



Jewson Western League Division One Play-Off Final

Sturminster Newton United

v

Wells City

Saturday 25th April 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

Incredible from this bunch of lads! Not that long ago we were wondering if we could make a play-off position. Then it was possible that we could win the division, and finally we ended up as runners-up in just our second season at step 6. Great bunch of lads, players and management alike. Well done!

Then on Tuesday evening we faced Bristol Telephones, and on the same evening Wells City faced Avonmouth in our respective play-off semi-final matches. Both were goal-less at full-time and went to penalties. Wells won their shoot-out 4-2 and we went all the way to 5-4 to create the draw for today's final.

So today we welcome Alex Petherham and his club's committee, supporters, management and players to Barnett's Field for what we are sure will be a hard fought and entertaining game. Just before 5 o'clock today we will know which club will be playing at step 5 next season. Whoever wins, I am sure we can all share a drink in the bar afterwards to celebrate what has been a remarkable season for both clubs.

To the supporters from both sides, we hope you enjoy the day, we have tried to put on some extras around the ground, a burger bar, ice cream van, teas and coffees etc, as well as a well stocked bar for your enjoyment.

Finally, thank you to all of our supporters 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 Tuesday 21st April when we welcomed Bristol Telephones in our Division One play-off semi-final. After a tense 90 minutes with no goals, the Cherries came good in the penalty kicks and ended up winners and with a place in the play-off final today. Incredible progress that Nick and these lads have made.

Tuesday 21st April 2026

Jewson Western League – Division One play-off semi-final

Sturminster Newton United 0 Bristol Telephones 0

Sturminster Newton United win 5-4 on penalties

Chance after chance created during this game, possibly slightly in favour of the home team, ended up with no score at the half time break, but with teams looking positive. The second half continued in much the same way, along with the usual flurry of substitutions to try to switch things around a bit looking for the slightest advantage. Both sides came close on several occasions with the Cherries also having some penalty shouts turned away by the officials (who by the way are also worth a mention for their great handling of the game), but ultimately nobody could break the deadlock so with the final score at 0-0 we went to penalties.

Telephones went first, scoring their first four penalties with some well taken kicks. George (GC) Coleman, Sean Hart, Nick Hewlett and Billy Bright made no mistake with theirs bringing the tally to 4-4.

The 'Phones fifth penalty was well taken again, but keeper Theo Crane guessed (?) correctly and pulled off a save leaving Stur to score the last of the ten penalties. Up stepped Moss Jackson-Collis and calmly blasted the ball past the 'Phones keeper to make it 5-4 and send the Cherries into the final.

Tremendous match, and a good advertisement for step 6 football. We wish Bristol Telephones the very best of luck for next season. Hopefully we won't see them!



Man of the match was awarded to Ben Knight, kindly awarded by our friend Stoner who made the two hours each way trip to support the match.

As he says, "this football won't watch itself!"



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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

Western League – Division One Runners-up 2025-26

History of Wells City FC

1890's:

- 1890: Wells City FC formed on May 27th after a meeting at the Star Hotel Wells.
- 1891: Wells City FC win the first ever Somerset Senior league.
- 1892: Wells City FC retain the Somerset Senior League.
Wells City FC join the Bristol & District league (forbearer of the Western league).
- 1893: Wells City leave the Bristol & District league and rejoin the Somerset senior League.
Wells City move from present day "Torfurlong" sports field to their current home.
- 1894: Wells City FC win the Somerset senior league for the 3rd time in 4 years.
- 1896: Wells City FC lose 4-0 to Radstock Town FC in the first ever Somerset Senior Cup.
- 1897: Wells City FC win the Somerset Senior cup, beating Radstock Town 2-0.

1900's:

- 1903: Wells City FC win the Somerset senior league for the 4th time.

