

Latest Round-ups:

Premier Division: Despite the weather again causing more than half of Saturday's games to fall by the wayside, there was still plenty of talking points from the four games to take place, with the top two switching places. Now sitting atop the division are Portishead after they held off a late charge from St Austell, before eventually winning 3-1 at Bristol Road. Having won four on the spin, Portishead looked to be on course to extending that further following goals either side of half-time from Kyle Egan and Ethan Feltham. The visitors from Cornwall weren't willing to be pushovers however, and having lost only one of their last six away games, they set up a dramatic finish when Adam Carter tucked the ball home 15 minutes from time. The sides remained separated by one goal until the fifth minute of stoppage time, when Portishead's leading marksman Feltham struck again to confirm the victory. That result coincided with Clevedon's second consecutive defeat on Cornish soil, with Curtis Damerell playing a starring role in Torpoint Athletic's surprise 3-2 win. Having only lost two of their first 26 league games, the back-to-back defeats saw Clevedon slip from top spot, with a penalty late in the first half from Damerell putting them a goal behind at the break. Torpoint's match-winner then struck again at the beginning of the second half to make it 2-0, before Sam Beresford smashed home to reduce the arrears. The home side responded expertly, going straight back up the other end to restore their two-goal advantage with Damerell teeing up Gary Hird who made it 3-1 just before the hour mark. Town's Alex Camm scored in the third minute of stoppage time in what looked to be a consolation goal, but it nearly ended up being the per-cursor for a dramatic comeback, only for Lucas Vowles to see his 95th minute effort saved by home keeper Ryan Rickard. There was also late drama at the Kimberley Stadium, where Saltash defeated Paulton 2-1 thanks to a winning penalty in added time. The game started at a breakneck speed, with Hayden Greening's 11th minute header putting the Ashes ahead, before Paulton responded shortly after thanks to a fantastic free-kick from Will Hailston. However, it remained one apiece until minute 90, with Saltash awarded a penalty which was converted by the dependable Rikki Sheppard to give them a fifth win from their six most recent outings. In the day's only away win, Jordan Scadding scored the only goal of the game to lead Brislington to victory at St Blazey.

Earlier in the week, Brixham rebounded from their heavy defeat at Portishead by winning 3-0 away at Barnstaple. In one of the two midweek games to beat the weather, Brixham moved two ahead before half-time thanks to goals from James Moxon and Kieran Parkin. Another goal from Aaron Wellington put the visitors three-up early in the second half, extending Barnstaple's winless home run in the league to four matches. In Tuesday's other fixture, eighth vs ninth finished in a goalless stalemate, with Paulton probably the happier team after claiming a point away at Nailsea & Tickenham.

First Division: **Bradford Town** moved into a share of top spot after beating bottom-side **Gillingham** 4-0. With fellow leaders Hallen among the sides to see their game postponed, the Bobcats took advantage despite an early penalty miss from Callum Demkiv. Another penalty came Bradford's way on the half hour, with Callum Dunn taking the opportunity to put his side one-up. Will Stead then made it 2-0 early in the second half, before Demkiv made amends for his earlier spot kick with two goals in the final half-hour to wrap up the home side's win. Third-placed **Calne** edged past a battling **Cheddar** side, with Ackeem Stewart's 75th minute goal giving the Lilywhites a 1-0 win, while **Bitton** salvaged a 1-1 draw away at **Warminster** following Mickey Parsons' late leveller. In the biggest win of the day, free-scoring **Longwell Green** put seven past **Cadbury Heath** to jump up the into the top five. After scoring six at Keynsham last Saturday, the Longwell Green forwards were in the mood again at Springfield, going 3-0 up inside half an hour thanks to efforts from Sonny Passco, Zac Feltham and Fin Burnell. The home side grabbed a lifeline in first half stoppage time through Daniel Cardoso, but were soon three goals down again when Burnell scored his second shortly after the interval. The remainder of the game belonged to Sonny Passco, with the in-form striker following up last weekend's double with three goals in the final 20 minutes to take his personal tally for the afternoon to four in one of the best individual performances of the season to date.

