

Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: It was a busy couple of nights in the Les Phillips Cup, with the majority of the first round ties completed under the lights this week. On Tuesday, **Barnstaple** headed back across the Tamar with a win after they defeated **Saltash** 3-1 at the Kimberley Stadium. A Luke Mortimore double towards the end of the first half was instrumental in the win, with Barnstaple trying to repeat the league victory they picked up at the same ground earlier this season. The Ashes made them work hard for it, with Fin Wilkes pulling a goal back in the opening minute of the second half, but it was the visitors who secured victory with Tommy Rogers heading home their third. Tuesday also saw **Helston** beat **St Austell** thanks to goals from Max Hill and Mike Searle, while **Paulton** saw off **Warminster**, with Wayne Nderemani, Kyle Witt and Alfie Kelleher all scoring in the final 25 minutes during their 3-0 win. There was a big home win for **Mendip Broadwalk**, with Jack Jones, Rhys Hickery, Connor Kingdon and Mason Dagger all finding the back of the net during their 4-1 defeat of **Almondsbury**. Two Somerset sides met at Fryth Way, where **Wellington** came from behind to beat **Nailsea & Tickenham** 2-1. Omari Sims gave the home side a deserved lead after 15 minutes, before Wellington turned things around courtesy of goals from James de Selincourt and Alfie Slough late in the first half. **Devizes** also won on their travels, with a hard-fought victory away at **Avonmouth** seeing them progress to the next round. After going ahead early on through Jacob Reader, Town were pegged back when Avonmouth's top scorer Charlie Aldom added another to his tally to make it one-apiece. A Sam McFarlane free-kick then put Devizes back in front, before Alex Henshall completed the scoring to give the visitors a 3-1 win. There was late drama in the other game that evening, with **Cheddar** levelling things up late, before downing **Longwell Green** in a penalty shootout. The hosts looked to be heading through following a first half goal from Matt Brown, only for Cheddar to then equalise five minutes from time courtesy of Daniel Ntege. With the game then headed to penalties, Cheddar keeper Taylan Ross-Greek saved two spot kicks, allowing teammate Jordan Sole to win it, and he did just that, giving them an unassailable 4-1 advantage.

Wednesday's ties saw thumping away wins for **Bradford Town** and Newquay, with the Bobcats netting seven in their defeat of **Cadbury Heath**. Two early Jensen Wakefield goals set Bradford on their way, before George Bishop struck to give the Heath a foothold in the contest. That was as good as it got for the hosts however, with Lewis Balkwill restoring the two-goal advantage, before Leo Gallazi then scored twice in quick succession at the end of the first half to make it 5-1 at the break. After the home side had pulled another back, Wakefield took over the contest, scoring twice more in the final 20 minutes to end the night with four goals on a magnificent for him and his teammates. Meanwhile, **Newquay** beat fellow Cornish outfit **St Blazey** 5-1 to move through to round two. After going in front via the head of Cam Turner, Newquay were pegged back midway through the first half when Harry Probyn swept home for the Blaze. Turner then turned provider for debutant Allam Ahmed who made it 2-1, with Jack Bray-Evans then adding a penalty to extend their lead before half-time. The second-half belonged to visiting frontman Louis Price, with his two goals during the final 20 minutes putting a cap on Newquay's big win.

Premier Division: Torpoint remain top, and remain unbeaten after they scored twice after the break to beat Sidmouth 2-0. Following a goalless opening 45 minutes, the home side went in front shortly after the break when Elliott Crawford curled home a delicious free kick from the edge of the area. It was then left to leading scorer Curtis Damerell to wrap up their 12th win from 15 matches, with his chipped finish deflecting into the back of the net to put them two goals to the good. Clevedon kept top with the pacesetters after holding on to beat Barnstaple 3-*2 (pictured, left).* Having gone ahead in first half stoppage time through Sam Beresford, Clevedon looked destined to complete victory, before Luke Mortimore made it one-apiece 20 minutes from time. Town hit back instantly, going back in front through Owen Humphries, with Beresford then tucking home a late penalty to make it 3-1. An injury time goal from Tommy Rogers set up some late drama, but the Seasiders hung on and returned to winning ways against a tough opponent who pushed them all the way. Also returning to winning ways were Saltash, with their 4-0 defeat of Nailsea & Tickenham helping them bounce back from a couple of recent losses. Ashes skipper Charlie Elkington scored the only goal of the first half, powering home in the 11th minute, with Fin Wilkes then striking shortly after the interval to double their advantage. Reece Thomson then put the game out of sight, making it 3-0 20 minutes from time, with Wilkes bagging his second shortly after to wrap up the victory at Fryth Way. The other side to start the day in the top five were Paulton Rovers, who fell to a surprising 2-1 defeat at home to Helston. The hosts made a great start to the game, going ahead in the eighth minute through Kye Simpson and looked set to extend their excellent run of results on home territory. Helston had other ideas however, and after levelling things up on the stroke of half time through Max Hill, the Cornishmen then turned the game on its head in the 61st minute with Josh Storey completing the turnaround.



