

Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: With pleasant weather finally sweeping the region, midweek fixtures went ahead without disruption, and there was entertainment wherever you looked on Tuesday evening. Starting in the First Division, where **Welton** stunned **Devizes**, beating the long-time league leaders by a goal to nil at West Clewes. The visitors have been having a tough time of it in recent weeks, and were unable to rebound from a weekend defeat, failing to break down a stubborn Rovers backline. That meant that one goal would decide the game, and it fell in Welton's favour, with Matt Morris tucking home a penalty, which he won, in the 64th minute. The win moved Welton up above Keynsham into 17th, and saw Devizes open the door to their title rivals. One of those sides was **Sturminster Newton**, who sat top following the midweek fixtures after they won 4-1 away at **Mendip Broadwalk**. United made a dream start, going in front after seven minutes through Buddy O'Shea, before the home side responded instantly, levelling the scores when Jayden Leonard's corner was deflected into the back of the net. Having been unable to score in their goalless draw last weekend, Sturminster were back at it on Tuesday, with George Coleman putting them back ahead, before Nick Hewlett scored shortly after half-time to make it 3-1. There was then a further goal from substitute Adam Hall who put the tie to bed in the 63rd minute, with Sturminster now hoping to kick-start another winning run. **Wells City** also leapfrogged Devizes up into second after they snuck past **Warminster**, with Jack Farion's ninth minute goal enough to secure the 1-0 win.

Elsewhere, **Boco** made it three wins in four after Will Hailston and Cory Rawlings scored in their 2-0 defeat of **Almondsbury**, while **Odd Down** produced a late snatch-and-grab to beat **Cheddar** 1-0. Having stayed on level terms thanks to a second half penalty save by Oscar Morris, the Bath side then pounced to steal all three points, with Jack Paul entering the game late on as a sub, before firing home the injury-time winner. There was also late drama at **Hengrove**, where the home side equalised in the 89th minute of their 2-2 draw with **Radstock**. After a back-post header from Bill Tucker saw the Miners go ahead early on, Hengrove levelled things up before half-time thanks to a goal from Sam Dunning. There was then an incredible moment just after the hour mark, when Radstock keeper Tom Crouch got his name on the scoresheet after a free-kick launched towards the area from inside his own half, ended up beating everyone and landing in the back of the net. Unfortunately for Crouch and his teammates, that didn't end up being the winning goal, with Hengrove grabbing a share of the spoils two minutes from time courtesy of Harvey Impey. Then, on Wednesday evening, **Bristol Telephones** kept themselves in touch with the other title hopefuls, beating **Shirehampton** 3-1 to grab their third win on the spin. Having beaten the same opposition ten days previously, the Phones started well at Stockwood Lane, going ahead in the 25th minute through Leon Britton. A Scott Bamford equaliser threatened to derail the hosts, before a strong second-half showing saw them run out winners with James Batchelor making it 2-1, before leading scorer Liam McCracken added the finishing touches.

In the Premier Division, **Clevedon** made it back-to-back 4-0 wins, with Sam Beresford scoring in either half of their defeat of **Oldland Abbotonians**. Having defeated Saltash by the same scoreline at the weekend, Clevedon may just be hitting their stride at the right time, with Henry Westlake and Seb Scott adding goals three and four during the big win in South Gloucestershire. Also winning on their travels were **Wellington**, with Josh Baker's brace helping lead them to a 3-1 victory at **Ivybridge**. After Baker's header had made it 1-0 in the seventh minute, the Devon side drew level instantly thanks to a deflected effort from Kai Burrell. The game then cooled down, before a poked finish from Baker put Wellington back in front after 65 minutes, with Alfie Slough wrapping things up in the closing stages. The individual performance of the night belonged to **Paulton's** Kitan Jaiyeoba, with his first half hat-trick giving Rovers a 3-0 win over **Brislington** *(pictured, right, courtesy of Jenny Short)*. After breaking the deadlock in the 13th minute, Jaiyeoba then fired into an empty net to double the hosts' advantage midway through the opening half. The hat-trick goal was the pick of the bunch, with Paulton's star man curling the ball home from outside the area to make it 3-0 just before the half-time break. Joining Paulton in maintaining their push for a top-three finish were **Barnstaple**, with a 2-1 win over **Newquay** earned courtesy of an excellent spell around half-time. With the game seemingly headed towards a first-half stalemate, Tommy Rogers stepped up in the added time to put Town one-up at the interval. Barnstaple's other Rogers, Gabby, then planted a bullet header into the back of the net three minutes into the second half to put his side two goals to the good. Newquay did set up a nervy finish when Louis Price struck 20 minutes from time, but the home side managed to hang on to stretch their winning run in the league to nine matches. Another side to have put a strong spell of results together are **Street**, with their last-ditch 2-0 win at **Bradford Town** giving them nine points from a possible nine in recent weeks. Having won 4-0 and 5-0 in their most recent outings, the Cobblers kept another clean sheet at Trowbridge Road, before two stoppage time goals from Josh Searle and Preston Hopwood gave them a dramatic victory over their mid-table rivals.



