

Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: Wells City booked their spot in the last four of the Les Phillips Cup, after winning 3-1 at Oldland Abbotonians on Tuesday evening. A strong start for the visitors saw Jake Brown put them ahead in the fourth minute, before Braeden Symes headed home for 2-0 midway through the first half. A strong response from the Abbots saw Christian DaCosta get them back into the game before half-time, with Wells finally pulling clear 15 minutes from time when Ross McErlain fired a volley into the back of the net. Elsewhere that night, Paulton stormed to a 5-1 win over Welton to end their four-match run without victory in the Premier Division. Goals from Dan McBeam and Milo Murgatroyd inside the opening 15 minutes saw Paulton gain the upper hand, before a goal late in the first half from Joe Kemmery got Welton back into the contest. The hosts then pulled away after the break, with Jack Dancey's headed effort making it 3-1 on the hour mark. Will Hailston then curled home a fourth, before Corey Rawlings completed the scoring in stoppage time. The points were shared in both First Division fixtures, with Cheddar staging a strong fightback to draw 2-2 with Hengrove at Bowdens Park. The away side were on top for much of the first half and moved into a deserved two-goal advantage thanks to efforts from Brad Skidmore and Harvey Impey. It was down to the Cheesemen to respond after the break, and they did just that, with Jack Busby kickstarting the comeback, before Jamie Moss then made it two-each after capitalising on an error at the back midway through the second half. The other game saw plenty of action in the closing stages, with Sturminster Newton and Odd Down eventually drawing three-apiece. With the game level at 1-1 heading into the final 15 minutes, Sturminster took their first lead of the night when Adam Hall struck what looked to be a decisive goal. However, that goal kickstarted the game into life, with Odd Down substitute Alfie Kelsey making it 2-2 in the 83rd minute, before Elliot Bevis put the hosts back in front less than two minutes later. The game then reached added time, and with the Bath side still trailing, they managed to find the sixth goal of the contest, with Kelsey setting up Dom Walter who tied the game at 3-3.

On the latest episode of the podcast, Torpoint boss, Ryan Fice, discusses the club's resurgence in 2025 and explains how it has been built on stability and respect. Ian then catches up with Calne Town's manager, Craig Kent, to talk about their promotion ambitions. Kent admits that while he is happy with the Lilywhites form against the top sides in the division, he believes there is still work to do against the teams they are expected to beat.
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Premier Division: It was another strong afternoon from the sides chasing promotion, and the Premier Division title, after all members of the top five secured victories on Saturday afternoon. League leaders Portishead survived playing the second half of their home tie against Shepton Mallet with ten men, securing a 2-0 win which kept them top by a point. After scoring late in the first half to put Town in front, Ethan Feltham turned from hero to villain when he was dismissed shortly after half-time for a mis-timed challenge. That red card didn't deter Portishead however, and they managed to extend their lead shortly after going a man down, with Jay Murray slotting home to complete the two-goal victory.

Second-placed Clevedon returned to winning ways, scoring two goals in either half to complete a comfortable home victory over Welton Rovers. Having suffered back-to-back defeats for the first time this season, Clevedon responded well at the Hand Stadium, with a quickfire double midway through the first half from Lucas Vowles and Glen Hayer putting them in control. Sam Beresford then added to the lead midway through the second half with a flicked finish, before Alex Camm made it 4-0 with a late penalty, after he had been fouled in the Welton area. Fast-starting Buckland saw off the challenge of Brislington, with a couple of goals inside the opening 15 minutes helping them end a two-match winless run. After Teigan Rosenquest scored from outside the area to put the Devon side in front after just six minutes, Ben Fowles then made it 2-0 shortly after, with Buckland maintaining that 2-0 advantage for the remainder of the afternoon. Third-placed Brixham added another three points to their tally, with James Moxon's second half double leading them past Paulton Rovers. Following a goalless opening half, Moxon opened the scoring for the second consecutive fixture to put the home side in front within a minute of the restart. Moxon then struck again in the closing stages to put Brixham two goals to the good, allowing them to secure their 17th league win of an impressive campaign. There was also a much-needed home victory for Barnstaple, with Billy Hopcroft's early double helping them hold off a comeback attempt from in-form visitors Saltash. Having gone five home games without a win, Barum made a dream start behind Hopcroft's early heroics, with his brace making it 2-0 before the game had reached the tenth minute. The Ashes set up an entertaining second half for the neutral when they halved the deficit through Tom Huyton, but they were unable to force home an equaliser and missed out on their opportunity to jump up into the top half of the division. Another of the league's form teams grabbed another victory, with Torpoint coming from behind to beat Bridgwater 2-1 at The Mill. Since the turn of the year, 17th placed Torpoint have lost only one of eight in the league, winning five of those games including Saturday's turnaround against Bridgwater, required to do so after Mike Duffy slotted United ahead after 26 minutes. An equaliser in first half stoppage time from Gary Hird gave the Cornishmen the boost they needed going into the second period, with Sam Hepworth volleying home shortly after the interval to complete the turnaround. The only side to win on their travels were St Austell, with Jack Crago striking in either half of their 3-0 defeat of Ilfracombe at Marlborough Park. Crago finally broke the deadlock in added time at the end of a quiet first half, before then putting the visitors three-up, adding to Neil Slateford's second shortly after half-time.



