JEWSON WESTERN LEAGUE 2025/26 BULLETIN #16

Latest Round-ups:

FA Vase: There are still three Western League sides who remain in this year's Vase after another dramatic afternoon of second round action. Easing their way through was Barnstaple, with a 3-1 win over ten-man Sherborne Town helping them reach the third round. An early red card put the Zebras up against it, and the home side took advantage straight away with Scott Piper firing Barnstaple ahead. There was then a shock towards the end of the first half when Sherborne levelled thing up, with Oliver Hebbard finding the back of the net. The extra man eventually paid off for the Devon side, with Luke Mortimore heading them 2-1 up early in the second half, before the same man then converted from the spot to end the scoring. In the other game ending after 90 minutes, Ivybridge were put to the sword by Slimbridge, losing 5-0 at Ermington Road. The remainder of the games each finished with a penalty shootout, including at Portland United, where First Division outfit Sturminster Newton pulled off an incredible heist. Holding out for the entire game against the Dorset club, Sturminster then won 3-1 on spot kicks, with keeper Theo Crane saving two Portland efforts in a heroic effort from him and his teammates. Also progressing was Buckland who came through a marathon shootout with Millbrook, eventually winning 12-11 on penalties at Homers Heath *(pictured, left)*. The normal time period saw plenty of action, with Ben Carter and Ryan Bush twice putting the Bucks ahead, only for the away side to level it up on each occasion. In a shootout that felt like it would never end, both sides scored eight of their first 11, meaning players would have to start taking their second attempts. Finally with the scores locked at 11-11, Buckland keeper Andy Sowden-Bird pulled off his second save, and teammate Isaac McCue then followed that up with the winning effort to spark joyous scenes from players, staff and much of the three-figure crowd in attendance. Unfortunately, Helston saw their run in the competition come to an end after they lost at Cinderford. Having equalised midway through the second half courtesy of Sebastien Tolosa, Helston then missed their fourth penalty and were made to pay by Cinderford who scored all five of their spot kicks.



Premier Division: Of the four games to take place on Saturday afternoon, only one of the away sides enjoyed success, with Sidmouth winning 1-0 at Bradford Town. The Devonians have been inconsistent in recent weeks, but they were solid at both ends of the field at Trowbridge Road, with Craig Veal's first half effort proving to be enough to help their surge up the table. In the most entertaining game of the day, Newquay overturned an early deficit to beat in-form Wellington 4-2 *(pictured, right).*



The visitors made a dream start, with Doug Camillo picking up where he left off last Saturday by breaking the deadlock in just the second minute. A Jack Bray-Evans penalty then levelled affairs, before he turned provider for teammate Rhys Simmonds who put Newquay 2-1 up after just 14 minutes. Then, in a repeat of the opening period, Wellington came out firing in the early stages with Oscar Albano making it 2-2 after 48 minutes. It was Newquay who finished the game on top however, with Cam Turner's exquisite free kick putting them back ahead, before Bray-Evans completed his double during stoppage time to bring an end to the contest. There was also a comeback from St Blazey, with Harry Probyn scoring twice in their 3-1 defeat of Bridgwater. It was United who started the game on top, and they took a deserved lead in the 20th minute when Kyle Tooze curled the ball in off the post. Probyn then scored his first of the game to make it one-apiece, before Callum McGhee struck late in the first half to complete the Blaze's turnaround. The second half was quieter in terms of goals, with Probyn's second effort making it 3-1, but there was a slightly nervous finale for the hosts after they lost Kieron Bishop to a red card 12 minutes.



Brislington *(pictured, observing a minute's silence for Remembrance Day)* enjoyed a comfortable afternoon in their home clash with St Austell, winning 7-0 to move further away from the bottom two. After Shea Mannings put them ahead early on, further strikes from Harrison Kyte and Lewis Dunn gave Bris a three-goal lead at the interval. Jordan Scadding then struck twice to extend the advantage to five, before Jay Malpas and Dan Winstone completed the scoring during the closing stages.

