

Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: The majority of this week's floodlit fixtures were tightly-contested with a number of draws and games finishing with single goal margins. On Tuesday evening, **Shepton Mallet** continued their ascendancy up the Premier Division table with a slender 1-0 win at local rivals **Street**. A fifth consecutive league victory was secured by Shepton thanks to a cool finish from Charlie Bateson late in the first half. Also sneaking home that night was **Ivybridge** who beat **St Austell** 2-1 thanks to goals from Sean Thomson and Connor Rush, while **Nailsea & Tickenham** denied **Welton** their first point after claiming a 3-2 win at West Clewes. After falling behind to Shomari Sengor's opener, the Swags hit back courtesy of Shea Mannings and Miles Hardidge to lead 2-1 at the interval. Rovers then drew level early in the second half thanks to a volleyed finish from Jon Linton, but it was the visitors who ended the night on top thanks to a headed effort from leading scorer Lucas Vowles. **Saltash** were the other victors that night, with a double from Kieran O'Melia and a second half strike from Jake Curtis leading United to a 3-0 triumph over **St Blazey**. Wednesday's only game saw league leaders **Clevedon** score three times in the final 15 minutes to complete a 4-0 victory at home to **Bridgwater**. The only goal which separated the sides up until then had been a terrific effort from Town's Henry Westlake who chested the ball down on the edge of the box before volleying home in the 32nd minute. Freddie King then took over the contest, scoring twice in the space of five minutes to put the hosts out sight, with Glen Hayer powering home an injury time header from King's corner to complete the scoring.

In the nine First Division games, only one home team was victorious, with **Bitton** defeating **Cheddar** thanks to goalscoring doubles from Sacha Tong and Lewis Russell. Current leaders **Hallen** left it late before securing a point in their home tie with **Bristol Telephones**, with Jordan Greenwood converting a penalty ten minutes from time. The Phones shot out of the blocks and led 2-1 for a large period of the game thanks to goals from Leon Britton and Stefan Lee, but Hallen kept pushing and got their late leveller to make it two apiece. There was also a 2-2 draw at **Devizes**, where the hosts scored twice in stoppage time to deny **Odd Down**. The Bath side were impressive for much of the evening, and after Rob Hobbs had put them ahead from the spot, they then doubled their lead in the 77th minute thanks to sub Jasper Morris. To their credit, Town kept battling and despite producing a below-par performance, they ended the night with a point after Danny Bowyer was among their late scorers. Points were also shared in two goalless draws between **Hengrove** and **Cadbury Heath**, and also **Sturminster** and **Radstock**. The Divisions' leading scorers, **Avonmouth,** surged to a 3-0 win at **Keynsham**, with the in-form Alfie Taylor putting them ahead late in the first half, before Kyle O'Donovan and Zac Cheetham rounded out the scoring. Elsewhere that night, **Bradford**'s Raphael Oppong played a starring role off the bench to lead his side to a 3-1 victory away at **Gillingham Town**. Having taken an early lead through Matty Morris, the Bobcats were pegged back when Jack Riglar struck an equaliser for the hosts. Oppong was then thrust into action midway through the second half, and scored twice in the final ten minutes to lead Bradford to their third consecutive away win. On Wednesday, **Calne Town** rescued a point away at **Warminster**, levelling through Josh Pike-Bright to secure a 1-1 draw. The other game that night was a momentous occasion for **Longwell Green** manager Chris Alway, who could enjoy his 150th game in charge after his players won by two goals to nil at **Cribbs Reserves**. Two first half goals settled the game, with Fin Burnell and Matt Brown both finding the back of the net for the away side.

