

Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: Despite Tuesday's schedule being washed out, there was plenty of goalscoring action on Wednesday evening, in particular during the solitary First Division clash where Cadbury Heath defeated Odd Down 6-4! In a crazy game, early goals from Matt Huxley and Dan Winstone helped the hosts move two goals clear, before the Bath side levelled things up through Jasper Morris and Dom Walter. Another Winstone effort, followed shortly after by a tap-in from Tyler Lane made it 4-2 at the break, with the Heath back in the ascendancy. Matt Isaacs picked up the scoring early in the second half, putting the home side three goals clear, with Odd Down's Tatenda Mateke then scoring on the hour to keep his sides hopes up. Any chances of a fightback were thwarted when Dom Anderson stroked home a sixth for the rampant home side, with Jabari Ngozi scoring the tenth and final goal of a thrilling contest during stoppage time.

Elsewhere that night, a trio of Les Phillips Cup ties survived midway pitch inspections to see the first set of quarter-finalists confirmed. One side through to the last eight are Barnstaple Town, with three late goals helping them pull off a last-gasp 4-1 victory away at St Austell. Having gone ahead in the eighth minute through Harvey Dennis, Town were pegged back on the stroke of half time when George Marris equalised for the hosts. It remained one apiece until the 83rd minute, with Euan Washbrook then striking to restore Barnstaple's slender lead. They didn't sit back to defend their lead during the closing stages, and instead went on the attack, scoring twice more through Harry Scott and Gabby Rogers to complete the 4-1 win. Another side to prevail away from home were Cheddar, who downed Premier Division outfit Wellington by three goals to one. Having gone ahead late in the first half through Jamie Moss, Cheddar looked set to relinquish their advantage shortly after half-time, but keeper Taylan Ross-Greek made a great penalty save, before also stopping the follow-up to preserve his clean sheet. The fast-paced start to the second half continued with Elliot Keen making it 2-0 to the Cheesemen, before Welly found the back of the net through Matt Crawley just before the hour mark. Despite languishing towards the bottom of the First Division, Cheddar's recent improvement have coincided with some cup wins, and their passage through to the quarters was confirmed when Moss scored his second from a tight angle. In the lowest scoring game of the night, Brixham snuck past Buckland by a goal to nil, with Scott Robinson's 47th minute effort proving to be enough for the home side.

Weekend Action: Hallen became the first side to reach the 50-point mark this season, after coming from behind to beat Avonmouth 2-1 in their enticing First Division clash. The local rivals met under the lights on Friday evening, and it was the home side who went ahead midway through the first half when Ben Allison converted from close range. That goal separated the sides for much of the night, but then with six minutes left on the clock, the game tipped in Hallen's favour with Jack Askins levelling, and Avonmouth reduced to ten men just moments later. The away side kept pushing for more, and got their just rewards deep into stoppage time when Scott Cousins netted the late winner to earn Bristol bragging rights.

Saturday's stormy conditions saw many game fall at the wayside, but for another Bristol side, in the Bristol Telephones, they were rewarded for hosting their game against Warminster by securing a 4-2 victory. Having fallen behind to Corey Gardner's opener, the Phones scored either side of the break through Craig Wilson and Stefan Lee to turn the game in their favour. Gardner then scored from the spot to get Town back on level terms, but it was the home side who finished on top with both James Batchelor and Jamie Noble scoring during the final 20 minutes to complete the victory. There was also a big home win for Devizes, with Luke Hopper scoring in their half of their 6-0 defeat of Cheddar. It was an own goal that put Town in the lead, but from that moment on the result was never really in doubt, with Josh Parsons, Jacob Reader and Jack Baker all netting alongside the Hopper double.



There was also a starring two-goal performance from Boco's Romiah Nevers, with the in-form frontman helping his side claim a 2-1 win away at Calne Town. The Lilywhites' home form has been a worry over the past few months, and that continued on Saturday, with Nat Bell's leveller early in the second half not enough for them to stop Nevers and Boco claiming all three points *(pictured above is the scene at Bremhill View courtesy of @AS_FootyReview)*

Up in the Premier Division, Buckland Athletic ended their three-match winless run by securing a massive 4-0 victory away at Bridgwater. The visitors had already gone in front through Ryan Smith, before Adam Hill then headed home a Sam Morcom corner in first half stoppage time to put them two-up at the interval. Ryan Richards slammed home a third midway through the second half, before leading scorer Ryan Bush then got in on the act, lifting the ball over the home keeper to complete the scoring. The other game to beat the weather ended in a goalless draw, with Portishead and Barnstaple both taking home a point. For Portishead, they will head home the cheerier of the two sides, having played for over 45 minutes with midfielder Cal Eastwood between the sticks following a red card to goalkeeper Fin Croft late in the first half.