Earlier in the week, Paulton and Bridgwater shared four goals during the only Tuesday night fixture of the round. A penalty from Elliot Dugan put Rovers ahead after half-an-hour, before the away side drew level in first half stoppage time courtesy of an Owen Howe header. Another headed finish, this time by Jack Taylor, then put Bridgwater 2-1 up, with Dugan scoring shortly after to secure a point for the hosts.

First Division: In the battle between top and bottom, **Devizes** relied on a strong second half showing to win 2-0 away at **Hengrove Athletic.** With one of the best attacks taking on one of the most porous defences, a one-sided game would have been predicted by many, but to Hengrove's credit they managed to keep the game goalless for over an hour. There was then a goal from Oaklan Buck to finally break the home side's resistance, with Alex Henshall scoring shortly after to double Devizes' winning margin. **Bristol Telephones** moved up into second after they stormed to a 4-2 win away at **Longwell Green**. The Phones came flying out of the blocks at Shellards Road, and led by two goals to nil inside the opening ten minutes courtesy of strong finishes from Archie Dark and James Batchelor. A Sonny Passco goal then got Longwell Green back into the game, before the visitors began to dominate again, with further efforts from Jordan Anstey and Liam McCracken handing them a 4-1 lead at the end of the first half. There was no repeat of the scoring surge after the interval, with the Phones failing to add to their tally, but a second Passco goal should at least give the home side some confidence heading into their next few games. **Mendip Broadwalk** were another away side to pick up maximum points on Saturday, with Jacob O'Donnell and Jordan Hughes scoring in their 2-1 win at **Welton,** while a trio of second half goals from Harry Stiles, Lewis Royston and Ed Oatley led ten-man **Calne** to a 3-0 victory on the road at **Cheddar**.



Odd Down produced their highest scoring output of the season to date, beating **Shirehampton** 6-1 to end their five-match winless streak. In a scarcely believable first half from the Bath strugglers, Lewis Bahadur scored his first goal for the club to put them in front after just 11 minutes. Alfie Andrews then doubled the lead three minutes later, before Charlie Saunders scored a quickfire double to suddenly put Odd Down four goals to the good. There was a Dan Spicer goal late in the first half for Shirehampton to celebrate, but that was as good as it got for them, with Nick Taylor capping Odd Down's incredible victory when he scored a couple of late goals to add to the winner's tally. The day's other victors were **AEK Boco**, with Corey Rawlings scoring in either half of their 3-1 defeat of **Bitton**. Having suffered a 2-1 loss against the same opposition less than two months ago, Boco were the better side this time around and took a two-goal lead to the half-time break thanks to Jack Pearson-Brown and Rawlings. A second Rawlings goal then put the game to bed after 75 minutes, with Bitton grabbing a late consolation courtesy of Adey Harvey. There was a crazy finish in the game at **Radstock**, where visitors **Almondsbury** scored in the 96th minute to grab a share of the spoils following their 2-2 draw. For much of the afternoon, there was only goal that separated the sides, with Jake Curtis scoring his first Radstock goal to put the Miners one-up midway through the first half. Then, with ten minutes left on the clock, Craig Lancastle popped up at the back post to draw the Almonds level, helping to set up a dramatic finale at the Southfields Rec. Radstock were next to score, going back in front just moments after conceding, with Tommy Nairn producing an excellent finish to put them back on track for all three points. The visitors had other ideas however, and after a couple of moments of chaos in the home penalty area, Nathan Dite was the right man in the right place at the right time to force home a 96th minute equaliser. The remaining games also finished level, with **Avonmouth held to a 1-1 draw by Keynsham**, and **Warminster's** Braden Humphreys rescuing a point for his side away at **Cadbury Heath**.

