

Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: Torpoint Athletic were the only home side to taste victory in the Premier Division during the week, with the other three games all ending in 1-0 away victories. For an improving Torpoint side, the 2-0 victory over St Blazey gave them a third win in five, earning them ten points from a possible 15. Recent returnee Ryan Richards headed the home side in front after nine minutes, with teammate Freddie Chapman then doubling the advantage towards the end of the first half. In Tuesday's other games, Oldland secured a 1-0 win at Nailsea & Tickenham thanks to a goal from Abbots substitute Ibrahima Sarr, while Ivybridge claimed victory by the same scoreline away at Saltash thanks to a second half strike from Ollie Aplin. The trend then continued 24 hours later, with Barnstaple winning by one goal to nil away at Wellington to keep pace with the top two. Tommy Rogers marked his 100th appearance for Town with an early goal, which turned out to be the winner. Barnstaple also had keeper Kane Gregory to thank, with his second half penalty save from Miles Quick preserving the clean sheet and giving them their third away win on the bounce. The highest scoring game of the midweek saw Portishead topple Clevedon in a hotly-contested Les Phillips Cup quarter-final at Bristol Road. In the battle between first and second, it was Portishead who started strongest, and forged ahead into a two-goal lead thanks to a quickfire double from Jay Murray. Clevedon then got back into the game ten minutes before half-time, with Alex Camm slotting home a penalty after Freddie King had been tripped inside the area. King was also instrumental in the away side's leveller, laying it off for Sam Beresford who fired home for 2-2 during added time at the end of the first half. The game then came down to the final few minutes, and it was Portishead who found the winning moment, with Callum Eastwood scoring from the edge of the area to make it 3-2, and help secure their passage through to the last four of the competition.

Premier Division: Clevedon rebounded well from their midweek defeat by defeating Torpoint 4-1, and maintaining their two point lead atop the table. A quiet first half suddenly came to life towards the end, with the league's leading goalscorer Freddie King taking over the contest. Having already broken the deadlock in the 40th minute, King then struck a beautiful free kick from the edge of the area which clipped in off the bar and made it 2-0 in added time. Visitors Torpoint had been improving over recent weeks, and they gave themselves an opportunity to complete a comeback when they reduced the arrears midway through the second half courtesy of Will Sullivan. However, it was the home side who finished the game on top, and after George King had scored from long range to restore the two-goal advantage, Sam Beresford then struck in stoppage time to complete the scoring. Second-placed Portishead had an easier afternoon of it, with both Kyle Egan and Jason Quick netting during the opening 15 minutes of their 4-0 win over Paulton Rovers. Jay Murray then scored twice after the break to complete the home side's victory, giving them a speck of revenge following the 5-2 defeat they suffered at the hands of Paulton back in October.



Wellington's long wait for a victory ended after they secured a 2-0 win at home to Nailsea & Tickenham (pictured, right). Eight games in all competitions had come and gone since Welly's last win, but that changed on Saturday, with goals either side of the interval from Miles Quick and James De Selincourt leading them past the Swags. Over at Homers Heath, Jared Lewington bagged a hat-trick to help lead Buckland to a 5-1 victory over St Blazey. After teammate Sam Morcom had edged the hosts in front, Lewington then scored his first of the afternoon to make it 2-0 ten minutes before half time. The Blaze did pull a goal back in first half stoppage time through Charlie Hambly, yet they had no answer for Lewington who stretched the lead out to 3-1 when he tucked home a penalty which had been awarded for handball. Lewington's late hat-trick goal then put the Bucks out of sight, before Will Hughes added a fifth to wrap things up in the final few minutes. Ivybridge also scored five, with Chris Wright's brace helping lead them to victory at Welton. Wright scored in either half for the Ivies, alongside further goals from Sean Thomson, Owen Pritchard and Harry Jeffrey. The remaining fixtures all involved a certain amount of late drama, including at Barnstaple, where the hosts, who sit in third spot, conceded twice in the closing stages of their 2-0 defeat to Oldland Abbotonians. After Town's Brodie Montague was given his marching orders having picked up a second yellow, the Abbots took full advantage, scoring twice in the final 15 minutes to secure back-to-back away wins. Bridgwater skipper Mark Armstrong saved his side from falling to defeat at Ilfracombe, claiming an 86th minute equaliser to cap their 1-1 draw. A looping finish from Sam Townsend gave Town a half-time lead, and it looked like that would hold throughout the second half, only for Armstong to strike from close range to make it one apiece as the game heading into the final five minutes. Elsewhere, St Austell pulled off an impressive second half fightback at Shepton Mallet to win by two goals to one. After Nathan Legge had fired Mallet in front at the end of the first half, the Cornish outfit wasted no time in hitting back and levelled things up three minutes into the second half courtesy of Ryan Downing. Shepton's Paul Braithwaite was then sent off ten minutes from time following a last-ditch challenge, and he was made to pay, with St Austell taking advantage of the extra man and securing all three points thanks to a last gasp winner from Matt Searle.

