

Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: With county cups dominating the midweek schedules, only three league games took place with **Cribbs Reserves** and **Mendip Broadwalk** serving up a seven-goal thriller at The Lawns. In the only First Division clash of the week, Cribbs looked to be heading towards a comfortable victory when Jack Guthrie and Gerlando Parrinello put them two-up inside 15 minutes. Mendip then started to come back into the game, and after Dylan Whittle had trimmed the deficit, the visitors drew level at the beginning of the second half via a Jordan Hughes free kick. Another Guthrie strike put Cribbs back ahead, with Liam Clayton wrapping things up in the 90th minute before a consolation from Mendip's Rhys Hickery. The Premier Division saw a pair of Devon vs Cornwall contests, with **Torpoint** coming out on top on Tuesday away at **Ilfracombe**. After Fred Chapman had put them ahead at the interval, Torpoint forward Luke Cloke then struck twice midway through the second half to lead the visitors to a 3-0 victory. 24 hours later, **Ivybridge** salvaged a late point against **Saltash** to move up into fourth spot. The Ashes had racked up impressive back-to-back wins away from home in recent weeks, and a 45th minute effort from Joe Preece put them in position to grab another three-point haul. Ivybridge have a strong home record, and after dominating much of the second half, they grabbed a deserved leveller in the 83rd minute through Bailey Mabin, making it 1-1. In the knockout competitions, **Calne** scored nine in their Wiltshire Cup triumph, with **Devizes** and **Warminster** also progressing, while **Clevedon** and **Wellington** both enjoyed Somerset Cup victories.

Premier Division: **Brixham**'s winning run continued apace on Saturday afternoon, with a 2-0 victory over **Nailsea & Tickenham** helping them jump up into top spot. A two-goal opening half, kick-started by Tom Mortimore led the Devonians to their eighth consecutive league victory, with the defence taking their clean sheet tally into double figures. One side who had been short of victories over recent weeks were **Street**, but they defeated **Ivybridge** 2-0 thanks to a Harry Foster double. Having been held winless over their previous five outings, the Cobblers secured maximum points behind Foster's two first half goals, the second of which came from the penalty spot. **Wellington** came out on top in their home clash against fellow Somerset side **Shepton Mallet**, with Sam Towler playing a huge role in the 2-1 win *(pictured celebrating, right).* Having scored the opener from the spot, Towler's corner was then headed home by Matt Crawley to put Welly two goals to the good. Shepton threatened to ruin things for the hosts late on, halving the deficit through Aaron Seviour, but it was too little, too late and Wellington secured their third win of the week.



At the opposite end of the form table were **Ilfracombe**, but they turned things around against **Oldland**, winning by a goal to nil to secure their first three point haul since late August. Following back-to-back home defeats over the previous seven days, Town toppled the Abbots thanks to an 84th minute effort from Sammy Townsend. 1-0 was also the winning margin at Fairfax Park, with **Bridgwater** edging past **Torpoint** thanks to a second half strike from Jack Taylor. The second half also proved crucial down in **Saltash**, where the hosts conceded three unanswered goals to fall to a 3-0 defeat against **Barnstaple**. It was Lee Gardiner who broke the deadlock for the visitors, scoring his first Town goal to put them ahead two minutes after the interval. A Josh Parry effort then made it 2-0, before Joe Grigg scored the goal of the afternoon to cap an outstanding second 45 minutes from the visitors. **St Austell** were another side to win on their travels, with goals either second of the break from Neil Slateford and Matt Searle helping them beat **Welton** 2-0. **Buckland Athletic** were the other team to secure victory away from home, with a strong start helping them win by three goals to one at **Brislington**. A fifth minute free kick from Reece Shanley set the Bucks up for a strong afternoon, and they were soon two goals to the good when Owen Haslam fired home. A penalty on the hour mark from Ryan Bush put the result to bed, with the hosts grabbing a consolation goal ten minutes from time. Unfortunately, the contest between **Clevedon** and **Paulton** had to be abandoned just prior to half-time following a bad injury to visiting forward Kitan Jaiyeoba.



