



Jewson Western League Division One Play-Off semi-final

Sturminster Newton United

v

Bristol Telephones

Tuesday 21st April 2026

Kick-Off – 7.45pm

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The Home of Sturminster Newton United FC

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Welcome from the Chairman

Absolutely amazing! Just before Christmas we talked about maybe reaching the play-offs if we had a bit of luck on our side. What this first team squad have achieved has been nothing less than remarkable. To have ended up as runners up in the division in only our second season at step 6 is fantastic. Even more amazing is that we came so close to winning the division and gaining an automatic promotion place!

As it is we have now found ourselves in the play-offs for the second promotion place to step 5. We play fifth placed Bristol Telephones tonight, with the winner going on to play the winner of Wells City v Avonmouth.

Tonight is an exciting time for both clubs, both bidding for a place in the Premier Division, and I am sure that the lads from both sides will give everything out on the pitch.

Please continue to follow our progress on the website, twitter and/or facebook. It promises to be an exciting week to find out where we play next season!

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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Since we were last here...

Our last game at Barnett's field was on 6th April when we welcomed AEK Boco in the league. This ended in a nail-biting 1-0 victory. We then travelled to Avonmouth, Radstock Town, and finally Bristol Telephones to conclude our league programme.

Saturday 6th April 2026

Sturminster Newton United 1 AEK Boco 0

Fifteen minutes into this game, the Cherries took the lead thanks to a George "GC" Coleman penalty, which we would have to agree was probably generous. A lot of blustering for the rest of the half from both sides, but advantage Cherries at half time. The second half continued in much the same way as the first, with a few half chances but nothing much for the crowd to get excited about. Overall, job done, three points.



Man of the match was awarded to skipper Nick Hewlett. The (non-alcoholic) award was presented by 16 year old Alex Evans who recently scored his first hat-trick in adult football for our reserves.

Saturday 11th April 2026

Avonmouth 1 Sturminster Newton United 0

While a few spectators were grabbing a cuppa in the bar, there was an error in midfield and Avonmouth's leading scorer grabbed his chance and slotted the ball past Theo Crane to take the lead. With barely two minutes gone those Cherries supporters came outside to find themselves one-nil down. This turned out to be the only goal of the game. A lot of positives though. Stur created a lot of chances and had the ball in the back of the net three times. Two of these were ruled out for off-side, and another for a foul on their keeper as the ball went swirling over his head and into the goal direct from a Bevis corner. The Cherries played well but Avonmouth did just enough on the day to hold onto their early lead. This left a few issues to be decided with regards to the play-

offs, with some jostling for position in the division while clubs looked for home advantage.



Man of the match was awarded to Adam Hall.

Tuesday 14th April 2026

Radstock Town 0 Sturminster Newton United 3

What seemed a cautious start to this game seemed to favour the Cherries, but a couple of defensive errors caused hearts to flutter, but we got away with it! It was 27 minutes into the first half when the referee pointed to the spot following a clumsy challenge by the home defender. Elliot Bevis stepped up and buried the ball into the home net to open the scoring. After that the result of the match never really seemed in doubt as the visitors grew in confidence, and with just over five minutes of the second half starting, Aaron Lane-Leney appeared at the far post to smash in the second of the night. Stur on a roll now but it was almost five minutes before the end when George “GC” Coleman got past the defenders on the left of the goal and smashed the ball into the far side to seal a very competent 3-0 victory.



Man of the match was awarded to Moss Jackson-Collis.

Saturday 18th April 2026

Bristol Telephones 3 Sturminster Newton United 1

With play off positions for these two clubs settled, and knowing that we would play the Phones at home on Tuesday night in the play-off semi-final, this match was in every sense the definition of a “dead rubber” with the result really not important to either side. Phones took the lead with a good far post header but it was Adam Hall who stepped up to poke the ball through the keeper’s legs to even the scores just before half time. The second half was now just about managing out the game, which was all going well until about 15 minutes from the end where a home goal came from nothing, followed five minutes later when the home forward beat the defence and went one on one with the keeper. I suspect that if the game had been important he might not have scored, but the keeper made the right choice in pulling out of his challenge to avoid broken bones! A good overall performance in a strange game. Notable good performance from Ryan Schouten who came on for the injured George (W) Coleman after about 20 minutes and had a solid game.



Man of the match was awarded to Ryan Schouten.



Looking good in pink – our new change strip

How will the season finish?

Now that positions have been finalised in division one, with the last of the scheduled league fixtures being completed last Saturday, we can now confirm how the play-offs will work.

The club finishing in first place will be promoted to step 5, nominally the Western League Premier Division, but could be another league at the same level.

The Clubs finishing in positions 2 to 5 will take part in a play-off. Second will play fifth and third will play fourth. Second and third clubs will play at their home ground.

The winners will play each other in a final, with the winner gaining promotion to step 5. The highest placed club in the league will have home advantage.

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Devizes Town	38	26	8	4	66	86
2	Sturminster Newton United	38	26	4	8	57	82
3	Wells City	38	25	4	9	61	79
4	Avonmouth	38	23	10	5	31	79
5	Bristol Telephones	38	22	8	8	28	74

So, tonight (21st April):

7.30pm Wells City (3) v Avonmouth (4)

7.45pm Sturminster Newton United (2) v Bristol Telephones (5)

If either match is drawn at full-time the winner will be decided on penalties.

