

Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: On Tuesday evening, **Clevedon Town** extended their winning run in the Premier Division to eight matches after beating **Bridgwater United** 3-0. The visitors made a dream start, with Cam Steer finishing off their first attack in the opening minute of the game to put them a goal to the good. Harrison Coker then headed home a Freddie King to make it 2-0 late in the first half, with Sam Beresford completing the scoring with a chipped finish 20 minutes from time. The other game that night was an absolute thriller, with **Brislington** and **Paulton** sharing eight goals at Ironmould Lane. An incredible start for the hosts saw them go two-up inside five minutes with both Jay Malpas and Jordan Ricketts finding the back of the net. Dan McBeam led Paulton's response, scoring twice in quick succession to make it 2-2, before Milo Murgatroyd cut inside and fired home to put the away side in front for the first time. Brislington's Oaklan Buck was next to score, drawing the game level after 40 minutes and bringing the curtain down on a breath-taking first half. Things slowed down after the break, with Rovers re-taking the lead thanks to a Josh Ford header, before Bris secured a late point when Malpas netted for the second time during the final ten minutes.

Incredibly, First Division duo **Cribbs Reserves** and **Bristol Telephones** then served up their own goal-fest 24 hours later, with the away side prevailing 5-4 at The Lawns. After Leon Britton had broken the deadlock in just the fifth minute, Cribbs got back on level terms shortly after thanks to a Jack Guthrie header. Jamie Noble's penalty then restored the Phones slender lead, only for the home side to hit back through goals from Kieran Clayton and Ollie Dunleavy which helped them go 3-2 up at the break. With only one point separating the sides before kick-off, it was always likely to be a hard-fought contest, but during a 15-minute spell midway through the second half, it was the Telephones who took over the game with Craig Wilson, Scott Saunders and Noble all scoring to put the visitors 5-3 in front. A late diving header from Guthrie gave Cribbs hope in dying stages, but they couldn't find the leveller and suffered their fourth consecutive loss on home soil. The other game on Wednesday saw **Warminster** edge to a 1-0 win at home to **Keynsham** thanks to Jack Newman's second half goal. Tuesday's trio of games all ended 2-1, including at **Hengrove**, where visitors **Sturminster Newton** came out on top thanks to a last-gasp winner from Nick Hewlett. There was also a rare home defeat for **Devizes**, who let a half-time lead slip against **Shirehampton**. After Josh Parsons had put them in front, Devizes then suffered a second half setback, with George Brimson levelling things on 65 minutes, before the same man then headed back across goal during stoppage time to give Shirehampton a dramatic late win. **Wells City** also pulled off a fightback of their own, beating the in-form **Longwell Green Sports** 2-1 all despite falling behind in the fourth minute to Zac Tucker's header. City weren't behind for long, drawing level in the 15th minute thanks to an Ali Sen free-kick, with Sen then turning provider for Braeden Symes who powered home a header in first half stoppage time to give the Somerset side a lead they wouldn't relinquish.

Premier Division: Table-topping **Clevedon** suffered their first league defeat since the end of November after going down by one goal to nil at 19th placed **St Blazey**. With unpredictability continuing to rein, the form guide would have suggested a foregone conclusion that the away side would come out on top, but they conceded in stoppage time to lose 1-0. The Blaze were coming off the back of a 7-4 humbling at Welton last week, and hadn't won themselves since mid-December, but having produced a determined defensive performance to keep their visitors at bay, the Cornish outfit were given a late opportunity, with debutant Callum McGhee converting a stoppage time penalty to secure all three points. It was also a tough day for four of the other sides who started the day in the top six, including **Street** who were beaten 2-0 at home to **Brislington** following goals in either half from Shea Mannings. **Barnstaple Town** also fell to a home defeat, with **Shepton Mallet** winning 3-0 to end their two-match losing streak. After Ashton Shanley's looping free-kick evaded the keeper to put Shepton one-up at the break, they then doubled their advantage early in the second half with Jacob Sloggett lobbing the keeper from more than 30 yards out. To cap their victory, Mallet's Charlie Walton fired home another cracker in stoppage time to help them extend their strong run of away form. In another big game at the top, **Portishead** dominated **Brixham** on their way to a 6-2 win at Bristol Road. The home side wasted no time at all to get going, with Tom Llewellyn's powerful strike making it 1-0 after only 12 minutes. Leading scorer Ethan Feltham then double the lead shortly after, before Jason Quick and Kyle Egan also netted to make it 4-0 before the game had reached the 30-minute mark. A red card to Owen Punselie didn't seem to stem the flow, with Egan's penalty putting the hosts five-up, before Brixham pulled a goal back in first half stoppage time through Charlie Johansen. The second-half was a much quieter affair, with Jay Murray maintaining his run of scoring to make it 6-1, before the away side grabbed a late consolation through Ollie Shelton. Fourth-placed **Buckland** also dropped points, squandering their half-time advantage during a 1-1 draw with **Torpoint**. Having gone ahead through Will Hall, the Bucks were pegged back early in the second half when Torpoint's star-man Ryan Richards headed home at the back post to make it one apiece. At the Kimberley Stadium *(below),* **Saltash United** enjoyed their first game in a couple of weeks by beating **Bridgwater** 5-0. Following a couple of postponements, the Ashes hit the ground running on Saturday afternoon, with goals from Fin Wilkes and Ben Goulty putting them two-up after just 18 minutes. Another goal on the stroke from Hayden Greening increased United's lead, with youngster Jack Wood and top scorer Rikki Sheppard then scoring during the final 20 minutes to complete the one-sided affair.



