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VS

ROFFEY FC

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VS



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AFC WALCOUNTIANS

VS

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From the dugout



DUGOUT DIARIES

Storms, shoot-outs, a 13-goal away day and a burger table that matters more than it should. Here's my week.

What a week to be a Sussex non-league fan. If you didn't get soaked, you weren't trying. Fifteen games across our leagues were postponed or abandoned, and I'm fairly sure a couple of Sussex groundsmen are still out there with a garden fork and a thousand-yard stare. Respect to every one of you. You are the real MVPs, even when the pitch says no.

The game of the weekend

Six goals before half-time, nothing for 45 minutes, then a stoppage-time winner. Eastbourne United 3-4 Roffey was the kind of game you tell your grandkids about, slightly exaggerated. Luke Harrison's late winner means Haywards Heath Town are top by five points without even kicking a ball, their game against Guernsey was off. Best afternoon off in Sussex football. Feet up, scores on, job done.

Worthing are flying

Down 1-0 at the break at Kidderminster, the Rebels came back to win 2-1 and are now fourth in the National League. Fourth! Razzaq Coleman De-Graft and Cory Adjete-Brew did the damage, and 169 Worthing fans made the trip to Aggborough on a filthy night. Proper travelling support. If you were one of them, your tea was well earned.

Penalty kings

Whitehawk are bottom of the Isthmian Premier, but they knocked St Albans City out of the FA Trophy on penalties. Burgess Hill Town and Eastbourne Borough also went through from the spot. Three Sussex sides through on spot-kicks in one afternoon. Somebody check whether there's something in the water. Spoiler: it's Dugout 90, and it's in over 20 clubs now. Shameless plug, sorry, not sorry.

Hard luck to Hastings United, who came back from 3-0 down against Waltham Abbey and still went out 3-2, and to Three Bridges at Dartford. Hastings remain top of the South East, so the league is still very much theirs to lose.

Thirteen. Thirteen

Upper Beeding 1-13 Chichester City B. That's not a scoreline, that's a cricket score with a goalkeeper. Chichester's B team have scored 58 goals in ten games and sit top of Division

Two. Credit to Upper Beeding for turning up in that weather and getting one back. Football's about turning up.

Dugouts changing

Ian Nicholls has left Forest Row and Charlie McCarthy has left Lingfield. Two good football men, and we wish them both well. Whatever the reasons, managing at this level means evenings, weekends and a lot of driving in the rain for very little thanks. Lingfield responded by putting six past Newhaven, which is one way to keep the newsroom busy. Russ Cochran has written a cracking column on why clubs change managers. Read it, then argue about it in the comments.

Transfer of the week

Josh Wright has moved from Seaford Town to Haywards Heath Town and is sitting on 13 goals for the season. Some players need a pre-season to settle in. Josh needed about 90 minutes.

The table that really matters

Steyning Town lead the Bun-desliga on 32.5 out of 40. Littlehampton Town, I say this with love: we need to talk about the kitchen. Your football's fine. The burger is the 12th man you didn't sign.

Sunday league shout-out

Heathfield & Horam have won five out of five in the Dugout Diaries Premier Division of the Sussex Sunday League. It's our name on the division, so yes, I'm biased. But they look like the real deal. They've got BN Dons in the Sussex Sunday Challenge Cup this morning, so go and watch.

Tonight and beyond

The IBB10 Show is live at 8pm with Billy Wood, Goalie Mont, Chris Shutler and me. From December 2026 we're broadcasting exclusively on YouTube, so get subscribed to @DugoutAi now and stop pretending you'll do it later.

As always, thank you to every club, volunteer, photographer, tea-hut legend and steward who makes Sussex non-league what it is. See you at a ground soon. I'll be the one in the cap.

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Every league in a minute


DOUGIE

I have read every table, every result and every scoresheet so you don't have to. Here's where things stand after Saturday.



National League

Boreham Wood are making this look easy. Twelve wins and two draws from 14, unbeaten, and seven points clear after a 4-0 win over AFC Fylde. Harrogate keep pace in second with five straight wins. The Sussex story is **Worthing**: 1-0 down at the break at Kidderminster, they hit back through Razzaq Coleman De-Graft and Cory Adjete-Brew to win 2-1 and climb to fourth. At the bottom, Gateshead's game was off again and Solihull lost again.



National League South

Maidstone stay top, but only just. Frankie Hvid's late equaliser at Torquay kept them a point ahead of unbeaten Ebbsfleet, who have two games in hand after Ben Chapman's hat-trick sank Maidenhead 4-0. Farnham's George Alexander scored five against Braintree. **Horsham** edged Walton & Hersham 1-0 in front of 936 and sit 13th, while Surrey neighbours Dorking won 3-1 at bottom club Slough.



Isthmian Premier

Most of the division was in the FA Trophy, so only three league games went ahead. Chatham beat second-placed Welling 3-2, which leaves Enfield top on 28 with **Lewes** a point further back in third. **Eastbourne Borough**, sixth with games in hand, went through in the Trophy on penalties, as did **Burgess Hill**. Bottom club **Whitehawk** knocked out St Albans on penalties. **Three Bridges** went out at Dartford.



Isthmian South East

Hastings United are still four points clear at the top, despite going out of the Trophy to Waltham Abbey after a fightback from 3-0 down. Whitstable made it five league wins in a row, at **Peacehaven**'s expense. It was a tough day for the Sussex sides near the bottom: **Steving** lost at Ashford United, and **Eastbourne Town** were beaten 4-0 at home by Punjab United and stay bottom. **Crowborough** drew 3-3 with Margate and **Broadbridge Heath** 2-2 with Herne Bay.



Isthmian South Central

Bognor Regis Town won 2-1 at Ascot and lead the way on 32 points, but unbeaten Jersey Bulls are just one behind after winning 4-2 at Hendon. Ashford Town (Middx) have won five on the bounce, with Jack Arnold now on 17 league goals. **Littlehampton**'s home game with Kingstonian fell to a pitch inspection, leaving them 20th.

Every league in a minute (cont.)



SCFL Premier

Haywards Heath Town didn't kick a ball and still had a good afternoon. Eastbourne United lost a seven-goal thriller to Roffey, leaving the leaders five points clear with a game in hand. East Grinstead won 1-0 at Varndeanians to go third, Hassocks won at Forest Row, and Lingfield put six past Newhaven. It's also been a week of change in the dugout, with two managers leaving (see below). Horsham YM and Little Common prop up the table on seven points each.



SCFL Division One

Infinity won 3-0 at Clanfield and are eight points clear, and Zackary Willett leads the scorers on 18, three ahead of Reigate Priory's Tommy Mckenna. **Worthing United** beat Shoreham 2-1 to go third, and **Mile Oak** made it three wins in four. At the other end, **Shoreham** and Dorking Wanderers B are bottom on eight points.



SCFL Division Two

Chichester City B scored 13 at Upper Beeding to go top on 27 points with 58 goals in ten games. Hurstpierpoint (2nd) and Rustington (3rd) are both on five-game winning runs, so this one could go to the wire. **Storrington Community** sit seventh, and Chichester's Josh Hall leads the scoring charts on 13.

SCFL NEWS · MANAGERS

Two dugouts empty in the SCFL Premier

Two SCFL Premier clubs have confirmed their managers have left. **Ian Nicholls** has left **Forest Row**, who sit 18th after Saturday's 3-0 home defeat by Hassocks. **Charlie McCarthy** has also left **Lingfield**, sixth in the table after a 6-3 win over Newhaven. We wish both well, and we'll bring news of their successors when the clubs announce them. For more on why clubs change managers, read Russell Cochran's column later in this issue.

County & Sunday football



Mid Sussex League • Premier

Balcombe beat Reigate Priory II 3-1 and lead on 24 points, four clear of Cuckfield Rangers. Unbeaten BN Dons (16 from six) had their game called off by the referee.



BWDL Division 1

TMG won 10-1 at Montpelier Villa II and lead on 16 points, with 41 goals in six games. Bradley Hunt has 11 of them. Boys Brigade Old Boys also hit double figures, beating Diversity United 10-2. Rottingdean Village, four from four, were idle.



Sussex Sunday • Dugout Diaries Vets 35+

Mile Oak lead on five points. Burgess Hill Wanderers won 6-2 at Seaford and host South Park (Reigate) at 5.30pm today.



West Sussex League • Premier

Delunited beat Horsham Crusaders 2-1 to go top on 15, two ahead of Slinfold. TD Shipley Reserves beat Selsey Reserves 2-0; two games were postponed.



Sussex Sunday • Dugout Diaries Premier

Heathfield & Horam have won all five, most recently 5-1 at Hove Park Lions. They host BN Dons in the Sussex Sunday Challenge Cup this morning.

National League & National League South results

National League

Gateshead  **P-P**  Tamworth

Fri 23 Oct · waterlogged pitch

Eastleigh  **4-2**  Boston United

Harrogate Town  **3-1**  Sutton United

Aldershot Town  **0-1**  Wealdstone

Barrow  **A-A**  Forest Green Rovers

Abandoned 14 mins (1-0) · waterlogged pitch

Boreham Wood  **4-0**  AFC Fylde

Hartlepool United  **2-1**  Hornchurch

Scunthorpe United  **2-3**  Woking

Solihull Moors  **1-2**  Carlisle United

Southend United  **2-2**  FC Halifax Town

Yeovil Town  **1-2**  Altrincham

Kidderminster Harriers  **1-2**  Worthing

National League South

Chelmsford City  **3-3**  Tonbridge Angels

Dagenham & Redbridge  **2-0**  Chesham United

Ebbsfleet United  **4-0**  Maidenhead United

Farnham Town  **6-0**  Braintree Town

Folkestone Invicta  **2-0**  Farnborough

Hampton & Richmond Borough  **3-4**  Truro City

Hemel Hempstead Town  **1-3**  AFC Totton

Horsham  **1-0**  Walton & Hersham

Salisbury  **1-1**  Dover Athletic

Slough Town  **1-3**  Dorking Wanderers

Torquay United  **1-1**  Maidstone United

Weston-super-Mare  **A-A**  Billericay Town

Abandoned (0-1 at half-time)

Sources: Football Web Pages, BetExplorer and FotMob; each score confirmed by two sources or a matching table change. Club crests: official club badges.

National League & National League
South tables

National League

#	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last 5
1	Boreham Wood	14	12	2	0	38	13	+25	38	W W W W W
2	Harrogate Town	14	10	1	3	32	18	+14	31	W W W W W
3	Southend United	14	8	4	2	33	21	+12	28	L D W W D
4	Worthing	14	8	3	3	29	19	+10	27	W D W W W
5	Altrincham	14	9	0	5	22	20	+2	27	W W L W W
6	Yeovil Town	14	7	4	3	33	17	+16	25	W D W W L
7	AFC Fylde	14	7	2	5	24	22	+2	23	W L L W L
8	FC Halifax Town	14	6	3	5	24	17	+7	21	L D W W D
9	Barrow	13	6	3	4	22	16	+6	21	W W W W W
10	Hornchurch	14	7	0	7	16	21	-5	21	L W L W L
11	Carlisle United	14	5	5	4	25	21	+4	20	L W W D W
12	Kidderminster Harriers	14	5	5	4	16	14	+2	20	L L D D L
13	Woking	14	5	3	6	23	22	+1	18	W L W L W
14	Aldershot Town	14	5	3	6	18	17	+1	18	W L L L L
15	Eastleigh	14	5	3	6	18	22	-4	18	L D L L W
16	Sutton United	14	5	3	6	15	21	-6	18	D L D L L
17	Forest Green Rovers	12	4	3	5	19	22	-3	15	D L D D L
18	Wealdstone	14	4	3	7	18	24	-6	15	W D L L W
19	Hartlepool United	14	5	0	9	14	20	-6	15	L L L W W
20	Tamworth	13	4	2	7	21	30	-9	14	W L W W L
21	Boston United	14	3	3	8	17	27	-10	12	L D L L L
22	Scunthorpe United	13	3	1	9	17	24	-7	10	L W L L L
23	Solihull Moors	14	2	1	11	14	37	-23	7	L W L L L
24	Gateshead	13	1	1	11	8	31	-23	4	L L L L L



National League South

#	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last 5
1	Maidstone United	13	8	2	3	23	14	+9	26	L L W W D
2	Ebbsfleet United	11	7	4	0	26	6	+20	25	W W W D W
3	Truro City	12	7	3	2	21	11	+10	24	L W D W W
4	Dagenham & Redbrid...	13	7	2	4	12	9	+3	23	L W D L W
5	Salisbury	12	6	4	2	21	9	+12	22	D W W W D
6	Billericay Town	11	6	3	2	25	14	+11	21	W D W W W
7	Tonbridge Angels	13	6	3	4	24	14	+10	21	D L W W D
8	Dorking Wanderers	12	5	5	2	26	18	+8	20	D D W D W
9	Farnham Town	12	6	2	4	23	16	+7	20	W W D L W
10	Folkestone Invicta	13	5	4	4	20	14	+6	19	L L D W W
11	Dover Athletic	12	5	4	3	19	18	+1	19	W W W D D
12	Weston-super-Mare	12	5	3	4	20	17	+3	18	W W L D L
13	Horsham	13	4	6	3	15	15	0	18	D L W D W
14	Torquay United	12	4	5	3	19	16	+3	17	W D L W D
15	Chelmsford City	11	2	9	0	17	11	+6	15	D D D W D
16	Hemel Hempstead To...	13	3	5	5	11	14	-3	14	D W D L L
17	Farnborough	12	4	2	6	10	19	-9	14	L D L W L
18	Maidenhead United	13	3	4	6	13	18	-5	13	D W L L L
19	AFC Totton	13	4	1	8	12	24	-12	13	L L L L W
20	Chesham United	12	3	1	8	16	26	-10	10	L W L L L
21	Braintree Town	12	3	1	8	18	33	-15	10	L L L L L
22	Hampton & Richmon...	12	2	2	8	14	30	-16	8	W D L L L
23	Walton & Hersham	12	2	2	8	10	28	-18	8	D D W W L
24	Slough Town	13	1	1	11	13	34	-21	4	L D L L L

Last 5 = league games, oldest → newest. Shading is a guide to the title, play-off and bottom places.

165
GAMES PLAYED516
GOALS3.13
GOALS PER GAME18%
GAMES DRAWNBoreham
Wood 2.71
BEST ATTACK ·
GOALS/GAMEBoreham
Wood 0.93
BEST DEFENCE ·
CONCEDED/GAMEBoreham
Wood 2.71
MOST POINTS PER
GAMEBoreham
Wood 15/15
FORM SIDE · LAST
5

Form table · last five

#	Club	Lge	+/-	Last 5	Pts
1	Boreham Wood	1	-	W W W W W	15
2	Harrogate Town	2	-	W W W W W	15
3	Barrow	9	▲6	W W W W W	15
4	Worthing	4	-	W D W W W	13
5	Altrincham	5	-	W W L W W	12
6	Yeovil Town	6	-	W D W W L	10
7	Carlisle United	11	▲4	L W W D W	10
8	Woking	13	▲5	W L W L W	9
9	Tamworth	20	▲11	W L W W L	9
10	Southend United	3	▼7	L D W W D	8
11	FC Halifax Town	8	▼3	L D W W D	8
12	Wealdstone	18	▲6	W D L L W	7
13	Hartlepool United	19	▲6	L L L W W	6
14	AFC Fylde	7	▼7	W L L W L	6
15	Hornchurch	10	▼5	L W L W L	6
16	Eastleigh	15	▼1	L D L L W	4
17	Aldershot Town	14	▼3	W L L L L	3
18	Forest Green Rovers	17	▼1	D L D D L	3
19	Scunthorpe United	22	▲3	L W L L L	3
20	Solihull Moors	23	▲3	L W L L L	3
21	Kidderminster Harriers	12	▼9	L L D D L	2
22	Sutton United	16	▼6	D L D L L	2
23	Boston United	21	▼2	L D L L L	1
24	Gateshead	24	-	L L L L L	0

Ranked on points from the last five league games (W=3, D=1). Lge = league position; ▲▼ = places above or below it on form.

Attack v defence



Data table · per-game numbers

#	Club	PPG	GF/g	GA/g	Win	W · D · L split	Goal difference
1	Boreham Wood	2.71	2.7	0.9	86%		+25
2	Harrogate Town	2.21	2.3	1.3	71%		+14
3	Southend United	2.00	2.4	1.5	57%		+12
4	Worthing	1.93	2.1	1.4	57%		+10
5	Altrincham	1.93	1.6	1.4	64%		+2
6	Yeovil Town	1.79	2.4	1.2	50%		+16
7	AFC Fylde	1.64	1.7	1.6	50%		+2
8	FC Halifax Town	1.50	1.7	1.2	43%		+7
9	Barrow	1.62	1.7	1.2	46%		+6
10	Hornchurch	1.50	1.1	1.5	50%		-5
11	Carlisle United	1.43	1.8	1.5	36%		+4
12	Kidderminster Harriers	1.43	1.1	1.0	36%		+2
13	Woking	1.29	1.6	1.6	36%		+1
14	Aldershot Town	1.29	1.3	1.2	36%		+1
15	Eastleigh	1.29	1.3	1.6	36%		-4
16	Sutton United	1.29	1.1	1.5	36%		-6
17	Forest Green Rovers	1.25	1.6	1.8	33%		-3
18	Wealdstone	1.07	1.3	1.7	29%		-6
19	Hartlepool United	1.07	1.0	1.4	36%		-6
20	Tamworth	1.08	1.6	2.3	31%		-9
21	Boston United	0.86	1.2	1.9	21%		-10
22	Scunthorpe United	0.77	1.3	1.8	23%		-7
23	Solihull Moors	0.50	1.0	2.6	14%		-23
24	Gateshead	0.31	0.6	2.4	8%		-23

147
GAMES PLAYED428
GOALS2.91
GOALS PER GAME27%
GAMES DRAWNEbbsfleet
2.36
BEST ATTACK ·
GOALS/GAMEEbbsfleet
0.55
BEST DEFENCE ·
CONCEDED/GAMEEbbsfleet
2.27
MOST POINTS PER
GAMEEbbsfleet
13/15
FORM SIDE · LAST
5

Form table · last five

#	Club	Lge	+/-	Last 5	Pts
1	Billericay Town	6	▲5	W D W W W	13
2	Ebbsfleet United	2	-	W W W D W	13
3	Salisbury	5	▲2	D W W W D	11
4	Dover Athletic	11	▲7	W W W D D	11
5	Truro City	3	▼2	L W D W W	10
6	Farnham Town	9	▲3	W W D L W	10
7	Dorking Wanderers	8	▲1	D D W D W	9
8	Tonbridge Angels	7	▼1	D L W W D	8
9	Horsham	13	▲4	D L W D W	8
10	Torquay United	14	▲4	W D L W D	8
11	Walton & Hersham	23	▲12	D D W W L	8
12	Folkestone Invicta	10	▼2	L L D W W	7
13	Maidstone United	1	▼12	L L W W D	7
14	Dagenham & Redbridge	4	▼10	L W D L W	7
15	Chelmsford City	15	-	D D D W D	7
16	Weston-super-Mare	12	▼4	W W L D L	7
17	Hemel Hempstead Town	16	▼1	D W D L L	5
18	Farnborough	17	▼1	L D L W L	4
19	Maidenhead United	18	▼1	D W L L L	4
20	Hampton & Richmond Borough	22	▲2	W D L L L	4
21	AFC Totton	19	▼2	L L L L W	3
22	Chesham United	20	▼2	L W L L L	3
23	Slough Town	24	▲1	L D L L L	1
24	Braintree Town	21	▼3	L L L L L	0

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Attack v defence



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#	Club	PPG	GF/g	GA/g	Win	W · D · L split	Goal difference
1	Maidstone United	2.00	1.8	1.1	62%		+9
2	Ebbsfleet United	2.27	2.4	0.5	64%		+20
3	Truro City	2.00	1.8	0.9	58%		+10
4	Dagenham & Redbridge	1.77	0.9	0.7	54%		+3
5	Salisbury	1.83	1.8	0.8	50%		+12
6	Billericay Town	1.91	2.3	1.3	55%		+11
7	Tonbridge Angels	1.62	1.8	1.1	46%		+10
8	Dorking Wanderers	1.67	2.2	1.5	42%		+8
9	Farnham Town	1.67	1.9	1.3	50%		+7
10	Folkestone Invicta	1.46	1.5	1.1	38%		+6
11	Dover Athletic	1.58	1.6	1.5	42%		+1
12	Weston-super-Mare	1.50	1.7	1.4	42%		+3
13	Horsham	1.38	1.2	1.2	31%		+0
14	Torquay United	1.42	1.6	1.3	33%		+3
15	Chelmsford City	1.36	1.5	1.0	18%		+6
16	Hemel Hempstead Town	1.08	0.8	1.1	23%		-3
17	Farnborough	1.17	0.8	1.6	33%		-9
18	Maidenhead United	1.00	1.0	1.4	23%		-5
19	AFC Totton	1.00	0.9	1.8	31%		-12
20	Chesham United	0.83	1.3	2.2	25%		-10
21	Braintree Town	0.83	1.5	2.8	25%		-15
22	Hampton & Richmond Borough	0.67	1.2	2.5	17%		-16
23	Walton & Hersham	0.67	0.8	2.3	17%		-18
24	Slough Town	0.31	1.0	2.6	8%		-21

Top scorers: National League & NLS



National League

#	Player	Club	Gls
1	Matt Rush	Boreham Wood	9
2	John Marquis	Woking	8
	Johl Powell	Yeovil Town	8
4	Aaron Blair	Eastleigh	7
	Kieren Donnelly	Tamworth	7
	Ben Whitfield	Boreham Wood	7
	Razzaq Coleman De-Graft	Worthing	7
8	Jay Bird	Boreham Wood	6
	Zak Brunt	Boreham Wood	6
	Luke McCormick	Yeovil Town	6
	Leon Chambers-Parillon	Southend United	6
	Luca Thomas	AFC Fylde	6
	Lewis Walker	Kidderminster Harriers	6

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National League South

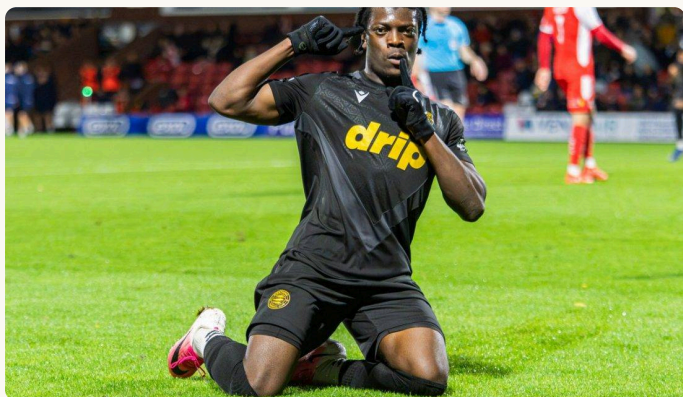
#	Player	Club	Gls
1	George Alexander	Farnham Town	9
2	Tyler Harvey	Truro City	7
	Nathan Odokonyero	Salisbury	7
	Dawid Rogalski	Dorking Wanderers	7
5	Macauley Bonne	Billericay Town	6
	Tom Leahy	Maidstone United	6
	Jephthe Tanga	Tonbridge Angels	6
8	Kwesi Appiah	Ebbsfleet United	5
	Frankie Baker	Tonbridge Angels	5
	Jack Bates	Dover Athletic	5
	Jon Benton	Billericay Town	5
	Ben Chapman	Ebbsfleet United	5
	Hisham Kasimu	Chesham United	5
	George Nikaj	Dorking Wanderers	5
	De-Carrey Sheriff	Dover Athletic	5
	Harry Barbrook	Chelmsford City	5

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The week through the lens



National League: comeback complete. Worthing celebrate at Aggborough after turning a 1-0 half-time deficit into a 2-1 win at Kidderminster.
Photo: Worthing FC (@WorthingFC on X)



National League: more celebrations as Worthing climb to fourth.
Photo: Worthing FC (@WorthingFC on X)



National League: Worthing's full-time graphic. Kidderminster Harriers 1-2 Worthing.
Photo: Worthing FC (@WorthingFC on X)



National League: some of the 169 Worthing fans who made the trip to Kidderminster on a filthy Saturday night.
Photo: Worthing FC (@WorthingFC on X)



National League South: from Horsham's full-time post after their 1-0 win over Walton & Hersham.
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Premier Division

Chatham Town		3-2		Welling United
Maldon & Tiptree		1-1		Dulwich Hamlet
Stanway Rovers		3-0		Cheshunt

South East Division

Ashford United		2-0		Steyping Town
Broadbridge Heath		2-2		Herne Bay
Cray Valley PM		1-3		Sittingbourne
Crowborough Athletic		3-3		Margate
Eastbourne Town		0-4		Punjab United
Sheppey United		1-0		Horley Town
Whitstable Town		1-0		Peacehaven & Telscombe

South Central Division

AFC Portchester		2-0		Bedfont Sports
Ascot United		1-2		Bognor Regis Town
Ashford Town (Middx)		3-2		Raynes Park Vale
Harrow Borough		1-0		AFC Stoneham
Hartley Wintney		0-4		Southall
Hayes & Yeading United		5-2		Binfield
Hendon		2-4		Jersey Bulls
Littlehampton Town		P-P		Kingstonian
Off after a pitch inspection				
Moneyfields		0-0		Westfield
Winchester City		4-2		Cobham

FA Trophy · Sussex clubs

Whitehawk		3-3		St Albans City
Whitehawk win on penalties (shoot-out score TBC)				
Erith Town		3-3		Burgess Hill Town
Burgess Hill win on penalties (shoot-out score TBC)				
Leatherhead		2-2		Eastbourne Borough
Eastbourne Borough win 2-1 on penalties				
Gosport Borough		0-2		Chichester City
Bridle 17, Bello 47				
Hastings United		2-3		Waltham Abbey
Hastings were 0-3 down at half-time				
Dartford		3-2		Three Bridges

Dougie's round-up

Bognor Regis Town won 2-1 at Ascot to stay top of the South Central, a point clear of Jersey Bulls, who won 4-2 at Hendon. **Littlehampton**'s home game with Kingstonian was off after a pitch inspection.

