JEWSON WESTERN LEAGUE 2025/26 BULLETIN #4

Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: It was an incredibly busy few nights with most of the Western League sides in league action, with high-scoring encounters across both divisions. Saltash came from behind on Tuesday evening to beat Ivybridge 3-1 and maintain their winning start in the Premier Division. It was Josh Johnson who opened the scoring for the Ivies early in the second half, but the visitors managed to hit back almost instantly with Deacon Thomson heading them level. A penalty from Ben Goulty then turned the game in Saltash's favour around the hour mark, before Kieran O'Melia wrapped things up in the final few minutes. There was also an impressive away win that night for Shepton Mallet, with two goals inside the opening ten minutes from Tom Trimble and Paul Braithwaite setting the platform for their 3-0 victory over Oldland Abbotonians. Another Braithwaite goal late in the first half all-but ended the contest, with the Abbots night going from worse to worse when they were reduced to ten men shortly after the interval. Things have also started well for Paulton Rovers this season, with Kitan Jaiyeoba on target again during their 5-1 win over Nailsea & Tickenham. After teammate Kyle Witt had made it 1-0 in the ninth minute, Jaiyeoba then rounded the keeper before slipping the ball home to double the lead inside quarter-of-an-hour. Elliot Haffenden then scored either side of half-time to extend the lead further, with Dan McBeam firing home Paulton's fifth in stoppage time. Another of the fast starters have been Torpoint, and they added three more points to their tally, with Ryan Richards scoring (pictured, right) the only goal 17 minutes from time to lead his side to a 1-0 win over St Blazey. The other winners that evening were Bradford Town, with Harvey Woods' incredible long-range free-kick putting the cap on their 4-1 defeat of Brislington. The game of the night took place at the Tannery Ground, where two injury time goals saw Buckland claw back a dramatic 3-3 draw away at Street. With the game locked at one-all as the game reached the hour mark, the Cobblers surged ahead following two goals from Harry Foster and Charlie Bateson. What looked to be a consolation strike from Scott Pocock got Buckland back within one after 93 minutes, but incredibly they still had time to score again, with Jack Baxter rescuing a point for the visitors in the ninth minutes of stoppage time.



24 hours later, the goals continued to fly in, with Clevedon pulling off a thrilling comeback at home to Bridgwater. Things started terribly for the visitors for lost Harry Horton to an eighth minute red card, but they persevered and managed to take a lead to the interval when Dan Dodimead opened the scoring after 39 minutes. Clevedon finally managed to break down their stubborn opponents with 17 minutes left on the clock, with Henry Westlake spinning in the box before finding the bottom corner. That goal dented Bridgwater's hopes, and they conceded another shortly after, with Westlake turning provider for Charlie Saunders, who beat a couple of defenders before making it 2-1. There was then a late third for Owen Humphries, with Clevedon just about doing enough to maintain their 100% start in the league. Elsewhere, Helston returned to winning ways after claiming a crazy 7-3 victory away at fellow Cornish-outfit St Austell. After falling behind to Alex Hamley's early opener, Helston took control of the contest, with George Marris and Olly Redd making it 2-1 at the break, before headed efforts from Phil Cattran and Max Hill put them three goals ahead. Another Hamley goal gave the hosts hope of a fightback, but that was quickly dented, with an own-goal followed by second goals from both Cattran and Marris as Helston ran out comfortable victors.

The standout performance in the First Division came on Wednesday evening, with Bristol Telephones putting the previously unbeaten Longwell Green to the sword to the tune of a 4-0 defeat. It was a dominant victory for the home side who scored two times in either half, with Scott Gregory and Stefan Lee putting them two-up at the interval. Archie Dark then continued the scoring ten minutes into the second half, before James Batchelor added the finishing touches to an excellent evening for the Phones. Also that evening, Cadbury Heath pulled off a comeback at home to Calne Town, with Zac Cheetham and Matty Isaacs both scoring excellent goals in their 2-1 victory at Springfield. There was also an impressive fightback from Warminster Town, with two second-half goals helping them claim a 2-2 draw at home to Devizes. Despite home keeper Jack Amor saving an early penalty, Warminster found themselves starring at a two-goal deficit after Jack Baker and Jamie Walters scored either side of the interval. Jordan Pinder then scored from the spot to get the home side within touching distance, before Tyson Pollard struck at the back-post in the 96th minute to complete the dramatic comeback.

