

Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: A busy Tuesday evening saw league and cup games take place as the dark night's rolled in, with four seeming to be the magic number. In the Premier Division, **Portishead Town** stormed to victory over **Oldland**, scoring three early goals in their 4-1 home win. Town couldn't have started the game much better, and led 2-0 within five minutes thanks to Owen Punselie and a Hamish Hurst header. Things then got even better for the home side who added a third through Toby Lawrence with still less than 15 minutes on the clock. Things slowed down on the goalscoring front, and it was the Abbots who struck next in the closing stages, but it was Portishead who had the last word with another thumping header from Hurst wrapping things up late on. The three sides to gain victory in the First Division all joined Portishead in scoring four, including **Radstock** who scored twice in either half to see off **Warminster**. A close range effort from Jed Parfitt broke the deadlock, with the Miners then adding a second in the 32nd minute through Man of the Match, Barclay Lloyd-Foster. Warminster started the second half on the front foot, and halved the deficit through Braden Humphreys, but it was Radstock who took home the points with Matt Curnock's 30-yard screamer and a late Ben Wickens strike wrapping up the 4-1 win. The big game at the top went the way of **Calne,** who enjoyed a near-perfect first half to beat **Bitton** by four goals to one. Having struck twice in quick succession through Nat Bell and Ackeem Stewart, the Lilywhites then added a third on the half-hour mark with Gabe Costello joining his teammates in producing impressive finishes. Lewis Hunt gave the hosts a lifeline after 58 minutes, but that was close as they got with Bell scoring his second to allay any fears of a second half fightback. The other victor was **Devizes**, with in-form frontman Kieron Gleed scoring twice in their 4-0 win at **Cheddar**. After Gleed struck the opener, Town's Luke Hopper then converted a penalty to give the away side a two-goal lead at the interval. Gleed then extended Town's advantage further, before Josh Parsons completed the scoring to help the visitors move back up into the top half. The other game that night ended in a stalemate, with Bradford and Longwell Green sharing the points following their goalless draw. Tuesday also saw the First Round of the Les Phillips Cup completed, with **Hengrove** pulling off an impressive comeback win at home to **Nailsea & Tickenham**. Two Charlie Saunders goals put the Swags 2-1 up at the break, but Hengrove then capitalised on a red card early in the second half to complete the turnaround, with Regan Burton and Ashton Burton scoring for the First Division outfit. The other tie went with the form guide as **Wells City** beat **Odd Down** 3-0 thanks to goals from Adam Wright, Ross McErlain and Tom Smith. On Friday evening, **Cheddar** came from behind to beat **Warminster** 2-1 in their First Division clash, with Lewis Chappell and Jamie Moss netting for the home side and earning them a much-needed three points *(picture courtesy of @Jimmer211993).*



Premier Division: Clevedon Town claimed back ownership of top spot on Saturday afternoon after scoring late on to beat Shepton Mallet 2-1. The home side enjoyed the better of the opening half, and led by a goal to nil thanks to a free header from Joe Teall. Shepton then drew level shortly after half time thanks to a deflected Callum Gould effort, but Clevedon managed to find the winner 13 minutes from time with Freddie King slotting home. Brixham now find themselves in second spot after suffering a 2-0 defeat away at Buckland Athletic. The game was decided during an eight-minute spell midway through the first half, with Buckland's leading goal-getter Ryan Bush scoring a quickfire double. Having opened the scoring from the spot in the 23rd minute, Bush then struck again shortly after, with the home sides defence holding firm to keep their first clean sheet in the league since mid-September. The form team in the division may well be Wellington who registered their sixth consecutive win in all competitions after beating Saltash 2-0 down in Cornwall *(pictured, left).* A dream start for the visitors saw Mark Cornish put them in front after three minutes, with Jake Quick then doubling their advantage on the stroke of half time. There was also a 2-0 victory for Ilfracombe in their home clash with Street helping them secure rare back-to-back victories. Town led at the break courtesy of Tom Chastey, with teammate Aidan Barrow then striking ten minutes from time to secure maximum points.



A dramatic finale at St Blazey saw the home side miss a late penalty in their 1-1 draw with Paulton. Jacob Rowe's unstoppable seventh minute strike looked like it would settle the contest, only for Paulton to secure a late leveller when Leo Eglin chipped the home keeper. Just moments later, St Blazey were awarded a spot kick, but George Newton's effort rebounded back off the upright and the game ended all square. In another tight contest, Barnstaple snuck past Nailsea & Tickenham by a goal-to-nil to rebound from their defeat last weekend. A 12th minute effort from Josh Parry ended up being the game-winning moment, but Town were forced to play with ten men for large periods of the game and did exceedingly well to keep another clean sheet. Elsewhere, Jordan Scadding was among the scorers in Brislington's 2-1 win over Torpoint, while Oldland Abbotonians beat Ivybridge 3-0 to end their four-match losing streak. The biggest scorers of the afternoon were Bridgwater, for whom Jack Taylor scored in either half to help them beat Welton 5-0. After Taylor had opened the scoring, Kyle Tooze's penalty and a Ryan Crawford strike helped the visitors build a three-goal half time lead. Taylor then nodded home to make it 4-0 after 88 minutes, with a Liam Winter free kick completing the scoring in stoppage time.

