



Jewson Western League Division One

Sturminster Newton United

Vs

Cheddar

Tuesday 17th March 2026

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 evening's Jewson Western League Division One fixture.

Our last home game in the league was on Saturday against Cadbury Heath. In the away fixture, we had lost 1-0 to a very early goal, and we were obviously keen for that not to happen in the home match! The first half ended goalless as both sides looked to gain an advantage, but despite chances created, neither side could get the upper hand. Then two minutes into the second half, Buddy O'Shea managed to squeeze home a shot for the only goal of the game, despite a nervy second half (for the spectators at least). Well done to Nick and the boys on a hard fought three points to keep us in top place.

To turn our attentions to today's opponents, we welcome back Cheddar to Barnett's Field this afternoon. Our first encounter against Cheddar in our previous home match against was our very first match at step 6, and we ended up sharing the points in a 1-1 draw, despite having much the better of play. We have since travelled to Cheddar twice in the league and won 2-0 last season and 4-1 this season. Whilst the signs are good, we can never underestimate any team in this league. Lets see what the final whistle brings!

Our next home match is in the league this Saturday when we entertain Devizes Town in what is currently a first v second encounter. Should be a good game and I can only hope that we come out on top, especially with Devizes playing Wells tonight.

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...

Our last game at Barnett's field was on Saturday when we hosted Cadbury Heath in the league. This result went well for us as we won by 1 goals to 0. The match was well attended with 133 paying spectators at the game.

Saturday 14th March 2026

Sturminster Newton United 1 Cadbury Heath 0

Back in August, the fixture at Cadbury Heath did not go according to plan, and we ended up losing to a very early goal. So the lads will have been determined not to let history repeat itself! Like Keynsham Town a couple of weeks ago, our opposition did not demonstrate the level of football that their league position might indicate. Instead, for the early parts of the first half they kept the Cherries' defence busy as they tried to get the upper hand. The red wall held though whilst we created a few chances at the other end, and probably had the better of the half, but no score at half time.

It was early in the second half when Buddy O'Shea got on the end of a loose ball from close range and buried it in the back of the Cadbury Heath net. Several chances were created and forced a couple of good saves from the Heath keeper. Although the visitors applied pressure, none amounted to much and Theo crane although involved was never put under too much pressure.

A hard earned three points though, and we retain our lead at the top of the table, which is good considering everybody else in the top six also won today. Eight games to go!



Man of the match was awarded to Moss Jackson-Collis.

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 Cheddar FC

Cheddar Football Club was established in 1892, playing at the local cricket ground near the then Cheddar railway station on the Strawberry Line. The Cheddar Valley League, of which the Cheese Men were one of the founders, was formed in the 1900's. A couple of years after winning the league in 1911, the club joined the Western & District League and moved to a new ground where the Kings of Wessex Academy playing fields are now situated.

A historic £1500 investment in 1952 allowed the club to relocate to the current ground, Bowden's Park, after re-joining the Cheddar Valley League shortly after the Second World War.

The 'shack', as it was affectionately known opened in 1981 as a licensed facility providing the foundation for future Somerset County League success and was converted into the current clubhouse in 1987.

To coincide with the centenary year in 1992, the club built new changing rooms and installed flood lights, allowing evening matches to be hosted. Cheddar FC then advanced to Somerset County League Premier Division in 2004 and in 2011 gained promotion to the Western League Division 1 for the first time.

Cheddar has continued to look to progress each season and as recently as 2018/19 had a second-place finish which usually would have guaranteed promotion to the division above. This was complimented by a good run to the second preliminary round of the FA Cup and the second round of the FA Vase.

The added introduction of the play-off system gave a new dynamic to the 2021/22 season where we finished 1 point outside the play-offs in what was an enthralling final game of the season.

2022/23 was a transitional period following the departure of several of the "old guard" players resulting in an opportunity for the previous seasons reserve team to step up which they duly did so and secured our position in the Western League for the 2023/24 season where we struggled to find our rhythm but did survive due to a reprieve to be here in the newly named Jewson Western League for the 2024/25 season.

2024/25 Season proved to be a step forward under new manager Ethan Spencer who guided us to finish just above the relegation zone as we look to progress and improve further this season.



