

Latest Round-ups:

Premier Division: In one of the most highly anticipated games of the season, a four-figure crowd headed to Bristol Road on Tuesday evening to take on the top of the table clash between near neighbours Portishead and Clevedon. With top spot on the line, an incredible attendance figure of 1045 saw Portishead secure a 2-0 victory to move four points clear. It was a close run thing throughout, but the home side managed to make the big moments count, with the in-form Jay Murray scoring his eighth goal in seven games to give his side a slender lead at the interval. The home side then wrapped things up five minutes from time, with Toby Lawrence scoring a rare goal to confirm that Portishead would extend their winning run.

Portishead then followed up their midweek victory with another three points on Saturday afternoon by beating Buckland Athletic 3-0. It took just six minutes for Jay Murray to extend his incredible scoring run, producing an audacious flicked finish to put the home side in front. The returning Owen Punselie then made doubled Town's advantage midway through the second half, before Tom Llewellyn put the game out of reach shortly after half-time. Second-placed Clevedon rebounded from their defeat by winning 4-0 at Wellington, thanks mainly to a hat-trick of goals from Alex Camm. A couple of first-half penalties from Camm put the Seasiders in charge, before he then struck again midway through the second half, this time from open play, to make it 3-0. It was then left to Harrison Kyte to add the finishing touches, with his stoppage time goal completing the scoring against an out of sorts Wellington outfit who hadn't played since late January due to a flurry of postponements. The biggest win of the afternoon belonged to the in-form Torpoint Athletic, who scored five unanswered goals in their away victory at Paulton Rovers. The Cornish outfit only led courtesy of an own-goal at half-time, before pulling away after the interval to rack up another victory over a top-half opponent. The second goal came early in the second half, with Gary Hird converting Curtis Damerell's cross, before James Rowe then stretched the lead to three. Ryan Richards added some gloss to the scoreline during the closing stages, with two goals from outside the area making it 5-0, and helping the visitors rise further up the table. The only other side to win away from home were Oldland Abbotonians, with two goals in the final 20 minutes helping them secure a 2-1 victory at Welton Rovers.



The game of the day saw Brislington overturn an early two-goal deficit, before then scoring a late winner in their 4-3 triumph at home to Barnstaple Town. Things started extremely poorly for Bris, who found themselves two-down within 12 minutes following an own goal and a strike from Barnstaple's leading scorer Josh Parry. A goal from Curtis Dunn midway through the first half proved to be the turning point, with Oaklan Buck's quickfire double just before half-time completely flipping the game in Brislington's favour. It looked like Barnstaple would have the last word when Tommy Rogers got them back on level terms ten minutes from time, but the home side hit back straight from the kickoff, going back in-front through Shea Mannings to come out on top of a seven-goal thriller. There was also a win for St Austell, with Kieron Bishop and Adam Carter scoring either side of the interval in their 2-0 victory over Nailsea & Tickenham, while Owen Pritchard headed home twice in Ivybridge's 2-1 defeat of Ilfracombe. Third-place Brixham overcame a slow start to beat Street 3-1, with two red cards in first half stoppage time decimating the Cobblers hopes of victory. Having gone ahead from the spot through Harry Foster, Street were then pegged back by Reece Somers, before being reduced to nine-men following a controversial end to the opening half. The home side took more than 20 minutes to finally make the advantage count, going 2-1 up through Cole Harford, before they then added a late third through Callum Thomas. A red card also dominated proceedings at Fairfax Park, where hosts Bridgwater saw Mike Duffy dismissed late in the first half during their goalless draw with St Blazey.

First Division: For the third consecutive weekend, a new team sits top of the ladder, with Calne Town returning to first place following their big 4-0 win at home to Keynsham. Having scored twice off the bench in their most recent victory, Tom Dowell repeated the trick as part of the starting lineup on Saturday, netting the first two goals in Calne's latest win. Leading scorer Josh Pike-Bright then made it 3-0, with Zak Mitchell completing the scoring during the final quarter hour. Previous leaders Hallen responded well to last week's shock defeat by coming from behind to win 2-1 at Devizes. The visitors were staring down the barrel of back-to-back league defeats when they went a goal down in the fifth minute to Luke Hall-Cousins' early opener. Hallen came back into the game during the remainder of the opening half, and got back on level terms in the 35th minute when Lewis Saunders planted his header into the back of the net. The game was then decided during a dramatic finale, with Harrison Fairman's strong finish putting Hallen in front for the first time and giving their title chase a major boost. For the third side battling for top spot, it was a tough afternoon at the office, with Bradford relinquishing a lead during their 3-1 defeat at Cadbury Heath. Callum Demkiv's early goal indicated that the Bobcats were destined to return to winning ways, but they couldn't maintain their advantage, with Dominic Anderson drawing the Heath level late in the first half. Things then slowed during the second period, and the game looked to be headed toward a 1-1 draw, only for a stunning finish to catapult the Heath to all three points. It was the home side who had done most of the attacking during the closing stages, and their pressure finally paid off in added time, with Louis Holden's cross turned into their own net by a Bradford defender. Then with their next attack, home forward Matt Huxley applied pressure on the Town back-line and they were forced into another error which resulted in a second own goal to complete a wild 3-1 victory.