Latest Results

Wednesday 20th November 2024

First Division

Cadbury Heath	6-4	Odd Down

Les Phillips Cup

AFC St Austell	1-4	Barnstaple Town
Brixham	1-0	Buckland Athletic
Wellington	1-3	Cheddar

Friday 22nd November 2024

First Division

Avonmouth	1-2	Hallen

Saturday 23rd November 2024

Premier Division

Bridgwater United	0-4	Buckland Athletic
Portishead Town	0-0	Barnstaple Town

First Division

Bristol Telephones	4-2	Warminster Town
Calne Town	1-2	AEK Boco
Devizes Town	6-0	Cheddar

On the podcast this week, Clevedon Town boss, Alex White, joins Ian to talk about the competition at the top of the Premier Division, and why he's committed to fighting for both league and cup titles. There is also a conversation with Bristol Telephones' joint-manager, John Allen, who reflects on their recent victory over Calne, while also giving his opinion on the top teams to watch in this seasons highly competitive First Division.

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Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 26th November 2024

Premier Division

Buckland Athletic	vs	Barnstaple Town	19:30KO
Nailsea & Tickenham	vs	Paulton Rovers	19:30KO
Welton Rovers	vs	Street	19:30KO

Les Phillips Cup

Radstock Town	vs	Wells City	19:45KO

Wednesday 27th November 2024

Premier Division

Clevedon Town	vs	Brislington	19:30KO

Friday 29th November 2024

Premier Division

Saltash United	vs	Ivybridge Town	19:45KO

Saturday 30th November 2024 (3pm Kick-off unless noted otherwise)

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	vs	Bridgwater United
Brislington	vs	Street
Buckland Athletic	vs	Portishead Town
Clevedon Town	vs	Brixham
Oldland Abbotonians	vs	Torpoint Athletic
Paulton Rovers	vs	St Austell
Shepton Mallet	vs	St Blazey
Welton Rovers	vs	Ilfracombe Town

First Division

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

Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division

Freddie King (Clevedon Town) – 15
Ryan Bush (Buckland) – 13
Lucas Vowles (Clevedon Town) – 13
Jack Taylor (Bridgwater) - 12
Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 11
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) – 11
Luke Cloke (Torpoint) – 10

First Division

Nathan Hall (Bitton) – 17
Sacha Tong (Bitton) – 16
Raphael Oppong (Bradford) – 14
Luke Hopper (Devizes) – 13
Jack Guthrie (Cribbs Reserves) – 12
Elliot Gardner (Hallen) – 12
Rhys Hickery (Mendip) -12

League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Brixham	19	12	4	3	23	40
2	Clevedon Town	16	10	5	1	28	35
3	Barnstaple Town	17	11	2	4	25	35
4	Buckland Athletic	16	10	4	2	32	34
5	Portishead Town	16	10	3	3	20	33
6	Street	18	9	5	4	6	32
7	Shepton Mallet	19	9	4	6	12	31
8	Wellington	19	10	0	9	-10	30
9	Nailsea & Tickenham	16	9	1	6	9	28
10	Ivybridge Town	18	8	4	6	2	28
11	Bridgwater United	20	9	1	10	-7	28
12	Brislington	18	8	3	7	14	27
13	Paulton Rovers	16	8	2	6	1	26
14	Oldland Abbotonians	17	6	3	8	2	21
15	Saltash United	22	6	3	13	-17	21
16	St Austell	18	6	2	10	-5	20
17	Ilfracombe Town	21	5	4	12	-17	19
18	St Blazey	18	3	5	10	-20	14
19	Torpoint Athletic	19	4	1	14	-14	13
20	Welton Rovers	19	0	0	19	-84	0

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Hallen	22	16	4	2	31	52
2	Calne Town	23	15	3	5	24	48
3	Bradford Town	19	15	1	3	40	46
4	Bitton	20	14	1	5	21	43
5	Devizes Town	20	12	5	3	35	41
6	Longwell Green Sports	22	11	5	6	11	38
7	Bristol Telephones	21	10	4	7	18	34
8	Wells City	19	10	3	6	24	33
9	Cadbury Heath	22	10	3	9	-2	33
10	Cribbs Reserves	21	10	2	9	8	32
11	Mendip Broadwalk	22	9	5	8	-4	32
12	Sturminster Newton United	19	9	4	6	7	31
13	Avonmouth	23	9	3	11	0	30
14	AEK Boco	23	8	4	11	-3	28
15	Shirehampton	16	8	2	6	3	26
16	Radstock Town	20	6	3	11	-12	21
17	Hengrove Athletic	20	5	4	11	-10	19
18	Warminster Town	20	4	6	10	-15	18
19	Cheddar	23	4	3	16	-41	15
20	Odd Down	23	3	5	15	-30	14
21	Keynsham Town	21	3	4	14	-44	13
22	Gillingham Town	21	1	2	18	-61	5


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