Premier Division: Only five points covers the top nine in the league after another unpredictable Saturday, with Brixham among the day's standout performers. Hosting the free-scoring Portishead, it was always going to be a day when they needed their shooting boots, and they started strongly with Aaron Wellington firing them ahead after ten minutes. Portishead very rarely draw blanks however, and on the stroke of half-time, they managed to get on level terms with top scorer Ethan Feltham finding the back of the net. A penalty early in the second half from Charlie Johansen put Brixham back in front, but they were pegged back again shortly after with Calum Townsend heading home for 2-2. That wasn't the end of the scoring however, and the Devonians grabbed all three points when Wellington struck for the second time as the game headed into the final 20 minutes. Another side from Devon to secure three points on Saturday were Ivybridge, with a fast start leading them to a 2-0 win at Paulton. The in-form Ivies shot out of the blocks, and having gone ahead courtesy of an Owen Pritchard header, they then struck again in the 18th minute through Connor Rush to build what ended up being an unsurmountable lead. Saltash have enjoyed a good few days, and backed up their big midweek win with a 2-1 victory away at Nailsea & Tickenham. United were another side to move ahead in the early stages, going 1-0 up after less than ten minutes thanks to a close range effort from Deacon Thompson. Another strike from Jake Curtis doubled the Ashes' advantage, with that goal proving to be crucial after Nailsea's comeback attempt fell just short despite a worldy early in the second half from Oscar Collins. One side who did pull off a come-from-behind victory was Wellington, with the Somerset side scoring three goals in the final 15 minutes to beat St Blazey 3-1 at Blaise Park. Having fallen behind to Ryan Downing's opener late in the first half, Welly got themselves level after 75 minutes when Jason Quick teed up brother Jake to make it one apiece. Super sub Phil Mendonca then provided more late heroics to pull off the late salvo. Mendonca had scored twice in the closing stages of their recent win at Torpoint, and he repeated the trick on Saturday, making it 2-1 in the 87th minute, and then scoring straight from the resulting kick-off to stun the home side. 3-1 was also the winning margin for Torpoint who battled back from an early deficit to beat Street. A Harry Foster goal after 17 minutes had put the Cobblers in prime position, which was then squandered late in the first half with a red card followed shortly after by Luke Cloke's equaliser. Another Cloke goal completed the quickfire turnaround early in the second period, before the returning Riley Crawford then volleyed home to make it 3-1 15 minutes from time. An entertaining contest in North Devon saw Barnstaple topple St Austell by four goals to two to move up into second spot. An incredible start saw the visitors go ahead inside the opening minute of the game with Liam Eddy catching out the home defence to put his side one-up. Barnstaple slowly built their way back into things, and after skipper Brodie Montague had headed them level, an unfortunate own goal then put them 2-1 up at the interval. After Eddy notched his second goal for two apiece, Barnstaple finished in the ascendancy, scoring twice in the final 20 minutes through Gabby Rogers and Ryan Keates to seal victory at Mill Road.



Three late goals saved **Buckland's** blushes away at **Welton**, with the fifth-placed side coming close to giving Welton their first points before eventually surging to a 4-1 win. Having fallen behind inside 20 minutes, Buckland got back on level terms early in the second half through Ryan Bush, capitalising on a red card suffered by their hosts. The Bucks were made to battle for their win however, and after finally taking the lead late on through Reece Shanley, hat-trick man Bush scored a pair of close range goals to put some real gloss on the full-time scoreline. There was yet another win for **Shepton Mallet,** who have now secured 18 points from a possible 18 after holding off a strong challenge from **Ilfracombe**. Crucial to Mallet's upturn in form has been Josh Jenkins, and he got the ball rolling early by putting the hosts ahead after only nine minutes. It was Ilfracombe who struck next midway through the first half, before both Taelan Savage and Cam Allen scored late in the first period go help secure a 3-1 lead at the interval. Ilfracombe continued to battle, cutting the gap in half late on, but Mallet had the best of the final minutes, wrapping things up courtesy of goals from Jacob Sloggett and Benjani Junior. **Oldland Abbotonians** gained revenge over **Brislington**, overturning the defeat they suffered last month by winning 1-0 at the Aitchison Playing Field thanks to a 14th minute effort from Cash Vinall.

First Division: **Calne Town** moved into a share of top spot after claiming a 4-0 win away at **Cheddar**. It wasn't an easy afternoon for the Lilywhites, but they took control of the contest around half-time when Josh Pike-Bright scored either side of the interval. A third goal from Jude Cawley all-but wrapped things up, with Gabe Costello completing the scoring late on.