This week's podcast includes an interview with Portishead manager, Kye Mountford, who reflects on their step up from the First Division, and looks forward to the upcoming run of home fixtures. Ian also checks in with Daniel James from Mind in Somerset, to highlight what they are doing to raise awareness for World Mental Health Day. The third person to join the show is Devizes Town boss, Chris Allan, who looks back on their good start to the season, while recognising that some consistency will be required from his side to complete a successful campaign. https://www.westernleague.co.uk/news/podcast-episode-11

First Division: A seventh consecutive league win has seen **Bitton** move into a share of top spot, with their 4-1 defeat of **Bristol Telephones** coinciding with a goalless draw for fellow table-toppers **Hallen** away at **Warminster**. The division's leading scorer, Nathan Hall, was on target during the opening minutes to take his personal tally for the campaign to 17 in an early boost for the hosts. Joe Ellis then headed home a Lewis Russell corner late in the first half for 2-0, with Russell getting a goal of his own on the hour mark to put Bitton out of sight. The Phones did keep battling, and pulled a goal back, but it was Bitton who had the last word, making it 4-1 in stoppage time thanks to a goal from the edge of the box by Ash McGrane. It was a strong day for most of the sides in the top positions, including third place **Bradford Town** who pulled away to win 3-0 at **Radstock**. Following a goalless opening half, last week's four-goal hero, Raphael Oppong, was on target yet again for the Bobcats to put them in front after 49 minutes. Another goal shortly after from Jake Hiscocks doubled the visitors advantage, with Oppong striking again to complete the three-goal second half salvo.

The game of the day took place in North Dorset, where Mendip's Dylan Whittle struck a hat-trick in his sides thrilling 4-3 win at Gillingham Town. After Whittle had given the visitors a dream start, scoring from the spot in the sixth minute, Mendip suddenly sub-sided and found themselves 2-1 behind midway through the first half. The main man then scored again, before teammate Rhys Hickery headed home to turn the game in Broadwalk's favour after 40 minutes. Having been pegged back once more, Mendip kept pushing and scored the crucial seventh goal of the afternoon, with Whittle completing his treble ten minutes from time. Over in Bath, Wells City absolutely dominated the first half of their clash with Odd Down, scoring all four of their goals during the first 45 minutes of their latest victory. Craig Herrod and Oli Bryant both got their names on the scoresheet, adding to a double from Adam Wright as the visitors strolled to victory. The trend of scoring was completely different, but the outcome was identical at Longwell Green, where the home side scored four unanswered second half goals in their 4-0 defeat of Cheddar. Fin Burnell's goal five minutes after the interval set the ball rolling for Longwell Green, with Zac Feltham putting them two goals to the good. The Cheesemen then conceded twice during the closing stages to Liam Oswin and Billy Hensler allowing their hosts to rise into the top seven. Another side on the rise are Cadbury Heath, with their impressive campaign adding another scalp in the form of Avonmouth who they beat by three gals to nil. A hard-fought opening half was headed toward a stalemate, but Matt Isaacs had other ideas, with the Heath forward scoring a quickfire double to make it 2-0 at the interval. That was how it remained for the majority of the second half, before a Hassan Hussein goal ten minutes from time put the game to bed. Hengrove Athletic's excellent home form just about continued on Saturday, as they held off a comeback attempt from Keynsham to win 3-2 at Norton Lane. The home side were irresistible for much of the opening half, and had built a two-goal lead inside 18 minutes courtesy of goals from Brad Skidmore and Rohan Hartery. An own goal then capped a difficult start to the game for Keynsham, but they grabbed a lifeline late in the opening half when Jayden Radway got them on the board. It then got better for the K's who struck again through recent signing Simon Prangley, but that was as close as they came and eventually fell to the 3-2 defeat. There was late drama at Devizes, where the hosts conceded late on in their 1-1 draw with Boco. Having gone in front at the end of the first half through Kieron Gleed, Town suffered a late sucker-punch, with Romiah Nevers chesting the ball down before volleying into the corner to grab a share of the spoils for Boco. Elsewhere, Calne bounced back from last week's home defeat with a 2-1 victory at Cribbs Reserves. Stu Windsor's penalty was added to by Nat Bell to put the Lilywhites two-up, and they held off their hosts comeback attempt, with Cribbs reduced to ten men shortly after Jack Guthrie had got them back into the contest.



