Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: With league games now up and running in both divisions, most Western League sides took to the field during the week with early season points up for grabs. In the Premier Division, **St Blazey** made it three wins from three after beating **Torpoint** 1-0 down in Cornwall. An Olly Redd goal early in the second half was enough for the Blaze, condemning their hosts to a third loss in the space of six days. Tuesday also saw an impressive home win for **Portishead Town**, with four different scores helping them come from behind to beat **Brislington** 4-1. Having fallen behind midway through the first half, Mitch Osmond quickly pegged back the Bristolians with a crucial equaliser. Ollie Woodburn then headed Town in front after 67 minutes, with further strikes from Ethan Feltham and Kyle Egan completing the turnaround. There was also a 2-0 win for **Brixham** over **Liskeard**, courtesy of goals from Charlie Shearer and Cole Harford, while a late winner from James Tait saw **Wells** earn a superb derby victory away at **Shepton Mallet.** The other match that evening ended one-apiece, with **Saltash** keeper Jordan Duffey saving a second-half penalty to preserve their draw away at **Ivybridge**. 24 hours later, **Bridgwater United** claimed a 2-1 win away at **Clevedon** to hand the Seasiders their first loss of the campaign. Bridgwater duo Shea Mannings and Will Collins each capitalised on errors at the back to fire the away side into a two-goal lead before the game had reached the half-hour mark. Clevedon's Charlie Saunders then prodded home late in the first half to get his side back into the contest, but they were unable to make further inroads, with Saunders injury-time header nicking the top of the bar during stoppage time. **Newquay** made it back-to-back home wins, with the Peppermints defeating **Bovey Tracey** 3-2 thanks to goals from Callam McOnie, Louis Price and Jack Bray-Evans. Meanwhile, **Buckland** did their goal difference no harm whatsoever, putting **Wellington** to the sword in front of a large crowd at Homers Heath. Ryan Bush, Sam Stayt and Jack Baxter all struck twice for the dominant hosts, with a couple of own goals also assisting the Bucks on their way to a 10-1 triumph.

The pick of the ties in the First Division saw **Shirehampton** come from behind on three occasions to eventually beat **Bitton** 4-3 in South Gloucestershire. Louis Snailham was crucial in Shirehampton's comeback, twice levelling things up, with Luke Osgood and Josh Gilborson having handed Bitton 1-0 and 2-1 leads. Gilborson then found the bottom corner 15 minutes from time to edge the hosts back ahead, but the advantage didn't last long, with Ciaran Wall capitalising on a keeper fumble to make it 3-3 late on. The seventh and final goal of the contest then came in the 80th minute with Oscar Sealey smashing home to hand Shirehampton their first lead of the entire game at the perfect moment. Tuesday also saw Ryan Gay's solitary effort lead **Odd Down** to a 1-0 win over **Nailsea**, with **Longwell Green** beating **Wincanton** 2-0 thanks to goals either side of the break from Billy Hensler and Liam Oswin.

The points were shared in **Radstock**, where Liam McCracken struck from outside the area in the final few minutes to help **Bristol Telephones** salvage a 1-1 draw (pictured, right). Having fallen behind to Mo Adam's first Miners goal after half-an-hour, the Phones huffed and puffed, before last season's top goal-getter finally beat the home keeper just as it looked as though a defeat was on the cards. Wednesday then saw another tight affair, with Jaye Rudge scoring the first half winner for **Cadbury Heath** in their 1-0 defeat of **Welton Rovers**.



Podcast Episode Two

On this week's podcast, **Shepton Mallet** boss, Craig Loxton, reflects on their promising start to the campaign, whilst stressing the importance of keeping his feet on the ground.

Ian is also joined by a new name, with **Nailsea United**'s manager, Rikki Hutt, introducing himself to the Western League, charting the Club's rise from the County League, while detailing the exciting work that is developing Nailsea on and off the pitch.

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FA Cup: It was a historic night for **Brislington**'s Mircea Ilea on Friday, with his goal in the victory over **Thornbury Town** making him the first scorer in the competition this season. With their game among those to kick-start the Extra Preliminary Round, Ilea struck after just four minutes to lead the Bristol side to a slender 1-0 triumph. The other game that evening didn't go the way of the Western League side, with **Clevedon** letting an early lead slip in their 3-2 defeat at the hands of **Ascot United**.