It was a good afternoon for a number of away sides in the First Division, including Wells City for whom Braeden Symes was on target once more in their 2-0 win over Cribbs Reserves. Having broken the deadlock in the 15th minute, Symes then wrapped things up in added time at the end of a hard-fought contest to take his personal tally to five goals from his previous three games. Odd Down claimed their first victory since Boxing Day, after holding on to beat Hengrove by a goal to nil. A fifth minute effort from Jasper Morris proved to be enough for the Bath side who earned their first clean sheet in ten matches to claim the much-needed three points. At the opposite end of the table, Bitton kept pace with the top three after winning 1-0 at Cheddar *(pictured, right).* The visitors certainly didn't have things all their own way on a tough afternoon in Somerset, but an outstanding free-kick from Nathan Hall late in the first half gave them maximum points, and took Hall top of the scoring charts with his 20th goal of the campaign. If it's goalscoring you want, then following Longwell Green Sports is recommended, with another four on Saturday afternoon leading them to victory at Warminster. Only league leader Calne have netted more than Longwell Green's 85 this season, and it was Will Cains who scored late in the first half to put them ahead in their latest fixture. Warminster's Corey Gardner then levelled affairs from the spot midway through the second half, before a three-goal burst in the final quarter-hour saw the away side run our 4-1 winners. Sonny Passco was again to the fore, assisting for Tyler Wood's go-ahead effort, before Passco himself made it 3-1 prior to captain Matt Brown's late volley. There was also a 4-1 victory for Boco, with a strong end to the first half helping them come from behind away at strugglers Gillingham. Having seen Kris Hastings open the scoring from the spot after 20 minutes, Boco waited little time in levelling the scores with Joe Carter making it 1-1. Luke Bryan then scored shortly after to put Boco ahead for the first time, with Harry Neil's goal making it 3-1 in the blink of an eye. A late header from Babacar Sarr completing the scoring, with Boco stretching their unbeaten run in all competitions to seven matches. Elsewhere, goals from Owen Peart and Ryan Schouten led Sturminster Newton to a 2-1 win over Bristol Telephones, while Mendip Broadwalk beat Radstock 2-0 thanks to a Finley Hodge header and a stoppage time penalty from Elliot Moore.



Earlier in the week, Bitton returned to winning ways thanks to a 2-0 victory away at Odd Down. After Zac Tucker capitalised on a defensive mishap to head the visitors in front after 17 minutes, an own goal midway through the second half completed the scoring to bring an end to Bitton's four-match winless run. In Tuesday's other fixture, there was a last gasp victory for AEK Boco, with Jack Ball scoring deep into stoppage time to give them a 1-0 win over Shirehampton.

Latest Results

Tuesday 25th February 2025

Premier Division

Portishead Town	2-0	Clevedon Town

First Division

AEK Boco	1-0	Shirehampton
Odd Down	0-2	Bitton

Saturday 1st March 2025

Premier Division

AFC St Austell	2-0	Nailsea & Tickenham
Bridgwater United	0-0	St Blazey
Brislington	4-3	Barnstaple Town
Brixham	3-1	Street
Ivybridge Town	2-1	Ilfracombe Town
Paulton Rovers	0-5	Torpoint Athletic
Portishead Town	3-0	Buckland Athletic
Wellington	0-4	Clevedon Town
Welton Rovers	1-2	Oldland Abbotonians

First Division

Cadbury Heath	3-1	Bradford Town
Calne Town	4-0	Keynsham Town
Cheddar	0-1	Bitton
Cribbs Reserves	0-2	Wells City
Devizes Town	1-2	Hallen
Gillingham Town	1-4	AEK Boco
Hengrove Athletic	0-1	Odd Down
Mendip Broadwalk	2-0	Radstock Town
Sturminster Newton	2-1	Bristol Telephones
Warminster Town	1-4	Longwell Green Sports

Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division

Freddie King (Clevedon) – 26
Lucas Vowles (Clevedon) – 22
Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 22
Rikki Sheppard (Saltash) – 17
Ryan Bush (Buckland) – 16
Jack Taylor (Bridgwater) – 15
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) – 15
Jared Lewington (Buckland) – 14