1910's:

- 1914-18: Somerset Senior League suspended due to WW1
- 1919: Wells City FC rejoin the Somerset Senior league after WW1

1920's:

- 1923: Wells City FC compete in the Somerset Senior league and the newly formed Mid Somerset Senior League.
- 1924: Wells City FC win the first ever Mid Somerset Senior League.
- 1927: Wells City FC beat local rival Wells St Cuthberts on their way to claiming the Somerset Charity Cup 3-1 against Street FC
- 1928: Wells City FC lose the Somerset Senior cup final 5-1 to Radstock Town.
- 1929: Wells City FC and Radstock Town share the Somerset Senior League title and are invited to join the Western League.

1930's:

- 1930: Wells City FC compete in both Somerset Senior league and Western League finishing 3rd in the latter. Lost the final of the Somerset Senior Cup final 1-0 to Radstock Town.
- 1931: Wells City FC compete only in Western league and win the Somerset Senior Cup 2-1 against Street FC.
- 1932: Wells City FC and Radstock Town share the Somerset Senior Cup after match is abandoned due to bad weather with the score at 3-3.
- 1938: Wells City FC win the Somerset Senior Cup 5-1 against Clevedon Town FC.

1940's:

- 1940: Football suspended in Somerset due to WW2.
- 1946: Wells City FC rejoin the Western League division 1 after WW2, the league fixtures are not completed, the Reserves rejoin the Somerset Senior League.
- 1948: Wells City FC lose 1-0 in the Somerset Senior Cup final to Peasdown Miners Welfare FC.
Wells City FC become a professional club on 18th January.
- Ex Bristol City player Ernie Jones joins the club at the start of 1948/49 season.

1950's:

- 1950: Wells City win the Western league on goal difference; the trophy is paraded by the team from the balcony at Wells town hall to a packed crowd in the marketplace below.
- 1951: Wells City finish runners up in the Western league behind winners Glastonbury.
- 1955: Wells City reach the 4th qualifying round of the FA Cup losing 4-1 to Newport I.O.W
- 1957: Wells City finish bottom of Western league division 1 and are relegated.

- 1958: Wells City Financial problems mount.
- 1959: Wells City finish bottom of Western League division 2 but remain a member of the Western League. The club return to Amateur status.

1960's:

- 1960: Wells City end their membership of the Western League after the League propose just one Division for the next season.
- 1961: Wells City finish 6th place in Somerset Senior league, Club financial situation improves through fundraising and Lotto coupons.
- 1963: Player manager Tim Grant scores 5 goals in a Senior Cup match, ending the season with 45 goals.
- 1965: Wells City win the Somerset Charity Cup 5-2 against Winscombe at Cheddar FC
- 1966: Wells City retain the Somerset Charity Cup 2-1 against Shepton Mallet at Glastonbury FC. Wells City finish 3rd in Somerset Senior League.

1970's:

- 1973: Wells City gain runners up spot in the Somerset Senior League.
- 1974: Wells City reserves gain runners up spot in the Somerset Senior Combination League.
- 1978: Wells City relegated to the Somerset Senior League first division.

1980's:

- 1980: Wells City promoted to the Somerset Senior League Premier Division.
- 1982: Wells City relegated to the Somerset Senior League first division.
- 1986: Wells City reserves have to seek re-election after finishing bottom of the Somerset senior league
- 1988: Wells City finish 4th and gain promotion to the premier division of the Senior League.
- 1989: Wells City relegated to the Somerset Senior League first division.

1990's:

- 1991: Wells City promoted to the renamed Somerset County League Premier division.
- 1992: Wells City relegated to the Somerset County League first division.
Reserves finish bottom of County league division 3 and have to seek re-election.
- 1994: Wells City promoted to Somerset County League premier division after finishing 3rd.
- 1995: Wells City reserves promoted to Somerset County League division 2.
- 1998: Wells City relegated to the Somerset Senior League first division.
- 1999: Wells City promoted to the Somerset County League Premier division.
Wells City reserves relegated to the Somerset County League Division 3.

2000's:

- 2001: Wells City reserves gain promotion to the Somerset County League division 2.
- 2002: Wells City appear in the Somerset Senior Cup final for the first time in 54 years but lose 3-1 to Watchet Town at Paulton Rovers FC.
- 2007: Wells City win the Somerset Senior Cup, beating Burnham Utd 2-1
- 2008: Wells City finish runners up in the Somerset County League and are promoted to the Western League. Mark Leaney resigns as manager 24 hours before the clubs' first game in the Western League for over 50 years.