Next match at Barnett's Field

Next up at home we welcome Devizes Town for our Jewson Western League Division One match on Saturday 21st March 2026 – KO at 3pm.

Devizes Town are currently sitting second in the table, but their recent form has taken a dip with them losing three league games in recent weeks. They have a tough schedule, playing Wells City tonight, ourselves on Saturday, and Bristol Telephones next Tuesday.

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

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Jewson Western League

Division One table as at 14/03/2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Sturminster Newton United	30	22	3	5	56	69
2	Devizes Town	30	20	7	3	52	67
3	Wells City	30	21	1	8	49	64
4	Avonmouth	30	17	9	4	18	60
5	Bitton	31	17	9	5	15	60
6	Bristol Telephones	30	17	7	6	23	58
7	AEK Boco	31	13	7	11	14	46
8	Mendip Broadwalk	30	12	8	10	0	44
9	Longwell Green Sports	32	13	4	15	-4	43
10	Warminster Town	32	11	9	12	6	42
11	Almondsbury	27	11	6	10	-5	39
12	Calne Town	32	10	8	14	-3	38
13	Odd Down (BATH)	30	10	7	13	-5	37
14	Cadbury Heath	31	9	7	15	-23	34
15	Shirehampton	30	8	6	16	-24	30
16	Radstock Town	30	5	12	13	-21	26 *
17	Keynsham Town	32	7	5	20	-38	26
18	Welton Rovers	29	7	4	18	-24	25
19	Cheddar	31	3	10	18	-46	19
20	Hengrove Athletic	30	2	9	19	-40	15

* adjustment made

OWNERSHIP STATEMENT:

Sturminster Newton United Football Club

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Company number: 05153583



Next first team fixtures

Jewson Western League – Division One

Saturday 21st March – Devizes Town (home)

Saturday 28th March – Shirehampton (away)

Friday 3rd April – Warminster Town (away)

Monday 6th April – AEK Boco (home)

Reserves fixtures for March

Dorset Football League – Division 2

21st March

Poundbury (away)

28th March

Swanage Town & Herston Res (Home)

Today's squads

STURMINSTER NEWTON UNITED				CHEDDAR			
No.		Goals	Sub	No.		Goals	Sub
	Theo Crane				Will Creaser		
	Nick Hewlett				Tom Davies		
	Jack Atkins				Lewis Jennings		
	Buddy O'Shea				Jake Buxton		
	Elliot Bevis				Orrin Durrant-Yanv		
	Billy Bright				Toby Hucker		
	Ashley Clarke				Ryan Eardley		
	George (GC) Coleman				Blake Longden		
	Benjamin Cowley				Elliot Keen		
	Jamie Danoris				Fletcher Hann		
	Ryan Schouten				Harry Roynon		
	William Guppy						
	Adam Hall				Subs from:		
	Sean Hart				Liam Bailey	Louis Bush	
	Aaron Lane-Leney				Charlie Biggs	Oliver Hucker	
	Jensen Doerr				Billy Chappell	Finley Mudditt	
	George (W) Coleman				George Fairchild	Jack Nash	
	Ben Knight				Jackson Gillard	Daniel Ntege	
	Moss Jackson-Collis				Joseph Matique	Sam Talbot	
	Ben Reed				Scott Peters	Travis Yule-Turner	
	Elliot Pearce-Eavis				Lucas Smith	Jordan Sole	
					Morgan Bacon	Jack Busby	
					Lewis Chappell	Joel Frost	
	Nick Squires	Manager			Phil Hucker	Manager	
	Martin Silk	Asst Manager			Matt Huxtable	Asst Manager	
	Joshua Mead	Head Coach			Ryan Llewellyn	Asst Manager	
	Dan Stone	Coach			Bruce Harvey	Physio	
	Annie Lammas	Physio					
Kit: Red & Black shirts, Black shorts, Red & Black hooped socks				Kit: Yellow Shirts, Black Shorts, Yellow Socks			

Match Officials:

Referee: Kevin Rodd
 Assistant 1: Mark Chinnock
 Assistant 2: Christopher Martin