A tough afternoon in the South East for the Sussex contingent: **Eastbourne Town** lost 4-0 at home to Punjab United and stay bottom, **Steyping** lost 2-0 at Ashford United, and **Peacehaven** lost 1-0 at in-form Whitstable. **Broadbridge Heath** drew 2-2 with Herne Bay and **Crowborough** shared six with Margate.

In the Trophy, bottom-of-the-Premier **Whitehawk** knocked out St Albans City on penalties.



Premier Division • after Saturday 24 October

#	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last 5
1	Enfield Town	12	9	1	2	33	16	+17	28	L W W W D
2	Welling United	13	9	0	4	26	15	+11	27	W W L W L
3	Lewes	13	8	2	3	20	14	+6	26	L W W W D
4	Dartford	13	8	0	5	19	17	+2	24	W L W L L
5	Ramsgate	13	7	1	5	29	17	+12	22	L W W L W
6	Eastbourne Borough	11	7	1	3	21	11	+10	22	W W W W W
7	Carshalton Athletic	15	7	1	7	23	28	-5	22	L L L D L
8	Chatham Town	12	7	0	5	26	16	+10	21	L W L W W
9	Burgess Hill Town	12	5	5	2	23	17	+6	20	W D W L W
10	Wingate & Finchley	12	6	2	4	24	23	+1	20	W L W W W
11	Dulwich Hamlet	13	5	3	5	21	21	0	18	L L D L D
12	St Albans City	9	5	2	2	18	13	+5	17	W D W D W
13	Leatherhead	10	4	3	3	18	17	+1	15	L W D D L
14	AFC Whyteleafe	14	4	3	7	22	25	-3	15	L W W W L
15	Cheshunt	13	3	6	4	12	18	-6	15	W W W D L
16	Aveley	13	4	2	7	20	21	-1	14	L L D W L
17	Maldon & Tiptree	15	4	2	9	19	36	-17	14	L L D W D
18	Cray Wanderers	9	3	3	3	19	14	+5	12	W L D W L
19	Brentwood Town	11	4	0	7	18	19	-1	12	L W W L W
20	Three Bridges	13	2	3	8	23	36	-13	9	D W L D L
21	Stanway Rovers	13	2	1	10	12	32	-20	7	L L L L W
22	Whitehawk	13	1	3	9	12	32	-20	6	L L L L D

Points, games played and goal difference cross-checked against isthmian.co.uk. Last 5 = league games, oldest → newest. Shading is a guide to the top and bottom places, not confirmed promotion or relegation spots.



South East Division

#	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last 5
1	Hastings United	12	9	1	2	29	16	+13	28	L W D W W
2	South Park (Reigate)	12	7	3	2	26	14	+12	24	W W D W L
3	Whitstable Town	12	8	0	4	22	17	+5	24	W W W W W
4	Erith Town	11	7	2	2	27	13	+14	23	W W W L W
5	Faversham Town	12	6	4	2	30	21	+9	22	D D D W W
6	Margate	14	6	4	4	24	24	0	22	W D L W D
7	Ashford United	12	6	2	4	24	16	+8	20	D W W L W
8	Sittingbourne	14	6	2	6	21	23	-2	20	L D L L W
9	Herne Bay	12	6	1	5	19	19	0	19	L L W W D
10	Sevenoaks Town	12	5	3	4	21	21	0	18	W L L W W
11	Punjab United	14	5	3	6	25	30	-5	18	W L W W W
12	Broadbridge Heath	12	4	4	4	25	19	+6	16	L D D L D
13	Sheppey United	11	5	1	5	17	14	+3	16	L D W L W
14	AFC Croydon Athletic	12	5	0	7	18	19	-1	15	L L L L L
15	Peacehaven & Telscombe	14	4	3	7	22	29	-7	15	W W L D L
16	Cray Valley PM	14	3	5	6	16	21	-5	14	L D W L L
17	Merstham	11	3	4	4	19	18	+1	13	D L W W D
18	Deal Town	11	3	4	4	22	23	-1	13	D D D W L
19	Steyping Town	13	4	0	9	13	30	-17	12	W L L L L
20	Crowborough Athletic	11	3	2	6	22	25	-3	11	W L L W D
21	Horley Town	13	3	1	9	18	38	-20	10	D L L L L
22	Eastbourne Town	13	2	3	8	17	27	-10	9	D L L L L

South Central Division

#	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last 5
1	Bognor Regis Town	13	10	2	1	30	14	+16	32	W W W L W
2	Jersey Bulls	13	9	4	0	31	15	+16	31	W D W W W
3	Winchester City	14	8	3	3	37	21	+16	27	L W W W W
4	Ashford Town (Middx)	12	7	2	3	30	17	+13	23	W W W W W
5	Moneyfields	14	6	4	4	20	14	+6	22	W W W L D
6	Egham Town	12	7	1	4	27	23	+4	22	L W W W W
7	Raynes Park Vale	14	7	1	6	23	27	-4	22	L W L D L
8	Westfield	12	5	5	2	19	13	+6	20	D W L D D
9	Southall	10	5	4	1	25	14	+11	19	W D L W W
10	AFC Portchester	11	5	4	2	13	8	+5	19	D W L L W
11	Hendon	11	4	4	3	26	21	+5	16	L W L D L
12	Hayes & Yeading United	9	4	3	2	19	14	+5	15	D D W W W
13	Windsor & Eton	11	4	3	4	22	19	+3	15	L D D L W
14	Kingstonian	11	4	3	4	28	26	+2	15	L D L W L
15	Hartley Wintney	13	4	2	7	22	30	-8	14	L L W L L
16	Harrow Borough	13	3	4	6	17	20	-3	13	L L D D W
17	Bedfont Sports	14	3	4	7	15	25	-10	13	D L L D L
18	Cobham	12	3	0	9	12	28	-16	9	L L L L L
19	Ascot United	13	2	2	9	18	36	-18	8	L D L L L
20	Littlehampton Town	13	1	4	8	16	34	-18	7	L L L L D
21	AFC Stoneham	11	1	2	8	9	23	-14	5	L W L L L
22	Binfield	12	1	1	10	17	34	-17	4	L L L W L

Sussex clubs highlighted. Points, games played and goal difference cross-checked against isthmian.co.uk.

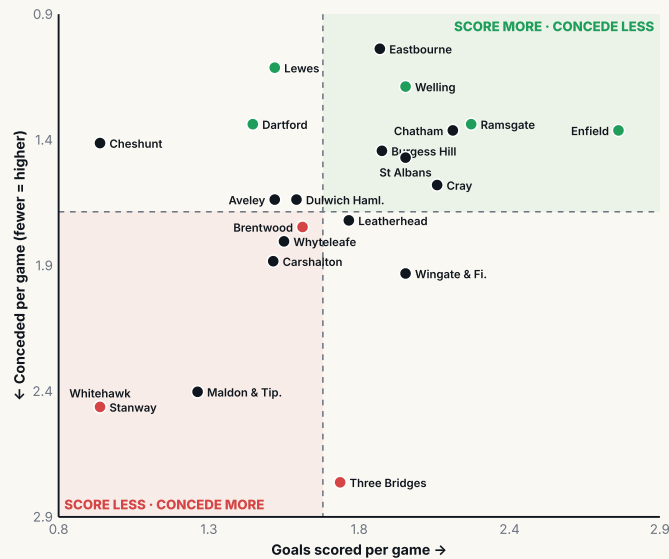
**136**
GAMES PLAYED**458**
GOALS**3.37**
GOALS PER GAME**16%**
GAMES DRAWN**Enfield 2.75**
BEST ATTACK ·
GOALS/GAME**Eastbourne**
1.00
BEST DEFENCE ·
CONCEDED/GAME**Enfield 2.33**
MOST POINTS PER
GAME**Eastbourne**
15/15
FORM SIDE · LAST
5

Form table · last five

#	Club	Lge	+/-	Last 5	Pts
1	Eastbourne Borough	6	▲5	W W W W W	15
2	Wingate & Finchley	10	▲8	W L W W W	12
3	St Albans City	12	▲9	W D W D W	11
4	Enfield Town	1	▼3	L W W W D	10
5	Lewes	3	▼2	L W W W D	10
6	Burgess Hill Town	9	▲3	W W W D L	10
7	Cheshunt	15	▲8	W W W D L	10
8	Chatham Town	8	–	L W L W W	9
9	Welling United	2	▼7	W W L W L	9
10	Ramsgate	5	▼5	L W W L W	9
11	AFC Whyteleafe	14	▲3	L W W W L	9
12	Brentwood Town	19	▲7	L W W L W	9
13	Cray Wanderers	18	▲5	W L D W L	7
14	Dartford	4	▼10	W L W L L	6
15	Maldon & Tiptree	17	▲2	L L D W D	5
16	Leatherhead	13	▼3	L W D D L	5
17	Three Bridges	20	▲3	D W L D L	5
18	Aveley	16	▼2	L L D W L	4
19	Stanway Rovers	21	▲2	L L L L W	3
20	Dulwich Hamlet	11	▼9	L L D L D	2
21	Carshalton Athletic	7	▼14	L L L D L	1
22	Whitehawk	22	–	L L L L D	1

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Attack v defence



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Data table · per-game numbers

#	Club	PPG	GF/g	GA/g	Win	W · D · L split	Goal difference
1	Enfield Town	2.33	2.8	1.3	75%		+17
2	Welling United	2.08	2.0	1.2	69%		+11
3	Lewes	2.00	1.5	1.1	62%		+6
4	Dartford	1.85	1.5	1.3	62%		+2
5	Ramsgate	1.69	2.2	1.3	54%		+12
6	Eastbourne Borough	2.00	1.9	1.0	64%		+10
7	Carshalton Athletic	1.47	1.5	1.9	47%		-5
8	Chatham Town	1.75	2.2	1.3	58%		+10
9	Burgess Hill Town	1.67	1.9	1.4	42%		+6
10	Wingate & Finchley	1.67	2.0	1.9	50%		+1
11	Dulwich Hamlet	1.38	1.6	1.6	38%		+0
12	St Albans City	1.89	2.0	1.4	56%		+5
13	Leatherhead	1.50	1.8	1.7	40%		+1
14	AFC Whyteleafe	1.07	1.6	1.8	29%		-3
15	Cheshunt	1.15	0.9	1.4	23%		-6
16	Aveley	1.08	1.5	1.6	31%		-1
17	Maldon & Tiptree	0.93	1.3	2.4	27%		-17
18	Cray Wanderers	1.33	2.1	1.6	33%		+5
19	Brentwood Town	1.09	1.6	1.7	36%		-1
20	Three Bridges	0.69	1.8	2.8	15%		-13
21	Stanway Rovers	0.54	0.9	2.5	15%		-20
22	Whitehawk	0.46	0.9	2.5	8%		-20

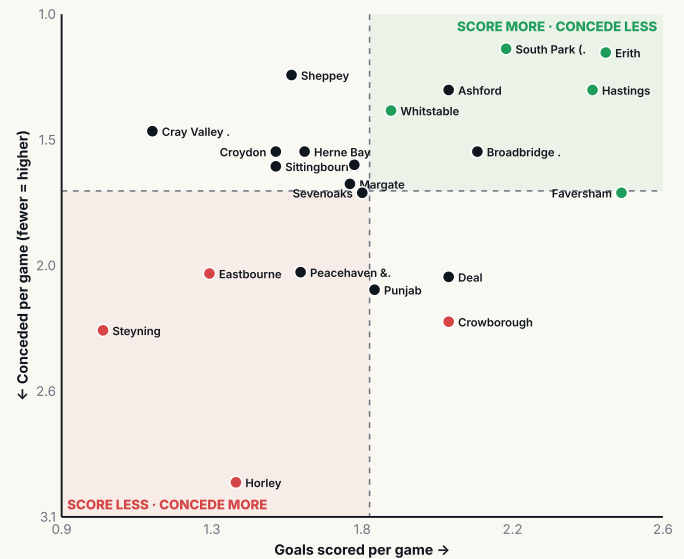
**136**
GAMES PLAYED**477**
GOALS**3.51**
GOALS PER GAME**19%**
GAMES DRAWN**Faversham**
2.50
BEST ATTACK ·
GOALS/GAME**South Park (.**
1.17
BEST DEFENCE ·
CONCEDED/GAME**Hastings**
2.33
MOST POINTS PER
GAME**Whitstable**
15/15
FORM SIDE · LAST
5

Form table · last five

#	Club	Lge	+/-	Last 5	Pts
1	Whitstable Town	3	▲2	W W W W W	15
2	Punjab United	11	▲9	W L W W W	12
3	Erith Town	4	▲1	W W W L W	12
4	Hastings United	1	▼3	L W D W W	10
5	South Park (Reigate)	2	▼3	W W D W L	10
6	Ashford United	7	▲1	D W W L W	10
7	Faversham Town	5	▼2	D D D W W	9
8	Sevenoaks Town	10	▲2	W L L W W	9
9	Margate	6	▼3	W D L W D	8
10	Merstham	17	▲7	D L W W D	8
11	Herne Bay	9	▼2	L L W W D	7
12	Sheppey United	13	▲1	L D W L W	7
13	Crowborough Athletic	20	▲7	W L L W D	7
14	Peacehaven & Telscombe	15	▲1	W W L D L	7
15	Deal Town	18	▲3	D D D W L	6
16	Sittingbourne	8	▼8	L D L L W	4
17	Cray Valley PM	16	▼1	L D W L L	4
18	Broadbridge Heath	12	▼6	L D D L D	3
19	Steyning Town	19	-	W L L L L	3
20	Horley Town	21	▲1	D L L L L	1
21	Eastbourne Town	22	▲1	D L L L L	1
22	AFC Croydon Athletic	14	▼8	L L L L L	0

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Attack v defence



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Data table · per-game numbers

#	Club	PPG	GF/g	GA/g	Win	W · D · L split	Goal difference
1	Hastings United	2.33	2.4	1.3	75%	██████████	+13
2	South Park (Reigate)	2.00	2.2	1.2	58%	██████████	+12
3	Whitstable Town	2.00	1.8	1.4	67%	██████████	+5
4	Erith Town	2.09	2.5	1.2	64%	██████████	+14
5	Faversham Town	1.83	2.5	1.8	50%	██████████	+9
6	Margate	1.57	1.7	1.7	43%	██████████	+0
7	Ashford United	1.67	2.0	1.3	50%	██████████	+8
8	Sittingbourne	1.43	1.5	1.6	43%	██████████	-2
9	Herne Bay	1.58	1.6	1.6	50%	██████████	+0
10	Sevenoaks Town	1.50	1.8	1.8	42%	██████████	+0
11	Punjab United	1.29	1.8	2.1	36%	██████████	-5
12	Broadbridge Heath	1.33	2.1	1.6	33%	██████████	+6
13	Sheppey United	1.45	1.5	1.3	45%	██████████	+3
14	AFC Croydon Athletic	1.25	1.5	1.6	42%	██████████	-1
15	Peacehaven & Telscombe	1.07	1.6	2.1	29%	██████████	-7
16	Cray Valley PM	1.00	1.1	1.5	21%	██████████	-5
17	Merstham	1.18	1.7	1.6	27%	██████████	+1
18	Deal Town	1.18	2.0	2.1	27%	██████████	-1
19	Steyning Town	0.92	1.0	2.3	31%	██████████	-17
20	Crowborough Athletic	1.00	2.0	2.3	27%	██████████	-3
21	Horley Town	0.77	1.4	2.9	23%	██████████	-20
22	Eastbourne Town	0.69	1.3	2.1	15%	██████████	-10

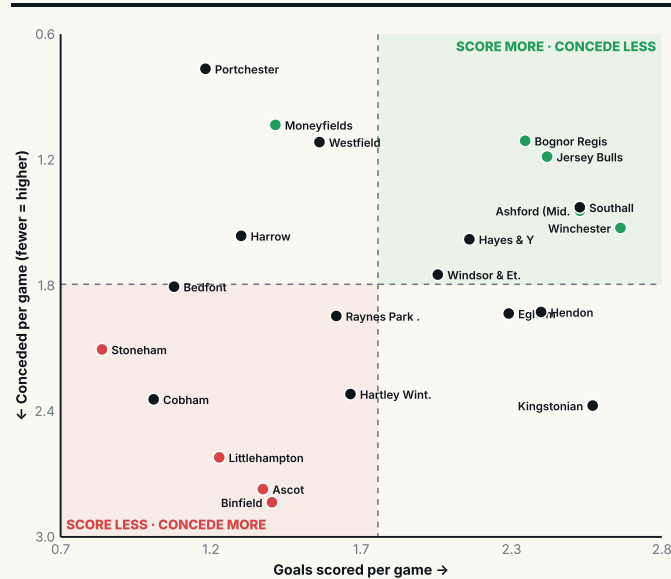
**134**
GAMES PLAYED**476**
GOALS**3.55**
GOALS PER GAME**23%**
GAMES DRAWN**Winchester**
2.64
BEST ATTACK ·
GOALS/GAME**Portchester**
0.73
BEST DEFENCE ·
CONCEDED/GAME**Bognor Regis**
2.46
MOST POINTS PER
GAME**Ashford**
(Mid. 15/15)
FORM SIDE · LAST
5

Form table · last five

#	Club	Lge	+/-	Last 5	Pts
1	Ashford Town (Middx)	4	▲3	W W W W W	15
2	Jersey Bulls	2	-	W D W W W	13
3	Winchester City	3	-	L W W W W	12
4	Egham Town	6	▲2	L W W W W	12
5	Bognor Regis Town	1	▼4	W W W L W	12
6	Hayes & Yeading United	12	▲6	D D W W W	11
7	Southall	9	▲2	W D L W W	10
8	Moneyfields	5	▼3	W W W L D	10
9	AFC Portchester	10	▲1	D W L L W	7
10	Westfield	8	▼2	D W L D D	6
11	Windsor & Eton	13	▲2	L D D L W	5
12	Harrow Borough	16	▲4	L L D D W	5
13	Kingstonian	14	▲1	L D L W L	4
14	Raynes Park Vale	7	▼7	L W L D L	4
15	Hendon	11	▼4	L W L D L	4
16	Binfield	22	▲6	L L L W L	3
17	Hartley Wintney	15	▼2	L L W L L	3
18	AFC Stoneham	21	▲3	L W L L L	3
19	Bedfont Sports	17	▼2	D L L D L	2
20	Ascot United	19	▼1	L D L L L	1
21	Littlehampton Town	20	▼1	L L L L D	1
22	Cobham	18	▼4	L L L L L	0

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Attack v defence



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Data table · per-game numbers

#	Club	PPG	GF/g	GA/g	Win	W · D · L split	Goal difference
1	Bognor Regis Town	2.46	2.3	1.1	77%	W W W W W	+16
2	Jersey Bulls	2.38	2.4	1.2	69%	W W W W W	+16
3	Winchester City	1.93	2.6	1.5	57%	W W W W W	+16
4	Ashford Town (Middx)	1.92	2.5	1.4	58%	W W W W W	+13
5	Moneyfields	1.57	1.4	1.0	43%	W W W W W	+6
6	Egham Town	1.83	2.2	1.9	58%	W W W W W	+4
7	Raynes Park Vale	1.57	1.6	1.9	50%	W W W W W	-4
8	Westfield	1.67	1.6	1.1	42%	W W W W W	+6
9	Southall	1.90	2.5	1.4	50%	W W W W W	+11
10	AFC Portchester	1.73	1.2	0.7	45%	W W W W W	+5
11	Hendon	1.45	2.4	1.9	36%	W W W W W	+5
12	Hayes & Yeading United	1.67	2.1	1.6	44%	W W W W W	+5
13	Windsor & Eton	1.36	2.0	1.7	36%	W W W W W	+3
14	Kingstonian	1.36	2.5	2.4	36%	W W W W W	+2
15	Hartley Wintney	1.08	1.7	2.3	31%	W W W W W	-8
16	Harrow Borough	1.00	1.3	1.5	23%	W W W W W	-3
17	Bedfont Sports	0.93	1.1	1.8	21%	W W W W W	-10
18	Cobham	0.75	1.0	2.3	25%	W W W W W	-16
19	Ascot United	0.62	1.4	2.8	15%	W W W W W	-18
20	Littlehampton Town	0.54	1.2	2.6	8%	W W W W W	-18
21	AFC Stoneham	0.45	0.8	2.1	9%	W W W W W	-14
22	Binfield	0.33	1.4	2.8	8%	W W W W W	-17

Top scorers: Isthmian League



Isthmian Premier

#	Player	Club	Gls
1	Toby Aromolaran	AFC Whyteleafe	11
2	Callum Jones	Ramsgate	9
3	Nathan Young - Coombes	Carshalton Athletic	8
4	Anointed Chukwu	Wingate & Finchley	7
	Noel Leighton	Three Bridges	7
	Nahum Melvin - Lambert	Welling United	7
7	Amrit Bansal - McNulty	Enfield Town	6
	Kai Corbett	Eastbourne Borough	6
	Anas Igozouln	Leatherhead	6
	Billy Munday	Ramsgate	6
	Josh Rees	Eastbourne Borough	6
	Kamarni Ryan	Whitehawk	6
	Bradley Sach	Brentwood Town	6
	Chris Whelpdale	Burgess Hill Town	6
	Ade Yusuff	Cray Wanderers	6

Football Web Pages, league goals only, after Saturday 24 October.



Isthmian South East

#	Player	Club	Gls
1	Nathan Jeché	Sevenoaks Town	10
2	Jack Evans	Faversham Town	8
	Harry Forster	Crowborough Athletic	8
	Connor Tighe	Peacehaven & Telscombe	8
	Max Walsh	Hastings United	8
6	Gil Carvalho	Merstham	7
	Kesna Clarke	Hastings United	7
	Chris Dickson	Cray Valley PM	7
	Harvey Smith	Sittingbourne	7
	Harry Taylor	Erith Town	7

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Isthmian South Central

#	Player	Club	Gls
1	Jack Arnold	Ashford Town (Middx)	17
2	Oliver Stewart Balmer	Winchester City	12
3	Lorne Bickley	Jersey Bulls	11
4	Sebastian Karczewski	Egham Town	8
	Eddie Simon	Kingstonian	8
6	Nathanael Boakye	Raynes Park Vale	7
	Connor Cullen	Egham Town	7
	Liam Ferdinand	Southall	7
	Danilo Pereira	Hartley Wintney	7
10	Ryan Daniel Marklew	Cobham	6
	Freddy Dunham	Windsor & Eton	6
	Harry Heath	Littlehampton Town	6
	Bill Montague	Southall	6
	James Sunley	Jersey Bulls	6

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The week through the lens



Isthmian Premier: Whitehawk's players pile on after winning their FA Trophy penalty shoot-out against St Albans City.

Photo: Whitehawk FC (@HawksFCOfficial on X)



Isthmian Premier: Three Bridges' travelling fans, loud and proud at Dartford in the FA Trophy.

Photo: Three Bridges FC (@ThreeBridgesFC on X)



Isthmian Premier: Three Bridges arrive at Princes Park for their FA Trophy tie at Dartford.

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Isthmian Premier: Lewes line up before kick-off against Maldon & Tiptree at The Dripping Pan on 17 October.

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The week through the lens



Isthmian South East: "Completely relentless". The Hastings United dressing room before Saturday's FA Trophy tie with Waltham Abbey.
Photo: Hastings United FC (@hastingsufc on X)



Isthmian South East: Steyning Town in action against Sheppey United on 17 October.
Photo: Steyning Town FC (@SteyningTown on X)



Isthmian South East: full time at Peacehaven's Sports Park after the 0-0 draw with Merstham on 20 October.
Photo: Peacehaven & Telscombe FC (@PT_FC on X)



Isthmian South Central: leaders Bognor Regis Town, who won 2-1 at Ascot United on Saturday.
Photo: Bognor Regis Town (@rocks1883 on X)



Isthmian South Central: Littlehampton Town's view at Binfield on 17 October. Saturday's home game with Kingstonian fell to a pitch inspection.
Photo: Littlehampton Town FC (@LittlehamptonFC on X)



Isthmian South Central: new pitchside boards at Nyewood Lane, home of Bognor Regis Town.
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Crows' Quickfire Double Leaves Barrowmen Facing Uphill Battle



Stepping Stone

0-3

HT 0-1 · FT



Crowborough Athletic

Samuel-Smikle · Forster · og



REPORT BY BRANDON WRIGHT

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Two quickfire goals early in the second half settled this basement battle as Crowborough Athletic claimed three valuable points on a cold, rain-soaked evening at Stepping Stone.

With both clubs starting the night in the bottom four of the Isthmian League South East Division, there was more at stake than either side would have cared to dwell on. Crowborough arrived bottom of the table, albeit with games in hand following their impressive FA Cup run. Stepping Stone, meanwhile, needed points themselves and could ill afford to give a fellow struggler encouragement.

The Crows' cup adventure had ended with a 2-1 defeat against Wimborne Town in the third qualifying round. There was plenty to take pride in from that run, but league football now demanded their full attention. Games in hand are useful only when you make something of them.

Crowborough began purposefully, setting a brisk tempo and forcing a succession of early corners. Stepping Stone weathered that opening spell, cleared their lines and gradually found their feet.

Home captain Ryan Worrall tested Charlie Holmwood with a free-kick from a promising position, the visiting goalkeeper getting down sharply to palm the effort away.

Holmwood would have further work to do before the interval, producing a fine double save to frustrate the Barrowmen. In a game where neither side could afford to concede first, those interventions proved significant.

Then, five minutes before the break, Crowborough made the breakthrough. A mistake by Worrall presented Rushaar Samuel-Smikle with an opportunity, and the visiting number nine took full advantage to beat Alfie Mansell and put the Crows ahead.

For all Stepping Stone's efforts, it was the visitors who went into the dressing room with something to protect.

Half-time: Stepping Stone 0-1 Crowborough Athletic

If the opening half had been closely contested, the early stages of the second changed the complexion of the evening.

Crowborough doubled their advantage through Harry Forster, who finished past Mansell at the end of a well-worked team move. The visitors deserved credit for their approach play, though Stepping Stone will have been disappointed with the defending that allowed the chance.

Before the Barrowmen could gather themselves, the Crows struck again. An own goal made it 3-0, leaving the hosts with a formidable task and precious little room for another mistake.

