



Jewson Western League Division One

Sturminster Newton United

Vs

Wells City

Saturday 8th February 2025

Kick-Off – 3PM

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The Home of Sturminster Newton United FC

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Away Hengrove Athletic Match Round up

Back to Bristol again on a Tuesday night for our rearranged match away to Hengrove Athletic. The earlier home match had ended up with a 3-0 win for the cherries, but this was an altogether tighter affair with honours even at 90 minutes. Fortunately we had several minutes of additional time to play and it was in the 97th minute that skipper Nick Hewlett stabbed a winner home to allow Sturminster to claim all three points and consolidate their position challenging for a play-off place.

The day's man of the match was Adam Hall.

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Next...

Next up after today's match at home to Wells City are Odd Down, another Western League fixture, this one rearranged from New Year's Day and then again a couple of weeks ago. After a good run recently, the Cherries will be keen to get into their first encounter with Odd Down.

Man of the Match v Hengrove Athletic

Adam Hall – kindly sponsored by South West Tyre Services

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Sturminster Newton United FC – History

In 1874 the club, which was then known as the Panthers FC, became the first ever club from the West Country to participate in the FA Cup, reaching the second round on three occasions.

In 1877-78 they played the legendary Wanderers in the first round but lost 9-1. In the 1890's their name was changed to Sturminster St Mary's, with the current name adopted in 1945.

They were among the founding members of the Dorset Combination in 1957, having previously played in the Dorset League. After leaving the league due to financial difficulties in 1960, they played in the lower Dorset Senior League until they re-joined the Combination in 1972. They remained in that competition (since 2002 known as the Dorset Premier League) until 2011, when they were relegated to the Dorset Senior League. During this time, they won the Combination Cup twice, in 1981 and 1995.

They moved from a public recreation ground to their own stadium in Honeymead Lane in 1996.

In 2011-12 under Gary Head, in his first full season in charge, the club won the Dorset Senior Trophy with a 1-0 win over Parley Sports at Wimborne Town. In 2021-22 under the management of Nick Squires the club won its second Dorset Senior Trophy, beating Merley Cobham Sports 2-1 at The County Ground, Hamworthy. In 2022-23 the club continued their success adding the Dorset Premier League Cup to the trophy cabinet beating Sturminster Marshall 4-1 at Wimborne Town. The 2023-24 season has been the most successful in the clubs history as they have won the Dorset Premier League for the first time and have gained promotion to Step 6.

Dorset League Division One Winners 1971-72

Dorset Senior Trophy Winners – 2011-12 and 2021-22

Dorset Combination League Cup Winners – 1980-81 and 1995-96

Dorset Premier League Cup Winners – 2022-23 and 2023-24

Dorset Premier League Winners 2023-24

Wells City FC - history

Wells City FC were formed on May 27th 1890 following a meeting at the Star Hotel in Wells. The club play their fixtures at what is known as the “Torfurlong” sports field, and win the first ever Somerset Senior league in 1891. B In 1892 the club retain the Somerset Senior league and join the Bristol & District league (which was the forbearer of the Western league). The visit to the Bristol & District league is brief with the club returning to the Somerset Senior League in 1893 and move to their current home the Athletic Ground.

The first ever Somerset Senior Cup is held in 1896 in which Wells City FC lost 4-0 to Radstock Town.

The Mid Somerset Senior League is formed in 1923, the club compete in both this league and Somerset Senior league, winning the Mid Somerset Senior League in its first inaugural season.

In 1929, the club and Radstock Town share the Somerset Senior League title and are invited to join the newly formed Western League. Wells remain in the Western League through to 1960.

Following the 2nd World War the club becomes professional on January 18th 1948, winning the Western league on goal difference in 1950, with the trophy being paraded by the team from the balcony at Wells Town Hall to a packed crowd in the marketplace below.

In the late 1950s the club have a difficult period, finishing bottom of Western league division 1 and are relegated in 1957. The club have mounting financial problems, culminating in 1959 in finishing bottom of Western League division 2 but remain a member of the Western League. The club return to Amateur status. Finally, the financial issues become too great and the club end their membership of the Western League after the League propose just one Division for the next season in 1960. This ends 31 consecutive years in the Western League (excluding 1940 to 1945 when the league was suspended for World War 2).

After a period of close to 50 years in the Somerset County League, in 2008 the club finish runners up in the Somerset County League and are

promoted back to the Western League. Unfortunately, promotion achieving Manager Mark Leaney resigns 24 hours before the clubs' first game in the Western League for over 50 years.

In 2010 the club win the Western League first division and are promoted to the Western League Premier division, they also reach the semi-final of the Somerset Premier Cup losing to Southern League Bridgwater Town 2-0. Unfortunately, in 2013 the club are relegated back to the Western League division 1.