Podcast Episode 30

On the podcast this week, we hear from the league's Fixture Secretary, David Braithwaite, who sets out the fixture situation as we enter the final months of the season. There is also an interview with Barnstaple Town boss, Ben Potter, while Boco's Elliott Gibbons joins the show following their strong run of form.
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Premier Division: The points were shared between two of the top sides on Saturday afternoon, with Paulton Rovers and Torpoint playing out a four-goal thriller in Somerset. In an incredible start to the game, it was the title-chasing Cornishmen who went ahead inside the opening minute, with Sam Pearson knocking the ball home from close range. The large three-figure crowd were then treated to an entertaining finale, with Paulton getting back on level terms 15 minutes from time when leading scorer Kitan Jaiyeoba found the bottom corner with a driven finish. Rovers kept pushing, and got their rewards in the 84th minute when Elliot Haffenden curled the ball into the back of the net from the edge of the area. Haffenden then had the chance to increase the lead further, only to see his effort rebound back off the post, with Torpoint going straight down the other end and levelling at the death through Gary Hird. That point wasn't the desired outcome for either, and with Clevedon's 2-0 win away at St Blazey, the Seasiders have now opened a seven-point buffer atop the division. With Glen Hayer having headed them in-front during the first half, Sam Beresford then struck ten minutes after the break to help Clevedon rack up their third win on the bounce. Barnstaple Town have jumped up into third spot after holding on to beat Brislington 2-1 at Mill Road. A tenth consecutive league win for the home side came thanks to a goalscoring double from Josh Parry, with his early opener coming from a mix-up in the Brislington backline, before he then doubled his tally ten minutes before half-time. The Bristol side did threaten a late fightback following Spike Weaver's 82nd minute effort, but they couldn't find the leveller and remain without a league win since late October. Sidmouth battled back from two goals down at home to Shepton Mallet, rescuing a 2-2 draw to hang on to their place in the top five. Things looked to be going the way of the visitors early in the second half, when Monty Burgess added to Tom Ovigne's 13th minute opener to put Mallet 2-0 in front. Craig Veal then scored a crucial goal just prior to the hour mark, giving Sidmouth a foothold in the contest, and they then pushed on to grab a share of the spoils when Danny Pym held his nerve to tuck home a penalty late in the piece. Sixth-placed Buckland enjoyed their best day in front of goal since the turn of the year, with four different scorers leading them to a 4-1 victory away at Oldland Abbotonians. A superb finish from Jack Baxter set the ball rolling after just 12 minutes, with Isaac Moore doubling the visitors tally after half-an-hour. Ryan Bush then got his customary goal to make it 3-0 right at the beginning of the second period, with a long-ranger from Luke Forward putting the Bucks in complete command prior to a late consolation from the hosts. In terms of home teams who did come out on top, Wellington finished strongly against Bradford Town, with two late goals turning their potential draw into an impressive 3-1 win over their top-half opponents. A lobbed finish from Charlie Shearer had put the Somerset side in front early on, before Bradford levelled affairs on the hour courtesy of Josiah McKayle. Having lost the reverse fixture 3-1 back in December, Wellington managed to turn the tables on their visitors, with Glen Wright heading home Sam Towler's corner to put them back ahead, before Alfie Slough tucked home an 83rd minute penalty to complete the scoring.



Street's resolute defence shone through once again, with a fourth consecutive clean sheet helping them pick up a goalless draw away at playoff-chasing Newquay, while elsewhere, Bridgwater capitalised on a red card to hand Helston a heavy 6-2 defeat in Cornwall. Playing against ten men for more than 75 minutes, Bridgwater finally took control of the game late in the first half when Morgan Williams added to Jack Taylor's opener to make it 2-0. A Liam Winter strike early in the second half saw United pick up where they left off, with Taylor, Hayden Chambers and Harry Horton then all scoring to make it 6-0 after 63 minutes. Helston did keep battling, scoring twice in the final quarter through Liam Eddy and Olly Redd, but it wasn't a good start to March, where they are scheduled to host three more games at Kellaway Park. Finally, down to Saltash, where Sam Joce and Joe Preece scored either side of the break to give United a 2-1 win over Ivybridge. With Kieran O'Melia producing two assists for the Ashes goals, it proved to be enough for the Cornish side, who were forced to hang on in the final few minutes when Ryan Smith struck late on for the visitors.

