

Latest Round-ups:

League Action: With many sides in cup action, it was a day to capitalise for those playing league fixtures, with **Clevedon Town** moving up into second place in the Premier Division following a comeback win away at **Shepton Mallet**. The Seasiders didn't start particularly well, and fell behind to Ashton Shanley's well-taken free kick in the 13th minute. A Luke Osgood header made it one apiece in first half stoppage time, with the same man then completing the turnaround nine minutes from time to continue Clevedon's 100% start. One side who grabbed their first league win of the campaign were **Sidmouth**, with three unanswered goals leading the Devonians to victory at **Ivybridge**. Louis Spalding has really hit the ground running in August, and it was his first half double which laid the groundwork for Sidmouth's impressive win. There was then a header from Nathan Cooper midway through the second half which wrapped things up for the visitors, giving them their second win over Ivybridge in the space of three weeks following the FA Cup triumph at Homers Heath. Elsewhere, a tight contest between **St Blazey** and **Paulton** finished one-all, with both sides ending the afternoon playing with ten men. There was plenty of action in the opening stages, with Sam Clifton firing the Blaze in front after just four minutes as they looked to rebound from back-to-back defeats. The cards were then dished out either side of the interval, with Dean Griffiths sent off in first half stoppage time for the visitors, before the numbers were evened up when Rio Daly received his second yellow just prior to the hour mark. Paulton finally got back on level terms with 20 minutes left on the clock when the prolific Kitan Jaiyeoba netted to make it one apiece, but they had Alfie Kelsey to thank for preserving their point, with his stoppage time save denying St Blazey from grabbing victory with the final kick of the game.

The First Division's triple-header saw a first win of the season for **Keynsham**, with Bartek Grzywa's second half double leading them to a thumping 4-0 victory over **Cheddar**. An early goal from Noah Turner set Town on their way, with Grzywa then scoring twice within 15 minutes of the half-time restart to all but end the visitor's challenge. There was still time for Ned O'Keeffe to add Keynsham's fourth, with three upcoming home fixtures giving Town the opportunity to add to the growing optimism at the club. **Wells City** bounced back from last week's heavy defeat at Avonmouth by putting early-season pacesetters **Longwell Green Sports** to the sword in Bristol. The away side couldn't have started much better, and found themselves two goals to the good inside ten minutes thanks to Harry Warwick and Jack Brown. Longwell Green then pulled a goal back through Billy Hensler, with that effort keeping the game on a tightrope for much of the second half. However, Wells found a second wind, and from the moment Tom Ovigne made it 3-1 they outplayed their hosts, with James Tait adding their fourth before Ovigne added the finishing touches late on. There was also a late dash from **AEK Boco**, with Danny Constable's 80th minute effort, followed by an injury time strike from Jack Ball to lead their side to a 2-0 home victory over **Warminster**.

