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Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: The race for the Premier Division title continues to sit in the balance following a fascinating couple of nights of action under the floodlights. Clevedon Town still enjoy a pleasant advantage at the top, but any slip-up will allow the chasing pack to gain ground due to the games they have in hand over the Seasiders. Travelling to take on Bradford is not an easy assignment, and Clevedon will be happy to have taken home a point on Tuesday evening after they salvaged a 1-1 draw. The leaders were soon under pressure, and found themselves a goal down after 24 minutes when Leo Gallazi's pin-point cross found Jensen Wakefield, with the Bobcats top scorer heading home to make it 1-0. Clevedon responded well and managed to get level late in the first half when Kye Simpson converted from close range from a ball into the box by teammate Jacob Sloggett. Both sides continued to push forward after the break, and despite each having a number of chances, they were unable to find the killer touch and had to share the points. For those hoping to make a late charge for top spot it's vital that they keep winning, and Paulton did just that, scoring once in either half to beat Oldland Abbotonians 2-0. It was debutant Stan Wyatt who made a strong start to his time with Rovers, opening the scoring after half-an-hour, with a curling finish from Krystian Woods then wrapping things up late on. Barnstaple will also have desires on charging up the table, and they came from behind to win 3-2 at Shepton Mallet. After falling behind to Ryan Crawford's eighth minute opener, Town drew level on the stroke of half-time when recent signing Shea Mannings opened his account for the Devon side. A penalty midway through the second half from Tommy Rogers then put Barnstaple 2-1 in front, before former-Brislington frontman Mannings doubled his account five minutes from time. A Crawford penalty during stoppage time gave Mallet some late cheer, but it was the visitors who hung on to end a two-match winless run away from home. In a to-and-fro contest, Brislington started and finished expertly to win 4-2 away at Wellington. Bris flew out of the blocks, scoring twice in quick succession through Charlie Ames and Lewis Saunders to take control early on. The hosts then enjoyed an excellent spell at the beginning of the second half, scoring twice within ten minutes of the restart through Charlie Shearer and Ryan Brereton to get back on level terms. The Bristol side then found their feet again, going 3-2 up when Saunders scored his second of the night, with Jaden Neale then giving them an unassailable lead 20 minutes from time.



Action from Brislington's 4-2 win at Wellington on Wednesday night, courtesy of @Steve_Screech

Elsewhere on Tuesday, goals from Cole Fisher and Jack Jefford fired **Saltash** to a 2-0 win over playoff-hopefuls **Sidmouth**, while first half efforts from Kai Burrell and Chris Harvey saw **Ivybridge** edge out **St Blazey** by two goals to one at Ermington Road. Wednesday then saw another big game at the top, with **Torpoint** scraping a 1-1 draw away at fellow top-five side **Buckland Athletic**. After falling behind in the 13th minute to a heavily deflected strike from Jack Baxter, the visitors managed to earn a point when Curtis Damerell scored for the third game in succession to make it one apiece.

In the First Division, **Devizes** left it late before seeing off the challenge of **Bristol Telephones**, winning 1-0 to jump back to the top of the table. With tough conditions hampering both sides, the game seemed to be heading towards a stalemate, before Devizes' Dan Demkiv popped up with a massive goal three minutes from time to secure a crucial victory. At the opposite end of the table, **Hengrove** kept alive their hopes of not finishing in the bottom three by beating **AEK Boco** 3-0. Having only won one other away game all season, Hengrove secured the victory on Tuesday night thanks to goals from Joe Hill, Gael Basana and Giorgio Mancini. There was also an important victory for **Shirehampton**, with Harry Pegler scoring the only goal of the game 18 minutes from time in their 1-0 win at home to **Welton Rovers**. In Bath, **Cadbury Heath** picked up back-to-back league wins for just the second time this season, scoring three second half goals to beat **Odd Down** 4-1. In a tightly-contested opening to the game, Riley Gifford-Hobbs produced a great strike to put the Heath in front, before home skipper Josh Howlett levelled things up within minutes of falling behind. After Zac Tucker had restored the visitor's advantage on the hour mark, Odd Down were given the opportunity to equalise again, but Charlie Saunders couldn't convert his penalty. That miss proved costly, with the Heath going straight up the other end to make it 3-1 through substitute Masood Garder, before recent signing Tucker then added his second in the closing stages. There was also an impressive away win for **Mendip Broadwalk**, with Jordan Hughes' free-kick putting the cap on their 3-2 victory at **Almondsbury**. After Liam Nicholls had fired the Almonds in front after just eight minutes, Mendip hit back strongly, going 2-1 up in no time at all courtesy of goals from Mason Daggar and Taylor Doyle. Another strong finish from Nicholls then made it 2-2 after half-an-hour, with the only goal after that coming from Hughes midway through the second half to give Mendip Broadwalk their third win on the spin. **Almondsbury** were then back in action 48 hours later, holding title hopefuls **Wells City** to a goalless draw in Bristol. Wells missed out on the opportunity to cut the gap to the top two, and would have been thankful to take home a point after keeper Sam Jepson was called into action to make a number of smart saves throughout the 90 minutes.