First Division: On a day where each of the top sides faced tricky away ties, all of them came away unscathed to keep pace with one another in this unpredictable race for the title. Devizes' recent blip has allowed the chasing pack to close on, and in some cases leapfrog them on the ladder, but they returned to winning ways on Saturday, beating Cheddar 2-0. A 15th minute goal from Marshall Thompson settled the nerves early on, before Sam Jordan netted midway through the second half to put Devizes out of sight. Top spot current belongs to Sturminster Newton, and they made it eight consecutive away wins in the league by beating Almondsbury 4-0. Having strolled into a two-goal lead inside 20 minutes courtesy of Aaron Lane-Leney and George Coleman, Sturminster then added two more after the break through Moss Collis-Jackson and Ash Clarke to maintain their two-point lead at the summit. Nestled in between Sturminster and Devizes are Wells City, with the highest scorers in the division winning by two goals to nil away at Calne. A David O'Hare header had put Wells in front after 17 minutes, before Harry Warwick was then on hand to double their winning margin shortly after the break. In the most anticipated game of the afternoon, two early strikes from Luke Osgood helped Bitton to register an impressive 3-1 win away at the in-form Bristol Telephones. Having not lost since mid-December, the Phones were stunned during the early stages at Stockwood Lane, with Osgood putting the visitors two-up inside 15 minutes. A Mickey Parsons header early in the second half then gave Bitton even more breathing room, with a James Batchelor goal failing to spark any kind of fightback for the Phones who relinquished their spot in the top five to their victorious visitors. There was also success on the road for fourth-placed Avonmouth, with Josh Pearce's treble leading them past Boco. Having broken the deadlock early on, Pearce then struck twice again in the opening minutes of the second half, with Avonmouth keeper Kyreese Johnson then saving a late penalty to preserve his clean sheet during the 3-0 win. In terms of home winners, there was only one in the set of ten fixtures, with Mendip Broadwalk storming to a one-sided 6-0 defeat of Radstock Town. Jack Medjedoub scored in either half for the home side, following on from Jordan Hughes' third minute opener. Mason Daggar, Jack Jones and Conor Biggins were also on target for the eighth-placed side who had gone four games without tasting victory before this big win. Keynsham had also been winless for some time, last earning three points before Christmas, but that all changed on Saturday after second half efforts from Akram Abdullahi and Ben Cullen helped them to secure a 2-1 win at Cadbury Heath.

2-1 was also the winning margin for Odd Down, with Alfie Kelsey scoring the winner in the triumph away at Shirehampton. Having gone ahead in added time at the end of the first half through Charlie Saunders, the Bath side were then pegged back on the other side of the break by George Loud, before Kelsey fired home the winner. The most impressive comeback of the day belonged to Warminster, with three goals during the final 20 minutes helping them secure a 4-2 win at Hengrove. Harry Winstone's brace had helped to put the Grove 2-1 up after an hour, but it was Warminster who finished in the ascendancy, with Jack Newman scoring twice himself, adding to further goals from Jordan Pinder and Tyson Pollard to cap a standout finish from the away side. In the day's only draw, Longwell Green and Welton shared six goals in a game which involved a tonne of late drama. Having seen Sonny Passco and Matt Brown score in quick succession to put Longwell Green two-up, the rapidly improving Welton battled back to make it 2-2 early in the second half following goals from Aaron Seviour and Will Ford. It looked like Welton had completed the turnaround when Ford struck again in the 93rd minute, but Longwell Green weren't willing to join the group of home sides falling to defeat and managed to level things up thanks to a flicked finish from the ever-reliable Brown.



Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division
Ryan Bush (Buckland) - 24
Kitan Jaiyeoba (Paulton) – 21
Sam Beresford (Clevedon) – 20
Jack Bray-Evans (Newquay) – 19
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) - 16
Rhys Simmonds (Newquay) – 15

First Division
Liam McCracken (Bristol Telephones) – 24
Josh Pearce (Avonmouth) – 20
Josh Gilborson (Bitton) - 17
Harry Warwick (Wells) - 17
Jake Brown (Wells) – 17
Jack Newman (Warminster) – 16

All Competitions
Ryan Bush (Buckland) - 31
Jensen Wakefield (Bradford) – 24
Liam McCracken (Bristol Telephones) - 24
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) - 24

Latest Results

Tuesday 3rd March 2026

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	2-1	Newquay
Bradford Town	0-2	Street
Ivybridge Town	1-3	Wellington
Oldland Abbotonians	0-4	Clevedon Town
Paulton Rovers	3-0	Brislington

