

Latest Round-ups:

League Action: With the cold snap causing a number of postponements up and down the region, there was another heavily reduced set of fixtures during the second week of 2026 in the Premier Division, where just three ties went ahead. League leaders **Clevedon** bounced back expertly from their home defeat last weekend, by thrashing basement dwellers **St Austell** 11-0 behind hat-tricks from both Seb Scott and Sam Beresford. The Seasiders took no mercy against their struggling opponents, scoring five before the break, and then adding a further six during the second period to give their goal difference a major boost. Having taken 22 minutes to finally break the deadlock, Town never really took their foot off the gas, with Owen Humphries, Charlie Saunders, Harrison Coker, Jamie King and Luke Osgood all adding their names to the scoresheet during the top vs bottom trouncing. Despite all those goals at Clevedon, the individual performance of the afternoon belonged to **Bradford Town**'s Jensen Wakefield, who scored four times during the Bobcats 5-0 defeat of **Newquay**. In a battle between ninth and tenth, a close encounter was certainly expected, but it was the hosts who earned the three points with Wakefield scoring two excellent goals to put his side two-up at the break. The star man then completed his hat-trick ten minutes into the second half with a composed finish, all-but ending any hopes of a Newquay fightback. Charlie Maddison got in on the act, making it 4-0 in the 70th minute, with the final word going to Wakefield who scored with an excellent dipping effort to cap a near-perfect afternoon for him and his side. In the other game to beat the weather, **Ivybridge** rebounded from an early setback to beat **Street** 3-1. After the returning Eli Collins had fired the Cobblers ahead after just ten minutes, Ivybridge drew level on the half hour with Kai Burrell bending the ball into the corner from 25 yards out. A Dan Tate goal ten minutes before halftime then completed the turnaround, with Josh Johnson adding a third shortly after to help Ivybridge climb up into 12th spot.



Ivybridge 3-1 Street, image with thanks to Iain Mellis Photography

There was much more action to enjoy in the First Division, where only two matches were called off which allowed for plenty of drama up and down the league. With table-topping Devizes among those to have the afternoon off, the chasing pack were afforded the opportunity to cut the gap at the top. However, Avonmouth let a lead slip against 18th placed Cheddar, falling to a costly 2-1 home defeat which sees them remain four points in arrears of the current leaders. Following over an hour of goalless action, it was the hosts who drew first blood with Charlie Aldom beating the visiting keeper. That goal seemed to kick-start the Somerset side into action, and with their next forward foray, they managed to level up the scores with Joel Frost's in-swinging corner ending up in the back of the net. Incredibly, Cheddar then turned things completely in their favour, with Frost's fortune continuing when his cross-come-shot also inadvertently crossed the line, giving the Cheesemen their first league victory since early September. Wells City just about hung on to third spot, with an injury time goal helping them come from behind to beat Longwell Green Sports. A surprising start to the contest saw the away side earn a tenth minute lead, with Sonny Passco firing home to set the cat amongst the pigeons. It took a while for Wells to hit back, but they finally found a leveller midway through the second half, with leading scorer Jake Brown making it one-apiece, and setting up a grandstand finish. With very little time remaining, Wells finally found a winning goal, with Tom Smith providing the finish to make it 2-1, and giving Longwell Green little time to find a response of their own. Meanwhile, Sturminster Newton racked up their sixth consecutive league victory, putting five unanswered goals past their hosts for the afternoon in Keynsham Town. Five different goalscorers got in on the action for United, with Nick Hewlett, George Coleman, Jack Atkins and Sean Hart all joining leading marksman Aaron Lane-Leney in scoring against their out-of-form hosts. The other side who started the afternoon in the playoff spots also gained maximum points, with Bitton holding off the challenge of Hengrove, winning 3-1 to end their recent blip. After failing to win either of their festive fixtures, the Ton took a 20th minute lead on Saturday with Aidan Noble scoring his second goal of the campaign, only for Hengrove to then hit back deep into first half stoppage-time to make it level at the break. Bitton pushed hard with no rewards during the early stages of the second period, but finally managed to break through in the 70th minute, with Sonny Parker scoring against his previous side to put the promotion hopefuls back ahead. The vital third goal then came very soon after, with Noble doubling his tally for the afternoon and giving Hengrove too much of an uphill task during the closing stages. Another home winner was Odd Down, with the Bath side recovering an early setback to beat bottom-side Welton 4-1 (pictured, left). A seventh minute strike at the back post from Matt Morris could have made it a tough afternoon for the Down, but they got a crucial quick leveller courtesy of Trey Anderson to make sure they weren't on the back foot for long. It was then a dominant second half which helped lead them to victory, with Jack Paul making it 2-1, before defender Jack Kelsey scored two excellent goals to help the hosts run out comfortable winners.



The remaining fixtures all ended level, including in the day's early kickoff where **Almondsbury** secured a useful point in their mid-table clash with **Warminster**, falling behind early on before equalising through a rare Tom Webb effort. **Mendip Broadwalk** left it late before claiming a 1-1 draw away at **Radstock**, with Conor Kingdon levelling things up eight minutes from time after Jake Curtis had earlier put the Miners in position to secure a much-needed home victory. Meanwhile, **Shirehampton** and **Cadbury Heath** shared four goals in an entertaining clash at Penpole Lane. A curling finish from Scott Bamford earned the home side a first-half advantage, only for the Heath to hit back, with a penalty making it one-apiece, before they then completed the turnaround 15 minutes from time. Fortunately for Shirehampton, Bamford had brought his shooting boots, and with time running out, he smashed home his second of the game to secure a share of the spoils.

