JEWSON WESTERN LEAGUE 2025/26 BULLETIN #9

Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: Clevedon Town's winning start in the Premier Division reached double-figures on Wednesday evening, with their 4-1 defeat of Oldland taking them to 30 points from a possible 30. A Charlie Saunders header set the ball rolling for the Seasiders midway through the first half, before Ben Donoghue made it 2-0 with his first goal for the club. After the Abbots pulled one back late in the first half, Seb Scott's deflected free-kick then restored Clevedon's two-goal advantage, before Saunders' second header of the night wrapped things up late on. Elsewhere that evening, Sidmouth sealed an impressive 3-0 win away at Buckland thanks to a double from Craig Veal, while Saltash scored three goals in the final seven minutes to snatch a 5-2 victory away at St Austell. Jake Harris had twice scored for the home side to put them in position to secure their first point of the campaign, but they were unable to hang on, with the Ashes dominating the final few minutes at Poltair Park. There was also a huge away win for Newquay, with three players scoring twice in their 7-1 trouncing of Ivybridge. Newquay actually fell behind in the first couple of minutes, but quickly regrouped, levelling through Jack Bray-Evans, before then pulling away thanks to a quickfire double from Louis Price. Further goals from Tom Shepherd and Rhys Simmonds extended Newquay's lead early in the second half, before Bray-Evans and Simmonds scored in the final few minutes for the dominant visitors.



24 hours earlier, Brislington mirrored Newquay's goal-scoring heroics, registering a 7-1 win at home to Nailsea & Tickenham thanks to a four-goal outing from Shea Mannings *(pictured, right)*. Ibby Olateju opened the scoring after six minutes, and ended the night with two goals, but it was Mannings who took home most of the plaudits, scoring three goals during a thoroughly one-sided second half. Torpoint's excellent start to the campaign continued in their home clash with Barnstaple, where a late salvo helping them to claim a 2-1 victory. In a potential hangover following their cup exit on the weekend, Torpoint were heading towards defeat following Luke Mortimore's early strike, but they came home with a wet sail, scoring twice in the final 17 minutes with Curtis Damerell's late brace pinching all three points. Elliot Haffenden was also on target twice for Paulton in their big 4-0 win at home to Bradford Town, while St Blazey secured back-to-back wins, with Ross Willock and Judah Wawiah scoring in their 2-1 victory away at Helston.

There was also a huge midweek crowd of 263 in situ for the local derby between **Street** and **Shepton Mallet**, with the points and bragging rights shared following an entertaining 1-1 draw. After Sam Stapleton had fired the Cobblers ahead early in the second half, Mallet then hit back through Ben Snell to level things up, with both sides also finishing the night with ten men following a pair of red cards.

In the First Division, **Sturminster Newton** laid down an early-season marker in their home clash with **Wells**, registering a 5-2 win to leapfrog their visitors up into the top three. In a tight first-half, Adam Wright had netted twice for the visitors, with the game level at two apiece following goals from Sturminster duo Aaron Lane-Leney and Elliot Bevis. The game then changed in a flash at the beginning of the second period, with Adam Hall, Bevis and Lane-Leney all scoring within seven minutes of the restart to all-but end the contest. Tuesday also saw a return to winning way for **Longwell Green** with Matt Brown's early goal seeing off **Cadbury Heath**, while **Mendip** also won 1-0 after Conor Biggins scored the only goal in their defeat of **Cheddar**. League leaders **Devizes** held on to beat **Radstock** 3-1 thanks to a first-half double from Sam McFarlane, with **Bitton** bouncing back from an early deficit to beat **Boco** 2-1 courtesy of goals from Liam Towler and a last-gasp winner from Jacob Gardner. There was also a late winner for **Odd Down** on their visit to **Welton** in another dramatic finish (pictured, left). Having gone ahead through substitute Nick Taylor, the Bath side were then pegged back when Rovers youngster Will Butler also came off the bench to make it one-apiece. The game was then seemingly headed for a draw, but Odd Down's Alfie Kelsey had other ideas, with his stoppage time winner breaking Welton hearts following a pulsating second half. Another replacement to have a huge influence was **Calne Town**'s Ousman Joof who came on and scored a late double in the Lilywhites 4-1 defeat of **Warminster**, with the other game that night between **Avonmouth** and **Hengrove** finishing 0-0. Wednesday's action was led by a strong performance from **Bristol Telephones**, who recovered from an early deficit to beat **Keynsham** 4-1. After Kyle Box had put the K's in front after just six minutes, the Phones soon found their stride and secured their sixth win of the campaign thanks to goals from Jamie Noble, James Batchelor, Leon Britton and Liam McCracken. The other game finished 1-1 between **Shirehampton** and **Almondsbury**, with the home side drawing level in the final seconds thanks to a headed finish from Ryan Radford, cancelling out Keelan Mastouras' early opener for the Almonds.