Fellow league-leaders **Hallen** came unstuck against **Hengrove,** falling to a surprise 2-0 defeat at Norton Lane. Two first half goals proved to be sufficient for the home side, with Jack Jones and Brad Skidmore both netting, while Hallen's day got even more difficult following a red card around the 40-minute mark. Another of the top sides who lost to a bottom-half opponent was **Bradford Town**, with the Bobcats falling to a 2-1 defeat away at **Boco**. After Romiah Nevers had fired the home side into a first half lead, Boco doubled their advantage on 52 minutes when Joe Durrant headed home Ben Cullen's corner. There was a late response from Bradford, with Jake Hiscocks scoring ten from time, but it wasn't enough to stop Boco earning their first win in five. **Bitton's** Nathan Hall came back to haunt his old side, firing in a first-half hat-trick to help his new charges defeat **Odd Down** 4-0. Two goals inside the opening quarter of the game saw Hall place a strong imprint over the contest, and he then tucked home a penalty, which he had earned late in the half, to complete his treble against the Bath side. Both Stefan Lee and Isaac Flynn struck twice in **Bristol Telephones'** 5-0 defeat of **Gillingham**, while **Devizes** won 3-0 at **Avonmouth** thanks to goals from Jay Walters, Luke Hopper and Jacob Reader. There was an equally one-sided triumph for **Mendip Broadwalk** at home to **Keynsham**, with Jack Cousins' early strike setting them on their way to a 3-0 win. Cousins' second-minute opener was a sign of things to come during a dominant first half for the hosts, with an own goal, followed by a Dylan Whittle effort in a game decided before the interval. **Radstock Town** ended their long winless run in the league by beating **Cribbs Reserves** 4-2 at the Southfields Rec. Jacob Bird was on target during either half for the Miners, adding to further goals from Ben Wickens and Jed Parfitt to cap a strong week of performances. Elsewhere, goals from Elliot Bevis and Aaron Lane-Leney helped **Sturminster Newton** come from behind to beat **Cadbury Heath** 2-1, while **Wells City** scored late on to rescue a 1-1 draw at **Longwell Green**.



On the podcast this week, Ian is joined by Shepton Mallet boss, Aaron Seviour, who talks about their start to the season, while also explaining how he adapts his team talks while accounting for the weather. There is also a conversation with Radstock manager Ian Lanning who reflects on their difficult start following a disruptive pre-season. Lanning says the Miners will be aiming to build on their recent victory, while focusing on developing the young talent being nurtured at the club. https://www.westernleague.co.uk/news/podcast-episode-9

RESPECT – STATEMENT FROM THE LEAGUE

Football is a game built on respect, fair play, and sportsmanship. Referee abuse, in any form, is completely unacceptable and goes against the core values of the sport. Referees play a vital role in ensuring that matches are conducted fairly and safely, often making difficult decisions under immense pressure. They deserve respect, not hostility.

Abusing referees, whether through verbal insults, physical threats, or intimidation, undermines the integrity of the game and sets a damaging example for players, coaches, and fans alike. It discourages individuals from pursuing roles in officiating and jeopardises the future of the sport at all levels. If we continue as we are, there is a serious risk that having 3 qualified, neutral Officials will become a luxury, as opposed to the expected norm.

We, The Jewson Western League strongly condemn any form of abuse directed at referees and call on all stakeholders; players, coaches and fans, to foster a culture of respect. Football is a unifying force, and it is our collective responsibility to protect the dignity of everyone involved, including those who ensure the game is played fairly. Let's remember that respect for the referee is respect for the game itself".

Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division

Freddie King (Clevedon Town) – 13
Jared Lewington (Buckland) – 9
Lucas Vowles (Nailsea&Tickenham) – 9
Ethan Feltham (Portishead) – 9
Josh Jenkins (Shepton Mallet) - 9

First Division

Nathan Hall (Bitton) – 11
Luke Bryan (AEK Boco) – 10
Sacha Tong (Bitton) – 10
Luke Hopper (Devizes) – 9
Rhys Hickery (Mendip Broadwalk) – 8

Latest Results

Tuesday 24th September 2024

Premier Division

Ivybridge Town	2-1	AFC St Austell
Saltash United	3-0	St Blazey
Street	0-1	Shepton Mallet
Welton Rovers	2-3	Nailsea & Tickenham

First Division

Bitton	5-1	Cheddar
Devizes Town	2-2	Odd Down
Gillingham Town	1-3	Bradford Town
Hallen	2-2	Bristol Telephones
Hengrove Athletic	0-0	Cadbury Heath
Keynsham Town	0-3	Avonmouth
Sturminster Newton	0-0	Radstock Town

Wednesday 25th September 2024

Premier Division

Clevedon Town	4-0	Bridgwater United

First Division

Cribbs Reserves	0-2	Longwell Green Sports
Warminster Town	1-1	Calne Town

Saturday 28th September 2024

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	4-2	AFC St Austell
Brixham	3-2	Portishead Town
Nailsea & Tickenham	1-2	Saltash United
Oldland Abbotonians	1-0	Brislington
Paulton Rovers	0-2	Ivybridge Town
Shepton Mallet	5-2	Ilfracombe Town
St Blazey	1-3	Wellington
Torpoint Athletic	3-1	Street
Welton Rovers	1-4	Buckland Athletic

