JEWSON WESTERN LEAGUE 2025/26

BULLETIN #17

Latest Round-ups:

Premier Division: Torpoint have finally suffered their first league defeat of the campaign after falling to a Jack Taylor-inspired Bridgwater United. Following 60 goalless minutes, United went ahead with Taylor getting the final touch on a bobbling ball inside the Torpoint area. The Cornish outfit weren't going to give up their run without a fight, and the opening goal seemed to kick them into life, with Gary Hird scoring ten minutes later to bring the game level. The winning goal then came shortly after, with Taylor scoring his second of the contest to give Bridgwater their first win at Fairfax since the beginning of October in front of a healthy crowd of 306. There was also an impressive home win for the in-form Wellington, with the Somerset side beating Ivybridge 3-1 (pictured, left). The game was headed towards a first-half stalemate, but the hosts had other ideas, with James de Selincourt continuing his scoring run by nodding home the opener. There was then a second for Wellington courtesy of Doug Camilo, with Sam Towler stretching the lead even further midway through the second half. A superb curling finish from Josh Pope got the Ivies a late consolation, but the day finished in tough circumstances for the visitors who ended the game with ten men following a late red card. The only side to win away from home on Saturday were Barnstaple, with a strong second half showing leading them to a 4-0 triumph at St Blazey. After Josh Parry had opened the scoring, Town keeper Mike Searle then saved a penalty late in the first half to keep their lead intact. Barnstaple then stormed to victory after the break, with Luke Mortimore quickly making it 2-0, before further goals from Adam Hill and Tommy Rogers wrapped things up in the closing stages. There was an even bigger victory for Buckland, with six goals after half-time putting the cap on an 8-0 trouncing of Shepton Mallet. It did take half an hour for the Bucks to break down the away side, with a fortunate own goal making it 1-0. Jamie Simmonds then doubled the lead on the stroke of half-time with a bullet header, before Rafa Beadman kickstarted the second period with an early strike. Leading scorer Ryan Bush made sure he got in on the scoring action, netting twice during Buckland's rampant second half, with Phil Mendonca, Isaac McCue and Toby Pullman also piling on Mallet's misery. Elsewhere, two goals in the final half hour from Olly Redd saw Helston sneak past Street, with his double helping the Blues register a 2-1 win at a blustery Kellaway Park.



There was also plenty of drama in the two games that ended level, with **Saltash** striking late on to rescue a 2-2 draw in their home clash with **Bradford Town**. After Tom Huyton's deflected effort had given the Ashes a half-time lead, Bradford hit back in the opening moments of the second period with Harvey Woods making it one apiece. Jensen Wakefield then completed Town's comeback, but Saltash had the last laugh, with Jayden Gilbert rifling home five minutes from time to claim a point. Over in Devon, there was a 1-1 draw between **Sidmouth** and **Brislington**, with the visitors ending the afternoon happier despite enduring mixed success from the penalty spot. There were no goals to talk off during the opening 45 minutes, but it was Bris who came closer to breaking the deadlock, with Harrison Kyte's well-struck penalty cannoning back off the crossbar. Sidmouth then made their visitors pay for that miss, and put themselves in position to pick up the win when Nathan Cooper headed them in front 20 minutes from time. That lead lasted no time at all however, with Brislington hitting back instantly when Lewis Saunders netted from 12 yards out to see the game end one-all.

Earlier in the week, **Barnstaple** became the first side to qualify for the quarter-finals of the Les Phillips Cup after they won 2-1 at **Newquay**. Following on from their FA Vase heroics three days earlier, Barnstaple looked set for more knockout success when Luke Mortimore fired them into a third minute lead. Newquay were roared on by a huge home crowd, with 303 attending Wednesday's fixture, and they were given reason to cheer on the half-hour mark when Rhys Simmonds headed the home side level. However, it was Barnstaple who ended the night on top, with Josh Parry scoring the winner midway through the second half.