Podcast Episode 7

On the latest episode of the podcast, Ian catches up with **Paulton Rovers** boss, Kieran Baggs, to reflect on his managerial journey, while also touching on how his experience and ambition is plotting their path back to the Southern League. There is also an interview **Wells City's** Shaun Potter, who details his sides hopes for gaining promotion at the end of the season.
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Weekend League Action: With the majority of the sides taking part in the Vase, there were only six league matches on Saturday afternoon, but one of those was the table-topping Clevedon, who hung on to beat Bradford Town 2-1 to extend their winning start in the Premier Division. The Seasiders have been sharing the goals around recently, but the latest victory came thanks to one man in terms of the scoring, with Luke Osgood netting at either end of the first half to help build a two-goal lead. The away side did mount a late comeback, scoring 12 minutes from time through Josiah McKayle, but they couldn't find an equaliser in the closing stages, and became the 11th consecutive side to suffer defeat at the hands of Clevedon. There was late drama in the other match in the division, with Oldland Abbotonians claiming a last-gasp equaliser in their 1-1 draw with Nailsea & Tickenham. The Swags were mere seconds from claiming their first win of the season thanks to Hayden Chambers' opener, but there was late heartbreak with Divine Amaefule scoring in the fifth minute of injury time to claim a share of the spoils for the Abbots.

In the First Division, Bristol Telephones claimed the spoils in the game of the day, sealing a 4-3 victory on the road at Wells to leap up into the top four. In a frantic first half, Jack Taylor had put City in front early on, before two goals in the space of three minutes from Liam McCracken and Jamie Gregory turned the game in the visitors' favour. The goals kept flying in as the opening period drew to a close, with Noah Brown's strike making it 2-2, only for the Phones to hit back once again, taking a slender lead to the break courtesy of James Batchelor's goal in added time. The Bristolians then added a fourth thanks to Archie Dark, and that goal proved to be enough, with Jake Horsey's late effort proving to be too little, too late for a Wells side who have been blowing hot and cold over the past few weeks. Second-placed Bitton salvaged a late point in their home clash with Shirehampton, levelling things up two minutes from time to draw two-apiece. Having gone in front after 25 minutes through Joe Carter, Bitton were hit by a sucker-punch midway through the second half, when Scott Bamford and Ryan Radford struck in quick succession to turn the game in Shirehampton's favour. The home side weren't to be denied however, and after coming close on a couple of occasions, they finally grabbed an equaliser two minutes from time when Mickey Parsons found the back of the net.



In Bath, Almondsbury's Liam Nicholls scored all three of his sides' goals during their impressive 3-0 win over Odd Down *(pictured, right)*. Having put the visitors in front early on, Nicholls then added two more goals during the final five minutes, with his excellent finishing helping the Almonds to claim their first away win since the opening day. Elsewhere, five different goalscorers helped lead Cadbury Heath to a 5-1 success at home to Hengrove, sneaking them up into the top half of the division. Having gone ahead through Matt Huxley, the Heath then saw visiting forward Brad Skidmore draw the sides level, before Tyler Lane's effort eight minutes before half-time helped them retake the lead. A Jack Williams goal early in the second half put further distance between the side's, with Tom Withers and Riley Gifford-Hobbs then adding the finishing touches to the Heath's biggest win of the campaign.