There was also a comfortable home win for another Cornish side, with Jack Crago scoring in either half of St Austell's 4-0 defeat of Welton, adding to further efforts from Henry Wilson and Matt Searle. Elsewhere, Nailsea & Tickenham beat Ilfracombe 3-0 following goals from Luke Osgood, Seb Scott and Romiah Nevers, and in Devon, Ivybridge completed the season double over Paulton. After a 2-0 victory in the sides' previous meeting last September, the Ivies secured another three points thanks to a couple of long-range strikes from Jake Lane and Sean Thomas. Kitan Jaiyeoba's late penalty looked like it would just be a consolation for Rovers, but they came incredibly close to levelling things up, only for Will Hailston's stoppage time effort to bounce back out after hitting the crossbar.

First Division: There were some high-scoring away wins for top sides in the First Division, including league leaders Hallen who moved past the 70-point mark thanks to a 6-1 victory away at Gillingham. The first half was a tight affair, with Town's Ethan Hatcher-Coates cancelling out Jack Jones' early opener, before Hallen retook the lead in added time thanks to Jack Askins. Karl Baggaley's men came out firing after the interval, with Jones and Askins both scoring again to make it 4-1, before Jones then completed his hat-trick in a five-minute burst which put Hallen out of sight. Jack Sheppard-Cozens then added the finishing touches with a smart finish, making it five wins on the spin for the table-toppers. Longwell Green Sports were another side to hit their opponents for six on Saturday afternoon, with Sonny Passco playing a starring role in their defeat of Keynsham. Just like Hallen, Longwell Green didn't have it all their own way and only broke the deadlock three minutes before half-time when Passco headed the visitors in front. A Matt Brown penalty then made it 2-0 ten minutes after the break, with Passco's second goal, followed shortly after by an assist for Tyler Wood's header as the away side took complete control. There was still time for Billy Hensler and Liam Oswin to add their names to the scoresheet, with Longwell Green capturing their first away win since late October. To complete a hat-trick of big away winners, Calne Town followed up last week's trouncing of Bitton with a 5-0 defeat of Radstock. The Lilywhites enjoyed the early stages at Springfield, and built a two-goal advantage inside 15 minutes courtesy of goals from Zak Mitchell and Sam Francis. Another Francis strike then extended the lead to three before half time, with the home side's afternoon going from bad to worse when they lost James Payton to a red card following his second caution of the opening 45 minutes. Further Calne goals after the break came from Josh Pike-Bright and Tom Dowell, sandwiching another red for Radstock's Matt Curnock, with the well-beaten home side eventually ending the game with just eight men. The biggest surprise of the afternoon came at Trowbridge Road, where Bradford Town lost ground on Hallen after suffering a 2-1 defeat at home to Shirehampton. The mid-table visitors had enjoyed an impressive away win earlier in the week at Devizes, and put themselves in position to repeat the trick after taking the lead through Ben Ford after 25 minutes. Sam Hopes then added to the visitors advantage just ten minutes into the second half, with Bradford taking some gloss off the final score with a stoppage time penalty which was converted by Jordan Pinder. The only other side to pick up three points on Saturday were Wells City, with a goal midway through the first half from Jake Brown handing them a slender 1-0 win away at Sturminster Newton. The remaining fixtures all ended level, with the pick of those seeing Cribbs Reserves and Odd Down share six goals. The home side looked to have done enough to take a lead to the break thanks to goals from Aaron Coleman and Gerlando Parrinello, but it was the Bath side who finished the opening half in the ascendancy with Dom Walter and Harvey Kendrick both scoring in the lead-up to half time. A James Book effort then handed the away team their first lead of the afternoon, but it ended all-square with Jack Guthrie striking for Cribbs. A second half penalty from Pete Sheppard helped Hengrove recover from a half-time deficit in their 1-1 draw at Boco, with Warminster and Bristol Telephones sharing the points after their encounter also finished one-apiece.

