

Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: The Premier Division took precedence during the week, with seven floodlit ties producing plenty of goalscoring action. Starting with Wednesday's lone fixture, and there was more positive signs coming out of Newquay after they secured a 4-0 win away at St Blazey. The victory was their third in the space of seven days, all coming away from home, and was set in motion by an early goal from in-from frontman Jack Bray-Evans. The second half proved to be more productive for the visitors, with Louis Price and Rhys Simmonds scoring in quick succession to build a three-goal lead, before Bray-Evans put the cap on things with his second of the night ten minutes from time. 24 hours earlier there was an impressive away win for Paulton, with their bench coming to the fore during a 3-0 defeat of Brislington. Having gone ahead in the tenth minute through Kitan Jaiyeoba, two second-half subs, Elliot Haffenden and Joel Smedley, then both struck in the final 15 minutes to give Rovers all three points. Bridgwater were also victorious on their travels, scoring five first-half goals during a 5-2 win away at Nailsea & Tickenham. Jayden Nielsen made an incredible start to the contest, scoring twice inside the opening five minutes to fire United ahead early on. Steve Walker then headed home on his debut to make it 3-0, with an own-goal and a Danny Dodimead strike putting Bridgy into an unassailable five-goal lead at the interval. The Swags recovered somewhat after the interval, reducing the deficit thanks to a goal from Alfie Laycock, but they remain winless this term. Unfortunately, St Austell also remain without anything to show from their opening 12 games after they were beaten 8-0 at Helston. The star of the show for the home side was Matt Searle, with his four goals powering Helston to their first win in five matches. Searle scored the opening three goals of the game to complete his hat-trick before half-time, with Olly Redd then adding a fourth late in the opening period. Liam Higgins managed to grab a second-half brace, with substitute Alex Oshinyemi adding to the hosts tally alongside Searle's fourth and final goal of a memorable night at Kellaway Park. Torpoint maintained their excellent start, holding off Ivybridge to win 2-1 thanks to goals from Elliott Crawford and Max Gilbert, while Shepton Mallet beat Oldland 2-0 following second half strikes from Assan Sowe and Luke Wilkinson. There was also a comeback win for Wellington, with Alfie Slough providing assists to both Josh Baker and James de Selincourt, helping the Tangerines come from behind to win 2-1 away at Street who had led courtesy of Scott Laird's header.

Podcast Episode 8

On this week's podcast, Ian catches up with **Buckland Athletic** manager Matt Cusack, who reflects on their recent Vase success. There is also an interview with **Almondsbury** boss Ashley Coles, who discusses his return to the Almonds dugout, and his ambitions for the Gloucestershire outfit.

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Premier Division: Clevedon Town finally saw their winning start to the season come to an end on Saturday afternoon, after suffering a 2-1 defeat at the hands of Newquay. The Cornish side had been showing signs of improvement in recent weeks, and registered their most impressive win so far by holding off the Seasiders. A goal late in the first half from Jack Bray-Evans put the hosts in front, before Louis Price then netted ten minutes after the interval to double the advantage. Clevedon were never going to relinquish their winning run without a fight, and they set up a grandstand finish courtesy of Sam Beresford's tap-in, but it wasn't enough to dent Newquay's big day. The honour of being the only side to remain unbeaten this term are Torpoint Athletic, with a late Curtis Damerell equaliser helping them draw 1-1 away at Bradford Town. Having fallen behind to Jensen Wakefield's fierce strike midway through the first half, Damerell then struck as the game reached the final quarter to salvage a point for the visitors. There was also a decisive late goal in the game at Wellington, where Joel Smedley's 76th minute penalty led Paulton to a hard-fought 1-0 victory *(pictured, left).* Meanwhile, Saltash made it three wins on the bounce, after two goals in the final 18 minutes from Reece Thomson and Fin Wilkes helped them beat Shepton Mallet 2-0 at the Kimberley Stadium.