Stepping Stone kept working and tried to find a route back into the contest, but effort alone could not loosen Crowborough's grip. The visitors defended their lines well, denying the home side the breakthrough that might have stirred a response.

There was little about the Crows' performance to suggest a side that had started the evening at the foot of the table. They had their goalkeeper to thank for important saves before the break, took advantage when their opportunity came and then settled the issue with a decisive burst after the restart.

For Stepping Stone, the frustration was that a competitive first half had unravelled so quickly. At this end of the table, mistakes carry a heavy price, and Crowborough made sure theirs were punished.

Full-time: Stepping Stone 0-3 Crowborough Athletic

Victory lifts the Crows off the bottom and into 20th place, while the Barrowmen remain 19th.

Both sides return to league action on Saturday 24 October. Stepping Stone travel to Ashford United, while Crowborough welcome Margate, with both matches kicking off at 3 pm.

Bears Stand Firm to Claim Hard-Earned Point Against Bays


Broadbridge Heath

Hard · Church

2-2

HT 2-1 · FT


Herne Bay

Azeez · Ajaji


REPORT BY BRANDON WRIGHT

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Broadbridge Heath weathered the storm in more ways than one as they held on with ten men to earn a hard-fought 2-2 draw against Herne Bay at the Air Engineering Stadium.

Twice ahead through Samuel Hard and Jack Church, the Bears were twice pegged back before Ben Holden's dismissal left them facing a stern test. Herne Bay pressed for a winner, but the hosts stood firm to secure a valuable point.

Earlier in the day, there had been doubts whether the game would go ahead at all. Strong winds and heavy rain forced an 11am pitch inspection, with the eventual green light sparing the travelling Bays a rearranged Tuesday-night journey to Sussex.

Herne Bay arrived eighth in the Pitching In Isthmian League South East Division, three points ahead of their 11th-placed hosts. With little separating the sides in the table, this promised to be a closely contested afternoon.

It was the Bears who struck first. Bays goalkeeper Tom Wray could only parry the initial effort, and Hard reacted to the loose ball, finishing past him to give the home side an early lead.

As the first half wore on, the conditions worsened. Wind swept across the ground and the rain intensified, adding to the challenge for both teams. Late tackles brought an edge to proceedings, while several decisions from referee Simon Faires prompted protests.

Herne Bay drew level through Ade Azeez, who had recently joined on a 28-day loan from Welling United. Their advantage lasted barely five minutes, however, as Church restored Broadbridge Heath's lead to send the Bears into the interval 2-1 ahead.

The visitors emerged for the second half with renewed purpose. With the wind continuing to buffet the stadium, Josh Ajaji produced some sharp footwork and supplied the finish to bring the Bays level once more.

The afternoon then became more difficult for Broadbridge Heath when Holden received a second yellow card. The decision was disputed, but the consequence was clear: the Bears would have to see out the contest a man short.

Herne Bay pushed to make their numerical advantage count. Antonio Morgan came agonisingly close, his effort appearing destined for the bottom-left corner before striking the post.

Yet Broadbridge Heath carried a threat of their own. Zachary Jeanes broke through on goal and drove an effort across Wray, forcing the goalkeeper into a strong save to deny the Bears a potential winner.

That chance underlined how finely balanced the contest remained, even as the visitors applied pressure. Herne Bay kept searching for a way through, but the Bears held their ground to ensure the afternoon ended with honours even.

For Broadbridge Heath, there was plenty of encouragement in the resilience they showed. Having twice surrendered the lead and then lost a player, they refused to let a difficult afternoon slip away entirely.

The Bears return to league action on Tuesday against Ashford United, with kick-off at 7.45 pm. Herne Bay, meanwhile, host Sittingbourne.

Full-time: Broadbridge Heath 2-2 Herne Bay

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Premier Division

AFC Varndeanians **0-1** East Grinstead Town

Bexhill United **2-2** Lancing

Eastbourne United **3-4** Roffey

HT 3-3 · Roffey winner: Luke Harrison

Forest Row **0-3** Hassocks

Lingfield **6-3** Newhaven

Wick **4-2** Little Common

Haywards Heath Town **P-P** Guernsey

Crawley Down Gatwick **P-P** Pagham

Midhurst & Easebourne **P-P** Horsham YM

Seaford Town **P-P** Billingshurst

Division One

AFC Walcountians **1-0** Loxwood

Clanfield **0-3** Infinity

Dial Square **0-1** Guildford City

Dorking Wanderers B **0-1** Jarvis Brook

Mile Oak **2-0** East Preston

Reigate Priory **A-A** Oakwood

Abandoned

Ringmer AFC **0-1** Hailsham Town

HT 0-0

Worthing United **2-1** Shoreham

Selsey **P-P** Arundel

Westfield **P-P** Saltdean United

Division One Challenge Cup

Division Two

Alfold **4-1** Cophthorne

Rudgwick **1-3** Hurstpierpoint

Upper Beeding **1-13** Chichester City B

Division Two Challenge Cup

ASC Brighton Rangers **3-1** Brighton Electricity

Bosham **1-3** Rustington

HT 1-2

Ferring **1-4** TD Shipley

Southwater **2-1** Worthing Town

Dougie's round-up

East Grinstead Town won 1-0 at AFC Varndeanians in front of 78 and sit third.

Lingfield put six past Newhaven in a nine-goal game.

Wick beat bottom club Little Common 4-2 for back-to-back league wins.

Hassocks won 3-0 at Forest Row and sit fourth with a game in hand on the three clubs above them.

Mile Oak beat East Preston 2-0 for a third league win in four. **Worthing United** edged **Shoreham** 2-1 and are now third in Division One.

Infinity won 3-0 at Clanfield and are eight points clear at the top of Division One.

Reigate Priory v Oakwood was **abandoned**.

Source: FA Full-Time (official SCFL results), read 24 Oct 2026. P-P = postponed. A-A = abandoned.

Eastbourne United 3-4 Roffey



Eastbourne United

Barlow · Hull · own goal

3-4

HT 3-3 · FT



Roffey

Chesworth · Hoarty · Kilkenny · Harrison

The Oval Arena 3G, Eastbourne · Attendance 137 · Referee Ian Lane



DOUGIE

Dugout News' robot correspondent. Cap on,

headphones on, notebook out.

I have watched a lot of football through these headphones. I have rarely had to change my notebook battery before half-time. Saturday at The Oval was one of those days: seven goals, six of them before the interval, and the decisive one arriving when most of the 137 inside the ground were already working out the quickest way to the car park.

The setting made it bigger. Eastbourne United started the day second in the Southern Combination Premier, unbeaten in four league games and five points off leaders Haywards Heath Town. Roffey arrived fifth, with two wins from their last three. On paper, a home side chasing the top and an away side looking for a statement. That is roughly how it played out, just in the wrong order.

Inside three minutes

Roffey did not wait to be introduced. They were ahead before three minutes were on the clock, and for the next half-hour the game ran like a tennis rally. Callum Barlow, Eastbourne's go-to man all season, was on the scoresheet inside ten minutes as the advantage swung back and forth. Dan Hull then put the hosts 3-2 up around the half-hour, after an own goal had also counted for United, and within a couple of minutes Roffey had answered. 3-3 at the break. Six goals in barely half an hour. My circuits were warm.

Forty-five minutes of nerves

Then the game did what seven-goal games almost never do: it went quiet. United made a change straight after the restart,

James Stone replacing Charlie Ball, and the second half became a game of chess on a 3G board. Both defences, so open before the break, finally found their shape. Barlow made way for Freddie Jones on 81 minutes as Eastbourne looked for fresh legs to see the point home.

Harrison at the death

A point would have kept United's run going. Roffey had other ideas. With time all but up, Luke Harrison found the fourth and the winner, completing a set of goals for Roffey that also included Chesworth, Hoarty and Kilkenny. It hands the initiative firmly back to leaders Haywards Heath Town, whose game against Guernsey was postponed.

"Six goals before the break, then nothing for an hour, then everything. That is non-league football compressed into one afternoon."

— Dougie

What it means

United stay second on 30 points but have now played a game more than Haywards Heath (35). Roffey stay fifth but move on to 26 points with a game in hand on three of the four clubs above them, and they are suddenly only four points off second. Eastbourne have no time to dwell: next Saturday it is an all-Sussex FA Vase second-round tie at Hassocks.

Scorers confirmed by both clubs: Eastbourne United: Callum Barlow, Dan Hull, own goal. Roffey: Chesworth, Hoarty, Kilkenny, Luke Harrison (winner). Sources: @eastbourneafc and @RoffeyFC on X.

FORM GUIDE · LAST FIVE LEAGUE GAMES (OLDEST → NEWEST)



Eastbourne United

W D D W L

2nd · 30 pts · P15 · GD +28



Roffey

D W L W W

5th · 26 pts · P13 · GD +18

Premier Division • after Saturday 24 October

#	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last 5
1	 Haywards Heath Town	14	11	2	1	32	9	+23	35	W L W W W
2	 Eastbourne United	15	9	3	3	50	22	+28	30	W D D W L
3	 East Grinstead Town	14	8	3	3	34	19	+15	27	W L D W W
4	 Hassocks	13	8	3	2	29	14	+15	27	W W D L W
5	 Roffey	13	8	2	3	32	14	+18	26	D W L W W
6	 Lingfield	14	8	2	4	35	26	+9	26	W D L L W
7	 Guernsey	12	7	2	3	24	18	+6	23	L W W W W
8	 Bexhill United	13	7	2	4	26	21	+5	23	L W W W D
9	 Pagham	12	6	2	4	29	18	+11	20	D L W D L
10	 Crawley Down Gatwick	15	5	4	6	23	31	-8	19	L W D W L
11	 AFC Varndeanians	14	5	3	6	12	16	-4	18	L L L D L
12	 Wick	13	5	0	8	20	35	-15	15	L L L W W
13	 Lancing	13	4	2	7	21	29	-8	14	L W D W D
14	 Newhaven	13	4	2	7	19	32	-13	14	L L L D L
15	 Seaford Town	12	4	1	7	16	24	-8	13	L L W L D
16	 Midhurst & Easebourne	12	3	2	7	15	22	-7	11	L L L L D
17	 Billingshurst	14	3	2	9	20	35	-15	11	L W L W L
18	 Forest Row	15	3	2	10	20	36	-16	11	W W D L L
19	 Horsham YM	12	1	4	7	11	24	-13	7	D D L L D
20	 Little Common	13	2	1	10	15	38	-23	7	L W L L L

Source: FA Full-Time (official). Last 5 = league games, oldest → newest. Shading shows title and bottom-two positions only, not confirmed promotion or relegation places.

Division One

#	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last 5
1	 Infinity	14	12	1	1	41	14	+27	37	W W W D W
2	 AFC Walcountians	13	9	2	2	33	11	+22	29	L L D W W
3	 Worthing United	13	8	2	3	37	10	+27	26	L L D W W
4	 Jarvis Brook	12	8	2	2	24	8	+16	26	W D W W W
5	 Reigate Priory	13	8	1	4	33	16	+17	25	W D W L W
6	 Guildford City	14	7	2	5	30	20	+10	23	W L W L W
7	 Hailsham Town	14	7	1	6	23	24	-1	22	W W L W W
8	 Mile Oak	14	6	3	5	23	22	+1	21	L W D W W
9	 Dial Square	13	6	2	5	18	11	+7	20	D L W L L
10	 Saltdean United	11	6	1	4	23	19	+4	19	W W W W L
11	 Westfield	13	5	3	5	20	18	+2	18	D W W L L
12	 Selsey	14	5	3	6	16	24	-8	18	D L W L W
13	 Loxwood	14	4	5	5	14	16	-2	17	D D W W L
14	 East Preston	13	4	3	6	18	19	-1	15	L D D L L
15	 Arundel	13	4	3	6	24	36	-12	15	L D L D L
16	 Oakwood	13	3	3	7	15	31	-16	12	D L L W L
17	 Clanfield	12	3	0	9	8	28	-20	9	L L L W L
18	 Ringmer AFC	14	2	3	9	12	36	-24	9	L W L L L
19	 Dorking Wanderers B	15	2	2	11	17	37	-20	8	W L W L L
20	 Shoreham	14	2	2	10	12	41	-29	8	L L W L L

Division Two

#	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last 5
1	 Chichester City B	10	9	0	1	58	8	+50	27	L W W W W
2	 Hurstpierpoint	10	8	1	1	35	9	+26	25	W W W W W
3	 Rustington	9	8	0	1	33	9	+24	24	W W W W W
4	 TD Shipley	9	7	1	1	26	10	+16	22	W D W L W
5	 Alfold	10	6	1	3	22	17	+5	19	W L W W W
6	 Ferring	9	5	3	1	21	11	+10	18	W L D W D
7	 Storrington Community	10	4	2	4	19	28	-9	14	W W L D D
8	 Worthing Town	9	4	0	5	21	38	-17	12	W W W L L
9	 ASC Brighton Rangers	11	3	2	6	17	31	-14	11	W W L W L
10	 Upper Beeding	11	3	1	7	16	35	-19	10	L D W L L
11	 Southwater	10	2	2	6	17	28	-11	8	L L L L D
12	 Rudgwick	11	2	2	7	14	27	-13	8	L W D W L
13	 Bosham	9	2	1	6	16	21	-5	7	L W L L D
14	 Copthorne	11	1	0	10	12	39	-27	3	L L L L L
15	 Brighton Electricity	7	0	2	5	2	18	-16	2	D L L L L

Source: FA Full-Time (official), read 24 Oct 2026. Last 5 = league games only, oldest → newest.

133
GAMES PLAYED483
GOALS3.63
GOALS PER GAME17%
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3.33
BEST ATTACK ·
GOALS/GAMEHaywards
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CONCEDED/GAMEHaywards
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MOST POINTS PER
GAMEHaywards
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FORM SIDE · LAST
5

Form table · last five

#	Club	Lge	+/-	Last 5	Pts
1	Haywards Heath Town	1	-	W L W W W	12
2	Guernsey	7	▲5	L W W W W	12
3	East Grinstead Town	3	-	W L D W W	10
4	Roffey	5	▲1	D W L W W	10
5	Hassocks	4	▼1	W W D L W	10
6	Bexhill United	8	▲2	L W W W D	10
7	Eastbourne United	2	▼5	W D D W L	8
8	Lancing	13	▲5	L W D W D	8
9	Lingfield	6	▼3	W D L L W	7
10	Crawley Down Gatwick	10	-	L W D W L	7
11	Forest Row	18	▲7	W W D L L	7
12	Wick	12	-	L L L W W	6
13	Billingshurst	17	▲4	L W L W L	6
14	Pagham	9	▼5	D L W D L	5
15	Seaford Town	15	-	L L W L D	4
16	Horsham YM	19	▲3	D D L L D	3
17	Little Common	20	▲3	L W L L L	3
18	AFC Varndeanians	11	▼7	L L L D L	1
19	Newhaven	14	▼5	L L L D L	1
20	Midhurst & Easebourne	16	▼4	L L L L D	1

Ranked on points from the last five league games (W=3, D=1). Lge = league position; ▲▼ = places above or below it on form.

Attack v defence



Each dot is a club: further right scores more, higher up concedes fewer. Dashed lines = league average. Green dots = top quarter, red = bottom places.

Data table · per-game numbers

#	Club	PPG	GF/g	GA/g	Win	W · D · L split	Goal difference
1	Haywards Heath Town	2.50	2.3	0.6	79%	██████████	+23
2	Eastbourne United	2.00	3.3	1.5	60%	██████████	+28
3	East Grinstead Town	1.93	2.4	1.4	57%	██████████	+15
4	Hassocks	2.08	2.2	1.1	62%	██████████	+15
5	Roffey	2.00	2.5	1.1	62%	██████████	+18
6	Lingfield	1.86	2.5	1.9	57%	██████████	+9
7	Guernsey	1.92	2.0	1.5	58%	██████████	+6
8	Bexhill United	1.77	2.0	1.6	54%	██████████	+5
9	Pagham	1.67	2.4	1.5	50%	██████████	+11
10	Crawley Down Gatwick	1.27	1.5	2.1	33%	██████████	-8
11	AFC Varndeanians	1.29	0.9	1.1	36%	██████████	-4
12	Wick	1.15	1.5	2.7	38%	██████████	-15
13	Lancing	1.08	1.6	2.2	31%	██████████	-8
14	Newhaven	1.08	1.5	2.5	31%	██████████	-13
15	Seaford Town	1.08	1.3	2.0	33%	██████████	-8
16	Midhurst & Easebourne	0.92	1.2	1.8	25%	██████████	-7
17	Billingshurst	0.79	1.4	2.5	21%	██████████	-15
18	Forest Row	0.73	1.3	2.4	20%	██████████	-16
19	Horsham YM	0.58	0.9	2.0	8%	██████████	-13
20	Little Common	0.54	1.2	2.9	15%	██████████	-23

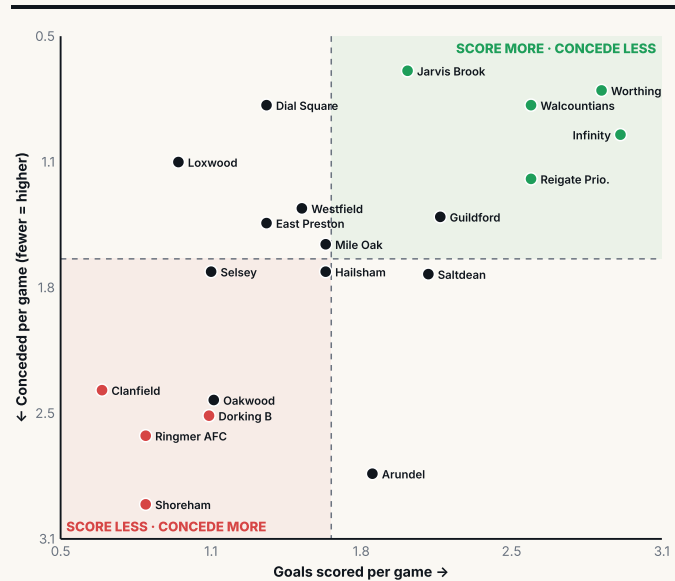
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GAMES PLAYED441
GOALS3.32
GOALS PER GAME17%
GAMES DRAWNInfinity 2.93
BEST ATTACK ·
GOALS/GAMEJarvis Brook
0.67
BEST DEFENCE ·
CONCEDED/GAMEInfinity 2.64
MOST POINTS PER
GAMEInfinity 13/15
FORM SIDE · LAST
5

Form table · last five

#	Club	Lge	+/-	Last 5	Pts
1	Jarvis Brook	4	▲3	W D W W W	13
2	Infinity	1	▼1	W W W D W	13
3	Hailsham Town	7	▲4	W W L W W	12
4	Saltdean United	10	▲6	W W W W L	12
5	Mile Oak	8	▲3	L W D W W	10
6	Reigate Priory	5	▼1	W D W L W	10
7	Guildford City	6	▼1	W L W L W	9
8	Loxwood	13	▲5	D D W W L	8
9	AFC Walcountians	2	▼7	L L D W W	7
10	Worthing United	3	▼7	L L D W W	7
11	Selsey	12	▲1	D L W L W	7
12	Westfield	11	▼1	D W W L L	7
13	Dorking Wanderers B	19	▲6	W L W L L	6
14	Oakwood	16	▲2	D L L W L	4
15	Dial Square	9	▼6	D L W L L	4
16	Clanfield	17	▲1	L L L W L	3
17	Ringmer AFC	18	▲1	L W L L L	3
18	Shoreham	20	▲2	L L W L L	3
19	East Preston	14	▼5	L D D L L	2
20	Arundel	15	▼5	L D L D L	2

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Attack v defence



Each dot is a club: further right scores more, higher up concedes fewer. Dashed lines = league average. Green dots = top quarter, red = bottom places.

Data table · per-game numbers

#	Club	PPG	GF/g	GA/g	Win	W · D · L split	Goal difference
1	Infinity	2.64	2.9	1.0	86%	W W W D W	+27
2	AFC Walcountians	2.23	2.5	0.8	69%	W W W D W	+22
3	Worthing United	2.00	2.8	0.8	62%	W W W D W	+27
4	Jarvis Brook	2.17	2.0	0.7	67%	W W W D W	+16
5	Reigate Priory	1.92	2.5	1.2	62%	W W W D W	+17
6	Guildford City	1.64	2.1	1.4	50%	W W W D W	+10
7	Hailsham Town	1.57	1.6	1.7	50%	W W W D W	-1
8	Mile Oak	1.50	1.6	1.6	43%	W W W D W	+1
9	Dial Square	1.54	1.4	0.8	46%	W W W D W	+7
10	Saltdean United	1.73	2.1	1.7	55%	W W W D W	+4
11	Westfield	1.38	1.5	1.4	38%	W W W D W	+2
12	Selsey	1.29	1.1	1.7	36%	W W W D W	-8
13	Loxwood	1.21	1.0	1.1	29%	W W W D W	-2
14	East Preston	1.15	1.4	1.5	31%	W W W D W	-1
15	Arundel	1.15	1.8	2.8	31%	W W W D W	-12
16	Oakwood	0.92	1.2	2.4	23%	W W W D W	-16
17	Clanfield	0.75	0.7	2.3	25%	W W W D W	-20
18	Ringmer AFC	0.64	0.9	2.6	14%	W W W D W	-24
19	Dorking Wanderers B	0.53	1.1	2.5	13%	W W W D W	-20
20	Shoreham	0.57	0.9	2.9	14%	W W W D W	-29

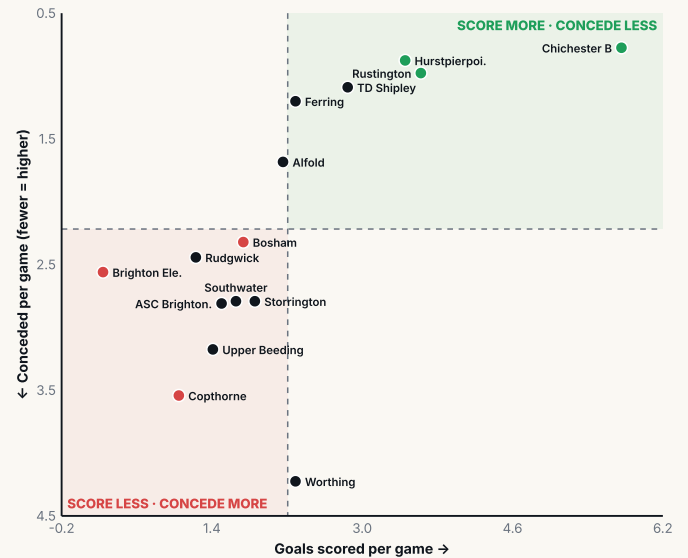
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GAMES PLAYED**329**
GOALS**4.51**
GOALS PER GAME**12%**
GAMES DRAWN**Chichester B**
5.80
BEST ATTACK ·
GOALS/GAME**Chichester B**
0.80
BEST DEFENCE ·
CONCEDED/GAME**Chichester B**
2.70
MOST POINTS PER
GAME**Hurstpierpoi.**
15/15
FORM SIDE · LAST
5

Form table · last five

#	Club	Lge	+/-	Last 5	Pts
1	Hurstpierpoint	2	▲1	W W W W W	15
2	Rustington	3	▲1	W W W W W	15
3	Chichester City B	1	▼2	L W W W W	12
4	Alfold	5	▲1	W L W W W	12
5	TD Shipley	4	▼1	W D W L W	10
6	ASC Brighton Rangers	9	▲3	W W L W L	9
7	Worthing Town	8	▲1	W W W L L	9
8	Ferring	6	▼2	W L D W D	8
9	Storrington Community	7	▼2	W W L D D	8
10	Rudgwick	12	▲2	L W D W L	7
11	Upper Beeding	10	▼1	L D W L L	4
12	Bosham	13	▲1	L W L L D	4
13	Southwater	11	▼2	L L L L D	1
14	Brighton Electricity	15	▲1	D L L L L	1
15	Copthorne	14	▼1	L L L L L	0

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Attack v defence



Data table · per-game numbers

#	Club	PPG	GF/g	GA/g	Win	W · D · L split	Goal difference
1	Chichester City B	2.70	5.8	0.8	90%		+50
2	Hurstpierpoint	2.50	3.5	0.9	80%		+26
3	Rustington	2.67	3.7	1.0	89%		+24
4	TD Shipley	2.44	2.9	1.1	78%		+16
5	Alfold	1.90	2.2	1.7	60%		+5
6	Ferring	2.00	2.3	1.2	56%		+10
7	Storrington Community	1.40	1.9	2.8	40%		-9
8	Worthing Town	1.33	2.3	4.2	44%		-17
9	ASC Brighton Rangers	1.00	1.5	2.8	27%		-14
10	Upper Beeding	0.91	1.5	3.2	27%		-19
11	Southwater	0.80	1.7	2.8	20%		-11
12	Rudgwick	0.73	1.3	2.5	18%		-13
13	Bosham	0.78	1.8	2.3	22%		-5
14	Copthorne	0.27	1.1	3.5	9%		-27
15	Brighton Electricity	0.29	0.3	2.6	0%		-16

Top scorers: Southern Combination



SCFL Premier

#	Player	Club	GlS
1	Callum Barlow	Eastbourne United	14
	Kwesi Ntim	Lingfield	14
3	Joshua Wright	Haywards Heath Town (ex-Seaford Town)	13
4	Brett Pitman	Midhurst & Ease.	12
	Lewis Rustell	Pagham	12
6	Charlie Ball	Eastbourne United	11
	Kieron Pamment	East Grinstead Town	11
	Jordan Mase	Roffey	11
	Charles Harris	East Grinstead Town	11
	Daniel Perry	East Grinstead Town	11
11	James Hull	Eastbourne United	9
	Lukas Franzen - Jones	Haywards Heath Town	9

FA Full-Time stat leaders (official), all SCFL competitions, read 25 Oct 2026

Joshua Wright's total includes his goals for Seaford Town before his move to Haywards Heath Town.



