

Latest Round-ups:

League Action: With another set of fixtures heavily affected by poor weather the night before, just seven matches across the two divisions took place on Saturday afternoon. The day's big mover came in the First Division, with Sturminster Newton jumping up into second spot following a 2-1 win away at Hengrove. A strong first half showing was enough for United, with Sean Hart's 20th minute opener followed by another goal on the stroke of half-time from Ben Knight. Hengrove did pile the pressure on their visitors, halving the deficit thanks to a Henry Winstone effort, but their comeback attempt wasn't successful, and it was Sturminster who stretched their winning streak in the league to seven matches. Fellow promotion hopefuls Bitton could only muster a 3-3 draw in their home clash with Warminster, squandering a couple of leads against their mid-table opponents. All looked to be going well for the hosts in the early going, with Ieuan Crowe and Joe Carter scoring in quick succession to give Bitton a two-goal lead inside 25 minutes. Having pulled a goal back on the hour mark, Warminster then stunned their hosts with an equaliser five minutes from time. A win would have moved Bitton to within six points of top spot, and they managed to hit back instantly during a frantic finale, going 3-2 up in the 87th minute through Sonny Parker. That wasn't the end of the late drama however, and having looked like they'd done enough to secure maximum points, Bitton conceded again during stoppage time and were forced to share the chocolates with the game finishing three-apiece. Elsewhere, it was an excellent afternoon for Calne Town, who secured their first away win since November by beating Mendip Broadwalk 3-1. A dream debut for Kegan Smart gave the Lilywhites the perfect start, with his third minute effort nestling in the back of the net to make it 1-0. It was then over to Luke Ballinger to steal the show, with a goal in either half putting the away side three in-front. Mendip did get a late consolation courtesy of Bradley Caton, but it was too little, too late and they are now without a win in three. Meanwhile, Welton Rovers claimed their first home win of the season by thumping Keynsham 4-0 at West Clewes. With their recent form showing signs of improvement, this result had been coming, and two goals in either half gave the Green Army plenty to cheer. Gio Angelinetta was the star of the show for Welton, with his double playing a huge role in the outcome, while a goal late in the first half from Lewis Russell was pivotal in calming the nerves. Keynsham were their own worst enemy, suffering a red card after 35 minutes, but it was a day to celebrate for the hosts, with a brilliant curling finish in stoppage time from Luke Seviour putting the cap on a 4-0 triumph.

In the Premier Division, **Helston** were the day's only winners, with a late Callum Bassett strike leading them past **Saltash**. Having seen their visitors strike the woodwork twice during a hard-fought opening half, it was Helston went ahead early in the second, with Connor Price curling home from long range. The Ashes had lost their previous two away games by one goal margins, and they did a good job of trying to stop a repeat of that when Alfie Wotton drew them level shortly after Price's opener. Unfortunately for Saltash, Helston were able to find a second wind, and it was debutant Bassett who capitalised on a slip-up at the back to restore the Cornish side's advantage in the closing stages. The away side came incredibly close to salvaging something from the contest, but unfortunately for them, a goal-bound effort in the 94th minute came back off the upright. The other tie fixtures to beat the weather ended level, including at Blaise Park, where the in-form **St Blazey** drew 0-0 with **Shepton Mallet**. Meanwhile, **Buckland** and **Street** shared four goals in an entertaining contest at Homers Heath. In a topsy-turvy first-half, Theo Worth kickstarted the scoring in just the second minute with his goal putting Street ahead. Buckland then hit back through leading scorer Ryan Bush, who finished well after a marauding run, only for Street to retake the lead in the 44th minute when Joel Jackson headed home Shay Corrick's corner. Unsurprisingly, it was Bush again who struck eight minutes from time to claim a share of the spoils for Buckland, with his 30th goal of the campaign seeing the game end two-all.

Cup Action: Despite a late surge, **Barnstaple** were edged out in their FA Vase clash with **AFC Stoneham**, falling to a 2-1 defeat against the Portsmouth side. Goals either side of the half-time break proved to be enough for the visitors, with Jake Thomson netting the opener after 37 minutes, before Oliver Jenkins doubled their advantage shortly after the interval. Town kept pushing in the hope of prolonging their stay in the competition, but despite grabbing a goal in the closing stages, courtesy of Tommy Rogers, they fell just short and will have to turn their attention back to league matters.

Earlier in the week, we finally had the end of round two in the Les Phillips Cup, with **Wellington** beating **Shepton Mallet** on Wednesday, and **Ivybridge** claiming the scalp of **Helston** the previous night. In Tuesday's tie, Kai Burrell starred for the Ivies, scoring two second half goals to lead the visitors to a 3-1 win. Having taken an early lead through Dan Tate, Ivybridge saw their advantage disappear when Helston got level right at the beginning of the second half through Jude Tripconey. It was then Burrell who took over the game, and after restoring Town's lead on the hour mark, he then converted a 70th minute penalty to settle the contest. The final second round clash then saw late dramatics from Wellington, with two late goals leading them to victory over Shepton. The worst possible start for the home side saw them fall behind in the opening stages, with Fin Koppa providing the finishing touches to Mallet's first attack of the game. It remained 1-0 for almost the entire evening, but then with just three minutes left on the clock, Sam Towler swept home a Josh Baker cross to get Wellington back on level terms. Just moments later, the last-gasp turnaround was completed, with Glen Wright's stunning volley securing Wellington's passage through to round three.