Podcast Episode 33

On the podcast this week, we hear from **Sidmouth Town** manager, Billy Rouse, who describes the pride he has for his players who are punching above their weight in the Premier Division.

Ian is also joined by **Odd Down** boss Jamie Walter, with the pair discussing how the young side have progressed this term, with the Bath outfit now targeting a top half finish.

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Premier Division: With Clevedon not in action on Saturday afternoon, **Torpoint** trimmed the gap at the top to just five points after coming from behind to win 2-1 at **Brislington**. Following an hour with a goal, it was Bris who surged ahead, with Spike Weaver netting for the 17th placed side. Torpoint looked to their most reliable source of goals in Curtis Damerell, and it was his equaliser 13 minutes from time which set up the grandstand finish, with Gary Hird completing the turnaround late on. There was another victory for third-placed **Barnstaple**, with the Devonians also forced to come-from-behind in their 3-1 defeat of **Shepton Mallet**. After Ali Sen's 21st minute penalty had put the visitors into a surprise lead, Town took no time at all in getting back on level terms, with recent signing Shea Mannings scoring his third goal of the week. A strong start to the second half saw Luke Mortimore head Barnstaple in front, before Josh Parry fired in off the underside of the bar to make it 3-1 20 minutes from time. Among the title hopefuls, it was **Paulton** who lost ground, with Krystian Woods' late penalty salvaging a 3-3 draw away at **Ivybridge Town**. The visitors never led the game, and found themselves deep in trouble early on, with goals from Joe Cook and Josh Johnson putting the Ivies two to the good inside the opening quarter. A tight-angled finish from Tom Bradley got Paulton back into the contest, with teammate Jack Dancey then slotting home during added time to bring the game back level at the half-way stage. The hosts then went back in front after 58 minutes through Ryan Smith, but they were unable to hang on, with Woods' penalty towards the end of the game making sure that Paulton would head home with a point. There were also six goals in the game at Manstone Lane, with four of them scored by **Sidmouth**'s Zack Williams in their big win over **Newquay**. The victory saw Sidmouth move up into fifth spot, but it wasn't looking too rosy in the early stages, with Allam Ahmed firing the visitors in front after 29 minutes. Williams then got to work, levelling things up for the hosts, with his second strike of the afternoon making it 2-1 midway through the second half. An Ahmed header then drew Newquay back level 12 minutes from time, but it was Williams and Sidmouth who finished the game in the ascendancy, with his two goals in the final ten minutes putting the cap on an incredible individual performance. Sidmouth's joy also came at the expense of **Buckland Athletic**, with the Devon outfit unable to capitalise on two red cards for their opponents in a disappointing 0-0 draw with **Oldland Abbotonians**. There was also a goalless stalemate between **Street** and **St Blazey**, while **Satlash's** Tyler Yendle produced a sumptuous curling finish in the sixth minute of stoppage time to rescue a 1-1 draw away at **Wellington** (pictured, right). Over in Cornwall, **Helston** ended a six-match winless run by storming to a 4-1 victory over **Bradford Town**. First half strikes from Olly Redd and Connor Paine helped Helston build a commanding lead, with Redd's second and then a late fourth from Liam Eddy staving off Bradford's fightback attempt.



