

Latest Round-ups:

Premier Division: Portishead Town are now one win away from being confirmed as champions after they routed Ivybridge 8-0 in their highest-scoring victory of the season. At a time when nerves can be ratcheted up, Portishead left no doubt of their intentions on Saturday, with goals from Jay Murray and Kyle Egan putting them 2-0 up within 15 minutes against a side who started and ended the day in the top half. A Toby Lawrence header then extended the lead further, before Murray struck twice more in the first-half to complete a remarkable hat-trick. There was plenty more to come for the hosts after half-time, with Egan scoring twice more to complete a treble of his own, either side of a goal from Jake Packham as Portishead racked up their 11th consecutive home win. Second-placed Clevedon did all they could to apply pressure from their side, with a 3-0 win over St Austell keeping them within four points of top spot. It wasn't an easy victory for the Seasiders, with Freddie King's penalty all that separated the sides after 45 minutes. King then struck again ten minutes from time to make it 2-0, before Syd Camper headed home the final goal during stoppage time. At the opposite end of the table, Welton claimed their first draw of the entire campaign after holding fourth-placed Barnstaple to a 1-1 draw at West Clewes. It could have been even better for Rovers who led through Josh Roddy, but North Devon outfit battled back to secure what could be a crucial point when Josh Parry made it one-apiece on the hour mark.

It looks like the race for fifth spot will go down to the wire after another crazy day, with Shepton Mallet's wild 3-2 victory away at Nailsea & Tickenham keeping them in contention for the playoffs. The game started at a breakneck speed, with Mallet's Paul Braithwaite rifling the visitors in front inside the opening 60 seconds. Brilliant finishes from both Luke Osgood, and then Charlie Saunders turned the game on its head, putting the Swags 2-1 in front, before a Charlie Bateson effort brought the game back level after just 23 minutes. A red card late in the first half saw the home side reduced to ten men, and it cost them dearly, with Braithwaite firing home once more to put Mallet 3-2 ahead just prior to half time. There was no repeat of the goalscoring antics after half time, with the visitors holding on to their slender advantage and jumping up into seventh place. One of the sides to drop points and fall below Shepton Mallet was Paulton Rovers who relinquished a half-time lead in their 2-1 defeat away at Bridgwater. Having forged ahead through Kye Simpson ten minutes before the interval, Rovers were pegged back around the hour mark when Morgan Williams levelled things up for Bridgy. Paulton were then given the opportunity to retake the lead, but Simpson fired his spot kick over the bar and the game remained in the balance. It was then left to Kieran Ireland to complete Bridgwater's comeback, with his close range finish during the final five minutes ending their eight-match winless run.

There was also a surprise home defeat for playoff-chasing **Street**, with two goals from Joe Preece leading **Saltash** to an impressive 3-1 win at The Tannery. Having scored the only goal of the first half, Preece then capitalised on a defensive blunder to make it 2-0 shortly after the break. A Harry Foster goal 15 minutes from time gave the Cobblers a chance to get back into things late on, but Saltash responded well and put the game to bed thanks to a third goal from Deacon Thomson. The other game with major playoff implications saw **Buckland Athletic** hang on to fifth spot despite falling to a 2-1 defeat away at **Brixham**. Goals in either half from Fin Newell put the hosts two up, with Buckland setting up a frantic finish when they halved the deficit through Teigan Rosenquest as the game headed into the final 20 minutes. Buckland were unable to find the equaliser however, and now have three sides within two points of them as the league heads into the final week of the season. Elsewhere, it was a good afternoon for plenty of the home teams, with **Oldland** and **Wellington** both running out 2-0 winners. The Abbots saw off **Ilfracombe** to win for the first time in seven, while second half goals from Mark Cornish and Jacob Shore led Wellington to a strong victory over **St Blazey** *(pictured, left).* Finally, there was yet another win for **Torpoint**, with one of the most in-form teams in the entire division storming to a 3-0 win at home to **Brislington**. After Max Gilbert had put them ahead in the 12th minute, the Cornish side continued to push forward, with leading marksman Ryan Richards blasting home in either half to give them their ninth win since the turn of the year.



First Division: Following a fantastic head-to-head battle, **Hallen** have been confirmed as champions of the First Division following their thumping 6-1 of **Bitton**. With five points separating the league leaders and second-place Calne, both results had to go in Hallen's favour, and that was how it played out on Saturday afternoon, with **Calne** conceding late on to only draw 1-1 away at **Mendip Broadwalk**. The Lilywhites had gone in front through Gabe Costello, but let Mendip back into the game courtesy of Jacob O'Donnell, and were forced to settle for a solitary point. That result opened the door for Hallen, and they stormed through it, scoring four first half goals to condemn Bitton to a heavy defeat. An early own goal settled Hallen nerves, before leading scorer Elliot Gardner then scored his 19th of the campaign to make it 2-0 inside the opening 15 minutes. The champions-elect continued to push forward during the early stages, and found themselves four goals to the good thanks to further efforts from Jordan Greenwood and Harrison Fairman. To their credit, Bitton started the second half well, reducing the arrears through Nathan Hall, but Hallen *(celebrating the title, right)* were much too strong for their visitors and ran out 6-1 winners thanks to second half strikes from Harry Goldspink and Cory Thomas-Barker. Hallen now have three games remaining with the possibility of crashing through the 100-point barrier, while runners-up Calne will be readying themselves for a shot at promotion via the playoffs.



