



Isuzu FA Vase – 2nd round qualifying

Sturminster Newton United

Vs

Newport (IW)

Saturday 20th September 2025

Kick-Off – 2.30PM

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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 Isuzu FA Vase fixture. Today we play Newport (Isle of Wight) in the second round qualifying.

Our second season at this level has started well for us. Currently sitting in third place with 22 points from 10 games (we were 13th with 14 points at this stage last season), we secured a good win at home to Wells on Tuesday evening and are looking to press on with that. For now though we can concentrate on the FA Vase – we did well last season on our first outing getting to the first round proper. As we strive to reach that point today we need to overcome our opponents. Newport didn't start strongly, but have started picking up points of late in the Wessex Division One, so they may be going through a good streak of games at the moment.

No matter how it pans out we welcome Newport to Barnett's Field and hope that the match is entertaining for you all.

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.

Since we were last here...

Having started the season well we had a bit of a blip with only one point from three games, despite playing well. Since then we have won all three league games at Calne and at home to Longwell Green and Wells City putting us in back into the top five, currently occupying third place in the table.

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We expected a highly competitive game against Wells City who were sitting second in the table, and in the first half that's exactly what we got. An equaliser from Laney and a goal from Bevvie put us into the lead towards half time. A penalty however allowed Wells to equalise and the teams went in at half time at 2-2.

The second half started briskly much to the enjoyment of the home crowd and just three minutes into the half Laney pounced on a loose forward pass and slotted past the Wells keeper for his second and to put the Cherries 3-2 up. This was followed by two more goals within the next four minutes, one from Bevvie and one from Adam Hall to put Sturminster Newton pretty much controlled most of the rest of the game, which eventually finished at 5-2, leaving the Cherries in third place, having scored 10 goals in two games, 29 in all league games with a huge goal difference.

Next up in the league we travel to Odd Down, where we fared quite well at the end of last season.



Man of the match against Wells was awarded to Elliot Bevis.

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 Newport (IW) FC

The modern Newport IOW Football Club presents a very different picture from that conjured up by its origins on 27th January 1888.

The actual date of formation can be confirmed from the original minute book, which is still in the club's possession. At that time, over 130 years ago, Newport played on a piece of land known as Well's Field, which later became known as Church Litten. In those early days, players would walk from the local public house - where they changed - across to the field, where they had to clear the cows before play could commence.

Newport became founder members of the Isle of Wight League in 1898 and were League Champions on four occasions.

The club joined the Hampshire League in 1927, taking over the fixtures of the defunct Gosport Albion club mid-season. Within three seasons, Newport had won the league for the first time. The 1930's saw further league titles and a Hampshire Senior Cup victory in 1932. The 1935/36 season saw Newport reach the second round of the FA Cup for the first time, eventually bowing out to Southall.

In the 1960s, the club claimed further Hampshire Senior Cup wins in 1961 and 1966. The 1970s brought a hat-trick of Hampshire League titles - in 1979, 1980, and 1981 - as well as two more Senior Cup successes in 1980 and 1981.

Newport became founder members of the Wessex League in 1986, finishing a creditable fourth in their debut season and in 1989/90, Newport were promoted to the Southern League. The 2000/01 season saw the club win the Dr Martens League Eastern Division Championship, following an epic 1-0 win on the final day of the season against Chelmsford and earning promotion to the Premier Division.

Sadly the topflight proved too great a challenge, and the club returned to the Eastern Division after just one season.

Soon after, during the 2003/04 season, the club entered administration. The fight to keep the club alive was taken up by the supporters, with the Save Newport (FC) Action Group successfully rescuing the club. The 2004/05 season marked Newport's debut in the Isthmian League.

The 2006/07 season saw a return to the more familiar Southern League, playing in the South and West Division. On 1st August 2007, The Port played a friendly against a full-strength Portsmouth side, attracting a record

crowd of 3,112 to St George's Park - the highest ever attendance at the ground.

The club was relegated back to the Wessex League at the end of the 2007/8 season after finishing bottom of Division One South and West of the Southern League. Newport then

remained in the Wessex League Premier Division and won the Russell Cotes Cup in the 2010/11 season.

