

Latest Round-ups:

Premier Division: Torpoint Athletic have taken over ownership of top spot in the Western League after grinding out a 1-0 win at home to Bridgwater. Since losing 2-1 to the same opponent in mid-November, Torpoint's slender victory over the Somerset side extended their winning streak seven matches and finally saw them topple Clevedon at the top. The only goal of the game came in the 28th minute, with Sam Pearson poking home following a set piece, and the continued defensive excellence saw Torpoint complete the 1-0 win. There was also a home victory on Saturday afternoon for Barnstaple, with Josh Parry netting a hat-trick in their 4-1 defeat of Oldland Abbotonians. Parry gave Town the best possible start, opening the scoring after 30 seconds, and blowing off the cobwebs for a Barnstaple team who hadn't played a league game since Boxing Day! Gabby Rogers then met Brodie Montague's long throw to double the lead after 20 minutes, with Parry's second during first half stoppage time giving the home side a substantial advantage at the interval. The Abbots then threatened a fightback, scoring two minutes after the restart, but it was to be Parry's day, with Town's star man completing his treble five minutes from time. In the other game to beat the weather, Saltash travelled across the region and held on to beat Shepton Mallet 3-2. Having gone ahead midway through the first half courtesy of a Reece Thomson strike, the Ashes were pegged back in added time when Ali Sen scored from the spot to make it 1-1 at the end of the opening period. A curling effort from Fin Wilkes helped restore the visitors advantage, with Deacon Thomson then scoring shortly after to make it 3-1 after 70 minutes. Shepton piled the pressure on during the closing stages, and despite trimming the deficit through Fin Wilkinson, the hosts were unable to find an equaliser, with Saltash hanging on to move up into seventh spot.



Elsewhere, a Les Phillips Cup tie involving two Premier Division outfits saw Ivybridge secure an impressive 3-2 win away at Paulton Rovers. During a relatively even opening half, the Ivies had edged ahead courtesy of Jake Smelt, before the home side got back on level terms thanks to a solid finish from Wayne Nderemani. A Ryan Smith goal two minutes into the second half put the Devon side back ahead, with Kai Burrell then scoring number three, and that goal proved to be crucial after Paulton's Dan McBeam scored what turned out to be a consolation during stoppage time.

First Division: On a crazy day of action, both of the top two in the First Division fell to surprise defeats, with league leaders Devizes suffering their first loss of the league campaign away at Longwell Green Sports. Things looked to be going swimmingly for Town when Oaklan Buck fired them ahead, only for Longwell Green to turn the game in their favour courtesy of a goal and an assist from Shane Pierson midway through the first half. Having scored the leveller, Pierson then turned provider for teammate Laurent David-Wilson who lifted the ball over the Devizes keeper to make it 2-1 at the interval. It was then the home side who came out firing in the opening stages of the second half, and after a bundled finish put them 3-1 up, Liam Oswin was on hand to volley home number four just ten minutes after the break. The long unbeaten run was over for Devizes, with the Wiltshire side unable to make any inroads at all against a Longwell Green outfit who have climbed into the top half on the back of their own three-match winning streak. Second-placed Sturminster Newton were unable to take advantage of Devizes' slip-up, conceding late on to lose 2-1 away at mid-table Calne Town. A United victory would have taken them to the summit, but they were soon on the back-foot, conceding an own-goal to fall behind late in the first half. They did manage to get back on level terms after 70 minutes courtesy of a George Coleman effort, but it was the visitors who took home all three points with Charlie Warren scoring in the closing stages to bring an abrupt half to Sturminster's eight-match winning run.



There was also plenty of drama in the other mid-February fixtures, with Bristol Telephones pulling off an incredible late comeback to draw three-apiece with Almondsbury. Goals either side of the interval from Lewis Hughes and Harrison McCormack put the Almonds in control of the game, with leading scorer Liam Nicholls then making it 3-0 with less than 20 minutes remaining. What looked like a consolation strike from Phones forward Jamie Noble ended up being the catalyst for an incredible fightback, with Craig Wilson pulling the hosts within one at the beginning of stoppage time. It was then left for Nathan Curnock to complete Almondsbury's late heartbreak, with his leveller to make it 3-3 coming so late than neither side had time to push for a winner. Elsewhere, goals from Jack Jones, Mason Daggar and Jacob O'Donnell helped Mendip Broadwalk ease past ten-man Keynsham, while Shirehampton secured a 2-0 win away at Cheddar thanks to a debut strike from Dan Ntege and a smashed finish from Oscar Sealey late in the first half. Warminster secured their first win in six games, holding on to beat Radstock 2-1 thanks to goals from Tyson Pollard and Jordan Pinder. Those early strikes put the hosts two-up inside half-an-hour, and despite the Miners coming back into the game courtesy of a Jake Curtis penalty, it was Warminster who ended the afternoon on top. There was also a vitally important victory for Wells City, who claimed a slender 1-0 win away at Welton Rovers to move up into fourth spot. Having already played each other three times earlier this season, it was Wells who snuck home on this occasion, with the crucial goal coming 17 minutes from time to help them move within three points of top spot.