First Division: On a high-scoring afternoon of action, plenty of home sides enjoyed big wins on Saturday, with Bradford storming out of the blocks in their 5-1 defeat of Sturminster Newton. The home side wasted no time at all in making their presence felt, with Curtis Dunn rifling the ball into the top corner inside eight minutes. Jaiden Pearce then doubled the lead shortly after, with Callum Demkiv making it 3-0 within half an hour. Another goal late in the first half from Matty Morris completed a dominant 45 minutes, with Demkiv doubling his personal tally to give Town their fifth and final goal of the afternoon. Third-place Hallen were forced to come from behind in their home clash with Cadbury Heath, eventually running out 4-1 winners thanks to another influential performance from Elliot Gardner. Hallen didn't start the game particularly well, and fell behind in the tenth minute when Hassan Hussein fired the Heath into an early advantage. The hosts soon found their feet however, and after levelling through Jack Haskins, they then completed the turnaround before the 30-minute mark when Cory Thomas-Barker found the back of the net. Gardner then took over the game for Hallen, and after crossing for Toby Walwin to make it 3-1, he then scored himself in the closing stages to round out their third win on the spin. Table-toppers Calne didn't have things all their own way in Bath, eventually securing a 3-1 win over ten-man Odd Down. Having lost David Hare to a 25th minute red card, the home side then also fell behind on the scoresheet with Sam Francis making it 1-0. The ten men responded excellently and drew level through Dom Walter, giving them hope of ending their winless run. That didn't materialise however, and the Lilywhites pushed ahead during the second half, with in-form frontman Ackeem Stewart and half-time sub Josh Pike-Bright leading the visitors to a 3-1 victory. The only draw of the day took place at the Southfields Rec, where Radstock twice battled back to claim a 2-2 tie with Bristol Telephones. Having already drawn level early in the second half, Town left it much later to grab a share of the spoils with Jed Parfitt making it 2-2 in the 88th minute to deny the Phones at the death.

The remainder of the games all ended in home wins, including at Devizes where goals in either half helped them beat Avonmouth 2-0. After Luke Hall-Cousins have put Town in front at the break, teammate Jacob Reader then wrapped things up, extending Devizes' impressive run of results on home soil. It was much more one-sided in Wells where Adam Wright notched a brace during City's 7-0 thumping of Keynsham. Three first half goals, and four more after the interval gave Wells their biggest win of the campaign, with the Tom's Ovigne and Smith both scoring at Rowdens Road. Another side to win 7-0 were Longwell Green Sports, with seven different scorers helping them see off Gillingham Town. There was only a two-goal difference between the sides after 45 minutes, with Zac Tucker and Jack Baber putting the hosts in control. Matt Brown rebounded well from an earlier miss to make it 3-0 from the penalty spot, with Fin Burnell then adding a fourth on the hour mark. Longwell Green then added some gloss to the scoreline during the closing stages, with Will Cains, Billy Hensler and Liam Oswin all beating the visiting keeper. Things weren't so simple for Bitton who had to bounce back from an early deficit before eventually beating Hengrove 3-1. A solid start from the visitors saw them go ahead in the 15th minute, before Bitton levelled things up through Scott Gregory. Another goal shortly after from George Lloyd then turned the game in the home side's favour, with Hengrove missing the chance to make it 2-2 when they missed a penalty shortly after half time. That miss proved crucial in the final minutes, with Bitton finally pulling away in stoppage time when Sacha Tong headed home to put his side two goals ahead. Shirehampton enjoyed their first home game in over a month, beating AEK Boco 3-2 thanks to goals from Saul Katz, Alfie Merchant and Dillan Kerr.

Latest Results

Tuesday 29th October 2024

Premier Division

Portishead Town	4-1	Oldland Abbotonians

First Division

Bitton	1-4	Calne Town
Bradford Town	0-0	Longwell Green Sports
Cheddar	0-4	Devizes Town
Radstock Town	4-1	Warminster Town

Les Phillips Cup – First Round

Hengrove Athletic	3-2	Nailsea & Tickenham
Odd Down	0-3	Wells City

Friday 1st November 2024

First Division

Cheddar	2-1	Warminster Town

Saturday 2nd November 2024

Premier Division

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

First Division

Bitton	3-1	Hengrove Athletic
Bradford Town	5-1	Sturminster Newton United
Devizes Town	2-0	Avonmouth
Hallen	4-1	Cadbury Heath
Longwell Green	7-0	Gillingham Town
Odd Down	1-3	Calne Town
Radstock Town	2-2	Bristol Telephones
Shirehampton	3-2	AEK Boco
Wells City	7-0	Keynsham Town