2010's:

- 2010: Wells City win the Western League first division and are promoted to the Western League Premier division: they reach the semi-final of the Somerset Premier Cup losing to Southern League Bridgwater Town 2-0.
 - 2011: Wells City host the Les Phillips Cup final. Our run in the FA Cup culminates with the club hosting Conference South side Woking, a large crowd sees Wells lose 7-0.

- 2013: Wells City finish 2nd from bottom and are relegated to Western League first division.
- 2016: Wells City promoted to the Western League Premier Division after finishing runners up. Wells City win the Somerset Premier Cup, beating Southern League Larkhall Athletic 2-1
- 2018: Wells city relegated after finishing bottom of the Western League Premier division.

2020's:

- 2020: Wells City currently 3rd in the league when Western League suspend all football due to COVID-19 virus. Eventually season classed as null and void.
- 2021: Wells City start the 20/21 season under strict COVID guidelines, league games suspended just before Christmas, League is not completed.
- 2023: Wells City miss out on promotion as they lose Play Off semi-final 3-0 to Brislington
- 2024: Wells City lose Play-off semi-final again, losing 6-4 to Wincanton.
- 2025: Wells City finish the league in 5th however, lose play-off semi-final for third time in a row, losing 1-0 to Calne Town.

Reserves fixtures for April/May

Dorset Football League – Division 2

Wednesday 29th April – Sturminster Marshall (home)

Wednesday 6th May – Portesham United (home)

Dorset Football League – division two - table as at 23/04/26

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Shaftesbury Reserves	19	18	0	1	76	54
2	Bournemouth Electric reserves	20	13	4	3	38	43
3	Portesham United First	17	10	3	4	14	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	20	7	2	11	6	23
8	Corfe Castle First	20	6	4	10	-28	22
9	Beaminster First	19	5	2	12	-28	17
10	Sturminster Marshall First	17	2	5	10	-35	11
11	Handley Sports First	20	3	1	16	-58	10

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Presentation EVENING

*Join us for SNUFC's end of season presentation evening
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SATURDAY 6TH JUNE

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Jewson Western League

Division One – final table 2025/2026

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
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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Company number: 05153583

Today's squads

STURMINSTER NEWTON UNITED				WELLS CITY			
No.		Goals	Sub	No.		Goals	Sub
	Theo Crane				Jake Brown		
	Nick Hewlett				Noah Brown		
	Jack Atkins				Luke Newman		
	Buddy O'Shea				Reece Obamwonyi		
	Elliot Bevis				Ross McErlain		
	Billy Bright				Matt Hurley		
	Ashley Clarke				Kai Murrell		
	George (GC) Coleman				James Tait		
	Benjamin Cowley				Charlie Dashfield		
	Jamie Danoris				Harry Warwick		
	Ryan Schouten				Adam Wright		
	William Guppy				Jake Horsey		
	Adam Hall				Joel Sisson		
	Sean Hart				Tom Smith		
	Aaron Lane-Leney				Nick Fowler		
	Jensen Doerr				Dave O'Hare		
	George (W) Coleman				Alfie Kelleher		
	Ben Knight				Jamie Moss		
	Moss Jackson-Collis				Sam Jepson		
	Ben Reed				Jack Farion		
	Elliot Pearce-Eavis						
	Nick Squires	Manager			Steve Murray	Manager	
	Martin Silk	Asst Manager			Daniel Badman	Asst Manager	
	Joshua Mead	Head Coach			Steve Vowles	Physio	
	Dan Stone	Coach					
	Annie Lammas	Physio					
Kit: Red & Black shirts, Black shorts, Red & Black hooped socks				Kit: Blue Shirts, Blue Shorts, Blue Socks			

Match Officials:

Referee: Kulwant Mann
Assistant 1: Jordan Hartry
Assistant 2: Harvey Lamkin
4th Official: Kevin Rodd

If scores are level at full-time, the match will be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark.

Presentations by the league committee will take place immediately after the match in front of the main stand.