JEWSON WESTERN LEAGUE 2025/26

BULLETIN #6

Latest Round-ups:

Midweek Action: Saltash United saw their 100% record in the Premier Division come to an end on Tuesday evening, after losing 2-1 at home to Barnstaple Town. Following a goalless first half, Barnstaple debutant Kalvin Lumbombo-Kalala finally broke the deadlock to put Town in front. The Ashes then hit back instantly thanks to a volley from Kieran O'Melia, but it was Barnstaple and Lumbombo-Kalala's night, with his second goal coming 15 minutes from time to complete the victory. It wasn't a high-scoring night of action, with Paulton Rovers among a trio of sides to win by one goal to nil. Dylan Gould's first half effort proved to be enough for Paulton, with the home side able to keep Oldland at bay for the remainder of the game to hold on for victory. Brislington won 1-0 at Nailsea & Tickenham thanks to Ben Withey's goal, while Wellington secured victory by the same scoreline away at Bridgwater following a long-range effort from Glen Wright in just the third minute. Street managed to hold on for a point, ending the game with nine men in their 1-1 draw at home to Bradford Town. Having gone ahead early in the second half through Charlie Bateson, the Cobblers were pegged back just after the hour when Josiah McKayle netted for the away side. Street then saw two players dismissed in the closing stages after picking up two yellow cards apiece, but were able to hang on to preserve their point. The spoils were also shared in Cornwall, where both Newquay and St Blazey struck in the closing stages of their dramatic 2-2 draw. After conceding to Teigan Rosenquest after half-an-hour, Newquay got back on level terms in first half stoppage time when Jack Bray-Evans converted from the spot. It then looked as though the home side had done enough to grab all three points, with Louis Price firing home a free-kick in the 88th minute to give them their first lead of the night. St Blazey weren't to be undone however, and they ended the game on level terms thanks to a brilliant 25-yard effort from Tom Strike during injury time. There was also a strong come-from-behind win for Sidmouth, with Zack Williams and Giles Basson scoring in their 2-1 home victory over Buckland Athletic. Wednesday's fixture was a relatively one-sided affair, with Torpoint score four unanswered goals before the break to help lead them to a 6-1 win at St Austell. Four different goalscorers helped propel the visitors into their dominant half-time lead, with Tom Payne, Ryan Richards, Sam Hepworth and Curtis Damerell all finding the back of the net. Payne then struck again, with St Austell grabbing a consolation prior to Dave Barker's stoppage time goal which wrapped up the big win at Poltair Park.



Debutant Kalvin Lumbombo-Kalala netted twice during Barnstaple's win at Saltash, courtesy of @Steve_Screech

In the First Division, **Odd Down's** first win of the campaign came in a grand manor, with the Bath side storming to a 5-1 victory at home to **Calne Town**. Having taken an early lead courtesy of Harley Prior's penalty, Odd Down were pegged back by the Lilywhites who levelled things up through Nat Bell. A goal late in the first half from Jack Kelsey restored the hosts' advantage, with Charlie Saunders then putting more distance between the sides after 65 minutes. Second-half substitutes Treyvond Anderson and Nick Taylor then got in on the act, both scoring during the final five minutes to put the cap on an excellent night for the club. There was also a home victory for **Devizes Town**, with second half goals from Jamie Walters and Rhys Talmash leading them past the previously unbeaten **Sturminster Newton.** Aidan Noble's 24th minute strike led **Bitton** to a slender 1-0 victory over **Longwell Green Sports**, while Elliot Keen scored the solitary goal in **Cheddar's** win at **Hengrove**. Among the other away winners were **Avonmouth**, with goals either side of the interval from Charlie Aldom and Alfie Taylor helping them to secure a 2-0 defeat of **Mendip Broadwalk**. There was also a dramatic late win for **Wells City** who overturned a half-time deficit to beat **Radstock** 2-1. After falling behind to Bill Tucker's deflected long-ranger, Wells got back on level terms midway through the second half thanks to a Harry Warwick penalty. With stoppage time underway, Wells pushed forward and managed to snatch all three points at the death, with off-season signing Jack Taylor making it 2-1 in the visitors favour. 2-1 was also the winning scoreline for **Shirehampton**, with goals inside the opening 15 minutes from Ryan Radford and Louis Snailham proving to be just enough to hold off a fast-finishing **Almondsbury** who struck late on through Cole Jones. Elsewhere that evening, **Welton** drew a fourth consecutive home tie, with Toby Cole scoring 12 minutes from time to help them to tie things up with **Warminster** who had led since the second minute courtesy of Jordan Pinder's early spot kick. Meanwhile on Wednesday, **AEK Boco** made it three wins on the bounce with Will Hailston's 65th minute penalty leading them to a 1-0 defeat of **Cadbury Heath**.

