Latest Round-ups:

Midweek & League Action: Earlier in the week, the Western League sides taking part in FA Cup replays had plenty of success. On Tuesday, **Portishead** powered to a 3-1 win over **Ardley United** to book their spot in the Preliminary Round later this month *(pictured celebrating, right, courtesy of Jack Davidson).* Having gone ahead through Kyle Egan, the hosts then added to their advantage in the seventh minute of added time at the end of the first half, with Ethan Feltham firing home. Despite being reduced to ten men, Ardley didn't manage to half the deficit 15 minutes from time, but Portishead had enough in the tank to wrap things up, with Dean Preddie's first goal for the club restoring the two-goal advantage. There was also a brilliant fightback from **Shepton Mallet**, twice coming from behind to beat **Bashley** 3-2. The home side enjoyed the best of the opening half, twice going in front, with Mallet's Harry Warwick providing a response to keep his side in the game. Then, with ten minutes left, Monty Burgess headed home at the back post to claim Shepton's second equaliser of the evening. With 180 minutes failing to separate the sides, extra time was required, and it was a penalty from Ali Sen during the first half which finally decided the contest, booking them a trip to Weymouth in the next round. 24 hours later, St Blazey outduelled fellow Premier Division outfit Tavistock, winning 2-0 thanks to second half goals from Kai Burrell and Jack Jones.



Saturday saw a pair of Premier Division contests, with **Buckland** laying down an early season marker by coming from behind to win 2-1 at **Newquay**. After an hour of goalless action, it was the hosts who edged in front through Jack Bray-Evans, with his well taken penalty finding the back of the net. Buckland then hit back instantly through Sammy Stayt, before completing the turnaround 15 minutes from time through Toby Pullman. There was also a first win of the campaign for **Street,** with Jacob Dickens and Kyle Strange playing a starring role in their 5-2 defeat of **Bovey Tracey**. Dickens provided three assists, while also scoring a goal of his own, with Strange netting a brace in a game which was all-but decided during a 4-1 first half in the Cobblers favour. The Devon side did strike twice through Rudi McKinnon and Stuart Bowker, but it was the hosts who eased to victory, with Eddie Townsend and Chris Barrett also ending up on the scoresheet.

FA Vase: The encouraging weekend of knockout action was kick-started on Friday evening, with Clevedon Town moving through to the next round following their 2-0 win over Cribbs. After the visiting skipper had inadvertently turned home a cross from Laurent Davis-Wilson to make it 1-0, Clevedon then wrapped things up midway through the second half, when Jacob Sloggett powered a header into the back of the net.

The following afternoon, Clevedon were joined in the next round by the likes of Brislington, for whom Oaklan Buck scored on his return in their 1-0 win over Royal Wootton Bassett, and also Cadbury Heath who beat Clanfield 85 thanks to a goal in either half from Harrison Kyte. Welton Rovers also progressed after Chris Pile's goal early in the second half saw them beat Chipping Sodbury 1-0 *(pictured, left),* with St Blazey beating Launceston 3-0 thanks to a second half double from Olly Redd. Torpoint's Curtis Damerell produced a devastating performance in front of goal, scoring four times on route to his side's 5-1 defeat of Bishops Lydeard. Having opened the scoring on 15 minutes, Damerell then headed home early in the second half to put the hosts 3-0 up. A brief response from the away side cut the gap, but Damerell had the last word, completing his hat-trick in the 90th minute, before then scoring with a sublime long-range lobbed finish during stoppage time. There was also success for Bridgwater, with Will Collins among the goals again in their 3-0 win at Penzance, while Tavistock also won on their travels, after goals either side of half-time from Tom Chastey and Jack Crago helped them beat Callington by two goals to nil. Down in Devon, a dramatic late winner from Dan Tate helped Ivybridge edge past Teignmouth to maintain their strong start to the campaign. The Ivies have now won four of their last five in all competitions, after Tate scored five minutes from time to complete the 2-1 victory, with Josh Johnson having earlier fired the hosts ahead with just 56 seconds on the clock.



In the all-Western League ties, Brixham also left it late before seeing off ten-man Liskeard, with a stoppage time goal from Jaden Maslen helping them secure a 2-1 win. Having fallen behind to Harry Jeffery's goal on the half-hour, Brixham managed to level things up 15 minutes into the second half courtesy of Kieran Parkin. Jeffery then went from hero to zero after being given his second yellow of the game, with Maslen taking advantage of the extra man to score the winning goal five minutes into added on time. It was a similar story for Shepton Mallet who left it late being beating lower-level opponents in Oldland Abbotonians by the same 2-1 scoreline. After going in front through Ali Sen midway through the first half, Mallet were pegged back late in the first half when Oldland struck from the penalty spot. With the game seemingly destined for spot kicks, Tom Ovigne stepped up to fire Shepton to victory just as the game had reached added time.

It was slightly more one-sided for Portishead who overcame an early scare to beat First Division outfit Mendip Broadwalk 7-1. The shock was on after 16 minutes when Bertie Lucas fired the away side ahead, but Portishead soon found their stride and took a 2-1 lead to the break thanks to a brace from Jack Thorne. Half-time sub Ethan Feltham then scored less than two minutes after entering the fray, with Thorne then completing his hat-trick a few moments later. Feltham managed to add another of his own, sandwiched by goals from Owen Humphries and Kyle Egan, with the rampant hosts easing to victory.

