Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: The Les Phillips Cup got underway this week, with five preliminary round ties helping to decide the make-up of the last 32. On Tuesday evening, **Nailsea United** continued their high-scoring run of victories, putting five past **Mendip Broadwalk** to reach the next round. Kelson Pollard played a starring role for the hosts, opening the scoring early on, before then producing a lobbed finish to kick-start the second half scoring. There were also goals for Ryan Ford and Luis Parnham during a 3-0 first-half, with Dylan Williams later adding the finishing touches to the 5-1 victory. There was also a comfortable home win for **Brislington**, with George Jones' second minute goal setting the wheels in motion on their way to a 4-1 defeat of **Bristol Telephones**. The First Division leaders came unstuck during the opening 45 minutes, with Jordan Scadding and Spike Weaver extending the lead to three, before the sides then shared a goal apiece after the break. Another side to progress were **Cadbury Heath**, with goals inside the opening 25 minutes from Riley Gifford-Hobbs and Zac Tucker leading them to a 2-0 win away at **Almondsbury**. The other tie that night went the way of **Avonmouth**, with Jahdanti Selsassie's late strike confirming their 3-1 win away at **Bitton**. Having stormed into an early two-goal lead courtesy of Theo Collins and Mihali Papantoniou, Avonmouth saw their advantage trimmed on the hour mark when Josh Gilborson scored on the rebound after his penalty had been saved by Kyreese Johnson. With the tie in the balance, second-half sub Selassie slotted the ball home 11 minutes from time to book their spot in the first round. Avonmouth's opponents in three weeks' time will be **Oldland Abbotonians** after they overcame **Shirehampton** via penalties on Wednesday evening. In an entertaining contest, Shirehampton took a third minute lead courtesy of Louis Snailham's header, before Oldland got back on level terms thanks to a looping header from Jai Macleod just before half-time. A red card ten minutes into the second half scuppered the Abbots' hopes, and they looked to be heading out when Patryk Kosciolek put the home side back in front with just minutes left on the clock. Oldland managed to claw their way back into the game, and after the hosts failed to clear the ball, Giuseppe La Porta did just enough to force the ball home during added time. During the shootout, Oldland scored with five of their six attempts, while Shirehampton missed twice, meaning it was the visitors who continued their run in this season's competition.

There were also a pair of Premier Division clashes during the week, with **Portishead** laying down a marker by trouncing **Street** 8-0 on Tuesday evening. It was an incredible night for Town's recent signing Aysa Corrick, with the play-maker providing five assists alongside his first half goal to help power his side to victory. Jack Thorne was the main beneficiary from Corrick's work, notching a first-half hat-trick, with Owen Humphries and Mitch Osmond also netting before the interval. Humphries then added another early in the second half to make it 7-0, with Kyle Egan adding some gloss to the scoreline late on. Wednesday then saw some late heroics from **Tavistock**, with a late winner helping them come from behind to beat **Buckland** 2-1 at Homers Heath. The night didn't start well for the visitors who fell behind after just eight minutes to Fin Herbert's early opener. A strong Ryan Smith finish midway through the first half got the Lambs back level, before Dave Rowe then completed the comeback three minutes from time, getting the finishing touch on Jacob Bowker's corner to start Connor Marshall's time in dugout with a last-gasp victory.