A topsy-turvy encounter in North Devon saw Barnstaple and St Blazey share six goals, with some excellent goals thrilling the crowd at Mill Road. The early stages all belonged to one man in particular, with Barnstaple's Gabby Rogers producing two exquisite free-kicks to put the home side two-up. St Blazey then fought their way back into the contest, and after scoring late in the first half through Tyler Elliott, they then levelled affairs 15 minutes after the break through Tom Hensman. An absolute rocket from Tommy Rogers then restored Barnstaple's lead, but they were unable to hang on, with Jordan Bentely scoring during the final five minutes to earn the Blaze a deserved share of the spoils. There was also a dramatic 2-2 draw in Bridgwater, where the visiting Buckland Athletic side struck in stoppage time to end the day as the happier of the two sides. The game looked to be out of Buckland's reach following an excellent start from their hosts, with Dan Dodimead's early opener added to on the hour mark by Matt Lee's smart finish. The Bucks gave themselves a chance when Jack Baxter pulled a goal back in the 75th minute, and the pressure then finally told in stoppage time when a penalty was converted by Ryan Bush to see the game ending two-apiece. The day's other draw saw Oldland and Helston finish 1-1, while elsewhere, Ivybridge struck midway through the second half to edge past Brislington by a goal to nil. There were also a couple of blowout defeats for the bottom-two, with both sides remaining winless following heavy home losses on Saturday. St Austell conceded five unanswered goals to Sidmouth, with Ed Butcher scoring a double for the visitors, while Street won 6-2 at Nailsea & Tickenham where Charlie Bateson struck in either half for the dominant Cobblers, who led by five goals to one at the interval.

First Division: Alex Henshall's second half double helped **Devizes** come back from two goals down at the interval to salvage a 2-2 draw with **Mendip Broadwalk**, and maintain their sport atop the division *(pictured, right).* A tough opening half from the home side saw them two goals in arrears, with Mendip's Taylor Doyle and Jayden Leonard both finding the back of the net. Henshall then got Devizes on the board early in the second half, and after the visitors had been reduced to ten men, Henshall struck again during injury time to snatch a share of the spoils.



Bitton would have the beneficiaries if Devizes had fallen to defeat, and they now sit level on points atop the table after they beat the in-form **Bristol Telephones** 3-1. Having gone ahead in the eighth minute through Harry Simons, Bitton were then pegged back towards the end of the first half when Archie Dark fired home for the Phones. That leveller seemed to kick Bitton back into life, and in no time at all they went back in front through James Hall, before then scoring again with their next attack courtesy of Mickey Parsons during first half stoppage time. Third-place **Wells** squeaked past **Keynsham** courtesy of a 25th minute effort from Tom Ovigne, with **Avonmouth** prevailing by the same 1-0 scoreline thanks to a Charlie Aldom strike midway through the second half in their away tie at **Cheddar**. The unpredictability of **Odd Down** shone through once again on Saturday afternoon, with the Bath side hanging on to beat **Sturminster Newton** 2-1 *(pictured, left).* After Harley Prior had opened the scoring in the 65th minute, Alfie Andrews then scored on his return from injury to put Odd Down two-up. There was late drama, with George Coleman halving the deficit, but Sturminster couldn't find the leveller, as Odd Down bounced back from last weekend's heavy home defeat. The man who fired **Almondsbury** to that 3-0 victory in Bath seven days previously was at it again on Saturday, with Liam Nicholls scoring both goals in this side's 2-0 win at home to **Radstock**. In front of a healthy three-figure crowd, Nicholls scored twice before half-time to give the Almonds their second win of the week behind five goals from their star man. **Longwell Green Sports** look to be back in form, with Jordan Metters coming off the bench to score with his first touch in their slender 1-0 win away at **Hengrove**. The highest scorers of the afternoon were **Warminster Town**, with Seb Hounsell notching a first-half hat-trick in their 5-2 win over **Welton**. Hounsell gave Warminster a dream start, making it 1-0 in just the second minute, but Welton were soon back on level terms courtesy of a Courtney Charles strike. Hounsell's second goal then kick-started a dominant period for the home side, with Jack Newman and Charlie Walton also netting, alongside another from Hounsell to give him a hat-trick inside 45 minutes, with Warminster 5-1 up at the interval. There was another solid showing from **Cadbury Heath**, with Tom Withers, Riley Gifford-Hobbs and Josh Williams all scoring in their 3-1 win at home to **Shirehampton**, while there was also a rare goalless draw between **Boco** and **Calne**.



