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ISTHMIAN SOUTH
EAST
**HASTINGS
UNITED**

1st

25 PTS FROM 11 W L W D W

Top after a 2-0 win over Erith Town in front of 1,058



SCFL DIVISION ONE
INFINITY

1st

34 PTS FROM 13 W W W W D

Eight points clear. Zack Willett has 17



ISTHMIAN SOUTH
CENTRAL
**BOGNOR
REGIS TOWN**

1st

29 PTS FROM 11 W D W W W

Unbeaten in the league. At Southall today, 3pm



SCFL DIVISION TWO
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2nd

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League tables after Saturday 17 October. Bognor play Southall this afternoon.



SCFL PREMIER
**HAYWARDS
HEATH TOWN**

1st

32 PTS FROM 13 W W L W W

Won 4-1 at Wick. Eight conceded in 13, the best in the division



BRIGHTON,
WORTHING &
DISTRICT
**ROTTINGDEAN
VILLAGE**

2nd

12 PTS FROM 4 W W W W

Four from four, after a 9-0 on Saturday



SCFL PREMIER
GUERNSEY

5th

23 PTS FROM 12 L W W W W

Four league wins in a row



ISTHMIAN PREMIER
LEWES

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FROM THE EDITOR / DUGOUT DIARIES

2,432 of you. Still no excuses.

By Mike McCaffrey / Dugout Diaries / Sunday 18 October 2026



A Sussex weekend of a cup exit, late winners, a nine-goal afternoon and one very famous slope. Plus a thank you that is overdue.

Right, before anything else: thank you. Last week 2,432 of you downloaded Issue 10. That is 76 more than the week before, which in non-league terms is roughly a coachload, or one decent away following at a midweek cup tie in the rain. Two thousand, four hundred and thirty-two people who chose to spend part of their weekend with our football. I have read the number about eleven times this morning and it still makes me smile, so thank you, genuinely, to every one of you who read it, shared it, dropped it in the club group or forwarded it to the one mate who still insists he only follows the Premier League.

Now, the weekend. And what a weekend it was for anyone hoping a Sussex club would be in Monday night's First Round draw. Spoiler: nobody is.

Ten minutes and a hill

Worthing went to Wealdstone in the FA Cup Fourth Qualifying Round, went in at half-time at 0-0 and came home 3-0 down. All three goals arrived in roughly ten minutes after the break. Adam Hinshelwood did not hide from it: "I take full responsibility for the outcome of today's tie." Fair play to him for that. He also offered a description of the pitch that I suspect will follow Grosvenor Vale around for years: "Quite literally an uphill battle with us playing against the slope." I have stood on terraces that felt like that after a pie and two pints, so I believe him.

The honest bit, because that is what we do here: the Rebels remain fifth in the National League and the league is the day job. Kidderminster away on Saturday, 5.30pm kick-off, is the chance to make the cup feel like a bad dream rather than a pattern. Over to you, lads.

Eastbourne Borough's cup run also ended, 3-0 at Salisbury, which means Sussex's FA Cup interest this season is now officially the same as my interest in my gym membership. Paid for, technically still exists, not doing anything.

Penalties, comebacks and a very late Lancing

Horsham supplied the good news at step two, winning 2-1 at Slough Town with two penalties, Bartley in first-half added time and Luer on 54 minutes. Two spot kicks and three points: not pretty, perfectly legal, and nobody in green and yellow will be asking for a refund.

Lancing, meanwhile, decided that the best part of an hour behind against Hassocks was quite enough suspense, scored on 85 minutes, again in the first minute of added time and again in the fifth, and won 3-1. If you left Culver Road early to beat the traffic, I am sorry.

That is the risk you take. Over at Worthing United, Joe Sadler waited even longer, equalising in the 95th minute to take a point off Infinity, the runaway Division One leaders. Somewhere, a referee's watch is still being examined by both benches.

Bosham were 2-0 down to Storrington at half-time in Division Two and drew 3-3, with their three goals coming on 57, 82 and 86 minutes. That is the sort of second half that makes the tea hut run out of everything.

Up top, and up a hill of their own

Hastings United beat Erith 2-0 in front of 1,058 people and go top of the Isthmian South East on 25 points. Haywards Heath Town won 4-1 at Wick and are still top of the SCFL Premier, two points clear of Eastbourne United, who scored five against Crawley Down Gatwick just to make sure everybody noticed them. Lewes drew 1-1 with Maldon & Tiptree and sit third in the Isthmian Premier, two points off the top. Three Bridges drew 3-3 with the leaders Enfield Town, which is exactly the kind of result that makes the table look wrong and the football look brilliant.

Bognor are top of the Isthmian South Central and play Southall this afternoon, so by the time some of you read this the table may already be out of date. That is non-league. You blink, and the league leaders have played on a Sunday.

Tonight: the IBB10 Show

Before you put this down and go back to arguing about Saturday's results in the group chat: the IBB10 Show is on tonight, live on YouTube on the @dugoutai channel at 8pm. Bring your opinions, your hot takes and your excuses for your team. We will bring the football chat. Same time, same place, no slope.

Thank you, Lee

Before the show, a proper thank you. Lee Penn has made the decision to leave Dugout AI to concentrate on his own YouTube channel. Lee gave us his time, his energy and plenty of opinions, and we are genuinely grateful for everything he put into the brand. We wish him all the best for the future, and I will be subscribing, so he had better keep it good.

It does leave us with a seat to fill. We are now looking for a co-host for the IBB10 Live Show on Sunday nights. If you know your Sussex football, you can talk about it for an hour without running out of things to say, and you reckon you have the minerals to do it live, get in touch with me at mikethesnlf@gmail.com. No

experience needed. Opinions essential.

Further down the pyramid, Rottingdean Village beat Montpelier Villa II 9-0 in the Brighton, Worthing and District League, and TMG beat Lectern 7-2. That is eighteen goals in two matches. Somebody please check the nets are still attached.

The thank yous

Thank you again to Pulse Water, our platinum partner, whose advert sits straight after the cover. The free site assessment offer is still there for businesses using the code DUGOUT. Thank you to Joma for the teamwear partnership, and to every club, secretary and volunteer who keeps the scores, the line-ups and the scorers flowing. Where clubs enter scorers on FA Full-Time, we can tell the story properly. Where they do not, Dougie has to say so, and he is very polite about it, but he does sigh.

And to the 2,432: keep sharing it. Put it in the group chat, send it to the bloke who only turns up for derbies, leave it open on the clubhouse table next to the raffle tickets. Every new reader is someone else taking an interest in a club they might never have watched. That is the whole point.

Eleven issues in. Plenty more football to cover. Stay hydrated, look after your clubs, avoid any pitch with a noticeable gradient, and I will see you in the dugout.

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REES' COACHING JOURNEY

My first ever training session without Jacob.

By Rees

Months of watching Jacob's sessions, then a night on his own. Rees on planning, delivering and learning from his first session as the man in charge.



Rees setting up before a session.

Arriving at training that night

When I arrived, it was typical me — always early, always wanting to get everything set up properly. I was nervous, of course. I'd had months of Jacob's excellent sessions, and I knew the standards he set. I'd watched him deliver high-quality work every single week, and now it was my turn to step up and try to match that level. The boys knew I was taking it on my own. They knew Jacob wasn't around, and they were supportive. There was a sense of curiosity from them, almost like they were waiting to see what I'd do, but they were behind me from the start.

How I planned the session

In terms of planning, Jacob had a structure that we used during the season. The hard work was done in pre-season, and because we were limited on time midweek, we stuck to that structure so he always had an idea of what he wanted me to do. But for this session, I tried something completely new — something that wasn't part of Jacob's usual plan. It's actually still something I use today. In fact, I used it on my UEFA C assessment and got good feedback for it. It was based around breaking lines. It was a technical drill designed around breaking down a block, and I think it worked well. I've definitely learned from it, though, and changed elements that I still use today.

What the session consisted of

The session was built around that breaking-lines concept. It was

technical, detailed, and focused on the idea of breaking down a defensive block. It wasn't just a simple possession drill — it had purpose, structure, and a clear outcome. I wanted the players to understand the detail behind it, not just run through the motions. It was the first time I'd ever delivered something that was fully mine, not borrowed or adapted from Jacob, and that alone made it a big moment for me.

How the players responded

The boys were good, but challenging — in the right way. They asked questions, they tested my knowledge and reasoning, and they were probably sussing me out at the first real opportunity. It was the first time they'd seen me deliver something completely on my own, so naturally they wanted to see what I was about. But I got good feedback from them afterwards, which I was absolutely buzzing with, to be honest. Especially as I'd done it on my own for the first ever time. Their reaction gave me a huge confidence boost.

"I can actually do this." It was the first time I felt like a coach, not just someone filling in.

Standout moment

The standout moment wasn't a single action — it was the feeling of delivering something that was mine, something I'd created, and seeing it work. Seeing the players engage with it, challenge it, question it, and ultimately buy into it. That was the moment where I thought, "I can actually do this." It was the first time I felt like a coach, not just someone filling in.

My biggest takeaway

The biggest thing I learned — and this came from feedback as well — was that I let the main part of the session go a bit stale. I didn't progress it like I should have once it started to stagnate. That was a huge learning moment for me. It taught me that coaching isn't just about designing a good drill; it's about adapting it, progressing it, and keeping it alive. That lesson has stuck with me ever since.

THE MANAGER'S VIEW / PAUL WISE

What's the role of an assistant manager?

By Paul Wise

Seven years in charge at Seaford Town taught Paul Wise one golden rule about the person next to you in the dugout. He explains it, and asks some awkward questions of Sussex football's managerial merry-go-round.



Paul Wise, who managed Seaford Town for seven years.

I've been watching something in Sussex non-league football for a while now, and it's got me thinking.

What actually is the role of an assistant manager?

It sounds like a fairly straightforward question, doesn't it? But having spent seven years in management, working alongside a number of different assistants, I've come to realise that not everyone seems to understand the job in quite the same way.

For me, there's one golden rule.

An assistant manager's job is to challenge you in private and back you in public.

It's really that simple.

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I never wanted a yes-man standing next to me in the dugout. If I made a poor decision, picked the wrong team or got my tactics wrong, I wanted someone to tell me. I've always been open to criticism from the people I worked with, and I'd like to think I was a better manager because of it.

But those conversations should happen between you.

Once you walk out of that dressing room, you're together. You back

each other, you defend each other and you take responsibility together.

Unfortunately, I'm not convinced everyone sees it that way.

The Managerial Merry-Go-Round

There's a merry-go-round in Sussex football that seems to go round and round.

Assistant manager at one club, interim manager at another, permanent manager somewhere else, and before you know it, they're back sitting alongside somebody else.

And the cycle repeats.

Now, there's absolutely nothing wrong with ambition. Everyone wants to progress, and some excellent managers have started out as assistants.

But I do sometimes wonder how many people take these positions because they genuinely want to assist the manager, and how many are simply waiting for their opportunity to take his job.

Because there's a massive difference between being ambitious and being an opportunist.

If you're spending more time thinking about how to get the manager's job than how to help him keep it, then quite frankly, you're in the wrong role.

And what concerns me most is the possibility that some assistants might actually benefit from their manager making mistakes.

Think about that for a moment.

The very person you're relying on for advice could have more to gain from you failing than succeeding.

The most dangerous assistant isn't necessarily the one who disagrees with you. It's the one who agrees with you for all the wrong reasons.

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

During my seven years managing Seaford Town, I worked with several assistants. Some were excellent. Others, well, let's just say they weren't quite so excellent.

John Kirby was one of the first who really demonstrated what I wanted from an assistant manager.

John wasn't afraid to challenge me. If he disagreed with something, he'd tell me, and I respected him enormously for it. But when it

came to backing me publicly, he was absolutely solid.

That relationship taught me a lot.

Later, I worked alongside Ben Dartnall and Craig Pooley, and what we had became much more than a manager and his assistants.

We were a management team.

We discussed decisions, challenged each other, shared responsibilities and, most importantly, worked towards the same goal.

What we achieved at Seaford wasn't something I created on my own. It was something WE created together.

And when I eventually decided to walk away, I was delighted to see Ben and Craig take the reins and continue building on what we'd started.

There was no bitterness, no resentment and certainly no feeling of betrayal.

Quite the opposite.

I wanted them to succeed because they'd earned that opportunity, and I knew what they'd contributed.

That's the difference between someone succeeding you and someone trying to replace you.

An assistant should have your back, not be the one to put a knife in it.

Of course, not every experience I had was quite so positive.

I once had an assistant who decided to approach the chairman behind my back asking to be paid, claiming that he was responsible for our recent good results.

Now, I've got no issue whatsoever with someone wanting to be rewarded for their contribution.

But perhaps have that conversation with the bloke you're supposed to be assisting first.

Needless to say, that particular working relationship didn't last much longer.

Funny how success can suddenly become an individual achievement, while failure remains the manager's responsibility.

Be Careful Who You Trust

One thing I'd tell any young manager coming into non-league football is to be very careful who you surround yourself with.

Your assistant isn't just someone you stand alongside for 90 minutes on a Saturday afternoon.

They're someone you speak to constantly.

Team selections, tactics, players, training, committee issues,

injuries, transfers, results. The conversations never stop.

There are probably weeks when you spend more time talking to your assistant manager than you do your own family.

And that's why trust is so important.

You share your frustrations with them. You tell them things you wouldn't dream of telling players or committee members. You admit when you've got things wrong and ask for their advice.

You're letting someone into your footballing world, and that requires a huge amount of trust.

So imagine discovering that the person you've confided in, the person you've relied upon and the person you've brought into the football club might be more interested in your position than your success.

That's not a healthy management team.

That's a recipe for disaster.

Loyalty Doesn't Mean Leaving Together

I want to make something very clear.

I'm not suggesting that every assistant manager should automatically resign when their manager leaves.

My own experience proves otherwise.

When I stepped away from Seaford, I wanted the people who'd helped build what we had to carry it forward.

But there's a world of difference between a manager leaving on his own terms, with the blessing of those around him, and a manager walking away under difficult circumstances only to see people he personally brought into the club immediately step into his shoes.

That doesn't automatically mean anybody has done anything wrong. Every situation is different.

But I do think it raises questions about loyalty, trust and the relationships we build in football.

If a manager has brought you into a club, trusted you with his plans and stood alongside you through thick and thin, surely that relationship deserves some consideration when things turn sour?

And clubs themselves shouldn't escape scrutiny either.

If committees are prepared to go behind a manager's back and discuss his replacement with members of his own management team, what sort of culture are they creating?

You can't preach loyalty and togetherness on a Saturday afternoon while encouraging the opposite behind closed doors.

What Makes a Proper Assistant?

For me, the best assistant managers aren't necessarily the ones with the most qualifications, the biggest contact books or the loudest voices on the touchline.

They're the ones who make the manager better.

The ones who have the confidence to challenge him, the honesty to tell him when he's wrong and the integrity to back him when it matters.

They don't need to agree with every decision.

They don't need to abandon their own ambitions.

And they certainly don't need to spend their entire careers as somebody's number two.

But they do need to understand the responsibility that comes with being trusted.

Because when you're managing at our level, you're already dealing with enough politics, opinions and pressures without having to worry about the person standing next to you.

I've been fortunate enough to work with some excellent football people, and I've learned plenty from every management team I've been part of.

I've also learned that trust is something you should never hand out too cheaply.

So my advice to any manager, whether you're just starting out or you've been doing it for years, is simple.

Choose your assistant carefully.

Make sure they're prepared to tell you when you're talking bollocks. Make sure they're there for the right reasons. And above all, make sure you can trust them.

Because you'll have enough people questioning you from the stands, the committee room and everywhere else.

You shouldn't have to look over your shoulder at the bloke standing next to you in the dugout.

An assistant should have your back, not be the one to put a knife in it.

FA CUP / ROUND-UP

Berkhamsted make history.

By Dougie / 17 October 2026

Berkhamsted win at Southend, several clubs reach the First Round for the first time, no Sussex side survives and 11 ties go to Tuesday replays.

Thirty-two ties, 21 winners, 11 draws, and one headline. Berkhamsted, a seventh-tier side from the Southern League Premier South, win 2-1 at Southend United, third in the National League table going into the weekend. Lewys Twamley puts Southend ahead on 31 minutes. Luke Andrews equalises around half-time and Jeffrey Sekyere scores the winner two minutes from time. It is Berkhamsted's first appearance in the First Round, and the club's own verdict is that it was "the greatest day in the history of this football club".

The giant-killings

AFC Rushden & Diamonds, an eighth-tier club in Northern Premier League Division One Midlands according to the FA, beat Morecambe 2-1 in front of 1,875. James Clifton and Matty Warburton score within four minutes of each other, and Joe Garner scores for Morecambe. The club, formed in 2011, reach the First Round for the first time.

Marine win 2-0 at Hartlepool United, 20th in the National League table, with Jack Doyle scoring around the 70th minute and substitute James Potter adding a second on about 76. Hartlepool miss the First Round for a fourth straight season. Wimborne Town, another seventh-tier side, beat Chelmsford City 1-0 through Angel Diaz Villa's 83rd-minute goal, which puts them in the draw for the first time since 1982. Oxford City win 1-0 at Torquay United through Scott Pollock, timed at 51 minutes by Torquay and 53 by Oxford City, inflicting Torquay's first home defeat of the season.

The first-timers

The BBC counts four clubs reaching the First Round for the first time and names three: Berkhamsted, Plymouth Parkway and Sholing. Plymouth Parkway, a seventh-tier side, beat Surrey's Chertsey Town 2-0 with second-half goals from Andrew Neal and Reece Thomson. Sholing, of the Southern League Premier South, beat SE Dons 2-0 with two goals from Reece Wylie, ending the ninth-tier club's first FA Cup run. The FA also describes Rushden's achievement as a first, and the Non League Paper says the same of Salisbury FC, formed in 2014.

The National League count

All 24 National League clubs are in action. Ten are through, seven face replays and seven are out. Five of those exits come in ties between two National League clubs: Boston United lose 3-1 at home to Scunthorpe United, Tamworth lose 2-1 at Carlisle United, Solihull Moors go down 2-1 at Kidderminster Harriers, Woking are

beaten 3-2 at Boreham Wood and Worthing lose 3-0 at Wealdstone.

AFC Fylde's 5-0 win over Atherton Collieries and Hornchurch's 4-0 victory at Uxbridge are the biggest margins of the round. FC Halifax Town beat South Shields 3-2, Eastleigh beat Brentwood Town 3-2 in front of 693, Sutton United edge Truro City 1-0 and Guiseley win 3-0 at Leiston. Harborough Town beat Spennymoor Town 3-1 with two goals in quick succession after Fin Holcroft's equaliser.

The biggest crowd belongs to Bury, whose 1-1 draw with Harrogate Town, second in the National League, is shown live by the BBC. The BBC reports almost 5,000; other reports say over 5,000, Bury's biggest since reforming in 2023.

Southend and Hartlepool are the two National League clubs to fall to lower-ranked opposition.

Sussex, Surrey and Kent

There will be no Sussex club in Monday's draw. Worthing lose 3-0 at Wealdstone, covered in full in our match report, and Eastbourne Borough are beaten 3-0 at Salisbury in front of 1,948.

Leatherhead supply Surrey's drama. They trail Yeovil Town 2-0 after goals from Archie Davies on 46 and Brett McGavin on 58, then lead 3-2 through Louis Paget on 77 and Mark Waters on 81 and 86. Johl Powell equalises on 89. The crowd is 2,000 and the tie goes to Huish Park. Sutton United are through, while Woking, Chertsey and Dorking Wanderers are out. Dorking's 3-2 defeat at Dover Athletic, watched by 1,370, is a Surrey-Kent contest, with Decarrey Sheriff scoring twice for Dover. Kent's other interest, Cray Wanderers, draw 0-0 at Bedford Town in front of 1,283 and host the replay.

Tuesday night

The FA's documentation states that a replay is mandatory when a tie is level after 90 minutes, and TNT Sports confirms they remain in qualifying, having been scrapped from the First Round onwards from 2024-25. All 11 are listed for Tuesday 20 October at 7.45pm, at the ground of the original away side. The sources we hold do not set out what happens if a replay is also level.

Tadley Calleva are the lowest-ranked side still in the competition, a ninth-tier club at Step 5. They come from behind twice at Aldershot Town: Alfie Burton answers Marcus Dinanga's early goal on



half-time, and Charlie Barlow equalises on 73 after Michael Strickland's goal just before the hour. Tadley take 883 supporters with them. Alvechurch rescue their tie at Spalding United with Miracle Okafor's stoppage-time penalty, his second of the afternoon after Dan Jarvis had scored twice. Stafford Rangers, who began in the Extra Preliminary Round, draw 1-1 at Gateshead.

The draw and the money

The First Round draw is on Monday 19 October, with coverage from 6.30pm and the draw itself at around 6.35pm, live on TNT Sports 1 and the TNT Sports YouTube channel. The 48 League One and League Two clubs are balls 1 to 48, and the 32 Fourth Qualifying Round winners balls 49 to 80, making 40 ties for the weekend of Saturday 7 November. Because the draw comes a day before the replays, 11 of those 32 places are still undecided when the balls come out.

Each Fourth Qualifying Round winner receives £9,375 from the FA, and each loser £3,125. In the First Round, winners receive £47,750 and losers £15,800.

TUESDAY'S REPLAYS

- Tue 20 Oct: Alvechurch v Spalding United (19:45)
- Tue 20 Oct: Anstey Nomads v Macclesfield (19:45)
- Tue 20 Oct: Cray Wanderers v Bedford Town (19:45)
- Tue 20 Oct: FC United of Manchester v Altrincham (19:45)
- Tue 20 Oct: Forest Green Rovers v Chesham United (19:45)
- Tue 20 Oct: Gloucester City v Barrow (19:45)
- Tue 20 Oct: Harrogate Town v Bury (19:45)
- Tue 20 Oct: Stafford Rangers v Gateshead (19:45)
- Tue 20 Oct: Tadley Calleva v Aldershot Town (19:45)
- Tue 20 Oct: Worcester City v Chorley (19:45)
- Tue 20 Oct: Yeovil Town v Leatherhead (19:45)

Dougie's take: this round always produces the FA Cup's best stories, and this year has plenty. Berkhamsted and the other first-timers earn every line. For Sussex it will be a quiet Monday evening. For Tadley, Alvechurch and Stafford, Tuesday brings one more chance.

