JEWSON WESTERN LEAGUE 2025/26

BULLETIN #34

Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: There were home wins across the board under the lights this week in the Premier Division, including at **Ivybridge Town**, where the hosts came out on top in an eight-goal thriller against **Helston**. The early running was made exclusively by Helston, with a superb strike from Liam Eddy making it 1-0, before Connor Paine then doubled their advantage midway through the first half. Cam Patterson gave the Ivies a foothold in the contest after 43 minutes, but it was the away side who scored next, with Eddy grabbing his second of the game right at the beginning of the second half. From then on, it was Ivybridge who dominated proceedings, and after James Forrest had pulled them back within one, Patterson completed his double to make it 3-3 after an hour. Town's turnaround was then complete seven minutes from time courtesy of a Charlie Menear strike, with Owen Howard then scoring a historic goal to complete the scoring late on. Having been with the club since the age of four, Howard became the first player in the club's 100-year history to score a goal at each level from under-7s through to the first team. Tuesday also saw **Paulton** maintain their title hopes with a hard-fought 2-1 victory over an in-form **Wellington** side *(pictured, right, courtesy of Jenny Short).* After going ahead in the sixth minute thanks to a Sid Partridge header, Rovers were pegged back early in the second half when Glen Wright slipped the ball under the keeper for 1-1. The winning goal came 20 minutes before the end, with Dylan Tate prodding home to make it 13 points from a possible 15 since the turn of the year for the hosts. Barnstaple's long winning run came to an end at Street, with Theo Worth's brace leading the Cobblers to a standout 3-0 victory. Having won every league and Les Phillips game since November, Barnstaple came unstuck at the Tannery, with a lovely counter-attacking goal finished off by Worth putting the hosts ahead after 36 minutes. Finn King-Smith then made it 2-0 on the stroke of half-time, before Worth netted his second five minutes from time to give Street their fourth win from five, with five clean sheets on the bounce helping spearhead their huge uptick in form. In Wednesday's lone fixture, **Newquay** held off a late charge from **Saltash** to win 2-1 at Mount Wise. A brilliant start for the home side saw Rhys Simmonds fire them ahead in the third minute, with Jack Bray-Evans then scoring towards the end of the first half to double their advantage. The Ashes struck eight minutes before full-time through Fin Wilkes, but they were unable to find a leveller and saw their playoff hopes take a huge dent.



In the First Division, **Sturminster Newton** continue to look like the dominant force, scoring twice in either half to win 4-0 away at fifth-placed **Bitton**. The biggest game of the midweek schedule saw a pair of quickfire goals from Buddy O'Shea and Ben Knight hand Sturminster a 2-0 lead midway through the first half. Both sides were then reduced to ten men, following red cards to Bitton's Saracen Yates and United's Jamie Danoris, but it was the visitors who continued to push on, with George Coleman stretching the lead to three early in the second period. A fourth goal from substitute Aaron Lane-Leney put Sturminster out of sight, with the only blemish seeing the league-leaders finish the game with nine men following Ashley Clarke's late dismissal. Wednesday's big game at the top saw **Devizes** pick up their second consecutive 2-0 win away from home, beating **Cadbury Heath** at Springfield to jump up into second spot. A first half penalty from Jay Walters put Town ahead, before Cal Parsons' belting finish wrapped things up after the break. The other game that evening saw **Warminster** defeat **Longwell Green** 3-0, with Charlie Walton scoring the pick of the goals in their mid-table battle at Weymouth Street. 24 hours earlier, **Welton's** recent resurgence continued, with their 2-1 win over **Calne** taking them above the relegation line and up into 17th. After a debut goal from Ben Snell had put Rovers in-front after 16 minutes, Calne then hit back through Harry Womersley midway through the first half. Snell then struck again before the break to score what turned out to be the winner, with Welton having picked up 10 points during a four-game spell over the space of just 11 days. In another huge game towards the bottom, **Radstock** held on to win 2-1 away at **Shirehampton**, moving them within a point of their hosts. After Jake Curtis had given the Miners a ninth minute lead, Tai Bewes then struck at the end of the first half to make it 2-0 in Town's favour. Shirehampton halved the deficit shortly after half-time through Scott Bamford, but they weren't able to find a leveller, with their fourth loss on the spin pulling them into the relegation battle. Elsewhere, **Almondsbury** beat struggling **Keynsham** 2-0 thanks to goals from Alex Hill and Liam Nicholls, while Harry Roynon secured a point for **Cheddar** in their 1-1 draw with **AEK Boco**.