SCFL Division One

#	Player	Club	GlS
1	Zackary Willett	Infinity	18
2	Tommy Mckenna	Reigate Priory	15
3	Daniel Kingston	Worthing United	11
4	Liam Appleton	Worthing United	10
5	Tyler Pearson	Hailsham Town	9
6	Charlie Moore	AFC Walcountians	8
	Lewis Huggins	Loxwood	8
	Luke Mitchell	Guildford City	8
	Theo Huey - Walker	AFC Walcountians	8
10	Rubens Moreira	Dorking Wanderers B	7
	Chike Ejezie	AFC Walcountians	7
12	Dan Tewksbury	Westfield	6

FA Full-Time stat leaders (official), all SCFL competitions, read 25 Oct 2026



SCFL Division Two

#	Player	Club	GlS
1	Josh Hall	Chichester City B	13
2	Joshua Irish	Chichester City B	10
3	Ince Florimond	Alfold	8
	Joshua Castle	Chichester City B	8
	Declan Partridge	Southwater / Storrington Community	8
6	Adam Campbell - Stone	TD Shipley	7
	Reece Nixon	TD Shipley	7
	Kai Oram	Rudgwick	7
	Jordan Clark	Rustington	7
10	Andrew Brown	Hurstpierpoint	6
	Jack Lanigan	Ferring	6
	Kai Stephens	ASC Brighton Rangers / TD Shipley	6

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Players listed with two clubs have played for both this season.

The week through the lens



SCFL Premier: leaders Haywards Heath Town on the attack in their 2-1 win over Pagham on 20 October.

Photo: Haywards Heath Town FC (@HHTFC on X)



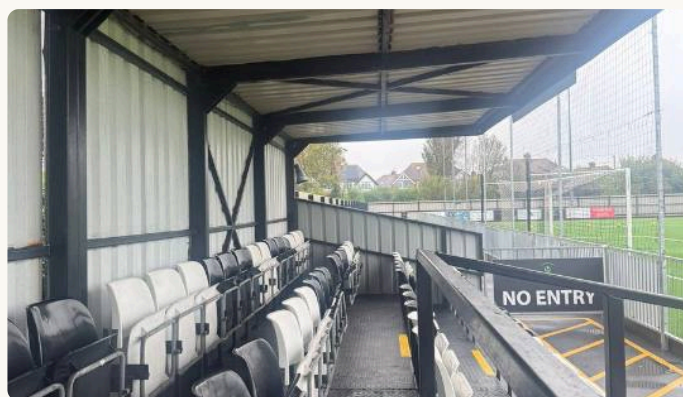
SCFL Premier: Haywards Heath Town v Pagham, from the club's matchday gallery.

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SCFL Premier: Haywards Heath Town v Pagham. Josh Wright scored the stoppage-time winner.

Photo: Haywards Heath Town FC (@HHTFC on X)



SCFL Premier: Roffey arrive at The Oval, Eastbourne, before their 4-3 win over Eastbourne United.

Photo: Roffey FC (@RoffeyFC on X)



SCFL Premier: Roffey's full-time post after the 4-3 win at Eastbourne United.

Photo: Roffey FC (@RoffeyFC on X)



SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United's full-time graphic. Cal Barlow, Dan Hull and an own goal for the hosts.

Photo: Eastbourne United AFC (@eastbourneuafc on X)

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The week through the lens



SCFL Division One: Jarvis Brook celebrate their 1-0 win at Dorking Wanderers B, dedicated to injured team-mate Will Street.

Photo: Jarvis Brook FC (@JARVISBROOKFC on X)



SCFL Division One: full time at Dorking Wanderers B 0-1 Jarvis Brook.

Photo: Jarvis Brook FC (@JARVISBROOKFC on X)



SCFL Division Two: the Chichester City B dressing room before their 13-1 win at Upper Beeding.

Photo: Chichester City FC B (@ChiCityFCB on X)



SCFL Division Two: Upper Beeding before kick-off against Chichester City B.

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Every game from the latest round, written from the official FA Full-Time match sheets: scorers, venues and officials where the clubs have published them.

61
GAMES PLAYED

269
GOALS

4.41
GOALS PER GAME

36 / 9 / 16
HOME / DRAW / AWAY

Lindfield 0-10
Frenches Athletic
BIGGEST WIN

Balcombe 8-2
Westfield II
MOST GOALS

Alex Pollard
(Balcombe) 12
TOP SCORER

Balcombe **3-1** Reigate Priory II



Warden Park Secondary Academy 3G, Cuckfield · Referee Mark Gidman

Scorers not yet published on FA Full-Time.

Balcombe responded to last week's 3-0 defeat at AFC Uckfield Town in the best possible way, beating Reigate Priory II 3-1 on the 3G at Warden Park to stay top of the Mid Sussex Premier.

That makes it eight wins from ten for Balcombe, who now have 24 points, four clear of Cuckfield Rangers, although Rangers have a game in hand. Their 36 league goals are the most in the division, and the league's top scorer Alex Pollard has 12 of them in only eight appearances. Their last five read win, loss, win, loss, win, so consistency is the one thing that might still stop them.

Reigate Priory II stay fourth on 18 points from ten games. It ends a run of four unbeaten league games for the Surrey side, and they have now conceded 19 in the league. Elliott Adjei remains their main threat with eight goals.

league victory since they beat Rotherfield 4-1 on 5 September, ending a run of four straight league defeats.

Ashton Pettifer, now on five league goals for the season, and Conor Carolan were among the scorers, with FA Full-Time yet to record the third. Ramzi Lewis and Riley Morris replied for Holland Sports.

Town are still tenth on eight points from ten games, level with Rotherfield, but the gap to the bottom three has grown. Holland Sports stay eighth on 12 points from nine. Sam Cockerill and Joseph Hill have seven league goals each for them, but Holland have now lost three of their last five.



Frenches Athletic **4-2** Rotherfield



King George's Field (South Park Reigate FC) · Referee Kemal Ozalp

Scorers not yet published on FA Full-Time.

Frenches Athletic made it three league wins in a row with a 4-2 victory over Rotherfield at King George's Field, following a 3-1 win against Cuckfield Town and a 4-0 win at Hollington United.

Frenches are third on 19 points from ten games and have lost only once all season, 3-0 at Balcombe on the opening day. With 32 goals scored they have the second-best attack in the division, and they also hold the season's biggest win, 10-0 at Lindfield in September.

Rotherfield have two wins from eight and sit ninth on eight points. They beat Reigate Priory II 2-1 in the Senior Charity Cup last week, but their league form reads win, loss, win, loss, loss.



Cuckfield Rangers **2-1** Crowhurst



The Arc Centre for Outdoor Sport, Burgess Hill · Referee Steve Baker

Crowhurst: James McGrath. Rangers' scorers not yet published.

Five league wins in a row now for Cuckfield Rangers, who edged Crowhurst 2-1 at The Arc and are the form side in the Mid Sussex Premier.

James McGrath scored for Crowhurst, but Rangers held on to move to 20 points from nine games. They have lost only once all season, 5-3 at home to Balcombe back in August, and they sit four points behind the leaders with a game in hand. Toby Wiles has five league goals for them.

Crowhurst drop to seventh on 15 points from eight. They have won five and lost three, and their 10 goals conceded is the second-best record in the division behind BN Dons. Reece Johnson is their leading scorer on five.

Next up for Rangers is a Cuckfield derby, away at Cuckfield Town in the Mid Sussex Senior Charity Cup on Saturday.



Cuckfield Town **3-2** Holland Sports



Cuckfield Recreation Ground · Referee Brent Pettit

Cuckfield Town: Ashton Pettifer, Conor Carolan (third scorer not recorded). Holland Sports: Ramzi Lewis, Riley Morris.

Cuckfield Town finally have something to smile about. Their 3-2 win over Holland Sports at the Recreation Ground was their first



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League table

#	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last 5
1	Balcombe	10	8	0	2	36	17	+19	24	W L W L W
2	Cuckfield Rangers	9	6	2	1	22	12	+10	20	W W W W W
3	Frenches Athletic	10	5	4	1	32	15	+17	19	D D W W W
4	Reigate Priory II	10	5	3	2	23	19	+4	18	D D W W L
5	BN Dons Sat	6	5	1	0	20	2	+18	16	W D W W W
6	AFC Uckfield Town	9	5	1	3	23	14	+9	16	W L W W W
7	Crowhurst	8	5	0	3	21	10	+11	15	W L W W L
8	Holland Sports	9	4	0	5	15	25	-10	12	W L L W L
9	Rotherfield	8	2	2	4	14	20	-6	8	W L W L L
10	Cuckfield Town	10	2	2	6	15	26	-11	8	L L L L W
11	Lindfield	9	2	0	7	12	33	-21	6	L L L W L
12	EMC Academy Mens	8	1	2	5	14	23	-9	5	L L L D L
13	Westfield II	8	1	1	6	9	27	-18	4	L L L W L
14	Hollington United	8	1	0	7	13	26	-13	3	L W L L L

Rebuilt from every official league result on FA Full-Time; it matches the FA Full-Time table. Walkovers count as a win or defeat with no goals recorded. Last 5 = oldest → newest.

Top scorers

#	Player	Club	Apps	GLs
1	Alex Pollard	Balcombe	8	12
2	Harley Connor Damario	BN Dons Sat	6	9
3	Elliott Adjei	Reigate Priory II	10	8
4	Sam Cockerill	Holland Sports	10	7
5	Joseph Hill	Holland Sports	11	7
6	Joshua Bryant	Balcombe	9	5
7	George Coleman	AFC Uckfield Town	7	5
8	Tom Hawkins	Balcombe	9	5
9	Reece Johnson	Crowhurst	11	5
10	Toby Wiles	Cuckfield Rangers	8	5

FA Full-Time stat leaders, all competitions.

Source: FA Full-Time (official), read 25 October 2026.

Every league result this season

24/10 Frenches At...	4-2	Rotherfield	12/09 EMC Acade...	1-2	Holland Sp...
24/10 Cuckfield T...	3-2	Holland Sp...	12/09 Cuckfield T...	1-3	AFC Uckfie...
24/10 Cuckfield R...	2-1	Crowhurst	12/09 Cuckfield R...	2-0	Hollington ...
24/10 Balcombe	3-1	Reigate Pri...	12/09 Balcombe	2-1	Lindfield
17/10 Hollington U...	0-4	Frenches A...	12/09 BN Dons Sat	3-0	Reigate Pri...
17/10 Cuckfield R...	3-2	Cuckfield T...	05/09 Hollington U...	4-5	Holland Sp...
17/10 AFC Uckfiel...	3-0	Balcombe	05/09 Frenches At...	2-2	BN Dons Sat
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03/10 Reigate Prio...	3-2	Westfield II	05/09 Crowhurst	3-1	Westfield II
03/10 Hollington U...	2-3	Lindfield	05/09 AFC Uckfiel...	4-2	Lindfield
03/10 EMC Acade...	3-3	Frenches A...	29/08 Hollington U...	2-4	Reigate Pri...
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26/09 AFC Uckfiel...	6-0	EMC Acad...	22/08 Hollington U...	0-2	Crowhurst
19/09 Rotherfield	1-4	Cuckfield ...	22/08 Cuckfield R...	3-5	Balcombe
19/09 Lindfield	0-10	Frenches A...	22/08 BN Dons Sat	2-0	Holland Sp...
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19/09 Balcombe	4-0	Holland Sp...	15/08 Crowhurst	0-2	Reigate Pri...
19/09 BN Dons Sat	2-0	AFC Uckfie...	15/08 Balcombe	3-0	Frenches A...
12/09 Rotherfield	2-1	Crowhurst	15/08 AFC Uckfiel...	0-1	Holland Sp...
12/09 Frenches At...	2-0	Westfield II			

Coming up

31/10 13:30	Balcombe v A.S. Crawley Sat	Montgomery Cup
31/10 13:30	Dorkinians Reserves v Reigate Priory II	Surrey FA Saturday Intermediate County Cup
31/10 13:30	Woodmansterne Hyde v Holland Sports	Surrey FA Saturday Intermediate County Cup
31/10 14:00	EMC Academy Mens v Hollington United	Premier Division
31/10 14:00	Westfield II v Lindfield	Premier Division
31/10 14:00	Cuckfield Town v Cuckfield Rangers	Mid Sussex Senior Charity Cup
31/10 15:00	Crowhurst v BN Dons Sat	Premier Division
31/10 15:00	Frenches Athletic v AFC Uckfield Town	Premier Division

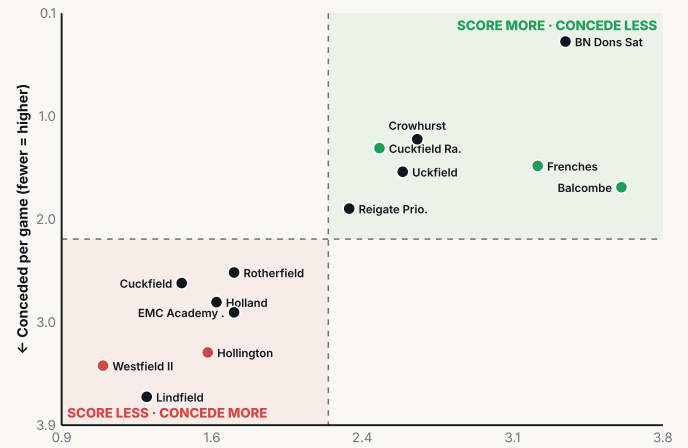
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GOALS/GAMEBN Dons Sat
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MOST POINTS PER
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15/15
FORM SIDE · LAST
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3	AFC Uckfield Town	6	▲3	W L W W W	12
4	Frenches Athletic	3	▼1	D D W W W	11
5	Balcombe	1	▼4	W L W W L	9
6	Crowhurst	7	▲1	W L W W L	9
7	Reigate Priory II	4	▼3	D D W W L	8
8	Holland Sports	8	—	W L L W L	6
9	Rotherfield	9	—	W L W L L	6
10	Cuckfield Town	10	—	L L L L W	3
11	Lindfield	11	—	L L L W L	3
12	Westfield II	13	▲1	L L L W L	3
13	Hollington United	14	▲1	L W L L L	3
14	EMC Academy Mens	12	▼2	L L L D L	1

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Attack v defence

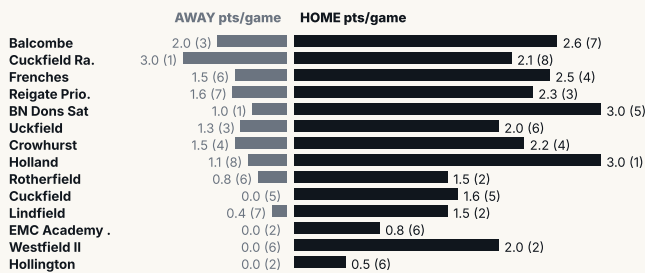


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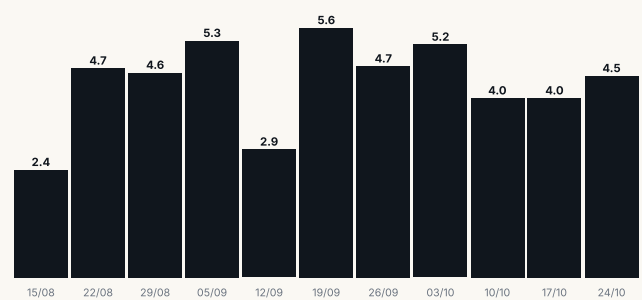
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1	Balcombe	2.40	3.6	1.7	80%		+19
2	Cuckfield Rangers	2.22	2.4	1.3	67%		+10
3	Frenches Athletic	1.90	3.2	1.5	50%		+17
4	Reigate Priory II	1.80	2.3	1.9	50%		+4
5	BN Dons Sat	2.67	3.3	0.3	83%		+18
6	AFC Uckfield Town	1.78	2.6	1.6	56%		+9
7	Crowhurst	1.88	2.6	1.2	62%		+11
8	Holland Sports	1.33	1.7	2.8	44%		-10
9	Rotherfield	1.00	1.8	2.5	25%		-6
10	Cuckfield Town	0.80	1.5	2.6	20%		-11
11	Lindfield	0.67	1.3	3.7	22%		-21
12	EMC Academy Mens	0.62	1.8	2.9	12%		-9
13	Westfield II	0.50	1.1	3.4	12%		-18
14	Hollington United	0.38	1.6	3.2	12%		-13

Home v away · points per game (games)



Goals per game, by matchday



**DOUGIE**

Every game from the latest round, written from the official FA Full-Time match sheets: scorers, venues

and officials where the clubs have published them.

33
GAMES PLAYED**160**
GOALS**4.85**
GOALS PER GAME**21 / 2 / 10**
HOME / DRAW / AWAY**Stedham United 7-0 Capel**
BIGGEST WIN**Slinfold 7-2 Horsham Crusaders**
MOST GOALS**Tyler Lee Symonds (Slinfold) 7**
TOP SCORER**Delunited 2-1 Horsham Crusaders**

Clymping Playing Field · Referee Ian Moore

Delunited: Connor Donaldson, Charlie Heasman. Horsham Crusaders' scorer not recorded.

Delunited bounced back from their first league defeat of the season, 4-2 at home to Wittering United, by beating Horsham Crusaders 2-1 at Clymping, and they are top of the West Sussex Premier.

Connor Donaldson and Charlie Heasman scored for the hosts, who were captained by Tom Foxon, their leading scorer on six. Delunited have now won five of their six league games, with 20 goals scored and nine conceded, and they lead Slinfold by two points.

Horsham Crusaders have three wins and three defeats from six games and sit eighth on nine points. They have won all three of their home league games but lost all three away, and they have conceded 19 goals, more than anyone in the top eight.

**TD Shipley Reserves 2-0 Selsey Reserves**

Dragons Green Playing Field, Shipley · Referee Thomas Guy

TD Shipley Reserves: Mario Merola 2. Player of the match: Sam Truelove.

Mario Merola scored both goals as TD Shipley Reserves beat Selsey Reserves 2-0 at Dragons Green to make it three league wins in a row.

Merola now has six league goals, joint second in the division behind Slinfold's Tyler Lee Symonds on seven. Captain Sam Truelove was named player of the match. After taking one point from their first four games, Shipley have turned things round and climb to fifth on ten points from seven matches.

Selsey Reserves are still waiting for their first point. They have lost all six league games, scoring five and conceding 20, and are bottom of the table.

Emsworth Town v Capel: Postponed. (Sidlesham Recreation Ground)**Watersfield v Wittering United:** Postponed. (Alban Head Playing Field)

West Sussex Football League · Premier Division



League table

#	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last 5
1	Delunited	6	5	0	1	20	9	+11	15	W W W L W
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3	Wittering United	6	4	0	2	22	11	+11	12	W W L W W
4	Emsworth Town	6	3	2	1	17	11	+6	11	D W L W D
5	TD Shipley Reserves	7	3	1	3	15	18	-3	10	L L W W W
6	Watersfield	5	3	0	2	14	9	+5	9	L W W L W
7	Billingshurst Reserves	5	3	0	2	11	10	+1	9	W L W L W
8	Horsham Crusaders	6	3	0	3	12	19	-7	9	W W L W L
9	Stedham United	6	2	0	4	13	11	+2	6	L L W L L
10	Capel	7	1	0	6	10	28	-18	3	L W L L L
11	Selsey Reserves	6	0	0	6	5	20	-15	0	L L L L L

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Top scorers

#	Player	Club	Apps	Goals
1	Tyler Lee Symonds	Slinfold	5	7
2	Tom Foxon	Delunited	7	6
3	Mario Merola	TD Shipley Reserves	6	6
4	Aaron Creswell	Delunited	4	5
5	Louca Keenoy	Wittering United	6	5
6	Lewis Craddock	Delunited	7	4
7	Reece Dancaster	Billingshurst Reserves	4	4
8	Abou Absim JBrill	Horsham Crusaders	5	4
9	Lloyd Jermy	Slinfold	3	4
10	Luke Longhurst	Capel	6	4

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19/09	Capel	1-5	Wittering United
12/09	Stedham United	0-2	Wittering United
12/09	Slinfold	3-1	Capel
12/09	Horsham Crusaders	3-2	Selsey Reserves
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Coming up

31/10 14:00	Billingshurst Reserves	v	Slinfold	Premier Division
31/10 14:00	Capel	v	Ashurst United	Malcolm Simmonds Memorial Cup
31/10 14:00	Horsham Crusaders	v	Holbrook Olympic	Malcolm Simmonds Memorial Cup
31/10 14:00	Midhurst & Easebourne Community	v	Emsworth Town	Malcolm Simmonds Memorial Cup
31/10 14:00	Rustington Reserves	v	Selsey Reserves	Malcolm Simmonds Memorial Cup
31/10 14:00	Southwater Reserves	v	TD Shipley Reserves	Malcolm Simmonds Memorial Cup
31/10 14:00	Wittering United	v	Delunited	Malcolm Simmonds Memorial Cup
07/11 14:00	Rustington Reserves	v	Capel	Centenary Cup

Source: FA Full-Time (official), read 25 October 2026.



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6%
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GOALS/GAME

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BEST DEFENCE ·
CONCEDED/GAME

Delunited
2.50
MOST POINTS PER
GAME

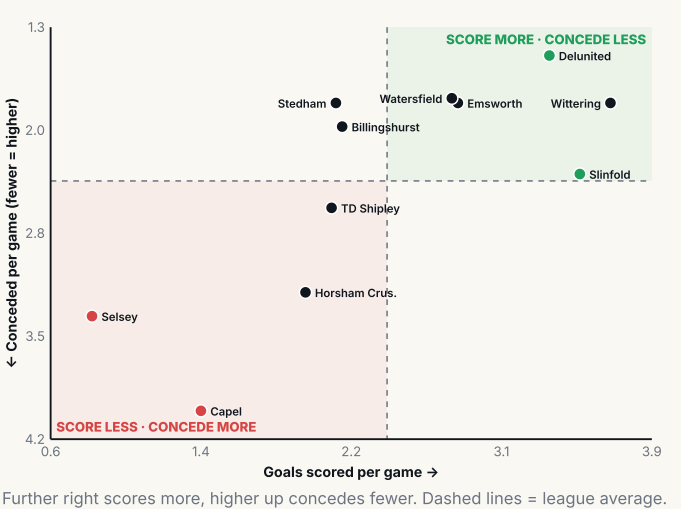
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Form table · last five

#	Club	Lge	+/-	Last 5	Pts
1	Wittering United	3	▲2	W W L W W	12
2	Delunited	1	▼1	W W W L W	12
3	Slinfold	2	▼1	W L W W D	10
4	TD Shipley Reserves	5	▲1	L L W W W	9
5	Watersfield	6	▲1	L W W L W	9
6	Billingshurst Reserves	7	▲1	W L W L W	9
7	Horsham Crusaders	8	▲1	W W L W L	9
8	Emsworth Town	4	▼4	D W L W D	8
9	Stedham United	9	-	L L W L L	3
10	Capel	10	-	L W L L L	3
11	Selsey Reserves	11	-	L L L L L	0

Ranked on points from the last five league games (W=3, D=1). Lge = league position; ▲▼ = places above or below it on form.

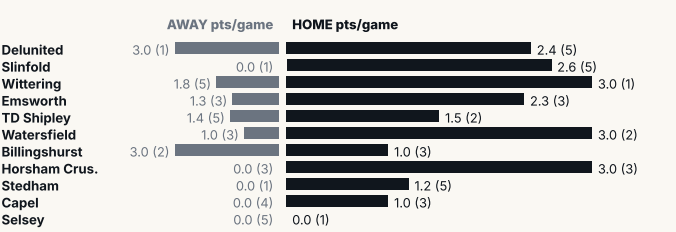
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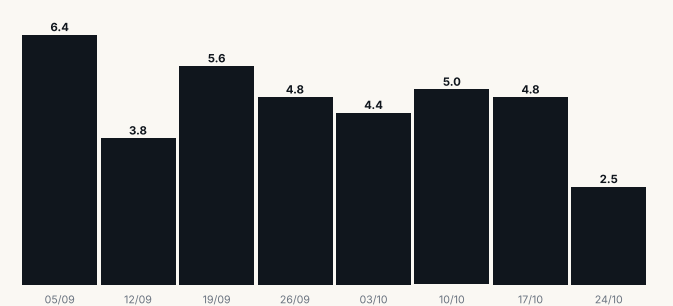
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#	Club	PPG	GF/g	GA/g	Win	W · D · L split	Goal difference
1	Delunited	2.50	3.3	1.5	83%	██████████	+11
2	Slinfold	2.17	3.5	2.3	67%	██████████	+7
3	Wittering United	2.00	3.7	1.8	67%	██████████	+11
4	Emsworth Town	1.83	2.8	1.8	50%	██████████	+6
5	TD Shipley Reserves	1.43	2.1	2.6	43%	██████████	-3
6	Watersfield	1.80	2.8	1.8	60%	██████████	+5
7	Billingshurst Reserves	1.80	2.2	2.0	60%	██████████	+1
8	Horsham Crusaders	1.50	2.0	3.2	50%	██████████	-7
9	Stedham United	1.00	2.2	1.8	33%	██████████	+2
10	Capel	0.43	1.4	4.0	14%	██████████	-18
11	Selsey Reserves	0.00	0.8	3.3	0%	██████████	-15

Home v away · points per game (games)



Goals per game, by matchday



Confidence isn't the same as competence



RUSSELL COCHRAN

Why do non-league football clubs keep changing managers, and how often do they stop to ask whether the problem lies somewhere other than the dugout?

There is a saying that confidence isn't the same as competence, and persistence isn't useful if you're repeating the wrong process. Looking at managerial changes throughout Sussex non-league football, it feels particularly relevant.

Managers come and go, new appointments are announced, and others are left picking up the pieces. Some departures are entirely understandable. Others leave you wondering whether football clubs have become so accustomed to changing managers that they sometimes forget to examine why they are doing it in the first place.

From the higher reaches of the non-league pyramid to the Southern Combination Football League (SCFL), clubs operate under different pressures, with different budgets, ambitions and expectations. Yet many face the same fundamental question.

When a club parts company with its manager, is it solving the problem — or simply changing the person expected to solve it?

— Russell Cochran

The revolving door

Let's get one thing straight. There are plenty of legitimate reasons for a club to change its manager. Results can deteriorate, a manager can lose the dressing room, recruitment might not deliver what was promised, and relationships can break down. Sometimes a fresh voice is exactly what a team needs. Nobody should suggest that a manager must be given unlimited time regardless of performance. But we all know football has developed a habit of treating the manager as the most obvious solution to almost every problem — and a disposable one at that.

