



Jewson Western League Division One

Sturminster Newton United

Vs

Devizes Town

Saturday 21st March 2026

Kick-Off – 3pm

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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 in the league was on Tuesday when Cheddar were the visitors. Cheddar set up well at the back and proved difficult to break down, although we created a lot of chances. Cheddar scored first when a free kick in midfield somehow got past the defence and the visitors put the ball past Theo Crane to take the lead. It looked like the game was gone, until Sean Hart stepped up and equalised right on 90 minutes. With the news that the referee had added on ten minutes this seemed to give Stur belief and it was 5 minutes into stoppage time when skipper Nick Hewlett rose to head the ball home for a deserved winner. A great three points, job done and we move on to the next game.

To turn our attentions to today's opponents, we welcome Devizes Town back to Barnett's Field this afternoon. Devizes Town currently sit two points behind us in second place so it's a classic "six-pointer" today. Whilst they have come out on top on their home games both last season and this, we made home advantage count in our home game last season when we ran out worthy 4-1 winners. Let's hope we can repeat that today.

Our next home match is in the league on Easter Monday when we host AEK Boco in our final home league fixture. Should be a good game and I can only hope that we come out on top, and finish our home matches in style.

Special thanks today to Greene King, who supply us with our bar stocks. They are sponsoring today's match and the man of the match award.

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 Tuesday when we hosted Cheddar in the league. This result went well for us as we won by 2 goals to 1. The match was well attended with no shortage of excitement.

Tuesday 17th March 2026

Sturminster Newton United 2 Cheddar 1

Stur created a fair few chances in the first half when they managed to break through the well-disciplined cheese wall. However, come half time, despite several promising attacks the game had no goals. The second half started in much the same way, but Stur couldn't find a way through and continued to be frustrated by the yellows' defence. When the goal did come, it was the visitors that scored. An insignificant free kick in midfield got pumped forward and ended up with the Cheddar forwards budling the ball over the line to take the lead. Clearly, they hadn't read the script!

Despite continual pressure and several stoppages for visiting players with cramp, the game was coming to a close, when finally, Sean Hart managed to get a shot past the away keeper to bring the scores level at 1-1. With no time to celebrate the goal the Cherries got straight back on with the game, spurred on by the call of 10 minutes from the referee when asked how long to go! It was five minutes in when sipper Nick Hewlett found himself in space in the six-yard box and was able to head a cross past the keeper to take a 2-1 lead. The next five minutes plus saw the ball spend a lot of time by the corner flag as Stur managed out the game without further incident. The 2-1 scoreline keeping us at the top of the vision, just two points ahead of Saturday's visitors Devizes Town.

Credit must also be given to a well organised approach from Cheddar tonight. In particular their goalkeeper who we were told is a midfielder for their reserves in real life! You would never have known it!



Man of the match was 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 Devizes Town FC

Devizes Town FC was established in 1884 as Southbroom Football Club. In 1898, Southbroom and other smaller clubs amalgamated to form Devizes Town Football Club and in their first season won the Wiltshire League as well as reaching the first round proper of the FA Amateur Cup and the Wiltshire Cup Final.

After the Second World War the club moved to its current home at Nursteed Road. In the Wiltshire Senior Cup, the team appeared in every final between 1956/57 and 1962/63 winning six out of the seven finals. In the 1961–62 season, the club achieved a treble by winning the County Senior Cup, Premier League Championship and the League Subsidiary Cup.

In 1967, the club joined the Western League, and in the 1972–73 season, managed by Ken Owens, the club won the Western League Championship and the Subsidiary Cup. Devizes stayed in the top division for a further three years but were then relegated to Division One. For four seasons the club remained in Division One but returned to Western League Premier as Division One Runners-up in 1979–80.

The 1999–2000 season under manager Brian Newlands saw the club promoted back to the Western Premier league as Division One title winners. The club stayed in the Premier Division until the 2008–09 season and remained in the First Division until losing their Western League status and switching to the Wiltshire League in 2022, promotion back to step 6 followed the following year.

In 2023 under the new Chairmanship of Dan Sloan & Tom Perkins the club appointed Chris Allen as First Team Manager and finished 5th in the Hellenic First Division. The following season saw Devizes Town return to the Jewson Western League Division for the 2024/25 season, finishing third and losing in the play offs. The club achieved its first silverware for 25 years by winning the Wiltshire Senior Cup beating Wroughton 3-0 in the final.

In 2025 our Nursteed Road home was re-named the Grist Environmental Ground following a partnership agreement and financial investment from local company Grist Environmental.



Next match at Barnett's Field

Next up at home we welcome AEK Boco for our Jewson Western League Division One match on Easter Monday 6th April 2026 – KO at 3pm.

AEK Boco are currently seventh in the table but some way behind the leading six teams. We have had some good games against them, winning 2-0 away from home earlier in the season and two 1-0 victories against them last season.

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible to cheer on the Cherries on Saturday in their final home league game of the season!

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Jewson Western League

Division One table as at 19/03/2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Sturminster Newton United	31	23	3	5	57	72
2	Devizes Town	31	21	7	3	53	70
3	Wells City	31	21	1	9	48	64
4	Avonmouth	31	18	9	4	19	63
5	Bristol Telephones	31	18	7	6	24	61
6	Bitton	32	17	9	6	14	60
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	28	12	6	10	-1	42
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	30	7	4	19	-25	25
19	Cheddar	32	3	10	19	-47	19
20	Hengrove Athletic	31	2	9	20	-44	15

* adjustment made

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Sturminster Newton United Football Club

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Next first team fixtures

Jewson Western League – Division One

Saturday 28th March – Shirehampton (away)

Friday 3rd April – Warminster Town (away)

Monday 6th April – AEK Boco (home)

Saturday 11th April – Avonmouth (away)

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				DEVIZES TOWN			
No.		Goals	Sub	No.		Goals	Sub
	Theo Crane				Callum Hotine		
	Nick Hewlett				Luke Lecrass		
	Jack Atkins				Caleb Summerfield		
	Buddy O'Shea				Danny Bowyer		
	Elliot Bevis				Luke Hall Cousins		
	Billy Bright				Jon Bazley		
	Ashley Clarke				Sam MacFarlane		
	George (GC) Coleman				Dan Skinner		
	Benjamin Cowley				Will Thomson		
	Jamie Danoris				Matt Swann		
	Ryan Schouten				Jay Walters		
	William Guppy				Alex Henshall		
	Adam Hall				Jack Baker		
	Sean Hart				Jacob reader		
	Aaron Lane-Leney				Dan Demkiv		
	Jensen Doerr				Sam Jordan		
	George (W) Coleman				Kieron Glead		
	Ben Knight				Oaklan Buck		
	Moss Jackson-Collis				Josh Parsons		
	Ben Reed				Callum Parsons		
	Elliot Pearce-Eavis				Sean Keet		
					Joel Smedley		
	Nick Squires	Manager			Chris Allen	Player/Manager	
	Martin Silk	Asst Manager			Luke Hopper	Player/Asst Mgr	
	Joshua Mead	Head Coach			Sam Ockwell	Asst Manager	
	Dan Stone	Coach			Nath Sheridan	Coach	
	Annie Lammas	Physio			Tom North	Coach	
Kit: Red & Black shirts, Black shorts, Red & Black hooped socks				Kit: Blue Shirts, Blue Shorts, Blue Socks			

Match Officials:

Referee: Daniel Hughes
 Assistant 1: Timothy Paul
 Assistant 2: Benjamin Taylor