Premier Division: The top sides continued to flex their muscles on Saturday afternoon, with the top four all registering impressive victories. For league leaders **Bridgwater,** two early goals proved to be enough, with Tom Llewellyn starring in their 2-1 win away at **Newquay**. Mount Wise is among the tougher venues to visit, but United hit their straps in the early stages, with Llewellyn making it 1-0 in the fifth minute, before then crossing for Jacob Spence who headed home a quickfire second. Newquay slowly worked their way into the contest, and grabbed a foothold just prior to half-time, with Callam McOnie finding the back of the net. There were no further goals however, and Bridgwater hung on to maintain their two-point lead at the top. **Clevedon** have now won seven on the bounce in all comps, with Lucas Vowles scoring another brace of goals in their 5-0 defeat of **Ivybridge**. Vowles has been scoring doubles for fun in recent weeks, and he was at it again down in Devon, with teammates Jacob Sloggett, Ben Griffith and Charlie Saunders also netting during the one-sided victory. The standout result of the day belonged to **Portishead**, with eight different players scoring during their 8-2 victory at home to **Tavistock**. The visitors had won six of their last seven since losing the reverse fixture in August, but were no match for Portishead who scored five unanswered second-half goals. Having fallen behind to Ryan Smith's early opener, Portishead hit back to go 2-1 up courtesy of goals from Rio Fitton and Ollie Woodhouse. A Jamie Adams header then made it 3-1, before Tavy grabbed a lifeline late in the first half courtesy of a strong finish from Kian Burch. With just one goal separating the sides after 45 minutes, Portishead put their foot down at the beginning of the second period, with Owen Humphries putting them 4-2 up, before Aysa Corrick then added the fifth. A first Portishead goal for former Brislington-man Tyller Davis-Whitlock extended the lead to four, with Ethan Feltham and Kyle Egan adding further goals in the closing stages. Fourth-placed **St Blazey** survived an early scare, coming from behind to beat bottom-side **Wellington** 7-1. It was a goal from debutant Alfie Barrett which gave the Somerset side a shock 16th minute lead, with the Blaze taking over half-an-hour to notch their first goal courtesy of Kai Burrell. Another Burrell strike then made it 2-1, with Tallan Mitchell and Olly Redd adding further goals on the stroke of half-time. Mitchell then scored his second of the afternoon to kick-start the second-half scoring, with Burrell completing his hat-trick with a late header, before Jack Calver drove home the seventh to cap a dominant performance.



Elsewhere, there were some impressive home wins for a trio of Devon sides, including at Manstone Lane, where **Sidmouth** beat **Brislington** 3-1. An excellent free-kick from Danny Pym put the hosts ahead, with Nathan Cooper then scoring late in the first half to double Town's advantage *(pictured, celebrating, courtesy of Freya Warren).* A red card for Jordan Scadding eight minutes into the second half seemed to end Brislington's hopes, but the ten-men regrouped expertly and managed to cut the gap to their hosts courtesy of a goal from Spike Weaver. The task proved too much for the Bristol outfit however, and it was Sidmouth who collected maximum points, with Cooper heading home a late third.



Things also went well for **Bovey Tracey** who claimed a 4-0 victory over **Street**, courtesy of four different goalscorers. A Leighton Green effort was all that separated the sides at half-time, with Josh Webber quickly making it 2-0 at the beginning of the second half. Bovey had been without a home win since mid-August, but they made sure that run would come to an end, with Cieran Bridger and Charlie Castlehouse each scoring in the final couple of minutes. Completing the Devon hat-trick was **Brixham**, with Cole Harford scoring the winning goal in their 2-1 victory over **Wells City**. We had late drama in the final two games, with both Buckland and Saltash striking in stoppage time to claim a point. For **Saltash United**, it was Sam Joce who nabbed the injury time equaliser in their 2-2 draw away at **Shepton Mallet**. After the returning Deacon Thomson had edged the Ashes in front, Mallet then levelled through Connor Williams, before an own goal turned the game in their favour with less than five minutes left on the clock. Saltash didn't let that late goal derail their hopes however, with Joce stepping up in the final seconds to secure a share of the spoils. For **Buckland**, a direct free kick from Isaac McCue enabled them to claim a 1-1 draw at home to **Liskeard**, with the visitors denied victory having gone in front ten minutes after the interval through James Lorenz.

First Division: Just three points covers the top seven following the latest round of action, with **Avonmouth** up into third spot following their 3-0 win over league leaders **Bristol Telephones**. Following a goalless opening hour, the home side suddenly shot into action, with Charlie Aldom heading them in front on his return to the starting lineup. Leading scorer Josh Pearce then quickly added a second, with Saman Ahmadi completing the scoring five minutes from time. Second-placed **Boco** missed out on the chance to reach the summit after they were held to a 1-1 draw in their derby with **Bitton**. It was another game which took a while to spark into life, with Bitton's Harry Neil breaking the deadlock after an hour thanks to a brilliant finish. Boco's Jack Ball then made it one-apiece five minutes later, but the hosts were lucky to hang on to their point, with their opponents squandering a late opportunity when their penalty deflected up and over the crossbar. **Longwell Green** suffered a surprise home reverse at the hands of **Cadbury Heath**, drawing a rare blank in their 1-0 defeat. Despite being among the highest scorers in the division, Longwell Green couldn't break down a stubborn defensive effort from the visitors, with Cory Langdon's 17th minute goal ending up being the difference between the two sides. Similarly, **Nailsea** fell to a shock home defeat against **Keynsham**, with Kyren Simpson's injury time winner bringing an abrupt end to United's five-match winning run.