Recent Results

Tuesday 4th November 2025

Premier Division

Paulton Rovers	2-2	Bridgwater United

Saturday 8th November 2025

FA Vase Second Round

Barnstaple Town	3-1	Sherborne Town
Buckland Athletic	2-2	Millbrook
Buckland win 12-11 on penalties		
Cinderford Town	1-1	Helston Athletic
Cinderford win 5-3 on penalties		
Ivybridge Town	0-5	Slimbridge
Portland United	0-0	Sturminster Newton United
Sturminster win 4-1 on penalties		

Premier Division

Bradford Town	0-1	Sidmouth Town
Brislington	7-0	St Austell
Newquay	4-2	Wellington
St Blazey	3-1	Bridgwater United

First Division

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

Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division

Jack Bray-Evans (Newquay) – 15
Ryan Bush (Buckland) - 12
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) - 11
Jack Newman (Warminster) – 11
Josh Gilborson (Bitton) – 9
Liam Nicholls (Almondsbury) - 9
Aaron Lane-Leney (Sturminster) - 8
Josh Pearce (Avonmouth) – 8
Elliot Bevis (Sturminster) - 8

League & Cup

Jack Bray-Evans (Newquay) – 18
Ryan Bush (Buckland) – 17
Rhys Simmonds (Newquay) - 16
Curtis Damerell (Torpoint) – 15

Upcoming Fixtures

Wednesday 12th November 2025

Les Phillips Cup First Round

Newquay	vs	Barnstaple Town	19:45KO

Saturday 15th November 2025 (3pm kick off unless noted)

Premier Division

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

First Division

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

Podcast Episode 14

On the latest podcast, **Bridgwater United** boss, Lee Lashenko joins the show to talk about his return to the Western League, while explaining what excites him about the Robins project.

There is also a conversation between Ian and **Wells City** manager, Steve Murray, who reflects on his football journey to the dugout, setting out his ambitions for the Blue Army.

https://www.westernleague.co.uk/news/podcast-episode-14-1



League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Clevedon Town	17	13	1	3	20	40
2	Torpoint Athletic	14	11	3	0	20	36
3	Sidmouth Town	17	11	2	4	20	35
4	Saltash United	16	11	1	4	15	34
5	Paulton Rovers	17	10	3	4	18	33
6	Buckland Athletic	16	9	3	4	11	30
7	Newquay	15	8	3	4	18	27
8	Barnstaple Town	15	8	3	4	16	27
9	Bridgwater United	18	7	3	8	-2	24
10	Helston Athletic	16	7	2	7	7	23
11	St Blazey	20	5	7	8	-9	22
12	Bradford Town	18	5	5	8	-3	20
13	Ivybridge Town	16	6	2	8	-6	20
14	Shepton Mallet	17	5	4	8	6	19
15	Street	14	4	5	5	6	17
16	Brislington	17	5	1	11	-11	16
17	Wellington	15	4	2	9	-10	14
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	17	12	5	0	32	41
2	Bristol Telephones	18	11	3	4	9	36
3	Avonmouth	16	10	5	1	13	35
4	Bitton	17	10	4	3	10	34
5	Wells City	17	11	0	6	24	33
6	Almondsbury	18	10	2	6	1	32
7	Sturminster Newton United	15	9	2	4	22	29
8	Mendip Broadwalk	16	8	5	3	7	29
9	AEK Boco	17	8	3	6	15	27
10	Warminster Town	18	7	4	7	10	25
11	Cadbury Heath	18	7	4	7	-4	25
12	Longwell Green Sports	17	7	2	8	-12	23
13	Calne Town	16	5	4	7	-2	19
14	Odd Down	18	5	4	9	-5	19
15	Keynsham Town	17	4	4	9	-7	16
16	Shirehampton	16	3	5	8	-20	14
17	Radstock Town	16	3	5	8	-10	13*
18	Cheddar	18	2	5	11	-25	11
19	Welton Rovers	17	1	3	13	-28	6
20	Hengrove Athletic	18	0	5	13	-30	5


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