

Latest Round-ups:

Premier Division: In one of the results of the season, Welton Rovers finally claimed their first points of the campaign thanks to a thrilling 7-4 win at home to St Blazey. Having suffered defeat in their previous 27 outings, Welton were in dreamland during the opening stages at West Clewes, leading 3-0 inside the first quarter of the game thanks to goals from Sam McFarlane, Kaylen Edwards and Joseph Dali-Kemmery. The away side sent a slight scare through the home fans when they reduced the arrears in the opening stages of the second half, but Welton responded excellently and made it 4-1 on the hour mark thanks to Yonis Hussien's cross-come-shot. That goal seemed to ease the nerves of the Green Army, with Hussien adding his second, while Kemmery took home the match ball thanks to his terrific treble which he confirmed late on with a beauty of a chipped finish. Clevedon Town's Freddie King extended his lead atop the scoring charts, with his hat-trick giving the table-toppers a 3-0 win away at Brislington. Having broken the deadlock from the penalty spot after 13 minutes, King then added his second just before half-time to put Town two in front. King then completed the scoring as the game reached the final 15 minutes, extending the Seasiders winning run in the league to seven matches. Portishead remain two points off the top after a strong second half showing led them to a 2-0 win away at Street. With the home side starting the day in fourth spot, they held their own during an even opening half, but a blunder shortly after half time allowed the prolific Ethan Feltham to steal in and put Portishead in front. Jay Murray has made a brilliant impact since joining the Somerset outfit, and he bagged another goal 15 minutes from time to hand the away side a two-goal advantage which they wouldn't relinquish. The only other away victory belonged to Nailsea & Tickenham, with a strong all-round showing helping them beat Shepton Mallet 2-0. After going ahead thanks to a belting finish in the opening few minutes by Jamie King, the Swags had keeper Jakob Glover to thank for preserving their lead when he saved a Callum Gould penalty shortly after half-time. The Swags then wrapped things up ten minutes from time when a well-placed header from Charlie Saunders nestled in the back of the home net. There was late drama down in Devon, where Brixham struck in the eighth minute of stoppage time to pip Oldland Abbotonians by two goals to one. With the Abbots levelling things up after an early own goal had put Brixham ahead, the home side kept pushing until the final whistle and got their rewards at the death with Seann Adderly bagging the 98 minute winner. There was also an all-Devon clash, with Ivybridge keeper Jordan Duffey keeping his third clean sheet on the bounce during their goalless draw with Buckland Athletic. The remaining fixtures all ended up being comfortable home victories, with Paulton responding to last week's mauling at Portishead by thumping Ilfracombe 5-0. Rovers were close to unstoppable during a dominant first half, with George Fowler's lob, Josh Ford's goalmouth scramble and a Will Hailston strike leading them to a 3-0 lead. It was then left for Kye Simpson and Kitan Jaiyeoba to add the finishing touches, with their goals during the final ten minutes completing the scoring at the Winterfield Stadium.

Bridgwater United claimed their first win at home since way back in early October after beating St Austell by three goals to nil. The game was headed towards a first-half stalemate, before United suddenly sparked into life led by usual suspect Jack Taylor who opened the scoring from the spot after 42 minutes. Teammate Dylan Tate then curled home United's second in added time at the end of the first half to build a two-goal buffer, with Hayden Chambers blasting home a late third to give Bridgy a much-need boost. In the biggest shocker of the afternoon, 17th thumped third down at The Mill *(pictured, below),* with Ryan Richards scoring a hat-trick in Torpoint's 4-0 defeat of Barnstaple. Town had the second best defensive record in the division heading into the game, but things went array early on for the visitors when Richards blasted home from the edge of the area to make it 1-0 in the 13th minute. A first half red card to leading scorer Josh Parry certainly didn't help Barnstaple's cause, and they then conceded a second to Richards and Torpoint on the stroke of half-time to make it doubly difficult to get anything from the game. A long-range lob from Curtis Damerell midway through the second half put the result beyond doubt, with star man Richard then completing his hat-trick 18 minutes from time to cap a dream afternoon for the Cornishmen.