Recent Results

Tuesday 13th January 2026

Les Phillips Cup – Second Round

Helston Athletic	1-3	Ivybridge Town

Wednesday 14th January 2026

Les Phillips Cup – Second Round

Wellington	2-1	Shepton Mallet

Saturday 17th January 2026

FA Vase – Fourth Round Proper

Barnstaple Town	1-2	AFC Stoneham

Les Phillips Cup – Third Round

Bradford Town	P-P	Devizes Town
Ivybridge Town	P-P	Paulton Rovers
Wellington	P-P	Cheddar

Premier Division

Brislington	P-P	Torpoint Athletic
Buckland Athletic	2-2	Street
Helston Athletic	2-1	Saltash United
Oldland Abbotonians	P-P	Newquay
St Blazey	0-0	Shepton Mallet

First Division

AEK Boco	P-P	Almondsbury
Avonmouth	P-P	Shirehampton
Bitton	3-3	Warminster Town
Bristol Telephones	P-P	Wells City
Hengrove Athletic	1-2	Sturminster Newton United
Mendip Broadwalk	1-3	Calne Town
Welton Rovers	4-0	Keynsham Town

Podcast Episode 23

On the latest episode of the podcast, Craig Loxton of **Shepton Mallet** joins Ian to talk about his return to the Playing Fields, and why he's not been put off by a mid-season rebuilding job.

There is also a conversation with **Welton Rovers'** matchday reporter, Bob Allard, who discusses his time covering the Green Army, and why he's optimistic for the club's form in 2026.

https://www.westernleague.co.uk/news/podcast-episode-23-1



Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 20th January 2026

First Division

Mendip Broadwalk	vs	AEK Boco	19:30KO
Radstock Town	vs	Avonmouth	19:30KO
Wells City	vs	Sturminster Newton United	19:30KO

Saturday 24th January 2026 (3pm kick off unless noted)

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	vs	Saltash United
Bradford Town	vs	Street
Buckland Athletic	vs	Brislington
Clevedon Town	vs	Shepton Mallet
Helston Athletic	vs	Paulton Rovers
Ivybridge Town	vs	Wellington
Newquay	vs	Oldland Abbotonians
St Blazey	vs	Sidmouth Town
Torpoint Athletic	vs	Bridgwater United

First Division

Almondsbury	vs	Keynsham Town
Bristol Telephones	vs	AEK Boco
Cadbury Heath	vs	Devizes Town
Cheddar	vs	Odd Down
Hengrove Athletic	vs	Radstock Town
Longwell Green	vs	Avonmouth
Mendip Broadwalk	vs	Sturminster Newton United
Shirehampton	vs	Bitton
Wells City	vs	Warminster Town
Welton Rovers	vs	Calne Town

Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division
Ryan Bush (Buckland) - 23
Kitan Jaiyeoba (Paulton) – 17
Jack Bray-Evans (Newquay) – 16
Sam Beresford (Clevedon) – 16
Rhys Simmonds (Newquay) – 15
Jensen Wakefield (Bradford) – 13

First Division
Jake Brown (Wells) – 16
Harry Warwick (Wells) - 15
Josh Pearce (Avonmouth) – 14
Liam McCracken (Bristol Telephones) – 14
Jack Newman (Warminster) – 14
Elliot Bevis (Sturminster Newton) – 13

All Competitions
Ryan Bush (Buckland) - 30
Jensen Wakefield (Bradford) – 21
Rhys Simmonds (Newquay) – 20
Jack Bray-Evans (Newquay) – 19
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) - 19

League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Clevedon Town	23	18	1	4	38	55
2	Torpoint Athletic	20	16	3	1	32	51
3	Paulton Rovers	22	14	4	4	42	46
4	Sidmouth Town	25	14	4	7	19	46
5	Buckland Athletic	24	12	6	6	24	42
6	Barnstaple Town	19	12	3	4	27	39
7	Saltash United	23	11	5	7	12	38
8	Bridgwater United	25	11	4	10	-1	37
9	Newquay	20	11	3	6	18	36
10	Bradford Town	26	10	6	10	4	36
11	Helston Athletic	24	10	3	11	-1	33
12	Ivybridge Town	23	9	2	12	-7	29
13	St Blazey	27	7	8	12	-19	29
14	Street	22	7	6	9	6	27
15	Shepton Mallet	23	6	5	12	-6	23
16	Wellington	21	5	4	12	-13	19
17	Brislington	23	5	3	15	-18	18
18	Oldland Abbotonians	19	2	2	15	-22	8
19	St Austell	23	0	0	23	-135	0

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Devizes Town	22	16	6	0	45	54
2	Sturminster Newton United	22	16	2	4	42	50
3	Avonmouth	24	14	8	2	17	50
4	Wells City	23	16	1	6	42	49
5	Bitton	24	13	7	4	13	46
6	Bristol Telephones	21	11	5	5	7	38
7	Mendip Broadwalk	23	10	6	7	1	36
8	AEK Boco	23	10	5	8	13	35
9	Almondsbury	22	10	5	7	0	35
10	Warminster Town	25	8	8	9	3	32
11	Cadbury Heath	27	8	7	12	-20	31
12	Calne Town	24	8	6	10	2	30
13	Longwell Green Sports	25	9	3	13	-14	30
14	Odd Down	24	7	5	12	-6	26
15	Shirehampton	21	5	6	10	-19	21
16	Radstock Town	23	4	9	10	-11	20*
17	Keynsham Town	25	5	4	16	-29	19
18	Cheddar	25	3	9	13	-30	18
19	Hengrove Athletic	24	2	7	15	-29	13
20	Welton Rovers	21	3	3	15	-27	12


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