Following several top end finishes in the Wessex League Premier Division and a run to the last 16 of the FA Vase, Newport were relegated to Division One at the end of the 2017/18 season.

The club left St George's Park at the end of the 2018/19 season and have since ground-shared with both East Cowes Vics and Ryde Saints.

Newport finished 3rd in Division One in 2021/22 and were narrowly beaten in the play-off final and lost in the semi-finals the following season.

Since being appointed our player manager Joe Butcher has assembled a dynamic squad featuring a blend of youth and experience.

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Jewson Western League – Division One table as at 18/09/2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Devizes Town	10	8	2	0	19	26
2	Bitton	10	7	2	1	7	23
3	Sturminster Newton United	10	7	1	2	20	22
4	Wells City	11	7	0	4	15	21
5	Mendip Broadwalk	10	6	2	2	6	20
6	Bristol Telephones	9	6	1	2	4	19
7	Avonmouth	9	5	3	1	7	18
8	Longwell Green Sports	11	6	0	5	-5	18
9	AEK Boco	11	5	2	4	6	17
10	Odd Down (BATH)	10	3	3	4	0	12
11	Shirehampton	9	3	3	3	-1	12
12	Keynsham Town	10	3	2	5	0	11
13	Calne Town	10	3	2	5	-3	11
14	Warminster Town	11	3	2	6	-5	11
15	Cadbury Heath	10	3	2	5	-5	11
16	Almondsbury	10	3	1	6	-11	10
17	Cheddar	11	2	3	6	-11	9
18	Radstock Town	10	1	2	7	-13	5
19	Hengrove Athletic	10	0	4	6	-12	4
20	Welton Rovers	10	0	3	7	-18	3

Velocity Wessex League – Division One table as at 18/09/2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Whitchurch United	7	7	0	0	28	7	21	21
2	Romsey Town	7	5	1	1	16	8	8	16
3	Fleetlands	7	5	1	1	13	7	6	16
4	Ash United	7	5	1	1	14	10	4	16
5	Frimley Green	6	4	1	1	16	7	9	13
6	Hamworthy United	9	4	1	4	18	14	4	13
7	Folland Sports	7	4	0	3	20	11	9	12
8	Kintbury Rangers	8	3	3	2	17	16	1	12
9	Cove	6	3	2	1	13	9	4	11
10	Colden Common	6	3	1	2	20	18	2	10
11	Amesbury Town	7	3	1	3	14	12	2	10
12	Ringwood Town	8	3	1	4	15	20	-5	10
13	United Services Portsmouth	6	3	0	3	11	16	-5	9
14	Alresford Town	6	2	2	2	12	11	1	8
15	Newport (IoW)	6	2	1	3	10	14	-4	7
16	Blackfield & Langley	6	2	1	3	6	16	-10	7
17	Clanfield	6	1	2	3	7	11	-4	5
18	AFC Aldermaston	6	0	3	3	5	8	-3	3
19	Totton & Eling	6	1	0	5	5	16	-11	3
20	Lymington Town	6	0	2	4	9	17	-8	2
21	Yateley United	8	0	2	6	11	21	-10	2
22	Fawley AFC	7	0	2	5	4	15	-11	2

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
Dan Stone	Coach
Annie Lammas	Physio

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

NEWPORT (IW)

No.	Goals	Sub
	Leon Pitman	
	Matthew Benford	
	Michael Thompsett	
	Joe Hancott	
	MaCaully Waterson	
	Neo Lamb	
	Kai Grace	
	Keelan Walsh	
	Harry Taylor	
	Jai Nash	
	Joe Butcher	
	Brad Young	
	Harry Catania	
	Joe Craig	
	Matt Oatley	
	Jack Egerton-Read	

Joe Butcher	Manager
Steve Brougham	Coach
Gary Streeter	Coach
Joshua Jeyakumar	Physio

Kit: Yellow & Royal Blue Shirts, Blue Shorts, Yellow Socks

Match Officials:

Referee:	Daniel Eziukwu
Assistant 1:	Christopher Sheppard
Assistant 2:	Joseph Seaman-Chutter