

Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: Goals were flying in left, right and centre during the week, with the majority of Western League sides battling it out under the lights. In the Premier Division, **Shepton Mallet** continued their recent upturn in form on Tuesday evening with a 3-0 win away at **Bridgwater**. Following 45 goalless minutes, Shepton made a dream start to the second half with Benjani Junior scoring courtesy of a large deflection. An own goal then stretched the lead further, with Charlie Bateson wrapping up the scoring for Mallet midway through the second half. Elsewhere that night, Callum Dunn scored twice during **Portishead's** heavy 7-0 win at **Welton Rovers**, while **Brixham** claimed a last-gasp 1-0 victory at home to **Saltash** thanks to a Charlie Johansen strike. There was plenty more in the way of late drama across the division, with Tom Blake's late penalty salving a draw for **Oldland Abbotonians** in their home clash with table-topping **Street**. The points were also shared in Devon where visitors **St Blazey** came from two goals to salvage a 1-1 draw at **Ilfracombe**. Birthday boy Sam Townsend looked like he would be the match-winner for Town after he scored in either half to put the hosts' two-up. The Blaze pulled a goal back in the 73rd minute through Jayden Gilbert, and then managed to level affairs at the death courtesy of Alfie Fothergill. In another drawn fixture, **Brislington's** Lewis Dunn struck four minutes from time to claim a 1-1 draw at **Nailsea & Tickenham**. The Swags were seemingly on their way to maximum points courtesy of a stunning Lucas Vowles strike, but Bris kept pushing for a leveller and got their rewards in the closing stages. **Paulton Rovers** also battled back to secure a 2-2 draw against **Clevedon**. Goals from Freddie King and Sam Beresford had put the Seasiders two goals to the good, with Paulton improving their chances of a fightback thanks to an own goal in added time at the end of the first period. Rovers then kept pushing forward and managed to make it 2-2 in the 73rd minute, with Josh Ford converting a cross from Dan McBeam to register their first draw of the campaign. On Wednesday, **Wellington's** home game with **Barnstaple** was abandoned due to floodlight failure early in the second half, while **Ivybridge** bounced back to win 4-1 at home to **Torpoint**. In the pick of the game's that evening, **Buckland** came from behind on three occasions to claim a 3-3 draw away at **St Austell**. It was a night where the hosts just couldn't shake off the Bucks, and after breaking the deadlock five minutes before half-time through Liam Eddy, they were pegged back just moments later by Reece Shanley. A Max Gilbert strike then put St Austell back in front, before Sam Morcom's free-kick flicked off the defensive wall and into the back of the net for 2-2. Eddy then put St Austell ahead for the third time with a low driven effort ten minutes from time, but once again they couldn't maintain their lead and saw Ryan Bush grab the visitor's third leveller of the night.