FA Vase: As always, it was a mixed bag for Western League sides in second qualifying round of the Vase, with plenty of success to be enjoyed alongside the disappointment of seeing their run in the competition end prematurely. Among the positive outcomes on Saturday afternoon was Calne Town's 3-1 win away at Stonehouse Town. Having gone ahead late in the first half through Harry Stiles, Calne were pegged back 20 minutes from time, before goals in the closing stages from Stu Windsor and Ousman Joof sealed the Lilywhites progression. Joining them in the first round proper will be Radstock Town, who beat Honiton 1-0 thanks to a Lewis Wheeler goal, as well as fellow First Division side Sturminster Newton, for whom Aaron Lane-Leney and Ben Knight each scored in their 2-0 defeat of Newport (Isle of Wight). Among the less surprising winners were Buckland Athletic, who overturned an early deficit to topple Ilfracombe by five goals to one. Things didn't start to well for the Bucks who rescued a share of the first half spoils through Luke Forward, before a strong showing after the interval helped them to complete the convincing victory. Ryan Bush's penalty had put them in front for the first time shortly after the break, before Jack Baxter, Harvey Roche and Toby Hard then all scored in the final 13 minutes for the fast-finishing hosts at Homers Heath. There was also a convincing 4-2 win for Newquay away at Cullompton Rangers, with Louis Price netting twice for the visitors, while Street dominated the entire game during their visit to Crediton, with Shay Corrick scoring a hat-trick in the 7-0 win. After scoring a brace of goals towards the end of the first half to put his side two-up, Corrick then struck the Cobblers seventh during the final minutes to bring the curtain down on an excellent away performance. Torpoint endured their toughest afternoon the season to date, suffering a 5-0 defeat at the hands of Bovey Tracey, with Helston also knocked out after losing 3-0 away at Stoke Gabriel & Torbay Police.

On a brighter note, Ivybridge's run in the competition will progress into October after they secured a 3-2 win away at Teignmouth Town. An early blunder put Ivybridge on the back-foot during the opening minutes, but they recovered well and hit back twice to lead 2-1 at the break courtesy of goals from Nathan Lang and Jake Smelt. The Ivies third goal, which ended up being the game winner, was certainly worth waiting for, with Ryan Smith unleashing an powerful strike to maintain Town's outstanding run of results away from home. Also prevailing on their travels were Shepton Mallet, with Assan Sowe scoring twice during their 5-0 win at Welton, with the other Premier vs First Division clash ending in similar fashion after Tommy Rogers scored a hat-trick inside 30 minutes as Barnstaple thumped Cheddar 4-0. The only other tie in this round involving two Western League sides saw Sidmouth beat St Blazey 2-0, with goals either side of the break from Zack Williams and Sam Gleeson proving to be enough for the home side. Bridgwater were the only success story when it came to penalty shootouts, with their ability to keep their nerve from 12 yards enabling them to knock out Newton Abbot Spurs. After securing a 1-1 draw against ten-men thanks to Owen Howe's equaliser, Bridgy won 3-1 during the shootout despite being the first side to miss, with Louis Smith making a crucial save to set up the victory. Unfortunately, luck wasn't on the side of the other three sides to draw at the end of 90 minutes, with Paulton, Longwell Green and Mendip Broadwalk all seeing their Vase campaigns ended in the cruellest manor.



There was also a painful defeat for **Wellington**, who conceded at the death to lose 3-2 in their home tie with **Penzance**. After falling behind in the 15th minute, Welly slowly built their way back into the game, and struck twice through Jack Baker and Nathan Byrne to go 2-1 in front. A goal from Charlie Willis on the stoke of half-time then drew Penzance back level, with the visitors then also scoring in added time at the end of the second period through Marc Vercesi to stun the Somerset side. There were also relatively late defeats for both **Devizes** and **Avonmouth**, with the latter suffering a 2-1 defeat away at **Thatcham**, while Devizes saw Simeon Weeks score 15 minutes from time to give **Aldermaston** a 2-1 victory at Nursteed Road. **Warminster** were put to the sword in their home tie with **Hamworthy,** conceding all six during the first 45 minutes of their 6-2 loss, with **Keynsham** and Boco also bowing out after drawing blanks in away defeats at the hands of **Newent and Malmesbury**, respectively. Things also went poorly for **Brislington**, who despite getting back into the game through Shea Mannings, suffered a 3-1 defeat on Friday night away at **Thornbury Town**.