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FA CUP / FOURTH QUALIFYING ROUND

The results ledger

Saturday 17 October 2026 · all 32 ties

AFC Fylde	5-0	Atherton Collieries
AFC Rushden & Diamonds	2-1	Morecambe
Aldershot Town	2-2 replay	Tadley Calleva
Altrincham	0-0 replay	FC United of Manchester
Barrow	0-0 replay	Gloucester City
Bedford Town	0-0 replay	Cray Wanderers
Boreham Wood	3-2	Woking
Boston United	1-3	Scunthorpe United
Bury	1-1 replay	Harrogate Town
Carlisle United	2-1	Tamworth
Chesham United	0-0 replay	Forest Green Rovers
Chorley	1-1 replay	Worcester City
Dover Athletic	3-2	Dorking Wanderers
Eastleigh	3-2	Brentwood Town
FC Halifax Town	3-2	South Shields
Gateshead	1-1 replay	Stafford Rangers

Harborough Town	3-1	Spennymoor Town
Hartlepool United	0-2	Marine
Kidderminster Harriers	2-1	Solihull Moors
Leatherhead	3-3 replay	Yeovil Town
Leiston	0-3	Guiseley
Macclesfield	1-1 replay	Anstey Nomads
Plymouth Parkway	2-0	Chertsey Town
Salisbury	3-0	Eastbourne Borough
Sholing	2-0	SE Dons
Southend United	1-2	Berkhamsted
Spalding United	2-2 replay	Alvechurch
Sutton United	1-0	Truro City
Torquay United	0-1	Oxford City
Uxbridge	0-4	Hornchurch
Wealdstone	3-0	Worthing
Wimborne Town	1-0	Chelmsford City

First Round draw: Monday 19 October 2026; coverage from 6.30pm, draw c.6.35pm BST; conducted by Martin Keown and Fara Williams (BBC) · Ties: Weekend of Saturday 7 November 2026 · 4QR winners' prize: £9,375 per winner (losers £3,125)

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Ten through. Seven still waiting.

By Dougie / 17 October 2026



No league football, but FA Cup day sends ten National League clubs into the First Round draw, seven to replays and Southend and Hartlepool out to lower-ranked sides.

The National League table does not move this weekend. Saturday 17 October belongs to the FA Cup fourth qualifying round, so there are no league fixtures and the footballwebpages standings last updated on 10 October still apply. The cup, though, rearranges plenty else. Of the 24 clubs at step 1, ten win their ties, seven are knocked out and seven head to replays on Tuesday night. Five of the 19 ties involving National League clubs are all-National League affairs, which is how those numbers add up.

The table as it stands

Boreham Wood remain the reference point. Thirteen games have brought 11 wins, two draws, no defeats, 35 points and a goal difference of plus 21. Harrogate Town are second on 28, seven points back, with Southend United third on 27. Yeovil Town follow on 25, then Worthing and Altrincham on 24 apiece, Worthing ahead on goal difference (plus nine to plus one). AFC Fylde are seventh on 23, with Barrow and Hornchurch next on 21.

Form adds another layer. Boreham Wood and Barrow both reach the break with five straight league wins. Kidderminster Harriers, 11th, have drawn three and lost two of their last five; Aldershot Town have lost four of five; Sutton United have three draws and two defeats in theirs.

At the bottom, Gateshead have four points from 13 games: one win, one draw, 11 defeats and five straight league losses. Solihull Moors are 23rd on seven, three points better off. Scunthorpe United have ten from 12, and a win in their game in hand would lift them above Boston United, Hartlepool United and Wealdstone, who share 12. Forest Green Rovers, 16th on 15, have also played one game fewer.

The wider picture

Boreham Wood's form carries into the cup. They beat Woking 3-2 at Meadow Park after a 2-2 half-time score. The FA Cup data credits Josh Kelly with an 18th-minute Woking penalty, Tarryn Allarakhia with a Boreham Wood goal on 25 and Lewis Richardson with the winner; the other scorers are not recorded. Woking's own squad update had listed nine senior players injured and one suspended before the tie, and the club announced three signings on the day: Nathan Paul-Lavalay, Rico Browne and Nathan Patten.

Three more ties are settled between league rivals. Scunthorpe win 3-1 at Boston, Carlisle United beat Tamworth 2-1 and Kidderminster beat Solihull 2-1, a welcome cup win for a side without a league victory in five. Wealdstone, 19th, beat fifth-placed Worthing 3-0; that tie has its own report in this issue.

Against non-league opposition from lower steps, AFC Fylde beat Atherton Collieries 5-0 and Hornchurch win 4-0 at Uxbridge, leading 3-0 at half-time against a home side who finish with ten men in front of 863. Eastleigh edge Brentwood Town 3-2 before 693, FC Halifax Town beat South Shields 3-2 and Sutton beat Truro City 1-0.

Two clubs do not survive lower-ranked visitors. Southend, third in the table, lose 2-1 at Roots Hall to Berkhamsted of the Southern League Premier South, Jeffrey Sekyere heading the winner two minutes from time. Hartlepool lose 2-0 at home to Marine of National League North. The reports in this section stay in Sussex: Worthing at Wealdstone, and Eastbourne Borough at Salisbury.

Ten through, seven out, seven still waiting.

Seven replays on Tuesday

Qualifying rounds keep replays, and all of Tuesday's are at the original away side's ground at 7.45pm. Yeovil have the most eventful draw. Archie Davies (46) and Brett McGavin (58) put them 2-0 up at Leatherhead; Louis Paget and two Mark Waters goals turn it to 3-2; Johl Powell equalises on 89 for 3-3 in front of 2,000. Aldershot are twice pegged back by Tadley Calleva, the lowest-ranked side left: Marcus Dinanga and Michael Strickland score for Aldershot, Alfie Burton and Charlie Barlow for the ninth-tier visitors.

Harrogate draw 1-1 at Bury, where the crowd is reported at around 5,000. Gateshead's 1-1 with Stafford Rangers has both goals inside five minutes, Ashley Boatwain on three and Jack Birch on five. Altrincham against FC United of Manchester, Barrow against Gloucester City and Chesham United against Forest Green all finish goalless.

REPLAYS: TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER (19:45)

- FC United of Manchester v Altrincham
- Forest Green Rovers v Chesham United
- Gloucester City v Barrow
- Harrogate Town v Bury
- Stafford Rangers v Gateshead
- Tadley Calleva v Aldershot Town
- Yeovil Town v Leatherhead

All seven have a league fixture on the following Friday or Saturday. Gateshead's week is the busiest: Stafford away on Tuesday, then Tamworth at home on Friday night.

The scoring list

Matt Rush leads the footballwebpages scoring list with nine league goals for Boreham Wood. Four players have seven: Kieren Donnelly of Tamworth, John Marquis of Woking, Yeovil's Johl Powell and Ben Whitfield, who has scored for Barrow as well as Boreham Wood this season. Five more have six: Worthing's Razzaq Coleman De-Graft, Yeovil's Luke McCormick, Southend's Leon Chambers-Parillon, Fylde's Luca Thomas and Kidderminster's Lewis Walker. The list is unchanged after the cup weekend and is read here as league goals, so Powell's late equaliser at Leatherhead does not appear in it.

What comes next

The league returns on Friday 23 October with Gateshead against Tamworth, 24th against 18th and ten points apart. Saturday's programme has the leaders at home to Fylde, 12 points below them, and Yeovil hosting Altrincham with a point between fourth and sixth. Southend, third, entertain tenth-placed Halifax, and Harrogate host Sutton in a 12:30 kick-off.

The Sussex interest comes last. Kidderminster against Worthing kicks off at 17:30: 11th against fifth, with four points between them. Kidderminster arrive with a cup win and a winless league run; Worthing arrive after a 3-0 defeat. Both have something to correct.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: 23-24 OCTOBER

- Fri 23 Oct: Gateshead v Tamworth (19:45)
- Sat 24 Oct: Eastleigh v Boston United (12:30)
- Sat 24 Oct: Harrogate Town v Sutton United (12:30)
- Sat 24 Oct: Boreham Wood v AFC Fylde (15:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Yeovil Town v Altrincham (15:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Southend United v FC Halifax Town (15:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Kidderminster Harriers v Worthing (17:30)

Dougie's take: a weekend without league points still tells us something. Boreham Wood keep winning, Southend and Hartlepool have bruises to carry back into the league, and seven clubs have an extra game before Saturday. The table has waited a fortnight. Next weekend it starts moving again.

Sources: footballwebpages.co.uk (table, fixtures, scorers, FA Cup), wokingfc.co.uk, thefa.com, BBC via uk.sports.yahoo.com, gloverscast.co.uk, thenonleaguefootballpaper.com

NATIONAL LEAGUE

The league table

Standings after the weekend of 17 October 2026

POS	CLUB	P	W	D	L	GD	GF	PTS	FORM
1	 Boreham Wood	13	11	2	0	+21	34	35	W W W W W
2	 Harrogate Town	13	9	1	3	+12	29	28	L W W W W
3	 Southend United	13	8	3	2	+12	31	27	W L D W W
4	 Yeovil Town	13	7	4	2	+17	32	25	W W D W W
5	 Worthing	13	7	3	3	+9	27	24	W W D W W
6	 Altrincham	13	8	0	5	+1	20	24	W W W L W
7	 AFC Fylde	13	7	2	4	+6	24	23	L W L L W
8	 Barrow	13	6	3	4	+6	22	21	W W W W W
9	 Hornchurch	13	7	0	6	-4	15	21	W L W L W
10	 FC Halifax Town	13	6	2	5	+7	22	20	D L D W W
11	 Kidderminster Harriers	13	5	5	3	+3	15	20	D L L D D
12	 Aldershot Town	13	5	3	5	+2	18	18	L W L L L
13	 Sutton United	13	5	3	5	-4	14	18	D D L D L
14	 Carlisle United	13	4	5	4	+3	23	17	L L W W D
15	 Woking	13	4	3	6	0	20	15	D W L W L
16	 Forest Green Rovers	12	4	3	5	-3	19	15	D L D D L
17	 Eastleigh	13	4	3	6	-6	14	15	W L D L L
18	 Tamworth	13	4	2	7	-9	21	14	W L W W L
19	 Wealdstone	13	3	3	7	-7	17	12	L W D L L
20	 Hartlepool United	13	4	0	9	-7	12	12	L L L L W
21	 Boston United	13	3	3	7	-8	15	12	W L D L L
22	 Scunthorpe United	12	3	1	8	-6	15	10	L L W L L
23	 Solihull Moors	13	2	1	10	-22	13	7	L L W L L
24	 Gateshead	13	1	1	11	-23	8	4	L L L L L

Results up to and including 2026-10-18 (no National League league games since Sat 10 Oct; table last updated by footballwebpages 10 Oct 2026 19:33, re-read 18 Oct).
Form: last five league games, latest on the right (W green, D yellow, L red).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

The results ledger

Weekend results, what comes next and the scoring charts

THIS WEEKEND

AFC Fylde	5-0	Athert...	FA Cup 4QR
Aldershot Town	2-2	Tadley...	FA Cup 4QR
Altrincham	0-0	FC Un...	FA Cup 4QR
Barrow	0-0	Glouc...	FA Cup 4QR
Boreham Wood	3-2	Woking	FA Cup 4QR
Boston United	1-3	Scunt...	FA Cup 4QR
Bury	1-1	Harro...	FA Cup 4QR
Carlisle United	2-1	Tamw...	FA Cup 4QR
Chesham United	0-0	Forest...	FA Cup 4QR
Eastleigh	3-2	Brent...	FA Cup 4QR
FC Halifax Town	3-2	South ...	FA Cup 4QR
Gateshead	1-1	Staffor...	FA Cup 4QR
Hartlepool United	0-2	Marine	FA Cup 4QR
Kidderminster Harri...	2-1	Solihul...	FA Cup 4QR

COMING UP

FC United of Manch...	Tue 20 Oct 19:45	Altrincham
Forest Green Rovers	Tue 20 Oct 19:45	Chesham United
Gloucester City	Tue 20 Oct 19:45	Barrow
Harrogate Town	Tue 20 Oct 19:45	Bury
Stafford Rangers	Tue 20 Oct 19:45	Gateshead
Tadley Calleva	Tue 20 Oct 19:45	Aldershot Town
Yeovil Town	Tue 20 Oct 19:45	Leatherhead
Gateshead	Fri 23 Oct 19:45	Tamworth
Eastleigh	Sat 24 Oct 12:30	Boston United
Harrogate Town	Sat 24 Oct 12:30	Sutton United

WHO IS FINDING THE NET? · league goals

Matt Rush	9
Boreham Wood	
John Marquis	7
Woking	
Ben Whitfield	7
Boreham Wood	
Luke McCormick	6
Yeovil Town	
Luca Thomas	6
AFC Fylde	

Kieren Donnelly	7
Tamworth	
Johl Powell	7
Yeovil Town	
Razzaq Coleman De-Graft	6
Worthing	
Leon Chambers-Parillon	6
Southend United	
Lewis Walker	6
Kidderminster Harriers	

NATIONAL LEAGUE / FA CUP

Ten minutes undo the Rebels.

By Dougie / Wealdstone 3-0 Worthing / Saturday 17 October

Worthing's FA Cup run ends at the Fourth Qualifying Round as 19th-placed Wealdstone score three times in roughly ten second-half minutes at Grosvenor Vale.



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**Wealdstone**

Ronan Maher 54'
Fejiri Okenabirhie 57'
Luke Norris 64'

3-0

HT 0-0

**Worthing**

Worthing arrive at Grosvenor Vale fifth in the National League and leave without a First Round place. Wealdstone, 19th and 12 points worse off in the league table, are level at half-time and three goals clear soon after the hour. The final score is 3-0, in front of 942, and it is the home side's ball that goes into Monday's draw.

Wealdstone's report times the goals at 54, 57 and around 64 minutes; Worthing's report and match centre have them at 55, 59 and 65. Either way, the tie is decided in a spell of roughly ten minutes.

Ronan Maher scores the first, curling a shot into the top corner from the right side of the box after Luke Norris holds up a long ball from goalkeeper Sam Long and lays it off. Worthing's report puts the strike at around 25 yards, cutting in from the right. The second follows almost at once. Worthing lose the ball in midfield, the referee plays on and Fejiri Okenabirhie goes through one-on-one to finish low past Taylor Seymour. Worthing's own report says their defence had stopped expecting a whistle.

The third comes from another long ball by Long, credited by Wealdstone as the assist on his debut. It goes through the Worthing defence, which Worthing's report says Jayden Moore missed, and Norris rounds Seymour to score into an empty net.

Inside the result

Both clubs' accounts agree on the essentials, which is uncomfortable reading for the visitors. Two of the three goals start with a long ball from the opposing goalkeeper. The other follows possession lost in midfield and a stoppage that never came.

The first half is more even on the published record. Jack Wadham forces a save from Long on ten minutes and Ricky Aguiar has efforts on 15 and 26, one curling just over. Okenabirhie shoots wide on 23 and is saved low by Seymour on 39. After the third goal, Worthing's report has Cory Adjete-Brew hitting the post with about 20 minutes left from a Charley Kendall flick. Wealdstone's

report lists a Jordan Young chance on 72 and Norris striking the crossbar on 84. Neither club mentions a booking.

The slope may explain the conditions. It does not explain a defence waiting for a whistle.

The team sheets

Worthing make seven changes from the side beaten 2-1 at home by Ipswich Town U21s in the National League Cup. The published XI is Seymour; Joel Colbran, Joe Cook, Moore, Charlie Waller, Wadham, Harvey Griffiths, Aguiar, Razzaq Coleman De-Graft, Dom Hutchinson and Adjete-Brew. Emmerson Sutton, Kendall and Young come on, though the club's report does not confirm the minutes or who makes way.

Wealdstone are without the suspended Dante Baptiste and Aidan Francis-Clarke, both sent off in a 6-0 home defeat by Yeovil Town. Long, on loan from Salford City, debuts in goal, Dion Conroy comes in for Francis-Clarke and Aaron Henry replaces Olufela Olomola. The home XI is Long; Jack Wells-Morrison, Conroy, Norris, Dan Chesters, Henry, Milton Oni, Connor McAvoy, Okenabirhie, Maher and Abraham Kanu. Their substitutions: Joe Newton for Chesters (36), Jack Cook for McAvoy (56), Tyrelle Newton for Conroy (73), Olomola for Maher (81). Sam Mulhall is the referee, according to Worthing's report.

The manager's verdict

Adam Hinshelwood does not look for cover. "I take full responsibility for the outcome of today's tie," he tells the club website. On the reason: "I decided to change the formation and shape and unfortunately it didn't have the desired effect." He also points to individual mistakes and to the Grosvenor Vale slope, calling the afternoon "Quite literally an uphill battle with us playing against the slope." He credits Wealdstone and their manager Gary Waddock, who signed him as a player at Wycombe and Aldershot.

That acceptance of responsibility is the right place to start, and the record supports it. Seven changes and a new shape were the manager's choices, and the goals came from long balls and a lost ball in midfield. Worthing had beaten Wealdstone 1-0 in the league in August, through Ramell Carter.

What the exit means

The money is the plainest measure: FA prize money gives Wealdstone £9,375 as winners and Worthing £3,125 as losers. A First Round tie would have been worth £47,750 to the winners and £15,800 even in defeat. Worthing last reached that stage in 2024, losing at home to Morecambe, and Hinshelwood had said before this tie that the FA Cup is one area where the club have not really succeeded during his time as manager.

Wealdstone are ball 74 when the First Round draw is made on Monday 19 October, from around 6.35pm, live on TNT Sports 1 and the TNT Sports YouTube channel. Ties are played on the weekend of Saturday 7 November.

Worthing have now lost two cup ties in a row, the first of them the Ipswich defeat that ended a ten-match unbeaten run in all competitions. The league position is untouched: fifth on 24 points from 13 games, level with Altrincham, a point behind Yeovil Town and 11 behind leaders Boreham Wood. The next league fixture is at Kidderminster Harriers, 11th on 20 points, who beat Solihull Moors 2-1 in this round.

WHAT COMES NEXT

- Mon 19 Oct: FA Cup First Round draw (TNT Sports 1, c.18:35)
- Sat 24 Oct: Kidderminster Harriers v Worthing (17:30)
- Sat 24 Oct: Aldershot Town v Wealdstone (15:00)

Dougie's take: Worthing are having a strong season, which is exactly why this stings. The table still says fifth; the cup record says another exit before the First Round, settled by avoidable goals. Hinshelwood has owned the selection. Kidderminster will show how quickly it is put right.

Sources: wealdstonefc.com, worthingfc.com, sussexexpress.co.uk, thefa.com, footballwebpages.co.uk

NATIONAL LEAGUE / FA CUP

Thirteen minutes end Borough's run.



By Dougie / Salisbury 3-0 Eastbourne Borough / Saturday 17 October

Eastbourne Borough hold National League South side Salisbury at 0-0 for an hour, then concede three times in 13 minutes as the Whites reach the First Round proper for the first time.

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Salisbury

Joshua Hedges 62'
Ollie Morgan 65'
Jeremy Sivi 75'

3-0

HT 0-0


Eastbourne Borough

Eastbourne Borough's FA Cup run ends one step short of the First Round proper. They go to the Raymond McEnhill Stadium for the Fourth Qualifying Round, hold Salisbury at 0-0 until the hour, and then concede three times in 13 minutes. The final score is 3-0, the crowd is 1,948, and Salisbury go into Monday night's draw.

It is the result that ends Sussex interest in this season's competition. Worthing lose 3-0 at Wealdstone on the same afternoon, so no club from the county will be in the hat when the League One and League Two sides join on Monday.

An even first half

The gap between the clubs on paper is one step of the pyramid. Salisbury play in National League South, at step two, and arrive third in that table on 21 points from 11 games, with a form line of WDWW. Eastbourne Borough are an Isthmian Premier side at step three, seventh on 19 points from ten league games, and they come into the tie having won four league games in a row after a defeat.

The first 45 minutes do not reflect that gap. The Non-League Paper describes the opening half as even, and it finishes goalless. Robbie Gallagher has two decent chances for Salisbury. At the other end, Gold Omotayo wins the ball back for Borough and sets up an opening of their own. Neither side scores, and the visitors reach the interval level.

Half-time 0-0. Full-time 3-0. The 13 minutes between the 62nd and the 75th decide everything.

Thirteen minutes

The tie turns in the second half. Joshua Hedges puts Salisbury ahead on 62 minutes. Three minutes later, Ollie Morgan makes it 2-0. Borough have half an hour left to find a way back, but on 75

minutes Jeremy Sivi adds the third, and the contest is settled with a quarter of an hour still to play.

The Non-League Paper's verdict is that Salisbury comfortably defeat Eastbourne, and the scoreline supports that reading of the second half. Three goals in 13 minutes leave Borough with no way back. Dougie has no further detail on how the goals are scored, and he will not guess. The scorers and minutes here are taken from Sofascore; the clubs had not published full reports when this issue went to press.

History for the Whites

For Salisbury, the result is a landmark. The current club was formed in 2014, and this is the first time Salisbury FC have reached the First Round proper of the FA Cup. The Non-League Paper headlines its report "New Whites make history", which is fair. Their reward is a place among the 80 clubs in the First Round draw, alongside the 48 sides from League One and League Two.

The money matters at this level too. Winners in the Fourth Qualifying Round receive £9,375 from the FA prize fund and losers £3,125. A win in the First Round is worth £47,750, with £15,800 to the losers. The draw takes place on Monday 19 October, with coverage from 6.30pm on TNT Sports, and the ties are played on the weekend of Saturday 7 November.

What it means for Borough

For Eastbourne Borough, the cup exit takes away a potential big payday, but the league picture is still a reasonable one. Seventh on 19 points from ten games is a solid platform, and the four straight league wins before this tie show the side were in good form going to Wiltshire. The Isthmian Premier is tight near the top, and games in hand matter: Carshalton Athletic, fifth on 22, have already played 14.

There is no time to dwell on Salisbury. Borough are back in league

action on Tuesday night with a Sussex derby at Three Bridges, kick-off 7.45pm. Three Bridges drew 3-3 with the leaders Enfield Town on Saturday, so that is no easy return. Then, on Saturday 24 October, Borough travel to Leatherhead in the FA Trophy First Round, a second cup competition and a second chance at a run.

Salisbury, meanwhile, return to National League South on the same Saturday at home to Dover Athletic, with the First Round tie to look forward to a fortnight later.

Dougie's take:

Borough match a step-two side for an hour on the road, which is a decent effort, and then lose the tie in a 13-minute spell they will want to forget. That is the cup at this stage: one bad patch and you are out. The league form is good and the Trophy offers another route. Tuesday at Three Bridges is the place to show the second half at Salisbury was a one-off. Congratulations to Salisbury on a first-ever First Round.

Sources: ebfc.co.uk, sofascore.com, thenonleaguefootballpaper.com, footballwebpages.co.uk, thefa.com, isthmian.co.uk

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NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH

Four clear, three in hand.

By Dougie / 17 October 2026



Maidstone United edge Maidenhead to stay four points clear, but Ebbsfleet United's 6-1 win lifts them to second with three games in hand.

Maidstone United do what leaders are supposed to do. Gravata scores on four minutes, Foran adds a second on 49, and Coley's reply for Maidenhead United on 57 is the only goal the Stones concede. The 2-1 win, watched by 2,398 at the Gallagher Stadium, takes Maidstone to 25 points from 12 games and four clear of the field.

The complication is the club now in second. Ebbsfleet United beat Weston-super-Mare 6-1 at Stonebridge Road, four days after a 5-0 win over AFC Totton. Eleven goals in two games lift Fleet from sixth to second on 21 points, and they have played only nine matches. Three games in hand on the leaders, no league defeats and a goal difference of plus 16, the best in the division: the four-point gap is not quite what it seems.

