Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: **Portishead Town** became the fourth Western League side to reach the next round of the FA Cup after they came through their replay with **Larkhall** on Tuesday evening. Having draw two-apiece in Bath on Saturday, only one goal separated the sides in the return with a sixth minute effort from Ethan Feltham ending up being the match-winner. Feltham then hit both the post and the bar during the early stages of the second half, but in the end only one goal was required, with a trip to Wimborne Town awaiting next month.

In league matters, it was a couple of nights of tight First Division clashes, including at **Keynsham** where **Warminster** came from behind to win 2-1. Following Joss Lynden's early opener, a headed effort from Charlie Walton then got Warminster back on level terms, before Tyson Pollard finished off a sweeping move to complete the turnaround. There was also a 2-1 victory for **Avonmouth** over **Welton Rovers**, with George Brown's sensational long-range effort settling the tie. Having gone ahead through Kyle O'Donovan, the hosts were pegged back midway through the first half when Reuben Hobbs netted for Welton. A second yellow for Harley Prior made Rovers' task all the move tougher, and it was then Brown who scored from all of 40 yards to put Avonmouth back ahead, helping them to move into top spot. There was also another away win for **Almondsbury**, with back-to-back 2-0 victories secured after they beat **Mendip Broadwalk**. Having done the same to Odd Down last Saturday, the Almonds completed the trick again, scoring twice in the final 15 minutes through Liam Nicholls and late sub Reece Purnell. Elsewhere, there was a 2-2 draw between **Bitton** and **AEK Boco**, with the visiting Bears twice coming from behind to secure a point, and it was Jack Pearson-Brown who scored the fourth and final goal of the contest shortly after half-time. There was also a two-all draw on Wednesday evening, with **Cadbury Heath** coming from two goals down to deny **Calne Town**. A pair of very similar headed finishes from Ballie Nicholls had put the Lilywhites into a commanding lead early on, with Zac Tucker scoring for the hosts to half the deficit before half-time. It was then Callum Ball who scored the equaliser early in the second half, with his close range finish helping the Heath to maintain their unbeaten home start.

Podcast Episode 4

On this week's podcast, **St Blazey**'s Dan Hart, joins the show to look back on their fantastic start to the season, including last Saturday's FA Cup win over Barnstaple Town.

Ash Bennett of Avonmouth also catches up with Ian to reflect on their unbeaten start in the First Division, while explaining how the club is matching the teams on field ambitions with developments to their facilities off the field.

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Premier Division: Bridgwater United registered another away victory to continue their strong start to the season, capitalising on a poor performance from Buckland Athletic to win 4-0 at Homers Heath. A penalty late in the first half saw the visitors go ahead, with Shea Mannings effort just proving too much for Mike Searle in the Buckland net who got a hand to the spot kick but couldn't keep it out. Bridgwater then pulled away after the break, with Will Collins maintaining his incredible run of scoring in each of their eight matches so far this term, netting twice alongside Doug Camillo during a one-sided second period. The game of the day most likely took place at Lux Park in Cornwall, where Liskeard their three-match losing run in style by smashing Sidmouth 7-3 in a ten-goal thriller. The hosts started really well, with a bullet header from George Marris putting them in front early on, before Geroge Newton then struck twice to make it 3-0 towards the end of the first half. Sidmouth did gain a late lifeline when Giles Basson scored in first half stoppage time, but Liskeard quickly cancelled that out after the interval with Max Gilbert restoring the three-goal advantage. A back-and-forth goal-fest then ensued, with Sidmouth duo Nathan Cooper and Danny Pym twice reducing the deficit, only for Liskeard to respond on each occasion, with Bailey Mabin and Scott Saunders making it 5-2, and then 6-3. There was then time for second-half sub Mabin to add his second of the afternoon in the closing stages, bringing the curtain down on a terrific 90 minutes of goal-scoring action. Unfortunately for a young Wellington side, they too were involved in a ten-goal game, but their tough start continued away at Wells City. Following on from early goals by Jake Brown and Sam Towler, City's Jacob Reader then took over, scoring four goals in the space of 20 minutes either side of the break to put the hosts in complete command. A second Brown goal then extended the lead to seven, before James Tait fired in a hat-trick of his own to complete the rout.



