

Latest Round-ups:

Premier Division: Despite heavy mist descending on the South West, big numbers attended the traditional Boxing Day fixtures, with goals flying in left, right and centre. The biggest Premier Division crowd took in the early kickoff at Blaise Park, where visitors **St Austell** secured a 4-2 victory over their Cornish neighbours **St Blazey**. Things started well for the visitors who stormed into an early lead after Matt Searle and Tom Whipp each scored inside the opening ten minutes. Kieron Bishop then made it 3-0, before the hosts finally got on the board themselves with Jacob Rowe heading home in the 32nd minute. Rowe then struck again from the penalty spot to trim the deficit further, but St Austell were able to complete the victory with George Marris netting their fourth in stoppage time. Also in Cornwall, there was a home win for **Saltash**, with two second half goals leading them to victory over **Torpoint** at the Kimberley Stadium *(pictured, left).* Skipper Tom Payne broke the deadlock shortly after the interval, with Joe Preece then adding a second to put the Ashes out of sight.



Elsewhere it was a tough afternoon for the other home sides, with only **Brixham** and **Paulton** claiming wins. For Brixham, things didn't start well in their clash with **Ivybridge**, but they eventually ran out 5-1 winners. A belting free kick from Jake Smelt put the Ivies ahead within 15 minutes of kickoff, before goals from James Moxon and George Dandridge turned the game around on the stroke of half time. Another goal early in the second half from Reece Somers put Brixham 3-1 up, before goals in the final ten minutes from Kieran Parkin and late sub Jaden Maslen completed the win. Meanwhile, **Paulton Rovers** held off a late charge from **Oldland** to win by four goals to two. An early penalty from Dan McBeam put the hosts in front, before captain Jack Dancey powered home a header for 2-0 midway through the first half. Milo Murgatroyd capped a dominant first half for the hosts, with the same man then scoring again ten minutes after the break to put Rovers four goals to the good. Two goals in the final 25 minutes helped the Abbots add some respectability to the scoreline, but Paulton had done enough to extend their winning home run to nine matches.



Among the away winners was league leaders **Portishead** who scored three goals before half-time in their one-sided victory at **Brislington**. Kyle Egan's early penalty was followed by a goal from leading scorer Ethan Feltham to put Town two-up, with a header from Hamish Hurst then wrapping things up just before the break. There was also a dominant win for fourth-placed **Clevedon** with five different goalscorers leading them to a heavy defeat of **Nailsea & Tickenham** *(pictured above).* It took only two minutes for the Seasiders to forge ahead, with Freddie King bagging his 20th league goal of the campaign. Elliot Nicholson added to Clevedon's advantage midway through the first half, with Lucas Vowles then kick-starting the scoring shortly after the break. The Swags grabbed a lifeline of sorts with Seb Scott reducing the deficit, before Clevedon added to their winning margin in stoppage time courtesy of Syd Camper and George King. **Shepton Mallet** also eased to victory with new signing Josiah McKayle scoring a hat-trick in their 5-0 win at **Welton**, while goalscoring doubles from both Josh Parry and Tommy Rogers led **Barnstaple** to a Devon derby triumph away at **Ilfracombe**. Only one goal separated the sides at North Street, with Myles James scoring in the 29th minute to lead **Buckland** to victory over **Wellington**. It was also 1-0 at the Tannery Ground, where a late Jack Taylor penalty led **Bridgwater** to victory over neighbours **Street**. With the game seemingly destined for a stalemate, Bridgwater were awarded a spot kick which was converted by Taylor as the visitors looked to end their four-match winless run. Having lost Scott Laird to a red card for remonstrating the award of the penalty, Street were forced to end the game win nine men, and a defender in goal, after Cobblers keeper Lewis Williams was put in the sin bin.

