

Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: **Sidmouth Town** continued to stack wins in the Premier Division on Tuesday night, beating **Wellington** 3-0 to consolidate their spot in the top five. After Zack Williams had put them ahead during the first half, Cholwe Hachipuka then headed home Town's second, before Craig Veal wrapped things 20 minutes from time. It was a busy evening in the preliminary round of the Les Phillips Cup, with **Avonmouth** securing the standout result by winning 6-0 away at **Bitton**. Josh Pearce was the star performer for the visitors, bagging a hat-trick, with further goals coming from Ethan McMahon, Charlie Aldom and Tom Cheeseman. There was also an away win for **Boco,** with Corey Rawlings scoring the only goal in their defeat of **Brislington**, who missed the opportunity to go ahead from the spot late in the first half. **Warminster** were another away winner, with Reece Collyer's double leading them to a 3-1 victory over **Sturminster Newton**, while **Paulton** snuck past **Keynsham** thanks to Kyle Witt's goal just before half-time. In the other ties involving First Division sides, **Longwell Green** beat **Calne** 2-0 following Zac Tucker's first half brace, with **Almondsbury** joining them in the next round after beating **Shirehampton** 3-1 courtesy of an acrobatic effort from Jack Burgess and a bullet header from Jaiden Holvor. **Oldland Abbotonians** finally secured their first win in the month of September, beating **Bristol Telephones** 4-2 thanks to a double from Jai MacLeod, plus further goals from substitute duo Ibrahima Sarr and Mason Davis. 4-2 was also the winning margin for **Bradford Town**, with an excellent comeback helping them overturn a two-goal deficit away at **Radstock**. At the interval, it looked as though there was going to be a shock on the cards with Kai Williamson and Michael Calverley firing the lower-ranked side into a commanding lead. Bradford soon came back into the game, and having scored in the moments before, and after half-time through Theo Black and Kieran Balchin, they then completed the turnaround thanks to further goals from Kye Teague and Charlie Warren.

Podcast Episode 9

On the latest podcast, **Saltash** boss, Lee Britchford, joins the show to reflect on the positive start to his tenure at the Cornish outfit. There is also an interview with **Odd Down** manager, Jamie Walter, who explains why their victory last weekend will give his side the boost they need to move up the table. The FA's Safeguarding Manager, Gemma Szakacs, is also welcomed onto the podcast, to talk about the Play Safe campaign and why it is relevant to Western League sides.

https://www.westernleague.co.uk/news/podcast-episode-9-1



Premier Division: Only one away side enjoyed the taste of victory on Saturday afternoon, with Sidmouth's come-from-behind win at Shepton helping to maintain the Devonians excellent run of form. Town have now won five on the bounce, but it didn't start well for them, with Cam Allen's 17th minute penalty putting the hosts in front. A Nathan Cooper goal then made it one apiece, before Liam Carey completed the turnaround, scoring with his first touch after coming on as a sub with 20 minutes left on the clock. Top spot still belongs to Clevedon Town, but their early season dominance has hit a bump with, with Bridgwater handing them their second defeat of the campaign at Fairfax Park. After Lloyd Mills bundled home the opener, Owen Howe then converted a penalty late in the first half to put United two goals to the good. Clevedon started the second half on top, halving the deficit courtesy of Sam Beresford, but the equaliser just wouldn't come, and Bridgwater earned some payback for the defeat suffered away at the Seasiders during August. The excellent run of Torpoint continued in their home clash with Brislington, winning 1-0 thanks to a goal inside the opening ten minutes from Curtis Damerell. Early goals were also a factor for St Blazey in their 2-0 defeat of Buckland at Blaise Park. Having gone ahead in the 12th minute through Callum McGhee, the hosts then doubled their advantage shortly after through Harry Probyn, and then held on for the remainder to secure all three points. 2-0 was also the winning margin for Paulton, with a couple of late goals helping them edge past Saltash. Following 75 goalless minutes, Rovers finally broke the deadlock with debutant Dylan Tate finding the back of the net. There was then only a couple of minutes before Paulton added to their advantage, with Joel Smedley making it 2-0, and condemning the Ashes to their first defeat since late August. In another tight contest, Tom Mack scored a vital 88th minute goal to help lead Bradford Town to a slender 1-0 home victory over Oldland Abbotonians. Things were slightly more simple for Street, with a day of celebrations capped by Harry Foster's late double in their 6-0 win over St Austell. On his 300th appearance for the club, Foster took his personal tally to 122 goals, scoring the final two on a dominant afternoon for Street, with Charlie Bateson, Lewis Morgan, Freddie Haden and Callum Laird joining Foster on the scoresheet. There were also a couple of usual suspects helping Barnstaple topple Ivybridge, with the Rogers duo scoring all three goals in their 3-1 triumph. A Gabby Rogers screamer put the hosts on top after just seven minutes, only for Ivybridge to hit back through first half sub Kaycee Ogwu. Rogers soon headed home to put Barnstaple back on top, with his namesake Tommy Rogers then wrapping things up 15 minutes from time, just a couple of minutes before the luckless Ivies were reduced to ten. In a back-and-forth contest, Wellington and Newquay shared six goals in a battle between bottom-half sides. In a thrilling start, Welly only had to wait 50 seconds before going in front, with Oscar Albano scoring from long range. Newquay were then back on level terms in no time at all, with Jack Bray-Evans making it one apiece before the game had even reached the third minute. A Tom Stone goal then put Wellington back on top, but Newquay had the final say during the opening half, with Rhys Simmonds reaching double figures for the campaign by making it 2-2. The goalscoring pattern continued after the break, and having gong in front for the third time through Alfie Slough, the home side were pegged back once more with Simmonds scoring his second goal of the afternoon to cap an enthralling contest. In the FA Vase, Helston progressed from the second qualifying round after beating Stoke Gabriel & Torbay Police 4-1. With the tie being replayed, Helston took advantage of their home surroundings, with Phil Cattran's early opener added to by a subtle finish from skipper Liam Eddy. The visitors then clawed a goal back on the stroke of half-time, but he Blues weren't to be deterred, and Eddy's second restored the two-goal advantage before Matt Searle curled home number four in the closing stages.

