



Jewson Western League Division One

Sturminster Newton United

Vs

Avonmouth

Saturday 1st November 2025

Kick-Off – 3PM

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Welcome to Barnett's Field

The Home of Sturminster Newton United FC

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Welcome from the Chairman

Welcome to Barnett's Field for this afternoon's Jewson Western League Division One fixture.

Our second season at this level still continues to go well for us. Our last home game against Bitton was a well fought draw that some thought we should have won. We have had some success on the road since then with wins at AEK Boco and at Welton Rovers in the league, and a massive win in the FA Vase at Okehampton Argyle to take us through to the FA Vase second round proper for the first time. We are the only team in the division that have reached the second round this season.

To turn our attentions to today's opponents, we welcome Avonmouth back to Barnett's Field this afternoon.

Avonmouth are currently sitting in fourth place, just two points ahead of us, so we would expect a fairly competitive game. We had two good matches against them last season, winning 2-0 at home just before Christmas, and grinding out a 2-1 win away, with Ben Cowley scoring a rare goal in time added on 90minutes to grab the points. Avonmouth finished 15th last season but are doing rather better so far in 2025/26.

Don't forget we play Portland United AWAY in the next round (2nd round proper) of the FA Vase on Saturday 8th November. **Kick off is at 3pm.** A coach will be provided for those that want to come along – please contact Debbie for details.

Finally, thank you all for your continued support home and away. It really does make a difference! Also welcome to any new supporters who are joining us on our journey. I think you will enjoy the experience.

Thanks to you all

Lee

Lee Bright
Chairman



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Since we were last here...

A busy few weeks since our last game at Barnett's field when we hosted Bitton, have included trips to AEK Boco and Welton Rovers in the league along with a first round proper FA Vase match down in Okehampton. A pretty successful few weeks collecting seven points from nine in the league keeping us in touch with the league leaders, and a win at Okehampton earning us a second round proper tie away to Portland United next weekend.

Saturday 4th October 2025

Sturminster Newton United 1 Bitton 1

Looking for a solid performance against Bitton, and that's what we got. The first half went well with a number of chances created by both sides, but nothing to break the deadlock and the teams went in goal-less at half time. The second half started well and just five minutes after the break, Billy Bright leapt high to meet a cross and the net rippled as Stur took the lead. They kept the lead for 15 minutes, but Bitton managed to grab an equaliser on 65 minutes. Despite the best efforts of both teams, neither could break the deadlock and it ended all square at 1-1.



Man of the match was awarded to Billy Bright

Saturday 11th October 2025

AEK Boco 0 Sturminster Newton United 2

In a match where The Cherries were very much in control during the first half, the home side managed to keep them to one goal, although they probably deserved more. A surging run on 18 minutes from skipper Nick Hewlett down the right wing led to him crossing the ball accurately into the path of Aaron Lane-Leney who made no mistake and thumped the ball into the back of the net.

The second half started well, and with less than five minutes of the half gone it was Leney that got on the scoresheet again slotting home a decent ball from the edge of the penalty area to give Stur a more comfortable lead, which turned out to be critical as the

home side got more into the game and indeed were in control for large periods of the second half. Everybody dug in deep though and 2-0 was good enough for a hard fought three points on the road.



Player of the match awarded to Theo Crane.

Saturday 18th October 2025

Okehampton Argyle 0 Sturminster Newton United 2 (FA Vase – 1st round)

A very Autumnal day in Okehampton, Stur managed to win the toss and kick uphill for the first half. Shortly before the drizzle and the wind got going this was looking to be a good choice as the first half proved tricky to play flowing football. However on 35 minutes, a goal from Elliot Bevis broke the deadlock and gave the travelling fans something to celebrate over their half time refreshments.

As The Cherries started the second half playing downhill there were some encouraging attacks and just before the hour mark Billy Bright rose like a salmon to head home Stur's second goal of the game. A flurry of substitutions followed as manager Nick Squires looked to manage the game to its conclusion, and as the weather worsened it became apparent that Stur would be in the hat on Monday as they created more chances but without adding to the score.



Congratulations to Ben Cowley, voted man of the match both in the dressing room and by the supporters.

Saturday 25th October 2025

Welton Rovers 1 Sturminster Newton United 4

Our first ever trip to Welton Rovers started well with Buddy O'Shea getting on the scoresheet within the first ten minutes. Stur pressure continued during the half creating a few chances but without a lot of luck, although luck was with them when one of Welton's forwards shot from distance and watched the ball crash against the underside of the bar and come back out. On a different day, who knows?

Shortly before half time, Stur had the ball in the back of the net again, but the shot glanced off a Cherries player in an offside position, so the half time break came along with just a single goal separating the two teams.

Second half goals started coming, with Elliot Bevis scoring 10 minutes in, and then again on 69 minutes for his second and Stur's third of the afternoon. Seven minutes later Adam Hall got himself on the scoresheet, and despite everybody's best efforts the final score – 4-1 to the visitors, keeping good pressure on the teams only slightly above us in the table.



Man of the match – Will Guppy

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. A great season first time around in the Jewson Western League Division One saw them finish a very credible eighth under Nick Squires.

