JEWSON WESTERN LEAGUE 2025/26

BULLETIN #1

Opening Day Round-up:

Premier Division: Helston made an impressive return to life in the Western League, defeating Wellington 2-1 to be among the opening day victors. The Cornish side didn't take long to settle, and went ahead after just 15 minutes with Olly Redd slotting them ahead. It then took some time for Helston to add to their tally, and it proved to be an important strike, with Matt Searle's tidy finish making it 2-0 20 minutes from time. Wellington had ended last season on a positive note, but they fell to defeat in their opening game of the new campaign despite pulling a goal back in the closing stages through Glen Wright. Among the three promoted sides to have joined the division, Bradford Town were the only side to take home any points in their first outing, with a late penalty helping them draw 1-1 away at Torpoint *(pictured, right).* All the goalscoring action was saved for the closing stages at The Mill, with the hosts looking as though they had done enough to guarantee victory when Curtis Damerell put them in front after 76 minutes. Bradford kept battling however, and after being awarded a late penalty, Josiah McKayle kept his nerve to make it one apiece. There was also late drama at Clevedon, where last season's runners-up struck the only goal of the game deep into stoppage time through Owen Humphries to scrap their way to a 1-0 win over Sidmouth Town. Things started brightly for reigning Peninsula West champs AFC Newquay, who went in front at Homers Heath before eventually falling to a 3-1 defeat at the hands of Buckland Athletic. A Jack Bray-Evans strike had seen the visitors storm ahead after just 15 minutes, and that was a lead they maintained up until the hour mark. Buckland then came into their own, and having levelled from the spot through Jared Lewington, they then completed the quickfire turnaround with Sean Thomson scoring from long range. There was then time for Luke Forward to wrap things up in stoppage time, handing the hosts all three points to kickstart their season.



The biggest winners of the afternoon were Ivybridge Town, who showed no mercy in scoring seven unanswered goals in a huge opening day win away at St Austell. It took the visitors 20 minutes to break the deadlock through Kaycee Ogwu, but that strike opened the floodgates, with James Forrest, Mason Elliott and Kai Burrell then all scoring in the space of ten minutes to Town four goals to the good. It then took a Joe Cook header to add to Ivybridge's tally with just 20 minutes left on the clock, before Dan Tate added a late double to complete the scoring, just moments after the visitors had been reduced to ten men.

Another relatively one-sided affair saw **Shepton Mallet** run out 3-0 winners at home to **Nailsea & Tickenham** thanks to a starring role from debutant Ben Snell. Having opened the scoring for his new side on the half hour, Snell's run and cross teed up Lewis Coleman who fired home to make it 2-0 early in the second half. There was then a further goal from Aaron Seviour during the second period to complete a good afternoon for Mallet who will be hoping to better last season's sixth-place finish. There were also home victories for both **Paulton Rovers** and **Street** (pictured, left), with goals from Kitan Jaiyeoba and Harry Foster leading them to 1-0 wins over **Barnstaple** and **Brislington**, respectively. In one of the more dramatic games of the opening afternoon, **Saltash** capitalised on a late red card on their way to claiming a last-gasp 3-2 win away at **Oldland Abbotonians**. The Ashes surged ahead during the opening half-hour, with headed efforts from both Reece Thomson and Freddy Tolcher finding the back of the net to help build a two-goal advantage. Oldland then showed great resolve to get the game back on level terms, with goals either side of the break from Freddie Kershaw and Jacob Saunders making it 2-2 as the game hit the hour mark. It was then a second yellow card to Ruben Nuevo-Draper which gave the Ashes the impetus to push for victory, and the extra man paid off for them in the third minute of stoppage time with Kieran O'Melia striking to make it 3-2 in United's favour. It was also entertaining in the closing stages in **Bridgwater**, where both United and **St Blazey** struck in the final eight minutes during their 2-2 draw. Having opened the scoring through Dan Dodimead, Bridgwater suddenly found themselves heading for defeat following goals from Blaze duo Harry Probyn and debutant Teigan Rosenquest. Bridgy responded excellently however, and just a couple of moments after Rosenquest had struck to make it 2-1, the hosts grabbed a share of the spoils, with Weston-Super-Mare loanee Freddie King levelling things up five minutes from time.



