


## Latest Round-ups:

Premier Division: Portishead overcame a tough trip to Cornwall, winning 3-1 at St Blazey to maintain their four-point lead at the top, with three games left remaining. Despite their lowly league position, St Blazey have won home games against Shepton Mallet and Clevedon in recent weeks, so Portishead will be relieved to have come away with all three points. A return to goalscoring form from Jay Murray put the visitors in front early on, before Tom Hensman made it 1-1 ten minutes before the break. Portishead managed to go back ahead in first half injury-time thanks to Mitch Osmond, with Dean Griffiths then doubling their advantage shortly after the interval. Second-placed Clevedon made sure the pressure was maintained on the leaders, after two first half goals from Freddie King and a Harrison Kyte effort led the Seasiders to a 3-0 win away at Ilfracombe. Playoff-bound Brixham also prevailed 3-0, with two second half strikes from Fin Newell capping their victory away at Welton Rovers. Joining Brixham in the end of season playoffs remains up for grabs following a dramatic afternoon of action, especially at Barnstaple, where visitors Street produced an incredible finish to come out on top in a seven-goal thriller. Having gone ahead in early stages through Harry Foster, things quickly unravelled for the visitors, with a tenth minute red card followed by quickfire goals from Stu Bowker and Lee Gardiner to hand Barnstaple a 2-1 lead. Bowker then added a third from the spot, before the away side were given a glimmer of hope when Town's Gardiner became the second man to be sent off before half-time. The scoreline remained the same until ten minutes from time, when Foster netted his second of the afternoon to potentially set up a dramatic finale. That's exactly what followed, and just moments after home keeper Jim Weeks had kept out a spot kick to maintain their advantage, Foster completed his hat-trick to level things up after 90 minutes. That still allowed time for either side to find a winning goal, and it came for Street, who completed their late turnaround thanks to a stoppage time effort from Shay Corrick. The other encounter which involved two sides shooting for the playoffs saw Buckland secure a tight 1-0 win away at Shepton Mallet, with Jared Lewington's header midway through the second half all that separated the sides. Nailsea & Tickenham jumped up into sixth spot after goals from Charlie Saunders and Owen Humphries led them to a 2-0 win over Ivybridge, while Brislington edged to a 1-0 win at home to Bridgwater. The remaining fixtures both finished in 1-1 draws, with Ollie Brokenshire levelling for St Austell in their home clash with Oldland, while a late penalty from Tom Payne helped Saltash snatch a point away at Wellington *(pictured, right).*



On Wednesday evening, Wellington overturned a half-time deficit on their way to a 3-2 win at home to Street. After Freddie Haden had fired the Cobblers into a fifth minute lead, Wellington took a long time to begin their fightback, with Josh Baker nodding them level just after the hour mark. Then, just moments later, Glen Wright got his head to an in-swinging corner and turned the game in the home side's favour. It was then left for Phil Mendonca to add a third for the Somerset side, with that goal proving crucial following a late consolation strike from the visitors.

First Division: Hallen moved a step closer towards claiming the First Division title after they ground out an impressive 1-0 win away at Wells City. Having come up against the same opposition just ten days previously, this encounter proved to be equally as tight as the first, with just one solitary goal separating the sides. Fortunately for Hallen and their supporters, they mirrored the 1-0 victory in the reverse fixture, with Harrison Fairman's lobbed finish after an hour helping them secure all three points. Calne Town remain five points off the top, after the claimed an equally hard-fought 1-0 victory at home to Hengrove on Saturday afternoon. The second-place side went ahead three minutes into the second half through Nat Bell, and managed to hang on for the remainder of the game to return to winning ways in their chase for top spot. Meanwhile, Bradford Town's outside hopes of finishing top of the pile all but ended after they fell to a 1-0 defeat away at 19th placed Cheddar. It was a theme of the day with tight games up and down the division, but unfortunately for the Bobcats, they ended the afternoon on the losing side after Jamie Moss's goal shortly after half-time gave Cheddar their standout result of an otherwise disappointing campaign.