Newquay were one of the day's biggest risers, securing a 4-2 win away at Bridgwater to jump up into seventh place. After going ahead in just the second minute through Rhys Simmonds, the visitors then doubled their advantage before the game was 20 minutes old with Al Ahmed firing home. A goal late in the first half got Bridgwater back in the game, but it was Newquay who finished the game well on top, with Tom Sheppard making it 3-1, before Jack Bray-Evans thumped home number four. The remainder of the games all went in favour of the home sides, with St Blazey downing Oldland 3-1 thanks to a strong finish at Blaze Park. A 15th minute header put the hosts in front, before Oldland responded to make it one-apiece midway through the first half. There was then a red card given to Abbots player Jonathan Walker after he collected his second yellow, but it took a long time for the hosts to cash in the man advantage. Eventually they went 2-1 up, with Strike scoring his second headed effort of the afternoon, before Callum McGhee swept home St Blazey's third ten minutes from time. 3-1 was also the winning margin for Ivybridge, with Cameron Patterson bagging a brace in their defeat of Bradford Town. After Kaycee Ogwu made it 1-0 in just the third minute, Patterson struck twice before half-time to put the Ivies three ahead at the break. Bradford threatened to make a comeback when Josiah McKayle struck 20 minutes from time, but that was as close as they came, with the Devonians picking up back-to-back league wins for the first time this season.

The late drama of the day occurred at Ironmould Lane, where **Brislington** scored a last-gasp winner to beat **Buckland** 2-1. Having fallen behind early in the second half to Ryan Bush's opener, Bris got back on level terms just after the hour mark when Harrison Kyte slotted home. The home side then completed a dramatic come-from-behind victory, with Jaden Neale netting in the 89th minute to end a tough spell at their home ground. There was also a one-sided outing for **Shepton Mallet**, with Ben Snell notching a hat-trick in their 8-0 thumping of **St Austell**. Two Snell strikes sandwiched an effort from Monty Burgess which had seen Shepton lead by three at the interval, with Jacob Littlewood then extending the advantage to four early in the second half. Snell then completed his treble on the hour mark, with Jay Sutherland, Rushon Walker-Brown and Taelan Savage completing the eight-goal romp.

Saturday afternoon also saw the end of **Street**'s run in the FA Vase, after they lost on penalties to **Shortwood United**. Having had their original tie abandoned last week, Shortwood went ahead in this one after 82 minutes, but the Cobblers should great battling qualities to level things up three minutes from time through Kyle Strange. That sent the game to spot kicks, with the Nailsworth based side prevailing 5-3.