FA Vase Action: Mendip Broadwalk currently enjoy a 100% success rate in the FA Vase after beating Cadbury Heath on their debut in the competition on Saturday afternoon. After Rhys Hickery had seen his early strike cancelled out by the hosts, Taylor Doyle then struck just before half-time to put Mendip back in-front after 45 minutes. An own-goal then made it 3-1 shortly after the break, with debutant Joe Berry adding a late fourth for the visitors. The other all-Western League tie went the way of the underdog, with First Division outfit Calne beating higher-ranked opposition, in Nailsea & Tickenham. The Lilywhites went ahead early through Nat Bell, with the 1-0 scoreline holding firm for much of the afternoon, before Adam Jones doubled the winning margin in the closing stages. Among the other success stories in the first round of qualifying was Devizes, with second half goals from Jacob Reader and Sam Jordan leading Town to a 2-1 win over Yateley United. Jared Lewington scored the only goal in Buckland's 1-0 win away at Elburton Villa, while Street knocked out Sticker by the same scoreline thanks to a last gasp strike from Callum Laird at The Tannery. The biggest winners of the afternoon were Saltash, with the Premier Division table-toppers putting seven past Bishops Lydeard at the Kimberley Stadium. Three different players scored doubles for the rampant hosts, with Reece Thomson, Jayden Gilbert and Deacon Thomson all netting twice during the 7-1 victory. Avonmouth also carried their impressive league form into the Vase, with Ethan McMahon scoring in either half of their 3-0 win over Brimscombe & Thrupp. With Josh Pearce having broken the deadlock after 20 minutes, McMahon then made it 2-0 late in the first half, before returning to complete the scoring during the final ten minutes. Helston Athletic thumped fellow Cornish-side Dobwalls 5-1 at Lantoom Park to seal their progression, with Barnstaple joining them in the next round after goals from Tommy Rogers and Josh Parry helped them defeat Wadebridge Town by two goals to one. The late drama on Saturday was provided by Newquay and Wendron United, with the home side surviving a late fightback to eventually win 3-2 and book their spot in the next round. For much of the day it looked as though Newquay would move serenely through, with goals either side of the break from Harry Downing and Louis Price putting them into a comfortable 2-0 lead. Wendron then stunned their hosts, scoring twice in the closing stages to get back on level terms, but it was Newquay who took home the chocolates, with Jack Bray-Evans holding his nerve to convert a stoppage time penalty.



Talking of penalties, and it was a successful afternoon for all three Western League sides who ended up requiring a shootout, with **Welton Rovers** earning a morale-boosting victory over **Torridgeside**. Having gone ahead in the eighth minute through Eddie King, Welton were pegged back on the stroke of half-time, and a goalless second half then saw the game headed to spot kicks. Home keeper Massimo Sardo was the hero, and having already saved a penalty during normal time, he then repeated the trick during the shootout which Welton won 6-5. First Division leaders **Sturminster Newton** won 5-4 on penalties after their tie with **Ash United** finished one-apiece, with **Torpoint** completing the hat-trick of Jewson spot-kick successes. Having trailed at the break during their home tie with **Middlezoy Rovers**, Torpoint managed to level the scores via a Ryan Richards volley 20 minutes from time, before then scoring five of their six penalties to reach the second round of qualifying. Finally in terms of winners, two goals in the space of ten minutes during the first half from Harry Grimsey proved to be enough for **Radstock Town**, holding off an attempted fightback from **Camelford** to win 2-1 down in Cornwall.

The remainder of Saturday's ties saw the end of the competition for several sides, including **Hengrove Athletic** who took a late lead, before conceding twice in the closing stages to lose 2-1 against **Mangotsfield United**. There was also a home defeat for **Bitton** who went down 3-0 to **Wokingham**, while **Oldland** conceded five without reply at home to **Cirencester Town**. There was early joy for struggling **St Austell**, with Alex Hamley putting them ahead in the 15th minute, before they eventually fell to a 3-1 defeat in their home clash with **Bovey Tracey**. There was a strong showing from **Bradford Town**, who fought back from an early deficit, before eventually suffering a 4-2 defeat at the hands of **Newent** *(pictured, left)*. After conceding twice in the opening half-hour, the Bobcats bounced back in the opening stages of the second half, and got back on level terms thanks to goals from Tom Mack and Leo Gallazi. It then all came unstuck for Town in the closing stages from the moment Jack Farion was sent off for a foul which led to the penalty which saw Newent go back ahead, with the ten-men then conceding again in the final minutes. Elsewhere, **Shirehampton** and **Odd Down** suffered 2-0 defeats against **Thornbury** and **Thatcham**, respectively, while **Almondsbury** were beaten 3-1 away at **Fairford Town**. Sunday saw Bristol Telephones draw 0-0 away at Aldermaston, with the penalty luck running out, as the Phones went down 3-2 on spot kicks.



Podcast Episode 4

On this week's episode of the podcast, **Ivybridge**'s joint-manager, Ben Washam, joins Ian to discuss his journey into management, his belief in developing young players, and his enthusiasm for a club which is progressing on and off the pitch.

