

Latest Round-ups:

FA Vase: Helston Athletic are among the sides to have reached the second round after they strolled to a 4-0 win over Lydney Town. A flying start from Helston, saw goals from Max Hill and Liam Eddy put them two-up within the opening ten minutes, before Olly Redd then scored at the beginning of the second half to extend the advantage. It was then left for George Marris to add the finishing touches, with his goal confirming that Helston will be the final representative from Cornwall in this season's Vase. Joining them in the next round are Sturminster Newton, with the First Division side winning by two goals to nil away at Okehampton Argyle. Goals from Elliot Bevis and Billy Bright were enough for United to book their spot in round two for the first time ever, where they will be joined in the hat by Barnstaple who toppled Newent in a 5-0 thumping. A near-perfect performance from Ben Potter's side saw Brodie Montague break the deadlock early on, before Luke Mortimore's penalty doubled the advantage. Two Josh Parry goals late in the first half put the game to bed, with Saddam Bello then thumping home the fifth and final goal after half-time. It was keeper Mike Searle who took home the Man-of-the-Match honours however, after he saved two penalties to preserve Barnstaple's clean sheet at Mill Road. Talking of spot kicks, and the other success for Western League sides both came following penalty shootouts, including for Buckland who scored late on before knocking out Bishops Lydeard. Having already been forced to come from behind earlier in the game, Buckland then struck in the sixth minute of stoppage time to claw back a 2-2 draw at the end of normal time. That Ryan Bush equaliser sent the game to a shootout, where the home side failed with all three of their attempts, including their third which was saved by Buckland keeper Andy Sowden-Bird. The only other side to progress were Ivybridge, with a 4-3 win on penalties helping them see off Totton & Eling. The Ivies had been pegged back from 2-0 following goals by Ryan Smith and Kai Burrell, but that didn't deter them, and they scored four of their five penalties to reach the second round. Unfortunately, penalties didn't go the way of two other Premier Division sides, with Clevedon falling to Cinderford, while Sidmouth suffered heartbreak at the hands of Downton following a thrilling 4-4 draw in Salisbury. Sidmouth had trailed 3-1 after half-an-hour of the game, but then stormed back into the contest, turning the game on its head courtesy of a Zack Williams double and then a Nathan Cooper strike which put them 4-3 ahead. Downton then levelled 20 minutes from time, before then winning via penalties to end Sidmouth's run in the competition. Elsewhere, Bridgwater suffered a disappointing 3-0 loss at home to Hythe & Dibden, while Radstock fell to a 1-0 defeat away at Bovey Tracey. Two Harry Warwick penalties weren't enough for Wells who lost 3-2 at Slimbridge, with Newquay suffering a 3-1 defeat at the hands of former Western League outfit Hallen. The other two sides knocked out had each taken 1-0 leads in their ties, with Calne conceding twice in the final ten minutes to lose 2-1 to Ilminster, while Corsham, of the Hellenic Premier, overturned a half-time deficit to win 3-1 at Shepton Mallet.

League Action: **Torpoint Athletic** reached the summit of the Premier Division after easing to a 5-0 win away at **Nailsea & Tickenham**. With many of the top sides in Vase action on Saturday, goalscoring doubles from both Dave Barker and Curtis Damerell led Torpoint to another victory, with the winning margin enough for them to go top courtesy of their goal difference. The Cornish side remain unbeaten in the league this season, and capped their victory in Nailsea thanks to a late fifth from Sam Pearson. It was also a big day towards the bottom, with



Wellington leapfrogging hosts **Oldland** up into 17th after they secured a dramatic 3-2 win over the Abbots *(pictured, left).* Having already taken the lead courtesy of Oscar Albano, Welly then doubled their advantage on the stoke of half time thanks to a goal from James De Selincourt. Oldland built their way back into the contest, but then with 20 minutes left on the clock, Wellington looked to have wrapped things up when Alife Slough forced the ball home to make it 3-1. Oldland had other ideas however, and after scoring their second in the closing stages, they went close to denying their visitors, with Wellington keeper Jack McAndrews saving from point blank range during a stoppage time onslaught from the home side. Saturday also saw a 1-1 draw between **Bradford** and **St Blazey**, with Josiah McKayle salvaging a point for the home side after they had fallen behind to Harry Probyn's opener. There was also a big game on Wednesday evening, with **Buckland**'s dominant first half performance leading them to a 3-0 triumph at home to **Saltash**. Coming hot off the back of a last-gasp victory at league leaders Clevedon, the Bucks seemed to carry that momentum into the game at Homers Heath, going in front after just six minutes thanks to a header from Ryan Bush. The hosts then used an excellent spell just before half-time to confirm the victory, with Sean Thomson and Bush scoring in the space of three minutes to build an unassailable three-goal advantage.

