JEWSON WESTERN LEAGUE 2025/26 BULLETIN #24

Latest Round-ups:

New Year's Action: In the opening game of 2026, there was late, late drama at Radstock, where visitors Warminster scored in the 12th minute of stoppage time to secure a 2-2 draw. Things started well for the visitors who took an early lead through Charlie Walton, before Radstock hit back courtesy of the in-form Ben Millett who levelled the scores in the 20th minute. The turnaround was then complete ten minutes after half-time when Kai Williamson struck to make it 2-1, before there was a long stoppage following an injury to Radstock's Millett. The closing stages of the game were frantic to say the least, with Danny Carpenter's red card seeing the hosts reduced to nine men following an earlier sin-bin, with Warminster then seeing a stoppage time effort cleared off the line. The constant flurry of attacks finally paid off for the away side, with Walton scoring his second of the evening to make it 2-2 in the 13th minute of injury time. Incredibly there was still time for more goalmouth action, and it was Radstock who went incredibly close to stealing all three points, but Bill Tucker's effort hit the post, and a breathless game ended all square. The following afternoon, the weather put pay to a number of First Division contests, but the 2-2 scoreline proved to continue to be popular, with Longwell Green scoring late on to rescue a point at home to Calne *(pictured, right, courtesy of Naomi Ridout).* Having gone ahead through Sonny Passco after 16 minutes, Longwell Green then conceded twice to Luke Ballinger and Charlie Warren to suddenly find themselves staring at another home defeat. Calne were unable to hand on however, and it was another injury time leveller, with Matt Brown's low shot across the keeper nestling in the bottom corner. A huge crowd were also in attendance at the Greenbank Rec, where mid-table duo Boco and Cadbury Heath shared the points following yet another 2-2 draw. In the only game of the entire year which hasn't finished two-each in the First Division, Avonmouth snuck a 1-0 win away at Keynsham, with leading scorer Josh Pearce scoring the deciding goal just prior to the half-hour mark.



In the Premier Division, Torpoint moved within a point of top spot after storming to a 5-0 win at home to fellow Cornish outfit Helston. The hosts were dominant from the first whistle, going in front after 13 minutes when Dave Barker headed home Elliott Crawford's corner at the back post. Tom Payne then curled home Torpoint's second midway through the first half, with early substitute Sam Hepworth coming off the bench to add a third before the half-hour mark. With the game all-but decided, Torpoint only added two further goals, with Sam Pearson slotting home to make it 4-0, before a late own goal completed the scoring. League leaders Clevedon were second best during their home clash with Paulton *(pictured, right),* losing 3-0 to see their four-match winning streak brought to an abrupt end. A great counter-attacking goal finished off by Dan McBeam gave Paulton the lead after 30 minutes, with Rovers looking to gain revenge for a 3-2 defeat earlier in the campaign. A huge moment at the end of the half saw Paulton double their advantage, with Kailan Gould making it 2-0 during the injury time period. The away side have been enjoying a good run of form themselves in recent weeks, and they put the result beyond doubt in the 77th minute when Kyle Witt rolled the ball into an empty net to take the lead to three. The only other side to open their account for the year with an away win were Bradford Town who came out on top in a chaotic five-goal thriller at Sidmouth. Having made the brightest of starts, going ahead after just 30 seconds courtesy of Jensen Wakefield, Bradford were pegged back just ten minutes later when Karim Coulibaly netted for the Devonians. Sidmouth then completed the turnaround on the hour mark when Will Collins slotted home, only for Bradford to respond shortly after, making it two apiece thanks to a Leo Gallazi strike. With a draw looking likely, Bradford's Curtis Dunn produced a moment of magic, finding the back of the net with a free kick to secure the last-gasp 3-2 win. There was also late drama in Bridgwater, where the home side scored with the final kick of the game to pull off a 2-1 victory over Brislington. After Owen Howe had put United ahead from the spot, Brislington slowly built their way back into the game, and levelled things up 15 minutes from time when Charlie Ames headed home. The winning goal then came in the sixth minute of stoppage time, with Toby Lawrence lashing home to give Bridgwater their second win of the festive period. St Blazey were another side to back up their Boxing Day win, beating Saltash 2-1 thanks to an impressive comeback. Having fallen behind to Reece Thomson's fourth-minute opener, the Blaze drew level midway through the first half when Sam Clifton tapped home from close range. With the game remaining in the balance for much of the afternoon, St Blazey's Tyler Elliott proved to be the match-winner, beating two defenders before nutmegging the United keeper to cap the 2-1 turnaround.