Podcast Episode 27

On the podcast this week, Ian is joined by Stoner, who gives an update on his recent visits, while discussing his role as the league's Social Media Manager. There is also an interview with Brislington's Designer & Artist duo Ken Borg and Jonathan Kelham, with the duo describing the genesis of their project at the club, while also touching on how it is adding value both on and off the pitch.

https://www.westernleague.co.uk/news/podcast-episode-27-1



Latest Results

Saturday 14th February 2026

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	4-1	Oldland Abbotonians
Brislington	P-P	Newquay
Shepton Mallet	2-3	Saltash United
Sidmouth Town	P-P	Helston Athletic
Torpoint Athletic	1-0	Bridgwater United
Wellington	P-P	Bradford Town

First Division

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

Les Phillips Cup

Paulton Rovers	2-3	Ivybridge Town

Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division
Ryan Bush (Buckland) - 23
Sam Beresford (Clevedon) – 17
Kitan Jaiyeoba (Paulton) – 17
Jack Bray-Evans (Newquay) – 16
Rhys Simmonds (Newquay) – 15
Jensen Wakefield (Bradford) – 13

First Division
Liam McCracken (Bristol Telephones) – 18
Jake Brown (Wells) – 16
Josh Pearce (Avonmouth) – 16
Jack Newman (Warminster) – 16
Harry Warwick (Wells) - 15
Elliot Bevis (Sturminster Newton) – 13

All Competitions
Ryan Bush (Buckland) - 30
Josh Parry (Barnstaple) - 22
Jensen Wakefield (Bradford) – 21
Rhys Simmonds (Newquay) – 20
Jack Bray-Evans (Newquay) – 19

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 17th February 2026

First Division

AEK Boco	vs	Almondsbury	19:30KO
Avonmouth	vs	Shirehampton	19:30KO

Les Phillips Cup

Cheddar	vs	Wellington	19:45KO
Devizes Town	vs	Bradford Town	19:45KO

Saturday 21st February 2026 (3pm kick off unless noted)

Premier Division

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

First Division

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



League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Torpoint Athletic	22	18	3	1	34	57
2	Clevedon Town	25	18	2	5	37	56
3	Paulton Rovers	22	14	4	4	42	46
4	Sidmouth Town	25	14	4	7	19	46
5	Buckland Athletic	25	13	6	6	26	45
6	Barnstaple Town	20	13	3	4	30	42
7	Saltash United	25	12	5	8	9	41
8	Newquay	22	12	3	7	20	39
9	Bridgwater United	26	11	4	11	-2	37
10	Bradford Town	26	10	6	10	4	36
11	Helston Athletic	24	10	3	11	-1	33
12	Ivybridge Town	23	9	2	12	-7	29
13	St Blazey	27	7	8	12	-19	29
14	Street	22	7	6	9	6	27
15	Shepton Mallet	26	7	6	13	-6	27
16	Wellington	21	5	4	12	-13	19
17	Brislington	24	5	3	16	-19	18
18	Oldland Abbotonians	20	2	2	16	-25	8
19	St Austell	23	0	0	23	-135	0

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Devizes Town	24	16	7	1	42	55
2	Sturminster Newton United	24	17	2	5	42	53
3	Avonmouth	26	15	8	3	14	53
4	Wells City	25	17	1	7	41	52
5	Bitton	26	14	8	4	14	50
6	Bristol Telephones	25	13	7	5	11	46
7	Mendip Broadwalk	25	11	6	8	3	39
8	Longwell Green Sports	28	12	3	13	-3	39
9	Calne Town	27	10	7	10	4	37
10	Almondsbury	23	10	6	7	0	36
11	AEK Boco	24	10	5	9	11	35
12	Warminster Town	25	8	8	9	3	32
13	Cadbury Heath	27	8	7	12	-20	31
14	Odd Down	24	7	5	12	-6	26
15	Shirehampton	24	6	6	12	-19	24
16	Radstock Town	23	4	9	10	-11	20*
17	Keynsham Town	27	5	4	18	-35	19
18	Cheddar	27	3	9	15	-36	18
19	Welton Rovers	24	4	3	17	-26	15
20	Hengrove Athletic	24	2	7	15	-29	13