



### Latest Round-ups:

**Midweek Action:** Barnstaple produced an excellent away performance down in Helston to progress to the next round of the FA Cup. Having played out a thrilling 3-3 draw in the original tie, Town shot out of the blocks in the replay, scoring after only six minutes thanks to a Ryan Keates header (pictured, right, courtesy of Steve Screech). Josh Parry then added a second from close range to make it 2-0 midway through the first half, with the visitors managing to keep their higher-ranked opponents at bay to claim a spot in the Preliminary round.



Elsewhere on Tuesday, Nathan Hall's first half double helped lead **Odd Down** to a 3-0 win over **Cadbury Heath** in the First Division, while **Brislington** made it two-from-two in the Premier Division thanks to a 4-0 triumph at **Welton**. Having won 8-0 on the opening day, Bris couldn't have asked for a much better start to their campaign, with Dean Griffiths and Owen Humphries both netting again. There were then a pair of First Division contests on Wednesday, with **Avonmouth** and **Shirehampton** both collecting their third wins already this term. For Avonmouth, goals in the final quarter from Charlie Aldom and Dillan Kerr helped the Bristolians secure a 2-1 victory away at **Cribbs Reserves**. Meanwhile, Shirehampton eased to a 4-1 win at home to **Bristol Telephones**, with Ryan Radford, Saul Katz and Tom Trimble all scoring during a dominant first half.



**Premier Division:** Barnstaple followed up their impressive Cup victory with another away win on Saturday afternoon, defeating **Paulton** 2-0 thanks to a strong second half showing (pictured, left). The visitors went ahead midway through the second period courtesy of a Tommy Rogers penalty, with his namesake Gabby then producing an excellent piece of individual skill to put them two goals to the good.

Another side to win on their travels were **Wellington**, who overturned a half-time deficit to beat **Brixham** 2-1. A James Moxon effort had seen the hosts go ahead, before Welly got back on level terms with a clipped finish from Jake Quick on the hour mark. The winning goal then came 13 minutes later, with Josh Lukins getting on the end of a long throw into the box, before tucking the ball past the home keeper.



Among the teams who still have a 100% record this season, **Bridgwater** left it relatively late before seeing off **Welton** at Fairfax Park. Having gone in front through Finn Koppa towards the end of the first half, Bridgy were pegged back midway through the second half by a Welton side still chasing their first point. Then, with 15 minutes left on the clock, Hayden Chambers got the all-important go ahead goal, with Jack Taylor then slipping the ball home in stoppage time to confirm the victory. **Brislington** joined the group of sides with nine points from nine after a strong 4-1 win at home to **St Austell**. A thrilling start to the contest saw Joe McLennan score for the hosts with their first attack of the game, before St Austell forward Adam Carter levelled affairs with a fifth minute header. Owen Humphries continued his strong start to the season, making it 2-1, before he was then hauled down in the box to see his side awarded a penalty. Asa White tucked home the resulting spot kick to give his side a two-goal advantage, which was extended further in the closing stages thanks to Jordan Scadding.

**Street** are the third side level on points atop the division, after they won an entertaining clash by three goals to two away at **St Blazey**. A strong opening to the game saw the Cobblers move two goals clear, with Josh Radford and Harry Foster putting them two goals to the good. Adam Fothergill then struck to get the home side back into the game, before Jacob Rowe made it two-apiece after scoring on the hour mark. The game wasn't level for long however, and Street's winning start to the season continued when Radford's cross nestled in the back of the net after deflecting in off a home defender. Promoted **Portishead** will be happy with their first week in the Premier Division, registering their seventh points thanks to a 2-0 win at **Torpoint**. An excellent free-kick by Mitch Osmond set Town on their way, before a cool finish from Ethan Feltham as the game headed into the final ten minutes confirmed the destination of the points. The other side to gain an away victory were **Nailsea & Tickenham** who came from behind to beat **Ilfracombe** 2-1. Lucas Vowles had levelled for the Swags following Liam Short's early opener, and they then completed their turnaround 20 minutes from time courtesy of Shea Mannings. The most one-sided game of the day saw **Clevedon** beat **Ivybridge** 6-0, with all of their goals coming in a dominant second half. Freddie King got the ball rolling just five minutes after the interval, with Kieran Ireland and Harrison Kyte then scoring around the hour mark as Town started to take control. There was still time for three further goals in the closing stages, with Brad Probert, James Tait and Sam Ledward all adding to the hosts tally during the final 20 minutes. Things were much tighter in **Oldland's** 1-0 victory over **Buckland**, where Kristian Miller's long-range free kick separated the sides, while **Saltash** and **Shepton Mallet** battled out a 1-1 draw in south Cornwall.

**First Division:** Their only 100% winning record remaining in the First Division belongs to **Bradford Town** who are three from three following their 4-0 defeat of **Cheddar**. A slow start saw the Bobcats have to wait until the end of the first half before going in front, with Ben Wickens' 40<sup>th</sup> minute effort finally breaking the deadlock. Jack Witcombe then made it 2-0 at the beginning of second half, before the in-from Callum Demkiv, and then Sam Jordan added to Town's winning margin. Sitting top on goal difference are **Devizes Town**, who put seven unanswered goals past **Mendip Broadwalk** at Nursteed Road. Luke Hopper, Jay Walters and Jack Baker all scored twice for the hosts, who have won three on the spin following their opening day stalemate at Hallen. The other high-scoring home winner of the day was **Radstock**, who beat **Gillingham** 5-1. After Tom Ellis-Ricketts had fired the home side in front, they then doubled their lead in first half stoppage time through Matt Curnock. Kai Williamson then made it 3-0 shortly after the interval, with Aelfric Bidder scoring late on to cap a good afternoon for the Miners.