First Division

AEK Boco	2-1	Bradford Town
Avonmouth	0-3	Devizes Town
Bitton	4-0	Odd Down
Bristol Telephones	5-0	Gillingham Town
Cadbury Heath	1-2	Sturminster Newton United
Cheddar	0-4	Calne Town
Hengrove Athletic	2-0	Hallen
Longwell Green	1-1	Wells City
Mendip Broadwalk	3-0	Keynsham Town
Radstock Town	4-2	Cribbs Reserves
Shirehampton	P-P	Warminster Town

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 1st October 2024

Les Phillips Cup

Bitton	vs	Mendip Broadwalk	19:30KO
Bridgwater United	vs	Calne Town	19:45KO
Brislington	vs	Hallen	19:45KO
Bristol Telephones	vs	Shirehampton	19:45KO
Longwell Green	vs	Nailsea & Tickenham	19:30KO
Oldland Abbotonians	vs	Bradford Town	19:45KO
Paulton Rovers	vs	Keynsham Town	19:30KO
Sturminster Newton	vs	Devizes Town	19:45KO
Welton Rovers	vs	Wells City	19:30KO

Wednesday 2nd October 2024

Premier Division

Wellington	vs	Brixham	19:45KO

Les Phillips Cup

Clevedon Town	vs	Avonmouth	19:30KO

Friday 4th October 2024

First Division

Hallen	vs	Shirehampton	19:30KO

Saturday 5th October 2024 (3pm Kick-off unless noted otherwise)

Premier Division

AFC St Austell	vs	Barnstaple Town	
Brislington	vs	Saltash United	
Ilfracombe Town	vs	Ivybridge Town	
Oldland Abbotonians	vs	Clevedon Town	
Portishead Town	vs	Bridgwater United	
Shepton Mallet	vs	Brixham	
St Blazey	vs	Nailsea & Tickenham	
Street	vs	Buckland Athletic	
Torpoint Athletic	vs	Welton Rovers	
Wellington	vs	Paulton Rovers	

First Division

AEK Boco	vs	Cheddar	
Bradford Town	vs	Mendip Broadwalk	
Bristol Telephones	vs	Cadbury Heath	
Calne Town	vs	Radstock Town	
Gillingham Town	vs	Bitton	14:00KO
Keynsham Town	vs	Warminster Town	
Odd Down	vs	Hengrove Athletic	
Sturminster Newton	vs	Longwell Green Sports	
Wells City	vs	Devizes Town	

League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Clevedon Town	12	8	3	1	26	27
2	Barnstaple Town	11	8	1	2	20	24
3	Shepton Mallet	13	7	3	3	13	24
4	Street	13	7	3	3	5	24
5	Buckland Athletic	10	7	2	1	25	23
6	Portishead Town	11	7	2	2	16	23
7	Brislington	12	7	1	4	17	22
8	Brixham AFC	11	6	4	1	11	19
9	Ivybridge Town	12	7	1	4	6	22
10	Nailsea & Tickenham	10	6	1	3	5	19
11	Bridgwater United	13	6	1	6	-9	19
12	Oldland Abbotonians	11	5	2	4	5	17
13	Paulton Rovers	11	5	1	5	-4	16
14	Saltash United	14	4	2	8	-9	14
15	Wellington	11	4	0	7	-11	12
16	Ilfracombe Town	13	2	3	8	-12	9
17	St Blazey	12	2	3	7	-15	9
18	AFC St Austell	13	2	1	10	-12	7
19	Torpoint Athletic	12	2	0	10	-20	6
20	Welton Rovers	13	0	0	13	-57	0

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Hallen	14	9	3	2	18	30
2	Calne Town	14	9	3	2	17	30
3	Bitton	14	9	1	4	11	28
4	Wells City	14	8	3	3	17	27
5	Bradford Town	12	9	0	3	15	27
6	Bristol Telephones	14	7	3	4	15	24
7	Sturminster Newton United	14	7	3	4	6	24
8	Avonmouth	17	7	3	7	5	24
9	Longwell Green Sports	14	7	3	4	5	24
10	Cadbury Heath	14	7	3	4	5	24
11	Devizes Town	12	6	4	2	17	22
12	Mendip Broadwalk	15	6	4	5	-5	22
13	Cribbs Reserves	16	6	2	8	-1	20
14	Shirehampton	11	6	1	4	6	19
15	AEK Boco	15	4	3	8	-4	15
16	Warminster Town	13	3	4	6	-8	13
17	Hengrove Athletic	14	3	4	7	-9	13
18	Keynsham Town	14	3	3	8	-19	12
19	Odd Down	15	2	5	8	-14	11
20	Radstock Town	13	3	1	9	-12	10
21	Cheddar	14	2	2	10	-26	8
22	Gillingham Town	15	1	2	12	-39	5


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