Saturday's ties saw a mixed bag of results, with **Wells** among the standout performers after beating **Aylesbury Vale Dynamos** 3-0. Having picked up their first league win in midweek, City followed it up with a one-sided cup victory, courtesy of goals from Dave O'Hare, Jake Brown and Ibrahima Diallo. Joining them in the next round are the Devon duo of Brixham and Ivybridge who overcame fellow Premier Division sides in their opening round fixtures. For **Brixham**, two goals from Tom Mortimore helped them to secure a 3-1 win away at **Saltash United**. Following Reece Somers' fourth minute opener, Mortimore then struck either side of the interval to put the visitors three clear, before the Ashes claimed an 87th minute consolation through George Powell. Meanwhile, **Ivybridge** stormed to a 4-0 defeat of **Torpoint**, with Josh Johnson's brace sandwiching goals from Owen Howard and CJ Pritchard.

There was also further early-season success for **Bridgwater**, with the in-form Will Collins scoring again during their 2-0 win at **Liskeard**. After Miles Quick had driven United into a 29th minute lead, the game turned further in the visitors' favour, with Liskeard's Matty Andrew dismissed after picking up his second yellow. The Somerset side finally wrapped things up 12 minutes from time, with Collins sliding home to score for the fifth consecutive game. The comeback of the round belonged to **Street**, with an incredible fightback seeing them overturn a two-goal deficit on their way to a 3-2 win away at **Sidmouth**. Things looked to be going in the home side's favour early on, with goals from Ryan White and Sean Eyre putting them two goals to the good at Manstone Lane. The Cobblers had other ideas however, and despite having come up short in their previous league matches this term, goals from Scott Laird and Cam Allen, plus an own goal, saw them complete a terrific turnaround. Things didn't go quite as well for some of the other sides, with **Buckland** losing 6-0 at home to last season's Western League champs, **Barnstaple**, while **Wellington** fell to a 9-0 loss at **Willand Rovers**. Elsewhere, **Bovey Tracey** conceded three second half goals in their 3-0 defeat at home to **Exmouth**, while **Portishead, Shepton Mallet** and the duo of **Tavistock** and **St Blazey** all face replays following their goalless draws on Saturday afternoon.



First Division: 20 minutes of magic from **Wincanton Town** helped them bag their first points of the campaign on Friday evening, coming from behind to beat **Shirehampton** 3-1. Following a goalless opening half, the away side finally broke the deadlock around the 65 minute mark when Ryan Radford slotted home a penalty. That strike seemed to kick Town into life, and after Jimmy Barclay scored their first goal of the campaign to make it 1-1, Ben Quincey-Weale then completed the turnaround ten minutes from time. The Wasps made sure of the victory late in the piece, with Joseph Aikhuele adding a third, joining fellow substitute Quincey-Weale in making the desired impact after coming on during the second half.

Saturday saw **Longwell Green** maintain their winning start, with a 2-1 defeat of **Keynsham** giving them nine points from nine. Nothing much separated the sides during the first half, with Longwell Green edging ahead just before the interval when Matt Brown stroked home a penalty. The visitors then doubled their advantage 15 from time, with Omari Sims producing a moment of magic, chesting the ball down 30 yards out from goal, before volleying the ball over the home keeper. Keynsham did set up a nervy finish when they scored a goal of their own during the final ten minutes, but the visitors had enough in the tank to complete a perfect opening week.



Joining them on nine points atop the early league table are Odd Down, with Ryan Gay netting again in their 2-1 win over Bristol Telephones. After Gay had opened the scoring, Preston Webb marked his debut for the Phones with a well taken equaliser midway through the first half. In what ended up being the winning strike, Josh Howlett put the Bath side back in front after 25 minutes, giving Odd Down their third win on the bounce by the odd goal. The game of the day saw Bitton storm back to win 4-3 at Welton, going ahead for the first time right at the end of the game, with Luke Osgood plundering a second half hat-trick at West Clewes. Having lost their first two, Bitton looked to be heading for another defeat after goals from Ben Wych, Will Ford and Billy Ransome handed Rovers a 3-1 lead at the interval. However, the visitors had the inspired Osgood in their ranks, and after he had trimmed the deficit early in the second half, the forward then scored twice more in the final 15 minutes from a pair of corners to complete the dramatic late turnaround. There was also a Nick Taylor-inspired comeback for Calne Town, with his double helping the Lilywhites beat Nailsea United 3-2. Despite missing an early penalty, Nailsea twice went ahead during an entertaining first half, with Francis Abijo, and then Taylor drawing Calne level. Having scored his first of the game to make it two-apiece late in the opening period, Taylor then struck again at the beginning of the second to put the hosts ahead, and allowing them to rebound from their opening day loss. The biggest winners of the day were AEK Boco, with a four-goal surge midway through the first half powering them to a 6-1 victory away at Almondsbury. Having fallen behind to Liam Nicholls' early poked finish, Boco scored four times in the space of 11 minutes to lead by three at the break. Nathan Legge and Jack Jones each found the back of the net, adding to a brace from Adam Buckley to put the Bears in full command at the end of the first half. Henry Winstone then stretched the lead further, with a late goal from sub Corey Rawlings condemning Almondsbury to a second successive heavy home defeat. Elsewhere, two goals in the final ten minutes helped Oldland snatch a 2-2 draw against Avonmouth, for whom Josh Pearce had struck twice, while Mendip's Connor Saunders scored from the spot after five minutes in their 1-0 win at Warminster. There was also a 1-1 draw at Springfield, with Zac Tucker putting Cadbury Heath in front, before Radstock's Lewis Wheeler powered home a header early in the second half to secure a share of the spoils.