In Saturday's First Division ties, **Almondsbury** claimed a last-gasp 1-0 win at home against **Bitton** to deny their visitors the chance of moving into top spot. With very little separating the top three, a win would have taken Bitton into first place, but they had a tough matchup on their hands, and it was the Almonds who stole all three points, with an 89th minute penalty from Lewis Hughes giving them their sixth win on the bounce.



It is Devizes who end the day perched atop the table after they claimed a point in their home draw with Odd Down. After falling behind to Treyvond Anderson's eighth minute opener, Devizes managed to level things up through Dan Demkiv, but were unable to add to their tally and were forced to settle for a point by the Bath side. Bristol Telephones will also feel like they saw two points slip from their grasp after they could only draw 2-2 at home to Warminster. The early stages of the game made it feel like an easy afternoon could be on the cards for the Phones, with leading scorer Liam McMcracken scoring twice inside the opening ten minutes. Warminster came into this game on the back of five consecutive wins, and that confidence shone through when Jack Newman scored late in the first half to get them back into the contest. Town then scored again ten minutes from time to salvage a point, with Charlie Walton beating the home keeper to end an entertaining contest. There was also late drama in a couple of the other games, with substitute Pete Sheppard coming off the bench to score an 86th minute equaliser for Hengrove in their 1-1 draw with Shirehampton. Likewise at Springfield, Cadbury Heath came from behind to beat Cheddar, with George Bishop scoring at the death to cap their 2-1 win. Having seen Ryan Eardley fire the visitors in front, Tom Withers levelled things up in the 58th minute, before Bishop's injury time winner saw the Heath extend their winning run at home to five matches. There was also a come-from-behind victory for Avonmouth, with the Bristol outfit trailing on two separate occasions before coming out on the right side of a 3-2 win at Welton. It took just two minutes for the Green Army to storm ahead at West Clewes, with Will Ford finding the bottom corner to make it 1-0. A looping header from Reece Purnell then got Avonmouth back on level terms, only for Rovers to go back in front courtesy of a strong finish from Courtney Charles. Avonmouth's Mark Williams was next to score, making it 2-2 shortly after half-time, with Cody Winkler then scoring what turned out to be the winning goal just as the game headed into the final 20 minutes. Earlier in the week, Bristol Telephones secured a 2-1 win away at Keynsham thanks to double from Liam McCracken. In a fast start to the game, McCracken opened the scoring early on, before Keynsham hit back through Noah Turner, who scored for the second time in four days. The Phones frontman then struck again after the interval to lead his side to victory, and continued his excellent run of form in front of goal.

There was also a first round tie in the Les Phillips Cup on Tuesday evening, with Cash Vinall scoring twice in Oldland Abbotonians 2-1 win at home to Odd Down. The Bath side led at half-time following Treyvond Anderson's opener, but Vinall then scored twice during the second period to secure the Abbots passage through to the next round.

Podcast Episode 11

On this week's podcast, **Barnstaple** manager, Ben Potter, reflects on Town's positive start to the campaign, while discussing what it's like to lead a club with a big reputation in the Premier Division.

Ian is also joined by **Sturminster Newton** boss, Nick Squires, who talks about United's rise to the Western League, before then touching on the fact that anybody can beat anybody in the First Division.

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Recent Results

Tuesday 14th October 2025

First Division

Keynsham Town	1-2	Bristol Telephones

Les Phillips Cup First Round

Oldland Abbotonians	2-1	Odd Down

Wednesday 15th October 2025

Premier Division

Buckland Athletic	3-0	Saltash United

Saturday 18th October 2025

FA Vase – First Round Proper

Barnstaple Town	5-0	Newent
Bishops Lydeard	2-2 (0-3 pens)	**Buckland Athletic**
Bovey Tracey	1-0	**Radstock Town**
Bridgwater United	0-3	Hythe & Dibden
Calne Town	1-2	Ilminster Town
Clevedon Town	1-1 (2-4 pens)	Cinderford Town
Downton	4-4 (4-3 pens)	**Sidmouth Town**
Hallen	3-1	**Newquay**
Helston Athletic	4-0	Lydney Town
Ivybridge Town	2-2 (4-3 pens)	Totton & Eling
Okehampton Argyle	0-2	**Sturminster Newton United**
Shepton Mallet	1-3	Corsham Town
Slimbridge	3-2	**Wells City**
Street	A-A	Shortwood United

Premier Division

Bradford Town	1-1	St Blazey
Nailsea & Tickenham	0-5	Torpoint Athletic
Oldland Abbotonians	2-3	Wellington

