

Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: With bad weather disrupting the midweek schedule, we were left with four matches across the Western League where home sides enjoyed the better of the running. On Tuesday evening, **Paulton** debutant Callum English-Brown made an instant impact to help fire them to a 5-2 win over **Portishead** in the Premier Division. After seeing teammate Kitan Jaiyeoba suffer a tough injury last weekend, Rovers played well in his absence with Will Hailston scoring the opener, before then teeing up Milo Murgatroyd who curled home for 2-0. After Portishead pulled a goal back in the 44th minute, Paulton made sure it was they who ended the first half on a high, with English-Brown netting in added time. Town did then trim the deficit once again shortly after the interval, but Paulton responded expertly yet again with English-Brown making it 4-2, before Murgatroyd repaid Hailston with an assist who completed the scoring just after the hour mark. Elsewhere on Tuesday, **Bradford** leapt to top spot in the First Division following a 2-1 win over fellow top-six outfit **Cadbury Heath**. The hosts made a belting start, going ahead in the fifth minute thanks to a strong finish from in-form striker Raphael Oppong. There was then a strong riposte from the Heath, with Dan Winstone levelling in the 14th minute as they looked to continue their impressive run away from home. They eventually succumbed to Bradford however, with Curtis Dunn blasting the ball into the top corner just prior to half-time and handing them their 12th league win of the campaign. 24 hours later, **Cribbs Reserves** secured a 3-0 win over **Hengrove** thanks to the Clayton brothers. After Kieran had opened the scoring midway through the first half, Liam then wrapped things up late on either side of a header from teammate Jack Guthrie. Wednesday's Premier Division contest saw a late comeback from **St Austell** help salvage a 2-2 draw with **Ivybridge**. After going in front early on through Bailey Mabin, the Ivies looked to have claimed victory when Sam Hilson doubled their lead with a header ten minutes from time. St Austell then struck shortly after through Kieron Bishop, and the same man then netted again in stoppage time to snatch a point.



The latest episode of the podcast includes an interview with St Austell manager, Chris Knight, who reflects on their step up to the Premier Division. Knight also talks about the club's special relationship with the FA Vase, and sells listeners a visit to the historic Poltair Park. Ian also catches up with Cadbury Heath boss, George Boon, who explains why consistency is his watchword, and why he doesn't see anyone running away with this season's First Division title.

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League Action: **Brixham** extended their lead atop the Premier Division to four points following a late comeback win at home to **Bridgwater**. With much of the top half in Vase action on Saturday afternoon, it looked like the Devonians had squandered their opportunity to pull further clear following a sixth minute effort from United's Ryan Crawford. It remained 1-0 to the visitors for much of the afternoon, before Brixham finally got back on level terms following a goal ten minutes from time by Alfie Slough. Then with their next attack, Brixham were awarded a penalty, with Charlie Johansen converting to complete the dramatic fightback. The other game in the division saw **Nailsea & Tickenham** earn a 2-0 win away at **Saltash**. Following a goalless opening half, sub Oscar Collins made an instant impact to put the Swags one-up, with a close range header from Luke Osgood then completing the victory on the hour mark.

In the First Division, **Hallen** moved back into top spot thanks to a 2-0 victory away at **Mendip Broadwalk**. The visitors had to wait until added time at the end of the first half to finally break through with Toby Walwin slotting home to make it 1-0. One of Hallen's usual culprits, Elliot Gardner, then added his name to the scoresheet, with a side footed finish midway through the second half wrapping up the win. The other away side to complete victory on Saturday afternoon were **Shirehampton**, with a dramatic stoppage time effort leading them to a 1-0 defeat of **Keynsham**. With a stalemate looking like the probable outcome, Jordan Whittaker had other ideas, scoring the only goal of the game to burgle all three points for the away side. Another side to leave it relatively late were **Cheddar**, with Jamie Moss' double handing them a much-needed 2-0 win over **Odd Down**. Having struggled over recent weeks, the Cheesemen eventually ran out victors over the Bath side with Moss striking twice in the final ten minutes at Bowdens Park. 2-0 was also the winning margin for **Avonmouth**, with second half efforts from Evan Howes and Alfie Taylor leading them past **AEK Boco**. The most one-sided result of the afternoon came in **Calne**, where the home side ran out 4-0 winners over **Longwell Green**. After putting his side in front at the end of the first half, Ackeem Stewart then struck again ten minutes after the interval to make it 2-0 to the home side. Another goal shortly after from Josh McGrory put the result beyond doubt, with Stu Windsor adding a fourth to help the Lilywhites gain revenge from the defeat they suffered at Longwell Green last month.

