

Latest Round-ups:

FA Vase: It was another strong showing from Western League sides in the second round of the Vase, with four sides progressing on Saturday afternoon. One of those to enjoy a cup victory were **Wells City** who stormed to a 5-2 win away at **Bodmin Town**. After Tyson Pollard rewarded the visitors dominant start, they were pegged back in unfortunate circumstances when Bodmin scored with their first shot on goal. Harry Barter soon made amends, putting Wells back in front, and Pollard then struck again at the end of the opening half to make it 3-1. It was then Charlie Moon's turn to strike, extending the lead further shortly after half-time, with second half sub Abdoulaye Ndiaye wrapping up victory during the final 15 minutes. **Portishead Town** reached the third round for the first time ever after holding off a late charge from **Paulton** to win 4-2. An outstanding first half from the hosts saw them lead 3-0, with Hamish Hurst, Jay Murray and Toby Lawrence all finding the back of the net. Owen Punselie then extended the lead to four on the hour mark, and despite conceding two goals during the final 20 minutes to Rovers striker Kye Simpson, Portishead held firm to qualify for the next round. The other all-Western League tie went the way of the away team, with **Clevedon** defeating **Buckland** 3-0 thanks to an early Harrison Kyte double. Kyte headed home inside the opening 20 minutes to put Town in command, and they stayed in front throughout, with the third and final goal of the contest came early in the second half courtesy of Clevedon's top scorer Freddie King. 3-0 was also the winning margin for **Brixham**, with a strong performance helping them to defeat Plymouth's **Elburton Villa** at Wall Park *(pictured)*. Despite enduring a recent blip in the league, Brixham were back to their best at both ends of the field on Saturday, with Kieran Parkin firing them ahead after 31 minutes. Another goal late in the first half from James Moxon consolidated their lead, with the same man then scoring again eight minutes after the break to complete the scoring. One side who won't be moving on are **Bridgwater**, after Kieran Rodgers scored a hat-trick for **Tadley Calleva** during their 4-1 victory in Hampshire. It was also the end of the road for both **St Austell** and **Barnstaple** who both suffered penalty heartbreak. Barnstaple battled manfully despite suffering a first half red card, falling to **Fareham Town,** while St Austell let a 2-1 lead slip in their eventual defeat at **Andover New Street**.



Premier Division: With the other members of the top six all taking part in the Vase, Street were the big winners at the top, with a thrilling comeback victory at Saltash helping them rise into third spot. Following a goalless opening half, it was the Ashes who stormed ahead, with an excellent finish from Fin Wilkes making it 1-0 in the 53rd minute. The game then reached the final quarter with Street still trailing, before a long range free kick from Zeph Collins drew them level and sparked them into life. Collins single-handedly completed the turnaround when he netted just moments later for 2-1, with teammate Freddie Haden capping a crazy five minutes by putting the Cobblers further in front. Tom Payne struck from the penalty spot during added time, but the home side couldn't force home an equaliser and suffered their second defeat of the week at the Kimberley Stadium. In a dramatic finale at West Clewes, Welton were denied their first point of the season after suffering late heartbreak in defeat at the hands of Wellington *(pictured, left)*. Having kept the division's most in-form side at bay for over 88 minutes, they switched off at just the wrong moment and allowed for Sam Pashen to score at the back post, handing Welly their seventh consecutive victory. The other three matches each ended all-square, including at Torpoint, where Shepton battled back from a two-goal half-time deficit to claim a 2-2 draw. The home side produced one of their better halves of the campaign and deservedly led by two goals to nil, with Kevin Fyneboy and Sam Hepworth both scoring after the 40-minute mark. Some individual brilliance saw Dylan Gould pull a goal back for Mallet on the hour mark, with the visitors claiming a point ten minutes from time courtesy of Charlie Bateson. Oldland Abbotonians showed a lot of determination, claiming a 1-1 draw at St Blazey despite being reduced to ten men early in the second half, while an entertaining four-goal opening half eventually fizzled out at Ilfracombe where they drew 2-2 with Brislington. After an early Dean Griffiths header had put Bris in front, a quickfire double from Tom Chastey and Jack Jenkins then turned the game in Ilfracombe's favour. Brislington then showed some battling qualities of their own, and made it two-apiece late in the opening half when Griffiths scored his second from close range.