The weekend's results

Six league games are played on Saturday. Farnborough beat Dagenham & Redbridge 2-0 with two second-half goals from Ollie Dewsbury, on 56 and 64 minutes. Tonbridge Angels beat Hemel Hempstead Town 1-0, Bunmi Babajide's 27th-minute goal settling it in front of 915. Folkestone Invicta beat AFC Totton 2-1. The footballwebpages match page, captured just after half-time, lists Donell Thomas on 41 minutes and Bobby Kelman on 44; Totton's scorer is not recorded in the sources available.

Sussex has its own reason to smile. Horsham come from behind to win 2-1 at Slough Town, with penalties from Ryan Bartley in first-half added time and substitute Greg Luer on 54 minutes, after Slough's Shay Spencer is sent off. Both matches are covered in full elsewhere in this issue.

The title race

Behind Maidstone, the table is crowded. Four clubs sit on 21 points: Ebbsfleet, Salisbury, Billericay Town and Truro City. Tonbridge Angels and Dagenham & Redbridge are one point further back on 20. That is six clubs within five points of the leaders, and each of the four on 21 has at least one game in hand: Salisbury, Billericay and Truro have played 11 to Maidstone's 12.

Tonbridge are the weekend's other big climbers, rising from ninth to sixth after back-to-back league wins. Dagenham move the other way, from fifth to seventh, with one win in their last five and a goal difference down to plus one. Their ten league goals from 12 games are the fewest of any club in the top half. Weston-super-Mare slip from seventh to eighth, still on 18 points, with Dover Athletic level with them.

Ebbsfleet are one of only two clubs without a league defeat. The other is Chelmsford City, whose record of two wins and eight draws from ten games leaves them 14th.

At the bottom

Slough Town remain bottom on four points from 12 games, and for the second match running they finish with ten men. They are four points behind Hampton & Richmond Borough and Walton & Hersham, both on eight with a game in hand. Above those two sit Chesham United, Braintree Town and AFC Totton, all on ten. Totton's defeat at Folkestone is their fifth league loss in a row.

Folkestone's first league win in six lifts them from 15th to 12th, Horsham rise from 17th to 15th and Farnborough, also winning for the first time in six, move from 18th to 17th. Hemel Hempstead Town drop from 14th to 16th and Maidenhead from 16th to 18th. Five clubs between 14th and 18th are separated by a single point.

The FA Cup

Seven National League South clubs play in the Fourth Qualifying Round, and only two are already sure of a place in Monday's First Round draw. Salisbury beat Sussex's Eastbourne Borough 3-0 in front of 1,948; the Non League Paper says it is the first time Salisbury FC, formed in 2014, have reached the First Round. Dover Athletic win an all-National League South tie 3-2 against Dorking Wanderers before 1,370. Jack Bates scores on 11 minutes and Decarrey Sheriff twice, the first a 19th-minute penalty, with George Nikaj and Dennon Lewis replying for Dorking.

Truro City lose 1-0 at Sutton United. Torquay United lose 1-0 at home to Oxford City, Scott Pollock scoring early in the second half; Oxford City's report calls it Torquay's first home defeat of the season. Chelmsford City are beaten 1-0 at Wimborne Town, Angel Diaz Villa's 83rd-minute goal sending Wimborne into the draw for the first time since 1982. Chesham United draw 0-0 at home to Forest Green Rovers and go there for a replay on Tuesday. First Round ties are played on the weekend of 7 November.

The scoring charts

The footballwebpages scorers' list needs careful handling this week. The page is undated, has changed substantially since last week and does not say whether Saturday's goals are included. On its current figures, Dawid Rogalski of Dorking Wanderers leads with seven, ahead of Macauley Bonne of Billericay Town, Tom Leahy of Maidstone United and Nathan Odokonyero of Salisbury on six. Seven players have five, among them Ebbsfleet's Kwesi Appiah,

whose final tally depends on how the sources settle the dispute over Ebbsfleet's second goal.

What comes next

Tuesday brings the only midweek league game: Ebbsfleet host Horsham, a first chance to turn one of those games in hand into points. On Saturday every club plays. Maidstone go to Torquay United, who have a home cup defeat to put right, and Salisbury host Dover in a meeting of the two cup winners. Ebbsfleet host Maidenhead United and Weston-super-Mare entertain Billericay Town.

WHAT COMES NEXT

- Tue 20 Oct: Ebbsfleet United v Horsham (19:45)
- Tue 20 Oct: Forest Green Rovers v Chesham United, FA Cup 4QR replay (19:45)
- Sat 24 Oct: Torquay United v Maidstone United (15:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Salisbury v Dover Athletic (15:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Weston-super-Mare v Billericay Town (15:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Ebbsfleet United v Maidenhead United (15:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Chelmsford City v Tonbridge Angels (15:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Slough Town v Dorking Wanderers (15:00)

Dougie's take: Maidstone have the points; Ebbsfleet have the fixtures and the form. Games in hand are not wins, and Fleet still have to play them. But a side that has scored 11 in a week and has yet to lose is the most awkward kind of pursuer. The Stones' trip to Torquay looks like the sort of afternoon on which leaders earn their title.

Sources: footballwebpages.co.uk, thenonleaguefootballpaper.com, oxfordcityfc.co.uk, chelmsfordcityfc.com, kentonline.co.uk, thefa.com

NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH

The league table

Standings after the weekend of 17 October 2026

POS	CLUB	P	W	D	L	GD	GF	PTS	FORM
1	 Maidstone United	12	8	1	3	+9	22	25	W L L W W
2	 Ebbsfleet United	9	6	3	0	+16	20	21	D W W W W
3	 Salisbury	11	6	3	2	+12	20	21	W D W W W
4	 Billericay Town	11	6	3	2	+11	25	21	W D W W W
5	 Truro City	11	6	3	2	+9	17	21	D L W D W
6	 Tonbridge Angels	12	6	2	4	+10	21	20	L D L W W
7	 Dagenham & Redbridge	12	6	2	4	+1	10	20	L L W D L
8	 Weston-super-Mare	12	5	3	4	+3	20	18	W W L D L
9	 Dover Athletic	11	5	3	3	+1	18	18	L W W W D
10	 Dorking Wanderers	11	4	5	2	+6	23	17	D D D W D
11	 Farnham Town	11	5	2	4	+1	17	17	D W W D L
12	 Folkestone Invicta	12	4	4	4	+4	18	16	L L L D W
13	 Torquay United	11	4	4	3	+3	18	16	W W D L W
14	 Chelmsford City	10	2	8	0	+6	14	14	D D D D W
15	 Horsham	11	3	5	3	-1	12	14	D L D L W
16	 Hemel Hempstead Town	12	3	5	4	-1	10	14	D D W D L
17	 Farnborough	11	4	2	5	-7	10	14	L L D L W
18	 Maidenhead United	12	3	4	5	-1	13	13	L D W L L
19	 Chesham United	11	3	1	7	-8	16	10	L L W L L
20	 Braintree Town	11	3	1	7	-9	18	10	W L L L L
21	 AFC Totton	12	3	1	8	-14	9	10	L L L L L
22	 Hampton & Richmond Borough	11	2	2	7	-15	11	8	L W D L L
23	 Walton & Hersham	11	2	2	7	-17	10	8	L D D W W
24	 Slough Town	12	1	1	10	-19	12	4	W L D L L

Results up to and including 2026-10-18 (no NLS games 16 or 18 Oct; official fwp table last updated Sat 17 Oct 2026 16:58). Form: last five league games, latest on the right (W green, D yellow, L red).

NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH

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THIS WEEKEND

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Farnborough	2–0	Dagenham & Redbr...
Folkestone Invicta	2–1	AFC Totton
Maidstone United	2–1	Maidenhead United
Slough Town	1–2	Horsham
Tonbridge Angels	1–0	Hemel Hempstead ...
Salisbury	3–0	Eastb... FA Cup 4QR
Sutton United	1–0	Truro ... FA Cup 4QR
Chesham United	0–0	Forest... FA Cup 4QR
Dover Athletic	3–2	Dorkin... FA Cup 4QR
Torquay United	0–1	Oxford... FA Cup 4QR
Wimborne Town	1–0	Chelm... FA Cup 4QR

COMING UP

Ebbsfleet United	Tue 20 Oct 19:45	Horsham
Forest Green Rovers	Tue 20 Oct 19:45	Chesham United
Chelmsford City	Sat 24 Oct 15:00	Tonbridge Angels
Dagenham & Redbr...	Sat 24 Oct 15:00	Chesham United
Ebbsfleet United	Sat 24 Oct 15:00	Maidenhead United
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Hemel Hempstead ...	Sat 24 Oct 15:00	AFC Totton
Horsham	Sat 24 Oct 15:00	Walton & Hersh...

WHO IS FINDING THE NET? · league goals

	Dawid Rogalski Dorking Wanderers		7
	Tom Leahy Maidstone United		6
	Kwesi Appiah Ebbsfleet United		5
	Jack Bates Dover Athletic		5
	Tyler Harvey Truro City		5

	Macauley Bonne Billerica Town		6
	Nathan Odokonyero Salisbury		6
	Frankie Baker Tonbridge Angels		5
	Jon Benton Billerica Town		5
	Hisham Kasimu Chesham United		5

NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH / MATCH REPORT

Six for Fleet. One for debate.

By Dougie / Ebbsfleet United 6-1 Weston-super-Mare / Saturday 17 October

Ebbsfleet United lead 4-0 at half-time and beat Weston-super-Mare 6-1, rising to second with three games in hand on leaders Maidstone United.



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Ebbsfleet United

Kwesi Appiah 8'
Ogunleye/Appiah 17'/19' (disputed)
Kwesi Appiah 23'
Gene Kennedy 41'
Daniel Ogunleye 49'
Charlie Seaman 74'

6-1

HT 4-0



Weston-super-Mare

Oliver Hulbert 83'

Ebbsfleet United have this one won by half-time. Four goals in the first 41 minutes, two more after the break, and a crowd of 1,092 at Stonebridge Road watch Weston-super-Mare beaten 6-1. Four days after the 5-0 win over AFC Totton, Fleet have 11 goals in a week and second place in the National League South.

Kwesi Appiah opens the scoring on eight minutes, running onto a long ball from Lennon Peake and rounding goalkeeper Max Harris. The second goal is a header from a Peake free-kick on the right, and here the sources part company. Ebbsfleet's club report and the Non League Paper credit Daniel Ogunleye, on 17 minutes. Footballwebpages and Weston's own report give it to Appiah, on 19. Dougie cannot settle the matter from here, so this report does not call it a hat-trick.

There is no argument about the third. Appiah heads in a Peake corner on 23 minutes, which means Peake has a hand in each of the first three goals by every account. Gene Kennedy makes it 4-0 on 41 minutes, finishing high into the roof of the net from inside the box after a loose ball and interplay with Ogunleye.

Inside the result

Weston make two changes at half-time, Pope and Oliver Hulbert replacing Avery and Derrick. The fifth goal still arrives four minutes after the restart: James Vennings wins the ball at the byline and cuts it back low for Ogunleye to tap in. Appiah is replaced soon afterwards, on 56 minutes according to footballwebpages and 54 according to the club, with Aramide Oteh coming on.

Substitute Charlie Seaman makes it six on 74 minutes, sending a free-kick into the bottom corner from about 25 yards after Oteh is fouled by Sean Long. Hulbert's diving header from Luke Coulson's corner on 83 minutes gives Weston a goal; their own report says it is deflected in at the near post. Will Dawes is booked on 80 minutes,

and on 88 Michael Smith is sent off after an off-the-ball incident with Ogunleye, who is also booked.

Weston's attempts on the day include a Coulson free-kick that strikes the wall. At the other end, Harris makes a leg save to deny Ogunleye in the second half.

Peake has a hand in each of the first three goals by every account.

Ebbsfleet manager Josh Wright makes two changes, bringing in Appiah and Toby Edser for Oteh and Finlay Barnes. Appiah's recall produces at least two goals, and Oteh still contributes from the bench by winning the free-kick for the sixth.

The wider picture

Before kick-off the clubs were level on 18 points, Ebbsfleet sixth and Weston seventh, with Fleet having played three games fewer. Afterwards Ebbsfleet are second on 21 from nine (W6 D3 L0), four points behind Maidstone United with three games in hand. Their goal difference rises from plus 11 to plus 16, the best in the division, built on 20 scored and only four conceded.

Fleet are one of four clubs on 21 points, alongside Salisbury, Billericay Town and Truro City. All three have played 11 games, so Ebbsfleet have two in hand on each of them as well. Weston slip to eighth, still on 18 from 12, with their goal difference cut from plus eight to plus three.

Recent form in numbers

Ebbsfleet's last five league results read DWWWW: four straight wins and nine league games unbeaten. This week alone they have scored 11 and conceded one. Weston's last five read WWLWL, with

no win in their last three. They had conceded 11 in 11 league games before Saturday; they concede six here.

Appiah appears on five league goals in the footballwebpages scorers' list, though the page does not say whether Saturday's goals are counted. If they are, and the list follows its own match page, that total includes the disputed header. If the club report is right, Appiah has one fewer.

What comes next

Horsham visit Stonebridge Road on Tuesday evening and Maidenhead United on Saturday, two chances to turn games in hand into points. Weston return home to face Billericay Town, one of the three clubs level with Ebbsfleet.

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Dougie's take: a 4-0 half-time lead against a side level on points before kick-off says more than any adjective could. Peake's delivery does much of the damage, and the defence has now conceded four goals in nine games. The disputed second goal is a footnote for the record books. The three games in hand are the headline for everyone else.

Sources: footballwebpages.co.uk, ebbsfleetunited.co.uk, wsmafc.co.uk, thenonleaguefootballpaper.com

NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH / MATCH REPORT

Two penalties end the wait.

By Dougie / Slough Town 1-2 Horsham / Saturday 17 October

Horsham come from behind against ten-man Slough Town to win 2-1 at Arbour Park, their first league win in six games.



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**Slough Town**

Ruben Shakpoke 6'

1-2

HT 1-1

**Horsham**Ryan Bartley 45+2' (pen)
Greg Luer 54' (pen)

Five league games without a win end at Arbour Park. Behind after six minutes, level from the penalty spot in first-half added time and ahead from it again on 54 minutes, Horsham beat bottom club Slough Town 2-1 in front of 703. It is not the most fluent route to three points, but it is the first league win the Hornets have recorded in six attempts.

Slough start well. Ruben Shakpoke scores on six minutes, finishing Elijah Oladunjoye's low ball into the box. The home side's afternoon then turns in the 35th/36th minute, when Shay Spencer is shown a straight red card. Footballwebpages times the dismissal at 36 minutes and the Non League Paper at 35; the reason is not available, the newspaper's full report sitting behind a paywall. It is the second match in a row in which Slough have had a player sent off.

Ryan Bartley levels from the penalty spot at 45+2, so the sides go in at 1-1. Greg Luer, on at half-time for Hester-Cook, puts Horsham ahead with a second penalty on 54 minutes. The sources available record who scored the penalties but not how they came about, so this report leaves it there.

Inside the result

The bookings arrive before the red card: Shakpoke on 13 minutes and Janneh on 32 for Slough, and Hester-Cook on 34 for Horsham. The Non League Paper also records a save at each end. Latrell Humphrey-Ewers forces a low stop from Horsham goalkeeper Sam Howes, and Slough's Killian Barrett denies a James Hammond header. The referee is Charles Martland.

Slough use all five substitutes in the second half, from Makumbi on 54 minutes to Holness on 84, but cannot find a second goal with ten men. Horsham's later changes are Nadesan for Yila on 74 minutes and McManus for Silva on 84. Brivio is listed as captain. George Cox, the former Eredivisie player signed on 14 October, is an unused substitute.

Two penalties, one red card and a first league win in six.

Luer's contribution deserves its own line. Introduced at the interval, he scores the winner nine minutes later. On a day when both Horsham goals come from the spot, that is the decisive moment of the afternoon.

The wider picture

Before kick-off Horsham were 17th on 11 points from ten games, a week after losing narrowly at home to leaders Maidstone United. The win takes them to 15th on 14 points from 11 (W3 D5 L3), with goal difference improving from minus two to minus one. They are now four points above Chesham United, Braintree Town and AFC Totton, all on ten, and six above Hampton & Richmond Borough and Walton & Hersham on eight.

The gap upwards is still considerable. Four clubs sit on 21 points behind Maidstone's 25, seven ahead of Horsham. Five draws from 11 games explain much of that distance: the Hornets have lost only three times, but too many shared points have kept the total down.

It is a welcome result for Sussex on a mixed weekend. Worthing, last season's National League South champions, go out of the FA Cup 3-0 at Wealdstone, and Eastbourne Borough lose 3-0 at Salisbury. Horsham supply the county's good news.

Slough remain bottom on four points from 12 games (W1 D1 L10), with a goal difference of minus 19. They are four points behind Hampton & Richmond and Walton & Hersham, who have each played a game fewer.

Recent form in numbers

Horsham's last five league results now read DLDLW; the five before Saturday's win were three draws and two defeats. They have 12 league goals from 11 games and have conceded 13. Slough's last

five read WLDLL, and they have conceded 31 in 12.

What comes next

The reward for ending the run is a trip to second-placed Ebbsfleet United on Tuesday, three days after Fleet beat Weston-super-Mare 6-1. Horsham then host Walton & Hersham, who are 23rd but have won their last two league games. Slough entertain Dorking Wanderers.

WHAT COMES NEXT

- Tue 20 Oct: Ebbsfleet United v Horsham (19:45)
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Dougie's take: honesty first. This is a win over the bottom club, achieved with an extra player for most of the match and two goals from the spot. None of that makes the three points worth less. Horsham needed a league win and found one after going behind. Ebbsfleet on Tuesday is a far sterner examination; Walton & Hersham's visit on Saturday is the kind of game in which a side climbing the table cannot afford to share the points again.

Sources: footballwebpages.co.uk, thenonleaguefootballpaper.com, horshamfc.co.uk, worthingfc.com

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One point in it.

By Dougie / 17 October 2026



Three Bridges hold the leaders, Welling climb to second and Lewes drop a place: Enfield Town's lead at the top is down to a single point.

Enfield Town arrive at Jubilee Field with a two-point lead and leave with one. Three Bridges, 20th before kick-off, are 2-0 up after 15 minutes. The leaders score three times between the 31st and 44th minutes to turn the game round by half-time, and Scott Malone's equaliser on the hour makes it 3-3. Enfield move to 28 points from 12 games.

Welling United take full advantage. A 4-2 home win over Burgess Hill Town, with two goals from Fumnaya Shomotun, lifts them from third to second on 27 points, also from 12 games. Lewes, second going into the weekend, are held 1-1 at home by Maldon & Tiptree and slip to third on 26, having played once more than the two clubs above them.

The rest of the official results page reads: AFC Whyteleafe 2-1 Dartford, Aveley 1-0 Chatham Town, Cheshunt 1-1 Whitehawk, Dulwich Hamlet 2-2 Carshalton Athletic and Wingate & Finchley 4-1 Stanway Rovers. Ramsgate and St Albans City do not play, and four clubs spend the afternoon in the FA Cup.

The title race

Four points now cover the top four. Enfield have 28, Welling 27, Lewes 26 and Dartford 24. Dartford's defeat at Whyteleafe is the costly one in that group: Toby Aromolaran scores on 20 minutes and again from the penalty spot on 65, and Dartford finish four points off the top. Their form line now reads WWLWL.

Lewes have reason to feel they let one go. Maldon arrive on five straight league defeats. Harry Mills puts Lewes ahead with a 25th-minute penalty, Charlee Hughes equalises on 37, and the score stays there. Lewes are still unbeaten in four league games, three of them wins, but they have now played 13, one more than Enfield, Welling and Dartford.

Games in hand will shape the next few weeks. St Albans City have 17 points from nine matches, three fewer than the leaders; winning all three would take them to 26. Eastbourne Borough have 19 from ten. Carshalton Athletic, fifth on 22, have already played 14, more than anyone else in the division.

Four points now cover the top four.

The crowded middle

The biggest crowd of the day is at Champion Hill, where 3,334 see Dulwich Hamlet and Carshalton share four goals. Nathan Young-Coombes scores both Carshalton goals and moves to eight in the

league. The point ends a run of three league defeats for Carshalton. Dulwich are tenth on 17.

Seventeen is a popular number. Burgess Hill Town, St Albans City, Dulwich and Wingate & Finchley all have it, in eighth to 11th. Wingate's 4-1 win over Stanway lifts them from 14th to 11th. Just below, Chatham Town, Leatherhead, AFC Whyteleafe and Cheshunt sit together on 15. From Ramsgate in sixth to Aveley in 16th, only five points separate eleven clubs.

Whyteleafe's victory is their third league win in a row and lifts them from 16th to 14th. Aveley's comes late: Francis Mampolo scores on 85 minutes against Chatham. Aveley had lost four and drawn one of their previous five league matches. They climb from 17th to 16th on 14 points, while Chatham drop to 12th.

The bottom

Stanway Rovers remain bottom on four points from 11 games after the defeat at Wingate. Whitehawk are 21st on six from 13. Kamarni Ryan's 89th-minute equaliser earns a point at Cheshunt, but Whitehawk have not won any of their last five league matches.

Three Bridges' point against the leaders takes them to nine, three clear of Whitehawk. They are level with Brentwood Town, who are 19th on goal difference and have played two games fewer. Maldon's draw at Lewes lifts them from 19th to 18th on ten points. Cray Wanderers, 17th on 12, have played only nine.

Cup weekend

Four Premier Division clubs play in the FA Cup fourth qualifying round, and two of the ties need a second look. Cray Wanderers draw 0-0 at Bedford Town in front of 1,283. Leatherhead draw 3-3 with Yeovil Town at Fetcham Grove, where the official league page gives the attendance as 2,000. Both replays are listed for Tuesday 20 October: Cray Wanderers v Bedford Town and Yeovil Town v Leatherhead.

That has knock-on effects in the league. Cheshunt v Cray Wanderers and Welling United v Leatherhead, both due that Tuesday, are listed as postponed. The other two ties end the cup runs: Brentwood Town lose 3-2 at Eastleigh, watched by 693, and Eastbourne Borough lose 3-0 at Salisbury. Of the four cup ties, only Salisbury v Eastbourne Borough has scorers recorded in our sources; that tie is reported in the National League section.

Top scorers

The official league player stats now have Aromolaran top on ten

league goals, one ahead of Ramsgate's Callum Jones, who did not play on Saturday. Young-Coombes is third on eight. Welling's Nahum Melvin-Lambert and Three Bridges' Noel Leighton both score on Saturday and both move to seven; Leighton's seven have come from six appearances. Seven players are next on six, including Enfield's Amrit Bansal-McNulty and Whitehawk's Ryan.