First Division: **Devizes** ended a two-match winless run in the league, storming to a 5-0 victory away at **Keynsham** to consolidate top spot. A dominant first half for the away side saw goals from Oaklan Buck, Sam McFarlane and Matt Swan put them in complete control. Jacob Reader and the in-form Alex Henshall then added further efforts after the break to condemn Keynsham to their heaviest defeat of the campaign. Second-placed **Bitton** also bounced back from some results in recent weeks, with three different goalscorers leading them to a 3-0 defeat of **Mendip Broadwalk.** A couple of first half strikes from Josh Gilborson and Luke Bryan handed the hosts a comfortable advantage, with Liam Towler then knocking in a free-kick shortly after the break to wrap up victory. **Wells City** responded well to a slow start away at **Hengrove**, eventually winning 4-1 despite falling behind in the opening stages. A 17th minute strike from Gael Basana had given the bottom-side a surprise lead, before Wells hit back through leading scorer Harry Warwick who converted from the penalty spot midway through the first half. Jake Brown then kick-started the period with Wells' second goal of the afternoon, and from that moment the result was never really in doubt, with new signing Dave O'Hare making it 3-1, before Warwick netted his second of the game to complete the scoring. Another side to win by four goals to one were **Sturminster Newton**, with Elliot Bevis scoring twice in their away triumph at **Welton**. Bevis scored a goal in either half of the victory, with teammates Buddy O'Shea and Adam Hall also getting on the scoresheet, before Welton claimed a late consolation courtesy of Will Banfield. There were also some lower scoring clashes on Saturday, with the games involving **Calne** and **Longwell Green**, and also **Cheddar** and **Bristol Telephones**, both ending in goalless draws. Meanwhile, **Avonmouth** pinched all three points in their home game against **Odd Down**, with Josh Pearce breaking the deadlock ten minutes from time to give them a slender 1-0 win over the Bath outfit *(pictured, left).*



Almondsbury have now won six league games on the bounce after they held off a late charge from Warminster to prevail by four goals to two. The Almonds made a dream start to the contest, with Jaidan Holvor opening the scoring early on, before then teeing up Liam Nicholls who strolled through to make it 2-0. A penalty on the half-hour mark from Craig Lancastle then extended to lead to three, with Warminster then seeing their day go from bad-to-worse, when a spot kick of their own was saved by visiting keeper Jack Burgess. Town didn't let that deter them however, and after Charlie Walton headed home to get them on the board, they then struck again shortly after through Braden Humphreys to set up a grandstand finish. It was Almondsbury who ran out winners however, with Paolo Pali's influential performance rewarded with a late goal to give his side a 4-2 victory. Elsewhere, Zac Cheetham volleyed home for Cadbury Heath to help them secure a 1-1 draw with Radstock, while Boco handed Shirehampton a true thumping, putting nine past their visitors. Things couldn't have started much better for Boco, with Nathan Legge lobbing the visiting keeper from inside his own half before the game was even three minutes old. Shirehampton then got level through Ryan Radford, but any hopes they had were extinguished just before half-time, when Danny Constable scored twice in the space of two minutes to put the home side 4-1 up. Boco were relentless after the break, and as well as Constable completing his hat-trick, there were also three goals for teammate Corey Rawlings, with Jack Sheppard-Cozens then adding the finishing touches to their 9-1 win during added time.

Podcast Episode 12

On the latest podcast, Wellington boss Richard Cherry, joins Ian to talk about his return to the dugout, and how he's "bringing the band back together". There is also a conversation with Hengrove Athletic's goalscoring player-manager Pete Sheppard, who charts his footballing journey to the Grove dugout

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Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division

Curtis Damerell (Torpoint) – 12
Rhys Simmonds (Newquay) – 11
Deacon Thomson (Saltash) – 10
Ryan Bush (Buckland) - 10
Jack Bray-Evans (Newquay) – 10
Gabby Rogers (Barnstaple) – 9
Kitan Jaiyeoba (Paulton) – 9

First Division

Liam McCracken (Bristol Telephones) – 12
Harry Warwick (Wells) - 10
Jack Newman (Warminster) – 9
Josh Gilborson (Bitton) - 9
Jordan Pinder (Warminster) – 7
Charlie Aldom (Avonmouth) – 7
Aaron Lane-Leney (Sturminster) - 7

Recent Results

Tuesday 21st October 2025

Les Phillips Cup – First Round

Avonmouth	1-3	Devizes Town
Helston Athletic	2-0	St Austell
Longwell Green	1-1 (1-4 pens)	Cheddar
Mendip Broadwalk	4-1	Almondsbury
Nailsea & Tickenham	1-2	Wellington
Paulton Rovers	3-0	Warminster Town
Saltash United	1-3	Barnstaple Town

