

Latest Round-ups:

Recent Action: Oldland Abbotonians reached the quarter-finals of the Les Phillips Cup following a dramatic shootout victory away at Shepton Mallet. Coming off the back of some impressive recent form in the league, Oldland twice went ahead during the first half on Tuesday evening, with Tom Blake and Jai MacLeod both finding the back of the net. Shepton responded well, and after firstly drawing level from the spot through Charlie Bateson, they then made it 2-2 in first half stoppage time thanks to Paul Braithwaite. A goalless second half meant penalties would be required, with Mallet's Joel Sisson missing with the scores at 5-5, allowing the Abbots to score and progress to the quarter-final stage. Elsewhere that evening, Portishead eased to a 6-0 win at home to the Premier Division's bottom side Welton. Callum Eastwood set the ball rolling after just three minutes, with Owen Punselie doubling the lead shortly after to power United into a dominant position. Eastwood then struck again in the 20th minute to extend the hosts advantage further, before Ethan Feltham then made it 4-0, adding a goal to his earlier trio of assists. The goals slowed down somewhat after that, with Eastwood completing his hat-trick 20 minutes from time, before a late curler from Jay Murray completed the scoring. There was also a solitary game in the First Division, with goals before half-time from Dylan Kerr and Ben Adam leading Shirehampton to a 2-0 win over Gillingham Town.

The weekend storms then caused for mass disruption, with only two ties played on Saturday afternoon across the entire Western League. One of those took place in the FA Vase, with Portishead hosting Okehampton Argyle, and storming through to the fourth round thanks to a 6-1 victory. In front of 299 fans who braved the elements, Town went ahead inside the opening ten minutes thanks to a brilliant finish from Owen Punselie. Shortly after, Portishead doubled their advantage, with Punselie turning provider, and laying the ball off for top scorer Ethan Feltham who provided a clinical finish for 2-0. The visitors then pulled a goal back, but the two-goal advantage was restored just before half-time, with first half sub Calum Townsend heading home a Mitch Osmond free kick. Okehampton's hopes of a fightback were dented when they were reduced to ten men, and Portishead eventually took advantage of man advantage with David Thorne scoring his first goal for the club. Punselie's second excellent finish of the afternoon pushed the lead out further, before Sean Keet's late long ranger wrapped up the 6-1 win and assured Portishead of progress to the fourth round for the first time in the club's history. There was also a solitary game in the First Division on Saturday, with Cadbury Heath turning a 2-2 half-time scoreline into a one-sided 6-2 victory away at Keynsham. Heath frontman Josh Williams struck at the beginning and end of the first half, sandwiching a pair of Keynsham goals, with the sides locked together at the interval. Hassan Hussein then struck at the beginning of the second half to put the visitors 3-2 ahead, with Williams then racing through and completing his hat-trick ten minutes from time. Further goals in the final couple of minutes from Mohamed Hashemi and Hussein put further distance between the sides, with the South Glos outfit rising into eighth spot.

Latest Results

Tuesday 3rd December 2024

Premier Division

Portishead Town	6-0	Welton Rovers

First Division

Shirehampton	2-0	Gillingham Town

Les Phillips Cup

Shepton Mallet	2-2 (5-6 pens)	Oldland Abbotonians

Saturday 7th December 2024

FA Vase Third Round

Portishead Town	6-1	Okehampton Argyle

First Division

Keynsham Town	2-6	Cadbury Heath

The latest episode of the podcast includes an interview with Ilfracombe Town boss, Jack Jenkins, who explains why his initial one-game deal will now see him remain in the dugout until the end of the season. Ian also catches up with Bitton manager, Will Justin, and they review the opening half of the campaign before discussing the sides that Will believes will be battling for promotion from the First Division.
https://www.westernleague.co.uk/news/podcast-episode-19





Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 10th December 2024

Les Phillips Cup

Devizes Town	vs	Street	19:30KO
Hengrove Athletic	vs	Portishead Town	19:30KO

Saturday 14th December 2024 (3pm Kick-off unless noted otherwise)

Premier Division

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

First Division

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

Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division

Freddie King (Clevedon) – 18
Lucas Vowles (Clevedon) – 15
Ryan Bush (Buckland) – 14
Jack Taylor (Bridgwater) - 12
Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 12
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) – 11

First Division

Nathan Hall (Bitton) – 17
Sacha Tong (Bitton) – 16
Raphael Oppong (Bradford) – 14
Elliot Gardner (Hallen) – 13
Rhys Hickery (Mendip) -13
Luke Hopper (Devizes) – 13
Jack Guthrie (Cribbs Reserves) – 12

All Competitions

Freddie King (Clevedon) – 20
Sacha Tong (Bitton) – 19
Ryan Bush (Buckland) – 18
Lucas Vowles (Clevedon) – 18
Nathan Hall (Bitton) - 17

League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Brixham	20	13	4	3	24	43
2	Barnstaple Town	19	13	2	4	28	41
3	Portishead Town	18	12	3	3	27	39
4	Clevedon Town	18	11	5	2	31	38
5	Street	20	10	5	5	9	35
6	Buckland Athletic	18	10	4	4	30	34
7	Shepton Mallet	20	10	4	6	16	34
8	Brislington	20	9	3	8	13	30
9	Wellington	19	10	0	9	-10	30
10	Paulton Rovers	17	9	2	6	3	29
11	Nailsea & Tickenham	16	9	1	6	9	28
12	Ivybridge Town	18	8	4	6	2	28
13	Bridgwater United	21	9	1	11	-9	28
14	Oldland Abbotonians	18	7	3	8	3	24
15	Ilfracombe Town	22	6	4	12	-16	22
16	Saltash United	22	6	3	13	-17	21
17	St Austell	19	6	2	11	-7	20
18	St Blazey	19	3	5	11	-24	14
19	Torpoint Athletic	20	4	1	15	-15	13
20	Welton Rovers	22	0	0	22	-97	0

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Hallen	23	16	5	2	31	53
2	Calne Town	24	15	3	6	23	48
3	Bradford Town	20	15	2	3	40	47
4	Bitton	21	15	1	5	22	46
5	Devizes Town	20	12	5	3	35	41
6	Longwell Green Sports	23	11	6	6	11	39
7	Wells City	20	11	3	6	25	36
8	Cadbury Heath	24	11	3	10	1	36
9	Bristol Telephones	22	10	5	7	18	35
10	Mendip Broadwalk	23	10	5	8	0	35
11	Shirehampton	18	10	2	6	6	32
12	Cribbs Reserves	22	10	2	10	3	32
13	Sturminster Newton United	20	9	4	7	6	31
14	AEK Boco	24	9	4	11	-1	31
15	Avonmouth	24	9	3	12	-2	30
16	Radstock Town	21	7	3	11	-7	24
17	Hengrove Athletic	20	5	4	11	-10	19
18	Warminster Town	21	4	6	11	-19	18
19	Cheddar	23	4	3	16	-41	15
20	Odd Down	23	3	5	15	-30	14
21	Keynsham Town	23	3	5	15	-48	14
22	Gillingham Town	23	1	3	19	-63	6


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