Latest Results

Tuesday 4th August 2026

Premier Division

Brixham	2-0	Liskeard Athletic
Ivybridge Town	1-1	Saltash United
Portishead Town	4-1	Brislington
Shepton Mallet	0-1	Wells City
Torpoint Athletic	0-1	St Blazey

First Division

Bitton	3-4	Shirehampton
Longwell Green	2-0	Wincanton Town
Odd Down	1-0	Nailsea United
Radstock Town	1-1	Bristol Telephones

Wednesday 5th August 2026

Premier Division

Buckland Athletic	10-1	Wellington
Clevedon Town	1-2	Bridgwater United
Newquay	3-2	Bovey Tracey

First Division

Cadbury Heath	1-0	Welton Rovers

Friday 7th August 2026

First Division

Wincanton Town	3-1	Shirehampton

FA Cup – Extra Preliminary Round

Ascot United	3-2	**Clevedon Town**
Thornbury Town	0-1	**Brislington**

Saturday 8th August 2026

FA Cup – Extra Preliminary Round

Ardley United	0-0	**Portishead Town**
Bovey Tracey	0-3	Exmouth Town
Buckland Athletic	0-6	Barnstaple Town
Ivybridge Town	4-0	**Torpoint Athletic**
Liskeard Athletic	0-2	**Bridgwater United**
Saltash United	1-3	**Brixham**
Shepton Mallet	0-0	Bashley
Sidmouth Town	2-3	**Street**
Tavistock	0-0	**St Blazey**
Wells City	3-0	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos
Willand Rovers	9-0	**Wellington**

First Division

Almondsbury	1-6	AEK Boco
Cadbury Heath	1-1	Radstock Town
Calne Town	3-2	Nailsea United
Keynsham Town	1-2	Longwell Green Sports
Odd Down	2-1	Bristol Telephones
Oldland Abbotonians	2-2	Avonmouth
Warminster Town	0-1	Mendip Broadwalk
Welton Rovers	3-4	Bitton

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 11th August

FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round – Replay

Bashley	vs	**Shepton Mallet**	19:45KO
Portishead Town	vs	Ardley United	19:45KO

Wednesday 12th August

FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round – Replay

St Blazey	vs	**Tavistock**	19:30KO

Friday 14th August 2026

FA Vase – First Qualifying Round

Clevedon Town	vs	Cribbs	19:30KO

Saturday 15th August 2026 (3pm kick off unless noted)

Premier Division

Newquay	vs	Buckland Athletic
Street	vs	Bovey Tracey

FA Vase – First Qualifying Round

Avonmouth	vs	Fairford Town
Brislington	vs	Royal Wootton Bassett
Bristol Telephones	vs	Aldermaston
Callington	vs	**Tavistock**
Carterton	vs	**Wells City**
Clanfield 85	vs	**Cadbury Heath**
Devizes Town	vs	**Bitton**
Eversley & California	vs	**AEK Boco**
Fleetlands	vs	**Wincanton Town**
Ilminster Town	vs	**Wellington**
Ivybridge Town	vs	Teignmouth
Liskeard Athletic	vs	**Brixham**
Midhurst & Easebourne	vs	**Warminster Town**
Newent AFC	vs	**Almondsbury**
Oldland Abbotonians	vs	**Shepton Mallet**
Penzance	vs	**Bridgwater United**
Portishead Town	vs	**Mendip Broadwalk**
Radstock Town	vs	**Keynsham Town**
St Blazey	vs	Launceston
Torpoint Athletic	vs	Bishops Lydeard
Welton Rovers	vs	Chipping Sodbury Town


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