



Jewson Western League Division One

Sturminster Newton United

Vs

Keynsham Town

Saturday 28th February 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 afternoon's Jewson Western League Division One fixture.

Our last home game in the league was against Calne Town two weeks ago. This didn't go quite as we had hoped for with Calne's recent form continuing and a rare loss for the Cherries. Tuesday night at Wells City brought back the cheers though as we defeated them in their back yard and were without the better side, taking us back to second place and keeping the pressure on the current leaders.

Due to the weather our away trip to Avonmouth got called off, and has thankfully been re-scheduled for a Saturday (11th April) with the Radstock game being moved to the following Tuesday.

Turning our attentions to today's opponents, we welcome back Keynsham Town to Barnett's Field this afternoon. Back in January we had a successful visit to Keynsham with a 5-0 victory, and won against them twice last season so we can hope to make it four out of four this afternoon. Keynsham Town have been struggling to get a good result recently, so we still need to be cautious as they try to get away from the danger zone!

Our next home match is not until 14th March when we welcome Cadbury Heath, but before that we have a run of away games against Mendip Broadwalk, Almondsbury, and Bitton. Despite some tricky travel, it would be great to see as much of the red wall at these games as possible.

As usual, 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 Calne Town two weeks ago in the league we have only played one match. Our away fixture at Avonmouth was one of only two in the division to be called off due to the weather, so we moved on to Wells City on Tuesday evening where an inspired performance saw us come out on top of a second v third match! The Wells City result went well for us as we won by 2 goals to 0. The match was also surprisingly well attended given the weather with 134 spectators at the game, a decent number supporting the Cherries.

Saturday 14th February 2026

Sturminster Newton United 1 Calne Town 2

Calne Town have always been a tough side for us to play against and this match was no different with the away side's recent form holding good for them

The first half was fairly evenly contested with chances either end. We had the ball in the net from a header direct from a corner, but inexplicably this was ruled out by the Assistant Referee as the ball had apparently gone out of play when being kicked directly from the corner arc to the penalty spot to be headed into the back of the net. Pretty much summed up the afternoon when Calne took the lead in the first half. Stur kept pushing for an equaliser, then another turning point when Jamie Danoris got put into the sin-bin. As he left it seemed that he was bumped off balance and collided with the referee who decided that his action warranted a red card, much to the disbelief of pretty much everybody looking on. We carried on though and were rewarded with a penalty which was put away by George Coleman (GC) on 75 minutes. With both sides looking for a winner it was Calne who found the back of the net in injury time. Heartbreak for Stur fans, but we move on Wells on the Tuesday.



Man of the match was awarded to Ben Knight.

Tuesday 17th February 2026

Wells City 0 Sturminster Newton United 2

Second v Third was always going to be a tough game, and the Cherries did not disappoint. Shaking off the loss to Calne on Saturday the visitors could not have gotten a better start. Just three minutes in, Jack Atkins chased down a ball into the corner and when the defender hesitated, Jack was there to nick the ball from him and put in a great cross which Ash Clarke met with a diving header past the keeper to open the scoring. Plenty of action in both penalty areas followed but some good defending at both ends kept the score to 1-0 at half-time.

The second half started well with Stur taking charge, but it was not without its moments when Wells had a few good chances but missed the target. The Cherries kept piling on the pressure and on 72 minutes it was that man Ashley Clarke again who nodded a cross past the Wells keeper for a 2-0 lead. Full time score Wells City 0 Stur 2 and we were back into second place just two points behind Devizes. Great game!



Man of the match was awarded to Buddy O'Shea.

Reserves fixtures for March

Dorset Football League – Division 2

7th March Handley Sports (away)

21st March Poundbury (away)

28th March Swanage Town & Herston Reserves (home)

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 Keynsham Town FC

Keynsham Town Football Club is over 120 years old, having been formed in 1896. In the early days it played at the “Hams” and then moved to “Gaston” in 1910. In 1925 the club played in Park Road and then moved again in 1930 to a pitch on Charlton Road. All these grounds have now been built on and there is no evidence of them.

In 1939 the club was disbanded for the duration of the Second World War and was reformed in 1945 when the club found its new home at Crown Fields, where it has played ever since. It was due to the foresight of Roy Neal and Ken Dowling and the Committee at that time that the ground is left in trust to ensure that football can be played for the generations to come. The main clubhouse was built in the 1970's with new dressing rooms added in 1984 and floodlights in 1989. In recent years the clubhouse has been upgraded and most recently the seats have been replaced, incidentally from the old Williams Stand at Ashton Gate, home of Bristol City Football Club.

The club first played in the Bristol & District League and progressed to the Bristol Premier Combination. The club then moved into the Somerset County League and into the Western League in 1974. The club then found themselves in the first division of the Western League when that league was formed in season 1975/6 but returned to the Premiership in 1978/9 when Town finished as champions and then spent 5 years at the higher level only to find themselves in Division 1 for the start of season 1983/4. The Town then had a barren spell and it did not return to the topflight until 1997, finishing runners up to Melksham Town but the yoyo affect kicked in again two seasons later when the Town again returned to Division 1 only to return again in 2000 finishing runners up to Team Bath. After brief flirtations with the Premier Division in the mid-2000s, the Ks have been in Division 1 for several seasons now.

Fortunes took a turn for the better when Chris King and Sean Day took over management duties in September 2014. Their first full season in charge, assisted by coach Russell Holt, saw the club finish within 10 points of the Division 1 winners. Then 2016-17 saw Keynsham's best season for 15 years as we narrowly missed out on promotion, despite amassing 81 points.