The top two in the First Division both secured high-scoring away victories on Tuesday evening, with Hallen scoring four unanswered goals in their win at Odd Down *(pictured, right, courtesy of Craig Cheeseman).* Goals in either half from Jack Askins helped lead the away side to victory, with further goals from usual suspects Cory Thomas-Baker and Elliot Gardner. Wells scored six in their win at Gillingham, but were made to battle hard before pulling away in the closing stages. Having twice gone ahead through Ollie Bryant and Tyson Pollard, City found themselves locked together two-apiece following equalisers from Gillingham duo Joseph Aikhuele and Connor Ings. The away side then managed to storm home during the final half hour, with Bryant's second goal of the night added to by further efforts from Jake Slocombe, Adam Wright and Tom Ovigne in a 6-2 triumph. There was also an away win for Bitton, with Nathan Hall scoring in the final few minutes to help them edge past Keynsham by two goals to one. The individual performance of the night belonged to Longwell Green's Zac Feltham who bagged a hat-trick in their 5-2 win at Radstock. Having gone ahead inside the opening minute through Alfie Partridge, Longwell Green suddenly found themselves on the back foot following a quick-fire double from Radstock duo Jed Parfitt and Jacob Bird. Feltham then scored his first goal of the evening to make it 2-2 late in the first half, with that goal proving crucial in his side's comeback attempts. The second period belonged exclusively to the visitors, with Feltham making it 3-2 after an hour, and then completing his treble in the final few minutes adding to an earlier own-goal from the Miners. Cadbury Heath produced a standout result away at Calne, running out 3-0 winners thanks to goals from Tom Withers, Tyler Lane and Jacob Littlewood. Cheddar also claimed a surprise home win at home to top-half opponents Avonmouth in a game where both sides finished with nine-men. Having led at the interval courtesy of a long-range Blake Longden effort, the Cheesemen made it 2-0 after 57 minutes through Jamie Moss. An own-goal then reduced the deficit, before Lewis Chappell pounced to make it 3-1 midway through the second half. Avonmouth were never quite out of the contest, and they set up a nervy finish following Kyle O'Donovan's header, but the away side weren't able to find a late equaliser on a dramatic night at Bowdens Park. Sturminster Newton also survived a red card, hanging on to a 2-1 win at home to Warminster thanks to Buddy O'Shea's first half double, while Bristol Telephones and Hengrove drew one apiece. There was also a 1-1 draw on Wednesday, with AEK Boco coming from behind to claim a point in their away fixture at Cribbs Reserves thanks to a leveller from Ben Cullen. Visitors Mendip Broadwalk pulled off a late snatch-and-grab at Shirehampton, scoring twice in the final five minutes to claim a 2-1 win. Ryan Radford's 15th minute effort looked like it would be enough for the hosts to edge to victory, but Mendip kept their powder dry until the closing stages with Elliot Moore drawing them level from the spot late on. That goal seemed to give the visitors the boost they needed, and they snatched all three points at the death with a cracking strike from Jack Medjedoub settling the contest in their favour.

League Action: With much of Saturday's attention turned to the FA Vase, it provided the sides playing league fixtures to pick up points and rise up the table. One of those who took full advantage of that opportunity was **Clevedon Town,** who now lead the Premier Division following a thrilling 4-3 win away at **Barnstaple**. Having missed out on the opportunity to go ahead following Alex Camm's penalty miss, Clevedon found themselves trailing at the interval courtesy of a Tommy Rogers spot kick in the 44th minute. The second half proved to be a much different proposition, and after levelling straight from the kickoff through Sam Beresford, the visitors soon found themselves 2-1 up thanks to Freddie King effort. Scott Piper then drew Barnstaple level, only for the Seasiders to hit straight back with a magnificent finish from Beresford making it 3-2 just after the hour mark. With top spot on the line for both sides, each kept attacking until the final minutes with Harrison Kyte smashing home Clevedon's fourth, before Gabby Rogers reduced the arrears during stoppage time for the home side. **Shepton Mallet** are now up into the top half after claiming a 2-0 win at home to **Saltash**. Following a five-match winless run, Shepton has reversed course and have currently won four on the spin all in the space of 11 days. Josh Jenkins and debutant Taelan Savage each found the back of the net for the hosts on Saturday, with the backline keeping their third clean sheet of the week. There was also a late win for **Brixham** at **Street**, with Sean Adderley and Jaden Maslen scoring in the final 20 minutes of their 2-0 win, while **Bridgwater** survived a late fightback to defeat **St Austell** 2-1. Goals inside the opening quarter-hour from Josh Wadham and Fin Koppa looked to be sending United towards a comfortable victory, but they were forced to hold off a late charge from their hosts who halved the deficit early in the second half through Max Gilbert. Both First Division encounters finished level including a rare goalless stalemate between **Mendip Broadwalk** and **AEK Boco**. There was much more drama in the other fixture, with **Avonmouth** battling back from a two-goal deficit to draw two apiece with **Gillingham Town**. After the visitors surged into a 2-0 lead, Avonmouth's Alfie Taylor took over the contest, scoring a brace of goals late in the first half to draw the sides level. Gillingham were then given the chance to secure victory in the closing stages, but home keeper Sam Brown managed to save a penalty to preserve a point for his side.