Latest Results

Tuesday 11th February 2025

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	0-3	Brixham
Nailsea & Tickenham	0-0	Paulton Rovers

Saturday 15th February 2025

Premier Division

Portishead Town	3-1	St Austell
Saltash United	2-1	Paulton Rovers
St Blazey	0-1	Brislington
Torpoint Athletic	3-2	Clevedon Town

First Division

Bradford Town	4-0	Gillingham Town
Cadbury Heath	1-7	Longwell Green Sports
Calne Town	1-0	Cheddar
Warminster Town	1-1	Bitton

Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division

Freddie King (Clevedon) – 26
Lucas Vowles (Clevedon) – 21
Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 21
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
Elliot Gardner (Hallen) – 17
Jack Guthrie (Cribbs Reserves) – 17
Josh Pike-Bright (Calne) - 17
Raphael Oppong (Bradford) – 16
Jack Jones (Hallen/Hengrove) – 16

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 18th February 2025

Premier Division

Paulton Rovers	vs	Welton Rovers	19:30KO

First Division

Bristol Telephones	vs	Radstock Town	19:45KO
Cheddar	vs	Hengrove Athletic	19:45KO
Sturminster Newton	vs	Odd Down	19:45KO

Wednesday 19th February 2025

Premier Division

St Blazey	vs	Barnstaple Town	19:30KO

Saturday 22nd February 2025 (3pm Kick-off unless noted otherwise)

Premier Division

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

First Division

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

On the podcast this week, St Blazey's manager, Mark Carter, chats with Ian about their focus on preventing relegation, while reinvigorating a proud Cornish club with how it performs both on, and off the pitch. Jack Harding-Dancy of Hengrove then joins the show to discuss his young team's progress, with the ambition of surpassing last season's points total.

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League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Portishead Town	27	20	3	4	49	63
2	Clevedon Town	28	19	5	4	52	62
3	Brixham	27	16	4	7	23	52
4	Buckland Athletic	27	14	6	7	34	48
5	Barnstaple Town	26	15	3	8	21	48
6	Street	28	14	6	8	10	48
7	Shepton Mallet	28	14	5	9	23	47
8	Nailsea & Tickenham	28	14	3	11	12	45
9	Paulton Rovers	29	13	5	11	5	44
10	Ivybridge Town	28	12	6	10	10	42
11	Saltash United	30	12	3	15	7	39
12	St Austell	29	12	3	14	-4	39
13	Brislington	28	11	5	12	4	38
14	Oldland Abbotonians	26	11	4	11	2	37
15	Bridgwater United	29	11	3	15	-18	36
16	Wellington	25	11	1	13	-13	34
17	Torpoint Athletic	30	9	3	18	-14	30
18	Ilfracombe Town	28	6	5	17	-32	23
19	St Blazey	28	5	5	18	-38	20
20	Welton Rovers	29	1	0	28	-133	3

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Hallen	30	22	5	3	55	71
2	Bradford Town	31	22	5	4	51	71
3	Calne Town	33	22	3	8	42	69
4	Bitton	30	19	4	7	27	61
5	Longwell Green Sports	33	17	7	9	25	58
6	Devizes Town	29	17	6	6	48	57
7	Wells City	28	16	5	7	31	53
8	Sturminster Newton United	30	16	4	10	10	52
9	Shirehampton	30	14	6	10	2	48
10	Bristol Telephones	30	13	7	10	19	46
11	Cribbs Reserves	32	13	5	14	3	44
12	Mendip Broadwalk	31	12	7	12	-8	43
13	Cadbury Heath	32	12	5	15	-8	41
14	Avonmouth	31	11	6	14	3	39
15	AEK Boco	29	11	5	13	-2	38
16	Hengrove Athletic	29	7	8	14	-9	29
17	Radstock Town	28	8	4	16	-14	28
18	Warminster Town	31	6	9	16	-36	27
19	Cheddar	30	6	6	18	-40	24
20	Odd Down	31	5	7	19	-38	22
21	Keynsham Town	32	4	5	23	-72	17
22	Gillingham Town	32	1	5	26	-89	8


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