Lose three games and the questions begin. Lose five and supporters start calling for change. Lose another and the committee can feel that doing nothing is becoming more difficult to justify than doing something.

Yet what has actually changed when the manager leaves? Are the players suddenly better? Has the playing budget increased? Has recruitment improved? Have the training facilities, staffing,

preparation and expectations of the board suddenly become more effective?

Of course not. A new manager can bring energy, organisation and fresh ideas, but he cannot automatically repair every weakness in the structure around the first team. Changing the person in the dugout is visible, immediate and easy to announce. Addressing deeper problems can be expensive, uncomfortable and considerably more complicated.

Clanfield: more than just a name on the team sheet

Clanfield FC provides a reminder that managerial departures are not always simply about results. Watching them on Saturday, 24 October, they were tough to break down and proved good opposition for the opening 45 minutes. Yet, within the first six minutes of the second half, the SCFL Division One leaders had turned the contest into a very different afternoon. Was that the impact of a half-time team talk, a change in approach, or something else? We cannot know for certain, and this is not intended as criticism of the staff who took charge that day. But it does illustrate how quickly a game can change when a team loses its organisation or momentum.

Lee Blakely's departure marked the end of a lengthy association with the club. Having been involved since 2019 and taken on first-team management duties in 2020, he helped Clanfield reach Step 6 for the first time in its history in 2023. The club relied on him in many ways, and his contribution extended beyond picking a team. Developing players, establishing pathways from youth football and building a competitive first team all take time and commitment.

When a manager with that sort of history leaves, the question is not just who comes in next. It is also what happens to the foundations that have already been laid. Will the club build on the work that has gone before, or will the arrival of a new manager mean starting again?

We do not know every detail behind Clanfield's decision, and it would be wrong to speculate. A manager's contribution cannot always be measured by the latest league position, but ultimately the decision belongs to the club's board. We have to respect that clubs must make their own decisions and that ambition needs to be matched by a realistic plan.

Confidence isn't the same as competence

A change can mark the beginning of a new chapter. The challenge is ensuring it does not mean throwing away everything that came before.

Whitehawk: not every departure is a sacking

Whitehawk provides another example of why the circumstances behind managerial changes matter. Jay Lovett resigned, citing the difficulty of balancing his other coaching commitments with the demands of managing the club. Rob Kember was subsequently appointed as his replacement.

Non-league management demands considerable time, often alongside employment and other commitments. Managers give up evenings, weekends and personal time to make a club work, with responsibilities ranging from recruitment and training to administration, travel and everything else involved in running a football team. Sometimes a change is about what is realistically sustainable rather than a straightforward judgement on results.

It is easy for supporters to demand more from a manager. It is worth considering what the role actually involves before assuming that every departure is a sign of failure.

Shoreham: understanding the circumstances

Shoreham FC is another example of a club changing its management, with Alex Laing appointed following Connor Cox's departure by mutual agreement.

The phrase "mutual agreement" can cover a range of circumstances. It does not automatically mean a manager has failed, nor does it tell us everything about the discussions that took place behind closed doors. A resignation is not a sacking, and a mutual agreement is not necessarily a dismissal. If we want to understand managerial turnover, we need to distinguish between these situations rather than simply count announcements and assume they all tell the same story.

Forest Row: when a change can affect the whole club

Forest Row FC provides a useful historical comparison. Grant Hearn, now an SNLF pundit, and Andy Willis resigned in October 2025 after helping the club achieve promotion to the SCFL Premier Division. At the time, Forest Row were sitting second in the table.

Their departure highlighted how a change in management can have consequences extending well beyond the dugout, particularly when players follow a departing management team. That is not to say the club made the wrong decision, or that the managers should necessarily have stayed. There are always circumstances outsiders may not know. But it illustrates how quickly a club's priorities can change when its football leadership changes.

Recruitment plans may need to be reconsidered, relationships need rebuilding, and players who were committed to one management team may be less certain about their futures

under another. For a non-league club, rebuilding a squad is not simply a matter of signing replacements. Budgets, player availability, relationships and the time required to establish a new team all play a part.

Forest Row's current difficulties make this a relevant example, but the important point is not to criticise a club for struggling. It is to recognise that the effects of managerial change can last well beyond the announcement itself. Continuity has a value, even when a change is necessary.

Midhurst & Easebourne and Horsham YM: two different responses to difficult times?

I also think Midhurst & Easebourne and Horsham YM deserve a mention, because they offer an opportunity to look beyond the simple question of who is in the dugout and consider how clubs respond when things become difficult.

Midhurst have given the impression of a club prepared to weather a storm, dig in and keep working. That deserves recognition. No club is guaranteed a smooth season, and resilience is not always reflected in a run of results. Sometimes the real test is how a team responds to setbacks, whether players continue to compete and whether the club keeps working towards its objectives rather than allowing a difficult spell to define the whole campaign.

Horsham YM, on the other hand, leave me less convinced that the same resilience is translating into the progress needed. Their results make it reasonable to ask questions, but that does not automatically mean the manager is the problem. The fair questions are whether the club understands what is going wrong, whether expectations match the resources available, and whether the response is addressing the underlying issues or simply hoping things will improve.

These are very different situations, and I would not claim to know everything happening behind the scenes at either club. The point is not to label one a success and the other a failure. It is to recognise that difficult circumstances do not affect every club in the same way, and that the response can matter just as much as the results.

If a club is working hard to turn things around, that effort deserves to be acknowledged. If another continues to struggle, it is reasonable to ask what needs to change. But those questions should be about evidence, planning and progress, rather than simply assuming that a change of manager is the answer.

What are clubs actually appointing a new manager hoping to achieve?

This is where I think football clubs need to ask themselves some difficult questions. Before appointing a new manager, does the club have a clear idea of what it expects him to deliver? Is the playing budget realistic for those expectations? Does the club understand the strengths and weaknesses of its squad, and has it agreed a sensible timescale for improvement?

Confidence isn't the same as competence

Perhaps most importantly, has the club agreed what success actually looks like? For some, success means promotion. For others, it means consolidating their position, developing younger players, improving the style of football or building a more sustainable squad.

There is nothing wrong with ambition, but ambition without a realistic plan can become an expensive exercise in disappointment. A club cannot expect to operate with one of the smallest budgets in its division and then be surprised when it struggles to compete with better-resourced opponents. Nor can it continually recruit players without a coherent strategy and expect a new manager to turn that collection of individuals into a successful team overnight.

If the expectations are unrealistic, changing the manager might provide temporary relief, but it will not make those expectations any more achievable.

The committee must also look in the mirror

At non-league level, the people making these decisions are often volunteers or individuals balancing football with demanding jobs and businesses of their own. Running a football club is not easy. Budgets are tight, costs continue to rise, and supporters understandably want to see their team competing and winning. Committees are under pressure, too, but that makes the quality of decision-making more important, not less.

If a club appoints a manager and parts company with him later, it should ask whether the original appointment was properly considered. Were the expectations agreed? Was the budget sufficient? Did the manager have the support he needed? Were the problems identified before he arrived, or did everyone simply expect a new face to improve things?

If a club repeatedly appoints managers who fail to meet its expectations, perhaps the recruitment process itself needs examining. There is a difference between holding a manager accountable and making him responsible for everything. The manager is responsible for many things on the pitch, but he does not operate in isolation. Recruitment, finances, facilities, staffing, preparation and the wider culture of the club all influence what happens on a Saturday afternoon.

A board that never examines its own contribution to poor results risks repeating the same mistakes with every new appointment.

The cost of starting again

There is also a practical cost to managerial turnover. A new manager may want different players, a different formation, different training methods and a different approach to recruitment. Existing players may find themselves out of favour, while others are brought in to fit a new system. That takes time and money.

At clubs operating on limited budgets, those resources matter. Money spent repeatedly rebuilding a squad is money that cannot be spent elsewhere. Supporters can also become frustrated when they see the same cycle repeated: a manager arrives with promises of a new direction, expectations rise, results falter, and the club starts again. Eventually, people begin to question not just the manager but the club's overall direction.

Continuity is not automatically a virtue. Sometimes a change is necessary. But continuity without progress is no better than constant change without a plan. The challenge is knowing the difference.

Confidence isn't the same as competence

A board can be confident that dismissing a manager is the right decision. Supporters can be confident that the next appointment will transform the club. A new manager can arrive with ambition, enthusiasm and a compelling plan. But confidence alone proves very little.

Competence is demonstrated through the quality of decisions, the evidence behind them and the willingness to learn when things go wrong. Persistence matters, too. A club should not keep backing a failing strategy simply because it has already invested time and money in it. But neither should it abandon a reasonable plan every time results turn against it.

The question is not whether clubs should ever change managers. Of course they should, when circumstances justify it. The question is whether they have properly identified the problem before deciding on the solution.

If the recruitment policy remains unchanged, the expectations remain unrealistic, the budget remains inadequate and the board continues to judge progress solely by the latest result, another manager may simply inherit the same problems. And the one after him may inherit them, too.

Perhaps the next time a Sussex non-league club announces a managerial departure, we should ask two questions rather than one.

Why has the manager gone? And what has the club learned that will make its next appointment any more likely to succeed?

Because confidence isn't the same as competence, and persistence isn't useful if you're repeating the wrong process.

Russ adds: I am not throwing ANYONE in local football under a bus here, nor am I intentionally having a go at any single manager, committee member or club. I fully understand this is part and parcel of modern football at all levels. I am just attempting to provide a better understanding of why it occurs, and how the old Dowie term "bouncebackability" works in management!

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Bradley Hunt
(TMG) 11
TOP SCORER
**Montpelier Villa II****1-10****TMG**

Falmer Sports Complex · Referee Leon Bundy

Scorers not yet published on FA Full-Time.

TMG hit double figures for the second time this season, winning 10-1 at Montpelier Villa II at Falmer. They also beat Boys Brigade Old Boys 13-2 in September.

The leaders have now scored 41 goals and conceded only six in six league games, with five wins and a goalless draw against Sompting. They top the table on 16 points. Bradley Hunt leads the division's scoring with 11 goals in five appearances, and team-mate Barney Boutwood has seven.

It was a fifth straight league defeat for Montpelier Villa II, who are bottom on three points. Their only win came in their second game, 5-4 at Sompting in September. They have conceded 40 goals in seven games.

**Boys Brigade Old Boys****10-2****Diversity United**

Stanley Deason Leisure Centre, Brighton · Referee David Pearson

Scorers not yet published on FA Full-Time.

Ten goals at the Stanley Deason Leisure Centre too, as Boys Brigade Old Boys beat Diversity United 10-2 a week after losing 4-3 at home to Sompting.

BBOB move up to fourth on seven points from five games, level with Sompting. Their games are rarely dull: 24 scored and 27 conceded in five league matches, including a 5-5 draw with Lectern and that 13-2 defeat at TMG. Bradley Gaffon (five) and Giovanni Morgan (four) are their leading scorers.

Diversity United stay sixth on four points, and have now conceded 32 goals in six league games.

Rottingdean Village v Lectern: Postponed. Rottingdean have won all four league games and Carl Leonard has nine goals. (Rottingdean Cricket Club)

Brighton, Worthing & District League · Division 1



League table

#	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last 5
1	TMG	6	5	1	0	41	6	+35	16	W W D W W
2	Rottingdean Village	4	4	0	0	22	3	+19	12	W W W W
3	Sompting	5	2	1	2	15	13	+2	7	L W D L W
4	Boys Brigade Old Boys	5	2	1	2	24	27	-3	7	L D W L W
5	Lectern	5	1	2	2	14	18	-4	5	W L D D L
6	Diversity United	6	1	1	4	11	32	-21	4	L L W D L
7	Montpelier Villa II	7	1	0	6	12	40	-28	3	L L L L L

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3	Barney Boutwood	TMG	4	7
4	Bradley Gaffon	Boys Brigade Old Boys	4	5
5	Dan Deacon	Sompting	4	4
6	Josh Hooper	Rottingdean Village	4	4
7	Giovanni Morgan	Boys Brigade Old Boys	4	4
8	Adrian Avery	Rottingdean Village	4	3
9	Charlie Breese	Lectern	5	3
10	Edward Mesquitta	Sompting	4	3

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Called off & abandoned · Saturday 24 October

NATIONAL LEAGUE	Gateshead v Tamworth	Postponed (Fri) — waterlogged pitch
NATIONAL LEAGUE	Barrow v Forest Green Rovers	Abandoned 14 mins at 1-0 — waterlogged
NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH	Weston-super-Mare v Billericay Town	Abandoned (0-1 at half-time)
ISTHMIAN SOUTH CENTRAL	Littlehampton Town v Kingstonian	Off after a pitch inspection
SCFL PREMIER	Haywards Heath Town v Guernsey	Postponed
SCFL PREMIER	Crawley Down Gatwick v Pagham	Postponed
SCFL PREMIER	Midhurst & Easebourne v Horsham YM	Postponed
SCFL PREMIER	Seaford Town v Billingshurst	Postponed
SCFL DIVISION ONE	Selsey v Arundel	Postponed
SCFL DIV ONE CUP	Westfield v Saltdean United	Postponed
SCFL DIVISION ONE	Reigate Priory v Oakwood	Abandoned
MID SUSSEX PREMIER	BN Dons Saturday v Westfield II	Called off by the referee
WEST SUSSEX PREMIER	Emsworth Town v Capel	Postponed
WEST SUSSEX PREMIER	Watersfield v Wittering United	Postponed
BWDL DIVISION 1	Rottingdean Village v Lectern	Postponed

Waterlogged pitches and abandonments cost us fifteen games across our leagues. Reasons are shown where the league or club published one.

Source: FA Full-Time (official), read 25 October 2026.

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12/09	TMG	13-2	Boys Brigade Old Boys
12/09	Montpelier Villa II	0-3	Lectern
12/09	Diversity United	2-5	Rottingdean Village

Coming up

31/10 13:00	Diversity United v Sompting	Division 1
31/10 14:00	Lectern v Boys Brigade Old Boys	Division 1
31/10 14:00	TMG v Rottingdean Village	Division 1
07/11 14:00	Lectern v Montpelier Villa II	Dugout Cash Cup
07/11 14:00	Rottingdean Village v Boys Brigade Old Boys	Dugout Cash Cup
07/11 14:00	TMG v Sompting	Dugout Cash Cup
07/11 14:00	Crawley & Maidenbower Panthers v Diversity United	Sussex Junior Challenge Cup

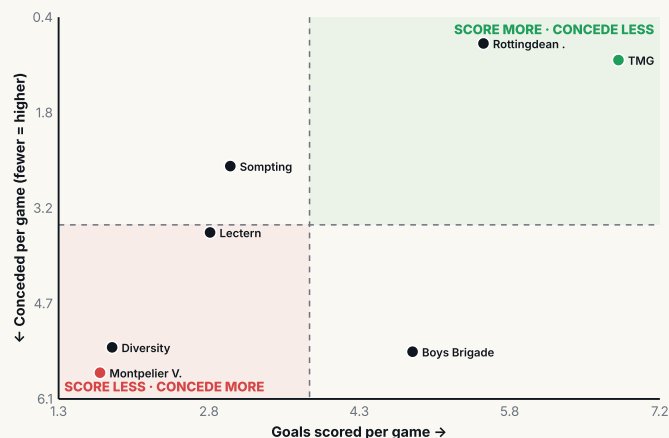
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GOALS7.32
GOALS PER GAME16%
GAMES DRAWNTMG 6.83
BEST ATTACK ·
GOALS/GAMERottingdean .
0.75
BEST DEFENCE ·
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3.00
MOST POINTS PER
GAMETMG 13/15
FORM SIDE · LAST
5

Form table · last five

#	Club	Lge	+/-	Last 5	Pts
1	TMG	1	-	W W D W W	13
2	Rottingdean Village	2	-	W W W W W	12
3	Sompting	3	-	L W D L W	7
4	Boys Brigade Old Boys	4	-	L D W L W	7
5	Lectern	5	-	W L D D L	5
6	Diversity United	6	-	L L W D L	4
7	Montpelier Villa II	7	-	L L L L L	0

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Attack v defence



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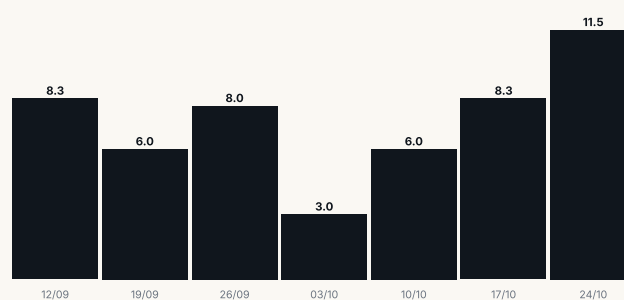
Data table · per-game numbers

#	Club	PPG	GF/g	GA/g	Win	W · D · L split	Goal difference
1	TMG	2.67	6.8	1.0	83%	W W D W W	+35
2	Rottingdean Village	3.00	5.5	0.8	100%	W W W W W	+19
3	Sompting	1.40	3.0	2.6	40%	L W D L W	+2
4	Boys Brigade Old Boys	1.40	4.8	5.4	40%	L D W L W	-3
5	Lectern	1.00	2.8	3.6	20%	W L D D L	-4
6	Diversity United	0.67	1.8	5.3	17%	L L W D L	-21
7	Montpelier Villa II	0.43	1.7	5.7	14%	L L L L L	-28

Home v away · points per game (games)

	AWAY pts/game	HOME pts/game
TMG	3.0 (1)	2.6 (5)
Rottingdean .	3.0 (3)	3.0 (1)
Sompting	2.0 (2)	1.0 (3)
Boys Brigade	1.5 (2)	1.3 (3)
Lectern	1.3 (3)	0.5 (2)
Diversity	0.2 (4)	1.5 (2)
Montpelier V.	0.8 (4)	0.0 (3)

Goals per game, by matchday



Results grid · home team down the side

	T	R.	S	BB	L	D	MV
T TMG			0-0	13-2	7-2	5-0	6-1
R. Rottingdean .							9-0
S Sompting		0-5				7-0	4-5
BB Boys Brigade			3-4		5-5	10-2	
L Lectern		1-3				3-3	
D Diversity		2-5					4-2
MV Montpelier V.	1-10			3-4	0-3		

Green = home win, grey = draw, red = away win. H-W / A-W = walkover.



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Sussex Sunday League · Dugout
Diaries Premier Division**DOUGIE**

Every game from the latest round, written from the official FA Full-Time match sheets: scorers, venues and officials where the clubs have published them.

15
GAMES PLAYED**82**
GOALS**5.47**
GOALS PER GAME**7/1/7**
HOME / DRAW /
AWAY**BN Dons 9-0**
Patcham
Ultras
BIGGEST WIN**BN Dons 9-0**
Patcham
Ultras
MOST GOALS**Lewis**
Chapman
(Heathfield &
Horam) 6
TOP SCORER**Hove Park Lions 1-5 Heathfield & Horam**

Valley Sports Ground · Referee Daniel Bryant

Heathfield & Horam: Lewis Chapman, Nickolas Kavanagh, Fraser Kent, Benjamin Scott, Daniel Wates. **Hove Park Lions:** Robert Clark.

Five different scorers, five goals, five wins from five. Heathfield & Horam remain perfect in the Dugout Diaries Premier Division after a 5-1 win at Hove Park Lions.

Lewis Chapman, Nickolas Kavanagh, substitute Fraser Kent, captain Benjamin Scott and Daniel Wates all found the net. Chapman's goal was his sixth of the season, making him the division's top scorer. Robert Clark, the Lions' captain, scored their consolation.

Heathfield have 15 points, six clear of BN Dons and A.S. Crawley Sunday, although Crawley have a game in hand. Hove Park Lions have lost all six league games and are bottom.

**Hove 0-4 Peacehaven Athletic**

Braypool Recreation Ground, Brighton · Referee Anthony Tetttersell

Peacehaven Athletic: Harvey Day, Tariq Hlali-Painter, Shaun Tait, Lucas Tyrrell. **HT 0-2.**

Peacehaven Athletic won 4-0 at Braypool for their second league win in a row, after beating BN Dons 3-2 the week before. Harvey Day, Tariq Hlali-Painter, Shaun Tait and Lucas Tyrrell scored, with the visitors two up at half-time.

Peacehaven are fifth on six points from four games but only three behind second place. Hove had been unbeaten in three before this defeat and stay fourth on seven points.

**A.S. Crawley Sunday H-W Patcham Ultras**

Oriol High School 3G, Crawley

Home walkover awarded to A.S. Crawley Sunday, who move to nine points from four games.

Sussex Sunday League • Dugout Diaries Premier Division



League table

#	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last 5
1	Heathfield & Horam	5	5	0	0	16	6	+10	15	W W W W W
2	BN Dons	5	3	0	2	23	8	+15	9	W W L W L
3	A.S. Crawley Sunday	4	3	0	1	7	4	+3	9	W L W W
4	Hove	4	2	1	1	12	9	+3	7	W D W L
5	Peacehaven Athletic	4	2	0	2	8	6	+2	6	L L W W
6	Patcham Ultras	6	1	1	4	10	25	-15	4	W L D L L
7	Hove Park Lions	6	0	0	6	6	24	-18	0	L L L L L

Rebuilt from every official league result on FA Full-Time; it matches the FA Full-Time table. Walkovers count as a win or defeat with no goals recorded. Last 5 = oldest → newest.

Top scorers

#	Player	Club	Apps	GS
1	Lewis Chapman	Heathfield & Horam	5	6
2	Jesse Burbidge	BN Dons	4	5
3	Harley Connor Damario	BN Dons	4	5
4	George Lewis	Patcham Ultras	4	5
5	Dieron Munorrah	A.S. Crawley Sunday	3	5
6	Owen Muller	Peacehaven Athletic	5	4
7	Matthew Wilson	Yohah United	1	4
8	Khalid Bilal	BN Dons	3	3
9	Robert Clark	Hove Park Lions	5	3
10	Oliver Dench	Hove	3	3

FA Full-Time stat leaders, all competitions.

Source: FA Full-Time (official), read 25 October 2026.

Every league result this season

18/10	Hove Park Lions	1-5	Heathfield & Horam
18/10	Hove	0-4	Peacehaven Athletic
18/10	A.S. Crawley Sunday	H-W	Patcham Ultras
11/10	Peacehaven Athletic	3-2	BN Dons
11/10	Patcham Ultras	2-6	Heathfield & Horam
11/10	Hove Park Lions	1-5	Hove
04/10	Patcham Ultras	3-3	Hove
04/10	BN Dons	7-0	Hove Park Lions
27/09	Hove	4-1	Patcham Ultras
27/09	BN Dons	2-3	Heathfield & Horam
27/09	A.S. Crawley Sunday	3-1	Hove Park Lions
20/09	Patcham Ultras	4-3	Hove Park Lions
20/09	Heathfield & Horam	2-1	Peacehaven Athletic
20/09	A.S. Crawley Sunday	2-3	BN Dons
13/09	Peacehaven Athletic	0-2	A.S. Crawley Sunday
13/09	Heathfield & Horam	H-W	Hove Park Lions
13/09	BN Dons	9-0	Patcham Ultras

Coming up

25/10 10:00	Hove Park Lions	v	AFC Stanley Old Boys	SSFL Roy Terrington Higher Cup
25/10 10:00	Heathfield & Horam	v	BN Dons	Sussex Sunday Challenge Cup
25/10 10:00	Peacehaven Athletic	v	Seahaven	Sussex Sunday Challenge Cup
25/10 10:30	A.S. Crawley Sunday	v	Patcham Ultras	Sussex Sunday Challenge Cup
01/11 10:00	Peacehaven Athletic	v	Hove Park Lions	Premier
01/11 10:30	Hove	v	BN Dons	Premier
01/11 10:30	A.S. Crawley Sunday	v	Patcham Ultras	Other Fixtures
08/11 10:30	Peacehaven Athletic	v	Heathfield & Horam	Premier

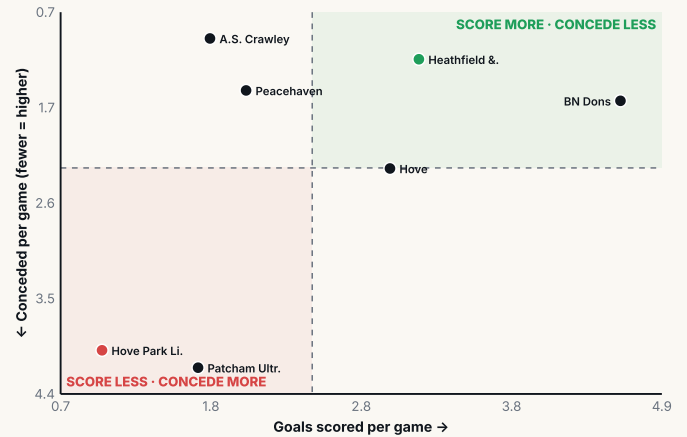
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GAMEHeathfield &
15/15
FORM SIDE · LAST
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Form table · last five

#	Club	Lge	+/-	Last 5	Pts
1	Heathfield & Horam	1	-	W W W W W	15
2	A.S. Crawley Sunday	3	▲1	W L W W W	9
3	BN Dons	2	▼1	W W L W L	9
4	Hove	4	-	W D W L	7
5	Peacehaven Athletic	5	-	L L W W	6
6	Patcham Ultras	6	-	W L D L L	4
7	Hove Park Lions	7	-	L L L L L	0

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Attack v defence



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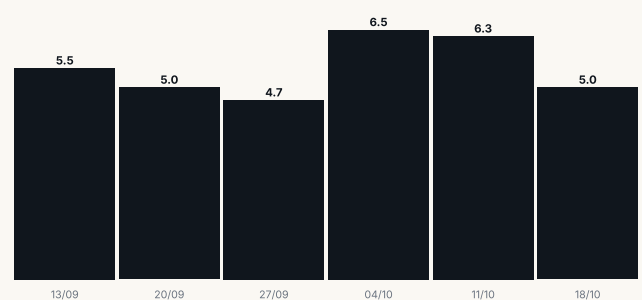
Data table · per-game numbers

#	Club	PPG	GF/g	GA/g	Win	W · D · L split	Goal difference
1	Heathfield & Horam	3.00	3.2	1.2	100%	W W W W W	+10
2	BN Dons	1.80	4.6	1.6	60%	W W L W L	+15
3	A.S. Crawley Sunday	2.25	1.8	1.0	75%	W W W W W	+3
4	Hove	1.75	3.0	2.2	50%	W D W L	+3
5	Peacehaven Athletic	1.50	2.0	1.5	50%	W W L W W	+2
6	Patcham Ultras	0.67	1.7	4.2	17%	W L D L L	-15
7	Hove Park Lions	0.00	1.0	4.0	0%	L L L L L	-18

Home v away · points per game (games)

	AWAY pts/game	HOME pts/game
Heathfield &	3.0 (3)	3.0 (1)
BN Dons	1.5 (2)	2.0 (3)
A.S. Crawley	3.0 (1)	1.5 (2)
Hove	2.0 (2)	1.5 (2)
Peacehaven	1.5 (2)	1.5 (2)
Patcham Ultr.	0.0 (2)	1.3 (3)
Hove Park Li.	0.0 (3)	0.0 (2)

Goals per game, by matchday



Results grid · home team down the side

	H&	BD	AC	H	P	PU	HPL
H& Heathfield &					2-1		H-W
BD BN Dons	2-3					9-0	7-0
AC A.S. Crawley		2-3				H-W	3-1
H Hove					0-4	4-1	
P Peacehaven		3-2	0-2				
PU Patcham Ultr.	2-6			3-3			4-3
HPL Hove Park Li.	1-5			1-5			

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Sussex Sunday League · Dugout
Diaries Vets 35+ Premier**DOUGIE**

Every game from the latest round, written from the official FA Full-Time match sheets: scorers, venues and officials where the clubs have published them.