The winners of these two matches will then play in a final on Saturday April 25th, at the ground of the highest ranked finalist.

If the Cherries make it through tonight then we will play at home.

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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. 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 Bristol Telephones FC

Formed in 1948, Bristol Telephones were originally known as Bristol Post Office Telephones Football Club, as they were then part of the Post Office.

Playing at Bristol Civil Service Club, they had to leave that pitch when BT was privatised under Maggie Thatcher.

They then played at various grounds, until the overall social club purchased their current ground in 1984. Various improvements were undertaken but in 1994 the clubhouse, which was mostly wooden construction, was destroyed by fire.

For the next season, Bristol Telephones, as we were now called, were able to borrow changing facilities from Cutters Friday, whose ground borders our own, until the current clubhouse was constructed.

In recent years this has seen substantial improvements such that it is now considered one of the best clubs in the area.

Telephones started life in the Bristol and Suburban League, being an ever present club in the 'Premier' Divisions since it's formation, until our promotion to the Gloucestershire County League

Telephones were promoted to the Gloucestershire County League in season 2013/14 and became champions in 2016/17, allowing them to be promoted to the Toolstation Western League.

This is our ninth season in the Toolstation Western League having finished at our highest position of ninth last season.

This season we know that John and his team are looking to build on that finish and are aiming to be pushing for promotion at the end of the season. Especially pleasing is the introduction of a number of our under 18 squad during last season and we are excited to see how they progress this term

In terms of trophies, Phones were Gloucestershire County League Champions in 2016/17, Suburban Premier League Champions three times, the Premier Div 2 winners twice, and Bosley Cup Winners four times.

We also won the Gloucester Junior Cup in 1975, and were Finalists in the Gloucestershire Senior Amateur Cup in 2012.

Reserves fixtures for April/May

Dorset Football League – Division 2

Saturday 25th April – Beaminster (away)

Wednesday 29th April – Sturminster Marshall (home)

Wednesday 6th May – Portesham United (home)

Dorset Football League – division two

Table as at 19/04/26

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Shaftesbury Reserves	19	18	0	1	76	54
2	Bournemouth Electric reserves	19	12	4	3	38	40
3	Portesham United First	16	10	3	3	15	33
4	Swanage Town And Herston Reserves	18	8	4	6	10	28
5	Poundbury First	19	8	3	8	2	27
6	Sturminster Newton United Reserves	17	8	2	7	3	26
7	Poole Borough Reserves	19	7	2	10	6	23
8	Corfe Castle First	20	6	4	10	-28	22
9	Beaminster First	18	4	2	12	-29	14
10	Sturminster Marshall First	17	2	5	10	-35	11
11	Handley Sports First	20	3	1	16	-58	10

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6:30PM

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Division One – final table 2025/2026

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6	Bitton	38	20	9	9	15	69
7	Mendip Broadwalk	38	17	9	12	6	60
8	Longwell Green Sports	38	16	5	17	-1	53
9	AEK Boco	38	14	8	16	7	50
10	Warminster Town	38	13	9	16	1	48
11	Almondsbury	38	13	8	17	-15	47
12	Odd Down (BATH)	38	13	7	18	-12	46
13	Cadbury Heath	38	12	10	16	-24	46
14	Calne Town	38	12	8	18	-7	44
15	Shirehampton	38	12	8	18	-16	44
16	Welton Rovers	38	12	4	22	-19	40
17	Radstock Town	38	7	13	18	-30	33 *
18	Keynsham Town	38	8	5	25	-45	29
19	Hengrove Athletic	38	6	9	23	-46	26 *
20	Cheddar	38	5	10	23	-57	25

* adjustment made

OWNERSHIP STATEMENT:

Sturminster Newton United Football Club

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Today's squads

STURMINSTER NEWTON UNITED				BRISTOL TELEPHONES			
No.		Goals	Sub	No.		Goals	Sub
	Theo Crane				Jordan Anstey		
	Nick Hewlett				James Batchelor		
	Jack Atkins				Leon Britton		
	Buddy O'Shea				Nathan Curnock		
	Elliot Bevis				Archie Dark		
	Billy Bright				Lewis Ewins		
	Ashley Clarke				Zakary Giles		
	George (GC) Coleman				Nathan Gore		
	Benjamin Cowley				Jamie Gregory		
	Jamie Danoris				Scott Gregory		
	Ryan Schouten				Stefan Lee		
	William Guppy				Matthew Martin		
	Adam Hall				Liam McCracken		
	Sean Hart				Jamie Noble		
	Aaron Lane-Leney				Cameron Ricketts		
	Jensen Doerr				Owen Ridler		
	George (W) Coleman				George Rooke		
	Ben Knight				Charlie Tiley		
	Moss Jackson-Collis				Ashton Trott		
	Ben Reed				Craig Wilson		
	Elliot Pearce-Eavis				Ellis Yeales		
	Nick Squires	Manager			Russell Holt	Jt. Manager	
	Martin Silk	Asst Manager			John Allen	Jt. Manager	
	Joshua Mead	Head Coach			Rich Williams	Physio	
	Dan Stone	Coach					
	Annie Lammas	Physio					
Kit: Red & Black shirts, Black shorts, Red & Black hooped socks				Kit: Pale Blue Shirts, Dark Blue Shorts, White Socks			

Match Officials:

Referee: Jordan Lee
 Assistant 1: Freddie Fraser
 Assistant 2: Oliver Caskey
 4th Official: Daniel Hughes