Latest Results

Tuesday 8th October 2024

Premier Division

Ilfracombe Town	0-3	Torpoint Athletic

Wednesday 9th October 2024

Premier Division

Ivybridge Town	1-1	Saltash United

First Division

Cribbs Reserves	4-3	Mendip Broadwalk

Saturday 12th October 2024

Premier Division

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

First Division

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

Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division

Freddie King (Clevedon Town) – 13
Lucas Vowles (Nailsea&Tickenham) – 10
Jared Lewington (Buckland) – 9
Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 9
Josh Jenkins (Shepton Mallet) – 9
Luke Cloke (Torpoint) - 9

First Division

Nathan Hall (Bitton) – 17
Sacha Tong (Bitton) – 12
Luke Bryan (AEK Boco) – 10
Rhys Hickery (Mendip B) - 10
Luke Hopper (Devizes) – 9
Elliot Gardner (Hallen) – 9
Josh Pike-Bright (Calne) – 9

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 15th October 2024

Premier Division

Paulton Rovers	vs	Portishead Town	19:30KO

First Division

Bradford Town	vs	Cadbury Heath	19:30KO

Wednesday 16th October 2024

Premier Division

AFC St Austell	vs	Ivybridge Town	19:30KO
Clevedon Town	vs	Brislington	19:30KO
St Blazey	vs	Brixham	19:30KO
Wellington	vs	Ilfracombe Town	19:45KO

First Division

Cribbs Reserves	vs	Hengrove Athletic	19:45KO

Saturday 19th October 2024 (3pm Kick-off unless noted otherwise)

Premier Division

Brislington	vs	Wellington
Brixham	vs	Bridgwater United
Oldland Abbotonians	vs	Shepton Mallet
Saltash United	vs	Nailsea & Tickenham
Street	vs	St Blazey

First Division

Avonmouth	vs	AEK Boco
Bristol Telephones	vs	Warminster Town
Calne Town	vs	Longwell Green Sports
Cheddar	vs	Odd Down
Keynsham Town	vs	Shirehampton
Mendip Broadwalk	vs	Hallen

FA Vase – First Round

AFC St Austell	vs	**Cadbury Heath**
Bradford Town	vs	Andover New Street
Clevedon Town	vs	Wendron United
Devizes Town	vs	**Wells City**
Fareham Town	vs	**Bitton**
Ilfracombe Town	vs	Roman Glass St George
Paulton Rovers	vs	**Radstock Town**
Portishead Town	vs	Fleetlands
Sidmouth Town	vs	**Barnstaple Town**
Sturminster Newton	vs	Okehampton Argyle
Tadley Calleva	vs	**Ivybridge Town**
Torpoint Athletic	vs	Thornbury Town

League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Brixham	14	9	4	1	19	31
2	Clevedon Town	13	9	3	1	27	30
3	Barnstaple Town	13	9	1	3	22	28
4	Street	15	8	4	3	7	28
5	Buckland Athletic	12	8	3	1	27	27
6	Portishead Town	12	8	2	2	17	26
7	Ivybridge Town	15	8	2	5	5	26
8	Shepton Mallet	15	7	3	5	10	24
9	Brislington	14	7	1	6	14	22
10	Nailsea & Tickenham	12	7	1	4	5	22
11	Bridgwater United	15	7	1	7	-9	22
12	Saltash United	17	5	3	9	-11	18
13	Wellington	14	6	0	8	-13	18
14	Oldland Abbotonians	13	5	2	6	3	17
15	Paulton Rovers	12	5	1	6	-5	16
16	AFC St Austell	15	4	1	10	-9	13
17	Torpoint Athletic	15	4	0	11	-10	12
18	Ilfracombe Town	16	3	3	10	-15	12
19	St Blazey	13	2	3	8	-17	9
20	Welton Rovers	15	0	0	15	-67	0

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Hallen	16	10	4	2	21	34
2	Bitton	16	11	1	4	18	34
3	Bradford Town	14	11	0	3	23	33
4	Calne Town	16	10	3	3	16	33
5	Wells City	16	9	3	4	20	30
6	Cadbury Heath	16	9	3	4	9	30
7	Longwell Green Sports	16	8	4	4	9	28
8	Devizes Town	14	7	5	2	18	26
9	Sturminster Newton United	15	7	4	4	6	25
10	Mendip Broadwalk	18	7	4	7	-10	25
11	Bristol Telephones	16	7	3	6	11	24
12	Avonmouth	18	7	3	8	2	24
13	Cribbs Reserves	18	7	2	9	-1	23
14	Shirehampton	12	6	1	5	3	19
15	AEK Boco	17	5	4	8	-3	19
16	Hengrove Athletic	16	4	4	8	-9	16
17	Warminster Town	15	3	6	6	-8	15
18	Odd Down	17	3	5	9	-17	14
19	Radstock Town	15	4	1	10	-13	13
20	Keynsham Town	16	3	4	9	-20	13
21	Cheddar	16	2	2	12	-31	8
22	Gillingham Town	17	1	2	14	-44	5


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