-7	43
13	Almondsbury	34	12	7	15	-14	43
14	Warminster Town	35	11	9	15	0	42
15	Shirehampton	35	10	8	17	-23	38
16	Welton Rovers	34	10	4	20	-21	34
17	Keynsham Town	35	8	5	22	-39	29
18	Radstock Town	34	5	13	16	-26	27*
19	Cheddar	35	4	10	21	-55	22
20	Hengrove Athletic	35	3	9	23	-49	18