First Division: Hallen are the new league leaders, jumping into top spot courtesy of goal difference following their thumping 8-0 win at home to Keynsham. Two goals late in the first half from Jack Jones were all that separated the sides after 45 minutes, with Cory Thomas-Barker then adding a third shortly after the interval. Hallen really came home with a wet sail, and ended up putting eight past their struggling visitors with Harrison Fairman scoring twice, alongside further goals from Lewis Saunders, Jordan Greenwood and Harry Goldspink. Despite dropping down into second, Bradford Town will be more than happy with their afternoon's work, finishing strongly in their 2-0 home victory over Bristol Telephones. The Bobcats were struggling to break down a resolute Phones outfit, with two powerful headers from Sam Jordan in the final half hour leading his side to a well-earned three points. There was also a clash between third and fourth, and it ended up being a one-sided outing with Calne Town powering to a 4-0 win over Bitton. After conceding seven in a stunning defeat last Saturday, the Lilywhites will be mightily pleased to have shut out one of the strongest forward lines in the division, but the afternoon most certainly belonged to Harry Stiles. Having struck twice in the first half, Stiles completed his hat-trick after 65 minutes to help his side move into a three-goal lead. It was then left for Nat Bell to add goal number four, with Calne handing Bitton their heaviest defeat of the campaign. Devizes may sit fifth, but with games in hand on all four sides sitting above them, a comeback win at home to Radstock helped them continue to pile up the points, eventually prevailing by four goals to two at Nursteed Road. Things started well for the hosts who took a fourth minute lead courtesy of Jacob Reader, but then two goals from Jacob Bird completely turned the game on its head and handed Radstock a 2-1 lead after half an hour.

Devizes kept pushing to get back into the contest, and after levelling things up through Matty Swann in the 55th minute, they then struck twice in the final quarter through Josh Parsons and Luke Hopper to end the afternoon with all three points. **Avonmouth** were also on the end of a home win, with Josh Pearce scoring in either half of their 5-1 defeat of **Warminster**, while **Longwell Green** made it four wins in five after beating **Sturminster Newton** 3-2. Adam Hall had given United a 15th minute lead, before Longwell Green turned things around courtesy of goals from Reggie Evans and Sonny Passco. Sturminster's Aaron Lane-Leney then made it two apiece after an hour, but it was the home side who ended the game on top, with Liam Oswin poking home in the closing stages to cap an entertaining five-goal contest in Bristol. The remaining four games all ended with the points being shared, including at **Cheddar**, where a second half penalty from Morgan Bacon helped the Cheesemen claim a 1-1 draw with **Shirehampton** who had gone in front early on through Ethan McMahon. It was also 1-1 at Springfield, with Josh Williams 76th minute header helping **Cadbury Heath** claw back a draw at home to **Mendip Broadwalk**, while **Hengrove** and **Wells** ended goalless. Meanwhile, in Bath, **Odd Down** twice came from behind to claim a 2-2 draw in their home clash with **Cribbs Reserves**. Coming off the back of their big win seven days previously, Cribbs would have been full of confidence and managed to take the lead midway through the first half via Tom Headford. There was a strong response from Odd Down, for whom Harvey Kendrick drew them level late in the first half, but they then found themselves on the back-foot once again with Jack Guthrie making it 2-1 to the away side just moments after the restart. There have been some tough home losses for Odd Down this season, but they showed excellent battling qualities on the first day of February and secured a share of the spoils thanks to Dom Walter's equaliser just before the game reached the hour mark.

Earlier in the week, **Bristol Telephones** overcame **Cadbury Heath** in their mid-table battle, pulling off a miraculous second half fightback to win 2-1 at Springfield. In the only game to beat the midweek downpours, it was the Heath who started strongest, and went ahead after just nine minutes thanks to Josh Williams. That was how it stayed until the break, with the Phones getting back on level terms four minutes into the second half through Jamie Noble who had joined the game as a half-time sub. The home side were then afforded the opportunity to go back ahead, only to see Tom Withers late penalty saved, and they were made to pay dearly, with the ten-man Bristolians pinching all three points at the death after Noble struck again in the seventh minute of stoppage time.

On the latest podcast, Ian and Tom are joined by special guests, Mr #FootyWatch, Andy Stone, and Paul Jenkins, Print Sports Editor at Reach newspapers. They touch on several topics, including Andy's recent visit to Welton Rovers, where he highlights the club's resilience and the contributions of long-time volunteers. Paul then discusses the standout seasons so far from North Somerset duo Clevedon and Portishead, before the conversation turns to Non League's upcoming Volunteers Day initiative, with listeners urged to celebrate those at their club on February 8th.
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Latest Results