Recent Results

Saturday 26th July 2025

Premier Division

St Austell	0-7	Ivybridge Town
Bridgwater United	2-2	St Blazey
Buckland Athletic	3-1	Newquay
Clevedon Town	1-0	Sidmouth Town
Helston Athletic	2-1	Wellington
Oldland Abbotonians	2-3	Saltash United
Paulton Rovers	1-0	Barnstaple Town
Shepton Mallet	3-0	Nailsea & Tickenham
Street	1-0	Brislington
Torpoint Athletic	1-1	Bradford Town

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 29th July 2025

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	vs	Buckland Athletic	19:45KO
Bradford Town	vs	Paulton Rovers	19:30KO
Bridgwater United	vs	Street	19:45KO
Brislington	vs	Clevedon Town	19:30KO
Nailsea & Tickenham	vs	Oldland Abbotonians	19:30KO
Saltash United	vs	St Austell	19:45KO
Shepton Mallet	vs	Wellington	19:30KO

Wednesday 30th July 2025

Premier Division

Newquay	vs	Torpoint Athletic	19:30KO
St Blazey	vs	Helston Athletic	19:30KO

Saturday 2nd August 2025 (3pm kick off unless noted)

First Division

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

FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round

Bideford	vs	Wellington
Bradford Town	vs	Bournemouth FC
Falmouth Town	vs	Helston Athletic
Kidlington Rovers	vs	Clevedon Town
Mousehole	vs	Bridgwater United
Newquay	vs	Shepton Mallet
Oldland Abbotonians	vs	Wallingford & Crowmarsh
Paulton Rovers	vs	Hamble Club
Roman Glass St George	vs	Nailsea & Tickenham
Saltash United	vs	Torpoint Athletic
Sidmouth Town	vs	Ivybridge Town
St Blazey	vs	Buckland Athletic
Street	vs	Brixham
Tavistock	vs	St Austell
Willand Rovers	vs	Barnstaple Town
Wokingham & Emmbrook	vs	Brislington

Club Allocations 2025/26

Western Football League Step 5 - Premier Division (WLP)	
1	AFC St Austell
2	Barnstaple Town
3	Bradford Town
4	Bridgwater United
5	Brislington
6	Buckland Athletic
7	Clevedon Town
8	Helston Athletic
9	Ivybridge Town
10	Nailsea & Tickenham
11	Newquay
12	Oldland Abbotonians
13	Paulton Rovers
14	Saltash United
15	Shepton Mallet
16	Sidmouth Town
17	St Blazey
18	Street
19	Torpoint Athletic
20	Wellington

Western Football League Step 6 - Premier Division (WL1)	
1	AEK Boco
2	Almondsbury
3	Avonmouth
4	Bitton
5	Bristol Telephones
6	Cadbury Heath
7	Calne Town
8	Cheddar
9	Devizes Town
10	Hengrove Athletic
11	Keynsham Town
12	Longwell Green Sports
13	Mendip Broadwalk
14	Odd Down (BATH)
15	Radstock Town
16	Shirehampton
17	Sturminster Newton United
18	Warminster Town
19	Wells City
20	Welton Rovers



To view the images from our end-of-season Convention, please head to the following link:
https://www.westernleague.co.uk/news/convention-2025

The Jewson Western League is thrilled to announce a new partnership with Andy Stone through **#footywatch** for the upcoming 2025/26 season.

This collaboration will see the league actively promoting Stoner's captivating matchday content, alongside its dedicated fundraising efforts for The Cystic Fibrosis Comfort Fund.

Andy's content offers live reporting, analysis and a comprehensive overview of games across all social media platforms, and the league are delighted to link up with Stoner for this partnership.



