



Jewson Western League Division One

Sturminster Newton United

Vs

Radstock Town

Saturday 13th December 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 last home game was against Mendip Broadwalk two weeks ago. An early sending off gave us a few challenges, although a goal before half time helped us. A fantastic battle against a Mendip Broadwalk side that would not stop trying, but eventually a well deserved three points in what ended up as a good game of football to watch.

Last weekend we travelled to Hythe & Dibden, making history as we played in the third round proper of the FA Vase for the very first time. The home side scored just before 20 minutes, and although not a game of many chances, Stur fought well and created a few chances. What would have happened if we had scored late on? As The Cherries kept pushing for an equaliser, during the last couple of minutes the home side managed to break away and score their second. Final score 2-0 to the home side and we exited the Vase for this season. Great run in this competition in which the whole club can be immensely proud.

To turn our attentions to today's opponents, we welcome back Radstock Town to Barnett's Field this afternoon. Our previous two encounters, last season, ended with a stunning 0-0 draw at home, and a 2-1 victory on a wet night on the away leg. This is our first encounter this season. Currently they are at the "wrong end" of the table, although recent form shows a win and four draws from their last five league games.

Don't forget we play Sherborne Town at HOME in the next round of the Dorset Senior Cup on Tuesday, in the match rearranged after this week's heavy rain. **Kick off is at 7.45pm.**

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...

Since our last game at Barnett's field when we hosted Mendip Broadwalk, we have taken a trip to Hythe & Dibden in the third round proper of the Isuzu FA Vase in our record breaking run in the competition. Whilst we were unsuccessful, we can be immensely proud of our achievements in this competition.

Saturday 29th November 2025

Sturminster Newton United 1 Mendip Broadwalk 0

An 18th minute sending off did little to help us in the early exchanges in this match. On around 35 minutes though Ben Reed let loose a shot which on another day would have rippled the net but was deflected towards Elliot Bevis who was able to finish the job with a tap in at the far post to take the lead and carry this into the half time break.

Although defending resolutely, this was not a game where the bus got parked for 45 minutes, and both sides had chances to affect the result, however the visitors were unable to break down the home defence and the game ended with the Bevis goal separating the two teams. Three points!



Man of the match was awarded to Ben Cowley.

Saturday 6th November 2025

Hythe & Dibden 2 Sturminster Newton United 0 – FA Vase 3rd round

A record breaking day for Sturminster Newton United as we played in the third round proper of the FA Vase for the very first time. A packed coach and lots of fans travelling by car ensured a large Cherries following in the crowd of 130 at Hythe & Dibden. The home club had worked hard on the pitch and had managed to get it playable, unlike many other Vase matches in the area!

Stur started very much the better and for the first 15 to 20 minutes looked like they might score first. However this was not to be and following a mix up in midfield which led to a home free kick, Hythe & Dibden broke through the reds' resolute defence to take the lead with just prior to 20 minutes on the referee's watch.

The match continued in an exciting manner, and although hardly a classic, looked like and equaliser might just come along, with a couple of late chances falling to the visitors, but they were not converted. Finally, as Stur continued to commit men forwards, the home side broke through to score their second and final goal on 90+5 minutes.

Disappointing that we didn't get a better result, but immense pride with our achievement – well done the Cherries and best of luck to Hythe & Dibden on their next round draw away to either Hallen or Hamworthy Rec who should decide their match this afternoon.



Man of the match awarded to 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 Radstock Town FC

The roots of RTFC date back to the early 1880's when a group of young working men in the town started arranging association football matches against other local villages alongside the quoits fixtures that was the best supported sport in the area at the time!

Match reports have been found in the local press from as early as 1883 with games against Warmley and Shepton Mallet both describing eventful games.

In the early years the club swapped between the Somerset & Western League on a fairly regular basis and in some cases both in the same season!

In September 1920 the club moved to it's existing home at 'the South field'.

The first game was in the FA Cup against Warminster Town, a crowd of 700 watched the home side win 1-0. Apparently the clubs committee were very pleased!

The club collected its first piece of silverware in 1895 when they won the inaugural Somerset Senior Cup competition, beating Wells City 4-0 in a replay following a 1-1 draw in the first game. The estimated attendance over the two games was 6,000!

The crowd photograph, bottom left, shows supporters trying to get into Southfield for an FA Cup tie against Bath City in 1928, a game the club won 2-0, the recorded attendance was 2800.

The highest recorded crowd at Southfield is 3773 for an FA Cup fourth qualifying game against Yeovil & Petters United, now Yeovil Town FC in 1937. The team lost 3-0 and it remains the furthest the club has reached in a National Competition.

The club has experienced both successful and challenging periods throughout its long history but throughout it has remained closely connected to its mining and railway roots.

A social club was established in 1930 to raise funds for the club's development, ultimately achieving its goal of having its own clubhouse.