FA Cup Action: **Torpoint Athletic** pulled off an epic second half fightback away at **Royal Wootton Bassett** to qualify for the second round of qualifying in the FA Cup. As the only Jewson League side remaining in the competition, Torpoint were up against it on a wet afternoon in Wiltshire, and they struggled early on, falling behind in the 13th minute to a Marcel Lewis goal. Things got better after the break, and the Cornish outfit soon got back on level terms with Curtis Damerell firing home from the edge of the area. An amazing moment then saw Torpoint complete the turnaround, with Tom Payne spotting the home keeper off his line and then scoring from beyond halfway to make it 2-1 before the hour mark *(Torpoint pictured celebrating, right).* A potentially nervy finale was avoided when Ryan Richards wrapped things up in injury time, slotting home Torpoint's third and helping them qualify for the next round, the furthest they have ever reached in the FA Cup.



Premier Division: Clevedon Town powered to their sixth consecutive win to start the season, scoring twice in the opening ten minutes on their way to a 3-1 victory at home to Newquay. The Seasiders have been sharing the goals around in the opening couple of weeks, and Callum Eastwood was the latest player to put his name to the fore, scoring the two early goals in North Somerset. Newquay's Phil Lowry then struck late in the first half to give the visitors hope, but that was extinguished in the 70th minute when Seb Scott's effort squirmed through the hands of the keeper to double Clevedon's advantage. Unlike the midweek, there were a lot of high-scoring encounters on Saturday, with three sides enjoying 5-0 wins. One of those were Sidmouth Town, with the Devonians now enjoying a three-match winning streak after thumping Saltash United. The headlines would be dominated by the Sidmouth duo of Nathan Cooper and Louis Spalding, with both players scoring in either half to lead the hosts to victory. Finn Rooke then added a fifth towards the end, condemning the Ashes to their second defeat of the week. There was also a big home win for Oldland Abbotonians, with four goals in the final 20 minutes propelling them to victory over St Austell. After Mason Davis had put them ahead on the stroke of half-time, Cash Vinall's wonderfully taken free kick then doubled the Abbots lead as the game headed into the final quarter. Davis then struck again to all-but end the contest, before both Neikell Plummer and Jacob Saunders added further goals in the final minutes. Completing the hat-trick of 5-0 victors was Street, with twin brothers Eli and Zeph Collins leading the Cobblers to victory at St Blazey. After a pair of own goals had put Street two-up, Eli was teed up by his sibling to make it 3-0 to the away side in the 70th minute. Freddie Haden then fired into an empty net to extend the lead further, with the other Collins brother, Zeph, scoring the fifth and final goal during stoppage time.

The game of the day saw Brislington secure their second win on the bounce, coming out on top in a crazy eight-goal thriller at home to Bridgwater. Having claimed their first win of the season earlier in the week, Bris looked to be full of confidence, scoring four times during a non-stop first half which saw them build a two-goal advantage. Despite ending the afternoon on the end of a 5-3 defeat, it could have been so much more for Bridgwater, who pulled to within one goal in the 73rd minute when substitute Ben Bament scored with his first touch. It was Brislington who earned the victory however, and Paulo Borges took home much of the plaudits after notching a hat-trick, with further goals for the home side coming from Jayden Radway and Oaklan Buck. Barnstaple are also in their best form of the young season, with goals from Gabby Rogers and Adam Hill leading them to a 2-0 win at home to Paulton, making it three wins out of three in the last seven days. Buckland Athletic also prevailed on home soil, with the large crowd at Homers Heath treated to a 2-1 victory over Bradford Town. After a stylish finish from Ryan Bush had put the home side in front, Jack Baxter then squeezed the ball home shortly after to double the advantage. The action continued to pick-up as the first half came to an end, with Bradford grabbing their goal through Josiah McKayle, but that was as close as they came to a comeback and saw their winless run extend to four matches. Nailsea & Tickenham's tough start to the campaign continued at home to Ivybridge, with the visitors easing to a 4-0 victory at Fryth Way. Dan Tate's double was crucial for Town, scoring in either half to put his side two-up, with Josh Johnson then adding a third before substitute Kaycee Ogwu completed the scoring late on. Helston and Shepton Mallet will both be content with their starts to the campaign, with a 1-1 draw between the sides maintaining a spot in the top half.