First Division

Almondsbury	1-0	Bitton
Bristol Telephones	2-2	Warminster Town
Cadbury Heath	2-1	Cheddar
Devizes Town	1-1	Odd Down
Hengrove Athletic	1-1	Shirehampton
Welton Rovers	2-3	Avonmouth

Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division

Curtis Damerell (Torpoint) – 11
Rhys Simmonds (Newquay) – 10
Deacon Thomson (Saltash) – 9
Jack Bray-Evans (Newquay) – 9
Gabby Rogers (Barnstaple) – 9
Kitan Jaiyeoba (Paulton) – 9
Ryan Bush (Buckland) - 9

First Division

Liam McCracken (Bristol Telephones) – 10
Jack Newman (Warminster) – 9
Josh Gilborson (Bitton) - 8
Harry Warwick (Wells) - 8
Jordan Pinder (Warminster) – 7
Charlie Aldom (Avonmouth) – 7
Aaron Lane-Leney (Sturminster) - 7

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 21st October 2025

Les Phillips Cup – First Round

Avonmouth	vs	Devizes Town	19:30KO
Helston Athletic	vs	St Austell	19:45KO
Longwell Green	vs	Cheddar	19:30KO
Mendip Broadwalk	vs	Almondsbury	19:30KO
Nailsea & Tickenham	vs	Wellington	19:30KO
Paulton Rovers	vs	Warminster Town	19:30KO
Saltash United	vs	Barnstaple Town	19:45KO
Shepton Mallet	vs	Clevedon Town	19:30KO

Wednesday 22nd October 2025

Les Phillips Cup – First Round

Buckland Athletic	vs	Bridgwater United	19:30KO
Cadbury Heath	vs	Bradford Town	19:30KO
St Blazey	vs	Newquay	19:30KO

Saturday 25th October 2025 (3pm kick off unless noted)

Premier Division

Bridgwater United	vs	Newquay
Brislington	vs	Buckland Athletic
Clevedon Town	vs	Barnstaple Town
Ivybridge Town	vs	Bradford Town
Nailsea & Tickenham	vs	Saltash United
Paulton Rovers	vs	Helston Athletic
Shepton Mallet	vs	St Austell
St Blazey	vs	Oldland Abbotonians
Torpoint Athletic	vs	Sidmouth Town
Wellington	vs	Street

First Division

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

League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Torpoint Athletic	14	11	3	0	23	36
2	Clevedon Town	15	12	0	3	19	36
3	Paulton Rovers	16	11	2	3	23	35
4	Saltash United	15	10	1	4	13	31
5	Sidmouth Town	14	9	2	3	20	29
6	Buckland Athletic	14	8	3	3	8	27
7	Barnstaple Town	13	7	3	3	15	24
8	Bradford Town	16	6	5	5	8	23
9	Bridgwater United	15	7	2	6	-2	23
10	Newquay	13	6	3	4	12	21
11	Street	15	5	5	5	10	20
12	Helston Athletic	14	6	2	6	8	20
13	Shepton Mallet	16	5	4	7	4	19
14	Ivybridge Town	15	6	1	8	-4	19
15	St Blazey	18	4	7	7	-8	19
16	Brislington	16	5	1	10	-10	16
17	Wellington	14	3	3	8	-11	12
18	Oldland Abbotonians	16	2	3	11	-13	9
19	St Austell	16	1	0	15	-76	3
20	Nailsea & Tickenham	15	0	2	13	-39	1*

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Devizes Town	14	9	5	0	20	32
2	Bristol Telephones	15	10	2	3	8	32
3	Bitton	15	9	4	2	9	31
4	Avonmouth	13	8	4	1	10	28
5	Wells City	15	9	0	6	19	27
6	Sturminster Newton United	13	8	2	3	21	26
7	Almondsbury	15	8	1	6	-3	25
8	Mendip Broadwalk	13	6	5	2	6	23
9	Longwell Green Sports	14	7	1	6	-5	22
10	Warminster Town	15	6	3	6	4	21
11	Cadbury Heath	15	6	2	7	-5	20
12	AEK Boco	14	5	3	6	3	18
13	Odd Down	15	4	4	7	-7	16
14	Keynsham Town	14	4	3	7	-1	15
15	Calne Town	13	4	3	6	-3	15
16	Shirehampton	14	3	5	6	-7	14
17	Cheddar	15	2	4	9	-14	10
18	Radstock Town	13	2	3	8	-11	8*
19	Welton Rovers	14	1	3	10	-22	6
20	Hengrove Athletic	15	0	5	10	-22	5


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