The club has won the Somerset Senior Cup on 13 occasions and also finished as runners-up a further 13 times!

Success in league competitions has been harder to come by but the club has been crowned champions of the Somerset Senior / County League six times and 4 times of the Wiltshire League.

However, despite having been members of the Western League for 76 seasons the best position achieved has been runners up in the first division which has happened on three occasions in 1920/21, 1985/86 & 2023/24.

The 1960's & 70's were the most successful in the club's long history when they won a remarkable 12 league titles and an equal number of cups!

Promotion to the Western League division one was achieved at the end of the 78/79 season and to the Premier in 85/86 before dropping into div' one in 1991. Things didn't improve though and relegation to county football came at the end of the 93/94 campaign.

Western League status was once again achieved at the end of the 2003/04 season and promotion to the Premier followed in May 2005.

A financial crisis led to relegation back to division one at the end of the 2013/14 season.

The club's financial issues were threatening its very existence and as a consequence the club committee embarked on a plan to 'steady the ship' and deliver a sustainable future.

As well as a concerted effort to find ways to improve playing performances the club needed to introduce measures to improve the facilities at Southfield which were in a poor state and in need of a major upgrade.

The club has developed a five year strategy that will see it focus on youth football and closer ties with the local community, as well as launching a 'Net Zero 25-30' plan that will see the club be carbon neutral by 2030.

And so the story goes on ...

Next match at Barnett's Field

Next up at home we welcome Sherborne Town in the Dorset Senior Cup on Tuesday 16th December – KO at 7.45pm. This is the match rearranged from last week when the rain beat us.

Sherborne Town are currently sitting eighth in the Wessex League Premier Division so will represent a tough challenge. But then we have done quite well with tough challenges recently, so come along and watch the Cherries battle it out with the Zebras.

In pre-season we played them at home, but lost 2-1 to a late late goal.

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible to cheer on the Cherries.

See you all here on the sixteenth!

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Jewson Western League

Division One table as at 10/12/2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Devizes Town	20	14	6	0	38	48
2	Wells City	20	14	0	6	37	42
3	Avonmouth	19	11	7	1	15	40
4	Sturminster Newton United	18	12	2	4	27	38
5	Bitton	19	11	5	3	11	38
6	Bristol Telephones	19	11	4	4	9	37
7	Almondsbury	19	10	3	6	1	33
8	Mendip Broadwalk	18	8	5	5	4	29
9	Longwell Green Sports	20	9	2	9	-8	29
10	AEK Boco	19	8	3	8	9	27
11	Warminster Town	19	7	4	8	5	25
12	Cadbury Heath	22	7	4	11	-19	25
13	Calne Town	19	6	5	8	1	23
14	Odd Down (BATH)	20	5	5	10	-7	20
15	Shirehampton	17	4	5	8	-17	17
16	Keynsham Town	19	4	4	11	-12	16
17	Radstock Town	18	3	7	8	-10	15 *
18	Cheddar	21	2	7	12	-28	13
19	Hengrove Athletic	19	1	5	13	-28	8
20	Welton Rovers	17	1	3	13	-28	6

* adjustment made

Today's squads

STURMINSTER NEWTON UNITED				RADSTOCK TOWN			
No.		Goals	Sub	No.		Goals	Sub
	Theo Crane				Tom Crouch		
	Nick Hewlett				Kai Williamson		
	Jack Atkins				Tommy Nairn		
	Buddy O'Shea				Tom Molloy		
	Elliot Bevis				Saracen Yates		
	Billy Bright				Luke Ingram		
	Ashley Clarke				Bill Tucker		
	George (GC) Coleman				Alfie Burr		
	Benjamin Cowley				Sonny Richards		
	Jamie Danoris				Louie Gurner		
	Ryan Schouten				Joel Kirby		
	William Guppy				Danny Carpenter		
	Adam Hall				Jimmy Redfern		
	Harry Smith				Harry Grimsey		
	Aaron Lane-Leney				Stan Ford		
	Jensen Doerr				Lewis Wheeler		
	George (W) Coleman				Dyllan Angishan-Law		
	Charlie Garrod				Tai Bewes		
	Matthew Jobbins				Michael Calverley		
	Ben Reed				James Rustell		
	Ben Knight						
	Denzil Gurung						
	Mal Benjamin						
	Nick Squires	Manager			Ian Lanning	Manager	
	Martin Silk	Asst Manager			Ollie Millett	Asst Manager	
	Joshua Mead	Head Coach			Toby Mitchelmore	Coach	
	Dan Stone	Coach			Neil King	GK Coach	
	Annie Lammas	Physio					
Kit: Red & Black shirts, Black shorts, Red & Black hooped socks				Kit: Blue & Orange shirts, Orange shorts, Blue socks			

Match Officials:

Referee: Ashley Harris
Assistant 1: Mark Chinnock
Assistant 2: Roger Hughes