JEWSON WESTERN LEAGUE 2025/26

BULLETIN #23



Latest Round-ups:

Premier Division: On a Boxing Day filled with local derbies, bragging rights, as well as crucial points, were up for grabs throughout the region. With league leaders Clevedon not in action, Torpoint were able to cut the gap at the top to four points after they hung on to beat Saltash 1-0. The Ashes were up against it from early on at The Mill after losing Jack Jefford to a red card in just the 17th minute, but managed to frustrate their hosts who were unable to make the extra man count for much of the game. Eventually the breakthrough came for Torpoint, with Sam Pearson flicking home a volley in the 74th minute to capture all three points, and extending their winning run to four matches. The previous owners of second spot were Sidmouth, but their calamitous start away at Bridgwater saw them fall to a 4-0 defeat at Fairfax Park. Things fell apart for the away side after just 20 minutes when Nathan Cooper was sent off following a mistimed challenge, with further pain coming from the resulting free-kick which was converted by Dayle Grubb to put the hosts one-up. Isaac Furness was then given his marching orders late in the first half following a second yellow card, with Harry Horton scoring shortly after to put Bridgwater two goals to the good at half-time. Further goals from Billy Tucker and Liam Winter completed the home side's big win after the break, with Bridgwater bringing an abrupt end to their three-match losing streak. The highest scorers of the afternoon were Paulton Rovers, with the fourth-placed outfit putting seven past Street at the Winterfield Stadium. Having scored 16 goals in their two previous home outings, Paulton were in the mood once again, with usual suspects Kitan Jaiyeoba and Kyle Witt each netting to make it 2-0 within 20 minutes of the opening kickoff. Scott Laird then unleashed a magnificent strike from almost 30 yards out to get Street on the board, before Jaiyeoba scoring again shortly after half-time to make it 3-1 in the hosts' favour. Rovers kept their foot to the pedal during the final 30 minutes, with Kailan Gould's goal followed by a quickfire brace from Alex Hallett, before Jack Dancey added the finishing touches with a stoppage time header. Another side to dominate their Christmas contest was Newquay, with Rhys Simmonds *(pictured celebrating, right)* plundering a first half hat-trick in their 5-1 win away at Helston. After teammate Tom Moxham had opened the scoring in the early stages, Simmonds then took over the contest, claiming three goals in the space of just over 15 minutes to put Newquay into an unassailable four-goal lead. Simmonds turned provider for Phil Lowry who made it 5-0 shortly after half-time, with a consolation goal from Olly Redd giving the home crowd something to cheer on an otherwise disappointing afternoon.



In front of a mega crowd figure of 710, St Blazey survived an early scare to sneak home by two goals to one in their clash with bottom-side St Austell. Despite sitting bottom, and still searching for their first points, it was the lowly visitors who went in front early on at Blaze Park, with Lewie Rendle firing home in the 16th minute. A goal in the early stages of the second period from Keiron Bishop got the home side a much-needed leveller, and they then scraped home with Charlie Hambly scoring the winner from the edge of the area 20 minutes from time. A thrilling contest in Somerset saw Oscar Knight spearhead Barnstaple's outstanding 4-2 comeback win away at Wellington *(pictured in action, right),* a result which saw Town move into the top five. The Devon outfit weren't impressive during the opening stages of the game and found themselves stuck in a 2-0 hole towards the end of the first half following goals from Wellington duo James de Selincourt and Miles Quick. The visitors then secured a lifeline on the stroke of half-time, when Josh Parry's wicked cross into the box found teammate Joe Grigg who headed home to trim the deficit. Super-sub Knight then scored the equaliser 20 minutes from time, via another Parry cross, with the turnaround complete 15 from time following a second Knight strike. There was still time left on the clock for Knight to complete his hat-trick, and he did just that, with a late goal ending any hopes of a Wellington response, while giving Barnstaple their fifth league win on the spin. Also in sparkling form are Bradford, with their 1-0 win at home to Shepton Mallet making it nine points from a possible nine in the month of December *(pictured, left).* A whipped finish on the hour mark from Tom Mack was all that separated the sides, with the Bobcats edging their way towards a place in the top-half. Another brace from Ryan Bush saw the Buckland frontman extend his lead atop the scoring charts, while also leading the Devon side to a 2-0 win at home to Ivybridge. Both goals on Friday came from the penalty spot, with the opener coming after just five minutes, with Bush dusting himself down and converting from 12 yards after he had been fouled in the box. Buckland's leading man then scored his second penalty of the game before the game had reached the half-hour mark, with a visiting defender penalised for handling the ball. At the opposite end of the ladder, Oldland Abbotonians beat Brislington 1-0 to secure their first league victory since the penultimate day in August.