The evening before saw goals from Conor Biggins and Jack Haggett help Mendip Broadwalk gain local bragging rights following their 2-1 win at Hengrove, with Keynsham battled manfully to secure a 0-0 draw away at Bitton. There was also a comfortable home win for Wells City, with Jack Taylor and Harry Warwick both on target during their 4-0 defeat of Welton, while Sturminster Newton were propelled to a third consecutive win, with Elliot Bevis scoring twice after the break in their comfortable 4-1 victory away at Cheddar. In Bath, Luke Ingram's diving header saw Radstock come from behind to secure a 1-1 draw at Odd Down, while a dramatic finish at Almondsbury saw the home side beat Boco 2-1 thanks to a late salvo, with debutant Lavelle Bishop coming on with ten minutes to go, before scoring a stoppage winner to give the Almonds an enjoyable home victory.

Premier Division: In a reduced league fixture list on Saturday afternoon, Saltash maintained their winning start, claiming a late winner in their 2-1 defeat of St Blazey. Having gone ahead from the spot after 20 minutes through Ben Goulty, Saltash were pegged back late in the first half when Callum Kenny headed home for the visitors. With their winning run then looking to be coming to an end, Fin Wilkes stepped up with around ten minutes left on the clock to give United their fifth win from five. There was a first league defeat of the campaign for Shepton Mallet, with Josh Johnson scoring for the second consecutive fixture to lead Ivybridge to an impressive 1-0 away win. Helston racked up their third consecutive away win, scoring three unanswered goals at Brislington to continue their promising start to the campaign. The highest-scoring encounter of the day saw Bridgwater duo Lloyd Mills and Freddie King both score in either half to lead United to a 4-2 win at home to St Austell. After Mills had headed the hosts in front, St Austell were next to strike with Lewie Rendle's excellent free-kick making it one apiece after just eight minutes. King then scored his first of the afternoon to make it 2-1, before the visitors claimed their second equaliser of the afternoon through George Bills early in the second half. In a topsy-turvy encounter, Bridgwater went ahead for the third time when Mills struck on the hour mark, with King then completing his brace shortly after to finally put some distance between the sides. Elsewhere, both Nailsea & Tickenham and Wellington (pictured, right) remain winless this term following a goalless draw at Fryth Way.



First Division: Sturminster Newton are the only side with four wins from their opening four games after they defeated Almondsbury 2-0 on Saturday afternoon. An Ashley Clarke double proved to be enough for the home side, with the Dorset side's goal difference currently dwarfing the remainder of the division. There was also a strong performance from Avonmouth, with the Bristolians battling back from an early deficit on their way to beating Wells City 4-1. Things couldn't start much better for the visitors, with Harry Warwick opening the scoring in just the second minute. It was all downhill from then on however, with Saul Lewis levelling things up, before Charlie Aldom netted to make it 2-1 ten minutes before half-time. Another Aldom strike shortly after the break put Avonmouth two goals ahead, with the star man then completing his hat-trick in the closing stages to cap a near-perfect afternoon. There was also a goalscoring double from James Batchelor to help lead Bristol Telephones to a 3-1 win over Odd Down, while second-half strikes from Adam Jones and Harry Stiles led Calne Town to a 2-0 win at home to Hengrove. It had been a long time coming, but Warminster managed to secure their first away win in the league since October 2023 and scoring late on to beat Mendip Broadwalk 2-1. Having gone ahead from the spot through Jordan Pinder, Warminster were pegged back 15 minutes from time when Josh Gilborson levelled things up for Mendip. Then with less than five minutes remaining, Reece Collyer unleashed a thunderbolt which found the top corner to lead Warminster to a memorable victory.

Another side to leave it late were **Longwell Green,** with Matt Brown's stoppage time winner helping them to see off **Keynsham** by two goals to one. After Zac Tucker had put the hosts in front prior to half-time, Longwell Green saw their lead cancelled out by the visitors, with Brown then striking two minutes into stoppage time to secure all three points. Meanwhile, three goals in the final 20 minutes saw **Boco** power to a 3-0 win at home to **Radstock Town**. **Cheddar** ended a tough week on a high-note, following up back-to-back heavy defeats with a battling 2-2 draw at home to **Cadbury Heath**. Following a goalless opening half, it was the visitors who poked their noses ahead, with Tom Withers scoring from long range just after the hour mark. Elliot Keen then levelled things up with Cheddar's first equaliser, only for Cadbury Heath to go back in front five minutes from time when Hassan Hussein slotted home to make it 2-1. The Cheesemen kept pushing in the closing stages, and were rewarded in added time when Ben Crook found the back of the net to rescue a well-earned point. The points were also shared in the remaining two fixtures, with **Bitton** versus **Devizes**, and **Welton's** home clash with **Shirehampton** both ending goalless.