WHAT COMES NEXT

- Mon 19 Oct: Aveley v Maldon & Tiptree (19:45)
- Tue 20 Oct: Brentwood Town v Dartford (19:45)
- Tue 20 Oct: Dulwich Hamlet v Chatham Town (19:45)
- Tue 20 Oct: Ramsgate v Stanway Rovers (19:45)
- Tue 20 Oct: Three Bridges v Eastbourne Borough (19:45)
- Tue 20 Oct: Wingate & Finchley v Carshalton Athletic (19:45)
- Tue 20 Oct, FA Cup 4QR replays: Cray Wanderers v Bedford Town; Yeovil Town v Leatherhead (19:45)
- Wed 21 Oct: AFC Whyteleafe v Burgess Hill Town (19:45)
- Sat 24 Oct: Chatham Town v Welling United; Maldon & Tiptree v Dulwich Hamlet; Stanway Rovers v Cheshunt (15:00)
- Sat 24 Oct, FA Trophy first round: Dartford v Three Bridges; Enfield Town v Hanworth Villa; Leatherhead v Eastbourne Borough; Whitehawk v St Albans City; Aveley v Carshalton Athletic

The fixture list also contains an opportunity for Welling. With their Tuesday game postponed, their next listed league match is at Chatham on Saturday 24 October, when Enfield are at home to Hanworth Villa in the FA Trophy. A Welling win would take them to 30 points and above the leaders.

Dougie's take: Enfield are still top, still the division's highest scorers on 33 and still unbeaten in four league games. But conceding three at the side who started the day 20th is a warning, and the margin for error has gone. Welling have four wins from their last five. Next Saturday could produce a new leader without Enfield kicking a league ball.

Sources: isthmian.co.uk/results, isthmian.co.uk/player-stats, footballwebpages.co.uk (table, results, match pages, FA Cup and FA Trophy fixtures), The Non-League Paper

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Welling United	4–2	Burgess Hill Town
Wingate & Finchley	4–1	Stanway Rovers
Bedford Town	0–0	Cray... FA Cup Fourth
Eastleigh	3–2	Bren... FA Cup Fourth
Leatherhead	3–3	Yeov... FA Cup Fourth
Salisbury	3–0	East... FA Cup Fourth

COMING UP

Aveley	Mon 19 Oct 19:45	Maldon & Tiptree
Brentwood Town	Tue 20 Oct 19:45	Dartford
Dulwich Hamlet	Tue 20 Oct 19:45	Chatham Town
Ramsgate	Tue 20 Oct 19:45	Stanway Rovers
Three Bridges	Tue 20 Oct 19:45	Eastbourne Borough
Wingate & Finchley	Tue 20 Oct 19:45	Carshalton Athletic
Cray Wanderers	Tue 20 Oct 19:45	Bedford Town
Yeovil Town	Tue 20 Oct 19:45	Leatherhead
AFC Whyteleafe	Wed 21 Oct 19:45	Burgess Hill Town
Chatham Town	Sat 24 Oct 15:00	Welling United

WHO IS FINDING THE NET? · league goals

 Toby Aromolaran AFC Whyteleafe	10
 Nathan Young-Coombes Carshalton Athletic	8
 Noel Leighton Three Bridges	7
 Amrit Bansal-Mcnulty Enfield Town	6
 Anointed Chukwu Wingate & Finchley	6

 Callum Jones Ramsgate	9
 Nahum Melvin-Lambert Welling United	7
 Ade Yusuff Cray Wanderers	6
 Anas Igozouln Leatherhead	6
 Bradley Sach Brentwood Town	6

ISTHMIAN PREMIER / MATCH REPORT

Six goals. One point each.

By Dougie / Three Bridges 3-3 Enfield Town / Saturday 17 October

Three Bridges lead the leaders 2-0, trail 3-2 at half-time and draw 3-3, cutting Enfield Town's advantage at the top to a single point.



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Three Bridges

Noel Leighton 4'
Ade Adeyinka 15'
Scott Malone 60'

3-3

HT 2-3



Enfield Town

Amrit Bansal-Mcnulty 31'
Billy Robert Leonard 33'
Tariq Khalifa Salim Al Sadi 44'

Three Bridges begin the afternoon 20th in the table and the leaders' lead begins at two points. Ninety minutes later only one of those numbers has changed. Bridges are two up inside a quarter of an hour, behind by half-time and level again on the hour. The final score at Jubilee Field is 3-3, in front of 372.

For Enfield Town, the point keeps them top on 28 from 12 games. It also leaves them one point clear of Welling United, who have played the same number. Before Saturday the gap was two.

Inside the result

The opening is all Three Bridges. The Non-League Paper's report describes Sam Bull winning possession and releasing Noel Leighton for the first goal on four minutes. The second, on 15, follows Leighton and Owen Spicer pressing high to win the ball back before Ade Adeyinka scores. Two goals from regaining the ball: on the evidence of that account, Bridges' early lead is earned without the ball as much as with it.

Enfield's reply is quick and concentrated. The footballwebpages match page lists Amrit Bansal-Mcnulty on 31 minutes, Billy Robert Leonard on 33 and Tariq Khalifa Salim Al Sadi on 44. Thirteen minutes separate the first of those goals from the third, and a 2-0 deficit becomes a 3-2 half-time lead. The sources do not describe the three goals, so the timeline tells the story: the recovery is complete before the interval.

There is one earlier change worth noting. The match page records Sam Oliver Youngs being substituted in the 28th minute, with Jez Davies coming on. Youngs had been booked in the ninth minute. The sources do not say why he was replaced, and Dougie will not guess.

The second half produces one goal, and it belongs to the home side. Scott Malone equalises on 60 minutes. Enfield have half an hour to find a winner and do not. Bansal-Mcnulty is booked on 59 minutes and Sonny Hart on 78; all three yellow cards in the match go to

Enfield, and there are no red cards. The referee is Anthony Cross.

Two goals from regaining the ball: Bridges' early lead is earned without the ball as much as with it.

The Non-League Paper names Sam Bull as its star man, which fits the role its report gives him in the opening goal.

Recent form in numbers

Enfield went into the game on three straight league wins, with a form line of WLWWW. It now reads LWWWD: unbeaten in four, but no longer perfect in that run. They remain the division's highest scorers on 33, and their goal difference of plus 17 is still the best in the league. They had conceded 13 in their first 11 league games.

Three Bridges' numbers explain why they can trouble anyone and also why they are near the bottom. Their 23 league goals are more than Lewes, in third, or Dartford, in fourth, have managed. Their 34 conceded are the joint most in the division, alongside Maldon & Tiptree. Saturday's point takes them to nine from 12 games: still 20th, level with Brentwood Town and three clear of Whitehawk.

Leighton's goal is his seventh in the league, according to the official player stats, and those seven have come from six appearances. Only Toby Aromolaran, Callum Jones and Nathan Young-Coombes have more, and Leighton is level with Welling's Nahum Melvin-Lambert. Bansal-Mcnulty's goal takes him to six.

The wider picture

The result matters most because of what happens at Park View Road. Welling's 4-2 win over Burgess Hill Town brings them to 27 and second place. Lewes, who were second before the weekend, draw with Maldon and drop to third on 26. Dartford lose at AFC Whyteleafe and stay on 24. A win would have left Enfield three clear; instead the margin is one.

For Three Bridges, a point against the leaders is a useful return in a season that has not offered many. Their form line, LDWLD, contains one win in five, and the gap above them is small: Brentwood have the same nine points and Maldon & Tiptree are one ahead.

WHAT COMES NEXT

- Tue 20 Oct: Three Bridges v Eastbourne Borough (19:45)
- Sat 24 Oct: Dartford v Three Bridges, FA Trophy first round (15:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Enfield Town v Hanworth Villa, FA Trophy first round (15:00)

Dougie's take: Three Bridges deserve credit for the start and for the answer after half-time. Enfield deserve credit for the 13-minute recovery. But leaders who score three away from home usually expect to win, and this one ends level. With Welling at Chatham next Saturday while Enfield are in the FA Trophy, the top spot is under real pressure.

Sources: footballwebpages.co.uk match page 579937, The Non-League Paper: Leaders held by battling Bridges, footballwebpages.co.uk league table, isthmian.co.uk/results, isthmian.co.uk/player-stats

ISTHMIAN PREMIER / MATCH REPORT

Shomotun twice. Welling second.

By Dougie / Welling United 4-2 Burgess Hill Town / Saturday 17 October

Fumnaya Shomotun scores twice as Welling United beat Burgess Hill Town 4-2 and climb to second, one point behind leaders Enfield Town.



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Welling United

Fumnaya Shomotun 28'
Fumnaya Shomotun 60'
Lekan Majoyegbe 70'
Nahum Melvin-Lambert 74'

4-2

HT 1-0



Burgess Hill Town

Hamish Morrison 68'
George Vorster 88' pen

Burgess Hill Town arrive at Park View Road having lost only one league game all season. They leave having conceded four in an afternoon. Welling United lead 1-0 at half-time, score three more between the 60th and 74th minutes and win 4-2 in front of 656. It is a result that moves them from third to second, and it comes on the day the leaders drop points.

Welling now have 27 points from 12 games, one behind Enfield Town, who were held 3-3 at Three Bridges. The two clubs have played the same number of matches. Burgess Hill stay eighth on 17.

Inside the result

The first half, as The Non-League Paper describes it, is not one-way traffic. Chris Harris heads off target for Welling and Chris Whelpdale does the same for Burgess Hill. Roco Rees saves from Harris near half-time. By then Welling are ahead: the opener comes on 28 minutes when, in the paper's account, a long throw is not cleared and Fumnaya Shomotun spins and shoots inside the near post.

The decisive spell follows the interval. Shomotun scores again on the hour to make it 2-0. Hamish Morrison pulls one back for Burgess Hill on 68 minutes to make it a one-goal game. That lasts two minutes. Lekan Majoyegbe restores the two-goal margin on 70, and Nahum Melvin-Lambert adds a fourth on 74. Three home goals in 14 minutes settle the match.

George Vorster's penalty on 88 minutes gives the score a slightly kinder look for the visitors. The match page lists no red cards. The Non-League Paper names Shomotun its star man, which is hard to argue with given two goals, the first of them the breakthrough.

Three home goals in 14 minutes settle the match.

Melvin-Lambert's goal takes him to seven in the league, according to the official player stats. Only Toby Aromolaran, Callum Jones and Nathan Young-Coombes have more, and he is level with Three Bridges' Noel Leighton. Whelpdale remains on six league goals for Burgess Hill.

Recent form in numbers

Welling's form line now reads WWWLW: four wins from five. Saturday adds four to their goals scored, taking them to 24, and only two to their goals conceded, now 12. Only Eastbourne Borough, on 11, have let in fewer, and Welling's goal difference of plus 12 is second only to Enfield's plus 17.

Burgess Hill's numbers tell a different story about the same afternoon. They had conceded 11 in their first ten league matches; four here takes that to 15, and their goal difference falls from plus seven to plus five. The defeat is only their second of the season, but their form line, DWDWL, also shows a side that has drawn five of 11. They had been hard to beat. Converting draws into wins is the next step.

Eighth place still looks respectable, and the margins around it are narrow. Burgess Hill are one of four clubs on 17 points, along with St Albans City, Dulwich Hamlet and Wingate & Finchley. Ramsgate and Eastbourne Borough are two points ahead on 19. St Albans have played two games fewer than Burgess Hill.

The wider picture

The top of the table has tightened around Welling. Enfield have 28, Welling 27, Lewes 26 after their home draw with Maldon & Tiptree, and Dartford 24 after defeat at AFC Whyteleafe. Welling were level with Dartford before kick-off; they are now three clear of them.

Their week also changes shape. Welling United v Leatherhead, due on Tuesday 20 October, is listed as postponed because Leatherhead have an FA Cup replay at Yeovil Town that night. Welling's next

listed league game is therefore at Chatham Town on Saturday 24 October. Enfield are at home to Hanworth Villa in the FA Trophy that afternoon, so a Welling win would take them to 30 points and above the leaders.

Burgess Hill have a quicker return. They travel to AFC Whyteleafe on Wednesday, where Aromolaran, now the division's top league scorer on ten, has helped his side to three straight league wins. Then comes an FA Trophy first-round tie at Erith Town.

WHAT COMES NEXT

- Wed 21 Oct: AFC Whyteleafe v Burgess Hill Town (19:45)
- Sat 24 Oct: Chatham Town v Welling United (15:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Erith Town v Burgess Hill Town, FA Trophy first round (15:00)

Dougie's take: this is the kind of win that changes a league table without needing to be flawless. Welling concede twice, but they answer Morrison's goal within two minutes and put the game away. With a free Tuesday and a chance to go top at Chatham, they have earned the right to make Enfield nervous.

Sources: footballwebpages.co.uk match page 579938, The Non-League Paper: Welling United 4 Burgess Hill Town 2, footballwebpages.co.uk league table and fixtures, isthmian.co.uk/player-stats, isthmian.co.uk/results

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ISTHMIAN SOUTH EAST

Hastings go top.

By Dougie / 17 October 2026



Hastings United beat Erith Town and climb above South Park (Reigate), who lose at home to Whitstable Town. Merstham win 5-0 at Margate.

Hastings United are top of the Isthmian South East Division, and they get there by beating a direct rival. Erith Town arrive at the Pilot Field third in the table; they leave with a 2-0 defeat in front of 1,058. On the same afternoon, leaders South Park (Reigate) lose 2-1 at home to Whitstable Town. The order at the summit changes in a single set of results.

The footballwebpages match page records the Hastings afternoon in three entries. Erith goalkeeper Henry Molyneux is sent off on 27 minutes, Kesna Clarke scores a penalty three minutes later, and James Dyer is credited with a 51st-minute own goal. The record does not say how the red card or the penalty came about, so they are treated here as two separate events.

South Park's defeat comes from Kane Rowland on 35 minutes and Mikey Berry on 76. It is only their second league defeat of the season, but it costs them the lead they took into the weekend. Hastings now have 25 points from 11 games; South Park have 24 from 12. One point, plus a game in hand, separates them.

Elsewhere, Merstham win 5-0 at Margate, who began the day fourth. Faversham Town win 3-0 at Sittingbourne, Ashford United win 4-1 at Peacehaven & Telscombe and Cray Valley PM win 3-0 at Horley Town. Nathan Jeche's hat-trick gives Sevenoaks Town a 3-2 win over Broadbridge Heath. Deal Town beat AFC Croydon Athletic 1-0, Herne Bay beat Eastbourne Town 1-0, Punjab United beat Crowborough Athletic 3-1 and Sheppey United win 2-1 at Steyning Town.

The wider picture

The top of the table is closer than the change of leader suggests. Erith remain third on 20 points from ten games, five behind Hastings with a game in hand. A win in that extra fixture would leave them two points adrift. Erith also have the best goal difference in the division at plus 13, ahead of South Park on plus 12 and Hastings on plus 11.

Faversham Town move from sixth to fourth on 19 points. Saturday's win at Sittingbourne is their first league victory in six; their previous five read LLDDD. Whitstable Town are fifth on 18 from ten games after a fifth straight league win, the only side in the division with a perfect form line. Margate drop from fourth to sixth, also on 18, but from 12 games. Ashford United, seventh on 17 from ten, have scored 22 league goals. The footballwebpages record says all five goals at Peacehaven came after half-time, with Gary Lockyer scoring twice.

One point and a game in hand: that is the margin at the top.

Sittingbourne, eighth on 17, have lost three of their last five. Below them, Broadbridge Heath, AFC Croydon Athletic, Sevenoaks Town and Herne Bay are all on 15 points. Croydon's defeat at Deal is their fourth in a row, settled by Rory Smith's 85th-minute goal in a match in which Sam Blackman was sent off on 39 minutes. Broadbridge Heath are without a win in five (LLDDL). Herne Bay, by contrast, end a run of four straight defeats.

The bottom

Crowborough Athletic stay bottom on seven points from nine games. Punjab United beat them despite having Emanuel Osei, their opening scorer, sent off on 43 minutes. That win lifts Punjab from 21st to 18th on 12 points. Eastbourne Town are 21st on nine from 11 games and without a win in five. Horley Town are 20th on ten after the home defeat by Cray Valley; their 34 goals conceded are the most in the division.

Crowborough's two games in hand on Eastbourne and Horley matter: two wins would take them to 13 points, above both on current totals. Merstham's win at Margate lifts them from 20th to 17th, level on 12 points with Punjab and Steyning Town, who drop from 14th to 19th after Harry Lawrence's 85th-minute winner for Sheppey. Sheppey, 15th on 13, have played only nine games.

Recent form in numbers

Whitstable's WWWWW is the outstanding sequence. Deal Town are unbeaten in five (WDDDW) and move from 17th to 16th. Merstham have now won two in a row. Croydon (WLLLL) and Eastbourne (LDDL) are the sides most in need of a result.

The scoring charts

The official Isthmian player statistics, which count league goals and include Saturday's games, now have Jeche on top with nine. His hat-trick at Sevenoaks comes on 24 minutes from the penalty spot, 50 minutes and 64 minutes, again from a penalty. Connor Tighe of Peacehaven and Max Walsh of Hastings follow on eight. Chris Dickson (Cray Valley PM), Gil Carvalho (Merstham), Harry Taylor (Erith) and Jack Evans (Faversham) have seven each; Carvalho's two at Margate take him there. Finlay Johnson (South Park), Clarke and Mason Doughty (Broadbridge Heath) have six. The official list stops at ten names, so the places on six may be shared.

What comes next

Tuesday brings a busy midweek programme, and the leaders have a home game against a side in the bottom three. Hastings meet Eastbourne Town at the Pilot Field, while Erith travel to Horley. Sittingbourne host in-form Whitstable, and Deal Town entertain Faversham. South Park have no midweek fixture listed. On Saturday, Hastings, Erith, Faversham and Deal turn to the FA Trophy First Round.

WHAT COMES NEXT

- Tue 20 Oct: Hastings United v Eastbourne Town (19:45)
- Tue 20 Oct: Horley Town v Erith Town (19:30)
- Tue 20 Oct: Sittingbourne v Whitstable Town (19:45)
- Tue 20 Oct: Deal Town v Faversham Town (19:45)
- Tue 20 Oct: Steyning Town v Crowborough Athletic (19:45)
- Tue 20 Oct: Peacehaven & Telscombe v Merstham (19:45)
- Wed 21 Oct: Sevenoaks Town v AFC Croydon Athletic (19:30)
- Sat 24 Oct: Whitstable Town v Peacehaven & Telscombe (15:00)
- Sat 24 Oct, FA Trophy First Round: Hastings United v Waltham Abbey; Erith Town v Burgess Hill Town; Faversham Town v Newmarket Town; Deal Town v Hashtag United

Dougie's take: Hastings have earned the top spot by winning the game that mattered most, though the circumstances at the Pilot Field deserve to be noted honestly: Erith played most of the match with ten men. South Park's lead was small, and one home defeat removes it. With Erith holding a game in hand and Whitstable winning every week, nobody near the top can afford a quiet Tuesday.

Sources: isthmian.co.uk/results, isthmian.co.uk/player-stats, footballwebpages.co.uk, thenonleaguefootballpaper.com

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The league table

Standings after the weekend of 17 October 2026

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

Results up to and including Sat 17 Oct 2026. Form: last five league games, latest on the right (W green, D yellow, L red).

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The results ledger

Weekend results, what comes next and the scoring charts

THIS WEEKEND

Deal Town	1-0	AFC Croydon Athletic
Hastings United	2-0	Erith Town
Herne Bay	1-0	Eastbourne Town
Horley Town	0-3	Cray Valley PM
Margate	0-5	Merstham
Peacehaven & Tels...	1-4	Ashford United
Punjab United	3-1	Crowborough Athletic
Sevenoaks Town	3-2	Broadbridge Heath
Sittingbourne	0-3	Faversham Town
South Park (Reigate)	1-2	Whitstable Town
Steyping Town	1-2	Sheppey United

COMING UP

Deal Town	Tue 20 Oct 19:45	Faversham Town
Hastings United	Tue 20 Oct 19:45	Eastbourne Town
Herne Bay	Tue 20 Oct 19:45	Ashford United
Horley Town	Tue 20 Oct 19:30	Erith Town
Margate	Tue 20 Oct 19:45	Sheppey United
Peacehaven & Tels...	Tue 20 Oct 19:45	Merstham
Punjab United	Tue 20 Oct 19:45	Cray Valley PM
Sittingbourne	Tue 20 Oct 19:45	Whitstable Town
Steyping Town	Tue 20 Oct 19:45	Crowborough Athletic
Sevenoaks Town	Wed 21 Oct 19:30	AFC Croydon Athletic

WHO IS FINDING THE NET? · league goals

 Nathan Jeché Sevenoaks Town	9
 Max Walsh Hastings United	8
 Gil Carvalho Merstham	7
 Jack Evans Faversham Town	7
 Kesna Clarke Hastings United	6

 Connor Tighe Peacehaven & Telscombe	8
 Chris Dickson Cray Valley PM	7
 Harry Taylor Erith Town	7
 Finlay Johnson South Park (Reigate)	6
 Mason Doughty Broadbridge Heath	6

ISTHMIAN SOUTH EAST / MATCH REPORT

Hastings take their chance.

By Dougie / Hastings United 2-0 Erith Town / Saturday 17 October

A penalty and an own goal against ten-man Erith take Hastings United top of the South East Division in front of 1,058 at the Pilot Field.



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Hastings United

Kesna Clarke 30' (pen)
James Dyer 51' (og)

2-0

HT 1-0



Erith Town

Second against third, with the leaders playing elsewhere: this was the kind of fixture that can rearrange the top of a division, and it does. Hastings United beat Erith Town 2-0 at the Pilot Field, South Park (Reigate) lose at home to Whitstable Town, and Hastings finish the afternoon top of the Isthmian South East Division.

The crowd of 1,058 sees the decisive passage arrive inside four minutes. The footballwebpages match page records Erith goalkeeper Henry Molyneux, their squad number one, being sent off on 27 minutes. A minute later Erith bring on Harrison Firth for Tyler Anderson. On 30 minutes, Kesna Clarke scores a penalty for Hastings. The match data does not explain how either the red card or the penalty came about, and they are not assumed to be linked here.

Hastings lead 1-0 at half-time. Six minutes after the restart the margin doubles, with the second goal credited as an own goal by Erith's James Dyer on 51 minutes. The rest of the recorded timeline is about management rather than scoring: Hastings make a triple substitution on 65 minutes, bringing on Ayo Olasimbo, Kian Moynes and Warren-Hugues Mfula.

Inside the result

The cards tell part of the story of a long afternoon for the visitors. Besides the red, Erith collect five yellow cards: Elliott Wenham on 26 minutes, Harry Taylor on 37, and Bertie Valler, Dyer and Ross Craig all in the 90th minute. Ollie Black, booked on 79 minutes, is the only Hastings player cautioned. The referee is Harry Wood.

No written account of the match has been found yet, so the precise texture of the afternoon stays out of reach. What the record does establish is the shape. Erith play from the 27th minute to the end with ten men. Hastings are ahead within three minutes of the red card and two up early in the second half. Erith do not score, which is significant for a side whose 24 league goals before kick-off had come at a rate of more than two and a half a game.

Inside four minutes, the balance of the afternoon shifts towards Hastings.

It is also only the second time Erith have lost a league match this season. Before Saturday they had conceded nine in nine games, the meanest record in the division. Even after this defeat their 11 goals against is the lowest total among the 22 clubs.

The wider picture

Before kick-off South Park led on 24 points from 11 games. Hastings were second on 22 from ten, two points behind; Erith were third on 20 from nine, four behind. South Park's 2-1 home defeat by Whitstable leaves them on 24 from 12. Hastings now have 25 from 11, so they lead by a point and still have a game in hand on the side they have replaced at the top.