Wednesday 22nd October 2025

Les Phillips Cup – First Round

Cadbury Heath	2-7	Bradford Town
St Blazey	1-5	Newquay

Saturday 25th October 2025

FA Vase – First Round

Street	1-1 (3-5 pens)	Shortwood United

Premier Division

Bridgwater United	2-4	Newquay
Brislington	2-1	Buckland Athletic
Clevedon Town	3-2	Barnstaple Town
Ivybridge Town	3-1	Bradford Town
Nailsea & Tickenham	0-4	Saltash United
Paulton Rovers	1-2	Helston Athletic
Shepton Mallet	8-0	St Austell
St Blazey	3-1	Oldland Abbotonians
Torpoint Athletic	2-0	Sidmouth Town

First Division

AEK Boco	9-1	Shirehampton
Avonmouth	1-0	Odd Down
Bitton	3-0	Mendip Broadwalk
Cadbury Heath	1-1	Radstock Town
Calne Town	0-0	Longwell Green Sports
Cheddar	0-0	Bristol Telephones
Keynsham Town	0-5	Devizes Town
Warminster Town	2-4	Almondsbury
Wells City	4-1	Hengrove Athletic
Welton Rovers	1-4	Sturminster Newton United

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 28th October 2025

Les Phillips Cup First Round

Hengrove Athletic	vs	AEK Boco	19:30KO
Sidmouth Town	vs	Street	19:30KO
Welton Rovers	vs	Wells City	19:30KO

Wednesday 29th October 2025

First Division

Bristol Telephones	vs	Radstock Town	19:45KO

Les Phillips Cup First Round

Buckland Athletic	vs	Bridgwater United	19:30KO
Ivybridge Town	vs	Torpoint Athletic	19:45KO

Saturday 1st November 2025 (3pm kick off unless noted)

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	vs	Helston Athletic	
Bradford Town	vs	Buckland Athletic	
Ivybridge Town	vs	Clevedon Town	
Saltash United	vs	Brislington	
Shepton Mallet	vs	Newquay	
Sidmouth Town	vs	Oldland Abbotonians	
St Austell	vs	Bridgwater United	14:00KO
Street	vs	Nailsea & Tickenham	
Wellington	vs	St Blazey	

First Division

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



League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Torpoint Athletic	15	12	3	0	25	39
2	Clevedon Town	16	13	0	3	20	39
3	Paulton Rovers	17	11	2	4	22	35
4	Saltash United	16	11	1	4	17	34
5	Sidmouth Town	15	9	2	4	18	29
6	Buckland Athletic	15	8	3	4	7	27
7	Newquay	14	7	3	4	14	24
8	Barnstaple Town	14	7	3	4	14	24
9	Helston Athletic	15	7	2	6	9	23
10	Bradford Town	17	6	5	6	6	23
11	Bridgwater United	16	7	2	7	-4	23
12	Shepton Mallet	17	6	4	7	12	22
13	Ivybridge Town	16	7	1	8	-2	22
14	St Blazey	19	5	7	7	-6	22
15	Street	15	5	5	5	10	20
16	Brislington	17	6	1	10	-9	19
17	Wellington	14	3	3	8	-11	12
18	Oldland Abbotonians	17	2	3	12	-15	9
19	St Austell	17	1	0	16	-84	3
20	Nailsea & Tickenham	16	0	2	14	-43	1*

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Devizes Town	15	10	5	0	25	35
2	Bitton	16	10	4	2	12	34
3	Bristol Telephones	16	10	3	3	8	33
4	Avonmouth	14	9	4	1	11	31
5	Wells City	16	10	0	6	22	30
6	Sturminster Newton United	14	9	2	3	24	29
7	Almondsbury	16	9	1	6	-1	28
8	Mendip Broadwalk	14	6	5	3	3	23
9	Longwell Green Sports	15	7	2	6	-5	23
10	AEK Boco	15	6	3	6	11	21
11	Warminster Town	16	6	3	7	2	21
12	Cadbury Heath	16	6	3	7	-5	21
13	Calne Town	14	4	4	6	-3	16
14	Odd Down	16	4	4	8	-8	16
15	Keynsham Town	15	4	3	8	-6	15
16	Shirehampton	15	3	5	7	-15	14
17	Cheddar	16	2	5	9	-14	11
18	Radstock Town	14	2	4	8	-11	9*
19	Welton Rovers	15	1	3	11	-25	6
20	Hengrove Athletic	16	0	5	11	-25	5


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