JEWSON WESTERN LEAGUE 2025/26

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Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: **Torpoint Athletic** kept their Premier Division title hopes alive on Tuesday evening by winning 2-0 at **Oldland Abbotonians**. The victory was far from straightforward for the visitors, who went ahead in the 15th minute thanks to a header from Freddie Chapman. Keeper Ryan Rickard was then called upon to save a penalty five minutes after half-time, with Curtis Damerell striking nine minutes from time to finally confirm the destination of the points. The following evening, **Wellington** won their home derby with **Street** by three goals to one *(pictured celebrating, left).* Having claimed an early lead courtesy of Ryan Brereton's long-ranger, Welly were then pegged back seven minutes into the second half following Scott Laird's equaliser. It was the home side who finished the stronger however, and after Josh Baker converted Miles Quick's pin-point cross to make it 2-1, Oscar Albano then poked home in the 89th minute to wrap things up. In Wednesday's other fixture, **Newquay** saw their chances of reaching the playoffs ended after they suffered a 2-1 defeat at home to **Helston Athletic**. It was a pair of quickfire goals at the end of the first half which did the damage, with Olly Redd's thunderbolt followed shortly after by a George Newton goal to put the visitors two-up at the break. Newquay attempted a fightback, halving the deficit through Jack Bray-Evans in the 67th minute, but that was as good as it got, confirming a top-five finish for Sidmouth Town.



In the First Division, **Cheddar** moved back off the bottom after coming from behind to beat **Almondsbury** 2-1 in a late-night thriller in Bristol. An exceedingly long first-half saw plenty of stoppage time, with the Almonds striking first when Alex Hill nipped in at the front post to make it 1-0. Cheddar soon got back on level terms, making it one-apiece just prior to the half-time whistle when Lewis Jennings struck for the away side. The drama then picked back up again in the closing stages, with the Cheesemen forced to end the game with ten men following a second yellow for Jordan Sole. Despite being down a man, it was Cheddar who ended their season on a high, with a terrific 25-yard volley from Toby Hucker giving the home keeper no chance, and securing the three points which saw them jump back ahead of Hengrove into 19th spot.

It was also a good night out for playoff-bound Sturminster Newton, with goals from Elliot Bevis, Aaron Lane-Leney and George Coleman leading them to a 3-0 win away at Radstock. There was also an away win for Welton Rovers, with goalscoring doubles from Courtney Charles and Will Ford helping them come from behind to beat Mendip Broadwalk 4-1. After falling behind on the half-hour to Jayden Leonard's opener, the in-form Rovers levelled things up before the break courtesy of a stunner from Charles. It was then the last 20 minutes which saw the away side pull clear, with Ford striking for 2-1, before he and Charles both netted again in the closing stages to wrap up the big win. Bitton ended their season on a positive note, beating Odd Down 4-3 to secure their 20th league victory of the campaign (pictured, right). In a non-stop first half, it was Bitton who opened the scoring with Aiden Noble scoring after 25 minutes. Odd Down then hit back instantly through Nick Taylor, before the home side struck twice in quick succession through Charlie Roach and Sonny Parker to put them 3-1 up. It was then the Bath side who enjoyed a purple patch, with Alfie Andrews scoring in first half stoppage time, before sub Stan Dickenson then levelled the scores shortly after the interval. The winning goal for Bitton came on the hour mark, with Isaac Comerford finding the back of the net to settle the tie in the home side's favour. The other game finished all-square, with Avonmouth's Josh Pearce maintaining his strong run of form by giving the hosts an early lead, before Longwell Green hit back four minutes after the break through Sonny Passco.



Premier Division: Torpoint's huge win at home to Paulton Rovers means that the destination of the title will be decided on Tuesday evening, when the Cornish outfit host Wellington in their final game of the season. Victory for Paulton would have seen them finish top of the pile, but they were no match for Torpoint who stormed into a three-goal lead at the break. After breaking the deadlock in the 35th minute through Sam Pearson, the home side then quickly added a second when Gary Hird rounded the visiting keeper before slotting home. Things then got worse for Rovers, with Callum Martindale's volley in added time putting them three goals in arrears at the end of the first half. A Brandon Bak header kick-started a potential fightback, but the Gold and Blacks were able to maintain their two-goal advantage and now head into Tuesday's clash knowing that all three points will be required to jump up into top spot. Currently sitting in pole position are Barnstaple Town, with their 2-0 win at Oldland giving them their 24th victory of the campaign. Town's superior goal difference will hand them the title if Torpoint don't win their final game after a Gabby Rogers double proved to be enough in their away tie on Saturday. Following a delicious free-kick on the half-hour which made it 1-0, Rogers then struck again midway through the second half to give Barnstaple the three points they treasured in their chase for the title.