For **Wells City**, Tyson Pollard netted in either half to help lead them to a 4-1 win at home to **Hengrove**. Having scored the only goal of the first half, Pollard's second put some distance between the sides, with Cameron Nicholson and Adam Wright completed the one-sided home win. A 4-1 scoreline was also the outcome at the Lawns, where **Cribbs Reserves** overturned an early deficit to down **Bitton**. After Sacha Tong had broken the deadlock in just the sixth minute, Cribbs would have been fearing a fifth straight defeat, before producing an excellent comeback. Liam Clayton and Tom Headford managed to make it 2-1 at the interval, with Archie Lock and Adam Mugondi also scoring to give the hosts their first points of the campaign. The day's other winners were **Sturminster Newton**, with a goal early in the second half from Neil Sweatman helping them beat **Boco** 1-0. The remainder of the games all ended level, including **Warminster's** goalless stalemate with **Cadbury Heath**. Nathan Hall scored a second half equaliser for **Odd Down** in their 1-1 draw with **Avonmouth**, while **Calne** were denied at the death by **Keynsham** in another contest which finished one apiece. Having gone ahead through Ackeem Stewart after half an hour, Calne looked set to extend their winning start, only to see an unstoppable free kick from Charlie Matthews fly into the net five minutes from time. There was also late drama at **Hallen**, where home forward Cory Thomas-Barker smashed home in stoppage time to claim a last-ditch point. Having gone in front from the spot through Jordan Greenwood, Hallen saw Longwell Green strike twice in quick succession to turn things around, before Thomas-Barker's late set piece helped them grab a share of the spoils.

### Latest Results

#### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024

##### Premier Division

Welton Rovers 0-4 Brislington

##### First Division

Odd Down 3-0 Cadbury Heath

##### FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round Replay

Helston Athletic 0-2 **Barnstaple Town**

#### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2024

##### First Division

Cribbs Reserves 1-2 Avonmouth

Shirehampton 4-1 Bristol Telephones

## Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2024

### Premier Division

Bridgwater United	3-1	Welton Rovers
Brislington	4-1	AFC St Austell
Brixham	1-2	Wellington
Clevedon Town	6-0	Ivybridge Town
Ilfracombe Town	1-2	Nailsea & Tickenham
Oldland Abbotonians	1-0	Buckland Athletic
Paulton Rovers	0-2	Barnstaple Town
Saltash United	1-1	Shepton Mallet
St Blazey	2-3	Street
Torpoint Athletic	0-2	Portishead Town

### First Division

Bradford Town	4-0	Cheddar
Cribbs Reserves	4-1	Bitton
Devizes Town	7-0	Mendip Broadwalk
Hallen	2-2	Longwell Green Sports
Keynsham Town	1-1	Calne Town
Odd Down	1-1	Avonmouth
Radstock Town	5-1	Gillingham Town
Sturminster Newton United	1-0	AEK Boco
Warminster Town	0-0	Cadbury Heath
Wells City	4-1	Hengrove Athletic



On the latest episode of the podcast, we hear from Ivybridge Town manager Wayne Gamble, who reflects on their tough start to life in the Premier Division, before tasting FA Cup success. There is also a conversation with Calne Town's boss, Craig Kent, who discusses their unexpected return to the Western League and explains why he is feeling ambitious about the season ahead.

<https://www.westernleague.co.uk/news/podcast-episode-3>

## Upcoming Fixtures

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024

#### Premier Division

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

### First Division

Avonmouth	vs	Hengrove Athletic	19:30KO
Bitton	vs	Hallen	19:30KO
Bristol Telephones	vs	AEK Boco	19:45KO
Calne Town	vs	Gillingham Town	19:45KO
Devizes Town	vs	Sturminster Newton United	19:45KO
Keynsham Town	vs	Cribbs Reserves	19:45KO
Longwell Green Sports	vs	Bradford Town	19:30KO
Mendip Broadwalk	vs	Odd Down	19:30KO

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024

#### Premier Division

AFC St Austell	vs	Torpoint Athletic	19:30KO
Clevedon Town	vs	Portishead Town	19:30KO
Ivybridge Town	vs	St Blazey	19:30KO

#### First Division

Cadbury Heath	vs	Radstock Town	19:30KO
Shirehampton	vs	Cheddar	19:45KO
Warminster Town	vs	Wells City	19:45KO

### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2024 (3pm Kick-off unless noted otherwise)

#### FA Cup Preliminary Round

Amersham	vs	<b>Clevedon Town</b>
Baffins Milton Rovers	vs	<b>Shepton Mallet</b>
<b>Barnstaple Town</b>	vs	Falmouth Town
Bideford	vs	<b>Wellington</b>
Exmouth Town	vs	<b>Brixham AFC</b>
Hamworthy Recreation	vs	<b>Paulton Rovers</b>
<b>Ivybridge Town</b>	vs	Tavistock
Reading City	vs	<b>Nailsea &amp; Tickenham</b>

#### Premier Division

Ilfracombe Town	vs	Portishead Town
Oldland Abbotonians	vs	Welton Rovers
Saltash United	vs	Brislington
Torpoint Athletic	vs	Buckland Athletic

#### First Division

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



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