JEWSON WESTERN LEAGUE 2025/26

BULLETIN #32

Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: Barnstaple's winning run showed no signs of slowing on Tuesday night, with a dominant performance at home to Bridgwater strengthening their position in the Premier Divisions' top five. After an early strike from James Moxon saw him open his Town account, Bridgwater's task then got tougher when Owen Howe was given his marching orders after just ten minutes having accumulated two yellows. A Gabby Rogers header then made it 2-0 to the home side, with Luke Mortimore then scoring just before half-time to stretch the lead further. Despite Rogers seeing a penalty saved, Barnstaple ran out comfortable 3-1 winners, with Bridgwater claiming a last-gasp consolation when Jason Quick scored an incredible goal from the halfway line during stoppage time. There was also another huge encounter that evening, with Sidmouth returning from over 50 days of inactivity by beating title-chasing Torpoint. In a game of fine margins it was Nathan Cooper's lone goal just after the hour mark which settled the tie, with Torpoint's hopes of regaining top spot falling short at Manstone Lane.



The midweek portion of the schedule also saw a huge game at the top in the First Division, with Sturminster Newton winning 2-0 away at Wells City. With Wells in a similar position to Torpoint, where a win would have taken them top, it was the visitors who stormed to victory, with Ashley Clarke scoring in either half. Having scored early on, Clarke then stretched United's lead midway through the second half to help lead his side to a huge win which helped them leapfrog their hosts up into second, and fully ensconcing themselves in the title race. Fourth-placed Avonmouth let two points slip away at Radstock, eventually drawing 1-1 despite going ahead early in the second half. Following a goalless opening period, Charlie Aldom struck for the away side seven minutes after half-time, but the Miners battled back and claimed a share of the spoils when Tommy Nairn converted his 68th minute penalty.

There was plenty of drama in the other two games that evening, with both finishing in 3-3 draws. At Hengrove, the hosts threw away a two-goal lead, and a two-man advantage in their tie with Odd Down. Having stormed into a 2-0 lead courtesy of goals from Elliot Saunders and Giorgio Mancini, Hengrove then conceded a penalty in added time at the end of the first half which was duly buried by Alfie Kelsey. A Harry Winstone effort five minutes after the break saw Hengrove restore their two-goal advantage, but the visitors responded instantly with Stan Dickenson getting the ten-men back into the contest. Another red card, this time to Kelsey, saw Odd Down forced to end the game with just eight outfield players, but that didn't stop them scoring the sixth and final goal of a pulsating contest, with James Book notching the dramatic injury time equaliser. In the other game that finished three-apiece, it was Boco who produced a fine comeback to deny Mendip Broadwalk in a game which included a wild end to the first half. With Joe Bishop opening the scoring after 34 minutes, Mendip's Jack Medjedoub then pounced shortly after to double the home side's lead. Those goals kick-started a frenzy of attacks, with Corey Rawlings and Jack Ball both finishing well to suddenly draw Boco level, before Lee Pitman then scored just moments later, adding to his brace of assists, to hand the home side a 3-2 half-time lead. The second period was much quieter in terms of scoring action, with Boco's Ball netting his second of the night, and his fifth in the space of four days, to help secure a point in a brilliant battle between two evenly-matched Bristol sides.



Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division
Ryan Bush (Buckland) - 23
Sam Beresford (Clevedon) – 17
Kitan Jaiyeoba (Paulton) – 17
Jack Bray-Evans (Newquay) – 17
Rhys Simmonds (Newquay) – 15
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) - 14

First Division
Liam McCracken (Bristol Telephones) – 22
Josh Pearce (Avonmouth) – 17
Jake Brown (Wells) – 17
Jack Newman (Warminster) – 16
Harry Warwick (Wells) - 15
Josh Gilborson (Bitton) - 15

All Competitions
Ryan Bush (Buckland) - 30
Jensen Wakefield (Bradford) – 24
Liam McCracken (Bristol Telephones) - 22
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) - 22

