



Latest Round-ups:

Premier Division: It was a day for goals on Saturday afternoon, with an average of more than four from the ten games played in the first week of September. The back of the net was found nine times in total at The Winterfield Stadium where **Paulton** produced an incredible second-half on their way to a 7-2 thumping of **Bridgwater**. With only goal separating the sides at the break, Rovers came storming out of the blocks in the second period, moving 3-0 up in no time at all thanks to a quickfire double from forwards Kye Simpson and Kitan Jaiyeoba. United were completely overwhelmed, and after going four down following a Will Hailston beauty, they then saw Milo Murgatroyd score twice in quick succession to put them six behind. Only a couple of injury time goals helped save face for the visitors who trailed 7-0 after 90 minutes following Dan McBeam's second of the afternoon. Another one-sided winner was **Clevedon Town**, with the new leaders handing bottom-side **Welton** a 5-0 home defeat. Early efforts from Glen Hayes and Alex Camm helped put the away side two-up, before Joe Teall added a third on the half-hour mark. Freddie King's excellent free-kick restarted the scoring during the second half, with Harrison Kyte coming off the bench to add the finishing touches late on. Incredibly, only one sided remains undefeated so far this season, with **Street** producing an outstanding fightback at **Buckland** to salvage a 2-2 draw. The Bucks are always a handful at Homers Heath, and they looked to be surging towards another victory on home turf thanks to goals from Jared Lewington and Ryan Smith. That Smith effort early in the second half was his first for the club, and came just moments after the Cobblers had been reduced to ten men. The visitors were handed a lifeline midway through the second half which Harry Foster took with both hands, slotting home a penalty to trim the deficit. Then, after 73 minutes, Street's comeback was complete via another set-piece, with Eli Collins producing a wicked free kick



Action from Barnstaple/Brislington,
(courtesy of Steve Screech)

which ended up in the home net. In another top-six battle, **Barnstaple** strolled to a comfortable 4-0 win over **Brislington** down in Devon. After going ahead on the quarter-hour through Scott Piper, Town then struck twice more through Tommy Rogers and Euan Washbrook to lead by three at the break. Barnstaple skipper Brodie Montague added the hosts fourth late on, giving him his first goal of the campaign, and capping his own Man of the Match performance.

Another side to score four in a home win were **Brixham**, beating **Torpoint** for the second time in the space of five weeks to climb up into the top half. In a game which was tight for long periods, James Moxom had put the home side in front after 17 minutes, only to see that goal cancelled out just moments later following a Mason Elliot equaliser. It remained one apiece up until the 73rd minute, when Kieran Parkin struck for Brixham to restore their slender advantage. From that moment on, the result was never in doubt, with an unfortunate own goal followed in stoppage time by a flighted finish from Charlie Johansen who capitalised on the Torpoint keeper being wayward from his goal. Another Devonian side to secure maximum points were **Ivybridge**, with three unanswered goals meaning they have now won four on the spin in all competitions. Their latest victory came at home to **Portishead**, with the previously unbeaten visitors drawing a rare blank at Ermington Road. A goal late in the first half from Ryan Busby put the Ivies in pole position, before further efforts from Owen Pritchard and Sean Thomson completed the win during the final 15 minutes. The standout individual performance saw **Nailsea & Tickenham's** Lucas Vowles bag a hat-trick in his sides 4-2 comeback win at home to **St Blazey**. Having gone ahead after only four minutes through Charlie Saunders, Nailsea quickly found themselves on the back foot with George Newton and Jayden Gilbert turning the game in St Blazey's favour. Vowles started the second half by levelling from the spot, with his second goal coming shortly after to turn the game back in the home side's favour. The Swags maintained their advantage through the second period, eventually adding to their lead in the closing stages when Vowles knocked home another penalty to complete the victory. The remaining games all involved some late drama, including at **St Austell**, where goals in the final seven minutes from Liam Eddy and Max Gilbert helped lead the hosts to a hard-fought 2-0 win over **Wellington** (pictured, right). The other late winner came in incredible circumstances, with Tom Payne scoring from inside his own half to lead **Saltash** to a 2-1 victory at **Oldland**. With the game level heading into the closing stages, Payne added to his earlier effort by scoring from beyond the halfway line to stun the Abbots and bring an end to Saltash's winless start. A dramatic finale at **Ilfracombe** saw the home side level in added time to claim a 1-1 draw with **Shepton Mallet**. The away side looked to have done enough to grab the points following a late Josh Jenkins goal, but it wasn't to be, and Town secured a share of the spoils thanks to Jamie Hearsey's stoppage time equaliser.