The latest podcast includes an interview with St Blazey's chairman, Darren Kirwan, who reflects on their difficult start to the campaign, before touching on how he hopes clubs can benefit from their partnership with Jewson. AEK Boco manager, Joe People, also joins Ian to explain why he believes his side have turned a corner and will be chasing a play-off spot. There is also a bonus conversation with journalist Tony Incenzo, who talks about his passion for groundhopping.
https://www.westernleague.co.uk/news/podcast-episode-14



Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 5th November 2024

Premier Division

Paulton Rovers	vs	Brislington	19:30KO
Shepton Mallet	vs	Bridgwater United	19:30KO

Saturday 9th November 2024 (3pm Kick-off unless noted otherwise)

FA Vase Second Round

Andover New Street	vs	**AFC St Austell**
Bodmin Town	vs	**Wells City**
Brixham	vs	Elburton Villa
Buckland Athletic	vs	**Clevedon Town**
Portishead Town	vs	**Paulton Rovers**
Fareham Town	vs	**Barnstaple Town**
Tadley Calleva	vs	**Bridgwater United**

Premier Division

Ilfracombe Town	vs	Brislington
Saltash United	vs	Street
St Blazey	vs	Oldland Abbotonians
Torpoint Athletic	vs	Shepton Mallet
Welton Rovers	vs	Wellington

First Division

AEK Boco	vs	Bitton
Avonmouth	vs	Cheddar
Bristol Telephones	vs	Hallen
Cadbury Heath	vs	Devizes Town
Gillingham Town	vs	Cribbs Reserves
Hengrove Athletic	vs	Radstock Town
Longwell Green	vs	Keynsham Town
Mendip Broadwalk	vs	Shirehampton
Sturminster Newton	vs	Calne Town
Warminster Town	vs	Odd Down

Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division

Freddie King (Clevedon Town) – 14
Lucas Vowles (Clevedon Town) – 12
Ryan Bush (Buckland) – 11
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) – 10
Luke Cloke (Torpoint) – 10
Jared Lewington (Buckland) – 9
Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 9
Josh Jenkins (Shepton Mallet) – 9
Kieran O'Melia (Saltash) – 9

First Division

Nathan Hall (Bitton) – 17
Raphael Oppong (Bradford) - 13
Sacha Tong (Bitton) – 13
Elliot Gardner (Hallen) - 12
Jack Guthrie (Cribbs Reserves) – 11
Luke Bryan (AEK Boco) – 10
Rhys Hickery (Mendip Broadwalk) – 10
Luke Hopper (Devizes) – 10
Dylan Whittle (Mendip Broadwalk) - 10

League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Clevedon Town	15	10	4	1	28	34
2	Brixham	17	10	4	3	17	34
3	Barnstaple Town	15	10	1	4	22	31
4	Buckland Athletic	14	9	3	2	28	30
5	Portishead Town	14	9	2	3	17	29
6	Street	17	8	5	4	5	29
7	Nailsea & Tickenham	15	9	1	5	12	28
8	Shepton Mallet	17	8	3	6	10	27
9	Ivybridge Town	17	8	3	6	2	27
10	Brislington	16	8	1	7	14	25
11	Bridgwater United	18	8	1	9	-6	25
12	Wellington	16	8	0	8	-10	24
13	Paulton Rovers	15	7	2	6	-1	23
14	Saltash United	20	6	3	11	-14	21
15	Oldland Abbotonians	16	6	2	8	2	20
16	Ilfracombe Town	18	5	3	10	-12	18
17	St Austell	15	5	2	10	-8	17
18	St Blazey	15	3	4	8	-16	13
19	Torpoint Athletic	17	4	0	13	-12	12
20	Welton Rovers	17	0	0	17	-78	0

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Calne Town	20	14	3	3	27	45
2	Bradford Town	18	14	1	3	36	43
3	Hallen	19	13	4	2	27	43
4	Bitton	18	12	1	5	17	37
5	Longwell Green Sports	20	10	5	5	14	35
6	Wells City	18	10	3	5	25	33
7	Devizes Town	17	9	5	3	21	32
8	Cadbury Heath	19	9	3	7	2	30
9	Cribbs Reserves	20	9	2	9	5	29
10	Bristol Telephones	18	8	4	6	14	28
11	Sturminster Newton United	17	8	4	5	5	28
12	Mendip Broadwalk	20	8	4	8	-10	28
13	Avonmouth	21	8	3	10	-1	27
14	Shirehampton	15	8	1	6	3	25
15	AEK Boco	20	6	4	10	-3	22
16	Hengrove Athletic	19	5	4	10	-9	19
17	Radstock Town	18	5	2	11	-13	17
18	Warminster Town	17	3	6	8	-12	15
19	Odd Down	20	3	5	12	-23	14
20	Cheddar	20	4	2	14	-33	14
21	Keynsham Town	19	3	4	12	-36	13
22	Gillingham Town	19	1	2	16	-56	5


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