JEWSON WESTERN LEAGUE 2025/26

BULLETIN #18

Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: It was an important couple of nights of Les Phillips Cup action, with six teams booking their spot in the quarter-finals. Among those moving onto the next round were a pair of First Division sides, with 18th placed **Cheddar** taking down higher-ranked opposition in the form of **Oldland Abbotonians**. Alfie Clarke had netted for the Premier Division side during the first half, but that was only good enough to be on level terms, with Jordan Sole scoring for the Cheesemen. The Abbots then missed a golden opportunity to go ahead, missing a penalty, and were made to pay, with Elliot Keen's deflected free-kick sending Cheddar through to the last eight. First Division leaders **Devizes** were also successful on Tuesday night, beating **Mendip Broadwalk** for the second time in three days. Having won 2-0 in the league fixture in Bristol earlier in the week, they repeated the trick in the cup, coming from behind to win by two goals to one. A 13th minute effort from Rohan Hartrey set Mendip on their way, before Devizes scored twice in quick succession through Simon Prangley and Jack Baker to complete the turnaround. Things were much more straight-forward for **Bradford Town**, with Stanley Pagett, Ashton Shanley and Jensen Wakefield all on target during their 3-0 win at home to **Boco**. The highest scorers of the round were **Street**, who stormed to a 6-1 victory over **Bridgwater United** following an inspirational performance from Lewis Morgan. Cobblers skipper Morgan was on target three times during a dominant first half to put his side in command of the tie. Zeph Collins then added a fourth for the home side, before substitutes Sam Stapleton and Shay Corrick both scored off the bench to add to the winning margin. Things couldn't have been much tighter in the night's other tie, with **Paulton** sneaking a 1-0 win away at the luckless **Welton Rovers**. Following 93 goalless minutes at West Clewes, Welton saw the prospect of a penalty shootout pinched from under their noses in the dying embers, with Tom Bradley's cross somehow sneaking in at the near post to give Paulton the slender 1-0 win *(Action from West Clewes above, courtesy of Jenny Short).*



24 hours later, and league leaders Clevedon weren't so fortunate, conceding a late equaliser, before losing on penalties at home to Shepton Mallet. After falling behind to Kieran Padfield's 15th minute opener, Clevedon hit back late in the first half when Luke Osgood won, and converted a penalty to make it one apiece at the break. Former Shepton frontman Jacob Sloggett then scored against his former side to put Clevedon 2-1 up, but the visitors showed great resolve and got back on level terms in the closing stages when Kavell Gayle dinked the ball over the home keeper. Town were unsuccessful with their first two spot kicks, the first of which was saved by Will Pope, while Mallet scored all four of their penalties to stun their hosts and move on to the quarter-finals.

There was also late drama in the only league game during the week, with Wellington scoring late on to complete their 2-2 comeback at home to Buckland. Things weren't looking good for the home side after 45 minutes, with Ryan Bush's opener followed by a Jamie Simmonds bullet header to put the Bucks two goals to the good. Home skipper Sam Towler led from the front for his side, volleying Wellington level midway through the second half, before then supplying the cross for James de Selincourt who headed home an equaliser two minutes from time.

Premier Division: Three different players registered hat-tricks on Saturday afternoon, in a day of high scoring up and down the division. For leaders Clevedon, it was Sam Beresford who led their charge at home to Helston, with his treble helping them come from behind to win 3-1. Helston have been in relatively decent form over recent weeks, so it wasn't a huge surprise when they went ahead midway through the first half when Noah Teagle found the top corner of the home net. Beresford then struck for the first time to make it 1-1 at the break, with his headed effort after 53 minutes then giving Clevedon their first lead of the afternoon. It was then left for Beresford to complete the win, with his third goal just after the hour mark helping Town to bounce back from some disappointment in the cup competitions. Another player to strike three times was Paulton's Kitan Jaiyeoba, with his goals helping lead Rovers to a thumping 5-1 win at home to St Blazey. After Kailan Gould had calmly slotted Paulton into a fifth minute lead, they were pegged back when their visitors scored from the spot. Jaiyeoba then scored a penalty of his own shortly after to put the hosts back ahead, with another goal from the front-man early in the second half giving them a 3-1 advantage. Gould turned provider for Chris Peck, who finished well to make it 4-1, with Jaiyeoba then completing his hat-trick midway through the second half, bringing an end to the scoring at the Winterfield Stadium. Going one better was Barnstaple's Josh Parry, with the in-form forward scoring all four goals in his side's comeback win away at Brislington. After falling behind late in the first half to a Jay Malpas strike, Parry scored a cracker to give Barnstaple a share of the spoils after 45 minutes. With the sides still level, and only 20 minutes left on the clock, Parry took over the contest, and after scoring the go-ahead goal, he then forced home another from close range to give Town a late two-goal lead. To end any hopes of a late Brislington fightback, Parry then added another goal to his tally in stoppage time to give Barnstaple their fifth successive win in all competitions. In the closest game of the afternoon, Jack Taylor's first half effort proved decisive in Bridgwater's 1-0 win at home to Bradford, while skipper Lewis Morgan was on the scoresheet again during Street's 4-0 defeat of St Austell, with all of the Cobbler's goals coming during a rampant first half.