First Division: A huge crowd of 725 were treated to a home win at Shellards Road where goals late in either half from Zac Tucker and Fin Burnell helped **Longwell Green** beat **AEK Boco** 2-0. The hosts had gone four league games without tasting victory, but Boxing Day's third biggest step 6 attendance in the country gave them the boost they needed to move into the top seven. Another side to win 2-0 were **Calne Town**, who ended Boxing Day atop the division following victory over **Devizes**. A Josh Pike-Bright double proved to be enough for the Lilywhites to leapfrog both Hallen and Bitton who's festive fixtures would take place on Saturday afternoon. At the opposite end of the table, **Odd Down** claimed their second home win on the bounce after holding on to beat **Radstock** 2-1. The Bath side scored from two set pieces early in the second half to build a two-goal advantage, with Radstock threatening a late fightback when Ben Wickens struck 15 minutes from time. In another of the day's lunchtime kick-offs, **Hengrove** powered to victory over **Mendip Broadwalk** thanks to goals from Pete Sheppard, Goitom Asfaw, Connor Kingdon and Greg Yarde. **Sturminster Newton** produced a brilliant second half fightback, overturning a half-time deficit to beat **Gillingham Town** 3-1. With the hosts leading courtesy of a Sheikh Njie goal, Sturminster were staring down the barrel of a surprise defeat. They came out refreshed after the interval, and scored three times in the

space of 20 minutes through Nick Hewlett, Elliot Bevis and Aaron Lane-Leney to turn things around.

The highest scorers of the afternoon were **Bristol Telephones**, with Isaac Flynn's hat-trick helping lead them to a 7-2 defeat of **Keynsham**. The K's have been leaking goals of late, and it was no different on Thursday afternoon, with Rohan Nelson, Archie Dark, Craig Wilson and George Rooke adding to Flynn's goalscoring treble. **Wells City** moved up a couple of spots into ninth thanks to a 2-0 win at home to **Cheddar** *(pictured, left).* Kai Murrell got the ball rolling with a spectacular 40-yard strike early in the second half, before Harry Warwick's penalty put the hosts out of sight in the 65th minute. 2-0 was also the winning margin for **Bradford Town**, with a healthy festive crowd seeing the Bobcats topple **Warminster** in their Wiltshire derby. A tight first half ended with the visitors sneaking into a one-goal lead when Jordan Pinder fired home a penalty in added time. Bradford then doubled their advantage 20 minutes into the second half, with Dan Demkiv drilling home to help extend their long unbeaten run. In the day's only draw, **Shirehampton** twice came from behind to secure a point away at **Avonmouth**. The game shot into life at the end of the first half when a stunning free kick from Charlie Aldom put the hosts in front. That goal forced Shirehampton into action, and after a number of attacks on the home goal they finally claimed an equaliser thanks to the head of Ben Adam. The majority of the 528 in attendance were celebrating shortly after when Josh Pearce restored Avonmouth's lead, but then in stoppage time, Ciaran Greening found enough time and space to claim a dramatic late point for the away side.



Saturday's fixtures proved to be a tough afternoon for the title-chasing duo, with **Hallen** falling to a rare home defeat at the hands of **Cribbs Reserves**. It was goals at either end of the second half which helped secure victory for the visitors with Liam Clayton and Shaquile Perkins finding the back of the net. **Bitton** meanwhile, were forced to battle back from a two-goal deficit to claim a 2-2 draw in their derby with **Cadbury Heath** *(pictured, right).* The home side had won seven league games on the spin, but had a tough first half showing which saw goals from Daniel Cardoso and Matt Huxley hand the Heath a 2-0 advantage. Ash McGrane then struck shortly after half-time to pull Bitton to within a goal, before the division's leading scorer, Nathan Hall, added to his tally with a cross-come-shot out on the right-wing touchline to bring the scores level 20 minutes from time.



Latest Results

Thursday 26th December 2024

Premier Division

Brislington	0-3	Portishead Town	175
Brixham	5-1	Ivybridge Town	296
Ilfracombe Town	0-4	Barnstaple Town	
Nailsea & Tickenham	1-5	Clevedon Town	318
Paulton Rovers	4-2	Oldland Abbotonians	216
Saltash United	2-0	Torpoint Athletic	407
St Blazey	4-2	St Austell	705
Street	0-1	Bridgwater United	296
Wellington	0-1	Buckland Athletic	125
Welton Rovers	0-5	Shepton Mallet	255

First Division

Avonmouth	2-2	Shirehampton	528
Bristol Telephones	7-2	Keynsham Town	88
Calne Town	2-0	Devizes Town	436
Gillingham Town	1-3	Sturminster Newton United	189
Hengrove Athletic	4-1	Mendip Broadwalk	165
Longwell Green	2-0	AEK Boco	725
Odd Down	2-1	Radstock Town	121
Warminster Town	0-2	Bradford Town	322
Wells City	2-0	Cheddar	