First Division: Bradford Town's 1-1 home draw with AEK Boco proved to be enough for the Bobcats to retake ownership of top spot in what is turning into a thrilling three-way battle for the title. Just one point separates the top three, with new league leaders Bradford forced to settle for a draw despite going ahead on Saturday thanks to a Curtis Dunn penalty. Less than ten minutes, Boco were awarded a spot kick of their own, with Luke Bryan converting from 12 yards to make it one apiece at Trowbridge Road. Calne Town have climbed up into second spot, after overturning an early deficit to beat Avonmouth 6-1. Having fallen behind in the 20th minute, Calne responded expertly with leading scorer Josh Pike-Bright making it 1-1, before Gabe Costello then put them in front late in the first half. The Lilywhites then pulled away after the interval, with Zak Mitchell giving them a two-goal advantage, before Harry Stiles added a late fourth prior to Tom Dowell's stoppage-time double. Sitting a point back from the leading duo are Hallen after they fell to a surprise 1-0 defeat at home to Radstock. Having won five on the bounce heading into Saturday's fixture, and scoring 25 goals in the process, Hallen were held at bay by their visitors who had been soundly beaten in their previous two outings this month. For Radstock, it was a goal from Jed Parfitt early in the second half which settled affairs, giving them their first win of 2025 in another mark of how unpredictable this division is on a week-by-week basis.

Longwell Green Sports have now gone past their points tally from last season with eight matches still remaining, after they beat Hengrove 2-1. It was a tough start to the day for both sides, with each reduced to ten men within 11 minutes of kickoff for separate incidents in the early stages. Hengrove then went ahead in first half stoppage time, but the in-form hosts responded well to that setback and drew level shortly after half time with Sam Whitson scoring at the back-post following a wicked delivery from Zac Feltham. It was then left for Alex Grimshaw to score the winner midway through the second half, with his headed finish making it 2-1 and helping Longwell Green complete the season double over Hengrove. Fourth-placed Bitton's recent goalscoring troubles continued after they were held to a goalless draw by Cribbs Reserves, while Sturminster Newton pulled off the comeback of the day by overturning a two-goal deficit to beat Keynsham 3-2. A dramatic end to the first half saw struggling Keynsham forge into a 2-0 lead thanks to a six-minute brace from Riley Gifford-Hobbs. The home side were unable to hang on however, and succumbed to another defeat with Adam Hall, Buddy O'Shea and Elliot Bevis all netting during Sturminster's outstanding second half fightback. The late drama of the day arrived at Springfield, where hosts Cadbury Heath scored the only goal of the game in the 90th minute to claim victory over Cheddar. After a tough afternoon in front of goal from both sides, a wicked volley from Dominic Anderson during injury time at the end of the game saw the Heath grab all three points which helped propel them up into 12th spot. Meanwhile, Wells City's excellent run of results continued at home to Warminster, with Braeden Symes scoring twice in their 3-0 win. Having opened the scoring on the half-hour, Symes then doubled this tally in first half stoppage time with an acrobatic bicycle kick to help build a two-goal advantage. A late penalty from Adam Wright then wrapped things up for Wells, with the Somerset side having now won four on the bounce in all competitions.



