



Jewson Western League Division One

Sturminster Newton United

Vs

Odd Down (Bath) AFC

Saturday 15th November 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 still continues to go well for us. Our last home game against Avonmouth was unfortunately not the result we would have wanted as we went down 3-1 to a very good Avonmouth side. Since then we have been making history in the FA Vase again with a great performance to get a 0-0 draw away to Portland United and then winning through on penalties to gain a third round draw away to Hythe & Dibden on 6th December, the furthest that we have ever been in the FA Vase. We are the only team in the division that have reached the third round this season.

On Tuesday evening we were due to travel to Verwood Town in the Dorset Senior Cup, however the rain put a stop to that and we have rescheduled that match for this coming Tuesday 18th November.

To turn our attentions to today's opponents, we welcome Odd Down back to Barnett's Field this afternoon.

Our visit to Odd Down at the end of September was not a successful one, losing out 2-1 on the day. Odd Down are currently sitting in fourteenth place, so weather permitting we look forward to a good game and hopefully a good result!

Don't forget we play Hythe and Dibden AWAY in the next round (3rd round proper) of the FA Vase on Saturday 6th December. **Kick off is at 3pm.** A coach will be provided for those that want to come along – please contact Debbie for details.

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.

Next match at Barnett's Field

Next up at home we welcome Mendip Broadwalk in the Jewson Western League – Division One on Saturday 29th November – KO at 3pm.

Mendip Broadwalk are currently sitting one place below us in the league, having played one more game but level on points, so should be an interesting encounter. They come to us on the back of two games against Devizes Town (one league, one cup), and a trip to Warminster Town, who could be a tricky opponent for them.

Last season we beat them twice, 3-1 away, and 2-1 at home, with two goals from Buddy O'Shea for the Cherries at home.

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible to cheer on the Cherries.

See you all here in a couple of weeks!

Since we were last here...

Since our last game at Barnett's field when we hosted Avonmouth, we have taken a trip to the south of Dorset in the second round proper of the FA Vase match down at Portland United. An exciting encounter which we won on penalties, putting us in the hat for the third round draw.

Saturday 1st November 2025th

Sturminster Newton United 1 Avonmouth 3

The first half of this match had a fair amount of action, but no goals for either side. We lost Ashley Clarke to injury in the first 15 minutes forcing an early substitution bringing on George Coleman. The second half started much like the first, but with the visitors taking hold of the game, and two goals within seven minutes left reeling at 2-0 down on the hour. Five minutes later a brave crunching header from Aaron Lane-Leney brought us back into contention and at 2-1 down we looked like we might just get something out of the game and created a few chances, but despite our best efforts a third goal came from Avonmouth in the last five minutes to make the score 3-1 and the points were Bristol bound.



Man of the match was awarded to Theo Crane.

Saturday 8th November 2025

Portland United 0 Sturminster Newton United 0 – FA Vase 2nd round

Sturminster Newton United won 3-1 on penalties

A hard fought game between two sides that had last met in pre-season, this time ended goalless. Although chances were created by both teams, neither could convert those chances and the game ended with no goals. A great performance against the step 5 club.

So with the tie to be decided by penalties, the Cherries supporters held their breath for another penalty shoot out. Keeper Theo Crane made a couple of great saves and the Cherries won through 3-1 on penalties to earn an away draw at Hythe & Dibden in the third round. Scenes.



Player of the match awarded to Theo Crane.