Jewson Western League Podcast presenter, Ian Nockolds, was invited to act as MC for a Mind in Somerset fundraiser on October 18th at Wembdon Cricket Club. The guest speaker for the evening was former professional football and reality tv star, Neil "Razor" Ruddock. Ian's invite came in recognition of the work that he and the Western League have done to raise funds for Mind in Somerset. Starting in February 2022, Western League Clubs have raised over £4,300 for local Mind charities across the South West of England, including over £2,000 for Mind in Somerset



FA Vase: There were plenty of impressive showings from Western League sides in the First Round of the Vase, including Clevedon who routed Wendron United by five goals to nil. Sam Beresford was the standout performer for the home side, completing his hat-trick with a penalty on the hour mark. Freddie King and Elliot Nicholson added to Beresford's first-half brace in a dominant opening 45 minutes from the Seasiders. Barnstaple also rolled through to the second round after overturning an early deficit to beat Sidmouth 3-1. After going behind in the opening stages of the game, Barnstaple got back on level terms midway through the first half when Gabby Rogers exquisite free-kick found the top corner. Rogers then stuck again shortly after the interval to complete the turnaround, before Josh Parry added a third to topple their fellow Devon outfit. Elsewhere in Devon, there was late, late drama at Homers Heath where Buckland Athletic snuck through their tie with Millbrook thanks to a stoppage time goal from Ryan Bush. Having been held goalless for the previous 92 minutes of action, Bush, pictured below, was the right man at the right time to force home the dramatic winner.



It was also a good afternoon for Paulton who finally pulled away after the interval to beat local rivals Radstock 5-0. After Will Hailston had put Rovers in front, teammate Corey Rawlings then scored either side of the interval to put the Premier Division side three goals to the good. Kye Simpson and Leo Eglin added some late gloss to the scoreline and helped to maintain Paulton's impressive run of results at the Winterfield Stadium this term. In another all-Western League clash, it went to the wire, with Wells fighting back from a goal down before downing Devizes on penalties. Having beaten the same opponent 1-0 in the league just two weeks previously, Devizes looked like they were going to repeat the trick after a stunning 20-yard drive from Jack Baker put them a goal to the good. City had other ideas however, and after levelling things up through Tyson Pollard, the away side then prevailed by five goals to four on spot kicks. St Austell came out on top against Cadbury Heath in the third tie involving Western League teams, with Tom Whipp, Liam Eddy and Matt Searle all scoring in a 3-1 victory. The other four results all went against our sides, with Sturminster and Torpoint both falling to tight 1-0 home losses against Okehampton and Thornbury, respectively. Ilfracombe suffered a 4-0 defeat against Roman Glass St George, while Jack Witcombe's header wasn't enough for Bradford in their 2-1 loss at home to Andover New Street.

Latest Results

Tuesday 15th October 2024

Premier Division

Paulton Rovers	5-2	Portishead Town

First Division

Bradford Town	2-1	Cadbury Heath

Wednesday 16th October 2024

Premier Division

AFC St Austell	2-2	Ivybridge Town

First Division

Cribbs Reserves	3-0	Hengrove Athletic

Saturday 19th October 2024 (3pm Kick-off unless noted otherwise)

Premier Division

Brixham	2-1	Bridgwater United
Saltash United	0-2	Nailsea & Tickenham

First Division

Avonmouth	2-0	AEK Boco
Calne Town	4-0	Longwell Green Sports
Cheddar	2-0	Odd Down
Keynsham Town	0-1	Shirehampton
Mendip Broadwalk	0-2	Hallen

FA Vase – First Round

AFC St Austell	3-1	**Cadbury Heath**
Bradford Town	1-2	Andover New Street
Buckland Athletic	1-0	Millbrook
Clevedon Town	5-1	Wendron United
Devizes Town	1-1 (4-5 pens)	**Wells City**
Ilfracombe Town	0-4	Roman Glass St George
Paulton Rovers	5-0	**Radstock Town**
Sidmouth Town	1-3	**Barnstaple Town**
Sturminster Newton	0-1	Okehampton Argyle
Torpoint Athletic	0-1	Thornbury Town

Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division

Freddie King (Clevedon Town) – 13
Lucas Vowles (Nailsea&Tickenham) – 10
Jared Lewington (Buckland) – 9
Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 9
Josh Jenkins (Shepton Mallet) – 9
Luke Cloke (Torpoint) – 9
Ryan Bush (Buckland) – 9
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) - 9

First Division

Nathan Hall (Bitton) – 17
Sacha Tong (Bitton) – 12
Luke Bryan (AEK Boco) – 10
Rhys Hickery (Mendip B) - 10
Raphael Oppong (Bradford) - 10
Jack Guthrie (Cribbs Reserves) – 10
Elliot Gardner (Hallen) - 10

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 22nd October 2024

Les Phillips Cup – First Round

Brislington	vs	Shirehampton	19:45KO
Brixham	vs	St Blazey	19:30KO
Cheddar	vs	Ilfracombe Town	19:45KO
Devizes Town	vs	Bridgwater United	19:45KO
Gillingham Town	vs	Wellington	19:30KO
Oldland Abbotonians	vs	Bitton	19:30KO
Saltash United	vs	Barnstaple Town	19:45KO
Shepton Mallet	vs	Paulton Rovers	19:30KO
Street	vs	Warminster Town	19:45KO
Torpoint Athletic	vs	AFC St Austell	19:30KO

Wednesday 23rd October 2024

Les Phillips Cup – First Round

Cadbury Heath	vs	Radstock Town	19:30KO
Clevedon Town	vs	AEK Boco	19:30KO
Ivybridge Town	vs	Buckland Athletic	19:30KO
Portishead Town	vs	Cribbs Reserves	19:30KO

Friday 25th October 2024

First Division

Bristol Telephones	vs	Avonmouth	19:45KO

Saturday 26th October 2024 (3pm Kick-off unless noted otherwise)

Premier Division

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

First Division

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

League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Brixham	15	10	4	1	20	34
2	Clevedon Town	13	9	3	1	27	30
3	Barnstaple Town	13	9	1	3	22	28
4	Street	15	8	4	3	7	28
5	Buckland Athletic	12	8	3	1	27	27
6	Ivybridge Town	16	8	3	5	5	27
7	Portishead Town	13	8	2	3	14	26
8	Nailsea & Tickenham	13	8	1	4	7	25
9	Shepton Mallet	15	7	3	5	10	24
10	Brislington	14	7	1	6	14	22
11	Bridgwater United	16	7	1	8	-10	22
12	Paulton Rovers	13	6	1	6	-2	19
13	Saltash United	18	5	3	10	-13	18
14	Wellington	14	6	0	8	-13	18
15	Oldland Abbotonians	13	5	2	6	3	17
16	AFC St Austell	16	4	2	10	-9	14
17	Torpoint Athletic	15	4	0	11	-10	12
18	Ilfracombe Town	16	3	3	10	-15	12
19	St Blazey	13	2	3	8	-17	9
20	Welton Rovers	15	0	0	15	-67	0

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Hallen	17	11	4	2	23	37
2	Bradford Town	15	12	0	3	24	36
3	Calne Town	17	11	3	3	20	36
4	Bitton	16	11	1	4	18	34
5	Wells City	16	9	3	4	20	30
6	Cadbury Heath	17	9	3	5	8	30
7	Longwell Green Sports	17	8	4	5	5	28
8	Avonmouth	19	8	3	8	4	27
9	Devizes Town	14	7	5	2	18	26
10	Cribbs Reserves	19	8	2	9	2	26
11	Sturminster Newton United	15	7	4	4	6	25
12	Mendip Broadwalk	19	7	4	8	-12	25
13	Bristol Telephones	16	7	3	6	11	24
14	Shirehampton	13	7	1	5	4	22
15	AEK Boco	18	5	4	9	-5	19
16	Hengrove Athletic	17	4	4	9	-12	16
17	Warminster Town	15	3	6	6	-8	15
18	Odd Down	18	3	5	10	-19	14
19	Radstock Town	15	4	1	10	-13	13
20	Keynsham Town	17	3	4	10	-21	13
21	Cheddar	17	3	2	12	-29	11
22	Gillingham Town	17	1	2	14	-44	5


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