Latest Results

Tuesday 18th February 2025

Les Phillips Cup Quarter-Final

Oldland Abbotonians	1-3	Wells City

Premier Division

Paulton Rovers	5-1	Welton Rovers

First Division

Cheddar	2-2	Hengrove Athletic
Sturminster Newton	3-3	Odd Down

Saturday 22nd February 2025

Premier Division

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

First Division

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

Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division

Freddie King (Clevedon) – 26
Lucas Vowles (Clevedon) – 22
Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 22
Rikki Sheppard (Saltash) – 17
Ryan Bush (Buckland) – 16
Jack Taylor (Bridgwater) – 15
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) – 14
Jared Lewington (Buckland) – 14

First Division

Nathan Hall (Bitton/Odd Down) – 19
Sacha Tong (Bitton) – 19
Luke Hopper (Devizes) – 18
Josh Pike-Bright (Calne) - 18
Elliot Gardner (Hallen) – 17
Jack Guthrie (Cribbs Reserves) – 17
Raphael Oppong (Bradford) – 16
Jack Jones (Hallen/Hengrove) – 16
Fin Burnell (Longwell Green) - 16

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 25th February 2025

Premier Division

Portishead Town	vs	Clevedon Town	19:30KO

First Division

AEK Boco	vs	Shirehampton	19:30KO
Odd Down	vs	Bitton	19:45KO
Radstock Town	vs	Wells City	19:45KO

Wednesday 26th February 2025

Premier Division

Ivybridge Town	vs	Brixham	19:30KO

First Division

Warminster Town	vs	Avonmouth	19:45KO

Saturday 1st March 2025 (3pm Kick-off unless noted otherwise)

Premier Division

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

First Division

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



League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Portishead Town	28	21	3	4	51	66
2	Clevedon Town	29	20	5	4	56	65
3	Brixham	28	17	4	7	25	55
4	Buckland Athletic	28	15	6	7	36	51
5	Barnstaple Town	27	16	3	8	22	51
6	Street	28	14	6	8	10	48
7	Shepton Mallet	28	14	5	10	21	47
8	Paulton Rovers	31	14	5	12	7	47
9	Nailsea & Tickenham	28	14	3	11	12	45
10	Ivybridge Town	28	12	6	10	10	42
11	St Austell	30	13	3	14	-1	42
12	Saltash United	31	12	3	16	6	39
13	Brislington	29	11	5	13	2	38
14	Oldland Abbotonians	26	11	4	11	2	37
15	Bridgwater United	30	11	3	16	-19	36
16	Wellington	25	11	1	13	-13	34
17	Torpoint Athletic	31	10	3	18	-13	33
18	Ilfracombe Town	29	6	5	18	-35	23
19	St Blazey	28	5	5	18	-38	20
20	Welton Rovers	31	1	0	30	-141	3

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Bradford Town	32	22	6	4	51	72
2	Calne Town	34	23	3	8	47	72
3	Hallen	31	22	5	4	54	71
4	Bitton	31	19	5	7	27	62
5	Longwell Green Sports	34	18	7	9	26	61
6	Devizes Town	29	17	6	6	48	57
7	Wells City	29	17	5	7	34	56
8	Sturminster Newton United	32	17	5	10	11	56
9	Shirehampton	30	14	6	10	2	48
10	Bristol Telephones	30	13	7	10	19	46
11	Cribbs Reserves	33	13	6	14	3	45
12	Cadbury Heath	33	13	5	15	-7	44
13	Mendip Broadwalk	31	12	7	12	-8	43
14	Avonmouth	32	11	6	15	-2	39
15	AEK Boco	30	11	6	13	-2	39
16	Radstock Town	29	9	4	16	-13	31
17	Hengrove Athletic	31	7	9	15	-10	30
18	Warminster Town	32	6	9	17	-39	27
19	Cheddar	32	6	7	19	-41	25
20	Odd Down	32	5	8	19	-38	23
21	Keynsham Town	33	4	5	24	-73	17
22	Gillingham Town	32	1	5	26	-89	8