First Division: In a reduced midweek schedule, **Calne Town** moved into top spot thanks to a Tuesday night victory at **Bristol Telephones**. Having gone ahead through Nat Bell, Calne were pegged back by their hosts and trailed 2-1 courtesy of goals from James Batchelor and Leon Britton. The Lilywhites were a little fortunate to get back on level terms thanks to an own goal, before eventually running out winners thanks to a late Sam Francis strike. There was then also a Friday night fixture up in Bath, with **Odd Down** capturing a 2-0 win over **Warminster**. It has been a relatively slow start for both sides this year, so Odd Down will be happy to have collected maximum points thanks to second half goals coming from Nathan Hall and Rickie Scott.

Turning attention to Saturday afternoon, and **Bradford** were the day's big winners, putting four past **Avonmouth** to claim a seventh league victory from eight games. Dan Demkiv was on target in either half for the Bobcats, adding to further goals from Fabian Stanislas and Matty Morris, while the league's highest scorers were kept at bay at the other end of the pitch. Just like up in the Premier Division, only one unbeaten side remains, and that is **Calne** after they beat **Hallen** 2-0 to hand the visitors their first loss. The battle of the unbeatens was goalless for a long period, but Town pulled away during the final 20 minutes thanks to a goalscoring double from Josh Pike-Bright. The **Bristol Telephones** rebounded from their midweek loss by handing **Wells** a 2-0 defeat thanks to second half goals from usual suspects, James Batchelor and Craig Wilson. The only other side to win at home on Saturday were **AEK Boco** who left it late before clinching a 2-1 defeat of **Gillingham Town**. Luke Bryan ended up being the star of the show for Boco, and it was he who had opened the scoring after 20 minutes, only to see the visitors draw level almost instantly. It remained 1-1 until the final moments of normal time, before Joe Carter flicked the ball on for Bryan to score from close range to complete the last-gasp victory. There was also stoppage time drama at **Devizes**, where a late penalty saw **Keynsham** grab a share of the spoils. After an own goal had put the visitors ahead, they were then reduced to ten men which allowed Devizes a way back into the contest. They took full advantage during the second half, and after levelling through Jon Bazley, they then completed the turnaround in the final few minutes thanks to a goal from sub Danny Bowyer. The K's had one final opportunity and managed to earn an injury time penalty which is where the drama began. Dominic Oakes in the Devizes net saved the resulting spot kick, but the referee had spotted an indiscretion, allowing the away side a re-take which was converted to see the game end two-all. There was also a draw at Bowdens Park, where home debutant Lucas Smith came off the bench to grab a point for **Cheddar** in their 1-1 tie with **Longwell Green**. The points were also shared in Bristol where both **Mendip Broadwalk** and **Cadbury Heath** scored three first half goals during a wild 45 minutes of action. In-form Mendip striker Rhys Hickery set the ball rolling inside the opening 60 seconds, before the Heath hit back through Brandon Dack and Hassan Hussein to put the Heath 2-1 up after only ten minutes. It was then the home side's chance to pull off a quickfire turnaround of their own, with Jordan Hughes and Dylan Whittle striking in quick succession to restore their advantage. A crazy 45 minutes was brought to an end with the sides locked at three-each, with Tom Withers converting a penalty, in what ended up being the final goal of the afternoon. In terms of comebacks, the result of the day probably belongs to **Cribbs Reserves** who overturned a two-goal deficit early in the second half to eventually win 5-2 at **Hengrove**. Goals either side of the interval from Jack Jones and Rohan Hartrey had helped the Grove forge two clear, with Cribbs then kick-starting their comeback thanks to a quickfire double strike from Aaron Coleman and Tom Burns. The game remained on a knife-edge for the following 20 minutes, before the visitors took their first lead of the afternoon courtesy of a Liam Clayton header. Cribbs had a tough start to the campaign, losing four in a row, but are very much back in form, and completed their latest victory thanks to a Gerlando Parrinello penalty and an injury-time header from Archie Lock. **Sturminster Newton** have also improved over recent weeks, and made it four wins from five after beating **Bitton** 3-0, while **Shirehampton** pulled off a late fightback to win 2-1 at **Radstock**. Having gone ahead through Jed Parfitt, the Miners saw their chances of maintaining a lead dented when they lost Ellis McDonald to a red card on the stroke of half time. They managed to hold out until the final moments, with Shirehampton levelling through Luke Marshall in the 82nd minute, before then turning the game on its head in stoppage time thanks to a powerful header from debutant Josiah McKayle.