7
GAMES PLAYED

34
GOALS

4.86
GOALS PER GAME

2 / 3 / 2
HOME / DRAW / AWAY

Valley Rovers
OB Vets 5-0
Lewes FC
Vets
BIGGEST WIN

Seaford Town
Vets 2-6
Burgess Hill
Wanderers
Vets
MOST GOALS

Sam Cane
(Burgess Hill
Wanderers
Vets) 6
TOP SCORER

 Seaford Town **2-6** **Burgess Hill Wanderers**

Seaford Town FC · Referee Anthony Scott

Burgess Hill Wanderers: Benjamin Bacon 2, Michael McEnery 2, Sam Cane, Josh Maher. Player of the match: Grant Reed.

Burgess Hill Wanderers scored six at Seaford on Sunday 18 October. Benjamin Bacon and captain Michael McEnery both scored twice, with Sam Cane and Josh Maher also on target, and Grant Reed was named player of the match.

It was Wanderers' first league win after a 2-2 draw at Mile Oak on the opening day, and it lifts them to four points from two games. Sam Cane leads the division's scoring with six goals in all competitions. Seaford have lost both league games and are bottom.

 Peacehaven & Telscombe **1-1** **Valley Rovers** **OB**

Peacehaven 3G (Friday 16 October) · Officials David Drake, Graeme Bolton, Greg Austin

Valley Rovers OB: Lewis Hide. Peacehaven's scorer not recorded.

A Friday-night draw under the lights at Peacehaven. Lewis Hide scored for Valley Rovers Old Boys, and the hosts earned their first league point of the season. Valley Rovers stay unbeaten on four points from two games.

 Mile Oak Sunday **H-W** **Lewes FC**

Mile Oak

Home walkover to Mile Oak Sunday Vets, who go top on five points from three unbeaten games.

Sussex Sunday League · Dugout Diaries Vets 35+ Premier



League table

#	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last 5
1	Mile Oak Sunday Vets	3	1	2	0	4	4	+0	5	D D W
2	Valley Rovers OB Vets	2	1	1	0	6	1	+5	4	W D
3	Burgess Hill Wanderers Vets	2	1	1	0	8	4	+4	4	D W
4	South Park (Reigate) FC Vets	2	1	1	0	6	4	+2	4	W D
5	Lewes FC Vets	3	1	0	2	3	7	-4	3	W L L
6	Peacehaven & Telscombe Vets	2	0	1	1	3	4	-1	1	L D
7	Seaford Town Vets	2	0	0	2	4	10	-6	0	L L

Rebuilt from every official league result on FA Full-Time; it matches the FA Full-Time table. Walkovers count as a win or defeat with no goals recorded. Last 5 = oldest → newest.

Top scorers

#	Player	Club	Apps	GLs
1	Sam Cane	Burgess Hill Wanderers Vets	4	6
2	Benjamin Bacon	Burgess Hill Wanderers Vets	3	5
3	Philip Gault	Burgess Hill Wanderers Vets	3	5
4	James Smith	Seaford Town Vets	4	3
5	Jacob Ward	Valley Rovers OB Vets	1	3
6	Alex Bull	South Park (Reigate) FC Vets	3	2
7	Jonathan Bundy	Valley Rovers OB Vets	2	2
8	James Hunt	Seaford Town Vets	2	2
9	Matthew Males	Mile Oak Sunday Vets	2	2
10	Michael Mcenery	Burgess Hill Wanderers Vets	4	2

FA Full-Time stat leaders, all competitions.

Source: FA Full-Time (official), read 25 October 2026.

Every league result this season

18/10	Seaford Town Vets	2-6	Burgess Hill Wanderers Vets
18/10	Mile Oak Sunday Vets	H-W	Lewes FC Vets
16/10	Peacehaven & Telscombe Vets	1-1	Valley Rovers OB Vets
20/09	South Park (Reigate) FC Vets	2-2	Mile Oak Sunday Vets
13/09	Valley Rovers OB Vets	5-0	Lewes FC Vets
06/09	Seaford Town Vets	2-4	South Park (Reigate) FC Vets
06/09	Mile Oak Sunday Vets	2-2	Burgess Hill Wanderers Vets
06/09	Lewes FC Vets	3-2	Peacehaven & Telscombe Vets

Coming up

25/10 17:30	Burgess Hill Wanderers Vets	v	South Park (Reigate) FC Vets	Dugout Diaries Vets 35+ Premier Division
25/10 17:30	Valley Rovers OB Vets	v	Mile Oak Sunday Vets	Dugout Diaries Vets 35+ Premier Division
25/10 18:00	Wick Vets	v	Seaford Town Vets	SSFL Vets Higher Cup
06/11 19:45	Valley Rovers OB Vets	v	Burgess Hill Wanderers Vets	Sussex Veterans Challenge Cup
08/11 14:00	Seaford Town Vets	v	The Junior Club Tackleway Veterans	Sussex Veterans Challenge Cup
08/11 14:00	Seaford Town Vets	v	the junior club tackleway	Other Fixtures
08/11 17:00	Peacehaven & Telscombe Vets	v	Mile Oak Sunday Vets	Dugout Diaries Vets 35+ Premier Division
08/11 17:00	South Park (Reigate) FC Vets	v	Lewes FC Vets	Dugout Diaries Vets 35+ Premier Division

Mile Oak 5/15
FORM SIDE · LAST
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Attack v defence

Goals scored per game →

← Conceded per game (fewer = higher)

SCORE MORE · CONCEDE LESS

SCORE LESS · CONCEDE MORE

SCORE MORE · CONCEDE MORE

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Valley

Mile Oak

Peacehaven & Lewes

South Park

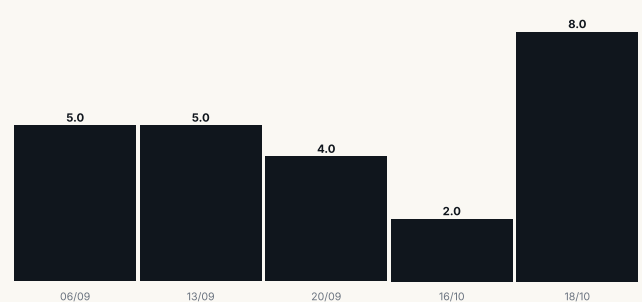
Burgess Hill

Seaford

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#	Club	PPG	GF/g	GA/g	Win	W · D · L split	Goal difference
1	Mile Oak Sunday Vets	1.67	1.3	1.3	33%		+0
2	Valley Rovers OB Vets	2.00	3.0	0.5	50%		+5
3	Burgess Hill Wanderers Vets	2.00	4.0	2.0	50%		+4
4	South Park (Reigate) FC Vets	2.00	3.0	2.0	50%		+2
5	Lewes FC Vets	1.00	1.0	2.3	33%		-4
6	Peacehaven & Telscombe Vets	0.50	1.5	2.0	0%		-1
7	Seaford Town Vets	0.00	2.0	5.0	0%		-6

Goals per game, by matchday



	MO	V	BH	SP(	L	P&	S
MO Mile Oak			2-2		H-W		
V Valley					5-0		
BH Burgess Hill							
SP(South Park (.	2-2						
L Lewes						3-2	
P& Peacehaven &.		1-1					
S Seaford			2-6	2-4			

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Who's hot, who's not

The in-form and out-of-form clubs from the National League down to SCFL Division Two, on points from their last five league games (W=3, D=1). Every division's full form table now sits in its own section, next to its results and table.

🔥 Hottest

	Boreham Wood	National League	W W W W W	15
	Harrogate Town	National League	W W W W W	15
	Barrow	National League	W W W W W	15
	Eastbourne Borough	Isthmian Premier	W W W W W	15
	Whitstable Town	Isthmian South East	W W W W W	15
	Ashford Town (Middx)	Isthmian South Central	W W W W W	15
	Hurstpierpoint	SCFL Division Two	W W W W W	15
	Rustington	SCFL Division Two	W W W W W	15
	Worthing	National League	W D W W W	13
	Ebbsfleet United	National League South	W W W D W	13
	Billericay Town	National League South	W D W W W	13
	Jersey Bulls	Isthmian South Central	W D W W W	13
	Infinity	SCFL Division One	W W W D W	13
	Jarvis Brook	SCFL Division One	W D W W W	13

❄️ Coldest

	Gateshead	National League	L L L L L	0
	Braintree Town	National League South	L L L L L	0
	Cobham	Isthmian South Central	L L L L L	0
	AFC Croydon Athletic	Isthmian South East	L L L L L	0
	Copthorne	SCFL Division Two	L L L L L	0
	Boston United	National League	L D L L L	1
	Slough Town	National League South	L D L L L	1
	Whitehawk	Isthmian Premier	L L L L D	1
	Carshalton Athletic	Isthmian Premier	L L L D L	1
	Eastbourne Town	Isthmian South East	D L L L L	1
	Horley Town	Isthmian South East	D L L L L	1
	Littlehampton Town	Isthmian South Central	L L L L D	1
	Ascot United	Isthmian South Central	L D L L L	1
	Midhurst & Easebourne	SCFL Premier	L L L L D	1

Fixtures: National League & National League South

National League

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER

AFC Fylde  19:45  Hartlepool UnitedAltrincham  19:45  Kidderminster HarriersBoston United  19:45  GatesheadFC Halifax Town  19:45  BarrowHornchurch  19:45  Yeovil TownTamworth  19:45  Scunthorpe UnitedWealdstone  19:45  Solihull MoorsWoking  19:45  Boreham Wood**Worthing**  19:45  **Southend United**

WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER

Carlisle United  19:45  Harrogate TownForest Green Rovers  19:45  EastleighSutton United  19:45  Aldershot Town

FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER

AFC Fylde  19:45  Hornchurch

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER

FC Halifax Town  12:30  Yeovil TownForest Green Rovers  12:30  Harrogate TownAldershot Town  15:00  GatesheadAltrincham  15:00  Carlisle UnitedBarrow  15:00  EastleighBoreham Wood  15:00  Hartlepool UnitedSolihull Moors  15:00  Kidderminster HarriersTamworth  15:00  WokingWealdstone  15:00  Southend United**Worthing**  15:00  **Sutton United**Boston United  17:30  Scunthorpe United

National League South

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER

AFC Totton  19:45  Torquay UnitedBillericay Town  19:45  Hampton & Richmond BoroughBraintree Town  19:45  Dagenham & RedbridgeChesham United  19:45  Farnham TownDorking Wanderers  19:45  Hemel Hempstead TownDover Athletic  19:45  Chelmsford City**Maidenhead United**  19:45  **Horsham**Maidstone United  19:45  Ebbsfleet UnitedTonbridge Angels  19:45  Folkestone InvictaTruro City  19:45  Slough TownWalton & Hersham  19:45  Salisbury

WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER

Farnborough  19:45  Weston-super-Mare

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER

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Fixtures: Isthmian League

Isthmian Premier

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER

Brentwood Town		19:45		Cheshunt
Enfield Town		19:45		Chatham Town
Maldon & Tiptree		19:45		Eastbourne Borough
St Albans City		19:45		Burgess Hill Town
Stanway Rovers		19:45		Cray Wanderers
Welling United		19:45		Leatherhead
Whitehawk		19:45		Dulwich Hamlet

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER

AFC Whyteleafe		15:00		Dulwich Hamlet
Aveley		15:00		Dartford
Brentwood Town		15:00		Cray Wanderers
Burgess Hill Town		15:00		Enfield Town
Cheshunt		15:00		Chatham Town
Eastbourne Borough		15:00		Ramsgate
Leatherhead		15:00		Stanway Rovers
Lewes		15:00		Wingate & Finchley
Maldon & Tiptree		15:00		Three Bridges
Welling United		15:00		Carshalton Athletic
Whitehawk		15:00		St Albans City

Isthmian South East

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER

Ashford United		19:45		Broadbridge Heath
Crowborough Athletic		19:45		Horley Town
Herne Bay		19:45		Sittingbourne
Margate		19:45		Faversham Town
Merstham		P-P		Whitstable Town
Sheppey United		19:45		South Park (Reigate)
Steypning Town		19:45		Deal Town

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER

AFC Croydon Athletic		15:00		Broadbridge Heath
Deal Town		15:00		South Park (Reigate)
Hastings United		15:00		Faversham Town
Horley Town		15:00		Sevenoaks Town
Margate		15:00		Eastbourne Town
Merstham		15:00		Ashford United
Peacehaven & Telscombe		15:00		Crowborough Athletic
Punjab United		15:00		Herne Bay
Sheppey United		15:00		Cray Valley PM
Sittingbourne		15:00		Steypning Town
Whitstable Town		15:00		Erith Town

Isthmian South Central

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER

Hartley Wintney		19:30		Hayes & Yeading United
Jersey Bulls		19:30		AFC Portchester
AFC Stoneham		19:45		Kingstonian
Ashford Town (Middx)		19:45		Westfield
Binfield		19:45		Southall
Cobham		19:45		Bognor Regis Town
Hendon		19:45		Egham Town

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER

AFC Stoneham		15:00		Ascot United
Bedfont Sports		15:00		Hartley Wintney
Binfield		15:00		AFC Portchester
Bognor Regis Town		15:00		Hendon
Cobham		15:00		Moneyfields
Egham Town		15:00		Littlehampton Town
Jersey Bulls		15:00		Hayes & Yeading United
Kingstonian		15:00		Winchester City
Raynes Park Vale		15:00		Windsor & Eton
Westfield		15:00		Harrow Borough

Fixtures: SCFL Premier, Division One & cups

SCFL Premier

MONDAY 26 OCTOBER

Forest Row  19:45  Midhurst & Easebourne

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER

AFC Varndeanians  19:45  Little Common

Billingshurst  19:45  Lingfield

Hassocks  19:45  Wick

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER

Guernsey  13:30  Bexhill United

Billingshurst  15:00  Seaford Town

Little Common  15:00  Forest Row

Newhaven  15:00  Midhurst & Easebourne

FA Vase • 2nd round

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER

Cove  15:00  Lancing

Fisher  15:00  AFC Varndeanians

Hassocks  15:00  Eastbourne United

Larkfield & New Hythe  15:00  East Grinstead Town

Lingfield  15:00  Crawley Down Gatwick

Pagham  15:00  AFC Greenwich Borough

Rusthall  15:00  Haywards Heath Town

Sussex RUR Charity Cup

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER

Bexhill United  19:30  Worthing United

Haywards Heath Town  19:30  Hailsham Town

Pagham  19:30  Selsey

Roffey  19:30  Ringmer AFC

Seaford Town  19:30  Eastbourne United

Newhaven  19:45  Crawley Down Gatwick

Oakwood  19:30  Saltdean United

Westfield  19:30  Jarvis Brook

SCFL Division One

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER

Arundel  15:00  Westfield

East Preston  15:00  Reigate Priory

Guildford City  15:00  Mile Oak

Hailsham Town  15:00  Clanfield

Infinity  15:00  Ringmer AFC

Jarvis Brook  15:00  Worthing United

Loxwood  15:00  Dorking Wanderers B

Oakwood  15:00  Dial Square

Saltdean United  15:00  Selsey

Shoreham  15:00  AFC Walcountians

Fixtures: SCFL Division Two, BWDL, county & Sunday

SCFL Division Two

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER

Brighton Electricity	14:00	Southwater
Chichester City B	14:00	Storrington Community
Hurstpierpoint	14:00	Rustington
TD Shipley	14:00	Ferring
Upper Beeding	14:00	ASC Brighton Rangers
Worthing Town	15:00	Bosham

Other cup ties

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER

Beacon Hill 1sts	13:30	Alfold
<i>Surrey FA Saturday Intermediate County Cup</i>		
Copthorne	14:00	Rudgwick
<i>Division Two Challenge Cup</i>		

BWDL Division 1

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER

Diversity United	13:00	Sompting
Lectern	14:00	Boys Brigade Old Boys
TMG	14:00	Rottingdean Village

Sources: FA Full-Time (SCFL, BWDL, county, Sunday and cup ties), isthmian.co.uk, Football Web Pages and BetExplorer (National League). Kick-off times are as listed by the leagues and can change. Check with clubs before travelling.

County & Sunday leagues

SUN 25 OCT · SUSSEX SUNDAY LEAGUE

Heathfield & Horam	10:00	BN Dons
<i>Sussex Sunday Challenge Cup</i>		
Peacehaven Athletic	10:00	Seahaven
<i>Sussex Sunday Challenge Cup</i>		
A.S. Crawley Sunday	10:30	Patcham Ultras
<i>Sussex Sunday Challenge Cup</i>		
Burgess Hill Wanderers	17:30	South Park (Reigate)
<i>Dugout Diaries Vets 35+ Premier</i>		
Valley Rovers OB	17:30	Mile Oak Sunday
<i>Dugout Diaries Vets 35+ Premier</i>		

SAT 31 OCT · MID SUSSEX PREMIER

EMC Academy	14:00	Hollington United
Westfield II	14:00	Lindfield
Crowhurst	15:00	BN Dons Saturday
Frenches Athletic	15:00	AFC Uckfield Town

SAT 31 OCT · WEST SUSSEX PREMIER

Billingshurst Reserves	14:00	Slinfold
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SUN 1 NOV · DUGOUT DIARIES PREMIER

Peacehaven Athletic	10:00	Hove Park Lions
Hove	10:30	BN Dons

Match reports


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Every game in the Sussex leagues, plus every Sussex club in the National League, Isthmian League and

FA Trophy. Written from match sheets, club sites and data feeds. Where a club has not yet named its scorers, we say so rather than guess.

NATIONAL LEAGUE



HT 1-0

Kidderminster Harriers: Ben Crompton 43'
Worthing: Razzaq Coleman De-Graft 58'; Cory Adjetej-Brew 68'

Worthing put last weekend's FA Cup exit at Wealdstone firmly behind them with a stirring second-half comeback at Aggborough in Saturday's 5.30pm DAZN kick-off, coming from a goal down to beat Kidderminster Harriers 2-1.

The hosts struck first. Ben Crompton gave Kidderminster the lead two minutes before the break, and the Harriers went in 1-0 up at half-time. Adam Hinshelwood's Rebels turned the game around after the restart. Razzaq Coleman De-Graft levelled on 58 minutes, and Cory Adjetej-Brew struck ten minutes later for what proved to be the winner. Worthing then saw the game out to complete the turnaround. The attendance has not been published, and neither club had put out a post-match report at the time of writing.

Coleman De-Graft's equaliser adds to an impressive personal tally. He has seven goals, making him Worthing's leading scorer and placing him among the top ten marksmen in the National League.

The three points take the Sussex side to 27 from 14 games and up to fourth, level on points with Altrincham but ahead on goal difference, and a point behind third-placed Southend. Worthing have won eight, drawn three and lost three, scoring 29 and conceding 19 for a goal difference of plus 10. Their last five league games read win, draw, win, win, win, an unbeaten run that has them firmly in the promotion conversation.

For Paul Wotton's Harriers, it is a frustrating spell. They have now gone six league games without a win, and their last five read two defeats, two draws and Saturday's loss. They stay 12th on 20 points, seven behind Worthing. Their record of 16 goals scored and 14 conceded in 14 games shows a tight side that has struggled to turn draws into wins. Lewis Walker, with six goals, remains their top scorer.

There is no time to dwell for either club. Worthing host Southend United on Tuesday night in a meeting with the side directly above them, before Sutton United visit next Saturday. Kidderminster go to Altrincham on Tuesday and then travel to Solihull Moors on Saturday.

NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH



HT 0-0 · Att 936

Horsham: Jamie Yila 57'

Jamie Yila's second-half strike was enough to give Horsham a narrow 1-0 win over Surrey newcomers Walton & Hersham in front of 936 supporters.

After a goalless first half, Yila broke the deadlock 12 minutes after the restart. Dom Di Paola's side then had to hold on through a tense finish that brought three bookings in the final ten minutes. No match report or description of the goal had been published by the club at the time of writing.

The visitors had arrived with momentum under new boss Ruben Gaspar, having won their previous two league games, but they could not find a way back. Their last five league results now read two draws, two wins and Saturday's defeat. Walton & Hersham, in their first National League South season, remain second from bottom on eight points from 12 games. They have won two, drawn two and lost eight, and their goal record of 10 scored and 28 conceded leaves them with a goal difference of minus 18.

The Hornets, who drew at unbeaten Ebbsfleet in midweek, have now won two of their last three league games. Their last five reads draw, defeat, win, draw, win. The result lifts them to 18 points and 13th in the table, ten points clear of their visitors. With four wins, six draws and three defeats from 13 matches, Horsham have scored 15 and conceded 15, leaving their goal difference at exactly zero. Six draws underline how tight their games have been, and a clean sheet against opponents who had won twice in a row is a welcome boost.

A busy week lies ahead for both. Horsham are on the road twice, at Maidenhead United on Tuesday night and Farnborough next Saturday. Walton & Hersham have two home games to try to climb away from the bottom two, with Salisbury the visitors on Tuesday and Torquay United arriving on Saturday.

Match reports (cont.)

ISTHMIAN SOUTH EAST

Ashford United **2-0** **Steving Town**

HT 0-0 · Att 235

Ashford United: Samuel Hasler 53, Oli Bate 62

Steving Town held Ashford United for a half in Kent but were beaten after the break, going down 2-0 in front of 235 spectators.

The first 45 minutes ended goalless, but the hosts found a way through soon after the restart. Samuel Hasler opened the scoring eight minutes into the second period, and Oli Bate added a second on 62 minutes to put the result beyond doubt. No match report has been published, so there is no detail on chances created, goalkeeping performances or other key moments.

The win lifts Ashford to seventh on 20 points from 12 games, eight points behind leaders Hastings United, whose attention was on the FA Trophy. Ashford have won six, drawn two and lost four, scoring 24 and conceding 16 for a goal difference of plus eight. Their last five league games bring three wins, a draw and a defeat, and Saturday's clean sheet kept that run moving in the right direction. With 24 goals in 12 games, they are averaging two a match.

For the visitors, the picture is far bleaker. It is a fourth straight league defeat for Steving, whose last five began with a win before four losses in a row. They have now lost nine of 13 and sit 19th on 12 points, eight behind Ashford. They have conceded 30 goals, the joint-second most in the division, and have scored only 13, the fewest. That leaves them with a goal difference of minus 17, and finding goals is clearly the most pressing problem.

There is a quick chance to respond. Steving are at home to Deal Town on Tuesday night before a trip to Sittingbourne next Saturday. Ashford have another home game on Tuesday, against Sussex visitors Broadbridge Heath, and then travel to Merstham on Saturday as they look to close the gap on the top of the table.

ISTHMIAN SOUTH EAST

Broadbridge Heath **2-2** **Herne Bay**

HT 2-1 · Att 97 · Red: Ben Holden (Broadbridge Heath) 66 - booked at 58, so apparently a second yellow (not explicitly stated)

Broadbridge Heath: Samuel Hards 5, Jack Church 44
Herne Bay: Ade Azeez 38, Josh Ajayi 50

Broadbridge Heath had to settle for a point after finishing with ten men in a 2-2 draw with Herne Bay, watched by 97 spectators.

The hosts made the perfect start when Samuel Hards put them ahead inside five minutes. Ade Azeez equalised for the visitors on 38 minutes, but Jack Church restored the home lead a minute before half-time, sending Broadbridge Heath in 2-1 up after an eventful first half that produced three goals.

Herne Bay were level again five minutes after the restart when Josh Ajayi struck. The home side's task grew harder on 66 minutes when Ben Holden was sent off, eight minutes after he had been booked. The reason for the dismissal has not been confirmed, though the timing suggests a second yellow card. Down to ten, Broadbridge Heath held on for the draw. The score comes from a single source, and no match report has been published.

The point leaves Broadbridge Heath 12th on 16 points from 12 games, and they are now without a win in five league games: two defeats and three draws. Their overall record is perfectly balanced at four wins, four draws and four defeats. They have scored 25, a

healthy return, but have conceded 19, and turning their goals into wins is the challenge for the weeks ahead.

Herne Bay are ninth on 19 points, three ahead of their hosts, also from 12 games. Six wins, a draw and five defeats have brought 19 goals scored and 19 conceded. Their form has picked up after two defeats at the start of their last five, with two wins and now this draw.

Both sides are straight back in action on Tuesday. Broadbridge Heath travel to Ashford United and then visit AFC Croydon Athletic on Saturday. Herne Bay host Sittingbourne on Tuesday before a trip to Punjab United next weekend.