FA Vase: The Second Qualifying round of the Vase was a successful one for many Western League sides as the majority came out on the right end of their matches. Among the teams to progress were **Bitton,** who overturned an early deficit to beat **Tuffley Rovers** 3-1. Having conceded the opener inside 15 minutes, Bitton responded well, eventually coming out on top thanks to a goalscoring brace from Sacha Tong. There was also a home win for First Division outfit **Devizes,** with goals from Jack Baker and Danny Bowyer helping them see off higher-ranked opposition in **Slimbridge**. A thumping home win for **Sturminster Newton** saw Aaron Lane-Deney score twice in their 5-0 defeat of **Infinity FC,** while **Paulton** struck three times in the final ten minutes to squeak past **Torridgeside**. Following a long period of goalless football, the contest suddenly shot to life in the final minutes, with Dan McBeam breaking the deadlock prior to a late double from Leo Eglin. **Cadbury Heath** also left it late before seeing off **Shortwood United**, with Brandon Dack scoring their winner in the final few minutes. In a to and fro kind of game, Josh Williams had twice fired the Heath ahead, only for the home side to hit back on each occasion to leave the game in the balance. It was then left to substitute Brandon Dack to score Heath's winner, with his 78th minute effort proving to be the fifth and final goal of an absorbing encounter.

There was also success for **Torpoint,** who won 2-0 at **Honiton** thanks to goals from Jed Smale and Gary Hird, while **Bradford** secured a 3-1 victory in West Berkshire against **AFC Aldermaston.** A 20th minute effort from Dan Demkiv put the Bobcats in front at the interval *(pictured, celebrating, left),* with teammate Jack Witcombe then doubling their advantage early in the second half. The hosts threatened a fightback when they trimmed the deficit, but Bradford had more in the tank and added to their winning tally in the closing stages through Andreas Smolka. It was also a successful afternoon for **Radstock** who won 3-2 away at **Bishops Lydeard**. The first half was played a fast tempo with both attacks on top, starting after only six minutes when Ben Wickens fired Radstock in front. After a Lydeard equaliser, Radstock went back ahead in the 29th minute through Jed Parfitt, but were unable to hold on to their lead for long with the hosts making it 2-2 almost instantly. That was how the scoreline remained until five minutes from time, when Town's goalscorers linked up, with Wickens teeing up Parfitt to slot home the late winner. There were victories for both away sides in the all-Western League ties, with Premier Division side **Portishead** toppling **Longwell Green** thanks to goals from Kyle Egan, Callum Townsend and Tom Llewellyn. **Ivybridge** were the other side to beat Jewson League opposition, with Owen Prichard's early double, and a late brace from Rory Busby helping lead them to a 6-2 triumph at **Welton**.



As is always the case in cup competitions, penalty shootouts played a pivotal role, with four ties ending level after 90 minutes. It ended up being a 50/50 proposition for the Western League teams, with two wins and two defeats. **Buckland** showed excellent battling qualities to extend their run in the competition, twice coming from behind to claim a 2-2 draw with **Callington**. Having trailed at the interval, Buckland hit back 15 minutes from time through Ryan Bush, shortly after the game had resumed following a long delay due to the health of a match official. Callington then went back in front as the game hit the 90 minute mark, but Buckland found more resolve to level again in the fifth minute of stoppage time thanks to a Bush volley. The Bucks only needed to convert three of their five spot kicks, with Callington only successful with one of theirs, meaning it was the hosts who survived a scare before progressing. They will be joined in the next round by **Ilfracombe** who toppled **Bovey Tracey**. Having gone ahead in the second minute, Ilfracombe were pegged back and then relied on a late equaliser from Ed Jenkins to send the game to penalties where they prevailed 5-4. It wasn't such good news for **Oldland** who conceded twice in the closing stages before losing on penalties to **Lydney Town,** while **St Blazey** let slip a 4-2 lead before suffering a shootout loss away at **Wendron United**. There were also losses for **Wellington** and **Bristol Telephones**, while on Friday evening, **Hengrove** fell to a 4-1 defeat at **Milton United** despite taking a 16th minute lead from the penalty spot through Jack Jones. The long weekend's worth of Vase action finally came to an end on Sunday lunchtime, with **Brislington** suffering a 3-0 loss at **Berks County**. Connor Suckling scored in either half for the home side, with Bris seeing their chances suffer a major blow when Joel Smith was dismissed early in the second period.