Recent Results

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

First Division

Bristol Telephones 2-3 Calne Town

Friday 6th September 2024

First Division

Odd Down 2-0 Warminster Town

Saturday 7th September 2024

Premier Division

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

First Division

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



On the latest episode of the podcast, Nailsea & Tickenham coaching duo, Nic Steadman and Jamie Smith reflect on their strong start to the campaign, including the historic FA Cup run. Ian is also joined by Sturminster Newton boss, Nick Squires, who discusses his clubs journey to the Jewson Western League, while also revealing the philosophy that underpins their ambitions for the future.

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Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 10th September 2024

Premier Division

Bridgwater United	vs	Barnstaple Town	19:45KO
Brislington	vs	Welton Rovers	19:45KO
Brixham	vs	St Austell	19:30KO
Ilfracombe Town	vs	Saltash United	19:45KO
Oldland Abbotonians	vs	Nailsea & Tickenham	19:30KO
Paulton Rovers	vs	Street	19:30KO
Shepton Mallet	vs	Wellington	19:30KO

First Division

Avonmouth	vs	Bristol Telephones	19:45KO
Bitton	vs	AEK Boco	19:30KO
Gillingham Town	vs	Warminster Town	19:30KO
Hallen	vs	Mendip Broadwalk	19:30KO
Longwell Green	vs	Calne Town	19:30KO
Radstock Town	vs	Devizes Town	19:45KO
Sturminster Newton	vs	Bradford Town	19:45KO
Wells City	vs	Odd Down	19:30KO

Wednesday 11th September 2024

Premier Division

St Blazey	vs	Ivybridge Town	19:30KO
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First Division

Cadbury Heath	vs	Keynsham Town	19:30KO
Cribbs Reserves	vs	Cheddar	19:45KO
Shirehampton	vs	Hengrove Athletic	19:45KO

Saturday 14th September 2024 (3pm Kick-off unless noted otherwise)

Premier Division

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

First Division

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

League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Clevedon Town	8	6	1	1	21	19
2	Street	7	5	2	0	8	17
3	Portishead Town	8	5	2	1	7	17
4	Buckland Athletic	7	5	1	1	15	16
5	Barnstaple Town	7	5	1	1	7	16
6	Brislington	8	5	0	3	10	15
7	Nailsea & Tickenham	6	5	0	1	9	15
8	Paulton Rovers	7	5	0	2	6	15
9	Bridgwater United	8	4	1	3	-3	13
10	Brixham AFC	7	2	4	1	5	10
11	Ivybridge Town	7	3	1	3	-1	10
12	Oldland Abbotonians	7	3	0	4	0	9
13	Ilfracombe Town	9	2	2	5	-4	8
14	St Blazey	7	2	2	3	-6	8
15	Shepton Mallet	7	1	3	3	-1	6
16	AFC St Austell	7	2	0	5	-5	6
17	Wellington	8	2	0	6	-10	6
18	Saltash United	8	1	2	5	-10	5
19	Torpoint Athletic	9	1	0	8	-18	3
20	Welton Rovers	8	0	0	8	-30	0

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Calne Town	9	8	1	0	17	25
2	Bradford Town	8	7	0	1	14	21
3	Hallen	9	6	2	1	12	20
4	Wells City	10	5	2	3	12	20
5	Cadbury Heath	9	5	2	2	2	17
6	Shirehampton	8	5	1	2	8	16
7	Avonmouth	11	5	1	5	4	16
8	Cribbs Reserves	11	5	1	5	2	16
9	Devizes Town	9	4	3	2	11	15
10	Bristol Telephones	9	5	0	4	8	15
11	Mendip Broadwalk	10	4	3	3	-5	15
12	Sturminster Newton United	9	4	2	3	4	14
13	Longwell Green Sports	9	4	2	3	1	14
14	Bitton	9	4	1	4	-1	13
15	Keynsham Town	9	3	2	4	-9	11
16	AEK Boco	10	3	0	7	-4	9
17	Odd Down	10	2	3	5	-4	9
18	Warminster Town	9	2	3	4	-7	9
19	Radstock Town	9	2	0	7	-9	6
20	Hengrove Athletic	9	1	2	6	-12	5
21	Cheddar	9	1	2	6	-15	5
22	Gillingham Town	9	0	1	8	-26	1



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