ISTHMIAN SOUTH EAST

Crowborough Athletic **3-3** **Margate**

HT 2-2 · Att 183 · Red: William Thomas (Margate) 70

Crowborough Athletic: Harry Forster 10, 22, own goal 82 (player not named)
Margate: Joe Tyrie 34, Elliott Duncan 40, 51

Six goals, a red card and a late own goal made for a remarkable afternoon at Crowborough, where Athletic and Margate shared the points in a 3-3 draw in front of 183 fans.

Harry Forster gave the hosts a dream start, scoring on ten and 22 minutes. Margate hit back before the break through Joe Tyrie on 34 minutes and Elliott Duncan on 40, so it was 2-2 at half-time. Duncan then put the visitors in front six minutes after the restart with his second of the game.

Margate's afternoon turned on 70 minutes when William Thomas was sent off, though the reason for the dismissal is not known. Crowborough made the extra player count, drawing level eight minutes from time through an own goal. The player responsible has not been named, and the score comes from a single source with no match report published.

Forster's double takes him to eight goals, placing him in the top ten scorers in the Isthmian South East and underlining how important he is to Crowborough's attack. The side have scored 22 goals in 11 league games, a respectable return, but have conceded 25.

Crowborough are 20th on 11 points, though they have games in hand, having played 11 matches compared with Margate's 14. Their record of three wins, two draws and six defeats leaves them with a goal difference of minus three. Their last five league games bring two wins, two defeats and this draw.

Margate are sixth on 22 points, 11 ahead of Crowborough. They have won six, drawn four and lost four, and with 24 goals scored and 24 conceded their goal difference is level at zero. Their last five reads win, draw, defeat, win, draw.

Crowborough are at home again on Tuesday against Horley Town, before a trip to Peacehaven & Telscombe on Saturday. Margate host Faversham Town on Tuesday and Eastbourne Town next weekend.

Match reports (cont.)

ISTHMIAN SOUTH EAST


Eastbourne Town 0-4 Punjab United


HT 0-0 · Att 136

Punjab United: William Johnson-Cole 51, 87, Christopher Brian Edwards 68, Jack Joseph Hopkins 80

Eastbourne Town reached half-time level at home but were blown away after the break, losing 4-0 to Punjab United in front of a crowd of 136.

The first half ended goalless, but the visitors took control in the second. William Johnson-Cole broke the deadlock six minutes after the restart. Christopher Brian Edwards made it two on 68 minutes, and Jack Joseph Hopkins added a third ten minutes from time. Johnson-Cole completed the rout with his second, three minutes from the end. No match report has been published, so there is no detail on the chances or key incidents.

Defeat leaves Eastbourne Town bottom of the South East on nine points after four straight league losses. Their last five games bring a draw followed by four defeats. They have won two, drawn three and lost eight of their 13 matches, and they have conceded 27 goals while scoring 17, a goal difference of minus 10. Keeping things tight for longer than 45 minutes will be a priority, having matched their visitors until the interval.

Punjab United, by contrast, are in excellent form. They have now won four of their last five league games, with the only blemish a defeat in the second of those matches, and they climb to 11th on 18 points, nine clear of Eastbourne Town. Their record from 14 games is five wins, three draws and six defeats. Saturday's four goals take their tally to 25, although they have conceded 30, leaving them on a goal difference of minus five. Keeping a clean sheet on the road will please them as much as the goals.

Both clubs have a week to regroup before their next league fixture. Eastbourne Town travel to Margate next Saturday, while Punjab United are at home to Herne Bay on the same afternoon, hoping to stretch their winning run.

For Peacehaven, it was a cruel way to lose. They have taken one point from their last three league games, after winning the two before that, and sit 15th on 15 points, nine behind Whitstable. They have played 14 matches, more than most of the division, winning four, drawing three and losing seven. With 22 goals scored and 29 conceded, their goal difference stands at minus seven.

Peacehaven do have a reliable source of goals in Connor Tighe, whose eight league goals place him in the top ten in the Isthmian South East. Getting him more chances will be key to turning their recent form around.

With Hastings four points ahead, Whitstable will want to keep the pressure on, but their planned trip to Merstham on Tuesday has been postponed, so their next game is at home to Erith Town on Saturday. Peacehaven have a week to regroup before Crowborough Athletic visit next Saturday.

ISTHMIAN SOUTH EAST


Whitstable Town 1-0 Peacehaven & Telscombe


HT 0-0 · Att 504

Whitstable Town: Dean Christopher Grant 84

Peacehaven & Telscombe were six minutes from a hard-earned point at Whitstable when Dean Christopher Grant struck the only goal on 84 minutes.

A goalless first half was followed by a second period that brought four of the game's five bookings, before Grant settled it in front of a healthy crowd of 504. The score comes from a single source, and no match report has been published, so there is no detail on how the goal was scored.

It is a fifth straight league win for Whitstable, whose last five results are a perfect run of victories. They stay third on 24 points, level with second-placed South Park and four behind leaders Hastings United. From 12 games they have won eight and lost four, without a single draw. They have scored 22 and conceded 17, a goal difference of plus five, and a late winner against a side who had held firm for so long is the mark of a team in form.

Match reports (cont.)

ISTHMIAN SOUTH CENTRAL



Ascot United 1-2 Bognor Regis Town 

HT 1-2 · Att 83 · Red: Jacob Wilson (Ascot United) 84

Ascot United: Jaye Long 25
Bognor Regis Town: Lennie Smith 8, Timi Abraham 37

Bognor Regis Town stay top of the Isthmian South Central after a first-half display that was enough to beat Ascot United 2-1, watched by a crowd of 83.

The visitors made a fast start. Lennie Smith put the visitors ahead after eight minutes. Jaye Long equalised for Ascot midway through the half, but Timi Abraham restored Bognor's lead on 37 minutes. That proved to be the last goal of the afternoon, as neither side scored after the break. Ascot finished with ten men after Jacob Wilson was sent off six minutes from time, although the reason for the dismissal is not known and no match report has been published.

Bognor have now won ten of their 13 league games and lead on 32 points, one ahead of unbeaten Jersey Bulls, who also won. Their record stands at ten wins, two draws and a single defeat, with 30 goals scored and only 14 conceded for a goal difference of plus 16. Their last five league games bring four wins, with one defeat in the fourth of those matches, and they responded to that setback in the right way here.

It is a very different story for Ascot. They are 19th on eight points, 24 behind the leaders, having won two, drawn two and lost nine of their 13 games. They have scored 18 but conceded 36, a goal difference of minus 18. Their last five reads defeat, draw, defeat, defeat, defeat, so they will take some heart from keeping the leaders out for the whole of the second half and losing by only a single goal.

Bognor have little time to rest. They travel to Cobham on Tuesday night before returning home to face Hendon next Saturday, with the pressure from Jersey Bulls not letting up. Ascot have a free midweek before their next game, away at AFC Stoneham on Saturday.

FA TROPHY



Whitehawk 3-3 St Albans City 

Whitehawk won on penalties · HT 1-0

Whitehawk: Liam Moore 31, Kamarni Ryan 73/74, Rhys Murphy 81/82
St Albans City: Kai Brown 61, 63, Zane Banton 89/90 (rebound after his own penalty was saved)

Whitehawk, bottom of the Isthmian Premier, knocked St Albans City out of the FA Trophy in a dramatic tie that went all the way to a shoot-out, finishing 3-3 before the Hawks won on penalties.

Liam Moore gave Whitehawk a 31st-minute lead, and it was still 1-0 at the break. St Albans turned the game around in the space of two minutes, as Kai Brown scored on 61 and 63. Whitehawk refused to fold and replied with goals from Kamarni Ryan and Rhys Murphy to lead 3-2 going into the closing stages.

Then came more drama. St Albans were given a late penalty, and although Zane Banton's spot-kick was saved, he followed up to score the rebound and make it 3-3. Whitehawk held their nerve to win the shoot-out (the exact shoot-out score is still to be confirmed). The penalty takers and the attendance have not been

published, and sources differ by a minute on the timing of the later goals.

Ryan's goal adds to his status as Whitehawk's leading scorer, with six goals putting him among the top ten in the Isthmian Premier.

The result is a welcome boost for a side with one league win all season. Whitehawk are 22nd and bottom on six points from 13 games, with one win, three draws and nine defeats. They have scored 12 and conceded 32, a goal difference of minus 20, and their last five league games bring four defeats and a draw. Cup progress will lift spirits ahead of a demanding week.

St Albans arrived in good shape. They are 12th in the same division on 17 points from only nine games, 11 points ahead of Whitehawk, with five wins, two draws and two defeats. Their last five league results read win, draw, win, draw, win.

Whitehawk host Dulwich Hamlet on Tuesday, while St Albans entertain Burgess Hill Town. The two sides then meet again next Saturday, this time in the league at Whitehawk.

FA TROPHY



Erith Town 3-3 Burgess Hill Town 

Burgess Hill Town won on penalties

Burgess Hill Town are through to the next round of the FA Trophy after surviving a six-goal thriller and a penalty shoot-out at Erith Town.

The Hillians and Erith could not be separated in normal time, finishing 3-3. Burgess Hill then won the shoot-out to go through (the exact shoot-out score is still to be confirmed). Details of the match itself are scarce. The scorers, goal times, half-time score, attendance, any red cards and the penalty takers have not been published, and neither club had produced a match report at the time of writing.

It was no easy draw for the Isthmian Premier side. Erith arrived fourth in the South East Division, with seven wins from 11 league games and 27 goals scored. They have drawn two and lost two of their other league matches, conceding only 13 for a goal difference of plus 14, and sit on 23 points. Their last five league results bring four wins and a single defeat. Harry Taylor leads their scoring with seven goals, placing him in the division's top ten. Holding a side from a higher division over the full match shows why they are among the South East's leading clubs.

Burgess Hill, ninth in the Premier, carry good form of their own. They have 20 points from 12 games, having won five, drawn five and lost two, with 23 goals scored and 17 conceded for a goal difference of plus six. Their last five league games bring three wins, a draw and a defeat. Chris Whelpdale is their leading scorer with six goals, among the top ten in the Isthmian Premier.

Burgess Hill now return to league duty with a trip to St Albans City on Tuesday night, followed by a home game against Enfield next Saturday. Erith go back to the South East with a trip to Whitstable Town on Saturday, with their Trophy run over for another season.

Match reports (cont.)

FA TROPHY


Leatherhead 2-2 Eastbourne Borough


Eastbourne Borough won 2-1 on penalties

Eastbourne Borough are into the next round of the FA Trophy after a low-scoring shoot-out at Fetcham Grove.

Borough and Leatherhead were level at 2-2 after the 90 minutes, and the penalties proved just as hard to score. Borough edged the shoot-out 2-1 to book their place in the next round. The scorers, goal times, half-time score, attendance, any red cards and the penalty takers have not been published, and no match report has been found.

The win keeps Borough's strong form going. They had won their last five Isthmian Premier matches, and they sit sixth on 22 points with games in hand. From 11 league games they have won seven, drawn one and lost three. They have scored 21 and conceded only 11, a goal difference of plus 10 that marks them out as one of the division's meanest defences. Goals are shared around, with Kai Corbett and Josh Rees on six each, both in the Isthmian Premier's top ten.

For Leatherhead, 13th in the same division, it ends their Trophy hopes for another year. They are seven points behind Borough on 15 from ten games, with four wins, three draws and three defeats. Their goal record of 18 scored and 17 conceded shows how fine the margins have been in their league campaign so far. Their last five league results read defeat, win, draw, draw, defeat, so they will be looking for a lift after a disappointing afternoon. Anas Igozouln is their leading scorer with six goals, also among the top ten in the division.

Borough now turn their attention back to the league, where they are four points behind third-placed Lewes. They travel to Maldon & Tiptree on Tuesday night before hosting Ramsgate next Saturday. Leatherhead, meanwhile, visit Welling United on Tuesday and then entertain Stanway Rovers on Saturday.

For Gosport, it was another difficult afternoon. They sit 11th in the division and had recently been beaten 3-0 at Wimborne in the league. Failing to score at home against a divisional rival will add to the frustration, and they will need to regroup quickly, with no time to dwell on the exit.

Progress in the Trophy gives Chichester a cup run to look forward to alongside their league campaign, while Gosport's interest in the competition is over for this season.

Both clubs are back in league action on Tuesday. Chichester are at home to Hanworth Villa, looking to make it three wins in a row, while Gosport travel to Bracknell, the ground where City slipped up before this week's revival.

FA TROPHY


Gosport Borough 0-2 Chichester City

Chichester City: Harry Bridle 17, Isaac Bello 47

Chichester City are through in the FA Trophy after a composed 2-0 win away at Gosport Borough.

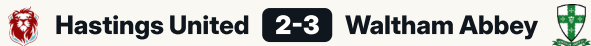
Harry Bridle gave the visitors the lead after 17 minutes at the AEI Stadium. Isaac Bello doubled the advantage two minutes into the second half, and from there Chichester kept their hosts out to see the tie through. The clean sheet against their Southern League Premier South rivals will please the City camp every bit as much as the goals.

The half-time score has not been officially published, nor have the attendance or any cards, and no match report had been found at the time of writing. One results service listed the score as 0-3; other sources give 2-0, and the exact score is still to be confirmed.

The result continues a positive week for City. It follows Tuesday's 3-1 league victory over Berkhamsted at Oaklands Park, which put them back on track after a defeat at Bracknell. Two wins in quick succession, with five goals scored and just one conceded across the two games, suggests the setback at Bracknell has been put firmly behind them.

Match reports (cont.)

FA TROPHY



HT 0-3

Hastings United: Scorers not named, 74, 83
Waltham Abbey: Bailey Stevenson 20, Steve Cawley 26, Jack Blower 28

Isthmian South East leaders Hastings United are out of the FA Trophy after a nightmare eight minutes against Waltham Abbey at the Pilot Field, and a spirited second-half fightback was not quite enough to rescue the tie.

The damage was done midway through the first half. Bailey Stevenson opened the scoring for the visitors on 20 minutes, Steve Cawley added a second on 26, and Jack Blower made it three just two minutes later. Three goals in eight minutes left Hastings stunned, and the scoreline stayed at 3-0 through to half-time.

To their credit, Hastings did not give up. They pulled a goal back on 74 minutes and found a second on 83, setting up a tense finish with seven minutes plus stoppage time still to play. Waltham Abbey held firm, however, and it is the visitors who go through to the next round. The Hastings scorers have not been named in any published source, and the attendance and any cautions were not available at the time of going to press, with the club's own website yet to be updated.

The disappointment of a cup exit should not overshadow what has been a strong start to the season for Hastings. In the league they sit top of the Isthmian South East with 28 points from 12 games, built on nine wins, one draw and just two defeats, and they lead the division by four points. They have scored 29 and conceded 16, a goal difference of plus 13, and their last five league outings read loss, win, draw, win, win, so they arrive back in league action with three wins from those five.

Goals have come from several sources. Max Walsh leads the way with eight league goals and Kesna Clarke has seven, both among the top ten scorers in the Isthmian South East.

With the Trophy now behind them, the focus switches entirely to protecting that lead at the top. Hastings are back at the Pilot Field next Saturday, 31 October, when Faversham Town are the visitors for a 3pm kick-off in the Isthmian South East. For Waltham Abbey, an impressive away display brings a place in the next round of the competition.

Bridges had other ideas. Ade Adeyinka pulled one back on 56 minutes, just five minutes after Dartford's third, and Noel Leighton made it 3-2 with 13 minutes left to set up a nervous finish. Dartford's Matty Macarthur was booked on 85 minutes as the hosts held on, and no red cards were listed. It is Dartford who move into the next round, but they were made to work for it.

The gap between the clubs in the league table made the visitors' effort all the more creditable. Dartford are fourth in the Isthmian Premier with 24 points from 13 games, having won eight and lost five without a draw. Their goal record of 19 scored and 17 conceded gives a goal difference of plus two, and their last five league results read win, loss, win, loss, loss, so this cup win comes after back-to-back league defeats.

Three Bridges are 20th in the same division with nine points from 13 games, 15 points behind Dartford. They have two wins, three draws and eight defeats, with 23 scored and 36 conceded for a goal difference of minus 13. Their last five league games brought a draw, a win, a loss, a draw and a loss. Interestingly, their 23 league goals are four more than Dartford have managed. Leighton, whose goal here gave Bridges hope, is their leading scorer with seven league goals, a top-ten tally in the Isthmian Premier.

Both sides are on the road in the league next Saturday, 31 October, at 3pm. Dartford travel to Aveley, while Three Bridges, now free to concentrate on their league struggle, head to Maldon & Tiptree.

FA TROPHY



Att 421 · Red: None listed (Matty Macarthur, Dartford, booked 85)

Dartford: Vladimir Paternoster 22, Max Fiddes 44, 51
Three Bridges: Ade Adeyinka 56, Noel Leighton 77

Three Bridges made Dartford sweat at Princes Park but bowed out of the FA Trophy after a stirring fightback fell just one goal short in front of 421.

The Isthmian Premier hosts were firmly in control for much of the afternoon. Vladimir Paternoster gave Dartford a 22nd-minute lead and Max Fiddes doubled it a minute before half-time, sending the home side in 2-0 up at the break. Fiddes struck again six minutes into the second half to make it 3-0, and at that point the tie looked over.

Match reports (cont.)

SCFL PREMIER


AFC Varndeanians
0-1
East Grinstead Town


HT 0-0 · Att 78

East Grinstead Town: Late goal (88' per Sofascore, logged as an own goal)

East Grinstead Town needed until the closing stages to break down AFC Varndeanians, but a late goal was enough to take all three points in the SCFL Premier.

After a goalless first half in front of 78, the deadlock was finally broken in the 88th minute. Sofascore's timeline logs the goal as an own goal, although the player involved has not been named, and one summary put the goal in the first minute of stoppage time rather than the 88th. No red cards were recorded and no match report has been published.

It is a familiar story for Varndeanians, whose miserly defence has conceded only 16 goals in 14 league games but who have scored just 12 at the other end, giving them a goal difference of minus four. Their winless run now reads four defeats and a draw in their last five league matches. Five wins, three draws and six defeats leave them 11th on 18 points.

For the Wasps it is a valuable win that moves them to 27 points from 14 games, with eight wins, three draws and three defeats. They sit third in the table, ahead of Hassocks on goals scored, and eight points off leaders Haywards Heath Town. Their last five reads win, loss, draw, win, win, and their 34 goals, against 19 conceded, give them a goal difference of plus 15. Nine points now separate the two clubs.

The firepower is shared around. Kieron Pamment, Charles Harris and Daniel Perry have all scored 11 goals, and all three are among the top ten scorers in the division, which makes it all the more telling that it took a late own goal to settle this one.

Varndeanians have a quick chance to end their slump when they host Little Common on Tuesday, 27 October (7.45pm), before an FA Vase second round trip to Fisher next Saturday. East Grinstead are also in Vase second round action on Saturday, 31 October, away to Larkfield & New Hythe at 3pm.

In front of 97, the draw keeps Bexhill eighth on 23 points from 13 games. They have won seven, drawn two and lost four, and their last five league results read loss, win, win, win, draw, so they are now unbeaten in four. They have scored 26 and conceded 21, a goal difference of plus five.

Lancing, also unbeaten in four league games, move to 14 points from 13 matches and sit 13th, level on points with Newhaven. Their recent run of loss, win, draw, win, draw shows a side picking up points more regularly, although their season record of four wins, two draws and seven defeats, with 21 scored and 29 conceded for a goal difference of minus eight, shows there is still work to do. Nine points separate the two clubs, and Lancing will feel this was two points dropped after leading for so long.

Bexhill have a busy week ahead. They host Worthing United in the Sussex RUR Charity Cup on Tuesday, 27 October (7.30pm), before a long trip to Guernsey in the league next Saturday, 31 October, with a 1.30pm kick-off. Lancing turn to the FA Vase on Saturday, when they travel to Cove for a 3pm second round tie.

SCFL PREMIER


Bexhill United
2-2
Lancing


HT 0-2 · Att 97 · Red: One Lancing player sent off 90+4' (name unknown)

Bexhill United: Goals 74', 86' (scorers unknown)

Lancing: Goals 13', 21' (scorers unknown)

Bexhill United dug deep to rescue a point after Lancing had looked set for a comfortable afternoon in the SCFL Premier.

The visitors were two goals up inside 21 minutes, scoring on 13 and again on 21, and they took that lead into the break. The scorers of all four goals in this game have not been published, and no match report has been found.

Bexhill came back in the final quarter of an hour. They pulled one back on 74 minutes and levelled four minutes from time on 86. There was a late sting in the tail for Lancing, who finished with ten men after Sofascore logged a red card for one of their players in the 94th minute. The identity of the player and the reason for the dismissal are not known.

Match reports (cont.)

SCFL PREMIER



HT 0-2 · Att 95

Hassocks: Goals 8', 45+2', 80' (scorers unknown)

Hassocks did a professional job at Forest Row, scoring early, scoring again just before the break and adding a third to see the game out in the SCFL Premier.

The Robins went ahead after only eight minutes and doubled their lead in first-half stoppage time, a blow that left the hosts with a mountain to climb at 2-0 down. A third goal ten minutes from the end settled it in front of 95. The scorers have not been published, no red cards were recorded, and the Hassocks club website had yet to post a report.

The win continues a strong campaign for Hassocks, who have lost just twice in 13 league games. Eight wins and three draws take them to 27 points and fourth place, level with East Grinstead Town on points and goal difference, and with a game in hand on all three sides above them. They have scored 29 and conceded only 14, a goal difference of plus 15, and their last five league games read win, win, draw, loss, win, so this was a swift response to their most recent defeat.

It is a tougher picture for Forest Row. They have now suffered two straight defeats after a promising spell; their last five reads win, win, draw, loss, loss. They sit 18th on 11 points, having played 15 games, as many as anyone in the division, with three wins, two draws and ten defeats. They have scored 20 and conceded 36, a goal difference of minus 16, and they now trail Hassocks by 16 points.

There is little time to dwell on it for either side. Forest Row are straight back in action at home on Monday, 26 October, when Midhurst & Easebourne visit for a 7.45pm kick-off, before they travel to Little Common next Saturday, 31 October.

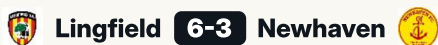
Hassocks host Wick in the league on Tuesday, 27 October (7.45pm), a chance to use one of those games in hand, and are then at home again on Saturday, 31 October, when Eastbourne United are the visitors in the FA Vase second round at 3pm.

After their recent 3-2 home defeat by Wick, this was the response Lingfield needed. They move to 26 points from 14 games and sit sixth, with eight wins, two draws and four defeats. Their last five league games read win, draw, loss, loss, win. Six goals here take their league tally to 35, against 26 conceded, a goal difference of plus nine. Kwesi Ntim leads their scoring with 14 goals, among the top ten in the division.

Newhaven will take some encouragement from scoring three away from home, but the second half was costly. They are now winless in five league games, with four defeats and a draw, and stay 14th on 14 points from 13 matches. Four wins, two draws and seven defeats, with 19 scored and 32 conceded, leave them on a goal difference of minus 13 and 12 points behind Lingfield.

Both clubs have Crawley Down Gatwick on the horizon. Newhaven host them in the Sussex RUR Charity Cup on Tuesday, 27 October (7.45pm), before Midhurst & Easebourne visit in the league next Saturday, 31 October. Lingfield travel to Billingshurst in the league on Tuesday (7.45pm) and then entertain Crawley Down Gatwick in the FA Vase second round on Saturday at 3pm.

SCFL PREMIER



HT 2-3

Lingfield: Goals 6', 26', 63', 66' (pen), 75', 83' (scorers unknown)
Newhaven: Goals 14', 33', 38' (scorers unknown)

Nine goals and a remarkable second-half turnaround: Lingfield blew Newhaven away after trailing at the break in a thrilling SCFL Premier encounter.

The first half swung back and forth. The hosts led on six minutes, but Newhaven levelled on 14. Lingfield went in front again on 26, only for Newhaven to score twice in five minutes, on 33 and 38, and lead 3-2 at half-time.

Lingfield were transformed after the restart. They levelled on 63 minutes, went in front from the penalty spot three minutes later, and added further goals on 75 and 83, four unanswered goals in 20 minutes. None of the nine scorers have been published, nor has the penalty taker or how the spot kick was won. No red cards were recorded, and the attendance is not known.

Match reports (cont.)

SCFL PREMIER



HT 1-1 · Att 83 · Red: One Wick player sent off 65' (name unknown)

Wick: Goals 16', 58', 72', 90+1' (scorers unknown)

Little Common: Goals 32', 86' (scorers unknown)

Wick backed up their recent win at Lingfield with another three points in the SCFL Premier, and they did it the hard way after going down to ten men against Little Common.

The hosts went ahead on 16 minutes before Little Common levelled on 32, leaving it 1-1 at the interval. Wick edged in front again on 58, then had a man sent off on 65. The player's name and the reason for the dismissal have not been published, and nor have any of the six scorers.

Rather than sit back, Wick stretched their lead to 3-1 seven minutes after the red card, on 72. Common gave themselves hope with a goal four minutes from time, only for Wick to wrap it up in stoppage time in front of 83.

Back-to-back wins after three straight defeats lift Wick to 15 points from 13 games, good for 12th place. Their last five league results tell the story: loss, loss, loss, win, win. Wick have won five and lost eight, without a single draw so far this season. They have scored 20 and conceded 35, a goal difference of minus 15, so these two wins mark a welcome change in fortunes.

Little Common stay bottom on seven points, behind Horsham YM on goal difference. They have two wins, one draw and ten defeats from 13 games, and their last five reads loss, win, loss, loss, loss. They have scored 15 and conceded 38, a goal difference of minus 23, and the gap to Wick is now eight points. Scoring twice away from home will be an encouragement, but the defensive numbers will concern them.

Wick face a stern test on Tuesday, 27 October, when they travel to fourth-placed Hassocks for a 7.45pm kick-off. Little Common, meanwhile, have two quick chances to climb off the foot of the table. They are at AFC Varndeanians on Tuesday evening (7.45pm), before hosting Forest Row next Saturday, 31 October, at 3pm.

SCFL DIVISION ONE



AFC Walcountians edged a tight one against Loxwood, a single goal enough to strengthen their hold on second place in SCFL Division One.