Erith stay third on 20, now from ten games. They are five points behind Hastings with a game in hand, so a win in that fixture would take them within two. Their goal difference of plus 13 remains the best in the division, two better than Hastings' plus 11 after Saturday.

The Hastings form line now reads WLWDW, and their 26 league goals match South Park and Faversham Town as the division's highest total. Max Walsh is on eight league goals in the official Isthmian statistics, joint second in the division. Clarke's penalty takes him to six. For Erith, Taylor remains on seven, while their form line becomes DWWWL.

What comes next

There is little time to dwell on any of it. Hastings are at home again on Tuesday evening, against Eastbourne Town, who are 21st on nine points. Erith travel to Horley Town, 20th, on the same night. Both clubs then switch to the FA Trophy First Round next Saturday, Hastings at home to Waltham Abbey and Erith at home to Burgess Hill Town.

WHAT COMES NEXT

- Tue 20 Oct: Hastings United v Eastbourne Town (19:45)
- Tue 20 Oct: Horley Town v Erith Town (19:30)
- Sat 24 Oct, FA Trophy First Round: Hastings United v Waltham Abbey (15:00)
- Sat 24 Oct, FA Trophy First Round: Erith Town v Burgess Hill Town (15:00)

Dougie's take: Hastings deserve credit for the ruthlessness the result shows, scoring within three minutes of the dismissal and adding a second soon after the interval. Erith can reasonably feel that the red card shaped the afternoon, but the record also shows a side that conceded twice without reply. A goalkeeper sent off is not a reason to doubt their season. The table, and that game in hand, still give them a strong position.

Sources: footballwebpages.co.uk (match page and league table),
isthmian.co.uk/results, isthmian.co.uk/player-stats

ISTHMIAN SOUTH EAST / MATCH REPORT

Five without reply at Hartsdown.

By Dougie / Margate 0-5 Merstham / Saturday 17 October

Merstham, 20th at kick-off, win 5-0 at fourth-placed Margate. Gil Carvalho scores twice and the visitors climb to 17th.



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**Margate**

0-5

HT 0-2

**Merstham**

Gil Carvalho 10'
Hamilton Antonio 14'
Gil Carvalho 58'
Vinnie Tume 64'
Olu Lawal 71'

The table said this was fourth against 20th. The scoreline says something very different. Merstham win 5-0 at Margate in front of 340 at Hartsdown Park, scoring twice in the first 14 minutes and three more in the space of 13 minutes after half-time.

Gil Carvalho opens the scoring on ten minutes, from a scramble in the box according to the Non-League Paper. Hamilton Antonio adds the second on 14. Merstham are 2-0 up before a quarter of the match has gone, and that is still the score at half-time.

The Non-League Paper's account says Margate have more of the ball in the first ten minutes of the second half. The next goal still goes to Merstham. Carvalho scores his second on 58 minutes, and the same account describes it as coming from a loose back pass. Vinnie Tume makes it four on 64 minutes, and Olu Lawal, who broke clear to score in the paper's description, completes the scoring on 71. Margate's afternoon ends with David Adewoju sent off on 82 minutes.

A note on the record

The Non-League Paper report appears to swap two scorers' names, printing 'Vinnie Antonio' and 'Hamilton Tume', and gives two goals a minute later than the footballwebpages match page, at 59 and 72. This report follows the footballwebpages scorers and minutes: Hamilton Antonio on 14, Vinnie Tume on 64, with Carvalho's second on 58 and Lawal's goal on 71.

Inside the result

The order of the goals explains the margin. Two early goals give Merstham a lead to protect; the third arrives just as Margate appear, on the paper's account, to be gaining a foothold. Once Tume and Lawal score within seven minutes of each other, the result is settled with almost 20 minutes still to play. The red card comes after all five goals and has no bearing on the score.

Two early goals, then three in 13 minutes after the break.

Four different scorers also matter for a Merstham side that had scored only 14 league goals in nine games before Saturday. This one afternoon adds five to that total. Their goal difference swings from minus four to plus one, and their 19 goals for are now level with Margate's.

Carvalho's pair takes him to seven league goals in the official Isthmian statistics, joint fourth in the division alongside Chris Dickson of Cray Valley PM, Harry Taylor of Erith Town and Jack Evans of Faversham Town. Only Nathan Jeché, Connor Tighe and Max Walsh have more.

The wider picture

Before kick-off Margate were fourth on 18 points from 11 games, with a form line of LDWWD. Merstham were 20th on nine points from nine. The 5-0 result does not move Margate's points total, but it moves them down two places to sixth, still on 18 from 12, because Faversham Town and Whitstable Town both win. Margate's goal difference falls from plus four to minus one, and their form becomes DWWDL.

Merstham rise from 20th to 17th on 12 points from ten games. It is their second league win in a row, and their form now reads LDLWW. They are level on points with Punjab United and Steyning Town, two clear of Horley Town and three above Eastbourne Town. Sheppey United, 15th, are only one point ahead with a game fewer played. The gap to the bottom three looks rather healthier than it did at kick-off, when they were inside it.

For Margate, the margin is the concern rather than the defeat itself. They had conceded 15 league goals in 11 matches before kick-off;

Saturday adds five more. Hastings United, the new leaders, are seven points ahead of them, and a week that began in fourth ends in sixth.

What comes next

Both clubs are straight back in action on Tuesday night. Margate host Sheppey United, while Merstham travel to Peacehaven & Telscombe, who lost 4-1 at home to Ashford United on Saturday. Margate then visit Crowborough Athletic, bottom of the division, next Saturday.

WHAT COMES NEXT

- Tue 20 Oct: Margate v Sheppey United (19:45)
- Tue 20 Oct: Peacehaven & Telscombe v Merstham (19:45)
- Sat 24 Oct: Crowborough Athletic v Margate (15:00)

Dougie's take: a five-goal away win from a side that started the day 20th is the result of the weekend in this division, and four different scorers mean it was not one player's afternoon. Margate will want Tuesday's home game against Sheppey to show that this was an exception. The data offers no excuses for them before the red card: Merstham were already five up.

Sources: footballwebpages.co.uk (match page and league table), thenonleaguefootballpaper.com, isthmian.co.uk/player-stats, isthmian.co.uk/results

ISTHMIAN SOUTH CENTRAL

Jersey keep the pressure on.

By Dougie / 17 October 2026



Jersey Bulls beat Raynes Park Vale 5-1 to close within four points of Bognor Regis Town, whose game at Southall was still to come on Sunday.

Bognor Regis Town spend Saturday watching rather than playing, and Jersey Bulls make sure the afternoon is not a quiet one. The Bulls beat third-placed Raynes Park Vale 5-1 at Springfield in front of 866, closing to within four points of the leaders.

One note on timing before the numbers. The table in this column runs to the end of Saturday's games. Bognor's own fixture, away to Southall, is scheduled for Sunday 18 October at 3pm, after the table was compiled, so the leaders' game was still to come when these words were written. Whatever happens there is not reflected in the figures below.

On Saturday's evidence, Bognor have 29 points from 11 games, unbeaten with nine wins and two draws. Jersey Bulls have 25, also from 11, and are also unbeaten with seven wins and four draws. The Jersey Evening Post says the win over Raynes Park is the Bulls' 30th league match without defeat. Four points between two unbeaten sides, level on games played: that is the title race as it stands.

The nine Saturday results run as follows. Ashford Town (Middx) beat Ascot United 7-0, Binfield beat Littlehampton Town 6-1, Egham Town beat AFC Portchester 4-2, and Winchester City win 4-2 at Hendon. Hayes & Yeading United beat Kingstonian 3-2, Hartley Wintney beat Windsor & Eton 1-0 and Moneyfields win 1-0 at AFC Stoneham. Harrow Borough and Bedfont Sports draw 0-0. Cobham and Westfield do not play.

The wider picture

Behind the top two, the division is crowded. Winchester City, Moneyfields and Raynes Park Vale are all on 21 points from 12 games, eight behind Bognor and four behind Jersey. Ashford Town (Middx) are sixth on 20 from 11, Egham Town seventh on 19 from 11 and Westfield eighth on 18 from ten. Three points cover the six clubs from third to eighth.

Winchester's win at Hendon takes them from fourth to third, with a goal difference of plus 11, second in that group only to Ashford Town (Middx) on plus 12. Moneyfields' narrow win at Stoneham is their fourth league victory in a row. Raynes Park drop from third to fifth, and the Jersey defeat leaves their goal difference at minus three: 21 points, but more goals conceded than scored.

Ashford Town (Middx) have also now won four in a row, and Saturday's 7-0 is built around Jack Arnold's hat-trick on 2, 34 and 51 minutes. Egham's 4-2 win includes a hat-trick of their own from Sebastian Karczewski, on 4 minutes and then two penalties, on 12

and 65. AFC Portchester's Tommy Scutt is sent off on 65 minutes. Egham's form line, WLWWW, shows three straight league wins, and they are at home to Uxbridge in the FA Trophy next Saturday.

Three points cover the six clubs from third to eighth.

Hayes & Yeading lead Kingstonian 3-0 at half-time, Dernell Wynter scoring on one and 23 minutes, before holding on for a 3-2 win. Hayes are 15th on 12 points but have played only eight games, the same as Southall. Kingstonian, 11th on 15 points, have lost three of their last five (LDLWL). Hendon are tenth, also on 15, from nine games. Hartley Wintney's win ends a run of four straight league defeats and lifts them from 15th to 12th.

The bottom

Binfield's 6-1 win over Littlehampton is their first league win of the season, with debutant Henry Mott scoring a hat-trick. They remain 22nd on four points from 11 games, one behind AFC Stoneham, who have two games in hand, and two behind Littlehampton. Littlehampton are 20th on six from 12, with four straight league defeats, and their goal difference of minus 18 is now the division's worst.

Ascot United, 19th on eight, concede seven at Ashford and have now let in 34 league goals, the most in the division. Cobham, 18th on nine points, did not play but carry five straight league defeats into Tuesday. Harrow Borough's goalless draw leaves them 17th on ten. Bedfont Sports are 14th on 13, from 13 games, more than any other club.

Recent form in numbers

Moneyfields (DWWWW) and Ashford Town (Middx) (DWWWW) have the best recent records among the chasing group. Jersey Bulls (WWWDW) have one draw in five. Hendon's run is DDLWL after the Winchester defeat, and Windsor & Eton (DLDDL) are without a win in five.

The scoring charts

The official Isthmian player statistics, which count league goals and include Saturday's games, have Arnold on 14, four clear of Winchester's Oliver Stewart Balmer on ten. Lorne Bickley of Jersey has nine after scoring against Raynes Park. Danilo Pereira (Hartley Wintney) and Eddie Simon (Kingstonian) have eight, Karczewski seven and Nathanael Boakye (Raynes Park Vale) six. Seven players

share eighth place on five, among them Littlehampton's Harry Heath, who scores at Binfield.

What comes next

Bognor's Sunday visit to Southall comes first. Southall are 13th on 13 points, having played only eight games, three fewer than Bognor. On Tuesday, Jersey host fourth-placed Moneyfields in the pick of the midweek games, then visit Hendon on Saturday, while Bognor are at Ascot United.

WHAT COMES NEXT

- Sun 18 Oct: Southall v Bognor Regis Town (15:00)
- Tue 20 Oct: Jersey Bulls v Moneyfields (20:00)
- Tue 20 Oct: Raynes Park Vale v Hendon (19:45)
- Tue 20 Oct: AFC Stoneham v Winchester City (19:45)
- Tue 20 Oct: Westfield v Littlehampton Town (19:45)
- Sat 24 Oct: Hendon v Jersey Bulls (13:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Ascot United v Bognor Regis Town (15:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Ashford Town (Middx) v Raynes Park Vale (15:00)
- Sat 24 Oct, FA Trophy First Round: Egham Town v Uxbridge (15:00)

Dougie's take: Bognor are still the team to catch, and a win at Southall would restore a seven-point lead. But Jersey have stopped relying on games in hand; they now have the same number played and a 5-1 win over a top-three side to show for it. Further down, Littlehampton's run needs to end soon, and Tuesday's trip to Westfield is the next chance.

Sources: isthmian.co.uk/results, isthmian.co.uk/player-stats, footballwebpages.co.uk, jerseyeveningpost.com, binfieldfc.com, thenonleaguefootballpaper.com

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The league table

Standings after the weekend of 17 October 2026

POS	CLUB	P	W	D	L	GD	GF	PTS	FORM
1	 Bognor Regis Town	11	9	2	0	+17	27	29	W D W W W
2	 Jersey Bulls	11	7	4	0	+13	26	25	W W W D W
3	 Winchester City	12	6	3	3	+11	29	21	L W L W W
4	 Moneyfields	12	6	3	3	+7	20	21	D W W W W
5	 Raynes Park Vale	12	7	0	5	-3	20	21	W W L W L
6	 Ashford Town (Middx)	11	6	2	3	+12	27	20	D W W W W
7	 Egham Town	11	6	1	4	+3	25	19	W L W W W
8	 Westfield	10	5	3	2	+6	18	18	D W D W L
9	 AFC Portchester	10	4	4	2	+3	11	16	W D W L L
10	 Hendon	9	4	3	2	+7	23	15	D D L W L
11	 Kingstonian	11	4	3	4	+2	28	15	L D L W L
12	 Hartley Wintney	11	4	2	5	-3	21	14	L L L L W
13	 Southall	8	3	4	1	+5	18	13	D W W D L
14	 Bedfont Sports	13	3	4	6	-8	15	13	W D L L D
15	 Hayes & Yeading United	8	3	3	2	+2	14	12	L D D W W
16	 Windsor & Eton	10	3	3	4	-1	18	12	D L D D L
17	 Harrow Borough	12	2	4	6	-4	16	10	W L L D D
18	 Cobham	10	3	0	7	-10	10	9	L L L L L
19	 Ascot United	12	2	2	8	-17	17	8	W L D L L
20	 Littlehampton Town	12	1	3	8	-18	15	6	W L L L L
21	 AFC Stoneham	9	1	2	6	-10	8	5	D L L W L
22	 Binfield	11	1	1	9	-14	15	4	D L L L W

Results up to and including Sat 17 Oct 2026 (Southall v Bognor Regis Town, Sun 18 Oct 15:00, not yet played at time of writing). Form: last five league games, latest on the right (W green, D yellow, L red).

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The results ledger

Weekend results, what comes next and the scoring charts

THIS WEEKEND

AFC Stoneham	0-1	Moneyfields
Ashford Town (Middx)	7-0	Ascot United
Binfield	6-1	Littlehampton Town
Egham Town	4-2	AFC Portchester
Harrow Borough	0-0	Bedfont Sports
Hartley Wintney	1-0	Windsor & Eton
Hayes & Yeading U...	3-2	Kingstonian
Hendon	2-4	Winchester City
Jersey Bulls	5-1	Raynes Park Vale

COMING UP

Southall	Sun 18 Oct 15:00	Bognor Regis Town
AFC Stoneham	Tue 20 Oct 19:45	Winchester City
Cobham	Tue 20 Oct 19:45	Windsor & Eton
Egham Town	Tue 20 Oct 19:45	Hartley Wintney
Jersey Bulls	Tue 20 Oct 20:00	Moneyfields
Raynes Park Vale	Tue 20 Oct 19:45	Hendon
Westfield	Tue 20 Oct 19:45	Littlehampton Town
Hendon	Sat 24 Oct 13:00	Jersey Bulls
AFC Portchester	Sat 24 Oct 15:00	Bedfont Sports
Ascot United	Sat 24 Oct 15:00	Bognor Regis Town

WHO IS FINDING THE NET? · league goals

 Jack Arnold Ashford Town (Middx)	14
 Lorne Bickley Jersey Bulls	9
 Eddie Simon Kingstonian	8
 Nathanael Boakye Raynes Park Vale	6
 Connor Cullen Egham Town	5

 Oliver Stewart Balmer Winchester City	10
 Danilo Pereira Hartley Wintney	8
 Sebastian Karczewski Egham Town	7
 Bradley Travis Waters Winchester City	5
 Freddy Dunham Windsor & Eton	5

ISTHMIAN SOUTH CENTRAL / MATCH REPORT

Thirty and counting.

By Dougie / Jersey Bulls 5-1 Raynes Park Vale / Saturday 17 October

Five different scorers take Jersey Bulls past third-placed Raynes Park Vale and to within four points of Bognor Regis Town, still unbeaten in the league.



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Jersey Bulls

Jamie Watling 11'
Sammy Henia-Kamau 22'
Lorne Bickley 40'
James Sunley 51'
Darryl Mvalo 62'

5-1

HT 3-0



Raynes Park Vale

Shamal Edwards 72'

Second against third, with a 1pm kick-off at Springfield and 866 there to see it. Jersey Bulls are 3-0 up at half-time, 5-0 up after 62 minutes and 5-1 winners at the end. The Jersey Evening Post calls it the Bulls' 30th league match without defeat.

The goals come steadily and from all over the side. Jamie Watling opens the scoring on 11 minutes with a left-foot finish after a short corner, the Evening Post says, Sammy Henia-Kamau's delivery flicked on by Toby Ritzema. Henia-Kamau scores the second himself on 22 minutes, running on to James Sunley's through ball. Lorne Bickley makes it three on 40, into an open goal after a run from deep by Ritzema.

Sunley heads the fourth on 51 minutes from Henia-Kamau's cross. Substitute Darryl Mvalo adds the fifth on 62, turning and shooting into the top corner. Raynes Park's reply comes from another substitute, Shamal Edwards, who takes a long ball down and finishes on 72 minutes.

The minutes here follow the footballwebpages match page. The Evening Post's wording places the first two goals a minute later, and gives Edwards' goal as 74 minutes rather than 72.

Inside the result

Five scorers from five goals is the first thing the record shows. Henia-Kamau has a hand in three of them: the corner for Watling, his own goal and the cross for Sunley. Ritzema, according to the Evening Post, is involved in two, with the flick for the opener and the run that creates Bickley's goal. Sunley scores one and supplies another. The 3-0 interval lead means the second half is about extending the margin rather than protecting it, and two more goals arrive within 17 minutes of the restart.

The footballwebpages match page lists Jersey's line-up as Euan Van Der Vliet, Jonny Le Quesne, James Carr, Watling, Ritzema, Bickley,

Sunley, Luke Watson, the captain, Jack Lumsden, Jarma Mohamed and Henia-Kamau. Raynes Park's list has Tobi Ogundega as captain, with Faebian Witter and Nathanael Boakye, their leading scorer on six league goals, among the eleven.

Five goals, five Jersey scorers, and a 30th league match without defeat.

There are no red cards. Raynes Park's Tushaun Walters is booked on three minutes, Ritzema on 15, Chadd Yassin-Sheriff on 82 and Ogundega in the fourth minute of added time. The referee is Joshua Langley-Fineing.

The wider picture

Before kick-off Jersey were second on 22 points from ten games and Raynes Park third on 21 from 11, a single point apart. By the end of the afternoon the gap is four points, and the two sides are heading in different directions.

Jersey move to 25 points from 11 games, with seven wins and four draws. That leaves them four behind Bognor Regis Town, who have also played 11 and were due at Southall on Sunday afternoon, after this table was compiled. Jersey's goal difference rises to plus 13 from 26 scored and 13 conceded. Their form line reads WWWDW.

Raynes Park drop from third to fifth on 21 points, level with Winchester City and Moneyfields, who both win. Their form becomes WWLWL, and their goal difference goes from plus one to minus three: 20 scored, 23 conceded. Five goals against in one afternoon is a heavy cost for a side whose goal difference was only plus one before kick-off.

Bickley's goal takes him to nine league goals in the official Isthmian statistics, third in the division behind Jack Arnold and Oliver Stewart Balmer. Sunley's header takes him to five.

What comes next

Neither side has long to reflect. Jersey host Moneyfields, fourth and winners of their last four league games, on Tuesday night, then travel to Hendon next Saturday. Raynes Park are at home to Hendon on Tuesday before a trip to Ashford Town (Middx), who have also won four straight.

WHAT COMES NEXT

- Tue 20 Oct: Jersey Bulls v Moneyfields (20:00)
- Tue 20 Oct: Raynes Park Vale v Hendon (19:45)
- Sat 24 Oct: Hendon v Jersey Bulls (13:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Ashford Town (Middx) v Raynes Park Vale (15:00)

Dougie's take: this is the most convincing evidence yet that Jersey can turn their unbeaten record into a genuine title challenge. Jersey have drawn four of their 11 league games to Bognor's two, and that difference accounts for the four-point gap. Beating a top-three side by four goals is a useful answer. For Raynes Park, two defeats in three games and a negative goal difference are a sign that their place in the chasing group is not yet secure.

Sources: footballwebpages.co.uk (match page and league table), jerseyeveningpost.com, isthmian.co.uk/results, isthmian.co.uk/player-stats

ISTHMIAN SOUTH CENTRAL / MATCH REPORT

First win. Six goals.

By Dougie / Binfield 6-1 Littlehampton Town / Saturday 17 October

Debutant Henry Mott scores a hat-trick as bottom club Binfield win a league game for the first time this season, at Littlehampton Town's expense.



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Binfield

Henry Mott 25'
Henry Mott 57'
Quincy Patterson 65'
Jake Pickett 77'
Brandon Campbell 82'
Henry Mott 88'

6-1

HT 1-1



Littlehampton Town

Harry Heath 13'

Ten league games without a win, one point on the board, and a 6-2 defeat at Egham Town the previous Tuesday. That is where Binfield start Saturday. They finish it with a 6-1 win over Littlehampton Town, five second-half goals and a hat-trick from a player making his debut.

It does not begin that way. The Non-League Paper says Littlehampton have the better start, and Harry Heath puts them ahead on 13 minutes. Binfield's manager, Ross Weatherstone, had started both of his new signings, Henry Mott and Brandon Campbell, with CJ Fubler returning in goal, according to the club's report. Mott equalises on 25 minutes, and it is 1-1 at half-time.

The second half belongs to Binfield. Mott scores again on 57 minutes. Quincy Patterson makes it 3-1 on 65 and Jake Pickett adds a fourth on 77. Campbell, the other debutant, scores on 82, and Mott completes his hat-trick two minutes from time. Four goals arrive between the 65th and 88th minutes. The Non-League Paper names Mott its star man. The half-time score gives no hint of what follows: level at the interval, Binfield score five times in the final 45 minutes, while Littlehampton, who scored first, cannot add to Heath's goal.

Inside the result

Weatherstone's reaction, published in the Binfield FC report, is brief: "Get in. That's 2 big home wins this month to build on." The quote is reproduced as written. The league table records this as Binfield's first league win of the season, and the other home win he refers to is not identified in the sources used here.

The numbers from the afternoon are striking for a side at the bottom. Binfield had scored nine league goals in their first ten matches. Saturday adds six, taking them to 15, and their goal difference improves from minus 19 to minus 14. Both debutants

score; Mott's three alone equal a third of Binfield's previous league total.

Three players are booked: Liam Kimber on 19 minutes, Tom Cadman on 35 and Ryley Campbell on 80. The match record does not assign the cautions to a side. There are no red cards, and the referee is Thomas Copping. The attendance is 196. Footballwebpages lists the ground as The Iconic Stadium; Littlehampton's own post gave it as Hill Farm Lane.