Wednesday 29th January 2025

First Division

Cadbury Heath	1-2	Bristol Telephones

Saturday 1st February 2025

Premier Division

Bridgwater United	3-0	St Austell
Brislington	0-3	Clevedon Town
Brixham	2-1	Oldland Abbotonians
Ivybridge Town	0-0	Buckland Athletic
Paulton Rovers	5-0	Ilfracombe Town
Shepton Mallet	0-2	Nailsea & Tickenham
Street	0-2	Portishead Town
Torpoint Athletic	4-0	Barnstaple Town
Wellington	P-P	Saltash United
Welton Rovers	7-4	St Blazey

First Division

Avonmouth	5-1	Warminster Town
Bradford Town	2-0	Bristol Telephones
Cadbury Heath	1-1	Mendip Broadwalk
Calne Town	4-0	Bitton
Cheddar	1-1	Shirehampton
Devizes Town	4-2	Radstock Town
Gillingham Town	P-P	AEK Boco
Hallen	8-0	Keynsham Town
Hengrove Athletic	0-0	Wells City
Longwell Green	3-2	Sturminster Newton United
Odd Down	2-2	Cribbs Reserves

Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division

Freddie King (Clevedon) – 26
Lucas Vowles (Clevedon) – 21
Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 18
Ryan Bush (Buckland) – 16
Jack Taylor (Bridgwater) – 15
Rikki Sheppard (Saltash) – 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) - 16
Raphael Oppong (Bradford) – 16
Fin Burnell (Longwell Green) - 14
Rhys Hickery (Mendip) -14

All Competitions

Freddie King – 26
Lucas Vowles – 24
Sacha Tong – 22
Ryan Bush – 20
Ethan Feltham - 20

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 4th February 2025

Premier Division

Bridgwater United	vs	Clevedon Town	19:45KO
Brislington	vs	Paulton Rovers	19:45KO
Oldland Abbotonians	vs	Shepton Mallet	19:30KO

First Division

Devizes Town	vs	Shirehampton	19:30KO
Hengrove Athletic	vs	Sturminster Newton United	19:45KO
Radstock Town	vs	AEK Boco	19:45KO
Wells City	vs	Longwell Green Sports	19:45KO

Wednesday 5th February 2025

First Division

Cribbs Reserves	vs	Bristol Telephones	19:45KO
Warminster Town	vs	Keynsham Town	19:45KO

Saturday 8th February 2025 (3pm Kick-off unless noted otherwise)

Premier Division

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

First Division

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

League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Clevedon Town	25	18	5	2	51	59
2	Portishead Town	25	18	3	4	43	57
3	Brixham	25	15	4	6	24	49
4	Barnstaple Town	24	15	3	6	27	48
5	Street	27	14	6	7	12	48
6	Buckland Athletic	26	14	5	7	34	47
7	Shepton Mallet	27	13	5	9	20	44
8	Paulton Rovers	25	13	3	9	7	42
9	Nailsea & Tickenham	26	13	2	11	9	41
10	Ivybridge Town	27	11	6	10	9	39
11	Oldland Abbotonians	26	11	4	11	2	37
12	St Austell	27	11	3	13	-6	36
13	Bridgwater United	27	11	3	13	-10	36
14	Wellington	25	11	1	13	-13	34
15	Saltash United	28	10	3	15	1	33
16	Brislington	25	9	4	12	1	31
17	Torpoint Athletic	28	8	2	18	-15	26
18	Ilfracombe Town	27	6	5	16	-29	23
19	St Blazey	26	4	5	17	-38	17
20	Welton Rovers	28	1	0	27	-129	3

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Hallen	29	21	5	3	50	68
2	Bradford Town	29	21	5	3	48	68
3	Calne Town	31	20	3	8	36	63
4	Bitton	29	19	3	7	27	60
5	Devizes Town	28	17	6	5	49	57
6	Longwell Green Sports	30	15	7	8	14	52
7	Sturminster Newton United	28	15	4	9	10	49
8	Wells City	26	14	5	7	29	47
9	Cribbs Reserves	30	13	4	13	4	43
10	Mendip Broadwalk	31	12	7	12	-8	43
11	Bristol Telephones	28	12	6	10	18	42
12	Shirehampton	28	12	6	10	0	42
13	Cadbury Heath	31	12	5	14	-2	41
14	Avonmouth	31	11	6	14	3	39
15	AEK Boco	28	11	4	13	-2	37
16	Hengrove Athletic	27	7	7	13	-8	28
17	Radstock Town	27	8	4	15	-9	28
18	Cheddar	29	6	6	17	-39	24
19	Warminster Town	28	5	7	16	-37	22
20	Odd Down	30	5	6	19	-38	21
21	Keynsham Town	30	4	5	21	-65	17
22	Gillingham Town	30	1	5	24	-80	8


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