Recent Results

Saturday 10th January 2026

Premier Division

Bradford Town	5-0	Newquay
Clevedon Town	11-0	St Austell
Ivybridge Town	3-1	Street

First Division

Almondsbury	1-1	Warminster Town
Avonmouth	1-2	Cheddar
Bitton	3-1	Hengrove Athletic
Keynsham Town	0-5	Sturminster Newton United
Odd Down	4-1	Welton Rovers
Radstock Town	1-1	Mendip Broadwalk
Shirehampton	2-2	Cadbury Heath
Wells City	2-1	Longwell Green Sports

Podcast Episode 22

On the podcast this week, we hear from **Ivybridge**'s joint-manager, Ben Washam, who talks about the frustration of recent results, but why it hasn't shaken his confidence in Town's commitment to developing young players.

There is also an interview with **Avonmouth** boss, Ash Bennett, who opens up on the clubs ambition, both on and off the pitch, to push to step 5 football.

https://www.westernleague.co.uk/news/podcast-episode-22-1



Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 13th January 2026

Les Phillips Cup – Second Round

Helston Athletic	vs	Ivybridge Town	19:45KO

Wednesday 14th January 2026

Les Phillips Cup – Second Round

Wellington	vs	Shepton Mallet	19:30KO

Saturday 17th January 2026 (3pm kick off unless noted)

FA Vase – Fourth Round Proper

Barnstaple Town	vs	AFC Stoneham

Les Phillips Cup – Third Round

Bradford Town	vs	Devizes Town

Premier Division

Brislington	vs	Torpoint Athletic
Buckland Athletic	vs	Street
Helston Athletic	vs	Saltash United
Oldland Abbotonians	vs	Newquay
St Blazey	vs	Shepton Mallet

First Division

AEK Boco	vs	Almondsbury
Avonmouth	vs	Shirehampton
Bitton	vs	Warminster Town
Bristol Telephones	vs	Wells City
Hengrove Athletic	vs	Sturminster Newton United
Mendip Broadwalk	vs	Calne Town
Welton Rovers	vs	Keynsham Town

Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division

Ryan Bush (Buckland) - 21
Kitan Jaiyeoba (Paulton) – 17
Jack Bray-Evans (Newquay) – 16
Sam Beresford (Clevedon) – 16
Rhys Simmonds (Newquay) – 15
Deacon Thomson (Saltash) – 12

First Division

Jake Brown (Wells) – 16
Harry Warwick (Wells) - 15
Josh Pearce (Avonmouth) – 14
Liam McCracken (Bristol Telephones) – 14
Jack Newman (Warminster) – 13
Elliot Bevis (Sturminster Newton) – 13

All Competitions

Ryan Bush (Buckland) - 28
Jensen Wakefield (Bradford) – 21
Rhys Simmonds (Newquay) – 20
Jack Bray-Evans (Newquay) – 19
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) - 19

League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Clevedon Town	23	18	1	4	38	55
2	Torpoint Athletic	20	16	3	1	32	51
3	Paulton Rovers	22	14	4	4	42	46
4	Sidmouth Town	25	14	4	7	19	46
5	Buckland Athletic	23	12	5	6	24	41
6	Barnstaple Town	19	12	3	4	27	39
7	Saltash United	22	11	5	6	13	38
8	Bridgwater United	25	11	4	10	-1	37
9	Newquay	20	11	3	6	18	36
10	Bradford Town	26	10	6	10	4	36
11	Helston Athletic	23	9	3	11	-2	30
12	Ivybridge Town	23	9	2	12	-7	29
13	St Blazey	26	7	7	12	-19	28
14	Street	21	7	5	9	6	26
15	Shepton Mallet	22	6	4	12	-6	22
16	Wellington	21	5	4	12	-13	19
17	Brislington	23	5	3	15	-18	18
18	Oldland Abbotonians	19	2	2	15	-22	8
19	St Austell	23	0	0	23	-135	0

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Devizes Town	22	16	6	0	45	54
2	Avonmouth	24	14	8	2	17	50
3	Wells City	23	16	1	6	42	49
4	Sturminster Newton United	21	15	2	4	41	47
5	Bitton	23	13	6	4	13	45
6	Bristol Telephones	21	11	5	5	7	38
7	Mendip Broadwalk	22	10	6	6	3	36
8	AEK Boco	23	10	5	8	13	35
9	Almondsbury	22	10	5	7	0	35
10	Warminster Town	24	8	7	9	3	31
11	Cadbury Heath	27	8	7	12	-20	31
12	Longwell Green Sports	25	9	3	13	-14	30
13	Calne Town	23	7	6	10	0	27
14	Odd Down	24	7	5	12	-6	26
15	Shirehampton	21	5	6	10	-19	21
16	Radstock Town	23	4	9	10	-11	20*
17	Keynsham Town	24	5	4	15	-25	19
18	Cheddar	25	3	9	13	-30	18
19	Hengrove Athletic	23	2	7	14	-28	13
20	Welton Rovers	20	2	3	15	-31	9


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