First Division: Bristol Telephones came out on top in their home clash with Avonmouth, winning 3-2 to hand their visitors a first league loss of the season. In what was a crazy opening to the game, both sides flew out of the blocks, with the score locked at 2-2 after just 17 minutes of action. After Charlie Aldom had got the ball rolling for the away side after seven minutes, the Phones then struck twice in quick succession through Stefan lee and Jamie Noble to turn the game in their favour. Avonmouth's Josh Pearce then took his turn to add to the tally, and did just that to continue the incredible goalscoring action during the opening minutes. From there on, only one more goal was scored, and it came for the victorious Phones outfit, with Jamie Gregory striking ten minutes after the break to give them four straight home wins. There was also another home win for Wells City, with a 4-0 defeat of Almondsbury helping propel them to the top of the table at the end of the first month of action. Having already saved an earlier penalty, Almonds keeper Sam Burgess couldn't repeat the trick shortly after, with Wells skipper Ross McErlain converting from the spot to make it 1-0 in the 26th minute. The second half was slightly more one-sided, with James Tait doubling the lead in the early stages, before Jack Taylor then added a brace to complete Wells' third victory in the space of seven days. Devizes Town have also registered three wins in a week, one in the Vase, and two in the league, with a home victory over Welton moving them up into second spot. Things were looking comfortable for the hosts who led two-nil thanks to goals from Jacob Reader and Jon Bazley, but they were forced to hang on in the final minutes after a superb finish from Mason Kelsey got the Green Army back into the game midway through the second half. In some of the lower scoring contests, Louie Gurner's lone goal led Radstock to a 1-0 win over Cheddar, while ten-man Keynsham held on to claim a goalless draw with Calne Town. There was also a slender 1-0 victory for Cadbury Heath at home to Sturminster Newton, with Josh Williams' first minute goal proving to be enough to stay ahead of the Dorset side who went close on a couple of occasions in the closing stages.

There was plenty of entertainment elsewhere, with Shirehampton surviving a red card to cling on to their 3-2 win away at Warminster. Having powered into a two goal lead thanks to Will Baldwin's corner, and Ryan Radford's penalty, the visitors then saw Scott Bamford sent off late in the first half. Incredibly, they managed to add to their lead in the moments following Bamford's dismissal, with Radford grabbing his second on the stroke of half-time. Warminster came out firing after the break, and despite reducing the deficit through Jack Newman and Jordan Pinder, they were unable to find an equaliser against the ten-men. Another high-scoring encounter in Bristol saw Mendip Broadwalk hold off AEK Boco to win by four goals to three. Having taken a two-goal lead courtesy of Taylor Doyle and Rhys Hickery, Mendip saw their lead trimmed in first half stoppage time when Jordan Ricketts struck for the home side. Josh Gilborson then took over the game after the break, with his goalscoring double putting Mendip out of sight, with Boco sub Reeko Best and then Daniel Dyke's stoppage time effort proving to be too little, too late for the hosts. There was an impressive come-from-behind win for Bitton at Hengrove, with three second half goals from Mickey Parsons, Harry Neil and Joe Carter helping them overturn a 1-0 half-time deficit in Whitchurch. Meanwhile, Odd Down have suddenly turned into a free-scoring unit, following up their five-goal defeat of Calne in midweek by winning 4-1 at Longwell Green Sports on Saturday afternoon. Having led at the interval courtesy of James Hare, the Bath side then added a penalty early in the second half through Harley Prior. The same man was then on target again to extend the lead to three, with sub Treyvond Anderson completing the scoring, coming on and scoring with his first touch. There was a late consolation from Longwell Green's Matt Brown, but the home side will be licking their wounds having suffered three defeats in the space of a week.

Recent Results

Tuesday 26th August 2025

Premier Division

Bridgwater United	0-1	Wellington
Nailsea & Tickenham	0-1	Brislington
Newquay	2-2	St Blazey
Paulton Rovers	1-0	Oldland Abbotonians
Saltash United	1-2	Barnstaple Town
Sidmouth Town	2-1	Buckland Athletic
Street	1-1	Bradford Town

First Division

Almondsbury	1-2	Shirehampton
Bitton	1-0	Longwell Green Sports
Devizes Town	2-0	Sturminster Newton United
Hengrove Athletic	0-1	Cheddar
Mendip Broadwalk	0-2	Avonmouth
Odd Down	5-1	Calne Town
Radstock Town	1-2	Wells City
Welton Rovers	1-1	Warminster Town

Wednesday 27th August 2025

Premier Division

St Austell	1-6	Torpoint Athletic

First Division

Cadbury Heath	0-1	AEK Boco

Saturday 30th August 2025

FA Cup – First Round Qualifying

Royal Wootton Bassett	1-3	Torpoint Athletic

Premier Division

Barnstaple Town	2-0	Paulton Rovers
Brislington	5-3	Bridgwater United
Buckland Athletic	2-1	Bradford Town
Clevedon Town	3-1	Newquay
Helston Athletic	1-1	Shepton Mallet
Nailsea & Tickenham	0-4	Ivybridge Town
Oldland Abbotonians	5-0	St Austell
Sidmouth Town	5-0	Saltash United
St Blazey	0-5	Street

First Division

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

Upcoming Fixtures

Saturday 6th September 2025 (3pm kick off unless noted)

Premier Division

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

First Division

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

Podcast Episode 5

On the latest episode of the podcast, Ian is joined by Sidmouth Town boss, Billy Rouse, who reflects on their impressive start to life in the Jewson Western League. There is also a conversation with Calne Town's manager, Craig Kent, who discusses the Lilywhites focus on youth, and how he is tackling the transition for his side after the highs they enjoyed last season.

https://soundcloud.com/user-572891781/jwfl-season-25-26-ep5-280825