First Division: Goals were flying in up and down the division on Saturday afternoon, with Hallen the only side in the top four to end the day with maximum points. Another strong away performance from the Bristol outfit saw them win 5-1 at Sturminster Newton, with Jack Jones' first half double laying the platform at Barnets Field. The home side had won their last six in the league before falling to Hallen, with Jack Askins' goal midway through the second half putting the game beyond doubt at 3-0. Further goals from debutant Harry Goldspink, and then Ethan Moore stretched Hallen's lead out even further, before Elliot Bevis grabbed a late consolation for the home side.

Third-placed **Calne** suffered a crazy 7-4 defeat at the hands of **Cribbs Reserves**, capitulating either side of the break having earlier led by two goals to one. Nat Bell and Ackeem Stewart had twice put the Lilywhites in front during a frantic opening 15 minutes, but Cribbs hit back on both occasion, before eventually taking a 3-2 lead with them to the half-time interval. Three more goals in the early stages of the second period stunned Calne, who tried their best to fight back through goals from Stewart and Tom Dowell, but it wasn't to be for the home side who had not conceded more than three in any of their other fixtures this season. Aaron Coleman was the main beneficiary of Calne's sluggish defending, scoring a terrific hat-trick, with teammates Liam Clayton, Jack Guthrie, Tom Headford and Dan Monk all getting in on the scoring action. The big game at the top eventually ended in a 1-1 draw, with **Bitton** levelling in stoppage time to deny table-topping **Bradford**. A Jaiden Pearce header midway through the first half seemed as though it would be enough for the Bobcats, but Bitton had other ideas, and struck at the death through George Lloyd from a set piece to claim a share of the spoils. In another top-half clash, fifth-placed **Devizes** keep racking up wins, with Luke Hall-Cousins, Luke Hopper and Matt Swann all netting in their 3-0 victory away at **Mendip Broadwalk**. Goals from Pete Sheppard and Sonny Parker helped lead **Hengrove** to a 2-0 defeat of **Shirehampton**, with **Cheddar** beating **Keynsham** by the same scoreline thanks to second half efforts from Morgan Bacon and Lewis Chappell. There was also another high-scoring encounter in Whitchurch, where **Bristol Telephones** scored three times in the final 20 minutes to salvage a 4-4 draw with **Longwell Green**. A crazy start to the game saw Zac Tucker and Sonny Passco both score inside the opening six minutes to put the visitors ahead, with Craig Wilson reducing the arrears a couple of moments later. Passco then stroked home his second goal of the game to put Longwell Green two goals in front, with Tucker then also completing a brace of his own to make it 4-1 after less than half an hour. That scoreline remained until the final quarter of the contest, and after both Stefan Lee and James Batchelor struck in quick succession to pull the Phones within one, they completed the unlikeliest of comebacks in the 86th minute thanks to Matt Martin who made it four-all. There was also a fightback from **AEK Boco**, with Jack Gore, Luke Bryan and Jack Ball all scoring in their 3-1 win over **Odd Down**, while second half sub Zaid Samadi scored in the 87th minute to secure **Avonmouth** a 1-1 draw at **Wells**, with City having led throughout courtesy of an early lobbed finish from Harry Warwick. There was no such drama for **Warminster**, with a three-goal half time lead laying the foundations of their 4-0 win at home to bottom-side **Gillingham**. The home side raced into an early lead courtesy of Kieron Burpitt, with Jack Dunn doubling their advantage before a penalty shortly after from Corey Gardner put the game beyond doubt.

Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division

Freddie King (Clevedon) – 23
Lucas Vowles (Clevedon) – 21
Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 17
Ryan Bush (Buckland) – 16
Rikki Sheppard (Saltash) – 15
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) – 14
Jack Taylor (Bridgwater) - 14

First Division

Nathan Hall (Bitton) – 19
Sacha Tong (Bitton) – 19
Luke Hopper (Devizes) – 17
Elliot Gardner (Hallen) – 17
Josh Pike-Bright (Calne) - 16
Raphael Oppong (Bradford) – 16
Fin Burnell (Longwell Green) - 14
Rhys Hickery (Mendip) -14

Latest Results

Tuesday 21st January 2025

Premier Division

Nailsea & Tickenham	0-1	Oldland Abbotonians
Saltash United	0-1	Ivybridge Town
Torpoint Athletic	2-0	St Blazey

Les Phillips Cup Quarter-Final

Portishead Town	3-2	Clevedon Town

Wednesday 22nd January 2025

Premier Division

Wellington	0-1	Barnstaple Town

Saturday 25th January 2025

Premier Division

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

First Division

AEK Boco	3-1	Odd Down
Bitton	1-1	Bradford Town
Bristol Telephones	4-4	Longwell Green Sports
Calne Town	4-7	Cribbs Reserves
Hengrove Athletic	2-0	Shirehampton
Keynsham Town	0-2	Cheddar
Mendip Broadwalk	0-3	Devizes Town
Radstock Town	P-P	Cadbury Heath
Sturminster Newton	1-5	Hallen
Warminster Town	4-0	Gillingham Town
Wells City	1-1	Avonmouth



Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 28th January 2025

Premier Division

Nailsea & Tickenham	vs	Paulton Rovers	19:30KO

First Division

AEK Boco	vs	Hallen	19:30KO
Cheddar	vs	Hengrove Athletic	19:45KO
Shirehampton	vs	Bitton	19:30KO
Sturminster Newton	vs	Odd Down	19:45KO

Les Phillips Cup Quarter-Final

Oldland Abbotonians	vs	Wells City	19:30KO

Wednesday 29th January 2025

First Division

Cadbury Heath	vs	Bristol Telephones	19:30KO

Saturday 1st February 2025 (3pm Kick-off unless noted otherwise)

Premier Division

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

First Division

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

On the podcast this week, Ian catches up with Paulton Rovers boss, Ray Johnston, who looks ahead optimistically at the remainder of their season, believing they are still in with a chance of reaching the playoffs so long as they can address their away form. Street striker Harry Foster also joins the show to talk about the Cobblers progression in the Les Phillips Cup, while also discussing the inspirational support none-league fans have brought to his fundraising efforts with the **2Wish** charity.
https://www.westernleague.co.uk/news/podcast-episode-24



League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Clevedon Town	24	17	5	2	48	56
2	Portishead Town	24	17	3	4	41	54
3	Barnstaple Town	23	15	3	5	31	48
4	Street	26	14	6	6	14	48
5	Buckland Athletic	25	14	4	7	34	46
6	Brixham	24	14	4	6	23	46
7	Shepton Mallet	26	13	5	8	22	44
8	Nailsea & Tickenham	25	13	2	10	11	41
9	Paulton Rovers	24	12	3	9	2	39
10	Ivybridge Town	26	11	5	10	9	38
11	Oldland Abbotonians	25	11	4	10	3	37
12	St Austell	26	11	3	12	-3	36
13	Saltash United	28	10	3	15	1	33
14	Bridgwater United	26	10	3	13	-13	33
15	Brislington	24	9	4	11	4	31
16	Wellington	25	10	1	14	-17	31
17	Torpoint Athletic	27	7	2	18	-19	23
18	Ilfracombe Town	26	6	5	15	-24	23
19	St Blazey	25	4	5	16	-35	17
20	Welton Rovers	27	0	0	27	-132	0

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Bradford Town	28	20	5	3	46	65
2	Hallen	28	20	5	3	42	65
3	Calne Town	30	19	3	8	32	60
4	Bitton	28	19	3	6	31	60
5	Devizes Town	27	16	6	5	47	54
6	Longwell Green Sports	29	14	7	8	13	49
7	Sturminster Newton United	27	15	4	8	11	49
8	Wells City	25	14	4	7	29	46
9	Cribbs Reserves	29	13	3	13	4	42
10	Mendip Broadwalk	30	12	6	12	-8	42
11	Shirehampton	27	12	5	10	0	41
12	Cadbury Heath	29	12	4	13	-1	40
13	Bristol Telephones	26	11	6	9	19	39
14	AEK Boco	28	11	4	13	-2	37
15	Avonmouth	30	10	6	14	-1	36
16	Radstock Town	26	8	4	14	-7	28
17	Hengrove Athletic	26	7	6	13	-8	27
18	Cheddar	28	6	5	17	-39	23
19	Warminster Town	27	5	7	15	-33	22
20	Odd Down	29	5	5	19	-38	20
21	Keynsham Town	29	4	5	20	-57	17
22	Gillingham Town	30	1	5	24	-80	8


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