Chris and Sean both decided to step down from their roles in May 2017, but the club were fortunate enough to procure the services of John Allen from Wells City. John was a key figure in Wells' promotion and Somerset Premier Cup double in 2015-16. Russ Holt stayed on and became John's Assistant Manager.

After agonisingly amassing an excellent 89 points but only finishing third in 2017-18, the club cemented all the hard work both on and off the pitch by storming to the Division One championship in 2018-19. A run of 24 wins from the last 26 games saw the Ks accrue 93 points and comfortably win the title by 9 points. This season sees the Ks back in the Premier Division for the first time since the 2006-07 season.

The club's first 2 seasons in the Premier Division were curtailed by the Covid-19 pandemic, but season 2021-22 produced a highly respectable 10th place finish and a run to the FA Vase Third Round Proper. However, the club were rocked in May 2022, when the entire First Team management team, physio and players departed the club due to the excessive travelling demands placed on them by half the division containing teams from Devon and Cornwall.

The club acted quickly and announced the beginning of a long-term first team management partnership with Total Pro Soccer, commencing for season 2022/23. At the start of the 2024-5 season, TPS announced that they would be joining Corsham Town and sadly for the rest of the season, we were bouncing around managers until this year when Chris King who had been looking after the reserves along with Andy Watts were announced as the new managers.

Away from the first team the Town were developing their football club with the introduction of a reserve side in 1987, whose most noticeable achievement was the winning of the Somerset Senior Cup in 2003, the first time in 45 years, beating Westlands at Clevedon's Hand Stadium. Gary Newman will be looking after the reserves for the 2025-26 season.

At the start of the 2024-25 season, we have re-entered an U18 side into the Western Counties Floodlight Youth League. The majority of the team have come up through our Junior section and are looking to push on into our senior sides.

The Town's junior section has several sides playing competitive football on a regular basis. The club sees the progress of its junior club as the keystone to the club's future development and playing success of the senior club with the sights set firmly on the local community for its inspiration and future success. With all the teams within the Town family, including the Ladies' teams covered later in the programme, we have over 25 teams playing regularly for the Club. With a club of such size and diversity, it is an honour to be designated as a Community Development Club, the highest level of the FA's Charter Standard initiative, something the club treasures and has set its stall out to operate under the ethos of the Charter.

The club has also just announced that it will be starting a brand-new Pan-Disability section. Our inclusive football club, based in the heart of Keynsham, provides a supportive environment where players diverse abilities and skill levels, backgrounds and can come together to enjoy the beautiful game.

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Jewson Western League

Division One table as at 27/02/2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Devizes Town	25	17	7	1	47	58
2	Sturminster Newton United	25	18	2	5	44	56
3	Wells City	27	18	1	8	45	55
4	Avonmouth	28	15	9	4	13	54
5	Bitton	27	15	8	4	15	53
6	Bristol Telephones	26	14	7	5	14	49
7	Longwell Green Sports	29	13	3	13	0	42
8	Mendip Broadwalk	27	11	7	9	-3	40
9	AEK Boco	26	11	6	9	14	39
10	Calne Town	28	10	8	10	4	38
11	Almondsbury	23	10	6	7	0	36
12	Warminster Town	27	9	8	10	3	35
13	Cadbury Heath	28	9	7	12	-19	34
14	Odd Down (BATH)	26	7	6	13	-9	27
15	Shirehampton	26	7	6	13	-21	27
16	Radstock Town	26	4	11	11	-12	22 *
17	Keynsham Town	28	5	4	19	-38	19
18	Cheddar	27	3	9	15	-36	18
19	Welton Rovers	25	4	3	18	-27	15
20	Hengrove Athletic	26	2	8	16	-34	14

* adjustment made

OWNERSHIP STATEMENT:

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Today's squads

STURMINSTER NEWTON UNITED				KEYNSHAM TOWN			
No.		Goals	Sub	No.		Goals	Sub
	Theo Crane				Akram Abdullahi		
	Nick Hewlett				Jeremy Agyemang		
	Jack Atkins				Dennis Asante		
	Buddy O'Shea				Goitom Asfaw		
	Elliot Bevis				Mani Baird		
	Billy Bright				Joseph Bakali-Laughton		
	Ashley Clarke				Kyle Box		
	George (GC) Coleman				Nico Cottle		
	Benjamin Cowley				Ben Cullen		
	Jamie Danoris				Archie Didcott		
	Ryan Schouten				Charlie Dunn		
	William Guppy				James Fortune		
	Adam Hall				Samuel Franklin		
	Sean Hart				Jordan Greenwood		
	Aaron Lane-Leney				Mason Kelsey		
	Jensen Doerr				Joss Lynden		
	George (W) Coleman				Matthew Martin		
	Ben Knight				Shaniel-James Mwaura		
	Moss Jackson-Collis				Ned O'Keefe		
	Ben Reed				James Shipman		
	Elliot Pearce-Eavis				Cohen Simmons		
					Ed Stowell		
					Richard Wathen		
					Bryn Williams		
					Stanley Young		
	Nick Squires	Manager			Chris King	Manager	
	Martin Silk	Asst Manager			Richard Saywell	Coach	
	Joshua Mead	Head Coach			Leigh Watts	GK Coach	
	Dan Stone	Coach			Scott Crump	Physio	
	Annie Lammas	Physio					
Kit: Red & Black shirts, Black shorts, Red & Black hooped socks				Kit: Turquoise & Orange Shirts, Shorts, & Socks			

Match Officials:

Referee: Martin Underhay
Assistant 1: Timothy Paul
Assistant 2: Paul Bell