Midweek Results

Tuesday 17th September 2024

Premier Division

Bridgwater United	0-3	Shepton Mallet
Brixham	1-0	Saltash United
Ilfracombe Town	2-2	St Blazey
Nailsea & Tickenham	1-1	Brislington
Oldland Abbotonians	1-1	Street
Paulton Rovers	2-2	Clevedon Town
Welton Rovers	0-7	Portishead Town

First Division

Bristol Telephones	1-1	Hengrove Athletic
Calne Town	0-3	Cadbury Heath
Cheddar	3-2	Avonmouth
Gillingham Town	2-6	Wells City
Keynsham Town	1-2	Bitton
Odd Down	0-4	Hallen
Radstock Town	2-5	Longwell Green Sports
Sturminster Newton	2-1	Warminster Town

Wednesday 18th September 2024

Premier Division

AFC St Austell	3-3	Buckland Athletic
Ivybridge Town	4-1	Torpoint Athletic
Wellington	A-A	Barnstaple Town

First Division

Cribbs Reserves	1-1	AEK Boco
Shirehampton	1-2	Mendip Broadwalk



In the latest episode of the podcast, Buckland manager Dan Hart joins Ian to talk about the club's standing both on and off the pitch, while also discussing the outstanding catering options they provide for fans and players alike. There is also a conversation with Wells City boss Craig Loxton, who reflects on what it's been like coming into a new club, before touching on his ambition to build a long term legacy. We also hear from Dan James, Community Fundraiser at Mind in Somerset, who promotes some of the up and coming events that involve the Jewson Western League.
https://www.westernleague.co.uk/news/podcast-episide-8

Weekend Results

Friday 20th September 2024

FA Vase Second Round Qualifying

Milton United	4-1	**Hengrove Athletic**

Saturday 21st September 2024

Premier Division

AFC St Austell	1-2	Bridgwater United
Barnstaple Town	3-4	Clevedon Town
Shepton Mallet	2-0	Saltash United
Street	0-2	Brixham

First Division

Avonmouth	2-2	Gillingham Town
Mendip Broadwalk	0-0	AEK Boco

FA Vase Second Round Qualifying

AFC Aldermaston	1-3	**Bradford Town**
Bishops Lydeard	2-3	**Radstock Town**
Bitton	3-1	Tuffley Rovers
Bristol Telephones	1-5	Tadley Calleva
Buckland Athletic (3-1 pens)	2-2	Callington
Devizes Town	2-1	Slimbridge
Honiton	0-2	**Torpoint Athletic**
Ilfracombe Town (5-4 pens)	2-2	Bovey Tracey
Longwell Green Sports	0-3	**Portishead Town**
Lydney Town (4-3 pens)	2-2	**Oldland Abbotonians**
Paulton Rovers	3-0	Torridgeside
Shortwood United	2-3	**Cadbury Heath**
Sturminster Newton	5-0	Infinity FC
Wellington	1-3	Sidmouth Town
Welton Rovers	2-6	**Ivybridge Town**
Wendron United (pens)	4-4	**St Blazey**