First Division: Leaders Calne Town survived an early scare away at Sturminster Newton, eventually coming from behind to win 2-1 to hang on to top spot. Having gone behind in just the fifth minute, Nat Bell levelled affairs early in the second half, before Tom Dowell scored the Lilywhites winner just as the game reached the final 20 minutes. Second-placed Hallen also prevailed by a slender margin, with Toby Walwin's wonder goal midway through the second half leading them to a hard-fought 1-0 win at Bristol Telephones. The individual performance of the day belonged to Bitton's Sacha Tong, with his treble leading his side to a 3-0 win away at Boco. Tong and Bitton couldn't have possibly started the game better, and led inside the opening minute with a well-taken finish from inside the area. A headed goal shortly before half time doubled the visitors lead, with Tong then completing his hat-trick late on to complete a memorable afternoon for the Bitton talisman. There was also a big away win for Devizes in their top-half clash at Cadbury Heath, with Josh Parsons' brace, plus further goals from Jacob Reader and Luke Hopper leading them to a comprehensive 4-1 victory.

Another side to win by four goals to one was **Cribbs Reserves**, with the Clayton brothers both on target again in their win at **Gillingham**. Liam netted twice, and Kieran once during a strong second half showing from the visitors, with Cribbs' leading scorer Jack Guthrie rounding out the scoring. The other away win came courtesy of **Radstock**, who eventually shook off **Hengrove** to secure a 3-2 victory. The Miners had twice taken the lead, through Luke Seviour, and Luke Ingram, but saw their advantage disappear within two minutes on each occasion with Hengrove hitting back instantly. Kegan Smart then put Radstock 3-2 in front after 80 minutes, and this time they managed to hang on, with keeper Kieran Webster pulling off a sensational save during stoppage time to preserve victory. Elsewhere, goals from Sam Thomas and Fin Burnell saw **Longwell Green** beat **Keynsham** 2-0, while Josh Pearce's first half double led **Avonmouth** to a 3-1 defeat of **Cheddar** and **Mendip** drew 1-1 with **Shirehampton.** There was incredible stoppage time drama at **Warminster**, where the home side prevailed over **Odd Down** by three goals to two. With the game level at one apiece in the 90th minute, Warminster looked like they had claimed a last-gasp winner courtesy of skipper Ryan Benson. The Bath side went straight back up the other end and earned a penalty, and despite missing with the spot kick, substitute Jake Thomas was on hand to convert the rebound and make it 2-2. Incredibly there was still time for more goalscoring action, and it was Town who scored the 98th minute winner with Corey Gardner's free kick flying into the top corner.

Latest Results

Saturday 9th November 2024

FA Vase Second Round

Andover New Street	2-2 (5-4 pens)	**AFC St Austell**
Bodmin Town	2-5	**Wells City**
Brixham	3-0	Elburton Villa
Buckland Athletic	0-3	**Clevedon Town**
Fareham Town	0-0 (3-0 pens)	**Barnstaple Town**
Portishead Town	4-2	**Paulton Rovers**
Tadley Calleva	4-1	**Bridgwater United**

Premier Division

Ilfracombe Town	2-2	Brislington
Saltash United	2-3	Street
St Blazey	1-1	Oldland Abbotonians
Torpoint Athletic	2-2	Shepton Mallet
Welton Rovers	0-1	Wellington

First Division

AEK Boco	0-3	Bitton
Avonmouth	3-1	Cheddar
Bristol Telephones	0-1	Hallen
Cadbury Heath	1-4	Devizes Town
Gillingham Town	1-4	Cribbs Reserves
Hengrove Athletic	2-3	Radstock Town
Longwell Green	2-0	Keynsham Town
Mendip Broadwalk	1-1	Shirehampton
Sturminster Newton	1-2	Calne Town
Warminster Town	3-2	Odd Down