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 Odd Down (Bath) AFC

Odd Down was founded in 1901 by Fred Weaver and brothers Walt and Stan Noad. Then a self-contained village on the outskirts of Bath in Somerset, played in the [Bath and District Football League](#). In 1920 Odd Down won the Bath City Knockout Cup, but in all its playing years the club has had little success in winning cups. Odd Down FC spent their formative years on pitches at Stirtingale Farm and at the Quarr Ground, before moving to Combe Hay Lane in the 1930s. The club was finally able to purchase the ground in 1952 and it was renamed in memory of long-serving former President Lew Hill. During the 1920s the club played in the Wiltshire Football League, but prior to World War II had graduated to playing in the [Somerset Senior League](#). Re-grouping after the war, Odd Down started off again in the Somerset Senior League and in the 1946–47 season finished as runners-up to Somerton. They also won the [Mid-Somerset Football League](#) that season, a league formed to make up for the shortage of Somerset Senior League fixtures at that time. Following a bad report into the facilities at Odd Down the club were expelled from the Somerset Senior League, whereupon an application to join the Wiltshire Football League was accepted. A few years later the Wiltshire League voiced disapproval of Somerset-based teams competing in their league and Odd Down found themselves re-admitted to the [Somerset Senior League](#). From 1967 to 1972 the club formed a steering committee which worked hard to provide a social club, eventually opening one on 5 April 1972. The hard work paid off as Odd Down gained admittance to the Western Football League for the start of the 1977–78 season. However, it was to be season 1991–92 before the club won its first major honour, lifting the Somerset Senior Cup, and further success was to come the following season as the club won promotion to the Western League Premier Division, finishing as the 1992–93 Division One Champions. In their centenary year of 2001 Odd Down reached the final of the Somerset Premier Cup for the first time, losing 1–0 to Southern League side [Clevedon Town](#). The feat was repeated in 2004, this time going down 5–0 to [Yeovil Town](#) at the club's Huish Park home. They remained in the Premier Division until relegation to Division One in 2008, but were promoted back to the Premier Division in 2010 until the 2021/22 season.

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Jewson Western League

Division One table as at 12/11/2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Devizes Town	17	12	5	0	32	41
2	Bristol Telephones	18	11	3	4	9	36
3	Avonmouth	16	10	5	1	13	35
4	Bitton	17	10	4	3	10	34
5	Wells City	17	11	0	6	24	33
6	Almondsbury	18	10	2	6	1	32
7	Sturminster Newton United	15	9	2	4	22	29
8	Mendip Broadwalk	16	8	5	3	7	29
9	AEK Boco	17	8	3	6	15	27
10	Warminster Town	18	7	4	7	10	25
11	Cadbury Heath	18	7	4	7	-4	25
12	Longwell Green Sports	17	7	2	8	-12	23
13	Calne Town	16	5	4	7	-2	19
14	Odd Down (BATH)	18	5	4	9	-5	19
15	Keynsham Town	17	4	4	9	-7	16
16	Shirehampton	16	3	5	8	-20	14
17	Radstock Town	16	3	5	8	-10	13 *
18	Cheddar	18	2	5	11	-25	11
19	Welton Rovers	17	1	3	13	-28	6
20	Hengrove Athletic	18	0	5	13	-30	5

* adjustment made

Today's squads

STURMINSTER NEWTON UNITED				ODD DOWN (BATH)			
No.		Goals	Sub	No.		Goals	Sub
	Theo Crane				Matthew Green		
	Nick Hewlett				Jack Kelsey		
	Jack Atkins				Alfie Andrews		
	Buddy O'Shea				Joe Paradise		
	Elliot Bevis				Josh Howlett		
	Billy Bright				James Book		
	Ashley Clarke				Charlie Saunders		
	George (GC) Coleman				Jake Curtis		
	Benjamin Cowley				Harley Prior		
	Jamie Danoris				Robert Hobbs		
	Ryan Schouten				James Scott		
	William Guppy				Lewis Bahadur		
	Adam Hall				James Hare		
	Harry Smith				Jasper Morris		
	Aaron Lane-Leney				Alfie Prescott		
	Jensen Doerr				Treyvond Anderson		
	George (W) Coleman				Toby Davis		
	Charlie Garrod				Alfie Kelsey		
	Matthew Jobbins				Dante McEwan		
	Ben Reed				Nicholas Taylor		
	Ben Knight						
	Ewan Barkess						
	Mal Benjamin						
	Denzil Gurung						
	Nick Squires	Manager			Jamie Walter	Manager	
	Martin Silk	Asst Manager			Dave Hare	Coach	
	Joshua Mead	Head Coach					
	Dan Stone	Coach			Georgia Morris	Physio	
	Annie Lammas	Physio					
Kit: Red & Black shirts, Black shorts, Red & Black hooped socks				Kit: Orange shirts, Orange shorts, Orange socks			

Match Officials:

Referee: Thomas Jeffery
 Assistant 1: Adrian Holmes
 Assistant 2: Colin Skyrme