After finishing runners up in 2016, the club are promoted back to Western League Premier Division, also winning the Somerset Premier Cup, beating Southern League Larkhall Athletic 2-1 in the Final at Weston Super Mare FC.

The recent years have been frustrating, in 2023 missing out on promotion after finishing third with 96 points, after holding a top 2 position for most of the season, including a run of 18 games unbeaten. The promotion play-off semi-final is lost 3-0 to Brislington. In 2024 the club finish fifth again achieving a place in the promotion play offs, but again losing the play-off semi-final 6-4 to Wincanton after leading 3-1 at half time.

In 2024 the club achieved a new record in Somerset football, with the Reserves winning the Somerset Senior Cup beating Sporting Weston 4-1 at Paulton Rovers FC and the 'A' team winning the Somerset Junior Cup beating Weston Town 3-1 at Middlezoy Rovers FC.

In the summer of 2024 ex Shepton Mallet and Paulton Rovers Manager Craig Loxton was appointed as first team Manager, with Jon Burr as his Assistant. They resigned on 23rd November. Shaun Potter Wells's Manager in the 2022/23 season and caretaker for a month in 2023/24 returned as Manager for his 3rd stint on 2nd December.

Club Honours

Somerset Senior League Winners: 1891, 1892, 1894, 1903, 1929

Somerset Senior Cup Winners: 1897, 1931, 1932 (shared with Radstock Town), 1938, 2007

Mid Somerset Senior League Winners: 1924. Somerset Charity Cup
 Winners: 1927, 1965, 1966. Western League Winners: 1950, 2010 (Division
 2)

Jewson Western League Div 1 Table (07/02/25)

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1	Hallen	29	21	5	3	50	68
2	Bradford Town	29	21	5	3	48	68
3	Calne Town	31	20	3	8	36	63
4	Bitton	29	19	3	7	27	60
5	Devizes Town	29	17	6	6	48	57
6	Longwell Green Sports	31	15	7	9	13	52
7	Sturminster Newton United	29	16	4	9	11	52
8	Wells City	27	15	5	7	30	50
9	Bristol Telephones	29	13	6	10	19	45
10	Shirehampton	29	13	6	10	1	45
11	Cribbs Reserves	31	13	4	14	3	43
12	Mendip Broadwalk	31	12	7	12	-8	43
13	Cadbury Heath	31	12	5	14	-2	41
14	Avonmouth	31	11	6	14	3	39
15	AEK Boco	28	11	4	13	-2	37
16	Radstock Town	27	8	4	15	-9	28
17	Hengrove Athletic	28	7	7	14	-9	28
18	Warminster Town	29	6	7	16	-36	25
19	Cheddar	29	6	6	17	-39	24
20	Odd Down (BATH)	30	5	6	19	-38	21
21	Keynsham Town	31	4	5	22	-66	17
22	Gillingham Town	30	1	5	24	-80	8

Squads

STURMINSTER NEWTON UNITED

No.	Goals	Sub
Theo Crane		
Nick Hewlett	9	
Jack Atkins		
Nansimir Nanev		
Elliot Bevis	11	
Billy Bright	4	
Ashley Clarke	5	
George Coleman	4	
Benjamin Cowley		
Jamie Danoris	2	
Jamie Thompson		
William Guppy	1	
Adam Hall	5	
Harry Smith	4	
Aaron Lane-Leney	11	
Robert Hathchard		
Owen Peart	1	
Buddy O'Shea	4	
Daniel Sansom		
Ryan Schouten		
Neil Sweatman	1	
Nick Thomson		
Levi-Blue Scott		

Nick Squires	Manager
Martin Silk	Asst Manager
Joshua Mead	Head Coach
Sam Stockley	Asst Coach
Mark Deakin	Coach/Medic

WELLS CITY

No.	Goals	Sub
Harley Wilkinson		
Finley Wilkinson		
Ollie Bryant		
Neal Martin		
Ross McErlain		
Kia Murrell		
Charlie Moon		
Charlie Crook		
Breaden Symes		
Harry Warwick		
Ali Sen		
Tom Ovigne		
Elliot Creely		
Conrad Peck		
Omari Simms		
James Bayliss		
Tom Smith		
Adam Wright		

Shaun Potter	Manager
Ross Padfield	Asst Manager
Harry Horton	
Josh Morris	
Steve Vowles	Phys

Kit: Red shirts, Red shorts, Red socks

Kit: Blue shirts, Blue shorts, Blue socks

Match Officials:

Referee: David Lilly
 Assistant 1: Paul Bell
 Assistant 2: Paul Timothy

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