Third-placed **Torpoint** made amends for some recent troubles, beating **Buckland** 3-1 thanks to goals in either half from Joe Rapson. An injury time effort from Rapson was all that separated the sides at the end of a tight opening half, with Buckland then getting back on level terms in the 65th minute thanks to a Toby Pullman goal. Torpoint, and Ryan Downing, then went straight back down the other end to retake the lead, with Downing then turning provider for Rapson who added the vital touch to make it 3-1 15 minutes from time. Up in second spot are **Sidmouth**, with four different goalscorers leading the Devonians to a 4-1 defeat of **Newquay**. After first-half strikes from Nathan Cooper and Jack Smith put the visitors in control, Harry Drew-Cull then scored on the hour mark to give Town a three-goal advantage. Craig Veal added his name to the scoresheet midway through the second half, with a late consolation from Lucas Potts all that Newquay had to show for their most disappointing performance in months.

First Division: Another big win for **Wells City** saw them jump up into second spot, and they are now just six points off the top after they defeated **Cadbury Heath** 6-1. Having beaten the same opponent 5-0 last month in a game which started their run of high-scoring victories, Jake Brown gave Wells a dream start by breaking the deadlock in just the tenth minute. There was then an equaliser for the hosts, before James Tait scored his first of the contest to put Wells back in front inside 20 minutes. Further first half strikes from Tait and Harry Warwick put City in complete control, with both players then also scoring during the opening minutes of the second period to end the game with three, and two goals respectively. Wells were only able to cut the gap at the top, after the sides who started the day in first and second battled out a stalemate, with the goalkeepers of **Devizes** and **Avonmouth** taking home the plaudits following their goalless draw in Wiltshire *(pictured, right).* The other side to end the day in the top four are **Bitton**, after they pulled off a dramatic second half fightback away at **Calne Town**.



Things looked to be going swimmingly for the Lilywhites, who took a two-goal lead to the break courtesy of a quickfire double from Dec McStravick and Jude Cawley. Bitton's Joe Carter then grabbed a crucial goal right at the beginning of the second half to trim the deficit, giving his side the belief they required to mount any kind of comeback. Carter was then on target again 15 minutes from time to bring the sides level, with Harry Simons completing the incredible turnaround at Bremhill View. There was also an impressive comeback from **Sturminster Newton**, with Buddy O'Shea and Jamie Danoris both on target during their 3-1 win at **Longwell Green**, while **Odd Down** rescued a point at the death in their home clash with **Cheddar,** making it 1-1 in stoppage time courtesy of a Jasper Morris equaliser. **Hengrove** became the 20th and final team to secure a league victory this season, after doubles from both Henry Winstone and Brad Skidmore helped them beat top-half opponent **Boco** by four goals to two. A second minute goal from Winstone looked like it was going to kickstart a back-and-forth contest, but it took more than an hour for the second goal to materialise, with Winstone striking again for 2-0. Skidmore then joined in on the fun, extending the lead to three, before Boco pulled a goal back through Charlie McCaw-Semple. Any potential nerves for the Grove were put to bed when Skidmore completed his brace five minutes from time, with Boco saving their best for last when Kailen Anderson scored an excellent consolation goal during stoppage time. Elsewhere, **Warminster'**s home clash with **Mendip Broadwalk** was abandoned due to a waterlogged pitch at halftime with the visitors 2-0 up following goals from Conor Biggins and Jack Jones.