Upcoming Fixtures

Wednesday 13th November 2024

Premier Division

St Blazey	vs	Brixham	19:30KO

Friday 15th November 2024

Premier Division

Odd Down	vs	Bradford Town	19:45KO

Saturday 16th November 2024 (3pm Kick-off unless noted otherwise)

Premier Division

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

First Division

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

Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division

Freddie King (Clevedon Town) – 14
Lucas Vowles (Clevedon Town) – 12
Ryan Bush (Buckland) – 11
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) – 10
Luke Cloke (Torpoint) – 10
Jared Lewington (Buckland) – 9
Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 9
Josh Jenkins (Shepton Mallet) – 9
Kieran O'Melia (Saltash) – 9

First Division

Nathan Hall (Bitton) – 17
Sacha Tong (Bitton) – 16
Raphael Oppong (Bradford) - 13
Jack Guthrie (Cribbs Reserves) – 12
Elliot Gardner (Hallen) - 12
Luke Hopper (Devizes) – 11
Fin Burnell (Longwell Green) – 11
Adam Wright (Wells) - 11

League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Clevedon Town	15	10	4	1	28	34
2	Brixham	17	10	4	3	17	34
3	Street	18	9	5	4	6	32
4	Barnstaple Town	15	10	1	4	22	31
5	Buckland Athletic	14	9	3	2	28	30
6	Portishead Town	14	9	2	3	17	29
7	Nailsea & Tickenham	15	9	1	5	12	28
8	Shepton Mallet	18	8	4	6	10	28
9	Ivybridge Town	17	8	3	6	2	27
10	Wellington	17	9	0	8	-9	27
11	Brislington	17	8	2	7	14	26
12	Bridgwater United	18	8	1	9	-6	25
13	Paulton Rovers	15	7	2	6	-1	23
14	Oldland Abbotonians	17	6	3	8	2	21
15	Saltash United	21	6	3	12	-15	21
16	Ilfracombe Town	19	5	4	10	-12	19
17	St Austell	17	5	2	10	-8	17
18	St Blazey	16	3	5	8	-16	14
19	Torpoint Athletic	18	4	1	13	-12	13
20	Welton Rovers	18	0	0	18	-79	0

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Calne Town	21	15	3	3	28	48
2	Hallen	20	14	4	2	28	46
3	Bradford Town	18	14	1	3	36	43
4	Bitton	19	13	1	5	20	40
5	Longwell Green Sports	21	11	5	5	16	38
6	Devizes Town	18	10	5	3	24	35
7	Wells City	18	10	3	5	25	33
8	Cribbs Reserves	21	10	2	9	8	32
9	Avonmouth	22	9	3	10	1	30
10	Cadbury Heath	20	9	3	8	-1	30
11	Mendip Broadwalk	21	8	5	8	-10	29
12	Bristol Telephones	19	8	4	7	13	28
13	Sturminster Newton United	18	8	4	6	4	28
14	Shirehampton	16	8	2	6	3	26
15	AEK Boco	21	6	4	11	-6	22
16	Radstock Town	19	6	2	11	-12	20
17	Hengrove Athletic	20	5	4	11	-10	19
18	Warminster Town	18	4	6	8	-11	18
19	Odd Down	21	3	5	13	-24	14
20	Cheddar	21	4	2	15	-35	14
21	Keynsham Town	20	3	4	13	-38	13
22	Gillingham Town	20	1	2	17	-59	5

On this week's podcast, Brixham's joint manager, Jason Couch, talks about his sides fantastic winning run, without getting carried away during a long season. Ian then catches up with Longwell Green boss, Chris Alway, who reflects on their development over recent years, and why he believes it puts them in contention to compete for the playoffs this season.
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