St Blazey followed up their cup heroics with another outstanding home victory, holding off a late challenge from Clevedon to win 3-2 at Blaise Park. A fast start saw Cam Hutchinson edge the hosts in front after seven minutes, with Will Tinsley's cross into the box finished off with aplomb. A header from Tom Cavanagh ten minutes after the break then doubled the lead, with Tallan Mitchell quickly adding a third. With the game seemingly done-and-dusted, Clevedon had other ideas, and after Nathan Byrne's deflected effort got them on the board, he then turned provider for Lucas Vowles who pulled the visitors to within one during added time. The Seasiders didn't have time to find a leveller however, with the hosts hanging on to make it 13 points from a possible 15 to go alongside the twin cup successes in recent weeks.

Sitting just a point behind St Blazey are Portishead, with the North Somerset outfit coming out on top in a thrilling topsy-turvy contest away at Tavistock. It was the hosts who started the game on the front foot, with Jack Crago firing the Lambs in front after only six minutes of action. Portishead then turned the game in their favour early in the second half, going bang-bang courtesy of quickfire goals from Hamish Hurst and Josh Jenkins. A bundled finish from youngster Tom Chastey managed to get Tavistock back on level terms, but it was the visitors who went home with all three points after Jaden Neale struck at the far post to complete the scoring 15 minutes from time. Another away side to secure victory were Brixham, with James Moxon scoring in either half of their 3-0 win at Street, while an opening minute goal from Tyller Davis-Whitlock was all that was required for Brislington in their 1-0 defeat of Ivybridge. Down in Cornwall, second half goals from Callum O'Brien and James Rowe saw Torpoint claim a 2-0 win over Bovey Tracey, while an 81st minute equaliser from Hayden Greening helped Saltash claw back a point in their 1-1 draw with Shepton Mallet.

First Division: In the battle of unbeaten sides atop the table, AEK Boco are now the only side yet to suffer defeat this term after hanging on to beat Avonmouth 1-0. In a tight game between two sides who have impressed during the month of August, a fourth minute penalty from Tom Withers was all that separated them on Saturday afternoon. Boco had seen their running start ended during the week, but Withers' early spot kick proved to be enough at the Greenbank Rec, with the recently free-scoring visitors kept at bay throughout the contest. There was also a slender 1-0 victory for another of the early protagonists, with Longwell Green sneaking past Bitton to see them return to winning ways. Following a goalless opening half, Sam Whiston scored the winning goal eight minutes after the restart, with his smashed finish at the back post condemning Bitton to their fourth away defeat of the young season. The team of the week award definitely belongs to Almondsbury, with their come-from-behind 3-2 victory over Radstock giving them their third win in seven days. After suffering 5-2, 6-1 and 4-0 reverses in their opening three league encounters, the Almonds have turned things around in grand style, capping that off with two late goals to stun the Miners. Having fallen behind to Tommy Nairn's fourth minute opener, the hosts managed to get back on level terms before half-time with leading scorer Liam Nicholls continuing his hot streak. Another early goal at the beginning of the second half from Lewis Wheeler edged Radstock back ahead, with Nairn then missing the chance to put daylight between the sides after seeing his penalty saved by Almondsbury keeper Nathan Trott. Nairn's miss would prove costly, with Nicholls levelling affairs eight minutes from time, before a headed finish from Reece Purnell in the fourth minute of stoppage time completed the dramatic late turnaround. There was also another high-scoring win for Nailsea United, with four different scorers finding the back of the net in their 4-0 defeat of Wincanton. Having also scored four in their previous two wins, United repeated the trick in North Somerset, with Luis Parnham, Oscar Collins, Dylan Whittle and Kelson Pollard each beating the visiting keeper.

