



Jewson Western League Division One

Sturminster Newton United

Vs

Hengrove Athletic

Saturday 6th September 2025

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 second season at this level has started well for us. With four wins from our first four league games, then a good FA Vase win, we then lost out to a very good Devizes Town team, despite a very strong performance. A bit of a blip away at Cadbury Heath where we gave away an early goal left us with an uphill struggle, and we returned home for the second time without points, but still in amongst the early front runners.

Now we turn our attentions to today's opponents and we welcome Hengrove Athletic to Barnett's Field this afternoon. Last season we won 3-0 at home in late August with two goals from Ash Clarke and one from Nick Hewlett. Hengrove have so far had a slow start with just one point from their opening six games, but that could make them tricky opponents as they look to improve. No matter how it pans out we welcome them back to Barnett's Field.

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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A huge thank you to all of our sponsors! We would struggle to do this without your contributions to the club. We will do a fuller report on our sponsors in a future programme, but supporters will notice the new sponsors signage on the back of the two stands today, as well as some new advertising boards around the ground.

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Since we were last here...

Having started the season well with wins in the first four league fixtures and an FA Vase win, our last two results haven't gone our way. We met a very good Devizes Town team and went blow for blow with them except for a ten minute spell early in the first half. Our visit to Cadbury Heath was also unsuccessful losing by an odd goal conceded very early on. But there are a lot of games still to go, so let's just hope that the last week was a bit of a blip! We are still at the right end of the table.

Saturday 16th August 2025

Sturminster Newton United 1 Ash United 1 (penalties 5-4)

The FA Vase beckoned and in the 1st round qualifying we encountered a good Ash United side. Ash United, from Wessex League Division One, had also had a good start to their league campaign having won all three games played. A lot of chances fell to both sides, with Ash probably having the better of the early chances in the first half but overall it was goal-less at half time as the teams took a well earned break. The second half started well for The Cherries, with Will Guppy scoring from distance, beating the Ash keeper, with the ball ending up in the top left corner to take the lead. It was all going well until 75 minutes when during a flurry of Ash pressure Ryan Lopes managed to squeeze the ball through the Stur defenders and past the keeper to level the scores. The remaining 15 minutes were understandably quite frantic with chances falling to both sides. But then Full Time arrived and the game would have to be decided on penalties.

The first two penalties for both sides were scored, and then Ash's third penalty went wide of the post. Elliot Bevis stepped up to take the third for Stur as the crowd held its breath. Bevvie put the goal past the keeper and the home side took the lead. All the remaining penalties were scored, a rare sight indeed to have nine out of ten in the back of the net! Well done to all of the penalty takers, especially both George Colemans, Elliot Bevis, Nick Hewlett, and Will Guppy.

Handshakes all around from two well matched sides that provided the 147 strong crowd with a very entertaining game, evenly matched to the end. Great side - hope to see you all again sometime.

Next up in the FA Vase we face Newport (Isle of Wight) at home on 20th September.

Today's man of the match was awarded to Jensen Doerr.



Man of the match for the home game against Ash United was Jensen Doerr.

Tuesday 26th August 2025

Devizes Town 2 Sturminster Newton United 0

A frustrating night in Devizes, although these were two very well match teams. The first half played out without score, but plenty of opportunities at both ends. The second half started before The Cherries were ready it seemed. A mix up in defence allowed the ball to fall to the home forward who lobbed Theo Crane to open the scoring. Within five minutes the home side added a second goal. The remainder of the half was again quite evenly matched and later in the half Stur took quite a hold on the game and created a fair few opportunities. But time played out and The Cherries just couldn't find a way through. We look forward to the reverse fixture in March.



Man of the match - away to Devizes Town – Ben Knight

Saturday 30th August 2025

Cadbury Heath 1 Sturminster Newton United 0

An goal given away by The Cherries in the first minute did nothing to help their cause on this soggy afternoon. After around ten minutes a game of football broke out and things evened up a bit. A faced paced half finished at 1-0 to the home side. The second half saw a good strong start for Stur as they pushed for an equaliser, and continued to battle hard to get something out of the game. Then 83 minutes in a Cadbury Heath forward was brought down in the box and the referee duly pointed to the spot. We got lucky as the resulting spot kick rifled off the crossbar. With 90 minutes almost up, a red card was shown to a home player for his second yellow card offence, but despite over five minutes of time added on, the visitors just couldn't get past the resolute defence.