Recent Results

Tuesday 16th September 2025

Premier Division

Brislington	7-1	Nailsea & Tickenham
Helston Athletic	1-2	St Blazey
Paulton Rovers	4-0	Bradford Town
Street	1-1	Shepton Mallet
Torpoint Athletic	2-1	Barnstaple Town

First Division

Avonmouth	0-0	Hengrove Athletic
Bitton	2-1	AEK Boco
Calne Town	4-1	Warminster Town
Longwell Green	1-0	Cadbury Heath
Mendip Broadwalk	1-0	Cheddar
Radstock Town	1-3	Devizes Town
Sturminster Newton	5-2	Wells City
Welton Rovers	1-2	Odd Down

Wednesday 17th September 2025

Premier Division

Buckland Athletic	0-3	Sidmouth Town
Clevedon Town	4-1	Oldland Abbotonians
Ivybridge Town	1-7	Newquay
St Austell	2-5	Saltash United

First Division

Bristol Telephones	4-1	Keynsham Town
Shirehampton	1-1	Almondsbury

Friday 19th September 2025

FA Vase – Second Round Qualifying

Thornbury Town	3-1	**Brislington**

Saturday 20th September 2025

Premier Division

Clevedon Town	2-1	Bradford Town
Oldland Abbotonians	1-1	Nailsea & Tickenham

First Division

Bitton	2-2	Shirehampton
Cadbury Heath	5-1	Hengrove Athletic
Odd Down	0-3	Almondsbury
Wells City	3-4	Bristol Telephones

FA Vase – Second Round Qualifying

Barnstaple Town	4-0	**Cheddar**
Bridgwater United	1-1 (3-1 pens)	Newton Abbot Spurs
Buckland Athletic	5-1	Ilfracombe Town
Crediton United	0-7	**Street**
Cullompton Rangers	2-4	**Newquay**
Devizes Town	1-2	Aldermaston
Ilminster Town	0-0 (4-2 pens)	**Paulton Rovers**
Longwell Green	1-1 (4-5 pens)	Shortwood United
Malmesbury Victoria	3-0	**AEK Boco**
Mendip Broadwalk	1-1 (3-4 pens)	Reading City
Newent AFC	2-0	**Keynsham Town**
Radstock Town	1-0	Honiton
Sidmouth Town	2-0	**St Blazey**
Stoke & Torbay Police	3-0	**Helston Athletic**
Stonehouse Town	1-3	**Calne Town**
Sturminster Newton	2-0	Newport (IoW)
Teignmouth Town	2-3	**Ivybridge Town**
Thatcham Town	2-1	**Avonmouth**
Torpoint Athletic	0-5	Bovey Tracey
Warminster Town	2-6	Hamworthy United
Wellington	2-3	Penzance
Welton Rovers	0-5	**Shepton Mallet**

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 23rd September 2025

Premier Division

Brislington	vs	Paulton Rovers	19:45KO
Helston Athletic	vs	St Austell	19:45KO
Nailsea & Tickenham	vs	Bridgwater United	19:30KO
Shepton Mallet	vs	Oldland Abbotonians	19:30KO
Street	vs	Wellington	19:45KO
Torpoint Athletic	vs	Ivybridge Town	19:30KO

Wednesday 24th September 2025

Premier Division

St Blazey	vs	Newquay	19:30KO

Saturday 27th September 2025 (3pm kick off unless noted)

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	vs	St Blazey
Bradford Town	vs	Torpoint Athletic
Bridgwater United	vs	Buckland Athletic
Ivybridge Town	vs	Brislington
Nailsea & Tickenham	vs	Street
Newquay	vs	Clevedon Town
Oldland Abbotonians	vs	Helston Athletic
Saltash United	vs	Shepton Mallet
St Austell	vs	Sidmouth Town
Wellington	vs	Paulton Rovers

First Division

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

League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Clevedon Town	11	11	0	0	20	33
2	Torpoint Athletic	8	7	1	0	13	22
3	Saltash United	10	7	1	2	12	22
4	Paulton Rovers	11	6	2	3	12	20
5	Buckland Athletic	9	6	1	2	6	19
6	Sidmouth Town	9	5	2	2	11	17
7	Barnstaple Town	9	5	1	3	11	16
8	Helston Athletic	10	5	1	4	5	16
9	Shepton Mallet	11	4	3	4	7	15
10	Bradford Town	11	4	3	4	5	15
11	Ivybridge Town	10	4	1	5	-2	13
12	Bridgwater United	10	4	1	5	-4	13
13	Brislington	11	4	1	6	-6	13
14	St Blazey	12	3	3	6	-6	12
15	Newquay	8	3	1	4	1	10
16	Street	10	2	4	4	-2	10
17	Oldland Abbotonians	10	2	2	6	-7	8
18	Wellington	7	1	2	4	-4	5
19	Nailsea & Tickenham	10	0	2	8	-22	2
20	St Austell	11	0	0	11	-52	0

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


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