First Division

AEK Boco	2-0	Almondsbury
Cheddar	0-1	Odd Down
Hengrove Athletic	2-2	Radstock Town
Mendip Broadwalk	1-4	Sturminster Newton United
Wells City	1-0	Warminster Town
Welton Rovers	1-0	Devizes Town

Wednesday 4th March 2026

First Division

Bristol Telephones	3-1	Shirehampton

Saturday 7th March 2026

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	2-1	Brislington
Helston Athletic	2-6	Bridgwater United
Newquay	0-0	Street
Oldland Abbotonians	1-4	Buckland Athletic
Paulton Rovers	2-2	Torpoint Athletic
Saltash United	2-1	Ivybridge Town
Sidmouth Town	2-2	Shepton Mallet
St Blazey	0-2	Clevedon Town
Wellington	3-1	Bradford Town

First Division

AEK Boco	0-3	Avonmouth
Almondsbury	0-4	Sturminster Newton United
Bristol Telephones	1-3	Bitton
Cadbury Heath	1-2	Keynsham Town
Calne Town	0-2	Wells City
Cheddar	0-2	Devizes Town
Hengrove Athletic	2-4	Warminster Town
Longwell Green	3-3	Welton Rovers
Mendip Broadwalk	6-0	Radstock Town
Shirehampton	1-2	Odd Down

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 10th March 2026

Premier Division

Ivybridge Town	vs	Helston Athletic	19:30KO
Paulton Rovers	vs	Wellington	19:30KO
Street	vs	Barnstaple Town	19:45KO

First Division

Almondsbury	vs	Keynsham Town	19:45KO
Bitton	vs	Sturminster Newton United	19:30KO
Cheddar	vs	AEK Boco	19:45KO
Shirehampton	vs	Radstock Town	19:30KO
Welton Rovers	vs	Calne Town	19:30KO

Wednesday 11th March 2026

Premier Division

Newquay	vs	Saltash United	19:45KO

First Division

Cadbury Heath	vs	Devizes Town	19:30KO
Warminster Town	vs	Longwell Green Sports	19:45KO

Saturday 14th March 2026 (3pm kick off unless noted)

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	vs	Sidmouth Town
Bradford Town	vs	Bridgwater United
Brislington	vs	Ivybridge Town
Clevedon Town	vs	Torpoint Athletic
Helston Athletic	vs	Buckland Athletic
Paulton Rovers	vs	Newquay
Saltash United	vs	Street
Wellington	vs	Oldland Abbotonians

First Division

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

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League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Clevedon Town	27	20	2	5	36	62
2	Torpoint Athletic	23	17	4	2	28	55
3	Barnstaple Town	23	16	3	4	29	51
4	Paulton Rovers	24	15	5	4	35	50
5	Sidmouth Town	27	14	5	8	11	47
6	Buckland Athletic	27	13	7	7	19	46
7	Newquay	24	12	4	8	17	40
8	Saltash United	25	11	5	9	-4	38
9	Bridgwater United	28	10	5	13	-10	35
10	Bradford Town	28	9	6	13	-6	33
11	Street	24	8	7	9	7	31
12	Helston Athletic	25	8	4	13	-22	28
13	Shepton Mallet	27	6	8	13	-17	26
14	Ivybridge Town	24	8	2	14	-17	26
15	St Blazey	27	6	8	13	-22	26
16	Wellington	23	7	4	12	-9	25
17	Brislington	24	3	3	18	-34	12
18	Oldland Abbotonians	22	1	2	19	-41	5
19	St Austell	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Nailsea & Tickenham	0	0	0	0	0	0

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Sturminster Newton United	28	20	3	5	51	63
2	Wells City	29	20	1	8	48	61
3	Devizes Town	28	18	7	3	46	61
4	Avonmouth	30	17	9	4	18	60
5	Bitton	29	16	9	4	17	57
6	Bristol Telephones	29	16	7	6	16	55
7	AEK Boco	29	13	6	10	15	45
8	Mendip Broadwalk	30	12	8	10	0	44
9	Longwell Green Sports	31	13	4	14	-1	43
10	Warminster Town	30	10	9	11	4	39
11	Calne Town	30	10	8	12	0	38
12	Almondsbury	25	10	6	9	-6	36
13	Odd Down	29	9	7	13	-7	34
14	Cadbury Heath	29	9	7	13	-20	34
15	Shirehampton	28	7	6	15	-24	27
16	Radstock Town	28	4	12	12	-18	23*
17	Keynsham Town	30	6	5	19	-37	23
18	Welton Rovers	28	6	4	18	-25	22
19	Cheddar	29	3	9	17	-39	18
20	Hengrove Athletic	29	2	9	18	-38	14