Premier Division: In the big game at the top, first beat second at the Hand Stadium, with a goal in each half leading **Clevedon** to a 2-0 victory over **Torpoint Athletic.** With over 250 fans in place, it was the home side who surged ahead late in the first half, with a fortunate finish from Glen Hayer putting the Seasiders one-up. The Cornish outfit tried their best to get on level terms, but they were unable to break down the home defence, meaning that when Kye Simpson scored a second during added time it helped wrap up a big win for the league leaders. That result, coinciding with **Paulton's** 2-0 win at home to **Newquay**, saw Rovers jump ahead of Torpoint into second place on the table. After Tom Bradley's header had opened the scoring midway through the first half, Paulton then made it 2-0 right at the beginning of the second half when Will Osborne fired home from close range. Another side to take advantage of Torpoint's slip was **Barnstaple**, with their bounce-back 2-1 win over **Sidmouth** moving them within two points of second place. After seeing their long winning run come to an end during the week, Town's Josh Parry eased the nerves of the home crowd when he smashed home after half-an-hour. Luke Mortimore then lifted the ball over the visiting keeper to make it 2-0 on the stroke of half-time, with Sidmouth setting up a nervy finale when they cut the deficit thanks to Lewis Hall's deflected effort. However, Barnstaple did enough to hang on, downing their fellow Devonians, and hoping to kick-start another winning run to propel them to a strong finish during the final weeks of the campaign.

There was also plenty to cheer for another Devon outfit, with **Buckland's** entertaining 4-2 win away at **Helston** helping them move up into fifth spot. After falling behind to yet another Liam Eddy goal, Buckland responded excellently, scoring twice in quick succession through Jack Baxter and Ryan Bush to put the visitors 2-1 up at the interval. Helston then levelled things up within three minutes of the restart thanks to a penalty from Freddie Kemp, but the Bucks reacted well once again, with Baxter's volleyed finish putting them back in front. It was then Bush's turn to mirror Baxter in scoring his second, giving Buckland a 4-2 advantage after 58 minutes, which they wouldn't relinquish. With just one point now separating them in the table, it was no surprise that only goal separated the sides at Trowbridge Road, with Jensen



Wakefield's 53rd minute effort leading **Bradford Town** to a 1-0 win over **Bridgwater**. It was also a positive afternoon for **Oldland Abbotonians,** with a pair of second half strikes leading them a 2-0 win over **Wellington** *(pictured, left).* In what was just their second league win of the campaign, Oldland took advantage of a sin bin to go ahead in the 50th minute through Sam Watkins, with the Abbots then wrapping things up in stoppage time courtesy of a counter-attacking goal finished off by Jayln Johnson. There was also a late goal at Ironmould Lane, where **Brislington** levelled things up in stoppage time to secure a 2-2 draw with **Ivybridge**. The visitors looked set to secure all three points after goals from Joe Cook and Kai Burrell had twice put them ahead, but Shea Mannings led the fightback on each occasion for the Bristol side, scoring four minutes into stoppage time with what was this second equaliser of the afternoon.