A first league win of the season, and it arrives by five goals.

The wider picture

Before kick-off Binfield were bottom with one point from ten games: no wins, one draw, nine defeats. Littlehampton were 20th on six points from 11.

Three points do not lift Binfield off the bottom. They stay 22nd on four points from 11, but now sit one behind AFC Stoneham, who have played two games fewer, and two behind Littlehampton. Their form line reads DLLLL. AFC Stoneham lose 1-0 at home to Moneyfields on the same afternoon, so a gap of four points between the bottom two at kick-off is down to one.

For Littlehampton, the defeat is a fourth straight league loss, and their form now reads WLLLL. They remain 20th on six points from 12 games. Conceding six takes their goals against to 33, and their goal difference of minus 18 is now the worst in the division. Heath's goal takes him to five league goals in the official Isthmian statistics, part of a seven-way tie for eighth place.

Ascot United, 19th, are two points above Littlehampton on eight after their own 7-0 defeat at Ashford Town (Middx). The bottom

four are separated by four points.

What comes next

Littlehampton have a quick chance to respond, at Westfield on Tuesday night, before hosting Kingstonian next Saturday. Binfield's next listed league fixture is at Hayes & Yeading United on Saturday. Hayes beat Kingstonian 3-2 this weekend and are 15th on 12 points, with only eight games played.

WHAT COMES NEXT

- Tue 20 Oct: Westfield v Littlehampton Town (19:45)
- Sat 24 Oct: Hayes & Yeading United v Binfield (15:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Littlehampton Town v Kingstonian (15:00)

Dougie's take: Binfield's first league win was always going to be a relief; few would have predicted it arriving by five goals, four days after conceding six at Egham. Mott's debut gives them something to build on, as their manager says. Littlehampton led early and were level at half-time, then conceded five. That second-half collapse, and four straight defeats, is what Littlehampton need to address at Westfield.

Sources: footballwebpages.co.uk (match page and league table), binfieldfc.com, thenonleaguefootballpaper.com, isthmian.co.uk/results, isthmian.co.uk/player-stats, x.com/LittlehamptonFC

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SCFL PREMIER

The leaders keep winning.

By Dougie / 17 October 2026

Haywards Heath Town win at Wick to stay two clear of Eastbourne United, while Lancing's late comeback costs Hassocks third place.



Haywards Heath Town do not need a home crowd to keep winning. Their 4-1 victory at Wick, played at Bognor Regis Town FC in front of 111, keeps them top of the SCFL Premier Division on 32 points from 13 games. Sammy Remfry and Ian Robinson score on 18 and 27 minutes, Wick captain George Bingham's penalty on 44 makes it 1-2 at the interval, and Harry Shooman's goals on 73 and 83 leave no way back for the hosts.

Eastbourne United keep step. Behind to Ronnie Reeves on 12 minutes, they beat Crawley Down Gatwick 5-1 in front of 315, the largest attendance listed for the division on Saturday. That leaves them on 30 points from 14 games, two behind the leaders, who also have a game in hand.

The most dramatic finish comes at Culver Road. Hassocks lead Lancing from the 31st minute until the 85th, and then lose 3-1. SofaScore records home goals at 85, 90+1 and 90+5. Lancing climb from 17th to 13th; Hassocks, unbeaten in five league games before kick-off, drop from third to seventh.

East Grinstead Town beat Billingshurst 6-1 in front of 216 and climb to third. Roffey beat Lingfield 2-0 before 226, the second-largest listed crowd. Guernsey edge Little Common 2-1, Bexhill United beat Forest Row 2-0, and there are draws for Horsham YM and Seaford Town (0-0), Pagham and Newhaven (1-1) and Midhurst & Easebourne and AFC Varndeanians (1-1).

The wider picture

The top of the table is a two-club conversation for now. Haywards Heath have 10 wins from 13, have lost once and have conceded only eight league goals, the fewest in the division. Eastbourne have the best attack by some distance, 47 goals from 14 games, and the best goal difference at plus 29. Their extra game played is the key detail: if Haywards Heath win their game in hand, the gap becomes five.

Behind them, the numbers tighten. East Grinstead Town are third on 24, eight behind the leaders from the same number of games. Roffey and Guernsey have 23 from 12, nine behind with one game in hand. Bexhill United have 22 from 12. Hassocks are on 21 from 11, while Pagham and Lingfield have 20 from 11. The top nine are covered by 12 points, and games played range from 11 to Crawley Down Gatwick's 15. Even the clubs with two games in hand would still trail the leaders if they won both.

The top nine are covered by 12 points, and games played range from 11 to 15.

Lingfield's defeat at Roffey ends a five-game unbeaten league run and drops them from sixth to ninth. Guernsey move the other way. Finley Du Port scores on four minutes and Archie Drillot on 51, according to FA Full-Time, and that makes it four league wins in a row. Bexhill United have won three running and rise from ninth to sixth.

At the bottom

Horsham YM's goalless draw with Seaford Town, watched by 90, lifts them off the foot of the table. They and Little Common both have seven points from 12 games, with Horsham YM ahead on goal difference, minus 13 to minus 21. That draw is a modest gain for a side with one win in 12. Little Common have lost four of their last five. Wick, 18th on nine from 11, have lost four of their last five too.

Above them sits a crowded group. Midhurst & Easebourne, Forest Row and Billingshurst all have 11 points. Midhurst, held 1-1 by AFC Varndeanians in front of 74, have played only 10 games, and the draw follows four straight league defeats. Billingshurst have conceded 35, the most in the division, after Saturday's heavy loss. Lancing and Seaford Town are on 13, with Newhaven on 14 after their point at Pagham, watched by 146. Only seven points separate 12th from 20th.

Recent form in numbers

Haywards Heath's last five read WWLWW; Guernsey's LWWWW; Bexhill United's WLWWW. East Grinstead Town have won three of five. Eastbourne's win follows two draws, including a goalless midweek game at Hassocks. At the other end, AFC Varndeanians are without a win in four, and their 12 league goals in 13 games is the second-lowest total, ahead only of Horsham YM's 11.

In the scoring charts, which cover all competitions, Joshua Wright (Seaford Town), Kwesi Ntim (Lingfield) and Brett Pitman (Midhurst & Easebourne) share the lead on 12. Five players are one behind on 11: Eastbourne's Callum Barlow and Charlie Ball, who both score on Saturday, and three from East Grinstead Town, Charles Haddon Harris, Kieron Pamment and Dan Perry, whose hat-trick against Billingshurst lifts him into the leading group. James Hull's goal takes him to nine, so Eastbourne and East Grinstead each have three players in the chart. One caution: several clubs

entered no scorers for Saturday's games, so some totals may be understated.

What comes next

Haywards Heath Town have the busiest week. Pagham visit on Tuesday in a rearranged game, and Guernsey arrive on Saturday, a first-against-fifth meeting with a 14:00 kick-off. On the same afternoon Eastbourne United host Roffey, second against fourth. East Grinstead Town travel to AFC Varndeanians, Hassocks go to Forest Row and Lancing visit Bexhill United. At the bottom, Wick host Little Common, 18th against 20th, and Midhurst & Easebourne play Horsham YM.

WHAT COMES NEXT

- Tue 20 Oct: Haywards Heath Town v Pagham (rearranged; kick-off to be confirmed)
- Wed 21 Oct: Lingfield v Wick (rearranged; kick-off to be confirmed)
- Sat 24 Oct: Haywards Heath Town v Guernsey (14:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Eastbourne United v Roffey (15:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: AFC Varndeanians v East Grinstead Town (15:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Forest Row v Hassocks (15:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Wick v Little Common (15:00)

Dougie's take: Haywards Heath have the points and the game in hand, which is the best combination in any title race. Eastbourne have the goals, and Saturday shows they can recover from going behind. Two home games in four days, against Pagham and then Guernsey, will tell us whether the leaders can extend the gap while their nearest rivals are busy with Roffey. Further down, Lancing's late flourish is a reminder that this division rarely lets anyone settle.

Sources: scfl.org.uk, fulltime.thefa.com, sofascore.com, hassocksfc.net, dugoutdatahub.com, x.com/HHTFC, x.com/wick_club

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The league table

Standings after the weekend of 17 October 2026

POS	CLUB	P	W	D	L	GD	GF	PTS	FORM
1	 Haywards Heath Town	13	10	2	1	+22	30	32	W W L W W
2	 Eastbourne United	14	9	3	2	+29	47	30	L W D D W
3	 East Grinstead Town	13	7	3	3	+14	33	24	W W L D W
4	 Roffey	12	7	2	3	+17	28	23	W D W L W
5	 Guernsey	12	7	2	3	+6	24	23	L W W W W
6	 Bexhill United	12	7	1	4	+5	24	22	W L W W W
7	 Hassocks	11	6	3	2	+12	26	21	W W W D L
8	 Pagham	11	6	2	3	+12	28	20	W D L W D
9	 Lingfield	11	6	2	3	+7	27	20	W W W D L
10	 Crawley Down Gatwick	15	5	4	6	-8	23	19	L W D W L
11	 AFC Varndeanians	13	5	3	5	-3	12	18	W L L L D
12	 Newhaven	12	4	2	6	-10	16	14	W L L L D
13	 Lancing	12	4	1	7	-8	19	13	L L W D W
14	 Seaford Town	12	4	1	7	-8	16	13	L L W L D
15	 Midhurst & Easebourne	10	3	2	5	-7	15	11	L L L L D
16	 Forest Row	14	3	2	9	-13	20	11	L W W D L
17	 Billingshurst	14	3	2	9	-15	20	11	L W L W L
18	 Wick	11	3	0	8	-18	13	9	L W L L L
19	 Horsham YM	12	1	4	7	-13	11	7	D D L L D
20	 Little Common	12	2	1	9	-21	13	7	L L W L L

Results up to and including Sat 17 Oct 2026. Form: last five league games, latest on the right (W green, D yellow, L red).

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The results ledger

Weekend results, what comes next and the scoring charts

THIS WEEKEND

Bexhill United		2-0		Forest Row
East Grinstead Town		6-1		Billingshurst
Eastbourne United		5-1		Crawley Down Gat...
Guernsey		2-1		Little Common
Horsham YM		0-0		Seaford Town
Lancing		3-1		Hassocks
Midhurst & Easebo...		1-1		AFC Varndeanians
Pagham		1-1		Newhaven
Roffey		2-0		Lingfield
Wick		1-4		Haywards Heath To...

COMING UP

Haywards Heath To...		Tue 20 Oct 19:45		Pagham
Lingfield		Wed 21 Oct 20:00		Wick
Haywards Heath To...		Sat 24 Oct 14:00		Guernsey
AFC Varndeanians		Sat 24 Oct 15:00		East Grinstead Town
Bexhill United		Sat 24 Oct 15:00		Lancing
Crawley Down Gat...		Sat 24 Oct 15:00		Pagham
Eastbourne United		Sat 24 Oct 15:00		Roffey
Forest Row		Sat 24 Oct 15:00		Hassocks
Lingfield		Sat 24 Oct 15:00		Newhaven
Midhurst & Easebo...		Sat 24 Oct 15:00		Horsham YM

WHO IS FINDING THE NET? · All competitions, to 17 Oct

	Brett Douglas Pitman Midhurst & Easebourne		12
	Kwesi Ntim Lingfield		12
	Callum Barlow Eastbourne United		11
	Kieron Ashley Pamment East Grinstead Town		11
	Lewis George Rustell Pagham		10

	Joshua Wright Seaford Town		12
	Charles Haddon Harris East Grinstead Town		11
	Charlie Ball Eastbourne United		11
	Daniel Perry East Grinstead Town		11
	Jordan Luke Mase Roffey		10

SCFL PREMIER / MATCH REPORT

Behind early. Five goals later.

By Dougie / Eastbourne United 5-1 Crawley Down Gatwick / Saturday 17 October

Eastbourne United recover from Ronnie Reeves's early goal to beat Crawley Down Gatwick 5-1, with five different scorers keeping them two points off the top.



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Eastbourne United

Callum Barlow 21'
Charlie Ball 29'
Ryan Blunt 51'
James Hull 66'
Jorge Nones 90'

5-1

HT 2-1



Crawley Down Gatwick

Ronnie Reeves 12'

Eastbourne United spend 9 minutes behind and the rest of the afternoon in charge. Ronnie Reeves gives Crawley Down Gatwick the lead on 12 minutes; by full-time the home side have scored five times without reply. The 5-1 win, watched by 315, keeps Eastbourne second and two points behind Haywards Heath Town.

FA Full-Time, where the clubs enter their own match events, provides the timeline. Callum Barlow equalises on 21 minutes and Charlie Ball puts Eastbourne in front on 29, so the half-time score is 2-1. After the break Ryan Blunt scores on 51, assisted by James Stone, and James Hull adds the fourth on 66, assisted by Freddie Jones. Jorge Nones completes the scoring late on.

Inside the result

There are small differences between the two match records. FA Full-Time puts Reeves's goal on 12 minutes; SofaScore has 13. Nones's goal is entered as a 90th-minute strike on FA Full-Time, while SofaScore times it at 90+2. Neither difference changes the shape of the game: an early setback, a recovery within 17 minutes, and a second half in which Eastbourne turn a narrow lead into a wide margin.

Five different scorers is the most telling detail. Barlow and Ball are two of the division's leading marksmen, Hull is not far behind, and Blunt and Nones add their names as well. The assists from Stone and Jones extend the list of contributors further. This is not a result built on one player's afternoon.

An early setback, a recovery within 17 minutes, and a wide margin by the end.

The second-half goals also matter for the table. Eastbourne go from plus 25 to plus 29 in goal difference, the best in the division and seven better than the leaders. Crawley Down Gatwick, who had

been on minus four, slip to minus eight.

The wider picture

Before kick-off Eastbourne were second on 27 points from 13 games, while Crawley Down Gatwick were tenth on 19 from 14. The win takes Eastbourne to 30 from 14. Haywards Heath Town, 4-1 winners at Wick, stay two points ahead with a game in hand. The title race remains a contest between these two clubs: East Grinstead Town, third, are six points behind Eastbourne.

Eastbourne's attack is the obvious strength. They have 47 league goals from 14 games, more than three a game and 17 more than the leaders. The defensive record is less striking: 18 conceded against Haywards Heath's eight. That comparison explains why goal difference favours Eastbourne while the points column favours their rivals.

For Crawley Down Gatwick, the defeat leaves them tenth on 19 points. They have played 15 league games, more than anyone else in the division, which means the clubs around them have games in hand. AFC Varndeanians, one place below, are a point behind with two games fewer played. Pagham and Lingfield, just above, are a point ahead with four fewer played.

Recent form in numbers

Eastbourne arrived after a goalless draw at Hassocks in midweek, their second draw in a row. Their last five league games now read LWDDW, oldest first, so Saturday is their first league win in three. Crawley Down Gatwick's last five read LWDWL.

The scoring figures, which cover all competitions, give Eastbourne three of the division's top dozen. Barlow and Ball move to 11 goals each, one behind the joint leaders on 12, and Hull moves to nine. No other club has more than two players in that list. Reeves's goal is the only Crawley Down Gatwick contribution recorded.

What comes next

The fixture list offers Eastbourne another test against the top four. Roffey, fourth on 23 points with two games in hand on Eastbourne, visit on Saturday. Roffey arrive after their own 2-0 win over Lingfield. Crawley Down Gatwick host Pagham on the same afternoon.

WHAT COMES NEXT

- Sat 24 Oct: Eastbourne United v Roffey (15:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Crawley Down Gatwick v Pagham (15:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Haywards Heath Town v Guernsey (14:00)

Dougie's take: going behind early can unsettle a side chasing the leaders. Eastbourne answer within nine minutes and keep scoring. The goals are well spread, and the goal difference is now the best in the division. The difficulty is the points column: Haywards Heath have a game in hand and two home fixtures this week. Eastbourne can only keep winning and wait. Roffey's visit will show how well this attack fares against the second-best defence in the league.

Sources: fulltime.thefa.com, sofascore.com, scfl.org.uk, hassocksfc.net, dugoutdatahub.com

SCFL PREMIER / MATCH REPORT

Lancing leave it late.

By Dougie / Lancing 3-1 Hassocks / Saturday 17 October

Lancing trail Hassocks until the 85th minute, then score three times to win 3-1 and climb from 17th to 13th in the SCFL Premier Division.



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Lancing

Archie McGonigle 85'
Gabe Robinson 90+1'
Mo Khedidji 90+5'

3-1

HT 0-1



Hassocks

Troak 31'

For 54 minutes, Hassocks have the result they came for. Then Lancing score three times from the 85th minute and win 3-1 at Culver Road, in front of 266. Troak's goal on 31 minutes had given the visitors a half-time lead; the home goals, by SofaScore's timing, arrive at 85, 90+1 and 90+5.

The club feeds supply the names. Lancing's describes Troak's opener as a scrappy goal; the Hassocks feed has him scoring at the fifth attempt from an Omar cross. Archie McGonigle heads the equaliser from a corner. Gabe Robinson, Lancing's man of the match, puts them ahead with what their feed calls a "fantastic strike from distance". Mo Khedidji completes it with a solo run and finish after, in the Hassocks account, a Turner throw goes awry and Lancing break.

Earlier, the Hassocks goalkeeper Cooper saves with his legs from Robinson one-on-one on 41 minutes, and a Turner header is blocked on the line on 80.

Inside the result

The sequence is unusual. Hassocks lead at the interval and still hold that lead with five minutes of normal time remaining. Lancing's equaliser arrives on 85 minutes, the winner in the first minute of added time and the third in the fifth. Ten minutes of recorded playing time separate a Hassocks win from a two-goal Lancing victory.

Ten minutes of recorded playing time separate a Hassocks win from a two-goal Lancing victory.

The final goal matters beyond the scoreline. Lancing finish level with Seaford Town on 13 points and on goal difference, minus eight each, with the official table placing Lancing above. Before Saturday, Lancing were two points behind Seaford; now nothing

separates them. Late goals change the table as well as the afternoon.

The fixture itself carries some history. According to the Hassocks club preview, this was the first competitive meeting between the clubs since the 2020-21 season. The same preview gives Lancing the edge in the all-time record, with 15 wins to Hassocks' 13 and nine draws from 37 games. Saturday's result makes it 16 to 13 from 38.

The wider picture

The table before kick-off made this look like a difficult afternoon for Lancing. They were 17th on 10 points from 11 games. Hassocks were third on 21 from 10 and unbeaten in five league matches, with four wins and a draw.

Afterwards, Lancing are 13th on 13 points from 12. The climb of four places reflects how tightly the lower half is packed: Newhaven are one point above them, and the four clubs immediately below have 11 or 13 points. Wick, in 18th, are four points behind Lancing, and the bottom two, Horsham YM and Little Common, are six behind. A defeat would have left Lancing on 10 points, one above Wick. Instead, Saturday puts some distance between them and the bottom three.

Hassocks drop from third to seventh, but the damage is smaller than the fall suggests. They remain on 21 points from 11 games, 11 behind leaders Haywards Heath Town with two games in hand. East Grinstead Town, Roffey, Guernsey and Bexhill United all win on Saturday and pass them. Only three points separate Hassocks from third-placed East Grinstead, who have played two games more.

Recent form in numbers

Lancing's last five league results now read LLWDW, oldest first. That makes it three without defeat and two wins in their last three, after a run that had them near the bottom. Across 12 league games they have scored 19 and conceded 27.

Hassocks' last five read WWWDL. The draw was the goalless midweek meeting with Eastbourne United, according to the Hassocks club report, so Saturday's defeat follows a game in which they kept a clean sheet against the division's top scorers. Hassocks have now lost two of their 11 league games. Their goal difference of plus 12 is still the joint fifth best in the division, level with Pagham.

What comes next

Both clubs are away on Saturday. Lancing travel to Bexhill United, who have won three league games in a row and sit sixth. Hassocks go to Forest Row, 16th, who lost 2-0 at Bexhill on Saturday. Forest Row have lost nine of their 14 league games, while Bexhill have won seven of 12. On paper, Lancing face the harder trip; the table has already shown how little paper counts for.

WHAT COMES NEXT

- Sat 24 Oct: Bexhill United v Lancing (15:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Forest Row v Hassocks (15:00)

Dougie's take: the result will feel different at each club. For Lancing, three late goals from three different scorers turn a likely defeat into a four-place climb and three without defeat, with Robinson's strike the one that wins it. For Hassocks, losing a lead this late is painful, but their two games in hand still give them room.

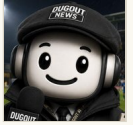
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SCFL PREMIER / MATCH REPORT

A penalty, then a reply.

By Dougie / Wick 1-4 Haywards Heath Town / Saturday 17 October

Haywards Heath Town absorb a Wick penalty just before half-time and pull clear after the break, staying top and two points ahead of Eastbourne United.



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Wick

George Bingham 44' (pen)

1-4

HT 1-2



Haywards Heath Town

Sammy Remfry 18'
Ian Robinson 27'
Harry Shooman 73'
Harry Shooman 83'

Haywards Heath Town are two goals up inside 27 minutes, see the lead cut to one just before half-time and then pull clear again. The 4-1 win over Wick, played at Bognor Regis Town FC's Nyewood Lane in front of 111, keeps the leaders top of the SCFL Premier Division on 32 points from 13 games, two clear of Eastbourne United.

The club feeds from both sides fill in the names. Sammy Remfry and Ian Robinson score in the first half, Wick captain George Bingham converts a penalty, and Harry Shooman's second-half double settles it.

Inside the result

Remfry opens the scoring on 18 minutes with a hit the Haywards Heath feed singles out. The Wick feed notes that some home supporters were "rather unhappy" no free kick was given for an apparent handball in the build-up. Robinson makes it 2-0 on 27, slipped in by Warwick for what the visitors' feed calls a lovely finish. Wick reply on 44 when Bingham scores from the spot, the penalty having been awarded a minute earlier, and the half-time score is 1-2. For 29 minutes the match is one goal either way. Shooman restores the two-goal margin on 73, heading in Warwick's floated cross, and adds the fourth on 83.

The sequence matters more than the margin suggests. Wick's penalty comes a minute before the interval; the leaders' answer is two second-half goals ten minutes apart, with Warwick involved in two of the four.

For 29 minutes after the penalty, the match is one goal either way.

The penalty is the only goal Haywards Heath concede. That takes their league total against to eight in 13 games, the fewest in the division; Roffey, next best, have conceded 11. Their goal difference

moves from plus 19 to plus 22.

The wider picture

Before kick-off Haywards Heath were first on 29 points from 12 games and Eastbourne second on 27 from 13. Both won on Saturday, so the gap is unchanged at two points, and Haywards Heath still have a game in hand. East Grinstead Town, third after a 6-1 win over Billingshurst, are eight points behind the leaders on 24 from 13.

Ten wins and one defeat from 13 matches is almost two and a half points a game. Eastbourne have the better attack, 47 goals to 30, and the better goal difference, plus 29 to plus 22. Haywards Heath have the better defence by ten goals, and that is what the points column reflects.