Les Phillips Cup: Bradford Town will meet Barnstaple for the chance to win this season's Les Phillips Cup, after they overcame their semi-final opponents on Saturday. For Bradford, it was a big comeback win over Ivybridge which helped them book their spot in the final, with Jensen Wakefield scoring twice in their 5-1 victory at Trowbridge Road. Things weren't looking so rosy for the Bobcats in the early stages when Joe Cook put Ivybridge ahead in the eighth minute, but Bradford soon found their stride and levelled things thanks to a flicked finish from Harvey Woods. It was then Wakefield's turn to take over the game, and after he had struck to make it 2-1 before half-time, his second of the game put further distance between the sides on the hour mark. An audacious chip from Leo Gallazi ended any hopes of a comeback from the away side, with Kye Teague then completing the scoring in added time after replacing Gallazi late in the piece. The second semi was a closer affair, with Barnstaple's Tommy Rogers scoring the winner in their 2-1 defeat of Wellington. After taking the lead through Luke Mortimore, Barnstaple could only watch on as Josh Baker produced a moment of magic, with his bicycle kick getting the Somerset side back level after half an hour. It wasn't as acrobatic, but the winning goal was equally sublime as Baker's earlier effort, with Rogers firing home an absolute rocket to score Barnstaple's winner midway through the second half.

Premier Division: On Saturday afternoon, Sidmouth missed out on the chance to move up into third spot after they suffered a heavy 4-0 defeat at home to mid-table Street. Following on from their five-goal victory last weekend, the Cobblers were in the mood to add another big win and took just eight minutes to break the deadlock in Devon thanks to a Chris Barrett effort. It was then Finn King-Smith's turn to find the back of the net, finishing off a fine team move to make it 2-0, with Jacob Dickens adding a third just before halftime thanks to a sublime chip. That was how it remained for much of the second half, before Street added some gloss to the scoreline late on courtesy of a piece of individual brilliance from Theo Worth. There was also a comfortable away win for Newquay, with the returning Jack Bray-Evans netting twice in their 5-1 defeat of Oldland Abbotonians. After Bray-Evans had started the scoring in the fourth minute, Newquay continued to dominate in the early stages, with a long-range strike from Callam Mconie doubling their lead inside the opening ten. The Abbots clawed their way back into the contest thanks to a header from Dean Griffiths, but Newquay made sure they took a two-goal lead to the interval when Bray-Evans tucked home a penalty during injury time. Another goal right at the beginning of the second half from Jacob Grange helped strengthen Newquay's foothold further, with Harry Downing adding a late header to complete the victory. Elsewhere, Buckland were unable to break down Bridgwater during their goalless draw at Homers Heath, while Helston battled back to claim a point away at Shepton Mallet. Having fallen behind to Monty Burgess' header early in the second half, Helston claimed a share of the spoils when Liam Eddy levelled things up 15 from time.

First Division: Having gone 23 games unbeaten to start the season, Devizes have now lost two of three after falling away in their 3-1 defeat at Bristol Telephones on Saturday afternoon. The early moments of the match belonged exclusively to the visitors, with Oaklan Buck firing them into an early lead, coinciding with a red card awarded to their opponents inside the opening 15 minutes. Playing with ten men against the league leaders, it looked like a tough road ahead for the Phones, but they managed to pinch an equaliser late in the first half courtesy of Jamie Noble. That Noble strike gave the playoff-chasers all the confidence they needed going into the second half, and after taking the lead courtesy of yet another Liam McCracken goal, they topped off an incredible fightback win after forcing an own goal midway through the second period. The only member of the top five who actually registered a victory on Saturday was Avonmouth, with Reece Purnell leading their comeback win at Hengrove. Having trailed at the break courtesy of Harry Winstone's early strike, Avonmouth made an ideal start to the second half with Purnell making it one apiece. The same man then used his left-foot again to make it 2-1 in Avonmouth's favour, before a spin and flick from late substitute Zaid Samadi completed victory for the visitors in stoppage time. Elsewhere it was a single point each for the other main title protagonists, with Sturminster drawing a blank in their home tie with strugglers Keynsham, while Bitton were forced to dig deep to secure a 1-1 draw with Odd Down (pictured in action, left). Stan Dickenson's second goal of the week had put the Bath side in position to claim the shock win, but Bitton showed plenty of bottle and managed to secure a share of the spoils when Sonny Parker netted 20 from time. Warminster also struck late to claim a 1-1 draw with Mendip Broadwalk, while at West Clewes, Welton moved out of the bottom two after beating form-side Longwell Green 2-1. A brilliant free-kick from Shane Pierson had seen the away side lead for nearly 70 minutes, before Rovers hit them with a late sucker-punch, with Matt Morris and Caelen Simpson scoring in quick succession to help them edge above Cheddar on the table. There was also plenty of drama in Boco's 3-1 win away at top-half rival Calne, with the Lilywhites having led 1-0 at the break despite ending the half playing with ten-men. Boco then built their way back into the contest, and after scoring two quick goals courtesy of Jordan Ricketts and Corey Rawlings, the visitors then stamped their mark fully on proceedings with Will Hailston compounding Calne's misfortune by adding a third in the closing stages.