First Division: **Sturminster Newton** just about did enough to maintain their two-point lead atop the table, edging to a 1-0 win over **Cadbury Heath** at Barnett's Field. Having put together a string of four-goal victories in the previous seven days, Sturminster didn't have it all their own way against mid-table opponents, but did enough to grind out the win, with Buddy O'Shea's 47th minute effort proving to be enough. Second-placed **Devizes** captured their third win on the bounce, with a pair of Jay Walters penalties leading them to a 4-0 defeat of **Radstock**. With Walters' first spot kick all that separated the sides after 45 minutes, Devizes then put their foot down during the second half, with Jacob Reader and Joel Smedley extending the lead to three, before Walters completed the scoring. The most dominant win of the afternoon came from **Bristol Telephones**, with Jamie Noble scoring four times during their 7-0 mauling of **Cheddar**. Having broken the deadlock midway through the first half, Noble then struck twice more in the next 20 minutes to complete his hat-trick before half-time. A Liam McCracken goal during first half stoppage time made it 4-0, before James Batchelor then scored on the hour mark to put the Phones five-up. Noble then added his fourth goal to cap an outstanding individual performance, with Archie Dark striking late on to end the Cheesemen's punishment. There were also victories for the other two sides chasing top-five finishes, including **Bitton** who bounced-back from their midweek defeat by winning 4-2 at home to **Calne**. It was a great afternoon for the returning Jack Cousins, with his sixth minute header opening the scoring. Ieuan Crowe then doubled the hosts advantage, before Cousins added another goal shortly after half-time to put Bitton three-up. The Lilywhites did score twice in the final 13 minutes through Owen Jones and Ollie Crosby-Clarke, but it wasn't enough to spoil Bitton's day, with Mickey Parsons making sure of the victory with his goal in the closing stages.

Wells City snuck past Warminster for the second time in 11 days, hanging on to win 2-1 to maintain their title hopes. Having won the reverse fixture 1-0 at the beginning of the month, two headed goals inside the opening half-hour from Jake Horsey and Dave O'Hare put them in command at Weymouth Street. The hosts did send a late scare through the Wells side, halving the deficit 13 minutes from time, but City hung on to stay within five points of top spot with eight games still to play. At the opposite end of the table, Keynsham eased their relegation fears by beating Almondsbury 3-2 in an entertaining affair at the AJN Stadium. A quirk in the fixture list saw the sides face each other just four days previously, with the Almonds winning 2-0, but Keynsham were the better team this time around, storming into an early two-goal lead courtesy of Dennis Asante and Akram Abdullahi. It was never likely to be plain-sailing for the K's however, and having not won on their home patch since mid-September, they let their visitors back into the contest on the hour when Paolo Pali found the back of the net. A Jeremy Agyemang goal midway through the second half restored the two-goal lead, and that proved crucial for Keynsham, who were forced to hang on during the final moments after Pali had struck for the second time during a late push from the away side. Elsewhere, Odd Down are now unbeaten in five, after Charlie Saunders' double led them to a 2-0 win over Hengrove, while Dan Spicer claimed a stunning hat-trick in Shirehampton's 4-3 defeat of Boco. Having led through Charlie Cook's 12th minute free-kick, Shirehampton were soon on the back-foot after goals from Reeko Best and Corey Rawlings turned the game in the visitors favour. Spicer then made it 2-2 in first half stoppage-time with a flicked finish, before he returned after the break to score two belters to earn a much-needed home win. His second goal, a strong finish into the bottom corner, put the hosts back in front, before Spicer then curled home a beauty from the edge of the area to complete his treble. Boco did strike again at the death, but Jack Ball's goal proved to only be a consolation in the final outcome, with Shirehampton doing enough to end their four-match losing run.

Podcast Episode 31

On this week's podcast, **Bridgwater United** boss, Dave Pearse, discusses his return to Fairfax Park, the challenges he's inherited, and the ambitions he shares with the club going forward.

Ian also catches up with Sturminster Newton's manager, Nick Squires, who explains why the First Division leaders are reaping the rewards for the positive attitude they are taking into games.

https://www.westernleague.co.uk/news/podcast-episode-31-1



Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division

Ryan Bush (Buckland) - 26
Kitan Jaiyeoba (Paulton) – 21
Sam Beresford (Clevedon) – 20
Jack Bray-Evans (Newquay) – 20
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) - 17
Rhys Simmonds (Newquay) – 16

First Division

Liam McCracken (Bristol Telephones) – 25
Josh Pearce (Avonmouth) – 20
Jack Newman (Warminster) – 18
Josh Gilborson (Bitton) - 17
Harry Warwick (Wells) - 17
Jake Brown (Wells) – 17

Latest Results

Tuesday 10th March 2026

Premier Division

Ivybridge Town	5-3	Helston Athletic
Paulton Rovers	2-1	Wellington
Street	3-0	Barnstaple Town

First Division

Almondsbury	2-0	Keynsham Town
Bitton	0-4	Sturminster Newton United
Cheddar	1-1	AEK Boco
Shirehampton	1-2	Radstock Town
Welton Rovers	2-1	Calne Town