Recent Results

Tuesday 23rd September 2025

Premier Division

Brislington	0-3	Paulton Rovers
Helston Athletic	8-0	St Austell
Nailsea & Tickenham	2-5	Bridgwater United
Shepton Mallet	2-0	Oldland Abbotonians
Street	1-2	Wellington
Torpoint Athletic	2-1	Ivybridge Town

Wednesday 24th September 2025

Premier Division

St Blazey	0-4	Newquay

Saturday 27th September 2025

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	3-3	St Blazey
Bradford Town	1-1	Torpoint Athletic
Bridgwater United	2-2	Buckland Athletic
Ivybridge Town	1-0	Brislington
Nailsea & Tickenham	2-6	Street
Newquay	2-1	Clevedon Town
Oldland Abbotonians	1-1	Helston Athletic
Saltash United	2-0	Shepton Mallet
St Austell	0-5	Sidmouth Town
Wellington	0-1	Paulton Rovers

First Division

AEK Boco	0-0	Calne Town
Almondsbury	2-0	Radstock Town
Bitton	3-1	Bristol Telephones
Cadbury Heath	3-1	Shirehampton
Cheddar	0-1	Avonmouth
Devizes Town	2-2	Mendip Broadwalk
Hengrove Athletic	0-1	Longwell Green Sports
Keynsham Town	0-1	Wells City
Odd Down	2-1	Sturminster Newton United
Warminster Town	5-2	Welton Rovers

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 30th September 2025

Premier Division

Sidmouth Town	vs	Wellington	19:30KO

Les Phillips Cup – Preliminary Round

Almondsbury	vs	Shirehampton	19:45KO
Bitton	vs	Avonmouth	19:30KO
Brislington	vs	AEK Boco	19:45KO
Keynsham Town	vs	Paulton Rovers	19:45KO
Longwell Green	vs	Calne Town	19:30KO
Oldland Abbotonians	vs	Bristol Telephones	19:30KO
Radstock Town	vs	Bradford Town	19:45KO
Sturminster Newton	vs	Warminster Town	19:45KO

Saturday 4th October 2025 (3pm kick off unless noted)

Premier Division

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

First Division

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

League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Clevedon Town	12	11	0	1	19	33
2	Paulton Rovers	13	8	2	3	16	26
3	Torpoint Athletic	10	8	2	0	14	26
4	Saltash United	11	8	1	2	14	25
5	Sidmouth Town	10	6	2	2	16	20
6	Helston Athletic	12	6	2	4	13	20
7	Buckland Athletic	10	6	2	2	6	20
8	Shepton Mallet	13	5	3	5	7	18
9	Barnstaple Town	10	5	2	3	11	17
10	Bridgwater United	12	5	2	5	-1	17
11	Newquay	10	5	1	4	6	16
12	Bradford Town	12	4	4	4	5	16
13	Ivybridge Town	12	5	1	6	-2	16
14	Street	12	3	4	5	1	13
15	Brislington	13	4	1	8	-8	13
16	St Blazey	14	3	4	7	-10	13
17	Oldland Abbotonians	12	2	3	7	-9	9
18	Wellington	9	2	2	5	-4	8
19	Nailsea & Tickenham	12	0	2	10	-29	2
20	St Austell	13	0	0	13	-65`	0

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Devizes Town	11	8	3	0	19	27
2	Bitton	12	8	3	1	9	27
3	Wells City	13	8	0	5	15	24
4	Sturminster Newton United	11	7	1	3	19	22
5	Bristol Telephones	11	7	1	3	3	22
6	Avonmouth	10	6	3	1	8	21
7	Mendip Broadwalk	11	6	3	2	6	21
8	Longwell Green Sports	12	7	0	5	-4	21
9	AEK Boco	12	5	3	4	6	18
10	Cadbury Heath	12	5	2	5	1	17
11	Almondsbury	12	5	1	6	-6	16
12	Odd Down	12	4	3	5	-2	15
13	Warminster Town	12	4	2	6	-2	14
14	Shirehampton	11	3	4	4	-3	13
15	Calne Town	11	3	3	5	-3	12
16	Keynsham Town	11	3	2	6	-1	11
17	Cheddar	12	2	3	7	-12	9
18	Radstock Town	11	1	2	8	-15	5
19	Hengrove Athletic	12	0	4	8	-17	4
20	Welton Rovers	11	0	3	8	-21	3


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