There were also some high-scoring contest on Saturday afternoon, with **Shirehampton** holding off a fierce fightback from **Calne Town** to eventual prevail by five goals to three. The first half-hour couldn't have gone any worse for the visitors, with Shirehampton storming into a three-goal advantage courtesy of Louis Snaiham, Ryan Radford and Ben Adam. Goals either side of the break from Will Banfield and Francis Abijo suddenly saw Calne battle their way back into the contest, with Banfield's penalty midway through the second half then making it three-each. In no time whatsoever, Shirehampton went back in front, courtesy of a second Radford strike, with Scott Bamford then scoring in the final few minutes to wrap up the 5-3 win. **Warminster's** Charlie Walton claimed a hat-trick in his sides 6-1 victory over **Welton**, increasing Town's winning run in the league to three matches. After firing the hosts into a seventh minute lead, Walton could only watch on as Rovers drew level thanks to an excellent finish from Oliver Tucker. A Paul Braithwaite goal on the half-hour then put Warminster back ahead, with Walton knocking in a free-kick to double their advantage. Town duo Jake Wright and George Walker-Haynes then took the game out of reach for the basement side, with another brilliant finish from Walton completing his treble three minutes from time.

Elsewhere, Odd Down skipper Ryan Gay scored twice in the final few minutes to cap their 3-0 win at Wincanton (*pictured, right),* while Trey Cadette's late header saw Oldland secure a 1-1 draw on the road at Radstock. There was also a return to winning ways for Almondsbury, with two goals in the final ten minutes helping them beat Mendip Broadwalk 4-2. Having twice gone in front at beginning of either half through Brandon Back and Liam Nicholls, the Almonds were pegged back on each occasion courtesy of equalisers from Mendip duo Connor Saunders and Connor O'Toole. With the game very much in the balance heading into the final moments, Luke Meacham stepped up to restore Almondsbury's advantage, before Nicholls then added the fourth and final goal deep into stoppage time.



Podcast Episode 8

On the latest episode of the podcast, **Torpoint** boss, Dean Cardew, discusses his sides efforts to compete at the highest level in this seasons Premier Division.
Ian is also joined by **Bristol Telephones'** management duo, John Allen and Russ Holt, with the First Division leaders hoping to remain a force throughout the season, and challenge for honours at the top of the table.
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Les Phillips First Round

Following this week's Preliminary ties, we now know the 16 first round ties which will take place later this month:
AEK Boco vs Odd Down, Longwell Green Sports vs Portishead, Nailsea vs Wells City, Oldland Abbotonians vs Avonmouth, Shepton Mallet vs Wellington, Tavistock vs Bovey Tracey, Torpoint Athletic vs Newquay, Wincanton Town vs Brislington, Calne vs Welton Rovers, Street vs Clevedon Town, Warminster vs Radstock, Cadbury Heath vs Keynsham, St Blazey vs Liskeard, Sidmouth vs Brixham, Bridgwater vs Buckland, and Saltash vs Ivybridge.

Recent Results

Tuesday 29th September 2026

Premier Division

Portishead Town	8-0	Street

Les Phillips Cup – Preliminary Round

Almondsbury	0-2	Cadbury Heath
Bitton	1-3	Avonmouth
Brislington	4-1	Bristol Telephones
Nailsea United	5-1	Mendip Broadwalk

Wednesday 30th September 2026

Premier Division

Buckland Athletic	1-2	Tavistock

Les Phillips Cup – Preliminary Round

Shirehampton	2-2	Oldland Abbotonians

(Oldland win 5-4 on penalties)

Saturday 3rd October 2026

Premier Division

Bovey Tracey	4-0	Street
Brixham	2-1	Wells City
Buckland Athletic	1-1	Liskeard Athletic
Ivybridge Town	0-5	Clevedon Town
Newquay	1-2	Bridgwater United
Portishead Town	8-2	Tavistock
Shepton Mallet	2-2	Saltash United
Sidmouth Town	3-1	Brislington
Wellington	1-7	St Blazey