Latest Results

Tuesday 4th February 2025

Premier Division

Bridgwater United	0-3	Clevedon Town
Brislington	4-4	Paulton Rovers

First Division

Devizes Town	1-2	Shirehampton
Hengrove Athletic	1-2	Sturminster Newton United
Wells City	2-1	Longwell Green Sports

Wednesday 5th February 2025

First Division

Cribbs Reserves	4-5	Bristol Telephones
Warminster Town	1-0	Keynsham Town

Saturday 8th February 2025

Premier Division

AFC St Austell	4-0	Welton Rovers
Barnstaple Town	0-3	Shepton Mallet
Buckland Athletic	1-1	Torpoint Athletic
Ivybridge Town	2-1	Paulton Rovers
Nailsea & Tickenham	3-0	Ilfracombe Town
Oldland Abbotonians	P-P	Wellington
Portishead Town	6-2	Brixham
Saltash United	5-0	Bridgwater United
St Blazey	1-0	Clevedon Town
Street	0-2	Brislington

First Division

AEK Boco	1-1	Hengrove Athletic
Bradford Town	1-2	Shirehampton
Cheddar	P-P	Mendip Broadwalk
Cribbs Reserves	3-3	Odd Down
Devizes Town	P-P	Bitton
Gillingham Town	1-6	Hallen
Keynsham Town	0-6	Longwell Green Sports
Radstock Town	0-5	Calne Town
Sturminster Newton	0-1	Wells City
Warminster Town	1-1	Bristol Telephones

On the latest episode of the podcast, Welton's joint bosses, Angus Youngson & Bill Wheeler, reflect on their stupendous 7-4 win over St Blazey, before then detailing the project they are looking to build at West Clewes.

Ian is also joined by Hallen manager, Karl Baggaley, who talks about the First Division title race, and then gives an insight into the psychological changes that have taken place in management over the past decade.
https://soundcloud.com/user-572891781/jwfl-season-24-25-ep26-060225



Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 11th February 2025

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	vs	Brixham	19:45KO
Nailsea & Tickenham	vs	Paulton Rovers	19:30KO

First Division

AEK Boco	vs	Hallen	19:30KO
Hengrove Athletic	vs	Bristol Telephones	19:30KO
Radstock Town	vs	Cadbury Heath	19:45KO
Shirehampton	vs	Wells City	19:30KO

Saturday 15th February 2025 (3pm Kick-off unless noted otherwise)

Premier Division

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

First Division

Bradford Town	vs	Gillingham Town
Cadbury Heath	vs	Longwell Green Sports
Calne Town	vs	Cheddar
Hallen	vs	Sturminster Newton United
Hengrove Athletic	vs	Devizes Town
Mendip Broadwalk	vs	Avonmouth
Shirehampton	vs	Odd Down
Warminster Town	vs	Bitton

Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division

Freddie King (Clevedon) – 26
Lucas Vowles (Clevedon) – 21
Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 19
Rikki Sheppard (Saltash) – 16
Ryan Bush (Buckland) – 16
Jack Taylor (Bridgwater) – 15
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) – 14
Jared Lewington (Buckland) – 14

First Division

Nathan Hall (Bitton) – 19
Sacha Tong (Bitton) – 19
Luke Hopper (Devizes) – 18
Elliot Gardner (Hallen) – 17
Josh Pike-Bright (Calne) - 17
Raphael Oppong (Bradford) – 16
Fin Burnell (Longwell Green) - 14
Rhys Hickery (Mendip) -14

League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Clevedon Town	27	19	5	3	53	62
2	Portishead Town	26	19	3	4	47	60
3	Brixham	26	15	4	7	20	49
4	Buckland Athletic	27	14	6	7	34	48
5	Barnstaple Town	25	15	3	7	24	48
6	Street	28	14	6	8	10	48
7	Shepton Mallet	28	14	5	9	23	47
8	Nailsea & Tickenham	27	14	2	11	12	44
9	Paulton Rovers	27	13	4	10	6	43
10	Ivybridge Town	28	12	6	10	10	42
11	St Austell	28	12	3	13	-2	39
12	Oldland Abbotonians	26	11	4	11	2	37
13	Saltash United	29	11	3	15	6	36
14	Bridgwater United	29	11	3	15	-18	36
15	Brislington	27	10	5	12	3	35
16	Wellington	25	11	1	13	-13	34
17	Torpoint Athletic	29	8	3	18	-15	27
18	Ilfracombe Town	28	6	5	17	-32	23
19	St Blazey	27	5	5	17	-37	20
20	Welton Rovers	29	1	0	28	-133	3

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Hallen	30	22	5	3	55	71
2	Bradford Town	30	21	5	4	47	68
3	Calne Town	32	21	3	8	41	66
4	Bitton	29	19	3	7	27	60
5	Devizes Town	29	17	6	6	48	57
6	Longwell Green Sports	32	16	7	9	19	55
7	Wells City	28	16	5	7	31	53
8	Sturminster Newton United	30	16	4	10	10	52
9	Shirehampton	30	14	6	10	2	48
10	Bristol Telephones	30	13	7	10	19	46
11	Cribbs Reserves	32	13	5	14	3	44
12	Mendip Broadwalk	31	12	7	12	-8	43
13	Cadbury Heath	31	12	5	14	-2	41
14	Avonmouth	31	11	6	14	3	39
15	AEK Boco	29	11	5	13	-2	38
16	Hengrove Athletic	29	7	8	14	-9	29
17	Radstock Town	28	8	4	16	-14	28
18	Warminster Town	30	6	8	16	-36	26
19	Cheddar	29	6	6	17	-39	24
20	Odd Down	31	5	7	19	-38	22
21	Keynsham Town	32	4	5	23	-72	17
22	Gillingham Town	31	1	5	25	-85	8


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