

Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: In the pick of the weeknight matches, **Wellington** came out on top in a seven-goal thriller away at **Oldland Abbotonians**, scoring four for the first time in the Premier Division this season. Having gone ahead in the third minute through Josh Lukins, Wellington soon found themselves on the back foot, with Cash Vinall's header followed shortly after by a Tom Blake penalty to put Oldland 2-1 in front after only 15 minutes. It was then left to the Quick brothers to turn the game back in Welly's favour, with Miles bringing them back level by half-time, before Jake then headed home three minutes after the restart to complete the turnaround. Abbots frontman Blake then produced an excellent volley to make it 3-3 on the hour, before an equally spectacular strike from Sam Towler deep into stoppage time gave the away side all three points following a thrilling contest. There was also an away victory in Wednesday's lone fixture, with **Brixham** prevailing at Erme Valley in their 2-1 defeat of **Ivybridge Town**. Things went well for the visitors during the first half, with Cole Harford firing them in front after 20 minutes, before Town were then reduced to ten men following a red card to Chris Wright. In-form Brixham striker James Moxon then extended the advantage after 58 minutes, with Ivybridge finding a way back into the game through sub Jacob Smelt, who scored with his first touch, but the ten-men couldn't find an equaliser with fellow sub Bailey Mabin denied late on.

It was a busy night of First Division action on Tuesday, with six games, of which five fell in the favour of the away teams. The only home side to come out on top were **Bristol Telephones**, with Jamie Noble's double helping them lead to a thumping 5-0 defeat of **Radstock Town.** There were also goals from Phones star duo Archie Dark and James Batchelor, as well as a debut effort from Ellis Yeeles to give the Bristol side their second win of the week. Title-chasing **Hallen** secured an impressive 2-0 win at **AEK Boco** to cut the gap on league leaders Calne. Despite sitting in mid-table, Boco hadn't lost since Boxing Day, so for Hallen to register three points at this time of the season is a standout result for them, and came thanks to a first half double from Cory Thomas-Barker. **Bradford Town**'s tough run of results continued at home to **Wells**, with a 4-1 defeat making it three losses on the spin for the Wiltshire side. Goals either side of the interval from Harry Warwick put City in a strong position, before Bradford attempted a comeback courtesy of Callum Demkiv who struck on the hour mark. It was Wells who finished the game strongest however, and after restoring their two-goal advantage through Jake Curtis, they then wrapped things up ten minutes from time with Ali Sen slotting home from the penalty spot. **Bitton** secured their third consecutive away win, with Nathan Hall scoring in a tight 1-0 victory at **Shirehampton**, with **Mendip Broadwalk** beating **Cheddar** by the same scoreline thanks to a Jack Medjedoub goal shortly after half-time. There was also another win for **Devizes Town**, with Jacob Reader's brilliant finish the pick of the goals in their 2-0 defeat of **Hengrove**.

Premier Division:



Portishead Town continue to look like the team to beat in the race for the title, after another frightening forward display saw them beat Wellington 6-1. The league's highest scorers took just six minutes to get going on Saturday afternoon, with Kyle Egan stroking them into an early lead. Egan then added a second after quarter-of-an-hour, before the unstoppable Jay Murray made it 3-0, netting for the sixth consecutive fixture. Mitch Osmond and Ethan Feltham added to Portishead's dominant first half display with goals of their own, before Wellington got some slight respite when Phil Mendonca pulled a goal back during injury time. The second half was a much quieter affair, with the home side only adding one more goal to their winning tally when Feltham scored his second of the afternoon to take his tally in the league this season to 24. Another of the Premier Division's sharpshooters, Lucas Vowles, proved to be the match-winner for second placed Clevedon, with his goal late in the first half leading them past Buckland. In a game decided by one goal, Vowles' effort was enough for Clevedon to bag the three points which leaves them seven points adrift of top spot with six league fixtures remaining for the leading duo. Brixham also remain mathematically capable of winning the title after they came out on top in a six-goal thriller away at Oldland. An action-packed opening to the game saw Fin Newell give Brixham a ninth minute lead, before their recent standout performer James Moxon then made it 2-0 before the mid-point of the opening half. The Abbots started to make strides, and pulled a goal back on the half-hour, only for Brixham to then restore their two-goal advantage late in the first half. Another goal from the hosts after 75 minutes threatened to set up a nervy finish for the Devon side, but they composed themselves and settled the tie with eight minutes left on the clock when Harvey Field netted to complete the 4-2 victory. Another side to win away from home were Paulton Rovers, who overturned a half-time deficit to beat St Austell 3-1. After Neil Slateford's penalty in added time had put the home side one-up, Paulton knew they would have to respond well, and did just that with Kye Simpson heading them level after an hour. Kitan Jaiyeoba then added a penalty to complete the turnaround just five minutes later, with Dan McBeam extending the lead out of sight just as the game was seemingly heading towards a tense final ten minutes. Street's Freddie Haden scored in either half of the Cobblers 2-0 win at home to Ilfracombe, while in-form Torpoint won 3-0 at Welton thanks to goals from Elliot Crawford, Curtis Damerell and Sam Hepworth.