Sunday 22nd September 2024

FA Vase Second Round Qualifying

Berks County	3-0	**Brislington**

Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division

Freddie King (Clevedon Town) – 10
Jared Lewington (Buckland) – 9
Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 8
Lucas Vowles (Nailsea&Tickenham) – 8

First Division

Luke Bryan (AEK Boco) – 10
Nathan Hall (Bitton) – 8
Rhys Hickery (Mendip Broadwalk) – 8
Luke Hopper (Devizes) – 8
Sacha Tong (Bitton) – 8

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 24th September 2024

Premier Division

Ivybridge Town	vs	AFC St Austell	19:30KO
Saltash United	vs	St Blazey	19:45KO
Street	vs	Shepton Mallet	19:45KO
Welton Rovers	vs	Nailsea & Tickenham	19:30KO

First Division

Bitton	vs	Cheddar	19:30KO
Devizes Town	vs	Odd Down	19:45KO
Gillingham Town	vs	Bradford Town	19:30KO
Hallen	vs	Bristol Telephones	19:30KO
Hengrove Athletic	vs	Cadbury Heath	19:30KO
Keynsham Town	vs	Avonmouth	19:45KO
Sturminster Newton	vs	Radstock Town	19:45KO
Wells City	vs	Shirehampton	19:30KO

Wednesday 25th September 2024

Premier Division

Clevedon Town	vs	Bridgwater United	19:30KO

First Division

Cribbs Reserves	vs	Longwell Green Sports	19:45KO
Warminster Town	vs	Calne Town	19:45KO

Saturday 28th September 2024 (3pm Kick-off unless noted otherwise)

Premier Division

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

First Division

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

League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Clevedon Town	11	7	3	1	22	24
2	Street	11	7	3	1	8	24
3	Portishead Town	10	7	2	1	17	23
4	Brislington	11	7	1	3	18	22
5	Barnstaple Town	10	7	1	2	18	22
6	Buckland Athletic	9	6	2	1	22	20
7	Brixham AFC	10	5	4	1	10	19
8	Shepton Mallet	11	5	3	3	9	18
9	Nailsea & Tickenham	8	5	1	2	5	16
10	Ivybridge Town	10	5	1	4	3	16
11	Paulton Rovers	10	5	1	4	-2	16
12	Bridgwater United	11	5	1	5	-6	16
13	Oldland Abbotonians	10	4	2	4	4	14
14	Ilfracombe Town	12	2	3	7	-9	9
15	St Blazey	10	2	3	5	-10	9
16	Wellington	10	3	0	7	-13	9
17	Saltash United	12	2	2	8	-13	8
18	AFC St Austell	10	2	1	7	-8	7
19	Torpoint Athletic	11	1	0	10	-22	3
20	Welton Rovers	11	0	0	11	-53	0

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Hallen	12	9	2	1	20	29
2	Wells City	13	8	2	3	17	26
3	Calne Town	12	8	2	2	13	26
4	Bradford Town	10	8	0	2	14	24
5	Cadbury Heath	12	7	2	3	6	23
6	Bitton	12	7	1	4	3	22
7	Avonmouth	15	6	3	6	5	21
8	Bristol Telephones	12	6	2	4	10	20
9	Sturminster Newton United	12	6	2	4	5	20
10	Cribbs Reserves	14	6	2	6	3	20
11	Longwell Green Sports	12	6	2	4	3	20
12	Shirehampton	11	6	1	4	6	19
13	Mendip Broadwalk	14	5	4	5	-8	19
14	Devizes Town	10	5	3	2	14	18
15	AEK Boco	14	3	3	8	-5	12
16	Warminster Town	12	3	3	6	-8	12
17	Keynsham Town	12	3	3	6	-13	12
18	Odd Down	13	2	4	7	-10	10
19	Hengrove Athletic	12	2	3	7	-11	9
20	Cheddar	12	2	2	8	-18	8
21	Radstock Town	11	2	0	9	-14	6
22	Gillingham Town	13	1	2	10	-32	5

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