Wednesday 11th March 2026

Premier Division

Newquay	2-1	Saltash United

First Division

Cadbury Heath	0-2	Devizes Town
Warminster Town	3-0	Longwell Green Sports

Saturday 14th March 2026

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	2-1	Sidmouth Town
Bradford Town	1-0	Bridgwater United
Brislington	2-2	Ivybridge Town
Clevedon Town	2-0	Torpoint Athletic
Helston Athletic	2-4	Buckland Athletic
Paulton Rovers	2-0	Newquay
Saltash United	P-P	Street
Wellington	0-2	Oldland Abbotonians

First Division

Avonmouth	P-P	Longwell Green Sports
Bitton	4-3	Calne Town
Bristol Telephones	7-0	Cheddar
Devizes Town	4-0	Radstock Town
Keynsham Town	3-2	Almondsbury
Mendip Broadwalk	P-P	Welton Rovers
Odd Down	2-0	Hengrove Athletic
Shirehampton	4-3	AEK Boco
Sturminster Newton	1-0	Cadbury Heath
Warminster Town	1-2	Wells City

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 17th March 2026

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	vs	Saltash United	19:45KO
Oldland Abbotonians	vs	Bradford Town	19:30KO
Street	vs	Clevedon Town	19:45KO
Torpoint Athletic	vs	Newquay	19:30KO

First Division

Avonmouth	vs	Bitton	19:30KO
Almondsbury	vs	Hengrove Athletic	19:45KO
Devizes Town	vs	Wells City	19:45KO
Radstock Town	vs	Shirehampton	19:45KO
Sturminster Newton	vs	Cheddar	19:45KO

Wednesday 18th March 2026

First Division

Bristol Telephones	vs	Welton Rovers	19:45KO

Saturday 21st March 2026 (3pm kick off unless noted)

Premier Division

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

First Division

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

WESTERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE ESTABLISHED 1892
JEWSON

League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Clevedon Town	28	21	2	5	38	65
2	Torpoint Athletic	24	17	4	3	26	55
3	Barnstaple Town	25	17	3	5	27	54
4	Paulton Rovers	25	16	5	4	36	53
5	Buckland Athletic	28	14	7	7	21	49
6	Sidmouth Town	28	14	5	9	10	47
7	Newquay	25	13	4	8	18	43
8	Saltash United	26	11	5	10	-5	38
9	Bradford Town	29	10	6	13	-5	36
10	Bridgwater United	29	10	5	14	-11	35
11	Street	25	9	7	9	10	34
12	Ivybridge Town	26	9	3	14	-15	30
13	Helston Athletic	27	8	4	15	-26	28
14	Shepton Mallet	27	6	8	13	-17	26
15	St Blazey	27	6	8	13	-22	26
16	Wellington	25	7	4	14	-12	25
17	Brislington	25	3	4	18	-34	13
18	Oldland Abbotonians	23	2	2	19	-39	8
19	St Austell	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Nailsea & Tickenham	0	0	0	0	0	0

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Sturminster Newton United	30	22	3	5	56	69
2	Devizes Town	30	20	7	3	52	67
3	Wells City	30	21	1	8	49	64
4	Avonmouth	30	17	9	4	18	60
5	Bitton	31	17	9	5	15	60
6	Bristol Telephones	30	17	7	6	23	58
7	AEK Boco	31	13	7	11	14	46
8	Mendip Broadwalk	30	12	8	10	0	44
9	Longwell Green Sports	32	13	4	15	-4	43
10	Warminster Town	32	11	9	12	6	42
11	Almondsbury	27	11	6	10	-5	39
12	Calne Town	32	10	8	14	-3	38
13	Odd Down	30	10	7	13	-5	37
14	Cadbury Heath	31	9	7	15	-23	34
15	Shirehampton	30	8	6	16	-24	30
16	Radstock Town	30	5	12	13	-21	26*
17	Keynsham Town	32	7	5	20	-38	26
18	Welton Rovers	29	7	4	18	-24	25
19	Cheddar	31	3	10	18	-46	19
20	Hengrove Athletic	30	2	9	19	-40	15