First Division

Nathan Hall (Bitton/Odd Down) – 20
Josh Pike-Bright (Calne) - 19
Sacha Tong (Bitton) – 19
Luke Hopper (Devizes) – 18
Elliot Gardner (Hallen) – 17
Jack Guthrie (Cribbs Reserves) – 17
Raphael Oppong (Bradford) – 16
Jack Jones (Hallen/Hengrove) – 16
Fin Burnell (Longwell Green) - 16

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 4th March 2025

Premier Division

Oldland Abbotonians	vs	Shepton Mallet	19:30KO

First Division

Devizes Town	vs	Wells City	19:45KO
Hengrove Athletic	vs	Bristol Telephones	19:30KO
Mendip Broadwalk	vs	Avonmouth	19:30KO
Radstock Town	vs	AEK Boco	19:45KO
Shirehampton	vs	Odd Down	19:45KO

Wednesday 5th March 2025

Premier Division

Wellington	vs	Portishead Town	19:45KO

Saturday 8th March 2025 (3pm Kick-off unless noted otherwise)

Les Phillips Cup Semi-Final

Portishead Town	vs	Street
Wells City	vs	Brixham

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	vs	Buckland Athletic
Brislington	vs	Wellington
Ilfracombe Town	vs	Paulton Rovers
Ivybridge Town	vs	Nailsea & Tickenham
Saltash Untied	vs	Oldland Abbotonians
Shepton Mallet	vs	Bridgwater United

First Division

AEK Boco	vs	Keynsham Town
Avonmouth	vs	Longwell Green Sports
Bradford Town	vs	Hengrove Athletic
Bristol Telephones	vs	Cheddar
Cribbs Reserves	vs	Warminster Town
Gillingham Town	vs	Calne Town
Radstock Town	vs	Devizes Town
Shirehampton	vs	Sturminster Newton United

In this week's podcast, Ian catches up with Portishead boss, Kye Mountford, who reflects on their huge win over local rivals Clevedon Town. 24 hours after the big game, they discuss Tuesday's huge attendance figure, and then take a broader look back on an eventful season for the Somerset side. Also joining the show is Radstock Town manager, Ian Lanning, who gives his thoughts on their impressive victory over high-flying Hallen, and looks towards brighter times at Southfields, which could be spearheaded by their championship chasing Under 18 side.
https://www.westernleague.co.uk/news/podcast-episode-29



League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Portishead Town	30	23	3	4	56	72
2	Clevedon Town	31	21	5	5	58	68
3	Brixham	29	18	4	7	27	58
4	Buckland Athletic	29	15	6	8	33	51
5	Barnstaple Town	28	16	3	9	21	51
6	Street	29	14	6	9	8	48
7	Shepton Mallet	29	14	5	10	21	47
8	Paulton Rovers	32	14	5	13	2	47
9	Ivybridge Town	29	13	6	10	11	45
10	Nailsea & Tickenham	29	14	3	12	10	45
11	St Austell	31	14	3	14	1	45
12	Brislington	30	12	5	13	3	41
13	Oldland Abbotonians	27	12	4	11	3	40
14	Saltash United	31	12	3	16	6	39
15	Bridgwater United	31	11	4	16	-19	37
16	Torpoint Athletic	32	11	3	18	-8	36
17	Wellington	26	11	1	14	-17	34
18	Ilfracombe Town	30	6	5	19	-36	23
19	St Blazey	29	5	6	18	-38	21
20	Welton Rovers	32	1	0	31	-142	3

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Calne Town	35	24	3	8	51	75
2	Hallen	32	23	5	4	55	74
3	Bradford Town	33	22	6	5	49	72
4	Bitton	33	21	5	7	30	68
5	Longwell Green Sports	35	19	7	9	29	64
6	Wells City	30	18	5	7	36	59
7	Sturminster Newton United	33	18	5	10	12	59
8	Devizes Town	30	17	6	7	47	57
9	Shirehampton	31	14	6	11	1	48
10	Cadbury Heath	34	14	5	15	-5	47
11	Bristol Telephones	31	13	7	11	18	46
12	Mendip Broadwalk	32	13	7	12	-6	46
13	AEK Boco	32	13	6	13	2	45
14	Cribbs Reserves	34	13	6	15	1	45
15	Avonmouth	32	11	6	15	-2	39
16	Radstock Town	30	9	4	17	-15	31
17	Hengrove Athletic	32	7	9	16	-11	30
18	Warminster Town	33	6	9	18	-42	27
19	Odd Down	34	6	8	20	-39	26
20	Cheddar	33	6	7	20	-42	25
21	Keynsham Town	34	4	5	25	-77	17
22	Gillingham Town	33	1	5	27	-92	8


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