The game of the day saw Wells storm back from an early two-goal deficit to beat Bradford Town 5-3, and hang on to fifth place with two games remaining. Things didn't start at all well for the home side who saw goals from Owen Allison and Cal Demkiv hand the Bobcats a 2-0 lead after only 12 minutes. Wells were in need of a strong response, and they got just that, with Adam Wright converting a penalty to reduce the deficit, before Ali Sen then fired home a rocket late in the first half to draw the sides level. Bradford are still in need of points over the final few games to confirm their playoff spot, and they went back in front shortly after half-time, with Tyson Pollard making it 3-2 which left Wells in need of another fightback. City were up for the task however, and after levelling things up once again through Tom Ovigne, they then finished the game in the ascendancy, going ahead for the first time all afternoon courtesy of Luke Wilkinson, before then wrapping things up in stoppage time thanks to Jake Curtis. A goalless draw away at Cribbs Reserves helped Devizes edge their way up into third spot, while Longwell Green beat bottom-side Gillingham 3-0 to return to winning ways. The victory saw Longwell Green rise into sixth, with Finn Burnell, Sonny Passco and Chis Alway all finding the back of the net to take the sides total goal output for the season to a league-high 99. There is still an outside chance that Sturminster Newton could end their first Western League campaign with a playoff run, after Buddy O'Shea scored the only goal in their 1-0 win at Boco. There was also an away win for ten-man Odd Down, with Ashley Marsh scoring the late winner at Keynsham. Despite having Alfie Kelsey sent off early in the piece, the Bath side managed to take a half-time lead, with Harley Prior scoring to make it 1-0. Keynsham then looked like they had secured a share of the spoils when Tobias Brooks levelled things ten minutes from time, but Odd Down pinched all three points when Marsh fired home in the closing stages. The individual performance of the afternoon belonged to Hengrove's Luco Ponsillo, with his hat-trick spearheading the Whitchurch-based outfit to a 3-2 win over Warminster. There were also a pair of 1-1 draws between mid-table sides Avonmouth and Cadbury Heath, and also Bristol Telephones and Shirehampton, while a fierce start to the game from Radstock helped them beat Cheddar 2-1. After Joel Kirby had already put them in front, Radstock's Bartek Grzywa lifted the ball over the visiting keeper to put the Miners 2-0 up after only 12 minutes. There was late hope for Cheddar who halved the deficit through Tom Davies, but Radstock were able to hang on to rack up their second win in the space of a week.

Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division
Freddie King (Clevedon) – 30
Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 27
Lucas Vowles (Clevedon) – 23
Jay Murray (Portishead) - 20
Harry Foster (Street) – 18
Rikki Sheppard (Saltash) – 18

First Division
Nathan Hall (Bitton) – 22
Luke Hopper (Devizes) – 20
Jamie Noble (Bristol Telephones) - 20
Josh Pike-Bright (Calne) - 19
Sacha Tong (Bitton) – 19
Elliot Gardner (Hallen) – 19

All Competitions
Freddie King (Clevedon) – 33
Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 32
Lucas Vowles (Clevedon) – 26
Jay Murray (Portishead) – 24
Sacha Tong (Bitton) – 24
Nathan Hall (Bitton) - 22
Harry Foster (Street) – 22

Latest Results

Saturday 12th April 2025

Premier Division

Bridgwater United	2-1	Paulton Rovers
Brixham	2-1	Buckland Athletic
Clevedon Town	3-0	St Austell
Nailsea & Tickenham	2-3	Shepton Mallet
Oldland Abbotonians	2-0	Ilfracombe Town
Portishead Town	8-0	Ivybridge Town
Street	1-3	Saltash United
Torpoint Athletic	3-0	Brislington
Wellington	2-0	St Blazey
Welton Rovers	1-1	Barnstaple Town

First Division

AEK Boco	0-1	Sturminster Newton United
Avonmouth	1-1	Cadbury Heath
Bristol Telephones	1-1	Shirehampton
Cribbs Reserves	0-0	Devizes Town
Gillingham Town	0-3	Longwell Green Sports
Hallen	6-1	Bitton
Hengrove Athletic	3-2	Warminster Town
Keynsham Town	1-2	Odd Down
Mendip Broadwalk	1-1	Calne Town
Radstock Town	2-1	Cheddar
Wells City	5-3	Bradford Town

On the latest podcast, Brislington manager Lee Parks, reflects on his time at the club, and his decision to step down at the end of the season. Ian is then joined by Mendip Broadwalk joint-manager, Ryan Perrett, who celebrates their recent win over Longwell Green, before discussing what the club have learned from their inconsistent form this season which will help them plan for the 2025/26 campaign.