Despite missing out on their biggest ambition of becoming champions, Paulton will now head into the playoffs, with their semi-final opponents Clevedon heading into the contest on the back of a 3-1 win at Helston. Having led the table for much of the season, the Seasiders will be confident of stepping up when it matters most, and finished their league campaign with a strong showing at Kellaway Park. Having gone ahead in the 20th minute through Jamie King, Clevedon were then pegged back right at the beginning of the second half courtesy of a belting finish from Olly Redd. The visitors then went back in front just moments later thanks to Harlee Vozza, with a smartly taken free-kick from Jacob Sloggett then wrapping up the victory 15 minutes from time. Elsewhere, Bridgwater ended their season on a high, beating Ivybridge 1-0 thanks to a second half effort from Jason Quick. Wellington were also winners by one-goal-to-nil, with Oscar Albano scoring on the stroke of half-time in their defeat of St Blazey (pictured, left), while Jack Bray-Evans and Matt Searle each netted in Newquay's 2-0 win at home to Shepton Mallet. The other game on Saturday was a topsy-turvy affair, with Brislington eventually ending the afternoon as 3-2 winners over Saltash United. Having taken a first-half lead through Spike Weaver, Bris then saw their lead disappear following an eight-minute spell midway through the second period when Jack Jefford and Cole Fisher each scored for the away side. John Lock quickly restored parity to set up a nervy finale, with Lewis Dunn scoring the match-winner and earning Brislington their first home victory since late October.



First Division: With matters at the top all-but decided, most eyes went to the opposite end of the table on the final day, with Radstock and Keynsham battling to avoid finishing in the third relegation spot. A nervous first half saw neither side create much, but the visitors were then given a major boost right at the beginning of the second half after being awarded a penalty. Keynsham's Goitom Asfaw held his nerve and swept home the spot kick to put his side in a dream position just five minutes after the break. That goal seemed to give Radstock a jolt, and with their next forward foray, they themselves earned a penalty, which was converted by Tommy Nairn to make it one-apiece. With the game now on a knife-edge, it was Radstock who found the winning goal 14 minutes from time, with Danny Carpenter heading home to spark wild scenes of celebration.

For the sides at the top, home advantage in the playoffs was on the minds of many, with Wells City's 3-0 win at home to champions Devizes helping them stay in third spot and securing a home semi-final. After scoring the opener from the spot after 15 minutes, Harry Warwick then doubled his tally in the closing stages to put City two-up. A Jack Farion goal in the final few minutes then wrapped things up for Wells, who will now host Avonmouth on Tuesday evening.

The Bristolians did all they could to pinch third, putting eight past Cadbury Heath, but they will have to settle for the fact that they are heading into the playoffs in red-hot form. The 8-1 win away at Springfield on Saturday saw Avonmouth score five first-half goals in a truly dominant performance, with the division's leading marksman Josh Pearce scoring five of his own to take his tally in the league this term to 32. Pearce struck three times during a five-minute spell at the end of the first half to put Avonmouth in complete control, with Saul Lewis having made it 2-0 to the away side in the 35th minute. Cadbury Heath's Masood Garder pulled a goal back within two minutes of the restart, but after Jack Jones had restored the five-goal advantage, Pearce then completed his afternoon's work to make it 7-1, with Marcel Telfer-Ross adding the finishing touches late on. Fascinatingly, Bristol Telephones and Sturminster Newton will meet in the second semi-final, just three days after the Phones earned a 3-1 victory over the same opponent. Despite the fact that they will have to travel for Tuesday evening's winner-takes-all clash, it will be the Bristol side who are brimming with confidence after beating a Sturminster side who have started to show cracks in recent weeks. After falling behind in the 25th minute, the away side managed to draw level through Adam Hall, before the Phones pulled away in the final quarter of the game following goals from Liam McCracken and Jamie Noble. There were also big home wins for AEK Boco and Shirehampton, with each of them securing 5-1 victories over Odd Down and Calne respectively. Boco's Jack Ball scored hat-trick in their one-sided victory over the Bath side, adding to further goals from George Fowler and Corey Rawlings. For Shirehampton, it was first half goals from Dan Morne and Sam Hopes which helped them build an early lead against Calne, before Scott Bamford struck to make it 3-1 and then Sam Sousa added a late double. Almondsbury also ended on a high, beating Welton 2-0 thanks to second-half efforts from Oliver Boyce and Liam Nicholls, with Hengrove also securing three points on the final day after Gael Basana's late strike saw them win 1-0 at Warminster.