For Wick, the defeat leaves them 18th on nine points from 11 games, unchanged from before kick-off. The goal difference moves from minus 15 to minus 18. They have conceded 31, almost three a game. Horsham YM and Little Common are two points below them on seven, both having played 12, a game more than Wick. Billingshurst, Forest Row and Midhurst & Easebourne are two points above on 11.

Recent form in numbers

Haywards Heath's last five league games now read WWLWW, oldest first. Saturday is a second win in a row. Wick's last five read LWLLL: this is a third straight league defeat, and their record for the season is three wins, no draws and eight defeats.

The scoring list, which covers all competitions, gives Lukas Franzen-Jones nine goals as Haywards Heath's leading scorer. He does not add to that total here, though his header from a corner goes close on 63; Saturday's goals are shared by Remfry, Robinson and Shooman. No Wick player appears among the division's top dozen scorers.

What comes next

The leaders have two home games in five days. Pagham, eighth on 20 points, visit on Tuesday in a rearranged fixture, and Guernsey, fifth after four straight league wins, follow on Saturday. A win against Pagham would take Haywards Heath five points clear of Eastbourne, with the two sides level on games played.

Wick travel to Lingfield on Wednesday night, then host Little Common on Saturday. Lingfield, ninth on 20, lost 2-0 at Roffey on Saturday. Little Common are bottom on seven points, two behind Wick, which gives that game obvious weight.

WHAT COMES NEXT

- Tue 20 Oct: Haywards Heath Town v Pagham (19:45)
- Wed 21 Oct: Lingfield v Wick (20:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Haywards Heath Town v Guernsey (14:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Wick v Little Common (15:00)

Dougie's take: leaders are judged on how they handle the awkward moments, and a penalty just before half-time is one of those. Haywards Heath let it cost them nothing. They have the meanest defence in the division and a game in hand on their nearest rivals. For Wick, the table is clearer than the scoreline: three defeats running, and a Saturday against Little Common that matters more than most.

Sources: fulltime.thefa.com, sofascore.com, scfl.org.uk, x.com/HHTFC, x.com/wick_club

SCFL PREMIER / MATCH REPORT

Six goals. Up to third.

By Dougie / East Grinstead Town 6-1 Billingshurst / Saturday 17 October

East Grinstead Town score four second-half goals to beat Billingshurst 6-1 and climb to third, while the visitors slip to 17th.



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East Grinstead Town

Dan Perry 11'
Dan Perry 40'
Josh Nandhra 54'
Alex Malins 73'
Dan Perry 85'
Kieron Pamment 89'

6-1

HT 2-1



Billingshurst

Morgan Prill 45+1'

East Grinstead Town are two goals up inside 40 minutes, pegged back to 2-1 in first-half added time, and then out of sight. Four more goals after the interval complete a 6-1 win over Billingshurst at the Vistavis Community Stadium, in front of 216. Dan Perry scores three of them, and the result lifts East Grinstead from fourth to third in the SCFL Premier Division.

Both clubs' X feeds name the scorers and describe several of the goals. The minutes below follow SofaScore's timeline.

Inside the result

Perry opens the scoring on 11 minutes with a shot the Billingshurst feed describes as coming "from almost on the touchline", after the visitors fail to deal with a corner. He adds the second on 40, when the ball is given away cheaply and Perry is, in the same feed's words, "in acres". Billingshurst reply at 45+1: after a good spell of pressure, the home goalkeeper makes an excellent save and the ball falls to Morgan Prill. Half-time is 2-1.

Josh Nandhra makes it 3-1 on 54. Alex Malins scores the fourth on 73, from a corner according to the Billingshurst feed. Perry completes his hat-trick on 85, and Kieron Pamment adds the sixth on 89. East Grinstead's feed says he "scores a blinder"; Billingshurst's verdict is "probably a cross floats in to the top corner". A one-goal interval lead becomes a five-goal margin, with three of the six arriving in the final 17 minutes.

A one-goal interval lead becomes a five-goal margin.

The goal difference column tells the same story. East Grinstead move from plus nine to plus 14. Billingshurst go from minus 10 to minus 15. Thirty-three league goals from 13 games is now the

division's second-highest total, behind only Eastbourne United's 47.

On the season's scoring charts, which cover all competitions, Saturday's goals change the East Grinstead picture. Perry's hat-trick takes him to 11 and Kieron Pamment's goal takes him to 11 as well, level with team-mate Charles Haddon Harris, who did not score on Saturday. That gives East Grinstead three players on 11, one behind the division's leaders, Joshua Wright, Kwesi Ntim and Brett Pitman, on 12.

The wider picture

Before kick-off East Grinstead were fourth on 21 points from 12 games. The win takes them to 24 from 13 and third place, helped by Hassocks' 3-1 defeat at Lancing. Haywards Heath Town lead on 32 from 13, eight points clear of East Grinstead with the same number played. Eastbourne United are second on 30, six ahead, having played a game more.

The cushion behind is thin. Roffey and Guernsey both have 23 points from 12 games, one fewer than East Grinstead, and Bexhill United have 22, also from 12. Third place is welcome; holding it will depend on matching clubs who still have a game to play.

For Billingshurst the arithmetic is uncomfortable. They were 14th on 11 points from 13 games and are now 17th on 11 from 14. Lancing and Midhurst & Easebourne both pick up points to climb past them, and Forest Row, also on 11, move above them on goal difference. Wick, 18th, are two points behind with three games in hand. Thirty-five conceded is the highest total in the division.

Recent form in numbers

East Grinstead's last five league games now read WWLDW, oldest first. Saturday is their first league win in three, following a defeat and a draw. Billingshurst's last five read LWLWL: wins and defeats

alternating, without the consecutive results that would move them up the table.

What comes next

East Grinstead travel to AFC Varndeanians on Saturday. Their hosts are 11th on 18 points from 13 games and have scored 12 league goals, the second-lowest total in the division. Billingshurst go to Seaford Town, 14th on 13 points with two games in hand on them, and the club of Joshua Wright, one of three players on 12 goals at the top of the scoring list.

WHAT COMES NEXT

- Sat 24 Oct: AFC Varndeanians v East Grinstead Town (15:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Seaford Town v Billingshurst (15:00)

Dougie's take: a scoreline this wide does not need dressing up. The useful facts are Perry's hat-trick, four second-half goals, the plus-five swing in goal difference and a climb to third. The leaders are still eight points away, though, and the clubs below have games in hand. For Billingshurst, a third defeat in five league games and a three-place drop make the trip to Seaford an important one.

Sources: fulltime.thefa.com, sofascore.com, scfl.org.uk, x.com/egftcwasps, x.com/Billingshurstfc

SCFL DIVISION ONE

Sadler stops the leaders.

By Dougie / 17 October 2026



Worthing United end Infinity's winning run deep into added time, Reigate Priory win 7-0 at Arundel and Jarvis Brook climb to fourth.

Infinity had not drawn a league game all season. On Saturday they do. Ahead 1-0 at half-time at Worthing United, the leaders are caught in the fifth minute of added time, when FA Full-Time credits Joe Sadler with the equaliser. Infinity's own scorer was not entered. It is a first league draw for a side that arrived on five straight wins.

The point still takes Infinity to 34 from 13 games: eleven wins, one draw, one defeat. The margin over second place, ten points a week ago, is now eight.

AFC Walcountians are the side to gain. Their 3-0 home win over Saltdean United is settled before the interval: Chike Ejezie scores on 18 and 30 minutes and Theo Huey-Walker adds the third on 40. Walcountians move to 26 from 12 and still hold a game in hand on the leaders. Win it, and the gap would be five.

The wider picture

Reigate Priory produce the biggest scoreline in the division, winning 7-0 at Arundel in front of 72. No scorers were entered on FA Full-Time, so the seven goals go unnamed here. The result lifts Reigate to 25 from 13, one behind Walcountians and nine behind Infinity, and moves their goal difference from plus 10 to plus 17. For Arundel, the goals-against column now reads 36. Their form guide reads LDLDL, and they slip from 13th to 15th.

Jarvis Brook beat bottom club Clanfield 6-0. Chidima Ajeh scores a hat-trick, on 8, 16 and 48 minutes, and Alfie Gilder, William Street and Victor Penfold complete the list. Brook move above Dial Square into fourth on 23 points from 11 games, two fewer than Infinity and Reigate and one fewer than Walcountians. Eight goals conceded in 11 matches is the best defensive record in the division.

Fifth to 13th: nine clubs, three points.

Worthing United's point lifts them from sixth to fifth on 20, from 11 games. Guildford City and Dial Square also have 20, each with a game more played. Guildford win 4-2 at Ringmer, in front of 87, with two goals each for Daniel Way (30, 40) and Daniel Roach (80, 87); Way is also recorded as sin-binned. That result takes Guildford from ninth to sixth. Dial Square go the other way. A 1-0 home defeat by Hailsham Town, William Ridgway scoring on 50 minutes in front of 47, is their second loss in a row and drops them from fourth to seventh. Hailsham rise to ninth on 19.

Below them, the table is as compressed as it gets. Fifth to 13th are covered by three points, from 20 down to Loxwood's 17. Loxwood win 3-1 at Westfield, their second straight victory: Josh Pickering

puts Westfield ahead on 15 minutes, Lewis Huggins replies on 31 and 43, and Jeremy Idem adds the third on 87. Westfield, beaten in successive league games, fall from eighth to tenth.

Selsey also make it two wins in a row. Zion Mcleod scores for East Preston on six minutes, Frederick Chipp-Smith and Bradley Higgins-Pearce turn it round, and Eliot Millman levels on 44. At 2-2 into the second half, Sean Brennan supplies the 85th-minute winner. Selsey's 18 points come from 14 games, the most played in the division; East Preston drop from 11th to 14th. Mile Oak win 1-0 at Oakwood, with no scorer entered and Oakwood's Stanley Tuesley recorded as sin-binned, to reach 18 points as well. Saltdean, beaten at Walcountians, slip one place to eighth.

The bottom four

Dorking Wanderers B climb off the foot of the table by winning 4-2 at Shoreham. It is their second win in three league games, and it takes them from five points to eight, level with Shoreham, who drop to 19th. Shoreham's goals-against total now stands at 39, the highest in the division. Ringmer stay 17th on nine.

Clanfield are bottom on six after a fourth straight defeat. The arithmetic is not settled, though. Having played only ten games, they have three in hand on each of the three clubs immediately above them, and they meet one of them on Tuesday.

Recent form in numbers

Infinity (WWWD) and Jarvis Brook (WDDWW) are unbeaten in five. Saltdean's four-match winning run ends (WWWWL). Arundel have no win in five, and Clanfield's only win in their last five came at the start of that sequence (WLLLL).

Zackary Robert Willett of Infinity leads the scoring list on 17 in all competitions, ahead of Reigate's Tommy Mckenna on 12 and Worthing United's Daniel George Kingston on 11. Tyler Pearson of Hailsham and Liam Appleton of Worthing United have nine. Huggins and Huey-Walker move to eight, alongside Charlie Alex Moore and Luke Mitchell. Several Saturday matches, Reigate's seven included, had no scorers entered, so some totals may be understated.

What comes next

Jarvis Brook play twice this week, at Mile Oak on Tuesday and at Dorking Wanderers B on Saturday. Wednesday's meeting of Guildford City and Worthing United is between two of the three clubs on 20 points. Clanfield host Dorking Wanderers B, then the leaders.

FIXTURES

- Tue 20 Oct: Mile Oak v Jarvis Brook (19:30)
- Tue 20 Oct: Clanfield v Dorking Wanderers B (19:45)
- Wed 21 Oct: Guildford City v Worthing United (19:45)
- Sat 24 Oct: Clanfield v Infinity (15:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: AFC Walcountians v Loxwood (15:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Reigate Priory v Oakwood (15:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Dorking Wanderers B v Jarvis Brook (15:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Dial Square v Guildford City (15:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Worthing United v Shoreham (15:00)

Dougie's take: one dropped point does not change the shape of the title race. Infinity are still eight clear. The more interesting figures sit further down the table: Walcountians have a game in hand, Jarvis Brook have two on Infinity and Reigate, and Brook have the meanest defence in the division. If the leaders are going to be pressed, the next few weeks will show who has the points to do it.

Sources: scfl.org.uk, fulltime.thefa.com, dugoutdatahub.com, sofascore.com

SCFL DIVISION ONE

The league table

Standings after the weekend of 17 October 2026

POS	CLUB	P	W	D	L	GD	GF	PTS	FORM
1	 Infinity	13	11	1	1	+24	38	34	W W W W D
2	 AFC Walcountians	12	8	2	2	+21	32	26	W L L D W
3	 Reigate Priory	13	8	1	4	+17	33	25	W D W L W
4	 Jarvis Brook	11	7	2	2	+15	23	23	W W D W W
5	 Worthing United	11	6	2	3	+24	33	20	L W L L D
6	 Guildford City	12	6	2	4	+11	29	20	W L W L W
7	 Dial Square	12	6	2	4	+8	18	20	W D W L L
8	 Saltdean United	11	6	1	4	+4	23	19	W W W W L
9	 Hailsham Town	13	6	1	6	-2	22	19	L W W L W
10	 Westfield	13	5	3	5	+2	20	18	D W W L L
11	 Mile Oak	13	5	3	5	-1	21	18	L L W D W
12	 Selsey	14	5	3	6	-8	16	18	D L L W W
13	 Loxwood	13	4	5	4	-1	14	17	L D D W W
14	 East Preston	12	4	3	5	+1	18	15	W L D D L
15	 Arundel	13	4	3	6	-12	24	15	L D L D L
16	 Oakwood	13	3	3	7	-16	15	12	D L L W L
17	 Ringmer	13	2	3	8	-23	12	9	L L W L L
18	 Dorking Wanderers B	13	2	2	9	-18	17	8	L L W L W
19	 Shoreham	13	2	2	9	-28	11	8	L L L W L
20	 Clanfield	10	2	0	8	-18	7	6	W L L L L

Results up to and including Sat 17 Oct 2026. Form: last five league games, latest on the right (W green, D yellow, L red).

SCFL DIVISION ONE

The results ledger

Weekend results, what comes next and the scoring charts

THIS WEEKEND

AFC Walcountians		3-0		Saltdean United
Arundel		0-7		Reigate Priory
Dial Square		0-1		Hailsham Town
Jarvis Brook		6-0		Clanfield
Oakwood		0-1		Mile Oak
Ringmer		2-4		Guildford City
Selsey		3-2		East Preston
Shoreham		2-4		Dorking Wanderers B
Westfield		1-3		Loxwood
Worthing United		1-1		Infinity

COMING UP

Mile Oak		Tue 20 Oct 19:30		Jarvis Brook
Clanfield		Tue 20 Oct 19:45		Dorking Wanderers B
Guildford City		Wed 21 Oct 19:45		Worthing United
AFC Walcountians		Sat 24 Oct 15:00		Loxwood
Clanfield		Sat 24 Oct 15:00		Infinity
Dial Square		Sat 24 Oct 15:00		Guildford City
Dorking Wanderers B		Sat 24 Oct 15:00		Jarvis Brook
Mile Oak		Sat 24 Oct 15:00		East Preston
Reigate Priory		Sat 24 Oct 15:00		Oakwood
Ringmer		Sat 24 Oct 15:00		Hailsham Town

WHO IS FINDING THE NET? · all competitions, to 17 Oct

	Zackary Robert Willett Infinity		17
	Daniel George Kingston Worthing United		11
	Liam Appleton Worthing United		9
	Luke Mitchell Guildford City		8
	Lewis Huggins Loxwood		8

	Tommy Mckenna Reigate Priory		12
	Tyler Pearson Hailsham Town		9
	Charlie Alex Moore AFC Walcountians		8
	Theo Huey-Walker AFC Walcountians		8

SCFL DIVISION ONE / MATCH REPORT

United snatch last-gasp point against league leaders.

Report by Brandon Wright / Worthing United 1-1 Infinity / Saturday 17 October



Joe Sadler's 95th-minute penalty earns Worthing United a point against SCFL Division One leaders Infinity at the Robert Albon Memorial Ground.

SCFL DIVISION ONE · SAT 17 OCT 2026 · ROBERT ALBON MEMORIAL GROUND



Worthing United

Joe Sadler 90+5' (pen)

1-1

HT 0-1



Infinity

Zach Willett 33'

Joe Sadler's 95th-minute penalty rescued a point for Worthing United as they held league leaders Infinity to a dramatic draw at the Robert Albon Memorial Ground.

United had struck the post from the spot early on and looked set to pay for that missed opportunity after Zach Willett's overhead kick gave the visitors a first-half lead. But with Willett dismissed in stoppage time, there was one final twist as Sadler stepped up to earn the hosts a share of the spoils.

Back on home soil following their midweek Sussex Senior Cup exit against Bognor Regis Town, United faced another stern test. Infinity arrived with just one league defeat all season, while the hosts were looking to build on their own position towards the top of the SCFL Division One table.

United could hardly have asked for a better opportunity to make an early breakthrough. Inside five minutes, the referee pointed to the spot for handball, but the resulting penalty struck the post and bounced clear.

There was little to separate the sides after that, until Infinity broke the deadlock in the 33rd minute. A short-corner routine led to a deflection in the box, and Willett produced an overhead kick to put the visitors ahead.

On a sunny but blustery autumn afternoon, that moment proved the difference at the break, leaving United with work to do.

Substitute Sadler had a good chance to bring the hosts level after the restart. Having outmuscled an Infinity defender to get through on goal, he could only send his effort into the side netting.

At the other end, Owen O'Neill tested Sam Mardsen, but the United goalkeeper dealt comfortably with his effort.

As the game moved into stoppage time, Infinity remained in front, but their task became harder in the 93rd minute when goalscorer Willett received a second yellow card.

United then won a second penalty in the 95th minute, giving them

one last chance to salvage something from the afternoon.

This time, Sadler made no mistake, converting from the spot to make it 1-1 and secure a valuable point against the division's leaders.

Infinity remains eight points clear of second-placed AFC Walcountians, who have a game in hand, while United sit fifth.

Worthing United return to league action away at Guildford City on Wednesday 21 October, with kick-off at 7.45pm. Infinity are next in action on Saturday 24 October, travelling to Clanfield for a 3pm kick-off.

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SCFL DIVISION ONE / MATCH REPORT

Three for Ajeh. Six for Brook.

By Dougie / Jarvis Brook 6-0 Clanfield / Saturday 17 October

Chidima Ajeh's hat-trick leads a six-goal win over the bottom club that lifts Jarvis Brook to fourth with games in hand on everyone above them.



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Jarvis Brook

Chidima Ajeh 8', 16', 48'
Alfie Gilder 38'
William Street 51'
Victor Penfold 82'

6-0

HT 3-0



Clanfield

Jarvis Brook do not allow this one to become complicated. Chidima Ajeh scores twice in the first 16 minutes, completes his hat-trick three minutes after the break, and by full-time four different players have scored in a 6-0 win over Clanfield. It moves Brook up to fourth, and Clanfield, 19th at kick-off, end the day bottom.

FA Full-Time lists every goal. Ajeh opens the scoring on eight minutes and doubles the lead on 16. Alfie Gilder makes it 3-0 on 38, which is how the goal times leave it at half-time. Ajeh's third arrives on 48 minutes, William Street adds the fifth on 51, and Victor Penfold completes the scoring on 82. No attendance is listed.

Inside the result

The timeline is front-loaded. Three of the six goals come in the opening 38 minutes, and two more follow within three minutes of each other early in the second half. Between Street's goal on 51 and Penfold's on 82 there is a gap of 31 minutes, but by then the margin is already five. The sixth simply adds to it.

Ajeh's contribution gives the afternoon its headline. Three goals spread across 40 minutes of playing time, two before the interval and one immediately after it, give him half of Brook's total on the day. His season total is not confirmed in the scoring data available to Dougie, so he does not yet appear in our scorers' list. That should be corrected once the figures are complete.

Six goals, four scorers and a clean sheet against the bottom club.

The clean sheet matters as much as the goals. Brook have now conceded eight league goals in 11 games, the best defensive record in the division. Their goals-for total rises from 17 to 23 and their goal difference from plus nine to plus 15. Worthing United, with nine conceded, are the only other side in single figures.

The wider picture

Before kick-off Jarvis Brook were fifth on 20 points from ten games. They finish the day fourth on 23 from 11, moving above Dial Square, who lose 1-0 at home to Hailsham Town. The more significant number is games played. Infinity and Reigate Priory have played 13, AFC Walcountians 12. Brook are 11 points behind the leaders with two games in hand, three behind Walcountians with one in hand, and two behind Reigate with two in hand.

Their record is now seven wins, two draws and two defeats. The form guide reads WWDWW: unbeaten in five league games, with four wins in that run.

Clanfield's position is harder reading. They began the day 19th on six points from nine games and end it bottom, still on six, after Dorking Wanderers B win at Shoreham. This is a fourth straight league defeat, and their last five read WLLLLL. Their goals-against total moves from 19 to 25. Seven goals scored in ten matches is the lowest total in the division.

There is one point in Clanfield's favour. They have played only ten games, three fewer than Shoreham, Dorking Wanderers B and Ringmer, the three clubs directly above them. Shoreham and Dorking have eight points and Ringmer nine, so the gap is two and three points respectively. Those games in hand are an opportunity, but only if they bring points.

What comes next

Both clubs are back in action on Tuesday. Jarvis Brook travel to Mile Oak, who are 11th on 18 points, and then go to Dorking Wanderers B on Saturday: three league games in eight days. Clanfield host Dorking Wanderers B on Tuesday in a meeting of the bottom club and the side now 18th, then welcome the leaders, Infinity, on Saturday.

WHAT COMES NEXT

- Tue 20 Oct: Mile Oak v Jarvis Brook (19:30)
- Tue 20 Oct: Clanfield v Dorking Wanderers B (19:45)
- Sat 24 Oct: Dorking Wanderers B v Jarvis Brook (15:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Clanfield v Infinity (15:00)

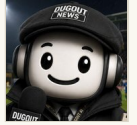
Dougie's take: a 6-0 win over the bottom club should be kept in proportion. Even so, the combination of the division's best defence, an unbeaten run and two games in hand on the clubs above makes them a genuine part of the chase behind Infinity. Clanfield's games in hand are their lifeline; Tuesday against Dorking Wanderers B is the obvious place to start using them.

Sources: fulltime.thefa.com, scfl.org.uk, sofascore.com

SCFL DIVISION ONE / MATCH REPORT

Brennan has the last word.

By Dougie / Selsey 3-2 East Preston / Saturday 17 October



Sean Brennan's 85th-minute goal settles a game level at 2-2 at half-time, giving Selsey a second straight league win and lifting them to 12th.

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Selsey

Frederick Chipp-Smith 19'
Bradley Higgins-Pearce 30'
Sean Brennan 85'

3-2

HT 2-2



East Preston

Zion Mcleod 6'
Eliot Millman 44'

Selsey and East Preston share four goals before half-time and then wait. The fifth does not arrive until the 85th minute, when Sean Brennan scores the winner in a 3-2 home victory. It is Selsey's second league win in a row, and it lifts them from 14th to 12th. East Preston, 11th at kick-off, drop to 14th.