In a game which went the distance, Radstock knocked out Keynsham on penalties after the sides draw 1-1 at the end of 90 minutes. After the early stages were dominated by penalties, with Keynsham scoring one and missing the other, Radstock eventually found their feet and drew level on the hour mark through Joe Kemmery. The game was then decided on spot kicks, with home keeper Tom Crouch saving two of the K's attempts, while Radstock went three from three to end the shootout at the earliest possible moment.

Unfortunately, penalties weren't quite as successful for two sides who produced excellent performances, with Warminster and Almondsbury both knocked out in unfortunate circumstances. For Warminster, a stunning first half saw them lead 2-0 at higher-ranked opposition in Midhurst & Easebourne courtesy of goals from Harry Guy and Seb Hounsell. The hosts responded well, but it was Warminster who went back in front eight minutes from time, only for former Football League frontman Brett Pitman to level things back up during injury time. Town then missed two of their spot kicks to see their run in the Vase come to an end, but they should take plenty of confidence from a top effort in West Sussex. Meanwhile, Almondsbury enjoyed a similar pattern in their game away at Newent, leading 2-0 and also 3-1 thanks to a hat-trick of goals from Liam Nicholls, before eventually conceding a late equaliser prior to suffering defeat in their penalty shootout. On the positive side of things, Avonmouth goalkeeper Kyreese Johnson *(pictured right, courtesy of Craig Cheeseman)* was the star of the show, saving two spot kicks during his side's victory over Fairford Town. After falling behind early on, Ethan McMahon headed home 20 minutes from time to help the game end level at one-apiece, with Johnson then saving twice during the 4-3 shootout triumph. The remaining six ties all saw defeats for Western League sides, with Bristol Telephones beaten 2-1 at home by Aldermaston, while Wells, Bitton, Boco, Wincanton and Wellington all suffered away losses.



Latest Results

Tuesday 11th August

FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round – Replay

Bashley	2-3	**Shepton Mallet**
Portishead Town	3-1	Ardley United

Wednesday 12th August

FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round – Replay

St Blazey	2-0	**Tavistock**

Friday 14th August 2026

FA Vase – First Qualifying Round

Clevedon Town	2-0	Cribbs

Saturday 15th August 2026

Premier Division

Newquay	1-2	Buckland Athletic
Street	5-2	Bovey Tracey

FA Vase – First Qualifying Round

Avonmouth	1-1	Fairford Town	(Avonmouth win 4-3 on pens)
Brislington	1-0	Royal Wootton Bassett	
Bristol Telephones	1-2	Aldermaston	
Callington	0-2	**Tavistock**	
Carterton	3-1	**Wells City**	
Clanfield 85	1-2	**Cadbury Heath**	
Devizes Town	5-1	**Bitton**	
Eversley & California	2-1	**AEK Boco**	
Fleetlands	3-0	**Wincanton Town**	
Ilminster Town	1-0	**Wellington**	
Ivybridge Town	2-1	Teignmouth	
Liskeard Athletic	1-2	**Brixham**	
Midhurst & Easebourne	3-3	**Warminster Town**	(Midhurst win 5-3 on pens)
Newent AFC	3-3	**Almondsbury**	(Newent win 3-2 on pens)
Oldland Abbotonians	1-2	**Shepton Mallet**	
Penzance	0-3	**Bridgwater United**	
Portishead Town	7-1	**Mendip Broadwalk**	
Radstock Town	1-1	**Keynsham Town**	(Radstock win 3-0 on pens)
St Blazey	3-0	Launceston	
Torpoint Athletic	5-1	Bishops Lydeard	
Welton Rovers	1-0	Chipping Sodbury Town	

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 18th August 2026

Premier Division

Bovey Tracey	vs	Brixham	19:30KO
Portishead Town	vs	Wellington	19:45KO
Shepton Mallet	vs	Brislington	19:30KO
Sidmouth Town	vs	Saltash United	19:30KO
Wells City	vs	Clevedon Town	19:30KO

First Division

Almondsbury	vs	Nailsea United	19:30KO
Avonmouth	vs	Cadbury Heath	19:45KO
Bitton	vs	Odd Down	19:30KO
Keynsham Town	vs	Welton Rovers	19:45KO
Longwell Green	vs	Warminster Town	19:30KO
Mendip Broadwalk	vs	Shirehampton	19:30KO
Radstock Town	vs	Calne Town	19:45KO

Wednesday 19th August 2026

Premier Division

St Blazey	vs	Tavistock	19:30KO

First Division

Bristol Telephones	vs	AEK Boco	19:45KO

Friday 21st August 2026

First Division

Radstock Town	vs	Warminster Town	19:45KO

Saturday 22nd August 2026 (3pm kick off unless noted)

Premier Division

Sidmouth Town	vs	Newquay

First Division

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

FA Cup – Preliminary Round

Brixham	vs	Willand Rovers
Exmouth Town	vs	**Bridgwater United**
Larkhall Athletic	vs	**Portishead Town**
St Blazey	vs	Barnstaple Town
Street	vs	Falmouth Town
Thame	vs	**Brislington**
Tiverton	vs	**Ivybridge Town**
Wells City	vs	Risborough Rangers
Weymouth	vs	**Shepton Mallet**


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