Podcast Episode 36

It's Wiltshire week on the podcast, starting with Ian's catch-up with Bradford Town manager Chris Carr, who looks ahead to the upcoming Les Phillips Cup final. Devizes Town boss Chris Allen then joins the show to look back on their memorable season which recently saw them crowned as First Division champions!
https://www.westernleague.co.uk/news/podcast-episode-36-1



Latest Results

Tuesday 14th April 2026

Premier Division

Oldland Abbotonians	0-2	Torpoint Athletic

First Division

Almondsbury	1-2	Cheddar
Avonmouth	1-1	Longwell Green Sports
Bitton	4-3	Odd Down
Mendip Broadwalk	1-4	Welton Rovers
Radstock Town	0-3	Sturminster Newton United

Wednesday 15th April 2026

Premier Division

Newquay	1-2	Helston Athletic
Wellington	3-1	Street

Saturday 18th April 2026

Premier Division

Bridgwater United	1-0	Ivybridge Town
Brislington	3-2	Saltash United
Helston Athletic	1-3	Clevedon Town
Newquay	2-0	Shepton Mallet
Oldland Abbotonians	0-2	Barnstaple Town
St Blazey	0-1	Wellington
Torpoint Athletic	3-1	Paulton Rovers

First Division

AEK Boco	5-1	Odd Down
Almondsbury	2-0	Welton Rovers
Bristol Telephones	3-1	Sturminster Newton United
Cadbury Heath	1-8	Avonmouth
Radstock Town	2-1	Keynsham Town
Shirehampton	5-1	Calne Town
Warminster Town	0-1	Hengrove Athletic
Wells City	3-0	Devizes Town



Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 21st April 2026

First Division Play-Off Semi Finals

Sturminster Newton	vs	Bristol Telephones	19:45KO
Wells City	vs	Avonmouth	19:30KO

Premier Division

Oldland Abbotonians	vs	Street	19:30KO
Sidmouth Town	vs	Helston Athletic	19:45KO
Torpoint Athletic	vs	Wellington	19:30KO

Saturday 25th April 2026 (3pm kick off unless noted)

First Division Play-Off Final

TBC	vs	TBC

Premier Division

Brislington	vs	St Blazey
Shepton Mallet	vs	Street

Premier Division Play-Off Semi Finals will take place on Saturday April 25th, with the final on Saturday 2nd May.



Devizes Town trio Callum Parsons, Matt Swann and Jamie Walters celebrate winning the First Division title last weekend.

Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division
Ryan Bush (Buckland) - 26
Kitan Jaiyeoba (Paulton) – 27
Sam Beresford (Clevedon) – 23
Jack Bray-Evans (Newquay) – 21
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) - 20
Curtis Damerell (Torpoint) - 17

First Division
Josh Pearce (Avonmouth) – 32
Liam McCracken (Bristol Telephones) – 28
Matt Brown (Longwell Green) - 22
Jake Brown (Wells) – 20
Jack Newman (Warminster) – 18
Josh Gilborson (Bitton) - 18

All Competitions
Josh Pearce (Avonmouth) - 34
Ryan Bush (Buckland) – 33
Liam McCracken (Bristol Telephones) – 28
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) - 27
Kitan Jaiyeoba (Paulton) - 27

League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Barnstaple Town	34	24	5	5	42	77
2	Torpoint Athletic	33	23	7	3	35	76
3	Paulton Rovers	34	23	6	5	53	75
4	Clevedon Town	34	24	4	6	43	70*
5	Sidmouth Town	33	18	5	10	15	59
6	Newquay	34	17	5	12	18	56
7	Buckland Athletic	34	15	10	9	19	55
8	Saltash United	34	13	6	15	-11	45
9	Bridgwater United	34	12	6	16	-10	42
10	Bradford Town	34	11	8	15	-8	41
11	Helston Athletic	33	12	4	17	-25	40
12	Ivybridge Town	34	11	6	17	-21	39
13	Street	32	9	9	14	0	36
14	St Blazey	33	7	10	16	-23	31
15	Wellington	33	9	6	18	-18	30*
16	Shepton Mallet	33	7	8	18	-24	29
17	Brislington	33	5	6	22	-36	21
18	Oldland Abbotonians	33	3	5	25	-49	14
19	St Austell	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Nailsea & Tickenham	0	0	0	0	0	0

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
C	Devizes Town	38	26	8	4	66	86
2	Sturminster Newton United	38	26	4	8	57	82
3	Wells City	38	25	4	9	61	79
4	Avonmouth	38	23	10	5	31	79
5	Bristol Telephones	38	22	8	8	28	74
6	Bitton	38	20	9	9	15	69
7	Mendip Broadwalk	38	17	9	12	6	60
8	Longwell Green Sports	38	16	5	17	-1	53
9	AEK Boco	38	14	8	16	7	50
10	Warminster Town	38	13	9	16	1	48
11	Almondsbury	38	13	8	17	-15	47
12	Odd Down	38	13	7	18	-12	46
13	Cadbury Heath	38	12	10	16	-24	46
14	Calne Town	38	12	8	18	-7	44
15	Shirehampton	38	12	8	18	-16	44
16	Welton Rovers	38	12	4	22	-19	40
17	Radstock Town	38	7	13	18	-30	33*
18	Keynsham Town	38	8	5	25	-45	29
19	Hengrove Athletic	38	6	9	23	-46	26*
20	Cheddar	38	5	10	23	-57	25