Buckland moved back up into the top five after beating basement dwellers St Austell 9-0. The league's top scorer Ryan Bush added three more to his tally in the one-sided contest, with Jack Baxter, Ben Carter, Phil Mendonca, Tomas Amado and Jordan Copp also getting on the scoresheet for the Bucks. Elsewhere, Newquay held on to secure their third win on the bounce, beating Ivybridge 3-2 in an entertaining encounter at Mount Wise Stadium. After going ahead on 15 minutes through Jacob Grange, Newquay were pegged back courtesy of a Kai Burrell midway through the opening half. The goalscoring continued apace during a breathless first 45 minutes, with Peppermints leading scorer Rhys Simmonds making it 2-1, before the hosts then stretched their lead further via Phil Lowry. A response was always likely from the Ivies, and it didn't take them long to get back into the contest, with Joe Cook heading home during first half stoppage time to half the deficit. Unfortunately for the neutral, there were no further goals to come after half-time, with Newquay kick-starting 2026 in positive fashion.

Saturday also saw the return of the Les Phillips Cup, with Barnstaple booking their place in the semi-final thanks to a 4-2 win away at Street. Having gone in front after eight minutes through Josh Parry, Town then saw their lead disappear courtesy of a goal from Cobblers player-manager Scott Laird, who has now scored eight goals in his last six outings. A pair of penalties late in the first half then consolidated Barnstaple's advantage, with Gabby Rogers, and then Tommy Rogers taking spot kick duties to make it 3-1 at the end of the opening 45 minutes. Street were then awarded a penalty of their own midway through the second half, and despite seeing keeper Ashley Mitchell save his original attempt, Zeph Collins was quickest to the loose ball and fired home the rebound. The Somerset side then went close on two more occasions in the closing stages, but were unable to grab the equaliser, and Barnstaple made them pay in stoppage time when Parry finished a flowing move which made it 4-2 in the visitors favour.

Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division
Ryan Bush (Buckland) - 21
Kitan Jaiyeoba (Paulton) – 17
Jack Bray-Evans (Newquay) – 16
Rhys Simmonds (Newquay) – 16
Deacon Thomson (Saltash) – 12
Sam Beresford (Clevedon) – 12
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) – 11

First Division
Jake Brown (Wells) – 15
Harry Warwick (Wells) - 15
Josh Pearce (Avonmouth) – 14
Liam McCracken (Bristol Telephones) – 14
Jack Newman (Warminster) – 13
Elliot Bevis (Sturminster Newton) – 13
Liam Nicholls (Almondsbury) - 10

All Competitions
Ryan Bush (Buckland) - 28
Rhys Simmonds (Newquay) – 21
Jack Bray-Evans (Newquay) – 19
Kitan Jaiyeoba (Paulton) – 18
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) – 18
Jensen Wakefield (Bradford) – 17

Recent Results

Friday 2nd January 2026

First Division

Radstock Town	2-2	Warminster Town

Saturday 3rd January 2026

Les Phillips Cup

Street	2-4	Barnstaple Town

Premier Division

Bridgwater United	2-1	Brislington
Buckland Athletic	9-0	St Austell
Clevedon Town	0-3	Paulton Rovers
Newquay	3-2	Ivybridge Town
Sidmouth Town	2-3	Bradford Town
St Blazey	2-1	Saltash United
Torpoint Athletic	5-0	Helston Athletic

First Division

AEK Boco	2-2	Cadbury Heath
Keynsham Town	0-1	Avonmouth
Longwell Green	2-2	Calne Town

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 6th January 2026

Les Phillips Cup

Helston Athletic	vs	Ivybridge Town	19:45KO
Shepton Mallet	vs	Wellington	19:30KO

Saturday 10th January 2026 (3pm kick off unless noted)

Premier Division

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

First Division

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

League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Clevedon Town	22	17	1	4	27	52
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	19	11	3	5	23	36
10	Bradford Town	25	9	6	10	-1	33
11	Helston Athletic	23	9	3	11	-2	30
12	St Blazey	26	7	7	12	-19	28
13	Street	20	7	5	8	8	26
14	Ivybridge Town	22	8	2	12	-9	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	22	0	0	22	-124	0

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Devizes Town	22	16	6	0	45	54
2	Avonmouth	23	14	8	1	18	50
3	Wells City	22	15	1	6	41	46
4	Sturminster Newton United	20	14	2	4	36	44
5	Bitton	22	12	6	4	11	42
6	Bristol Telephones	21	11	5	5	7	38
7	AEK Boco	23	10	5	8	13	35
8	Mendip Broadwalk	21	10	5	6	3	35
9	Almondsbury	21	10	4	7	0	34
10	Warminster Town	23	8	6	9	3	30
11	Longwell Green Sports	24	9	3	12	-13	30
12	Cadbury Heath	26	8	6	12	-20	30
13	Calne Town	23	7	6	10	0	27
14	Odd Down	23	6	5	12	-9	23
15	Shirehampton	20	5	5	10	-19	20
16	Radstock Town	22	4	8	10	-11	19*
17	Keynsham Town	23	5	4	14	-20	19
18	Cheddar	24	2	9	13	-31	15
19	Hengrove Athletic	22	2	7	13	-26	13
20	Welton Rovers	19	2	3	14	-28	9


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