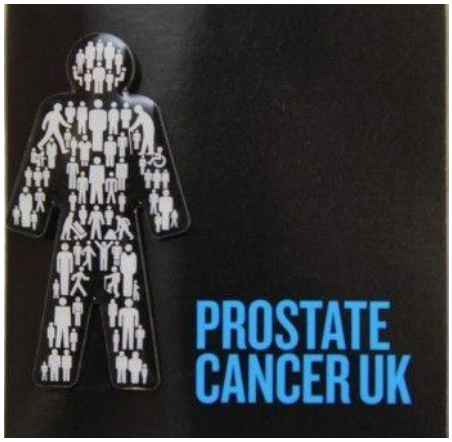


Elsewhere, there was a last gasp victory for Oldland Abbotonians on their trip to Welton *(pictured, right),* with Cash Vinall netting at the death to help secure their first win of the season. After going ahead early in the second half through Ashley Thomas, the Abbots were pegged back by Welton skipper Will Ford, before Vinall then finished off a corner during injury time to claim the 2-1 win. The 2-1 scoreline was popular elsewhere in the division, with Calne Town edging past Keynsham in a game where both sides struck late on. Having led through Ed Oatley's goal shortly after half-time, the Lilywhites were then pegged back in the 80th minute courtesy of Kyren Simpson-Cameron's leveller, before eventually coming out on top thanks to a winner in the closing stages from Darcy Garner. It was also 2-1 at Warminster, with the visiting Bristol Telephones securing the victory thanks to second half goals from Jamie Gregory and debutant Ryan Crawford who fired home a terrific free-kick. Over at Springfield, Shirehampton ended a tough few weeks with a 2-0 win at Cadbury Heath thanks to goals inside the opening quarter from Ciaran Wall and Oscar Sealey.

Jewson Western League teams up with Prostate Cancer UK

The Jewson Western League has announced a new partnership with Prostate Cancer UK for the 2026/27 season.

To kick things off, the League and Prostate Cancer UK will host an online webinar for all clubs in September, with awareness campaigns to continue throughout the season. To read more, head to the following page on our website: **https://www.westernleague.co.uk/news/jewson-western-league-teams-prostate-cancer-uk**





Goalmouth action from Liskeard's win over Sidmouth, courtesy of Colin Hilton

Recent Results

Tuesday 25th August 2026

First Division

Avonmouth	2-1	Welton Rovers
Bitton	2-2	AEK Boco
Keynsham Town	1-2	Warminster Town
Mendip Broadwalk	0-2	Almondsbury

FA Cup – Preliminary Round Replay

Portishead Town	1-0	Larkhall

Wednesday 26th August 2026

First Division

Cadbury Heath	2-2	Calne Town

Saturday 29th August 2026

Premier Division

Brislington	1-0	Ivybridge Town
Buckland Athletic	0-4	Bridgwater United
Liskeard Athletic	7-3	Sidmouth Town
Saltash United	1-1	Shepton Mallet
St Blazey	3-2	Clevedon Town
Street	0-3	Brixham
Tavistock	2-3	Portishead Town
Torpoint Athletic	2-0	Bovey Tracey
Wells City	10-0	Wellington

First Division

AEK Boco	1-0	Avonmouth
Almondsbury	3-2	Radstock Town
Cadbury Heath	0-2	Shirehampton
Calne Town	2-1	Keynsham Town
Longwell Green	1-0	Bitton
Mendip Broadwalk	P-P	Odd Down
Nailsea United	4-0	Wincanton Town
Warminster Town	1-2	Bristol Telephones
Welton Rovers	1-2	Oldland Abbotonians

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Premier Division

Brislington	vs	Bridgwater United	19:30KO
Brixham	vs	Bovey Tracey	19:30KO
Ivybridge Town	vs	Liskeard Athletic	19:30KO
Sidmouth Town	vs	Torpoint Athletic	19:30KO
Wells City	vs	Street	19:30KO

First Division

Avonmouth	vs	Warminster Town	19:45KO
Bitton	vs	Almondsbury	19:30KO
Keynsham Town	vs	Odd Down	19:45KO
Mendip Broadwalk	vs	Longwell Green Sports	19:30KO
Oldland Abbotonians	vs	Calne Town	19:30KO

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

First Division

Cadbury Heath	vs	Bristol Telephones	19:45KO

Saturday 5th September 2026 (3pm kick off unless noted)

FA Cup – First Qualifying Round

Brixham	vs	Dorchester Town
St Blazey	vs	Tiverton Town
Wells City	vs	Hungerford Town
Wimborne Town	vs	**Portishead Town**

Premier Division

Bridgwater United	vs	Saltash United
Brislington	vs	Liskeard Athletic
Ivybridge Town	vs	Street
Newquay	vs	Shepton Mallet
Sidmouth Town	vs	Tavistock
Torpoint Athletic	vs	Clevedon Town
Wellington	vs	Bovey Tracey

First Division

AEK Boco	vs	Almondsbury
Bristol Telephones	vs	Avonmouth
Cadbury Heath	vs	Oldland Abbotonians
Longwell Green	vs	Calne Town
Mendip Broadwalk	vs	Bitton
Odd Down	vs	Wincanton Town
Radstock Town	vs	Keynsham Town
Shirehampton	vs	Welton Rovers
Warminster Town	vs	Nailsea United


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