Saturday 28th December 2024

First Division

Bitton	2-2	Cadbury Heath	252
Hallen	0-2	Cribbs Reserves	112

Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division

Freddie King (Clevedon) – 20
Lucas Vowles (Clevedon) – 17
Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 15
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) – 14
Ryan Bush (Buckland) – 14
Jack Taylor (Bridgwater) - 12

First Division

Nathan Hall (Bitton) – 19
Sacha Tong (Bitton) – 17
Josh Pike-Bright (Calne) - 16
Raphael Oppong (Bradford) – 15
Luke Hopper (Devizes) – 14
Elliot Gardner (Hallen) – 13
Rhys Hickery (Mendip) -13

Chairman's Christmas Message

Jewson Western League Chairman, John Pool, took time out to thank everyone associated with the league who have got involved with initiatives and fundraisers. The full message can be viewed by visiting the following link on our website:
https://www.westernleague.co.uk/news/chairmans-christmas-message-2024

New Year Fixtures

Wednesday 1st January 2025 (3pm Kick-off unless noted otherwise)

Premier Division

AFC St Austell	vs	Saltash United	
Barnstaple Town	vs	Brixham	
Bridgwater United	vs	Oldland Abbotonians	
Buckland Athletic	vs	Ilfracombe Town	
Ivybridge Town	vs	Wellington	
Paulton Rovers	vs	Welton Rovers	
Portishead Town	vs	Nailsea & Tickenham	
Shepton Mallet	vs	Brislington	13:00KO
Torpoint Athletic	vs	St Blazey	

First Division

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

Saturday 4th January 2025 (3pm Kick-off unless noted otherwise)

Premier Division

Brislington	vs	Paulton Rovers
Buckland Athletic	vs	Ivybridge Town
Nailsea & Tickenham	vs	Brixham
Oldland Abbotonians	vs	St Austell
Portishead Town	vs	St Blazey
Saltash United	vs	Clevedon Town
Shepton Mallet	vs	Bridgwater United
Street	vs	Wellington

First Division

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

League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Portishead Town	21	15	3	3	35	48
2	Brixham	22	14	4	4	26	46
3	Barnstaple Town	21	14	3	4	32	45
4	Clevedon Town	20	13	5	2	38	44
5	Street	23	12	5	6	10	41
6	Shepton Mallet	23	11	5	7	20	38
7	Buckland Athletic	21	11	4	6	29	37
8	Paulton Rovers	20	11	3	6	6	36
9	Ivybridge Town	21	9	5	7	8	32
10	Bridgwater United	24	10	2	12	-12	32
11	Brislington	22	9	4	9	10	31
12	Nailsea & Tickenham	19	10	1	8	8	31
13	Wellington	22	10	0	12	-14	30
14	Oldland Abbotonians	20	8	3	9	2	27
15	Saltash United	25	8	3	14	-12	27
16	St Austell	22	8	2	12	-6	26
17	Ilfracombe Town	24	6	4	14	-23	22
18	St Blazey	22	5	5	12	-22	20
19	Torpoint Athletic	23	5	1	17	-19	16
20	Welton Rovers	25	0	0	25	-116	0

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Calne Town	27	18	3	6	33	57
2	Hallen	25	17	5	3	32	56
3	Bitton	25	18	2	5	29	56
4	Bradford Town	23	17	3	3	43	54
5	Devizes Town	23	13	6	4	34	45
6	Sturminster Newton United	24	13	4	7	13	43
7	Longwell Green Sports	26	12	6	8	11	42
8	Cadbury Heath	28	12	4	12	0	40
9	Wells City	22	12	3	7	24	39
10	Bristol Telephones	24	11	5	8	20	38
11	Cribbs Reserves	25	12	2	11	4	38
12	Mendip Broadwalk	25	11	5	9	-2	38
13	Shirehampton	22	11	4	7	5	37
14	Avonmouth	27	10	4	13	0	34
15	AEK Boco	26	9	4	13	-5	31
16	Radstock Town	25	8	4	13	-6	28
17	Hengrove Athletic	23	6	5	12	-9	23
18	Odd Down	26	5	5	16	-28	20
19	Cheddar	26	5	4	17	-41	19
20	Warminster Town	24	4	6	14	-29	18
21	Keynsham Town	27	3	5	19	-61	14

22	Gillingham Town	27	1	5	21	-67	8