First Division: League leaders **Devizes** did just enough to secure another three points, with their 1-0 win at home to **Boco** helping them to maintain their unbeaten start. Following a goalless opening half, Devizes finally did enough to snatch victory in the closing stages, with Alex Henshall's excellent free-kick proving to be the difference between the two sides. **Bitton** ended strongly against **Sturminster**, securing a share of the spoils thanks to a leveller from Josh Gilborson. Having fallen behind early in the second half to Billy Bright's opener, Bitton drew level through Gilborson to bounce back well from their heavy defeat in the Les Phillips Cup on Tuesday evening. There was also a 1-1 draw in Somerset, where **Cheddar** scored in stoppage time to deny visitors, **Radstock**. With Town set to pick up a much-needed win thanks to Tai Bewes' opener, the Cheesemen finally got back on level terms with their final attack of the afternoon when George Fairchild fired home from the edge of the area. Back at the top, and it was another solid outing for **Bristol Telephones** and Liam McCracken, with the prolific frontman on target again during their 2-0 win over **Cadbury Heath**. A goal late in the first-half from Jordan Antsey set the Phones on their way, before McCracken struck just after the hour mark to maintain their unbeaten home start. A high-quality contest at the Athletic Ground went the way of the visitors, with Josh Pearce's goal 15 minutes into the second half helping **Avonmouth** edge past **Wells City** to join their hosts in the top-five. Two of the sides Avonmouth pulled clear of following that victory was **Mendip Broadwalk** and **Longwell Green** after they shared a 1-1 draw. All of the scoring action came early at Creswicke Road, with Connor Kingdon taking just two minutes to put Mendip ahead, before Aaron Sweete levelled things up for the away side. In the highest scoring game of the afternoon, **Almondsbury** held on against ten man **Welton** to win by three goals to two at West Clewes. Jaiden Holvor has been the Almonds go-too man in recent times, and that continued on Saturday, with his double twice edging his side in front during tough conditions on a wet-and-windy afternoon seen throughout the county. Lewis Russell was able to respond late in the first half to cancel out Holvor's first goal, but it became problematic after that when Welton were reduced to ten. Oliver Boyce headed Almondsbury further ahead ten minutes from time, and despite scoring through Mason Kelsey in the final minutes, Welton suffered another home defeat and remain rooted to the bottom. The other side without a victory are **Hengrove**, with their latest defeat coming in the form of a



1-0 reverse at home to a Richard Wathen-inspired **Keynsham** side. Elsewhere, **Warminster** eased to a 3-0 win at home to **Odd Down** *(pictured, left),* while a strong second half helped **Calne** come from behind to beat **Shirehampton** 3-1. Having trailed at the break to Caelen Simpson's opener, Town hit back through Ed Oatley to make it one-apiece after 55 minutes. Shirehampton keeper Harry Bridgeman then saved a penalty to keep the game level, but the Lilywhites didn't allow that spot kick failure to deter them, with Stu Windsor and Ousman Joof each netting during the final 15 minutes to complete the comeback victory.