19th toppled sixth in the surprise result of the day, with St Blazey coming from behind to beat Shepton Mallet by three goals to two. Having fallen behind to Callum McGhee's excellent free-kick, Mallet levelled things shortly after through Charlie Bateson, before then going ahead at the beginning of the second half following another brilliant long-range effort from Matty Morris. That was as good as it got for Shepton however, and after George Newton had brought the home side level, they then made sure they would take home all three points when Charlie Menear scored the fifth goal of the game during the final ten minutes. Another entertaining contest saw Barnstaple win 2-1 at Nailsea & Tickenham to complete a near-perfect seven days. Following league and cup victories earlier in the week, Barnstaple went ahead after 15 minutes at Fryth Way, with Ricky Marinaro finding the back of the net. Nailsea then drew level during the first half thanks to an outstanding finish from Owen Humphries, but it was Town who ended the afternoon on top with the in-form Billy Hopcroft scoring the winning goal shortly after half-time. There was also a point apiece for Bridgwater and Ivybridge, with their goalless stalemate the only draw of the afternoon.

First Division: Charlie Warren was the hero for Calne Town, scoring a late winner for the Lilywhites to help them preserve top spot. The league leaders struggled during the early stages of their visit to Shirehampton, and fell a goal behind midway through the first half when Oscar Sealey struck on his debut for the home side. An important goal from Zak Mitchell in added time made it 1-1 at the break, with Warren then popping up with the vital goal in the final few minutes to secure the victory. Hallen remain just one point in arrears at the top after they claimed a 2-0 win at home to Warminster. After Lewis Saunders had put them one-up towards the end of the first half, a back-post header from Scott Cousins then doubled the winning margin ten minutes after half-time. It was another tough afternoon at the office for Bradford Town who surrendered a two-goal lead during their 2-2 draw at home to Cribbs Reserves. The Bobcats' four-match winless run looked like it would be coming to an end when goals from Fabian Stanislas and Callum Demkiv put them two goals to the good just after the half-hour point. The visitors had other ideas however, and goals either side of the half-time break got them back on level terms, with both sides taking home a point apiece. The standout result of the afternoon saw Longwell Green continue their ascendancy with a thumping 5-0 win over fourth-placed Bitton. After winning just one of their opening five games this season, it looked like another long season would be on the cards for Longwell Green, but they have been among the most impressive teams in recent months and have now reached 70 points. The first half saw frontman Matt Brown come to the fore, with two goals in the space of eight minutes midway through the opening period putting the hosts in command. It was then Billy Hensler's turn to take over the game, and after whipping home a beauty for 3-0 shortly after half-time, Hensler then added the finishing touches to a great team goal to put the result beyond doubt. There was still time for Will Cains to head home Longwell Green's fifth ten minutes from time, with Bitton's hopes of a top-two finish taking a huge dent after the one-sided defeat. The other side to win on home turf were Odd Down, with the Bath side beating Mendip Broadwalk despite being reduced to ten men during the first half. Harvey Kendrick's red came shortly after an own goal had put the hosts in front, and it looked like it would be costly when Mendip drew level through Jack Cousins. It was Odd Down who managed to claim the win however, with Alfie Andrews scoring less than a minute after Cousins had drawn the away side level.



The highest scoring game of the afternoon saw **Avonmouth** hold off a comeback from **Radstock** to win by four goals to three. In a wild start to the game, Radstock were their own worst enemies, and found themselves three goals behind with less than two minutes on the clock! Two goals from Cody Winkler and a further effort from Charlie Aldom made it 3-0 in no time at all as Avonmouth went in search of back-to-back away wins. The only saving grace for Radstock is that the early troubles gave them plenty of time to attempt a fightback, and they kickstarted that after 18 minutes, when Joe Kemmery scored his first goal for the club. Kemmery then struck again during a long period of first-half injury time, and the comeback was then completed ten minutes after the break thanks to a headed finish from Jed Parfitt. Having done all of the hard work, Radstock couldn't push on and claim the victory however, and it was Avonmouth who took home the points thanks to Josh Pearce's winner 20 minutes from time. There was also an away win for **Devizes** at **Gillingham** thanks to Jacob Reader's early brace, while goals from Ashley Clarke and Elliot Bevis led **Sturminster** to a win at **Cheddar** by the same 2-0 scoreline. Jamie Noble was the two-goal hero for **Bristol Telephones** in their impressive 2-1 win at **Wells City,** who hadn't suffered defeat since Boxing Day, while **Keynsham** and **Hengrove** drew 0-0.

On Friday evening, **Boco** ended a tough week by beating **Cadbury Heath** 3-0. Having dropped points in two other home encounters over the previous six days, Boco enjoyed a comfortable victory under the lights, with Mitch Tippins expertly taken free-kick putting them ahead at the interval. Joe Carter and Rob Moore then added further goals during the second half to take the home side past the 50-point mark.

Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division

Freddie King (Clevedon) – 26
Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 24
Lucas Vowles (Clevedon) – 23
Rikki Sheppard (Saltash) – 18
Ryan Bush (Buckland) – 16
Jack Taylor (Bridgwater) – 15
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) – 15

First Division

Nathan Hall (Bitton/Odd Down) – 21
Josh Pike-Bright (Calne) - 19
Sacha Tong (Bitton) – 19
Luke Hopper (Devizes) – 19
Elliot Gardner (Hallen) – 17
Jack Guthrie (Cribbs Reserves) – 17

The latest episode of the podcast includes an interview with Barnstaple Town manager, Ben Potter, who explains how the club are striving for triumph out of adversity. Ian then catches up with Devizes Town boss, Chris Allen, who gives an insight into the psychology of maintaining a push for the First Division playoffs.
https://www.westernleague.co.uk/news/podcast-episode-31



Latest Results

Tuesday 11th March 2025

Premier Division

Oldland Abbotonians	3-4	Wellington

First Division

AEK Boco	0-2	Hallen
Bradford Town	1-4	Wells City
Bristol Telephones	5-0	Radstock Town
Cheddar	0-1	Mendip Broadwalk
Hengrove Athletic	0-2	Devizes Town
Shirehampton	0-1	Bitton

Wednesday 12th March 2025

Premier Division

Ivybridge Town	1-2	Brixham

Friday 14th March 2025

First Division

AEK Boco	3-0	Cadbury Heath

Saturday 15th March 2025

Premier Division

AFC St Austell	1-3	Paulton Rovers
Bridgwater United	0-0	Ivybridge Town
Clevedon Town	1-0	Buckland Athletic
Nailsea & Tickenham	1-2	Barnstaple Town
Oldland Abbotonians	2-4	Brixham
Portishead Town	6-1	Wellington
St Blazey	3-2	Shepton Mallet
Street	2-0	Ilfracombe Town
Welton Rovers	0-3	Torpoint Athletic

First Division

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

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 18th March 2025

Premier Division

Ilfracombe Town	vs	Brixham	20:00KO

First Division

Shirehampton	vs	Wells City	19:30KO

Wednesday 19th March 2025

Premier Division

Ivybridge Town	vs	Wellington	19:45KO
St Blazey	vs	Barnstaple Town	19:30KO

Friday 21st March 2025

Premier Division

Nailsea & Tickenham	vs	Street	19:30KO

First Division

Bristol Telephones	vs	Mendip Broadwalk	19:45KO
Shirehampton	vs	Longwell Green Sports	19:30KO

Saturday 22nd March 2025 (3pm Kick-off unless noted otherwise)

Premier Division

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

First Division

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

League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Portishead Town	32	25	3	4	65	78
2	Clevedon Town	32	22	5	5	59	71
3	Brixham	31	20	4	7	30	64
4	Barnstaple Town	30	18	3	9	24	57
5	Paulton Rovers	34	16	5	13	6	53
6	Buckland Athletic	31	15	6	10	30	51
7	Street	30	15	6	9	10	51
8	Shepton Mallet	32	15	5	12	20	50
9	Nailsea & Tickenham	31	15	3	13	10	48
10	Ivybridge Town	32	13	7	12	9	46
11	St Austell	32	14	3	15	-1	45
12	Brislington	31	13	5	13	4	44
13	Oldland Abbotonians	31	13	4	14	-1	43
14	Saltash United	32	13	3	16	8	42
15	Torpoint Athletic	33	12	3	18	-5	39
16	Bridgwater United	33	11	5	17	-20	38
17	Wellington	30	12	1	17	-26	37
18	St Blazey	30	6	6	18	-37	24
19	Ilfracombe Town	32	6	5	21	-40	23
20	Welton Rovers	33	1	0	32	-145	3

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Calne Town	37	26	3	8	54	81
2	Hallen	34	25	5	4	59	80
3	Bradford Town	36	22	7	7	44	73
4	Bitton	35	22	5	8	26	71
5	Longwell Green Sports	37	21	7	9	37	70
6	Devizes Town	34	20	6	8	51	66
7	Wells City	33	19	5	8	39	65
8	Sturminster Newton United	35	19	5	11	13	62
9	Bristol Telephones	35	16	8	11	26	56
10	Shirehampton	35	16	6	13	1	54
11	AEK Boco	36	15	7	14	7	52
12	Cribbs Reserves	36	14	7	15	3	49
13	Mendip Broadwalk	35	14	7	14	-9	49
14	Cadbury Heath	35	14	5	16	-8	47
15	Avonmouth	35	13	6	16	-1	45
16	Hengrove Athletic	36	8	11	17	-11	35
17	Radstock Town	34	9	4	21	-26	31
18	Odd Down	36	7	8	21	-39	29
19	Warminster Town	35	6	9	20	-46	27
20	Cheddar	36	6	7	23	-47	24*
21	Keynsham Town	36	4	7	25	-77	19
22	Gillingham Town	35	1	5	29	-96	8


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