First Division: In what could be a decisive day in the title race, **Devizes** have opened up a four-point gap at the top of the table, with their 6-1 mauling of **Almondsbury** coinciding with **Sturminster Newton**'s 2-0 defeat at the hands of **Shirehampton**. For Devizes, they couldn't have asked for a much better time to produce one of their best halves of football, storming to a 5-0 half-time lead over the Almonds. With Oaklan Buck and Jacob Reader each finding the back of the net, most of the plaudits were headed in the direction of their teammate Callum Parsons who struck a first half hat-trick at Nursteed Road. Liam Nicholls did reduce the arrears 17 minutes from time, before Devizes put a cap on the victory thanks to a late goal from Jack Baker. Meanwhile, Sturminster came up against an in-form Shirehampton side, who are now unbeaten in four after downing the title hopefuls in Bristol. Opening the scoring was Harry Pegler, with his second goal in the four days coming after a long throw into the visitor's box, before Scott Bamford then wrapped things up during the final five minutes. It was also a tough afternoon for each of the other sides in the top six, with none of them coming out on the winning side on Saturday afternoon. For **Wells,** they were forced to settle for a 1-1 draw away at **Boco,** despite going ahead through James Tait, with **Bristol Telephones** registering the same scoreline away at **Cadbury Heath** thanks to an equaliser midway through the second half from the league's leading marksman Liam McCracken. The remaining playoff hopefuls both suffered heavy defeats, with **Bitton** succumbing to a 4-1 loss at the hands of **Welton Rovers.** Just as it looked as though we would get a goalless opening half, Welton's Caelen Simpson had other ideas, with his stunning volley giving the visitors a half-time advantage. Will Ford then made it 2-0, with Ben Snell adding goal number three midway through the second half. Bitton's tough afternoon went from bad to worse, with a late red card seeing them finish with ten men, and despite pulling a goal back in the closing stages, they then conceded a fourth during stoppage time courtesy of a delightful chip from Rovers forward Chris Pile. Fourth-placed **Avonmouth** were also found wanting in their home clash with **Mendip Broadwalk**, suffering a 3-0 defeat to bring an end to their four-match winning streak. Jack Medjedoub was the star of the show for Mendip, scoring all three goals in the victory, with the opener coming in the 25th minute. Medjedoub then scored again right at the beginning of the second half, before completing his hat-trick before the game had even reached the hour mark. **Calne Town** were also big winners away from home, with five different scorers helping them beat **Hengrove**. Sam Womersley and Sam Jones each scored inside the opening ten minutes to put the Lilywhites in the ascendancy, with a debut goal from Will Banfield extending the advantage further before half-time. Calne had not reached the heights of a five-goal performance in the league this season, but they managed to pull that off on Saturday, with Kegan Smart and Stu Windsor both striking in the closing stages at Norton Lane. There was late drama in Bath, where **Odd Down** beat **Warminster** 1-0 thanks to an 87th minute strike from James Book. With the game reaching its final moments, substitute Jasper Morris produced a bit of quality, crossing for Book who pounced at the back post to give the home side a fifth win in six.



Longwell Green Sports also produced some dramatics at the end of their tie with Radstock, scoring four times in the final 15 minutes to come from behind and pull off a stunning 5-2 victory. After Liam Oswin had headed the visitors in front after six minutes, Radstock slowly built their way back into the contest and secured a 2-1 lead courtesy of second half goals from Tommy Nairn and Louie Gurner. That go-ahead goal really seemed to kickstart Longwell Green into life, and in no time at all they had turned things back in their favour courtesy of a quickfire double from substitute Nico Baird. Those goals seemed to completely deflate the hosts, with Matt Brown adding Longwell Green's fourth, before Sonny Passco completed the scoring with a volleyed finish during stoppage time. There was also a huge game at the bottom, with Cheddar holding off Keynsham to win by two goals to one at Bowdens Park. The game took awhile to come to life, with Cheddar's Ryan Eardley putting the hosts in front midway through the second half. Goitom Asfaw then drew Keynsham level, before the Cheesemen stormed back in front, with Orrin Durrant-Yaniv grabbing the late winner to secure a crucial three points in their chase for survival *(pictured celebrating, right).*



Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division
Ryan Bush (Buckland) - 26
Kitan Jaiyeoba (Paulton) – 22
Sam Beresford (Clevedon) – 21
Jack Bray-Evans (Newquay) – 20
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) - 19
Rhys Simmonds (Newquay) – 16

First Division
Liam McCracken (Bristol Telephones) – 26
Josh Pearce (Avonmouth) – 25
Jack Newman (Warminster) – 18
Josh Gilborson (Bitton) - 18
Harry Warwick (Wells) - 17
Jake Brown (Wells) – 17

All Competitions
Ryan Bush (Buckland) - 33
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) - 26
Jensen Wakefield (Bradford) – 26
Liam McCracken (Bristol Telephones) – 26
Josh Pearce (Avonmouth) - 25

Latest Results

Tuesday 24th March 2026

Premier Division

Bradford Town	1-1	Clevedon Town
Ivybridge Town	2-1	St Blazey
Oldland Abbotonians	0-2	Paulton Rovers
Saltash United	2-0	Sidmouth Town
Shepton Mallet	2-3	Barnstaple Town