In the race for the playoffs, it was a great afternoon for Devizes who struck twice after half time to win 2-0 away at Boco to consolidate fourth spot. A penalty save from home keeper Nick Croucher was the biggest moment of a goalless first half, but Devizes showed their mettle after the break, with Jamie Waters scoring twice to give them their ninth win on the bounce in all competitions. Bitton were the other big winners, jumping two spots up in to fifth thanks to a 2-1 victory at home to Avonmouth. After going ahead from the spot through Ash McGrane, Bitton were then pegged back ten minutes after half-time and desperately in need of finding a winner. It was Zac Tucker who provided that crucial goal, with his strike making it 2-1, and ending Bitton's two-match winless streak. Alongside Wells, the other side Bitton managed to leapfrog after matchday 39 was Longwell Green Sports who fell to a surprise 4-2 defeat at home to Mendip Broadwalk. Following a goalless first half, Mendip went ahead through Micky Gough, before a quickfire double for home forwards Sonny Passco and Zac Feltham suddenly put Longwell Green in the ascendancy. A disappointing final 15 minutes really stung the hosts however, and after Dylan Whittle had made it 2-2, Mendip then scored twice more in the closing stages through Rhys Hickery and Jack Cousins to end the game with a comfortable victory margin and ended Longwell Green's long run of home wins. There was also an away win for Cadbury Heath, with Tyler Lane scoring in their 1-0 win at Shirehampton, while Joe Kemmery was on target once more, scoring the winning goal during Radstock's 2-1 victory away at Gillingham Town.



The late drama for the afternoon was saved for those in attendance at **Warminster** *(pictured celebrating, right*), where the home side struck in the seventh minute of stoppage time to capture a come-from-behind 3-2 win over **Sturminster Newton**. Goals either side of the interval from Adam Hall had twice put United in front, with Jack Newman's glancing header and then a Jake Wright strike making the game level with 20 minutes left on the clock. Warminster then waited until almost the final kick of the game before going in front for the first time, with Sam McFarlane's injury time winner providing Town with their first victory in exactly two months. Elsewhere, Alfie Kelsey scored **Odd Down's** equaliser in their 1-1 draw with **Bristol Telephones,** while Liam Clayton bagged a brace in **Cribbs Reserves** comfortable 4-2 win at home to **Keynsham**.

Earlier in the week, **Wells City** returned to winning ways thanks to a 3-0 victory away at **Radstock**. The first half was a tale of two penalties, with City forward Adam Wright converting both spot kicks to put his side in command. Harry Warwick then added Wells' third after an hour to confirm the destination of the points in Tuesday's lone fixture.

## Leading Goalscorers

**Premier Division**

**Freddie King (Clevedon) – 28**
**Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 27**
**Lucas Vowles (Clevedon) – 23**
**Rikki Sheppard (Saltash) – 18**
**Ryan Bush (Buckland) – 18**
**Jack Taylor (Bridgwater) – 16**
**Josh Parry (Barnstaple) – 16**
**James Moxon (Brixham) – 16**

**First Division**

**Nathan Hall (Bitton) – 21**
**Luke Hopper (Devizes) – 20**
**Jamie Noble (Bristol Telephones) - 20**
**Josh Pike-Bright (Calne) - 19**
**Sacha Tong (Bitton) – 19**
**Elliot Gardner (Hallen) – 18**
**Jack Guthrie (Cribbs Reserves) – 17**

**All Competitions**

**Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 32**
**Freddie King (Clevedon) – 31**
**Lucas Vowles (Clevedon) – 26**
**Sacha Tong (Bitton) – 23**
**Ryan Bush (Buckland) – 21**
**Nathan Hall (Bitton) - 21**

# Latest Results

## Tuesday 1st April 2025

### First Division

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Radstock Town | 0-3 | Wells City |

## Wednesday 2nd April 2025

### Premier Division

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Wellington | 3-2 | Street |

## Saturday 5th April 2025

### Premier Division

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

### First Division

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

On the latest episode of the podcast, Ivybridge Town manager, Wayne Gamble, joins the show to reflect on their recent victory over Barnstaple, while touching on what he's learnt about the Premier Division this year. Ian is also joined by Odd Down's Jamie Walter, who talks about the Bath side's recent upturn in form which has eased any relegation fears, and increased their optimism going into next season.