First Division

AEK Boco	1-1	Bitton
Almondsbury	4-2	Mendip Broadwalk
Avonmouth	3-0	Bristol Telephones
Longwell Green	0-1	Cadbury Heath
Nailsea United	0-1	Keynsham Town
Radstock Town	1-1	Oldland Abbotonians
Shirehampton	5-3	Calne Town
Warminster Town	6-1	Welton Rovers
Wincanton Town	0-3	Odd Down

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 6th October 2026

Premier Division

Bridgwater United	vs	Wells City	19:45KO
Brislington	vs	Portishead Town	19:45KO
Tavistock	vs	Ivybridge Town	19:30KO
Torpoint Athletic	vs	Buckland Athletic	19:30KO

First Division

AEK Boco	vs	Bristol Telephones	19:30KO
Bitton	vs	Avonmouth	19:30KO
Calne Town	vs	Warminster Town	19:45KO
Longwell Green	vs	Welton Rovers	19:30KO
Nailsea United	vs	Odd Down	19:30KO

Wednesday 7th October 2026

Premier Division

Newquay	vs	Liskeard Athletic	19:30KO
St Blazey	vs	Brixham	19:30KO
Wellington	vs	Clevedon Town	19:45KO

Saturday 10th October 2026 (3pm kick off unless noted)

Premier Division

Ivybridge Town	vs	Torpoint Athletic
Liskeard Athletic	vs	Wellington
Sidmouth Town	vs	Wells City

First Division

AEK Boco	vs	Nailsea United
Almondsbury	vs	Cadbury Heath
Bristol Telephones	vs	Wincanton Town
Keynsham Town	vs	Bitton
Mendip Broadwalk	vs	Odd Down
Oldland Abbotonians	vs	Shirehampton
Warminster Town	vs	Radstock Town
Welton Rovers	vs	Calne Town

FA Vase – First Round Proper

Amesbury Town	vs	**Avonmouth**
Bovey Tracey	vs	Brimscombe & Thrupp
Brixham	vs	Carterton Town
Buckland Athletic	vs	Hamworthy Recreation
Camelford	vs	**Clevedon Town**
Longwell Green	vs	**St Blazey**
Newquay	vs	Sturminster Newton United
Portishead Town	vs	**Street**
Romsey Town	vs	**Bridgwater United**
Shepton Mallet	vs	**Brislington**
Tavistock	vs	Elburton Villa

League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Bridgwater United	12	9	2	1	19	29
2	Clevedon Town	11	9	0	2	28	27
3	Portishead Town	9	7	1	1	28	22
4	St Blazey	10	6	4	0	14	22
5	Liskeard Athletic	12	7	1	4	12	22
6	Tavistock	12	6	3	3	2	21
7	Newquay	11	5	2	4	8	17
8	Buckland Athletic	12	5	2	5	5	17
9	Brixham	12	5	2	5	4	17
10	Saltash United	12	4	5	3	3	17
11	Bovey Tracey	14	5	1	8	-5	16
12	Sidmouth Town	12	4	3	5	-5	15
13	Shepton Mallet	13	4	3	6	-8	15
14	Torpoint Athletic	11	4	2	5	-4	14
15	Street	12	4	1	7	-14	13
16	Brislington	12	3	2	7	-4	11
17	Ivybridge Town	11	3	1	7	-16	10
18	Wells City	11	2	1	8	-7	7
19	Wellington	11	0	0	11	-60	0

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Bristol Telephones	12	7	3	2	13	24
2	AEK Boco	11	7	2	2	16	23
3	Avonmouth	13	6	5	2	8	23
4	Longwell Green Sports	12	7	1	4	13	22
5	Odd Down	11	7	1	3	5	22
6	Nailsea United	11	7	0	4	17	21
7	Shirehampton	11	7	0	4	7	21
8	Warminster Town	11	5	3	3	8	18
9	Almondsbury	11	5	1	5	-7	16
10	Cadbury Heath	13	4	3	6	-10	15
11	Bitton	12	4	2	6	-7	14
12	Radstock Town	9	3	4	2	5	13
13	Wincanton Town	10	4	1	5	-4	13
14	Oldland Abbotonians	9	3	3	3	-2	12
15	Keynsham Town	12	4	0	8	-6	12
16	Calne Town	11	3	2	6	-10	11
17	Mendip Broadwalk	9	1	1	7	-15	4
18	Welton Rovers	12	0	0	12	-31	0


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