First Division: Devizes Town strengthened their position atop the table at the end of 2025 by beating Calne 4-1 at Nursteed Road. With only one Jacob Reader goal separating the sides at the end of 45 minutes, Calne managed to get back on level terms shortly after the break when Stu Windsor found the back of the net. Devizes then responded instantly, going back ahead courtesy of a Josh Parsons goal. The league leaders then added to their lead with Parsons scoring his second of the game, before substitute Jack Baker added the finishing touches five minutes before the end. Both sides sitting below Devizes failed to mirror their result, with second-placed Avonmouth relying on a late equaliser to claim a 1-1 draw with Almondsbury. Following a goalless opening hour, it was the Almonds who went ahead in incredible fashion, with substitute Brandon Back scoring a screamer from well outside the area. Avonmouth finally found their shooting boots in the closing stages and managed to claim a share of the spoils when Josh Lewis lifted the ball into an empty net to make it one apiece. Meanwhile, Wells City let a two-goal lead slip away at Cheddar, conceding twice after the break to draw 2-2 at Bowdens Park. Things looked to be going as expected for the in-form visitors when Nick Fowler and David O'Hare each struck to put City two goals ahead at half-time. Cheddar had drawn 3 of their previous four fixtures, and showed plenty of battling qualities, clawing a goal back on the hour mark courtesy of Jordan Sole. A penalty was then awarded to the hosts, and despite skipper Toby Hucker seeing his attempt saved, Sole was fastest to the loose ball and managed to make it 2-2. Despite their best efforts, Wells were unable to force home a third goal in the closing stages, and saw their seven-match winning streak brought to an end by their near neighbours. The big winners at the top were Sturminster Newton, who secured their fifth consecutive league victory by putting Warminster to the sword at Barnett's Field. The hosts scored four times in either half, eventually winning 8-1, with Aaron Lane-Leney and leading scorer Elliot Bevis both striking twice. There were also goals for Sean Hart, and both George Coleman's, with Warminster getting a consolation 15 minutes from time thanks to Tyler Gane. In Bath, Odd Down toppled Keynsham to pull clear of their visitors in 14th spot, winning by three goals to nil. In a stop-start first half, it was the hosts who secured a slender lead with left-back Jack Paul *(pictured, left)* scoring an excellent individual goal, beating two Keynsham defenders before sliding home. A powerful headed finish from Nick Taylor then doubled Odd Down's advantage, with a late goal from Charlie Saunders wrapping things up. In one of the bigger derby clashes of the day, Welton Rovers claimed a thrilling 3-2 win away at local rivals Radstock. Having won just once coming into the game, Welton made a dream start, going 1-0 up courtesy of a Chris Pile goal inside the opening quarter hour. The in-form Ben Millett then got Radstock on level terms, before Will Ford edged Rovers back ahead with a smart finish 12 minutes into the second half. Despite conceding another goal to Courtney Charles to fall 3-1 behind, it was Radstock who finished the game in the ascendancy, and managed to set up a grandstand finish when Tommy Nairn converted a penalty ten minutes from time. Town's Louie Gurner was denied by a point-blank save as the pressure continued to reign down on the Welton goal, and the visitors were finally able to celebrate derby day victory when Millett had a potential equaliser ruled out for offside in the final attacking foray of a breathless game.



There were also wild celebrations for Boco who scored twice in the final couple of minutes to beat Longwell Green 3-1. Having trailed for much of the afternoon courtesy of an early Romiah Nevers strike, Longwell Green managed to level things up in the closing stages when substitute Liam Oswin scored within 15 seconds of coming on. Boco responded in perfect fashion, and retook the lead through Corey Rawlings, with the same man then converting a stoppage time penalty to complete the late salvo. Elsewhere, Shirehampton recovered from an early setback to beat Mendip Broadwalk 4-1. After Jack Jones had fired Mendip in front with less than a minute on the clock, home forward Scott Bamford scored either side of the break to put Shirehampton 2-1 up. Ryan Radford then added to the hosts advantage, before Oscar Sealey wrapped things up 15 from time. There was also a comeback from Bristol Telephones who recovered from a two-goal deficit to draw 2-2 away at Hengrove. Following strikes from Gael Basana and Brad Skidmore, 19th placed Hengrove had given themselves a great chance topple top-six opponents as they went in search of back-to-back wins for the first time all year. The Phones had other ideas however, and after pulling a goal back at the beginning of the second half through Nathan Curnock, they then drew level on the hour mark when Scott Gregory found the back of the net. In Saturday's lone fixture, the points were shared at Springfield, with Cadbury Heath rescuing things in a 1-1 draw with fifth-placed Bitton. Having fallen behind to Joe Carter's excellent strike 13 minutes from time, the Heath earned a deserved point when Finn Williams headed home a late corner.

Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division
Ryan Bush (Buckland) - 18
Kitan Jaiyeoba (Paulton) – 17
Jack Bray-Evans (Newquay) – 16
Rhys Simmonds (Newquay) – 15
Deacon Thomson (Saltash) – 12
Sam Beresford (Clevedon) – 12
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) – 11

First Division
Jake Brown (Wells) – 15
Harry Warwick (Wells) - 15
Liam McCracken (Bristol Telephones) – 14
Jack Newman (Warminster) – 13
Josh Pearce (Avonmouth) – 13
Elliot Bevis (Sturminster Newton) – 13
Liam Nicholls (Almondsbury) - 10

All Competitions
Ryan Bush (Buckland) - 25
Rhys Simmonds (Newquay) – 20
Jack Bray-Evans (Newquay) – 19
Kitan Jaiyeoba (Paulton) – 18
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) – 17
Jensen Wakefield (Bradford) – 16

Recent Results

Friday 26th December 2025

Premier Division

Bradford Town	1-0	Shepton Mallet
Bridgwater United	4-0	Sidmouth Town
Buckland Athletic	2-0	Ivybridge Town
Helston Athletic	1-5	Newquay
Oldland Abbotonians	1-0	Brislington
Paulton Rovers	7-1	Street
St Blazey	2-1	St Austell
Torpoint Athletic	1-0	Saltash United
Wellington	2-4	Barnstaple Town

First Division

AEK Boco	3-1	Longwell Green Sports
Avonmouth	1-1	Almondsbury
Cheddar	2-2	Wells City
Devizes Town	4-1	Calne Town
Hengrove Athletic	2-2	Bristol Telephones
Odd Down	3-0	Keynsham Town
Radstock Town	2-3	Welton Rovers
Shirehampton	4-1	Mendip Broadwalk
Sturminster Newton	8-1	Warminster Town

Saturday 27th December 2025

First Division

Cadbury Heath	1-1	Bitton





New Year's Fixtures

Friday 2nd January 2026

First Division

Radstock Town	vs	Warminster Town	19:45KO

Saturday 3rd January 2026 (3pm kick off unless noted)

Les Phillips Cup

Street	vs	Barnstaple Town

Premier Division

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

First Division

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

Podcast Episode 21

On the Christmas episode of the Podcast, Tom and Ian are joined by Stoner for a festive catch-up. **Newquay** boss, Shaun Middleton, also joins the show to reflect on the first half of their campaign, while offering insight into how teams prepare for a Boxing Day fixture.

The First Division interviewee is **Keynsham**'s joint-manager, Chris King, who discussed his return to the Town dugout, before then talking about his mission to deliver stability and progression to a club he first joined 20 years ago.

https://www.westernleague.co.uk/news/podcast-episode-21-1



League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Clevedon Town	21	17	1	3	30	52
2	Torpoint Athletic	19	15	3	1	27	48
3	Sidmouth Town	24	14	4	6	20	46
4	Paulton Rovers	21	13	4	4	39	43
5	Barnstaple Town	19	12	3	4	27	39
6	Buckland Athletic	22	11	5	6	15	38
7	Saltash United	21	11	5	5	14	38
8	Bridgwater United	24	10	4	10	-2	34
9	Newquay	18	10	3	5	22	33
10	Helston Athletic	22	9	3	10	3	30
11	Bradford Town	24	8	6	10	-2	30
12	Street	20	7	5	8	8	26
13	Ivybridge Town	21	8	2	11	-8	26
14	St Blazey	25	6	7	12	-20	25
15	Shepton Mallet	22	6	4	12	-6	22
16	Wellington	21	5	4	12	-13	19
17	Brislington	22	5	3	14	-17	18
18	Oldland Abbotonians	19	2	2	15	-22	8
19	St Austell	21	0	0	21	-115	0

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Devizes Town	22	16	6	0	45	54
2	Avonmouth	22	13	8	1	17	47
3	Wells City	22	15	1	6	41	46
4	Sturminster Newton United	20	14	2	4	36	44
5	Bitton	22	12	6	4	11	42
6	Bristol Telephones	21	11	5	5	7	38
7	Mendip Broadwalk	21	10	5	6	3	35
8	AEK Boco	22	10	4	8	13	34
9	Almondsbury	21	10	4	7	0	34
10	Warminster Town	22	8	5	9	3	29
11	Longwell Green Sports	23	9	2	12	-13	29
12	Cadbury Heath	25	8	5	12	-20	29
13	Calne Town	22	7	5	10	0	26
14	Odd Down	23	6	5	12	-9	23
15	Shirehampton	20	5	5	10	-19	20
16	Keynsham Town	22	5	4	13	-19	19
17	Radstock Town	21	4	7	10	-11	18*
18	Cheddar	24	2	9	13	-31	15
19	Hengrove Athletic	22	2	7	13	-26	13
20	Welton Rovers	19	2	3	14	-28	9


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