First Division: **Devizes** overcame a tough trip to **Mendip Broadwalk**, running out 2-0 winners to maintain their six-point lead atop the division. With nothing to separate the sides following a half of football, Devizes came out firing after the break and went ahead right at the beginning of the second half with Oaklan Buck firing home. There was then a second goal from Matt Swann which helped to strengthen Devizes' advantage, with the mid-table Mendip outfit unable to break down the best defence in the division. Second spot still belongs to **Avonmouth** after they finished on top in their home clash with **Cadbury Heath**. Having led at the interval courtesy of a great finish from Josh Pearce, the Bristol side were pegged back early in the second period when Paulo Borges netted for the Heath. Avonmouth then moved back in front thanks to a rare goal from Lynford Bhebne, with Pearce then scoring his second of the afternoon to help the home side return to winning ways. Moving up into third spot are **Wells City**, for whom Jake Brown scored a tremendous hat-trick in their 6-2 win at home to **Boco.** Brown played a starring role in the victory, scoring twice inside the opening ten minutes to put Wells in total command early on. Harry Warwick then scored either side of the break to stretch the lead to four, with a quickfire double from the visitors threatening to pull off the most unlikely of comebacks. That was soon extinguished by James Tait, who made it 5-2 in the closing stages, with Brown then completing his hat-trick during the final few minutes to cap a perfect afternoon for him and his side.

In the day's late kick-off, **Shirehampton** bounced back from recent 6-1 and 9-1 defeats, beating **Cheddar** 5-2 despite trailing in first half stoppage time. Having made a dream start, leading inside a minute courtesy of Ben Ford, Shirehampton soon found themselves trailing, with goals from Joel Frost and Elliot Keen turning the game in the visitors' favour. Oscar Sealey then scored a vital equaliser during added time at the end of the first half, with the hosts pulling away during a one-sided second 45. Joe Ellis and Kieran Wall were among the scorers for Shirehampton, with the turnaround helping them to secure their first victory since the final day of August.

Another side to secure a much-needed victory was Longwell Green Sports, with their seven-match winless run in all competitions ended after they held on to beat Keynsham 2-1. With last season's goalscoring heroics seemingly a thing of the past, Longwell Green would have enjoyed the opening to this game, with both Zac Tucker and Matt Brown scoring inside the opening 20 minutes. Those goals proved to be just about enough for the away side, with Keynsham only able to grab a 97th minute consolation thanks to second-half substitute James Shipman. In terms of late goals that did make a difference, both Calne and Radstock scoring in the final 12 minutes of their dramatic 1-1 draw at the Chilvester Financial Stadium *(pictured, right, courtesy of Dave Gillett).* Just as it looked as though both defences would end the afternoon without conceding, Calne managed to edge ahead thanks to a penalty from Harry Stiles. That goal awoke the visitors, and they hit back shortly after with Tommy Nairn's looping header in the 84th minute allowing Radstock to extend their impressive unbeaten run in the league to six matches. There was also a come-from-behind victory for Sturminster Newton, with the hosts dominating the second half of their 4-2 win over Odd Down. After trailing 2-1 at the break following goals from Odd Down duo Harley Prior and Joe Paradise, Sturminster rounded into form and eventually ran out comfortable winners, with leading marksman Elliot Bevis among the scorers for the sixth-placed side.



Podcast Episode 15

This week's podcast includes an interview with **Brislington** boss, Matt Lewton, who talks about his journey to the Briz dugout. **Boco** manager, Elliott Gibbons, also joins the show to explain why he felt it was the right fit for his first time as a sole manager. Ian caps the show by talking to former Western League winning manager, Darren Perrin, who discusses what it took to write his new book.
https://www.westernleague.co.uk/news/podcast-episode-15-1



Recent Results

Wednesday 12th November 2025

Les Phillips Cup Second Round

Newquay	1-2	Barnstaple Town

Saturday 15th November 2025

Premier Division

Bridgwater United	2-1	Torpoint Athletic
Buckland Athletic	8-0	Shepton Mallet
Clevedon Town	*P-P*	*St Austell*
Helston Athletic	2-1	Street
Oldland Abbotonians	*P-P*	*Newquay*
Saltash United	2-2	Bradford Town
Sidmouth Town	1-1	Brislington
St Blazey	0-4	Barnstaple Town
Wellington	3-1	Ivybridge Town

