



Jewson Western League Division One

Sturminster Newton United

Vs

Gillingham Town

Thursday 17th April 2025

Kick-Off – 7.45PM

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The Home of Sturminster Newton United FC

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Our new stand – official opening

Today sees the official opening of our new seated accommodation. The ceremony will be carried out shortly before presentation of the teams immediately before kick off. Please give them your support and recognise the hard work and persistence of our volunteers in getting this stand in place.

April awaydays - Round up

Our most recent home fixture on the last weekend in March against Cribbs Reserves was perhaps not the most thrilling for the neutral spectator, with both teams doing a good job of cancelling each other out with few good chances to cheer. It ended goalless with points shared. Player of the match was awarded to Ashley Clarke who so nearly broke the deadlock on a couple of occasions.

Warminster Town were our hosts on 5th April on a lovely sunny day. The game started really well with another early goal from Adam Hall, but a clash of heads left skipper Nick Hewlett subbed off after just 15 minutes as a precaution. Warminster equalised shortly before half time. Adam Hall curled a shot into the far corner to score Stur's second and the lead looked secure until a mix up in our penalty area led to a penalty being awarded. Theo Crane saved but the home forward was quicker to the rebound to bring the scores level. Warminster started to get the upper hand and 8 minutes into stoppage time scored their third and winning goal from a free kick to grab all three points. Man of the match was Adam Hall.

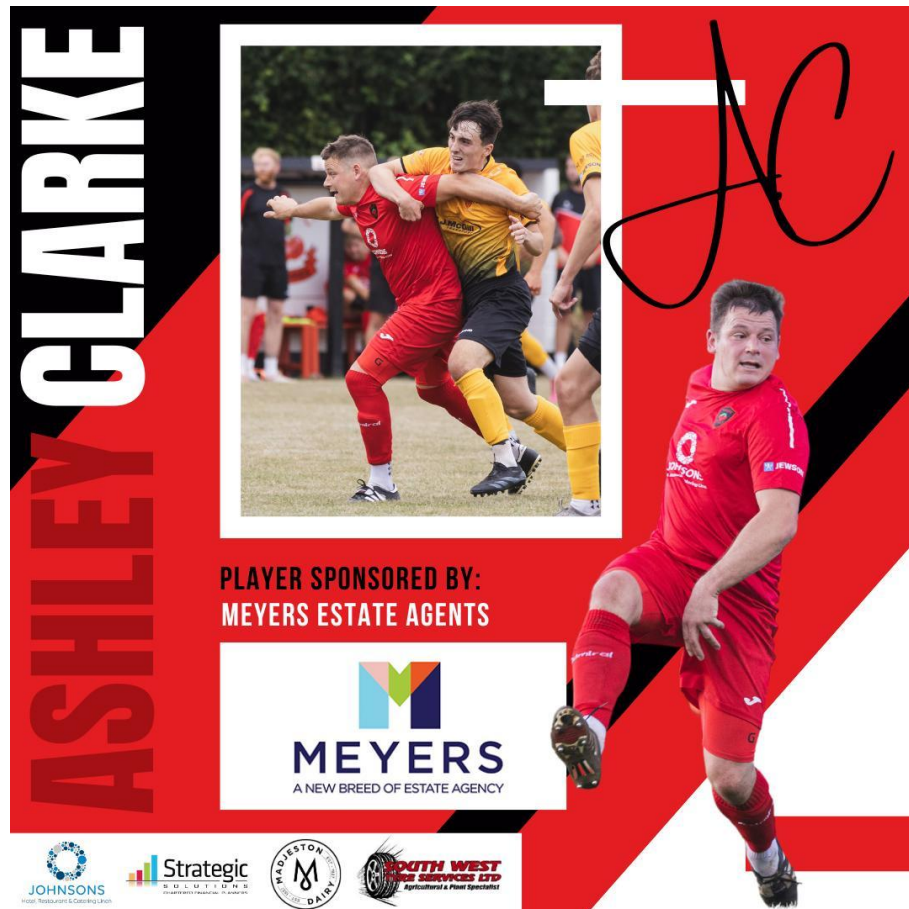
Last weekend we travelled to AEK Boco and got back to winning ways with a single goal from Buddy O'Shea securing the three points during injury time at the end of the first half. Going in at half time was a deserved scoreline and although the second half started in much the same way as the first with Stur creating chances it ended with a win for the Cherries by the single goal. Good game to watch, and Aaron Lane-Leney deservedly awarded man of the match.