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

History of Avonmouth FC

Avonmouth Football Club started as Avonmouth St Andrews back in 1919 when many clubs were formed straight after the horrors of the First World War with strong links to their local church, however the Avonmouth Rovers side of 1913 disbanded and joined St Andrews.

There have been a number of professional footballers who commenced their careers at Avonmouth, including brothers Ernie and Jack Brinton, Tommy Wright, Josser Watling, and probably the most famous, Roy Bentley who captained Chelsea to their first ever English Division 1 title and played for England as centre forward.

Over the years the club has won many honours at both junior and senior level including the Bristol and Suburban League top division title eight times. The last two years have been the club's most successful seasons in 105 years, winning the Premier Suburban League, the Suburban Bosley Cup and the first combined north and south Gloucestershire Senior Amateur Cup. The first team was then promoted to the Gloucestershire County League, which they won by 13 points leading to promotion to the Jewson Western League for the 2024/25 season. The club has experienced the ups and downs of sport and most significantly had to vacate its West Town Road ground in 1967 for the construction of the M5 motorway run-up to the River Avon road bridge. This meant playing fixtures at other grounds including Sea Mills Rec, Portway Playing Fields and Canford Park, enabling two senior and a junior side to continue.

The King George's Field Trust was compensated with a site at the end of Barracks Lane in Avonmouth as compensation but due to its poor construction was never going to be suitable for football. With the agreement of the rugby and bowls clubs, who make up the King George's Field Trust, and after considerable negotiations with the City Council, Avonmouth FC returned to Avonmouth Road in 1986 utilising the pitch vacated by Avonmouth Old Boys RFC and the clubhouse that had originated as a WW2 US Army building on the Kingsweston House estate.

Off the field the club has carried out numerous ground improvements since 2018, including new dressing rooms, social club extension, the installation of latest technology floodlights, new patio, entrance driveway and hard standing, plus planning permission for a spectator stand that all provide better facilities for club members and for local community events. These developments have been supported magnificently by many local companies and Avonmouth FC would like to thank them and they are featured in the match day programme.

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Jewson Western League

Division One table as at 25/10/2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Devizes Town	15	10	5	0	25	35
2	Bitton	16	10	4	2	12	34
3	Bristol Telephones	16	10	3	3	8	33
4	Avonmouth	14	9	4	1	11	31
5	Wells City	16	10	0	6	22	30
6	Sturminster Newton United	14	9	2	3	24	29
7	Almondsbury	16	9	1	6	-1	28
8	Mendip Broadwalk	14	6	5	3	3	23
9	Longwell Green Sports	15	7	2	6	-5	23
10	AEK Boco	15	6	3	6	11	21
11	Warminster Town	16	6	3	7	2	21
12	Cadbury Heath	16	6	3	7	-5	21
13	Calne Town	14	4	4	6	-3	16
14	Odd Down (BATH)	16	4	4	8	-8	16
15	Keynsham Town	15	4	3	8	-6	15
16	Shirehampton	15	3	5	7	-15	14
17	Cheddar	16	2	5	9	-14	11
18	Radstock Town	14	2	4	8	-11	9*
19	Welton Rovers	15	1	3	11	-25	6
20	Hengrove Athletic	16	0	5	11	-25	5

Today's squads

STURMINSTER NEWTON UNITED				AVONMOUTH			
No.		Goals	Sub	No.		Goals	Sub
	Theo Crane				Sam Brown		
	Nick Hewlett				Thomas Bradley		
	Jack Atkins				Tommy Taylor		
	Buddy O'Shea				Alfie Taylor		
	Elliot Bevis				Charlie Aldom		
	Billy Bright				Kyle O'Donovan		
	Ashley Clarke				Mark Williams		
	George (GC) Coleman				Josh Pearce		
	Benjamin Cowley				Cody Winkler		
	Jamie Danoris				James Ellis		
	Ryan Schouten				Kofi Martin		
	William Guppy				Tyrone Fudgell		
	Adam Hall				Mitch Wise		
	Harry Smith				Marcel Telfer-Ross		
	Aaron Lane-Leney				Sam Ford		
	Jensen Doerr				Theo Thordarson		
	George (W) Coleman				Ben Alison		
	Charlie Garrod				Zaid Samedi		
	Matthew Jobbins				Finn Williams		
	Ben Reed				Charlie Boorman		
	Ben Knight				Tom Cox		
	Ewan Barkess						
	Mal Benjamin						
	Denzil Gurung						
	Nick Squires	Manager			Ashley Bennett	Manager	
	Martin Silk	Asst Manager			Greg Chillcott	Coach	
	Joshua Mead	Head Coach			Catalin Andrei	Coach	
	Dan Stone	Coach			George Brown	Physio	
	Annie Lammas	Physio					
Kit: Red & Black shirts, Black shorts, Red & Black hooped socks				Kit: Yellow shirts, Yellow shorts, Yellow socks			

Match Officials:

Referee: Jack Clark
Assistant 1: Paul Freeman
Assistant 2: Holly Freeman