Recent Results

Tuesday 18th November 2025

Les Phillips Cup Second Round

Bradford Town	3-0	AEK Boco
Cheddar	2-1	Oldland Abbotonians
Mendip Broadwalk	1-2	Devizes Town
Street	6-1	Bridgwater United
Welton Rovers	0-1	Paulton Rovers

Wednesday 19th November 2025

Premier Division

Wellington	2-2	Buckland Athletic

Les Phillips Cup Second Round

Clevedon Town	2-2	Shepton Mallet

Shepton Mallet win 4-2 on pens

Saturday 22nd November 2025

Premier Division

Bridgwater United	1-0	Bradford Town
Brislington	1-4	Barnstaple Town
Clevedon Town	3-1	Helston Athletic
Newquay	1-4	Sidmouth Town
Paulton Rovers	5-1	St Blazey
St Austell	0-4	Street
Torpoint Athletic	3-1	Buckland Athletic

First Division

Cadbury Heath	1-0	Wells City
Calne Town	2-3	Bitton
Devizes Town	0-0	Avonmouth
Hengrove Athletic	4-2	AEK Boco
Longwell Green	1-3	Sturminster Newton United
Odd Down	1-1	Cheddar
Warminster Town	A-A	Mendip Broadwalk

Leading Goalscorers

Premier Division

Ryan Bush (Buckland) - 16
Jack Bray-Evans (Newquay) – 15
Rhys Simmonds (Newquay) – 12
Curtis Damerell (Torpoint) – 10
Gabby Rogers (Barnstaple) – 10
Olly Redd (Helston) – 10

First Division

Harry Warwick (Wells) - 15
Liam McCracken (Bristol Telephones) – 13
Jack Newman (Warminster) – 11
Josh Pearce (Avonmouth) – 10
Jake Brown (Wells) – 10

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 25th November 2025

Premier Division

Helston Athletic	vs	Ivybridge Town	19:45KO
Sidmouth Town	vs	Barnstaple Town	19:30KO

Saturday 29th November 2025 (3pm kick off unless noted)

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	vs	Oldland Abbotonians	
Bradford Town	vs	Helston Athletic	
Brislington	vs	Torpoint Athletic	
Buckland Athletic	vs	Clevedon Town	
Ivybridge Town	vs	Shepton Mallet	
Saltash United	vs	Paulton Rovers	
Sidmouth Town	vs	St Blazey	
St Austell	vs	Wellington	
Street	vs	Bridgwater United	13:30KO

First Division

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

Podcast Episode 16

In this week's podcast, **Bradford Town** manager, Chris Carr, discusses the challenges of life in the Premier Division, while celebrating the role his side's supporters play in focussing on the positive. Ian also catches up with **Longwell Green** boss, Chris Alway, who explains why the highs of last season have set an expectation for the current campaign. There are also bonus interviews to enjoy, with Mr #FootyWatch catching us up on the games he's been watching recently, while Darren Perrin gives us more insight from his new book "I'm a Very Lucky Man".
https://www.westernleague.co.uk/news/podcast-episode-16-1



League Tables

	PREMIER DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Clevedon Town	18	14	1	3	22	43
2	Sidmouth Town	19	12	3	4	23	39
3	Torpoint Athletic	16	12	3	1	21	39
4	Paulton Rovers	18	11	3	4	22	36
5	Saltash United	17	11	2	4	15	35
6	Buckland Athletic	19	10	4	5	17	34
7	Barnstaple Town	17	10	3	4	23	33
8	Bridgwater United	20	9	3	8	0	30
9	Newquay	16	8	3	5	15	27
10	Helston Athletic	18	8	2	8	6	26
11	St Blazey	22	5	7	10	-17	22
12	Bradford Town	20	5	6	9	-4	21
13	Street	16	5	5	6	9	20
14	Ivybridge Town	17	6	2	9	-8	20
15	Shepton Mallet	18	5	4	9	-2	19
16	Wellington	17	5	3	9	-8	18
17	Brislington	19	5	2	12	-14	17
18	Oldland Abbotonians	16	1	2	13	-17	5
19	St Austell	19	0	0	19	-103	0

	FIRST DIVISION	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Devizes Town	19	13	6	0	34	45
2	Wells City	19	13	0	6	33	39
3	Avonmouth	18	11	6	1	15	39
4	Bitton	18	11	4	3	11	37
5	Bristol Telephones	18	11	3	4	9	36
6	Sturminster Newton United	17	11	2	4	26	35
7	Almondsbury	18	10	2	6	1	32
8	Mendip Broadwalk	17	8	5	4	5	29
9	AEK Boco	19	8	3	8	9	27
10	Longwell Green Sports	19	8	2	9	-13	26
11	Warminster Town	18	7	4	7	10	25
12	Cadbury Heath	20	7	4	9	-11	25
13	Calne Town	18	5	5	8	-3	20
14	Odd Down	20	5	5	10	-7	20
15	Shirehampton	17	4	5	8	-17	17
16	Keynsham Town	18	4	4	10	-8	16
17	Radstock Town	17	3	6	8	-10	14*
18	Cheddar	20	2	6	12	-28	12
19	Hengrove Athletic	19	1	5	13	-28	8
20	Welton Rovers	17	1	3	13	-28	6


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