Next...

Next up after today's match at home to Gillingham Town we complete our fixtures list with an away fixture at Odd Down on **Easter Monday – note that this is a 12.30pm kick off**, and finish with a trek to Hallen for our final league fixture on Saturday 26th April. There will be a coach available for this trip – keep an eye on social media for details.

Man of the Match v Cribbs Reserves

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Ashley Clarke

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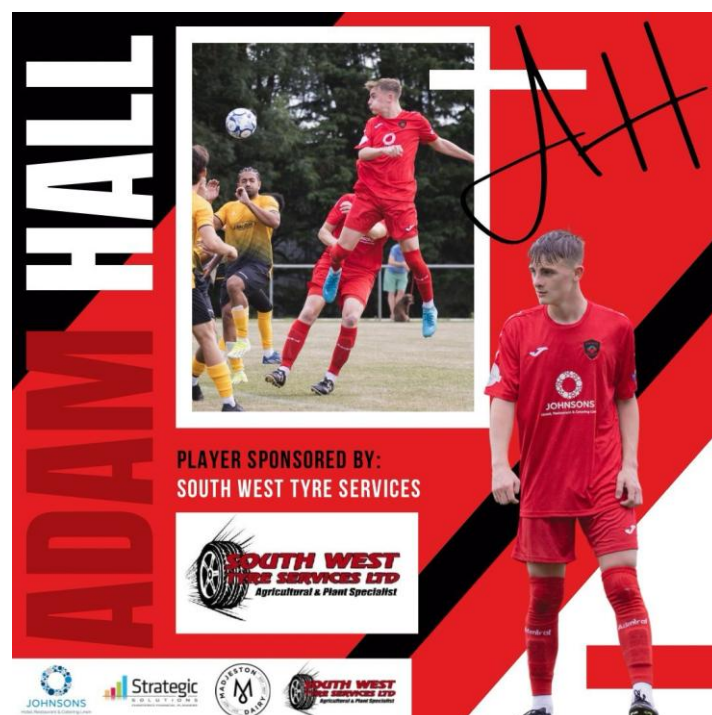
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The poster features a large red and black diagonal design. On the left, the name 'ASHLEY CLARKE' is written vertically in white. In the center, a photo shows Clarke in a red kit being tackled by a player in a yellow kit. To the right, a larger photo shows Clarke in a red kit, with a large black signature 'AC' over it. At the bottom, there are logos for Johnsons, Strategic Solutions, Wadston Dairy, and South West Fire Services Ltd.

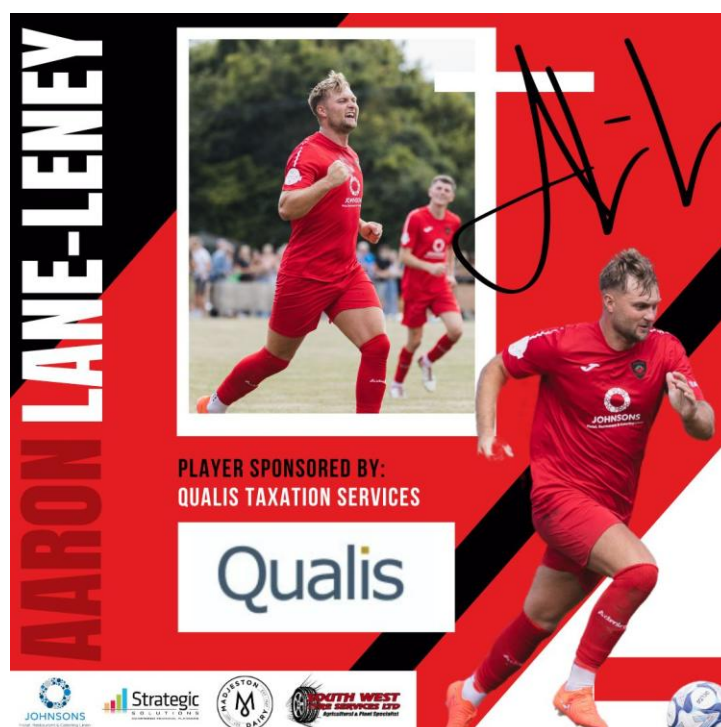


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Man of the Match v AEK Boco
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Sturminster Newton United FC – History

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

Gillingham Town FC – History

The club was established on 19th November 1879 at the Phoenix hotel in Gillingham.