Final score Cadbury Heath 1 Sturminster Newton United 0



Man of the match – George Coleman (GC)

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 Hengrove Athletic FC

Hengrove Athletic F.C was formed in 1948 from players who were demobbed from National Service.

As a footnote, there is also wartime history to the club colours of green and white. With rationing and many shortages, football shirts were virtually unobtainable, so all of the members of Hengrove Athletic F.C donated an ordinary white shirt and a mother of one of the players kindly dyed them green in the bath at her Knowle home. The colour green had no symbolic meaning. It was the only colour available at the time! The founding fathers of Hengrove Athletic F.C then agreed to retain these colours for the new club.

A successful application was made to join the Bristol and Suburban League and they were placed in Division 3 for the start of 1948-49 season. A Reserve XI was established in 1950 and in the same year Hengrove Hall was rented for club meetings and social gatherings. The club continued to expand and the 'A' XI started in 1953, followed by the 30plusXI in 1959. These four football teams made Hengrove Athletic F.C the largest club in the Bristol and Suburban League at the time – after just eleven years. A 'B' XI replaced the 30 plus in 1962.

The long search for a ground came to fruition on Sunday 7 June 1964 when Norton Lane was officially opened and Hengrove Athletic F.C took up residence.

The first XI was accepted by the Somerset Senior League for the 1974-75 season, where they remained until 2005-2006 when they were runaway, unbeaten, Premier Division Champions and joined the Western League for the start of the 2006-07 season.

Our Floodlights and Stand were installed at the ground in 2007-2008 to achieve the necessary ground grading of the Western League.

Our EWW Stand was installed at the ground in 2012-2013 to achieve the necessary ground grading of entry into the FA Cup and future possible promotions.

The first XI won the Les Phillips League Cup (Western League) in 2015-2016.

The first XI were Runners Up in the Western League First Division in 2016-2017, and were promoted to the Western League Premier Division for 2017-2018.

Our Reserves currently play in the Bristol & Suburban League Senior Division and our U18's currently play in the Western Counties Floodlight Youth League North Division.

Senior Club Honours

Alf Bosley Cup Winners (Bristol & Suburban League) - 1958/59 and 1963/64

Somerset Junior Cup Winners - 1964/65

Somerset League Cup Winners - 1979/80

Somerset Senior Cup Winners - 1979/80

Promoted to Somerset County Premier Div – 1995/96

Somerset Senior Cup Runners-Up – 2003/04 and 2004/05

Somerset County Premier Division Winners – 2005/06

Toolstation Western League Div One Runners -Up – 2012/13 and 2016/17

Les Phillips League Cup Winners (Western League) – 2015/16

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League table as at 05/09/2025

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

Today's squads

STURMINSTER NEWTON UNITED

No.	Goals	Sub
	Theo Crane	
	Nick Hewlett	
	Jack Atkins	
	Buddy O'Shea	
	Elliot Bevis	
	Billy Bright	
	Ashley Clarke	
	George (GC) Coleman	
	Benjamin Cowley	
	Jamie Danoris	
	Ryan Schouten	
	William Guppy	
	Adam Hall	
	Harry Smith	
	Aaron Lane-Leney	
	Jensen Doerr	
	George (W) Coleman	
	Charlie Garrod	
	Matthew Jobbins	
	Ben Reed	
	Ben Knight	
	Ewan Barkess	
	Mal Benjamin	
	Denzil Gurung	

Nick Squires	Manager
Martin Silk	Asst Manager
Joshua Mead	Head Coach
Mark Deakin	Coach/Medic
Annie Lammas	Physio

Kit: Red & Black shirts, Black shorts, Red & Black hooped socks

HENGROVE ATHLETIC

No.	Goals	Sub
	Mike Grist	
	Joel Sanfelice	
	Toby Sheppard	
	Isaac Comerford	
	Giorgio Mancini	
	Aam Dunning	
	Sonny Parker	
	Mason Hardidge	
	Dylan Whittle	
	Harvey Impey	
	Joe Hill	
	Ashton Burton	
	Pete Sheppard	
	Sam Downes	
	Regan Burton	
	Brad Skidmore	

Pete Sheppard	Manager
Sam Downes	Coach
Chris Blammon	Coach
Matt Taylor	Physio

Kit: Green shirts, Green shorts, Green socks

Match Officials:

Referee:	David Kemmery
Assistant 1:	Christopher Martin
Assistant 2:	Jamie Carpenter