Details of the afternoon are scarce. The scorer, the minute of the goal, the half-time score and the attendance have not been published, and no match report or incident data has been found. What is clear is that Walcountians did enough to keep their momentum going.

The win, their second in a row, takes them to 29 points from 13 games, eight behind leaders Infinity but with a game in hand. Their last five league results read loss, loss, draw, win, win, so a mid-season wobble appears to be behind them. Nine wins, two draws and two defeats tell the wider story, and they have conceded only 11 goals all season, one of the three tightest defences in the division. With 33 scored, their goal difference stands at plus 22.

The goals are spread across the side. Charlie Moore and Theo Huey-Walker have eight league goals apiece and Chike Ejazie has seven, all three among the top ten scorers in Division One.

Loxwood, who are hard to beat with five draws, came into the game unbeaten in four but suffer a first defeat in five. Their last five reads draw, draw, win, win, loss. They have scored just 14 in 14 matches and conceded 16, a goal difference of minus two, and they sit 13th on 17 points from four wins, five draws and five defeats, 12 points behind Walcountians. Lewis Huggins has been their main threat with eight league goals, more than half of the side's total and a top-ten tally in the division.

Both sides are back in league action next Saturday, 31 October, at 3pm. Walcountians travel to Shoreham looking for a third straight win to keep the pressure on Infinity. Loxwood are at home to Dorking Wanderers B, a chance to get back to winning ways against a side near the bottom of the table.

SCFL DIVISION ONE



HT 0-0

Infinity: Goals 49', 55', 57' (scorers unknown)

Leaders Infinity were kept out for 45 minutes at Clanfield, then won it with a burst of three goals in eight minutes just after half-time in SCFL Division One.

Clanfield deserve credit for holding the best team in the division to 0-0 at the interval. The opener came four minutes after the restart, on 49, and further goals on 55 and 57 minutes ended the contest. The scorers have not been published, no red cards were recorded and the attendance is not known.

Clanfield, who have scored just eight league goals all season, never looked like finding a way back once the floodgates opened. They stay 17th on nine points from 12 games, with three wins and nine defeats and no draws. They have conceded 28, a goal difference of minus 20, and their last five league outings read loss, loss, loss, win, loss.

Infinity, with one defeat in 14, go to 37 points and stay eight clear of AFC Walcountians at the top, although Walcountians have a game in hand. Twelve wins, one draw and that single loss make for an outstanding record, and their last five reads win, win, win, draw, win. They have scored 41 and conceded 14, and their goal difference now stands at plus 27. A gap of 28 points now separates the two clubs.

Much of Infinity's attacking threat comes from one man. Zackary Willett has 18 goals, a top-ten tally in Division One and almost half of his side's total. Whether he added to that tally here is not yet known, as the scorers of all three goals are still to be confirmed.

Both sides play next Saturday, 31 October, at 3pm. Infinity are at home to Ringmer AFC as they look to keep their lead at the top intact, while Clanfield travel to Hailsham Town hoping to turn their first-half resistance into points.

Match reports (cont.)

SCFL DIVISION ONE

Dial Square **0-1** **Guildford City**

Guildford City took the points from their trip to Knaphill, a single goal separating them from Dial Square in SCFL Division One.

It was the kind of tight, low-scoring contest the two defences suggested. The scorer, the minute of the goal, the half-time score and the attendance have not been published. Guildford have released a post-match audio interview with manager Luke Simmonds, but no written report has been found.

The away win lifts City to 23 points from 14 games and keeps them sixth. Their form has alternated between wins and defeats lately, with their last five reading win, loss, win, loss, win, but this was a second win in three. Seven wins, two draws and five defeats give a balanced picture, and their 30 goals, against 20 conceded, mean a goal difference of plus ten. Luke Mitchell leads their scoring with eight league goals, a top-ten tally in the division.

For Dial Square it is another defeat in a slump that has brought three losses from their last four matches; their last five reads draw, loss, win, loss, loss. They slip to ninth on 20 points from 13 games, three behind Guildford, with six wins, two draws and five defeats. A tight defence that has let in only 11 goals in 13 games was beaten once, and once was enough. The problem lies at the other end: they have scored just 18, although that still leaves them with a goal difference of plus seven despite their difficult run.

Dial Square will hope to put things right next Saturday, 31 October, when they travel to Oakwood for a 3pm kick-off. Guildford City are at home on the same afternoon against Mile Oak, who arrive unbeaten in four league games, so City will need to be at their best to build on this result.

SCFL DIVISION ONE

Dorking Wanderers B **0-1** **Jarvis Brook**

Jarvis Brook continued their impressive run with a narrow win at Dorking Wanderers B, and once again it was their defence that did the work in SCFL Division One.

The scorer, the minute of the goal, the half-time score and the attendance have not been published, and no match report or incident data has been found. The result alone, though, says plenty about where these two clubs are.

One goal was enough to make it three wins in a row for Jarvis Brook and 26 points from just 12 games, which puts them fourth with games in hand on everyone above them. Their last five league results read win, draw, win, win, win, four wins and a draw. Eight wins, two draws and two defeats make for a strong start, and their defence has been the story of the season: only eight goals conceded in 12 league matches. With 24 scored, their goal difference is plus 16.

Dorking's second string lose again and stay 19th on eight points, with 11 defeats from 15 matches, more games played than anyone else in the division. They have two wins and two draws to go with those defeats, and their last five reads win, loss, win, loss, loss. They have scored 17, and their 37 goals conceded is the second-worst record in Division One, leaving them with a goal difference of minus 20. Eighteen points now separate the sides. Rubens Moreira remains their leading scorer with seven league goals, a top-ten tally in the division.

Jarvis Brook have a busy week ahead. They are at Westfield in the Sussex RUR Charity Cup on Tuesday, 27 October (7.30pm), then host Worthing United in the league next Saturday, 31 October, at 3pm, when another clean sheet would strengthen their case as genuine contenders.

Dorking Wanderers B are away at Loxwood on Saturday afternoon, looking to arrest a run of two straight defeats.

SCFL DIVISION ONE

Mile Oak **2-0** **East Preston**

Mile Oak: Two goals (scorers and minutes unknown)

Mile Oak extended their good run with a 2-0 home win over East Preston in SCFL Division One, keeping a clean sheet in the process. Sofascore lists two home goals but gives no minutes, and the scorers, the half-time score and the attendance have not been published. No match report has been found, so the detail of how the goals arrived is not yet known.

The result matters more than the details for Mile Oak. The Oak are unbeaten in four league games, three of them wins, with their last five reading loss, win, draw, win, win. The three points lift them to 21 from 14 games and eighth place, just a point behind Hailsham Town. Six wins, three draws and five defeats tell of a side that has found consistency at the right time. They have now scored 23 and conceded 22 in 14 games, a goal difference of plus one, and this clean sheet was a welcome boost for the defence.

East Preston's slide goes on. They are winless in five, with three defeats and two draws in that spell; their last five reads loss, draw, draw, loss, loss. They now sit 14th on 15 points from 13 games, level with Arundel and six points behind Mile Oak. Four wins, three draws and six defeats leave them on a goal difference of minus one, having conceded 19.

They have managed 18 goals in 13 games and will need to find a way of turning draws into wins quickly to climb away from the lower reaches. Failing to score here will not help that cause.

Both sides play next Saturday, 31 October, at 3pm. Mile Oak travel to sixth-placed Guildford City, who sit two points above them, in a game that could see the Oak climb further if their run continues. East Preston are at home to Reigate Priory, hoping to end their winless spell in front of their own supporters.

Match reports (cont.)

SCFL DIVISION ONE



Reigate Priory's home game with Oakwood in SCFL Division One was abandoned, according to FA Full-Time, and no score was recorded. The reason for the abandonment and the point at which the game was halted have not been published, and nor has any score at the time play stopped.

The fixture will need to be replayed, though no date has been given.

For Priory it was a frustrating afternoon to lose. They are fifth on 25 points and missed the chance to close on the clubs above them, with Worthing United and Jarvis Brook both winning to move a point clear.

Priory's numbers so far are healthy. They have played 13 league games, winning eight, drawing one and losing four. They have scored 33 and conceded 16, a goal difference of plus 17, and their last five league results read W, D, W, L, W. Tommy McKenna has been central to that, with 15 goals putting him among the top ten scorers in the division.

Oakwood stay 16th on 12 points and missed the chance to put some distance between themselves and the bottom four. They have also played 13, with three wins, three draws and seven defeats. Goals have been hard to come by at one end and too frequent at the other: 15 scored and 31 conceded leaves them on minus 16.

Their recent form is a worry too. The last five league games read D, L, L, W, L, so one win in that run.

The two clubs are separated by 13 points and 11 places, and that gap stays exactly where it was until the game is played again.

Both have plenty to get on with. Oakwood are back in action first, at home to Saltdean United in the Sussex RUR Charity Cup on Tuesday night with a 7.30pm kick-off. They then host Dial Square in Division One on Saturday at 3pm.

Priory travel to East Preston in the league on the same afternoon, also at 3pm, looking to keep in touch with the leading pack.

nine points. They have won just once in their last five games, with four defeats, and their form line reads L, W, L, L, L.

Across 14 matches Ringmer have two wins, three draws and nine defeats. They have conceded 36, three times the number they have scored, leaving a goal difference of minus 24.

Hailsham are 13 points clear of their hosts, a gap that underlines how differently the two seasons are going.

Both clubs go straight into Sussex RUR Charity Cup action on Tuesday night, with 7.30pm kick-offs. Ringmer are away at Roffey, while Hailsham travel to Haywards Heath Town.

League business resumes on Saturday at 3pm. Ringmer visit Infinity, and Hailsham are at home to Clanfield, hoping to extend a run that has brought four wins from five.

SCFL DIVISION ONE



HT 0-0

Hailsham Town made it four wins from their last five with a narrow 1-0 victory at Ringmer AFC in SCFL Division One.

The first half was goalless and it took a single second-half goal to settle it. Who scored it, and when, has not been published, and there are no details yet of the attendance or any other incidents.

The Stringers move to 22 points and sit seventh. Their last five league results now read W, W, L, W, W, a strong run that has lifted them into the top half.

Hailsham have won seven of their 14 league games, drawing one and losing six. Their goals record is closer than their points total suggests, with 23 scored and 24 conceded for a goal difference of minus one. Tyler Pearson is their leading scorer with nine goals, enough to place him in the division's top ten.

Hailsham are now only three points behind fifth-placed Reigate Priory, whose game with Oakwood was abandoned.

For Ringmer, the afternoon followed a familiar pattern. They have scored only 12 goals all season, and the defeat leaves them 18th on

Match reports (cont.)

SCFL DIVISION ONE

Worthing United 2-1 Shoreham

Worthing United made it back-to-back league wins by beating Shoreham 2-1 in SCFL Division One, although the scoreline was tighter than the gap between the sides would suggest.

The scorers have not been published, and the half-time score and attendance are also unknown.

United's strength this season has been at the back. They have conceded only ten league goals all season, the second-best record in Division One. Shoreham have let in 41, more than anyone. The visitors did at least breach that defence once.

The win takes United to 26 points from 13 games, third and level on points with Jarvis Brook, and 11 behind Infinity with a game in hand. They have eight wins, two draws and three defeats, with 37 goals scored for a goal difference of plus 27.

Their form line of L, L, D, W, W shows a side that has recovered well from a sticky patch. Two consecutive defeats were followed by a draw and now two wins.

Up front, United have two of the division's top ten scorers. Daniel Kingston has 11 goals and Liam Appleton has ten, so between them they account for 21 of the club's 37.

Shoreham again had nothing to show for their efforts and stay bottom on eight points, level with Dorking Wanderers B. They have only two wins all season, alongside two draws and ten defeats from 14 matches. With 12 scored and 41 conceded, their goal difference stands at minus 29.

The last five league games read L, L, W, L, L, so one win in that spell.

The two clubs are now separated by 18 points and 17 places in the table.

United have a busy week. On Tuesday night they travel to Bexhill United in the Sussex RUR Charity Cup, kicking off at 7.30pm.

Then comes a big one on Saturday at 3pm, away at Jarvis Brook, the side level with them on 26 points.

Shoreham are at home to AFC Walcountians on Saturday at 3pm, looking for the points to start climbing away from the foot of the table.

a row, and stay 14th on three points.

They have one win all season, have scored 12 and conceded 39, a goal difference of minus 27, and the form line of L, L, L, L, L makes difficult reading.

Only bottom side Brighton Electricity are below them, and the gap between Alfold and Copthorne is now 16 points, with Alfold having played a game fewer.

Neither side is in Division Two action next weekend.

Alfold switch their attention to the Surrey FA Saturday Intermediate County Cup, with a trip to Beacon Hill 1sts on Saturday and a 1.30pm kick-off.

Copthorne also have a cup tie, at home to Rudgwick in the Division Two Challenge Cup on Saturday at 2pm.

That gives them a chance to end their losing sequence away from the pressure of the league table. Rudgwick also lost on Saturday, beaten 3-1 at home by Hurstpierpoint.

For Alfold, the target will be to carry this momentum into the cup and then back into a league campaign that has them firmly in the top half and within reach of the leading group.

SCFL DIVISION TWO

Alfold 4-1 Copthorne

Alfold kept their good run going with a 4-1 home win over Copthorne in SCFL Division Two.

It was their third straight league victory and their fourth win in the last five. Their form line now reads W, L, W, W, W.

The scorers have not been published, and the half-time score and attendance are also unknown.

Six wins from ten games puts Alfold fifth in Division Two on 19 points, eight behind leaders Chichester City B. Alongside those six wins they have one draw and three defeats.

They have now scored 22 times and conceded 17, giving them a goal difference of plus five. Ince Florimond is the club's leading scorer with eight goals, one of the top ten in the division.

Copthorne did get on the scoresheet but had another tough afternoon. They have now lost ten of their 11 games, the last five in

Match reports (cont.)

SCFL DIVISION TWO

Rudgwick **1-3** **Hurstpierpoint**

Hurstpierpoint made it five league wins in a row with a 3-1 victory at Rudgwick and stay right on the leaders' tails in SCFL Division Two.

The scorers have not been published, and the half-time score and attendance are also unknown.

Hurst's form line now reads W, W, W, W, W. They have lost only once in ten games, winning eight and drawing one.

The goals tell the same tale. Hurst have scored 35 and conceded only nine, among the best defensive records in the division, for a goal difference of plus 26. Andrew Brown leads their scoring with six goals, enough to put him in the division's top ten.

They sit second on 25 points, two behind Chichester City B having played the same number of games, with Rustington a point further back.

Rudgwick did get on the scoresheet but lose for the seventh time this season. They stay 12th on eight points, level with Southwater, after two wins and two draws from 11 matches.

They have scored 14 and conceded 27, a goal difference of minus 13. Their recent form had shown signs of life, and the last five read L, W, D, W, L, with two wins and a draw in that spell before this defeat.

Kai Oram has been their main source of goals with seven, making him one of the division's top ten scorers. That is half of Rudgwick's league total.

The gap between the clubs is now 17 points, with Rudgwick having played one game more.

Next Saturday brings a major test for Hurst. They are at home to third-placed Rustington at 2pm, with a single point separating the sides. Rustington have also won their last five league games, and have a game in hand.

Rudgwick have cup business instead. They travel to Copthorne in the Division Two Challenge Cup on Saturday, also kicking off at 2pm.

Copthorne sit 14th in the league, and that tie offers Rudgwick a chance to get back to winning ways after this setback against one of the division's form sides.

Chichester have three of the division's top ten scorers. Josh Hall leads the way with 13 goals, Joshua Irish has ten and Joshua Castle has eight. Between them that is 31 of the club's 58 goals.

Beeding did manage a goal of their own but have lost three of their last five league games. Their form reads L, D, W, L, L.

They sit tenth on ten points with 35 conceded, so this one game accounts for 13 of those 35. Beeding have three wins, one draw and seven defeats from 11 matches, and 16 goals scored for a goal difference of minus 19.

The gap between the two sides is 17 points, with Beeding having played one game more.

It is the sort of afternoon Beeding will want to forget quickly, and they have a chance to do that next Saturday. They are at home to ASC Brighton Rangers at 2pm.

Rangers sit ninth, one point and one place above Beeding, so that game offers a realistic opportunity to bounce back.

Chichester City B are at home to Storrington Community on Saturday, also at 2pm. On this evidence, opponents across the division will be wary.

With Hurstpierpoint and Rustington meeting on the same afternoon, the leaders have a chance to strengthen their grip at the top.

SCFL DIVISION TWO

Upper Beeding **1-13** **Chichester City B**

Chichester City B produced the scoreline of the weekend, putting 13 past Upper Beeding on Beeding's own patch in SCFL Division Two. The final score was 1-13.

The scorers have not been published, so it is not known whether anyone claimed a hat-trick. The half-time score and attendance are also unknown.

The leaders now have 58 goals in ten games, an average of almost six a match, and they have conceded just eight. That gives them a goal difference of plus 50.

Nine wins from ten keep them top on 27 points, two clear of Hurstpierpoint, with Rustington a further point back. Their only defeat came at the start of their current five-game sequence, which reads L, W, W, W, W.

Match reports (cont.)

SCFL DIV TWO CUP



**ASC Brighton
Rangers**

**3-
1**

**Brighton
Electricity**



ASC Brighton Rangers won 3-1 against Brighton Electricity in the Division Two Challenge Cup, a city meeting that went the way the league table suggested it might.

The scorers have not been published. The half-time score, attendance and the round of the competition are also unknown.

Rangers sit ninth in Division Two on 11 points, with three wins from 11 league games. They have also drawn two and lost six.

Their league goals record is 17 scored and 31 conceded, a goal difference of minus 14. Kai Stephens is their leading scorer with six goals, one of the top ten in the division.

Rangers will be glad of the goals after a run of mixed league form. Their last five league games read W, W, L, W, L, three wins and two defeats.

Their visitors are bottom of the league, still looking for a first win of the season, and the cup offered no relief.

Electricity have two draws and five defeats from seven league games for two points. Their last five read D, L, L, L, L.

There was a small positive for Electricity, though. They have scored just twice in seven league games, conceding 18, so finding the net here was something to build on.

In the league, Rangers are nine points and six places ahead of Electricity, although Rangers have played four games more.

For Rangers, the win keeps their cup run alive. Their next-round opponents have not been confirmed. Electricity's cup campaign is over.

Both sides return to Division Two on Saturday, with 2pm kick-offs.

Rangers travel to Upper Beeding, who sit one place and one point below them in tenth. Beeding will be looking for a reaction after conceding 13 at home to Chichester City B.

Electricity are at home to Southwater, who sit 11th on eight points. Southwater won their own cup tie this weekend, beating Worthing Town 2-1.

For Electricity, a first league win of the season remains the target, and the goal they scored here will give them some encouragement.

Rustington have 33 goals and just nine conceded, a goal difference of plus 24. Jordan Clark leads their scoring with seven goals, one of the division's top ten.

The cup win means Rustington are through. Their next-round opponents have not been confirmed.

Bosham, 13th in the league with two wins from nine, bow out, but they made Rustington work for it.

Bosham also have one draw and six defeats from their nine league games, giving them seven points. They have scored 16 and conceded 21, a goal difference of minus five that is better than their position suggests.

Their league form reads L, W, L, L, D, so one win in their last five.

In league terms the sides are 17 points apart, with both having played nine games.

Rustington's next game could hardly be bigger. They travel to second-placed Hurstpierpoint on Saturday at 2pm in Division Two.

Hurst are one point ahead and have also won their last five league games. A Rustington win would take them above their hosts and to 27 points, the same total as Chichester City B currently have.

Bosham are away at Worthing Town in the league on Saturday, kicking off at 3pm. Worthing Town lost in the cup this weekend too, going down 2-1 at Southwater.

SCFL DIV TWO CUP



Bosham

1-3

Rustington



HT 1-2

Rustington's winning run carried over into the Division Two Challenge Cup with a 3-1 win at Bosham.

The visitors led 2-1 at the break, with Bosham having found the net once in the first half, and added a third after the restart to make sure of it.

The scorers have not been published, and the attendance and the round of the competition are also unknown.

Rustington have won their last five league games, with their form line reading W, W, W, W, W. They have lost only once in nine, winning the other eight.

They sit third in Division Two on 24 points, with a game in hand on the two sides above them. Leaders Chichester City B have 27 points and Hurstpierpoint have 25, both from ten matches.

Match reports (cont.)

SCFL DIV TWO CUP

Ferring 1-4 TD Shipley

TD Shipley won 4-1 at Ferring in the Division Two Challenge Cup.

The scorers have not been published. The half-time score, attendance and the round of the competition are also unknown.

On paper this was one of the more even ties of the round, a meeting between the league's fourth- and sixth-placed sides, but Shipley ran out comfortable winners.

Ferring had lost only once in nine league games and had conceded just 11, which makes this an unusual reverse for them. Their league record shows five wins, three draws and that single defeat, with 21 goals scored for a goal difference of plus ten.

Ferring's last five league games read W, L, D, W, D. They sit sixth on 18 points. Jack Lanigan is their top scorer with six goals, one of the top ten in the division.

Shipley, who have seven wins and only one defeat in their nine league games, sit fourth on 22 points. They have one draw as well, and are five points off the top with a game in hand on the leaders, Chichester City B.

Shipley have scored 26 goals and conceded ten, a goal difference of plus 16. Their recent league form reads W, D, W, L, W.

They share the scoring load. Adam Campbell-Stone and Reece Nixon have seven goals each, and both are in the division's top ten.

In the league table, four points and two places separate the clubs, and both have played nine games.

Shipley go into the next round with goals and confidence. Their opponents in that round have not been confirmed. Ferring's cup run ends here.

The two sides will not have to wait long to meet again. They face each other in Division Two next Saturday, this time at TD Shipley, with a 2pm kick-off.

That gives Ferring an immediate chance to put this defeat right. A Ferring win would take them to 21 points, one behind Shipley.

For Shipley, a second victory over Ferring inside a week would take them to 25 points and keep them in the chase at the top.

SCFL DIV TWO CUP

Southwater 2-1 Worthing Town

Southwater found some cup cheer with a 2-1 win over Worthing Town in the Division Two Challenge Cup.

The scorers have not been published. The half-time score, attendance and the round of the competition are also unknown.

The hosts have struggled in the league, sitting 11th on eight points with only two wins from ten and none in their last five. That run reads L, L, L, L, D, with a draw in their most recent league outing.

That makes this a welcome boost for a side that has conceded 28 goals. Southwater have also drawn two and lost six of their league games, and with 17 scored they have a goal difference of minus 11.

Declan Partridge has been their key man in front of goal. His eight goals put him in the division's top ten.

Worthing Town, eighth in Division Two on 12 points, had won three in a row before back-to-back league defeats. Their form line reads W, W, W, L, L, and this cup exit adds to a difficult spell.

Worthing Town have four wins and five defeats from nine league games. They have been involved in plenty of goals, scoring 21 but conceding 38, which leaves them on a goal difference of minus 17.

In the league the sides are four points and three places apart, with Southwater having played a game more.

The result means Southwater progress in the competition. Their next-round opponents have not been confirmed.

Southwater will hope the result gives them something to carry back into league action. They travel to bottom side Brighton Electricity on Saturday, kicking off at 2pm.

Electricity are still looking for a first league win, so that game is an opportunity for Southwater to end their own winless league run.

Worthing Town are at home to Bosham in Division Two on Saturday at 3pm. Bosham were also beaten in the cup this weekend, losing 3-1 to Rustington, so both sides will be looking to respond.

BWDL DIVISION 1

Montpelier Villa II 1-10 TMG

TMG ran riot at Montpelier Villa II, hitting ten in a one-sided BWDL Division 1 encounter that finished 1-10.

The hosts did manage a consolation goal of their own. It was one of two ten-goal hauls in the division on the same afternoon. Details of who scored for TMG, and when, were not available at the time of writing, and the half-time score and attendance are also unknown.

The win keeps TMG top of the table on 16 points from six games. They are unbeaten, with five wins and a draw, and their form reads W, W, D, W, W.

Their goals record is remarkable: 41 scored and only six conceded, a goal difference of plus 35. Bradley Hunt leads their scoring with 11 goals, followed by Barney Boutwood on seven and Jonny Taylor on three.

Montpelier Villa II are seventh on three points from seven games. They have won once and lost six, including each of their last five. They have scored 12 and conceded 40, so this game accounts for a quarter of the goals against them.

The two sides are 13 points apart. TMG are at home to Rottingdean Village on Saturday at 2pm. Montpelier Villa II are next in action away at Lectern in the Dugout Cash Cup on 7 November.

Match reports (cont.)

BWDL DIVISION 1



Boys Brigade Old Boys

10-2

Diversity United



Boys Brigade Old Boys reached double figures against Diversity United in a 10-2 rout in BWDL Division 1.

Diversity scored twice of their own but could not keep the Old Boys out. Along with TMG's win at Montpelier Villa II, it made two ten-goal hauls in the division on the same afternoon. Scorers and timings have yet to be confirmed, and the half-time score and attendance are also unknown.

The result lifts the Old Boys to fourth on seven points from five games, with two wins, a draw and two defeats. Their form reads L, D, W, L, W.

This one match supplied ten of their 24 goals so far. They have conceded 27, leaving a goal difference of minus three. Bradley Gaffon is their leading scorer with five goals, with Giovanni Morgan on four.

Diversity United are sixth on four points from six games, with one win, one draw and four defeats. They have scored 11 and conceded 32, a goal difference of minus 21, and their form reads L, L, W, D, L.

Three points now separate the two clubs. The Old Boys travel to Lectern on Saturday at 2pm, while Diversity are at home to Sompting at 1pm.

The Bun-desliga

The other league table that matters. The SNLF Show scores every Sussex matchday burger out of 10 for patty, bacon, cheese and bun. **Steyning Town** lead on 32.5 out of 40, just half a point ahead of Arundel, with Loxwood third. At the other end, Littlehampton Town have some work to do in the kitchen.



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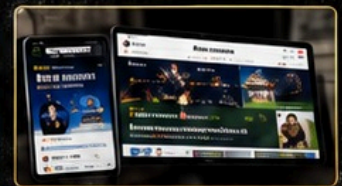
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