First Division

Almondsbury	*P-P*	*Hengrove Athletic*
Avonmouth	3-1	Cadbury Heath
Bitton	*P-P*	*Warminster Town*
Bristol Telephones	*P-P*	*Welton Rovers*
Calne Town	1-1	Radstock Town
Keynsham Town	1-2	Longwell Green Sports
Mendip Broadwalk	0-2	Devizes Town
Shirehampton	5-2	Cheddar
Sturminster Newton	4-2	Odd Down
Wells City	6-2	AEK Boco

Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division

Jack Bray-Evans (Newquay) – 15
Ryan Bush (Buckland) - 14
Rhys Simmonds (Newquay) – 12
Curtis Damerell (Torpoint) – 10
Gabby Rogers (Barnstaple) – 10
Deacon Thomson (Saltash) – 9
Ben Snell (Shepton Mallet) – 9
Cash Vinall (Oldland) – 9

First Division

Liam McCracken (Bristol Telephones) – 13
Harry Warwick (Wells) - 13
Jack Newman (Warminster) – 11
Josh Pearce (Avonmouth) – 10
Elliot Bevis (Sturminster) - 9
Josh Gilborson (Bitton) – 9
Liam Nicholls (Almondsbury) - 9
Aaron Lane-Leney (Sturminster) - 8

League & Cup

Ryan Bush (Buckland) – 19
Jack Bray-Evans (Newquay) – 18
Rhys Simmonds (Newquay) - 17
Curtis Damerell (Torpoint) – 15

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 18th November 2025

First Division

Wells City	vs	Sturminster Newton United	19:30KO

Les Phillips Cup Second Round

Bradford Town	vs	AEK Boco	19:30KO
Cheddar	vs	Oldland Abbotonians	19:30KO
Mendip Broadwalk	vs	Devizes Town	19:30KO
Street	vs	Bridgwater United	19:45KO
Welton Rovers	vs	Paulton Rovers	19:30KO

Wednesday 19th November 2025

Premier Division

Wellington	vs	Buckland Athletic	19:45KO

Les Phillips Cup Second Round

Clevedon Town	vs	Shepton Mallet	19:30KO

Saturday 22nd November 2025 (3pm kick off unless noted)

Premier Division

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

First Division

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

League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Clevedon Town	17	13	1	3	20	40
2	Sidmouth Town	18	11	3	4	20	36
3	Torpoint Athletic	15	11	3	1	19	36
4	Saltash United	17	11	2	4	15	35
5	Buckland Athletic	17	10	3	4	19	33
6	Paulton Rovers	17	10	3	4	18	33
7	Barnstaple Town	16	9	3	4	20	30
8	Newquay	15	8	3	4	18	27
9	Bridgwater United	19	8	3	8	-1	27
10	Helston Athletic	17	8	2	7	8	26
11	St Blazey	21	5	7	9	-13	22
12	Bradford Town	19	5	6	8	-3	21
13	Ivybridge Town	17	6	2	9	-8	20
14	Shepton Mallet	18	5	4	9	-2	19
15	Street	15	4	5	6	5	17
16	Wellington	16	5	2	9	-8	17
17	Brislington	18	5	2	11	-11	17
18	Oldland Abbotonians	16	1	2	13	-17	5
19	St Austell	18	0	0	18	-99	0

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Devizes Town	18	13	5	0	34	42
2	Avonmouth	17	11	5	1	15	38
3	Wells City	18	12	0	6	28	36
4	Bristol Telephones	18	11	3	4	9	36
5	Bitton	17	10	4	3	10	34
6	Sturminster Newton United	16	10	2	4	24	32
7	Almondsbury	18	10	2	6	1	32
8	Mendip Broadwalk	17	8	5	4	5	29
9	AEK Boco	18	8	3	7	11	27
10	Longwell Green Sports	18	8	2	8	-11	26
11	Warminster Town	18	7	4	7	10	25
12	Cadbury Heath	19	7	4	8	-6	25
13	Calne Town	17	5	5	7	-2	20
14	Odd Down	19	5	4	10	-7	19
15	Shirehampton	17	4	5	8	-17	17
16	Keynsham Town	18	4	4	10	-8	16
17	Radstock Town	17	3	6	8	-10	14*
18	Cheddar	19	2	5	12	-28	11
19	Welton Rovers	17	1	3	13	-28	6
20	Hengrove Athletic	18	0	5	13	-30	5


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