First Division

AEK Boco	0-3	Hengrove Athletic
Almondsbury	2-3	Mendip Broadwalk
Devizes Town	1-0	Bristol Telephones
Odd Down	1-4	Cadbury Heath
Shirehampton	1-0	Welton Rovers

Wednesday 25th March 2026

Premier Division

Buckland Athletic	1-1	Torpoint Athletic
Wellington	2-4	Brislington

Thursday 26th March 2026

First Division

Almondsbury	0-0	Wells City

Saturday 28th March 2026

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	3-1	Shepton Mallet
Brislington	1-2	Torpoint Athletic
Buckland Athletic	0-0	Oldland Abbotonians
Helston Athletic	4-1	Bradford Town
Ivybridge Town	3-3	Paulton Rovers
Sidmouth Town	4-2	Newquay
Street	0-0	St Blazey
Wellington	1-1	Saltash United

First Division

AEK Boco	1-1	Wells City
Avonmouth	0-3	Mendip Broadwalk
Bitton	1-4	Welton Rovers
Cadbury Heath	1-1	Bristol Telephones
Cheddar	2-1	Keynsham Town
Devizes Town	6-1	Almondsbury
Hengrove Athletic	0-5	Calne Town
Odd Down	1-0	Warminster Town
Radstock Town	2-5	Longwell Green Sports
Shirehampton	2-0	Sturminster Newton United

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 31st March 2026

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	vs	Torpoint Athletic	19:30KO
Brislington	vs	Oldland Abbotonians	19:30KO
Buckland Athletic	vs	Paulton Rovers	19:30KO
Street	vs	Ivybridge Town	19:45KO

First Division

Bitton	vs	Almondsbury	19:30KO
Mendip Broadwalk	vs	Wells City	19:30KO
Radstock Town	vs	Shirehampton	19:45KO

Friday 3rd April 2026 (3pm kick off unless noted)

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	vs	Wellington	13:00KO
Brislington	vs	Newquay	
Ivybridge Town	vs	Buckland Athletic	
Oldland Abbotonians	vs	St Blazey	13:00KO
Saltash United	vs	Torpoint Athletic	11:00KO
Shepton Mallet	vs	Bradford Town	13:00KO
Sidmouth Town	vs	Bridgwater United	13:00KO
Street	vs	Paulton Rovers	13:00KO

First Division

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

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League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Clevedon Town	31	22	4	5	40	70
2	Torpoint Athletic	28	20	5	3	29	65
3	Barnstaple Town	29	20	4	5	34	64
4	Paulton Rovers	29	19	6	4	44	63
5	Sidmouth Town	31	16	5	10	11	53
6	Buckland Athletic	31	14	10	7	21	52
7	Newquay	29	13	5	11	13	44
8	Saltash United	30	12	6	12	-9	42
9	Bradford Town	32	10	7	15	-9	37
10	Street	28	9	9	10	9	36
11	Bridgwater United	30	10	6	14	-11	36
12	Ivybridge Town	29	10	5	14	-14	35
13	Helston Athletic	29	9	4	16	-27	31
14	Wellington	28	7	6	15	-14	27
15	St Blazey	30	6	9	15	-24	27
16	Shepton Mallet	29	6	8	15	-20	26
17	Brislington	28	4	5	19	-33	17
18	Oldland Abbotonians	27	3	4	20	-40	13
19	St Austell	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Nailsea & Tickenham	0	0	0	0	0	0

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Devizes Town	34	23	8	3	59	77
2	Sturminster Newton United	33	23	4	6	55	73
3	Wells City	34	21	4	9	48	67
4	Avonmouth	33	19	9	5	20	66
5	Bristol Telephones	34	19	8	7	24	65
6	Bitton	34	18	9	7	14	63
7	Mendip Broadwalk	33	15	8	10	7	53
8	AEK Boco	34	13	8	13	10	47
9	Longwell Green Sports	34	14	4	16	-4	46
10	Calne Town	34	12	8	14	4	44
11	Odd Down	33	12	7	14	-5	43
12	Almondsbury	32	12	7	13	-9	43
13	Warminster Town	34	11	9	14	1	42
14	Cadbury Heath	34	11	8	15	-18	41
15	Shirehampton	33	10	7	16	-21	37
16	Welton Rovers	33	9	4	20	-22	31
17	Radstock Town	32	5	12	15	-25	26*
18	Keynsham Town	34	7	5	22	-41	26
19	Cheddar	34	4	10	20	-49	22
20	Hengrove Athletic	34	3	9	22	-48	18