Recent Results

Tuesday 30th September 2025

Premier Division

Sidmouth Town	3-0	Wellington

Les Phillips Cup – Preliminary Round

Almondsbury	3-1	Shirehampton
Bitton	0-6	Avonmouth
Brislington	0-1	AEK Boco
Keynsham Town	0-1	Paulton Rovers
Longwell Green	2-0	Calne Town
Oldland Abbotonians	4-2	Bristol Telephones
Radstock Town	2-4	Bradford Town
Sturminster Newton	1-3	Warminster Town

Les Phillips Cup Update

To see the draw for the next round of the Les Phillips Cup, and also look ahead to future round dates, please head to the following link on our website: https://www.westernleague.co.uk/news/les-phillips-cup-future-rounds



Saturday 4th October 2025

FA Vase – 2nd Round Qualifying

Helston Athletic	4-1	Stoke Gabriel & Torbay Police

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	3-1	Ivybridge Town
Bradford Town	1-0	Oldland Abbotonians
Bridgwater United	2-1	Clevedon Town
Paulton Rovers	2-0	Saltash United
Shepton Mallet	1-2	Sidmouth Town
St Blazey	2-0	Buckland Athletic
Street	6-0	AFC St Austell
Torpoint Athletic	1-0	Brislington
Wellington	3-3	Newquay

First Division

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

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 7th October 2025

Premier Division

Brislington	vs	Street	19:45KO
Nailsea & Tickenham	vs	Bradford Town	19:30KO
Oldland Abbotonians	vs	Bridgwater United	19:30KO
Paulton Rovers	vs	Shepton Mallet	19:30KO
Saltash United	vs	Helston Athletic	19:45KO
Sidmouth Town	vs	Ivybridge Town	19:30KO

Wednesday 8th October 2025

Premier Division

Buckland Athletic	vs	Barnstaple Town	19:30KO
Clevedon Town	vs	Wellington	19:30KO
Newquay	vs	St Austell	19:30KO
St Blazey	vs	Torpoint Athletic	19:30KO

Saturday 11th October 2025 (3pm kick off unless noted)

Premier Division

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

First Division

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

Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division

Deacon Thomson (Saltash) – 9
Jack Bray-Evans (Newquay) – 8
Curtis Damerell (Torpoint) – 8
Ryan Bush (Buckland) – 7
Luke Osgood (Clevedon) – 7
Olly Redd (Helston) – 7
Dan Tate (Ivybridge) - 7

First Division

Charlie Aldom (Avonmouth) – 8
Liam McCracken (Bristol Telephones) – 7
Jordan Pinder (Warminster) – 7
Elliot Bevis (Sturminster) – 6
Matt Brown (Longwell Green) – 6
Ryan Radford (Shirehampton) – 6
Jack Taylor (Wells) - 6

League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Clevedon Town	13	11	0	2	18	33
2	Paulton Rovers	14	9	2	3	18	29
3	Torpoint Athletic	11	9	2	0	15	29
4	Sidmouth Town	12	8	2	2	20	26
5	Saltash United	12	8	1	3	12	25
6	Helston Athletic	12	6	2	4	13	20
7	Barnstaple Town	11	6	2	3	13	20
8	Buckland Athletic	11	6	2	3	4	20
9	Bridgwater United	13	6	2	5	0	20
10	Bradford Town	13	5	4	4	6	19
11	Shepton Mallet	14	5	3	6	6	18
12	Newquay	11	5	2	4	6	17
13	Street	13	4	4	5	7	16
14	Ivybridge Town	13	5	1	7	-4	16
15	St Blazey	15	4	4	7	-8	16
16	Brislington	14	4	1	9	-9	13
17	Wellington	11	2	3	6	-7	9
18	Oldland Abbotonians	13	2	3	8	-10	9
19	Nailsea & Tickenham	12	0	2	10	-29	1*
20	St Austell	14	0	0	14	-71	0

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Devizes Town	12	9	3	0	20	30
2	Bitton	13	8	4	1	9	28
3	Bristol Telephones	12	8	1	3	5	25
4	Wells City	14	8	0	6	14	24
5	Avonmouth	11	7	3	1	9	24
6	Sturminster Newton United	12	7	2	3	19	23
7	Mendip Broadwalk	12	6	4	2	6	22
8	Longwell Green Sports	13	7	1	5	-4	22
9	Almondsbury	13	6	1	6	-5	19
10	AEK Boco	13	5	3	5	5	18
11	Warminster Town	13	5	2	6	1	17
12	Cadbury Heath	13	5	2	6	-1	17
13	Calne Town	12	4	3	5	-1	15
14	Odd Down	13	4	3	6	-5	15
15	Keynsham Town	12	4	2	6	0	14
16	Shirehampton	12	3	4	5	-5	13
17	Cheddar	13	2	4	7	-12	10
18	Radstock Town	12	1	3	8	-15	5*
19	Hengrove Athletic	13	0	4	9	-18	4
20	Welton Rovers	12	0	3	9	-22	3


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