Latest Results

Tuesday 24th February 2026

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	3-1	Bridgwater United
Sidmouth Town	1-0	Torpoint Athletic

First Division

Hengrove Athletic	3-3	Odd Down
Mendip Broadwalk	3-3	AEK Boco
Radstock Town	1-1	Avonmouth
Wells City	0-2	Sturminster Newton United

Saturday 28th February 2026

Premier Division

Brislington	P-P	St Blazey
Buckland Athletic	0-0	Bridgwater United
Oldland Abbotonians	1-5	Newquay
Shepton Mallet	1-1	Helston Athletic
Sidmouth Town	0-4	Street

First Division

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

Les Phillips Cup Semi Finals

Bradford Town	5-1	Ivybridge Town
Wellington	1-2	Barnstaple Town

Podcast Episode 29

On this week's episode of the podcast, we hear from Paulton Rovers boss, Kieran Baggs, who reflects on their push for promotion, while also discussing the evolution of the Western League's Premier Division over the years. Ian also catches up with Nick Wilson, with the Cadbury Heath manager explaining why he's happy with their recent transfer dealings, and why he believes better times are ahead for the club.

https://www.westernleague.co.uk/news/podcast-episode-29-1



Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 3rd March 2026

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	vs	Newquay	19:45KO
Bradford Town	vs	Street	19:30KO
Ivybridge Town	vs	Wellington	19:30KO
Oldland Abbotonians	vs	Clevedon Town	19:30KO
Paulton Rovers	vs	Brislington	19:30KO

First Division

AEK Boco	vs	Almondsbury	19:30KO
Cheddar	vs	Odd Down	19:45KO
Hengrove Athletic	vs	Radstock Town	19:30KO
Mendip Broadwalk	vs	Sturminster Newton United	19:30KO
Wells City	vs	Warminster Town	19:30KO
Welton Rovers	vs	Devizes Town	19:30KO

Wednesday 4th March 2026

First Division

Bristol Telephones	vs	Shirehampton	19:30KO

Saturday 7th March 2026 (3pm kick off unless noted)

Premier Division

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

First Division

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

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League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Clevedon Town	25	18	2	5	30	56
2	Torpoint Athletic	22	17	3	2	28	54
3	Paulton Rovers	22	14	4	4	32	46
4	Sidmouth Town	26	14	4	8	11	46
5	Barnstaple Town	21	14	3	4	27	45
6	Buckland Athletic	26	12	7	7	16	43
7	Newquay	22	12	3	7	18	39
8	Saltash United	24	10	5	9	-5	35
9	Bradford Town	26	9	6	11	-2	33
10	Bridgwater United	27	9	5	13	-14	32
11	Helston Athletic	24	8	4	12	-18	28
12	Street	22	7	6	9	5	27
13	Ivybridge Town	22	8	2	12	-14	26
14	St Blazey	26	6	8	12	-20	26
15	Shepton Mallet	26	6	7	13	-17	25
16	Wellington	21	5	4	12	-13	19
17	Brislington	22	3	3	16	-30	12
18	Oldland Abbotonians	20	1	2	17	-34	5
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
1	Devizes Town	26	17	7	2	45	58
2	Sturminster Newton United	26	18	3	5	44	57
3	Avonmouth	29	16	9	4	15	57
4	Wells City	27	18	1	8	45	55
5	Bitton	28	15	9	4	15	54
6	Bristol Telephones	27	15	7	5	16	52
7	AEK Boco	27	12	6	9	16	42
8	Longwell Green Sports	30	13	3	14	-1	42
9	Mendip Broadwalk	28	11	8	9	-3	41
10	Calne Town	29	10	8	11	2	38
11	Warminster Town	28	9	9	10	3	36
12	Almondsbury	23	10	6	7	0	36
13	Cadbury Heath	28	9	7	12	-19	34
14	Odd Down	27	7	7	13	-9	28
15	Shirehampton	26	7	6	13	-21	27
16	Radstock Town	26	4	11	11	-12	22*
17	Keynsham Town	29	5	5	19	-38	20
18	Welton Rovers	26	5	3	18	-26	18
19	Cheddar	27	3	9	15	-36	18
20	Hengrove Athletic	27	2	8	17	-36	13