A successful period starting in the mid 1960's saw us win the Dorset league four times in five years.

In 1970 we moved up to the Dorset Combination league. We finished bottom of the league in 1983-84, but avoided relegation.

In 2001-02 we won the league cup beating Westlands sports 2-1 in the final. We were league runners up the following season, the first after the league was renamed the Dorset Premier league.

After finishing as runners up again in 2007-08 we were promoted to Division one of the Tool station Western League.

In 2009-10 we won the Dorset senior Cup, beating Wimborne Town 2-1 in the final after extra time.

A third place finish in Division one in 2011-2012 saw us promoted to the Premier division.

Despite finishing ninth in the division in 2016-17 we resigned from the Western league and dropped back to the DPL, due to the move to WoodWater.

The club had been at Hardings lane for many years, but there was very little that could be done at that ground, as the site does not have a secure tenure, just a one year rolling lease, no funding was available, and the pitch drainage was simply dreadful.

With WoodWater, we have a long term secure lease, and the ability to request funding.

The club moved to the new site in 2017. WoodWater has not been without issues, when we moved in there was no club house, grandstand, or floodlights, and we subsequently found out that the pitch drainage was far from complete.

We now have a grandstand, floodlights and a fully functioning drainage system. We also have a clubhouse, although our medium term plan is to replace it with a more suitable venue, something that will cost a substantial sum of money, that we have yet to raise.

With WoodWater now more or less to where it should be we gained promotion back to division one of the tool station Western league.

This new season sees a new team, with an under 23 side, in the HDCL, playing on Thursday evenings, and for the second season we hosted GTYFC under 18 side playing on a Sunday.

Jewson Western League Div 1 Table (15/04/25)

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS	
1	Hallen	39	29	5	5	67	92	
2	Calne Town	40	27	4	9	53	85	
3	Devizes Town	39	24	7	8	59	79	
4	Bradford Town	40	24	7	9	44	79	
5	Wells City	40	23	7	10	45	76	
6	Longwell Green Sports	40	23	7	10	39	76	
7	Bitton	40	24	6	10	21	74	*
8	Sturminster Newton United	39	21	6	12	14	69	
9	Bristol Telephones	39	16	12	11	26	60	
10	Shirehampton	40	17	8	15	0	59	
11	Cadbury Heath	40	17	7	16	-2	58	
12	Cribbs Reserves	40	16	9	15	7	57	
13	Mendip Broadwalk	39	15	10	14	-7	55	
14	AEK Boco	40	15	8	17	1	53	
15	Avonmouth	39	13	7	19	-5	46	
16	Odd Down (BATH)	40	10	9	21	-35	39	
17	Hengrove Athletic	40	9	11	20	-14	38	
18	Radstock Town	40	11	5	24	-29	38	
19	Cheddar	40	8	7	25	-46	30	*
20	Warminster Town	39	7	9	23	-50	30	
21	Keynsham Town	40	4	8	28	-83	20	
22	Gillingham Town	39	1	5	33	-105	8	

Squads

STURMINSTER NEWTON UNITED

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

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

Kit: Red shirts, Red shorts, Red socks

GILLINGHAM TOWN

No.		Goals	Sub
	Gary Hind		
	Luke Godwin		
	Filip Opaalinski		
	James Lee		
	Oscar Sikora		
	Jake Parton		
	Brad Pitman		
	Ben Pitman		
	Kris Hastings		
	Rikiah Williams		
	Ryan Trowbridge		
	Joseph Aikhuele		
	Ethan Hatcher-Coates		
	Jack Rigler		
	Devon Proctor		
	Ethan Webb		
	Lewis Coker		
	Leo Kidby		
	Mike Calverley		
	Sheikh Njie		
	James Horrocks		
	Jack Catteral		

Neil Coates	Joint Manager
Dave Court	Joint Manager
Tom Strong	Coach
Holly Nixon	Physio
Simon Ward	First Aider

Kit: Purple/White shirts, Purple shorts, Papaya socks

Match Officials:

Referee:	Ella Broad
Assistant 1:	Shaun Thorne
Assistant 2:	James Knowles

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