FA Cup Action: Only **Torpoint Athletic** remain the FA Cup following a disappointing afternoon for the remainder of the Western League sides in action on Saturday, with the Gold & Blacks coming from behind to beat **Sidmouth** 4-2. Things were looking ropy for Torpoint in the early stages, with Louis Spalding scoring twice in quick succession midway through the first half to put Sidmouth two-up. The visitors ended the half strongly however, and after trimming the deficit through Ryan Richards, they then grabbed a leveller in added time courtesy of Dave Barker. The all-Premier Division tie was then decided in the final 15 minutes, with Curtis Damerell's penalty making it 3-2 to the visitors, before he then struck another to give them a spot in the First Qualifying Round. It was a tough afternoon for the remainder of the Jewson sides, with the remaining seven sides all falling at the wayside. For **Bradford Town**, they suffered a 1-0 defeat at home to **Westbury**, while **Newquay** conceded late on to lose 2-1 away at **Frome Town**. Despite their strong start in the league, **Clevedon** were also knocked out on Saturday, losing 3-1 at home to **Thame,** with **Barnstaple** suffering a 2-1 home defeat at the hands of fellow Devon-outfit **Tavistock**. A first-half lead for **Buckland**, given to them by Ryan Bush, was overturned in their 2-1 defeat at **Exmouth**, with **Oldland** falling to the same scoreline on their trip to **Aylesbury Vale Dynamos**. The other side to see their run in the competition end were **Paulton Rovers**, with an early strike from Ryan Cluett leading **AFC Stoneham** to a slender 1-0 victory in Eastleigh.

Podcast Episode 3

On the latest episode of the podcast, Ian and Tom reflect on the recent action, prior to interviews with **Newquay** boss, Shaun Middleton, and **Warminster**'s manager, Rob Nash, with both joining Ian to discuss their first victories of the season.
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Recent Results

Tuesday 12th August 2025

Premier Division

Bradford Town	4-1	Brislington
Ivybridge Town	1-3	Saltash United
Oldland Abbotonians	0-3	Shepton Mallet
Paulton Rovers	5-1	Nailsea & Tickenham
Street	3-3	Buckland Athletic
Torpoint Athletic	1-0	St Blazey

First Division

Almondsbury	2-1	AEK Boco
Bitton	0-0	Keynsham Town
Cheddar	1-4	Sturminster Newton United
Hengrove Athletic	1-2	Mendip Broadwalk
Odd Down	1-1	Radstock Town
Wells City	4-0	Welton Rovers

Wednesday 13th August 2025

Premier Division

St Austell	3-7	Helston Athletic
Clevedon Town	3-1	Bridgwater United

First Division

Bristol Telephones	4-0	Longwell Green Sports
Cadbury Heath	2-1	Calne Town
Warminster Town	2-2	Devizes Town

Saturday 16th August 2025

Premier Division

Bridgwater United	4-2	St Austell
Brislington	0-3	Helston Athletic
Nailsea & Tickenham	0-0	Wellington
Saltash United	2-1	St Blazey
Shepton Mallet	0-1	Ivybridge Town

First Division

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

FA Cup Preliminary Round

AFC Stoneham	1-0	**Paulton Rovers**
Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	2-1	**Oldland Abbotonians**
Barnstaple Town	1-2	Tavistock
Bradford Town	0-1	Westbury United
Clevedon Town	1-3	Thame
Exmouth Town	2-1	**Buckland Athletic**
Frome Town	2-1	**Newquay AFC**
Sidmouth Town	2-4	**Torpoint Athletic**

Upcoming Fixtures

Saturday 23rd August 2025 (3pm kick off unless noted)

Premier Division

Ivybridge Town	vs	Sidmouth Town
Shepton Mallet	vs	Clevedon Town
St Blazey	vs	Paulton Rovers

First Division

AEK Boco	vs	Warminster Town
Keynsham Town	vs	Cheddar
Longwell Green	vs	Wells City

FA Vase Qualifying – First Round

St Austell	vs	Bovey Tracey
Aldermaston	vs	**Bristol Telephones**
Barnstaple Town	vs	Wadebridge Town
Bitton	vs	Wokingham & Emmbrook
Cadbury Heath	vs	**Mendip Broadwalk**
Calne Town	vs	**Nailsea & Tickenham**
Camelford	vs	**Radstock Town**
Devizes Town	vs	Yateley United
Dobwalls AFC	vs	**Helston Athletic**
Elburton Villa	vs	**Buckland Athletic**
Fairford Town	vs	**Almondsbury**
Hengrove Athletic	vs	Mangotsfield United
Newent AFC	vs	**Bradford Town**
Newquay AFC	vs	Wendron United
Oldland Abbotonians	vs	Cirencester Town
Saltash United	vs	Bishops Lydeard
Shirehampton	vs	Thornbury Town
Street	vs	Sticker
Sturminster Newton	vs	Ash United
Thatcham Town	vs	**Odd Down**
Torpoint Athletic	vs	Middlezoy Rovers
Welton Rovers	vs	Torridgeside


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