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Easter Fixtures

Thursday 17th April 2025

First Division

Cribbs Reserves	vs	Hallen	19:45KO
Sturminster Newton	vs	Gillingham Town	19:45KO

Friday 18th April 2025 (3pm Kick-off unless noted otherwise)

Premier Division

St Austell	vs	St Blazey	11:00KO
Barnstaple Town	vs	Ilfracombe Town	
Bridgwater United	vs	Street	12:00KO
Buckland Athletic	vs	Wellington	
Clevedon Town	vs	Nailsea & Tickenham	12:30KO
Oldland Abbotonians	vs	Paulton Rovers	
Portishead Town	vs	Brislington	
Shepton Mallet	vs	Welton Rovers	13:00KO
Torpoint Athletic	vs	Saltash United	11:00KO

First Division

AEK Boco	vs	Longwell Green Sports	13:00KO
Bradford Town	vs	Warminster Town	
Cadbury Heath	vs	Bitton	
Cheddar	vs	Wells City	
Devizes Town	vs	Calne Town	
Keynsham Town	vs	Bristol Telephones	
Mendip Broadwalk	vs	Hengrove Athletic	
Radstock Town	vs	Odd Down	
Shirehampton	vs	Avonmouth	13:00KO

Monday 21st April 2025 (3pm Kick-off unless noted otherwise)

Premier Division

Brislington	vs	Shepton Mallet	13:00KO
Brixham	vs	Barnstaple Town	
Ilfracombe Town	vs	Buckland Athletic	
Nailsea & Tickenham	vs	Portishead Town	13:30KO
Oldland Abbotonians	vs	Bridgwater United	
Saltash United	vs	AFC St Austell	
St Blazey	vs	Torpoint Athletic	
Street	vs	Clevedon Town	
Wellington	vs	Ivybridge Town	
Welton Rovers	vs	Paulton Rovers	13:00KO

First Division

Avonmouth	vs	Mendip Broadwalk	13:00KO
Bitton	vs	Shirehampton	
Bristol Telephones	vs	Cribbs Reserves	
Calne Town	vs	Bradford Town	
Gillingham Town	vs	Keynsham Town	
Hallen	vs	AEK Boco	
Hengrove Athletic	vs	Cheddar	
Longwell Green	vs	Cadbury Heath	13:00KO
Odd Down	vs	Sturminster Newton United	12:30KO
Warminster Town	vs	Devizes Town	
Wells City	vs	Radstock Town	

League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Portishead Town	36	28	3	5	76	87
2	Clevedon Town	36	26	5	5	68	83
3	Brixham	36	24	5	7	36	77
4	Barnstaple Town	35	19	5	11	23	62
5	Buckland Athletic	35	17	7	11	31	58
6	Nailsea & Tickenham	35	18	3	14	13	57
7	Shepton Mallet	36	17	5	14	20	56
8	Paulton Rovers	36	17	5	14	6	56
9	Street	35	16	6	13	3	54
10	Ivybridge Town	37	14	9	14	2	51
11	Brislington	35	15	5	15	2	50
12	Oldland Abbotonians	35	14	7	14	1	49
13	Wellington	36	15	3	18	-22	48
14	Saltash United	36	14	4	18	7	46
15	St Austell	36	14	4	18	-6	46
16	Torpoint Athletic	36	14	3	19	-2	45
17	Bridgwater United	36	12	6	18	-20	42
18	St Blazey	35	6	8	21	-38	26
19	Ilfracombe Town	36	6	6	24	-46	24
20	Welton Rovers	36	1	1	34	-150	4

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Hallen	39	29	5	5	67	92
2	Calne Town	40	27	4	9	53	85
3	Devizes Town	39	24	7	8	59	79
4	Bradford Town	40	24	7	9	44	79
5	Wells City	40	23	7	10	45	76
6	Longwell Green Sports	40	23	7	10	39	76
7	Bitton	40	24	6	10	21	74*
8	Sturminster Newton United	39	21	6	12	14	69
9	Bristol Telephones	39	16	12	11	26	60
10	Shirehampton	40	17	8	15	0	59
11	Cadbury Heath	40	17	7	16	-2	58
12	Cribbs Reserves	40	16	9	15	7	57
13	Mendip Broadwalk	39	15	10	14	-7	55
14	AEK Boco	40	15	8	17	1	53
15	Avonmouth	39	13	7	19	-5	46
16	Odd Down	40	10	9	21	-35	39
17	Hengrove Athletic	40	9	11	20	-14	38
18	Radstock Town	40	11	5	24	-29	38
19	Cheddar	40	8	7	25	-46	30*
20	Warminster Town	39	7	9	23	-50	30
21	Keynsham Town	40	4	8	28	-83	20
22	Gillingham Town	39	1	5	33	-105	8


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