In the First Division, **Avonmouth**'s boss Ash Bennett touches on their undefeated start, and why he is heading into the season with quiet optimism.
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Recent Results

Saturday 23rd August 2025

Premier Division

Ivybridge Town	0-3	Sidmouth Town
Shepton Mallet	1-2	Clevedon Town
St Blazey	1-1	Paulton Rovers

First Division

AEK Boco	2-0	Warminster Town
Keynsham Town	4-0	Cheddar
Longwell Green	1-5	Wells City

FA Vase First Round Qualifying

St Austell	1-3	Bovey Tracey
Avonmouth	3-0	Brimscombe & Thrupp
Barnstaple Town	2-1	Wadebridge Town
Bitton	0-3	Wokingham & Emmbrook
Cadbury Heath	1-4	Mendip Broadwalk
Calne Town	2-0	Nailsea & Tickenham
Camelford	1-2	Radstock Town
Devizes Town	2-1	Yateley United
Dobwalls AFC	1-5	Helston Athletic
Elburton Villa	0-1	Buckland Athletic
Fairford Town	3-1	Almondsbury
Hengrove Athletic	1-2	Mangotsfield United
Newent AFC	4-2	Bradford Town
Newquay AFC	3-2	Wendron United
Oldland Abbotonians	0-5	Cirencester Town
Saltash United	7-1	Bishops Lydeard
Shirehampton	0-2	Thornbury Town
Street	1-0	Sticker
Sturminster Newton	1-1 (5-4 pens)	Ash United
Thatcham Town	2-0	Odd Down
Torpoint Athletic	1-1 (5-4 pens)	Middlezoy Rovers
Welton Rovers	1-1 (6-5 pens)	Torridgeside

Sunday 24th August 2025

FA Vase First Round Qualifying

Aldermaston	0-0 (3-2 pens)	Bristol Telephones

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 26th August 2025

Premier Division

Bridgwater United	vs	Wellington	19:45KO
Nailsea & Tickenham	vs	Brislington	19:30KO
Newquay	vs	St Blazey	19:30KO
Paulton Rovers	vs	Oldland Abbotonians	19:30KO
Saltash United	vs	Barnstaple Town	19:45KO
Sidmouth Town	vs	Buckland Athletic	19:30KO
Street	vs	Bradford Town	19:45KO

First Division

Almondsbury	vs	Shirehampton	19:45KO
Bitton	vs	Longwell Green Sports	19:30KO
Devizes Town	vs	Sturminster Newton United	19:45KO
Hengrove Athletic	vs	Cheddar	19:30KO
Mendip Broadwalk	vs	Avonmouth	19:30KO
Odd Down	vs	Calne Town	19:45KO
Radstock Town	vs	Wells City	19:45KO
Welton Rovers	vs	Warminster Town	19:30KO

Wednesday 27th August 2025

Premier Division

St Austell	vs	Torpoint Athletic	19:30KO

First Division

Cadbury Heath	vs	AEK Boco	19:30KO

Saturday 30th August 2025 (3pm kick off unless noted)

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	vs	Paulton Rovers	
Brislington	vs	Bridgwater United	
Buckland Athletic	vs	Bradford Town	
Clevedon Town	vs	Newquay	
Helston Athletic	vs	Shepton Mallet	
Nailsea & Tickenham	vs	Ivybridge Town	
Oldland Abbotonians	vs	St Austell	
Sidmouth Town	vs	Saltash United	
St Blazey	vs	Street	
Torpoint Athletic	vs	Wellington	

First Division

AEK Boco	vs	Mendip Broadwalk	
Bristol Telephones	vs	Avonmouth	
Cadbury Heath	vs	Sturminster Newton United	
Devizes Town	vs	Welton Rovers	14:00KO
Hengrove Athletic	vs	Bitton	
Keynsham Town	vs	Calne Town	
Longwell Green	vs	Odd Down	
Radstock Town	vs	Cheddar	
Warminster Town	vs	Shirehampton	
Wells City	vs	Almondsbury	


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