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



## Upcoming Fixtures

### Saturday 12th April 2025 (3pm Kick-off unless noted otherwise)

### Premier Division

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

### First Division

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

## League Tables

| | PREMIER DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Portishead Town | 35 | 27 | 3 | 5 | 68 | 84 |
| 2 | Clevedon Town | 35 | 25 | 5 | 5 | 65 | 80 |
| 3 | Brixham | 35 | 23 | 5 | 7 | 35 | 74 |
| 4 | Barnstaple Town | 34 | 19 | 4 | 11 | 23 | 61 |
| 5 | Buckland Athletic | 34 | 17 | 7 | 10 | 32 | 58 |
| 6 | Nailsea & Tickenham | 34 | 18 | 3 | 13 | 14 | 57 |
| 7 | Paulton Rovers | 35 | 17 | 5 | 13 | 7 | 56 |
| 8 | Street | 34 | 16 | 6 | 12 | 5 | 54 |
| 9 | Shepton Mallet | 35 | 16 | 5 | 14 | 19 | 53 |
| 10 | Ivybridge Town | 36 | 14 | 9 | 13 | 10 | 51 |
| 11 | Brislington | 34 | 15 | 5 | 14 | 5 | 50 |
| 12 | Oldland Abbotonians | 34 | 13 | 7 | 14 | -1 | 46 |
| 13 | St Austell | 35 | 14 | 4 | 17 | -3 | 46 |
| 14 | Wellington | 35 | 14 | 3 | 18 | -24 | 45 |
| 15 | Saltash United | 35 | 13 | 4 | 18 | 5 | 43 |
| 16 | Torpoint Athletic | 35 | 13 | 3 | 19 | -5 | 42 |
| 17 | Bridgwater United | 35 | 11 | 6 | 18 | -21 | 39 |
| 18 | St Blazey | 34 | 6 | 8 | 20 | -40 | 26 |
| 19 | Ilfracombe Town | 35 | 6 | 6 | 23 | -44 | 24 |
| 20 | Welton Rovers | 35 | 1 | 0 | 34 | -150 | 3 |

| | FIRST DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Hallen | 38 | 28 | 5 | 5 | 62 | 89 |
| 2 | Calne Town | 39 | 27 | 3 | 9 | 53 | 84 |
| 3 | Bradford Town | 39 | 24 | 7 | 8 | 46 | 79 |
| 4 | Devizes Town | 38 | 24 | 6 | 8 | 59 | 78 |
| 5 | Bitton | 39 | 24 | 6 | 9 | 26 | 74* |
| 6 | Wells City | 39 | 22 | 7 | 10 | 43 | 73 |
| 7 | Longwell Green Sports | 39 | 22 | 7 | 10 | 36 | 73 |
| 8 | Sturminster Newton United | 38 | 20 | 6 | 12 | 13 | 66 |
| 9 | Bristol Telephones | 38 | 16 | 11 | 11 | 26 | 59 |
| 10 | Shirehampton | 39 | 17 | 7 | 15 | 0 | 58 |
| 11 | Cadbury Heath | 39 | 17 | 6 | 16 | -2 | 57 |
| 12 | Cribbs Reserves | 39 | 16 | 8 | 15 | 7 | 56 |
| 13 | Mendip Broadwalk | 38 | 15 | 9 | 14 | -7 | 54 |
| 14 | AEK Boco | 39 | 15 | 8 | 16 | 2 | 53 |
| 15 | Avonmouth | 38 | 13 | 6 | 19 | -5 | 45 |
| 16 | Odd Down | 39 | 9 | 9 | 21 | -36 | 36 |
| 17 | Hengrove Athletic | 39 | 8 | 11 | 20 | -15 | 35 |
| 18 | Radstock Town | 39 | 10 | 5 | 24 | -30 | 35 |
| 19 | Cheddar | 39 | 8 | 7 | 24 | -45 | 30* |
| 20 | Warminster Town | 38 | 7 | 9 | 22 | -49 | 30 |
| 21 | Keynsham Town | 39 | 4 | 8 | 27 | -82 | 20 |
| 22 | Gillingham Town | 38 | 1 | 5 | 32 | -102 | 8 |