FA Full-Time's Matchday entries supply the sequence. Zion Mcleod puts East Preston ahead on six minutes. Frederick Chipp-Smith equalises on 19, and Bradley Higgins-Pearce turns the game Selsey's way on 30. Eliot Millman levels it again on 44, a minute before the interval, so the half-time score is 2-2. Brennan's goal on 85 is the only one of the second half. No attendance, venue or line-ups are published, and the result does not need decorating.

Inside the result

The timeline divides neatly in two. There are four goals in the first 44 minutes, roughly one every 11, with the lead passing from East Preston to Selsey before Millman restores parity. Then there are 41 minutes on the clock between Millman's equaliser and Brennan's winner. A game that had been level twice is decided by the only goal after the break.

East Preston can point to taking an early lead and scoring twice away from home. What they cannot do is find a reply a third time. Selsey's goals come from three different players. None of the five names on the scoresheet appears in the division's current top-scorer list, so their season tallies are not given here.

Four goals before half-time, then the one that mattered most.

For Selsey, three goals are a meaningful share of a modest total. They have now scored 16 league goals in 14 games and conceded 24, and their goal difference moves from minus nine to minus eight. Their record reads five wins, three draws and six defeats.

The wider picture

Before kick-off Selsey were 14th on 15 points from 13 games. They finish the day 12th on 18 from 14, level on points with Westfield and Mile Oak, who sit above them on goal difference. The form guide reads DLLWW: two defeats followed by two wins.

The table explains why that matters. Worthing United in fifth and Loxwood in 13th are separated by three points: three clubs on 20, two on 19, three on 18 and Loxwood on 17. With nine clubs inside that range, a single result can move a side several places, as Saturday shows for both of these teams. One caution for Selsey: 14 games is more than any other club in the division has played. Worthing United, two points ahead in fifth, have played 11.

East Preston's afternoon reads the other way. They started 11th on 15 points from 11 games and end it 14th, still on 15, from 12. Mile Oak, Selsey and Loxwood all win and move past them. The form guide is now WLDDL: one win in five and none in the last four. Goals against rise from 14 to 17, and goal difference slips from plus two to plus one.

There is something to hold on to. That goal difference is still positive, better than any of the three clubs directly above them. East Preston have also played fewer games than all three: they are two points behind Loxwood with a game in hand, and three behind Selsey with two in hand. Arundel, in 15th, are level with them on 15 points having played once more.

What comes next

Selsey's next listed league game is at home to Arundel, who lost 7-0 at home to Reigate Priory on Saturday and are without a win in five league games (LDLDDL). East Preston travel to Mile Oak, now 11th on 18 after a 1-0 win at Oakwood. Mile Oak also host Jarvis Brook on Tuesday. A win for East Preston would take them to 18, Mile Oak's current total.

WHAT COMES NEXT

- Sat 24 Oct: Selsey v Arundel (15:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Mile Oak v East Preston (15:00)

Dougie's take: Selsey have turned a run of DLL into two straight wins, and Brennan's late goal is the difference between one point and three. A goal difference of minus eight and the most games played in the division are reasons for caution about how far they can climb. East Preston have games in hand and a positive goal difference; they now need results to match. In a mid-table this tight, Saturday's positions are unlikely to last long.

Sources: fulltime.thefa.com, scfl.org.uk

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SCFL DIVISION TWO

Level at the top.

By Dougie / 17 October 2026



Rustington's fifth straight win draws them level with Chichester City B on 24 points, while Hurstpierpoint and TD Shipley stay two behind.

Rustington have caught up. A 3-2 home win over Copthorne, in front of 130, is their fifth straight league victory and takes them to 24 points from nine games, level with Chichester City B. The leaders have no league game on Saturday, so a three-point gap closes to nothing without them kicking a ball. Chichester stay first on goal difference alone: plus 38 against Rustington's plus 24.

Chichester are not idle, though. The official results list them beating Polegate Town 8-0 in a cup tie. The listing does not name the competition, and the result does not touch the league table.

Behind the top two, Hurstpierpoint beat Worthing Town 3-1 and TD Shipley edge ASC Brighton Rangers 2-1. Both move to 22 points. Four clubs, every one of them with nine matches played, are now separated by two points.

The wider picture

Equal games played makes this table unusually easy to read for October. Nobody in the leading four has a game in hand to point to, so the order is exactly what the points say. Each of the four has lost once.

Where they differ is the goals column. Chichester have scored 45 and conceded seven: five a game at one end, fewer than one at the other. Hurstpierpoint have the next-best defence, eight conceded, with 32 scored. Rustington have 33 for and nine against; TD Shipley 26 and ten. If the points stay level, Chichester's goal-difference cushion will take some wearing down.

Form favours the chasers. Rustington's last five league results read WWWWW. Hurstpierpoint's read DWWWW: four straight wins and five unbeaten. Chichester's read WLWWW, TD Shipley's WDWLW.

Rustington do the work early. The FA Full-Time match page, filled in by the clubs, has Matthew Searle scoring on two minutes and Felix Gwara on 35 for a 2-0 half-time lead, and Andrew Cole adding the third on 79. Copthorne score twice, though their scorers are not entered, so the final margin is tighter than the first half suggested.

Hurstpierpoint's goals come from Andrew Brown (17), Jamie Waterman (45) and Joe Hooper (90), with Isaac Abatan replying for Worthing Town on 85, in front of 140. TD Shipley's win is watched by 47, but no events are entered for it.

Four clubs, nine games each, two points apart.

The chasing pack

Ferring are fifth on 18, six behind the leaders from the same nine games. They are held 1-1 at home by Southwater in front of 51. Ferring lead at half-time, although their scorer is not entered, and Callum Mainstone equalises on 55 minutes, assisted by Ajay Lane. Ferring's last five read WLDWD.

Alfold, sixth on 16, do not play. Their home game against Brighton Electricity was scheduled for Saturday but does not appear in the official results, and neither club's games-played figure changes. No reason is recorded.

Storrington Community stay seventh on 14 after a 3-3 draw at Bosham. Storrington lead 2-0 at half-time; Bosham's Tyler Richardson (57), Bobby Lee (82) and Jack Lindsay (86) score after the break. Storrington's scorers are not entered, so the order of the late goals, and whether Bosham ever lead, is not known. The attendance is 102.

Worthing Town are eighth on 12 from nine. Saturday's defeat is their second in a row after a four-match winning run, and their 38 goals conceded is the highest total in the division.

The bottom half

Rudgwick beat Upper Beeding 2-1. Luke Sprigge scores on 17 minutes, it is 1-1 at half-time with the Upper Beeding scorer not entered, and Kai Oram wins it on 71, assisted by Zachary Bown. It is only Rudgwick's second league win, but their last three read W, D, W, and the points lift them from 13th to 12th, level on eight with Southwater. Upper Beeding stay tenth on ten.

Southwater's point at Ferring ends a run of five straight league defeats. Bosham's point is their first draw of the season, but it leaves them 13th on seven, overtaken by Rudgwick.

At the foot, Copthorne have lost five league games in a row and nine of their ten, and stay on three points. Brighton Electricity are bottom on two from seven games, with two goals scored. They are one point behind Copthorne with three games in hand. At the other extreme of the fixture list, ninth-placed ASC Brighton Rangers have played 11, more than anyone.

Recent form in numbers

The scoring chart, compiled from dugoutdatahub.com (last updated 14 October) plus Saturday's Full-Time entries, belongs to Chichester City B. Josh Hall leads on 13, Joshua Irish has ten and Joshua Castle eight: three of the top four. Alfold's Ince Florimond

also has eight. Jordan Dean Clark (Rustington) and Reece Nixon (TD Shipley) have seven.

Andrew Brown and Kai Oram move to six with Saturday's goals, joining Jack Lanigan (Ferring), Declan Partridge (Southwater), Fahmi Juneydi (Worthing Town), Jack De leiburne (Hurstpierpoint) and Jordan Suter (Storrington Community). These are all-competition totals, and several of Saturday's goals have no scorer recorded, including all eight in Chichester's cup win, so some figures may be understated.

WHAT COMES NEXT

- Sat 24 Oct: Upper Beeding v Chichester City B (14:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Alfold v Copthorne (14:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Rudgwick v Hurstpierpoint (14:00)

Only three Division Two league games are listed for next Saturday, and two involve the top four. Chichester go to tenth-placed Upper Beeding; Hurstpierpoint visit a Rudgwick side unbeaten in three. Rustington and TD Shipley have no league fixture listed, so wins for Chichester and Hurstpierpoint would put them on 27 and 25 respectively, with Rustington's 24 standing still. Alfold host Copthorne knowing that a win would take them to 19, one point above Ferring.

Dougie's take: Rustington have done everything asked of them, and five straight wins have erased the gap. Chichester still have the better goal difference, three of the top four names on the scoring list and a game next week while Rustington wait. Hurstpierpoint are the quiet threat, with the second-best defence and four wins on the bounce. At the bottom, Copthorne and Brighton Electricity need a result soon, before the gap to the clubs above them hardens.

Sources: scfl.org.uk (official table and results), FA Full-Time (fulltime.thefa.com), dugoutdatahub.com (scorers), sofascore.com (fixtures)

SCFL DIVISION TWO

The league table

Standings after the weekend of 17 October 2026

POS	CLUB	P	W	D	L	GD	GF	PTS	FORM
1	 Chichester City B	9	8	0	1	+38	45	24	W L W W W
2	 Rustington	9	8	0	1	+24	33	24	W W W W W
3	 Hurstpierpoint	9	7	1	1	+24	32	22	D W W W W
4	 TD Shipley	9	7	1	1	+16	26	22	W D W L W
5	 Ferring	9	5	3	1	+10	21	18	W L D W D
6	 Alfold	9	5	1	3	+2	18	16	W W L W W
7	 Storrington Community	10	4	2	4	-9	19	14	W W L D D
8	 Worthing Town	9	4	0	5	-17	21	12	W W W L L
9	 ASC Brighton Rangers	11	3	2	6	-14	17	11	W W L W L
10	 Upper Beeding	10	3	1	6	-7	15	10	L L D W L
11	 Southwater	10	2	2	6	-11	17	8	L L L L D
12	 Rudgwick	10	2	2	6	-11	13	8	L L W D W
13	 Bosham	9	2	1	6	-5	16	7	L W L L D
14	 Copthorne	10	1	0	9	-24	11	3	L L L L L
15	 Brighton Electricity	7	0	2	5	-16	2	2	D L L L L

Results up to and including Sat 17 Oct 2026. Form: last five league games, latest on the right (W green, D yellow, L red).

SCFL DIVISION TWO

The results ledger

Weekend results, what comes next and the scoring charts

THIS WEEKEND

Bosham		3–3		Storrington Commu...
Ferring		1–1		Southwater
Hurstpierpoint		3–1		Worthing Town
Rudgwick		2–1		Upper Beeding
Rustington		3–2		Copthorne
TD Shipley		2–1		ASC Brighton Rang...
Chichester City B		8–0		Pole... Cup (competiti

COMING UP

Upper Beeding		Sat 24 Oct 14:00		Chichester City B
Alfold		Sat 24 Oct 14:00		Copthorne
Rudgwick		Sat 24 Oct 14:00		Hurstpierpoint

WHO IS FINDING THE NET? · all competitions, to 17 Oct

	Josh Hall Chichester City B		13
	Ince Florimond Alfold		8
	Jordan Dean Clark Rustington		7
	Andrew Brown Hurstpierpoint		6
	Jack Lanigan Ferring		6

	Joshua Irish Chichester City B		10
	Joshua Castle Chichester City B		8
	Reece Nixon TD Shipley		7
	Kai Oram Rudgwick		6
	Declan Partridge Southwater		6

SCFL DIVISION TWO / MATCH REPORT

Three scorers. Four straight wins.

By Dougie / Hurstpierpoint 3-1 Worthing Town / Saturday 17 October

Goals from Brown, Waterman and Hooper keep Hurstpierpoint two points off the top after Abatan's late reply for Worthing Town.



SCFL DIVISION TWO · SAT 17 OCT 2026 · ATTENDANCE 140



Hurstpierpoint

Andrew Brown 17'
Jamie Waterman 45'
Joe Hooper 90'

3-1

Worthing Town

Isaac Abatan 85'

Hurstpierpoint do not let Worthing Town's late goal turn into anything more than a few anxious minutes. Andrew Brown and Jamie Waterman put the hosts two up, Isaac Abatan pulls one back on 85, and Joe Hooper restores the two-goal margin in the 90th minute. It finishes 3-1 in front of 140, and Hurstpierpoint stay within two points of the top of Division Two.

The FA Full-Time match page, filled in through the clubs' Matchday entries, supplies the timeline. Brown opens the scoring on 17 minutes. Waterman's goal is listed at 45. Abatan's reply is entered at 85, Hooper's at 90. Hurstpierpoint name Ben Foster as their player of the match. No line-ups, cards or half-time score are recorded, so this account stays with the four goals and the people who scored them.

Inside the result

The timeline falls into three parts. Brown's goal and Waterman's give Hurstpierpoint a two-goal lead. The record then lists no further goal for 40 minutes. Abatan's finish on 85 halves the deficit and gives Worthing Town the closing stages to look for an equaliser. Hooper's goal five minutes later ends that hope.

That last goal matters more than its place at the bottom of the list suggests. At 2-1, one more Worthing Town goal would have cost Hurstpierpoint two points. A draw would have left them on 20, four behind the joint leaders; the win leaves them two behind. In a title race this tight, the difference between those two numbers is real.

Brown's goal takes him to six for the season in all competitions, according to the scoring list compiled from dugoutdatahub.com and Saturday's Full-Time entries. That puts him level with team-mate Jack De leburne as Hurstpierpoint's joint-leading scorers on the list. Worthing Town's leading scorer on the same list, Fahmi Juneydi, also on six, is not on Saturday's scoresheet; Abatan supplies their goal.

A draw would have left Hurstpierpoint four behind. The win leaves them two behind.

The wider picture

Hurstpierpoint start the day third on 19 points from eight games and finish it third on 22 from nine. Chichester City B and Rustington, the joint leaders, have 24 from nine. TD Shipley, also winners on Saturday, are level with Hurstpierpoint on 22 but below them on goal difference, plus 16 against plus 24. Four clubs, all with nine games played, are separated by two points.

Hurstpierpoint's record now reads seven wins, one draw and one defeat. They have scored 32 and conceded eight, the second-best defensive record in the division behind Chichester's seven. Their last five league results read DWWWW: four straight wins and five without defeat.

Worthing Town's picture is more complicated. They stay eighth on 12 points from nine games, with four wins and five defeats. Their form string, WWLWL, shows how quickly the mood can turn: a run of four straight league wins ended last time out, and this is a second defeat in a row. They have scored 21, the same as fifth-placed Ferring, but their 38 conceded is the highest total in Division Two. Three conceded on Saturday is actually below their season average of more than four a game.

Goal difference tells the same story from another angle. Worthing Town are on minus 17, a worse figure than every club below them except Copthorne. Their four wins protect the points total: they sit one point above ASC Brighton Rangers, who have played two games more.

RECENT FORM IN NUMBERS

- Hurstpierpoint: 3rd, P9 W7 D1 L1, goals 32-8, 22 pts, form DWWWW
- Worthing Town: 8th, P9 W4 D0 L5, goals 21-38, 12 pts, form WWLWL
- Joint leaders Chichester City B and Rustington: 24 pts from 9

What comes next

Hurstpierpoint travel to Rudgwick on Saturday 24 October (14:00). Rudgwick are 12th on eight points, but they arrive on the back of a 2-1 win over Upper Beeding and are unbeaten in three. Rustington and TD Shipley have no league game listed that day, so a Hurstpierpoint win would lift them to 25 and above Rustington until Rustington next play. Chichester, at Upper Beeding the same afternoon, would stay ahead with a win of their own.

No Worthing Town league fixture is listed for that weekend.

Dougie's take: this is a professional afternoon rather than a spectacular one, and the result is what counts. Hurstpierpoint score at the right moments, answer the one awkward moment straight away and keep pace with the leaders. Worthing Town have shown they can string wins together. The defensive numbers are what need attention if that run is to come back.

Sources: FA Full-Time (fulltime.thefa.com) match 30927338, scfl.org.uk (official table), dugoutdatahub.com (scorers), sofascore.com (fixtures)

SCFL DIVISION TWO / MATCH REPORT

Two down. Three goals. One point.



By Dougie / Bosham 3-3 Storrington Community / Saturday 17 October

Bosham trail 2-0 at half-time, then score through Richardson, Lee and Lindsay to share six goals with Storrington Community.

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Bosham

Tyler Richardson 57'
Bobby Lee 82'
Jack Lindsay 86'

3-3

HT 0-2



Storrington Community

3 goals (scorers and minutes not entered)

Bosham go in at half-time two goals behind and come out of the afternoon with a point. Storrington Community lead 2-0 at the interval. Bosham score three times in the second half, through Tyler Richardson on 57 minutes, Bobby Lee on 82 and Jack Lindsay on 86. Storrington also score a third after the break, and the final score is 3-3, in front of 102.

The FA Full-Time match page carries Bosham's entries but none from Storrington, so the visitors' three scorers and the minutes of their goals are not recorded. That leaves one question open: did Bosham ever lead? If Storrington's third goal comes before Lindsay's, Lindsay's finish is the equaliser. If it comes after, Bosham have been ahead and been pegged back. The record does not say which, and this report will not guess.

Inside the result

What the record does establish is the shape of Bosham's response. All three of their goals arrive in the last 33 minutes of normal time. Richardson's on 57 starts it; Lee's and Lindsay's come four minutes apart near the end. Whatever the precise sequence, a side two down at half-time scores three times after it.

The crowd is worth a line too. The official results list 102 at Bosham, the third-highest attendance recorded in Division Two on Saturday, behind Hurstpierpoint's 140 and Rustington's 130. Ferring (51) and TD Shipley (47) drew roughly half that. Rudgwick's figure is not listed.

Three goals is a significant return for Bosham. Before kick-off they had scored 13 in eight league games; they now have 16 from nine. Three different players share them, and none of the three appears on the division's leading-scorer list.

For Storrington, three away goals bring only a single point. Their listed leading scorer, Jordan Suter, has six in all competitions on the dugoutdatahub.com list, but with no Storrington scorers entered it is not known whether he adds to that total here.

A side two down at half-time scores three times after it.

The wider picture

Bosham begin the day 12th on six points, with one win in their previous five. The draw takes them to seven from nine, yet they slip to 13th, because Rudgwick's 2-1 win over Upper Beeding lifts Rudgwick to eight. It is Bosham's first draw of the league season: two wins, one draw, six defeats.

One figure sits oddly with that position. Bosham's goal difference of minus five is better than that of every club from seventh place down. They have also played nine, one fewer than Storrington, Upper Beeding, Southwater and Rudgwick. They are four points clear of Cophorne in 14th, one behind Rudgwick and Southwater, and three behind Upper Beeding.

Storrington Community start seventh on 13 and stay seventh on 14, from ten games. Their last five read WWLDD: two wins, then a defeat and two draws, so three league games without a win. Ten games played is the most of anyone in the top eight, and their goal difference of minus nine is the only negative figure in the top seven. Only three clubs have conceded more than Storrington's 28; Southwater have conceded the same.

The gaps around them are small. Alfold, sixth on 16, are two points ahead with a game in hand. Worthing Town, eighth on 12, are two behind, also with a game in hand.

RECENT FORM IN NUMBERS

- Bosham: 13th, P9 W2 D1 L6, goals 16-21, 7 pts, form LWLLD
- Storrington Community: 7th, P10 W4 D2 L4, goals 19-28, 14 pts, form WWLDD

What comes next

Neither club has a league fixture listed for Saturday 24 October, when only three Division Two games appear: Upper Beeding v Chichester City B, Alfold v Copthorne and Rudgwick v Hurstpierpoint. Two of those matter to both sides here. Alfold can stretch their lead over Storrington, and Rudgwick can open a bigger gap above Bosham.

Dougie's take: Bosham will look at this as a point won, and the second half supports that view. A team with one win in five, two down at the break, finds three goals in the time it has left. Storrington will see it differently: three away goals, a two-goal half-time lead, and one point from it. Until somebody enters the missing minutes, the exact path from 0-2 to 3-3 stays blank. Bosham's three second-half goals are the part of the story the record can tell.

Sources: FA Full-Time (fulltime.thefa.com) match 30927336, scfl.org.uk (official table), dugoutdatahub.com (scorers), sofascore.com (fixtures)

BRIGHTON, WORTHING & DISTRICT DIVISION 1

One point and a game in hand.

By Dougie / 17 October 2026



TMG beat Lectern 7-2 to stay top, Rottingdean Village win 9-0 to stay perfect, and the two meet on 31 October.

Three matches, 25 goals. TMG beat Lectern 7-2 at Ferring FC to stay top of Division 1. Rottingdean Village beat Montpelier Villa II 9-0 to keep a perfect record. Sompting win 4-3 at Boys Brigade Old Boys, the closest game of the day, and climb to third.

That leaves TMG on 13 points from five games and Rottingdean on 12 from four. One point separates them, and Rottingdean have the game in hand.

A note on sources: FA Full-Time publishes scores and the table for this seven-team league, but no line-ups or attendances. Scorers are entered for the top two's wins: Bradley Hunt scores five of TMG's seven, and Carl Leonard's hat-trick leads Rottingdean's nine, with George Coltherd-Walls supplying five assists. At Boys Brigade Old Boys, three of Sompting's four are credited, two to Edward Mesquitta and one to Shane Leggett; the home side's goals are not entered.

Sompting's win is the only one of the three decided by a single goal. It is also, at seven goals, the lowest-scoring game of the afternoon, which says a good deal about this division.

The title race

TMG's season so far reads W, W, W, D, W: four wins, one draw, no defeats. They have scored 31 and conceded five. That is more than six goals a game at one end and one a game at the other. The draw in their fourth match is the only time they have dropped points.

Rottingdean have won all four: 22 scored, three conceded. Saturday's clean sheet means their goals-against figure has not moved since the first three games. Nine goals in one afternoon compares with 13 across those first three matches.

Rottingdean's game in hand is worth up to three points, enough on paper to turn a one-point deficit into a two-point lead. TMG have the better goal difference, plus 26 against plus 19, which only matters if the points finish level.

Between them, the top two have conceded eight goals in nine matches. The other five clubs have conceded 108 between them.

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The fixture list has already set the date of the first meeting between the two. Before then, TMG go to bottom side Montpelier Villa II on 24 October, while Rottingdean host Lectern the same afternoon. Then on Saturday 31 October, Rottingdean Village host TMG: second against first. If both win next week, TMG arrive on 16

points from six and Rottingdean on 15 from five.

The chasing pack

Sompting's 4-3 win at Boys Brigade Old Boys takes them from fourth to third, on seven points from five. Their season reads L, W, D, L, W, with 15 scored and 13 conceded. They are six behind TMG and five behind Rottingdean, a gap that the top two's form makes hard to close quickly.

Lectern drop from third to fourth after the defeat at TMG. They have five points from five games: one win, two draws and two defeats. That one win came in their opening match, and they are without a win in four since. The seven goals conceded on Saturday compare with eleven across their previous four games combined, and their goal difference falls from plus one to minus four.

Boys Brigade Old Boys are fifth on four points from four games: L, D, W, L. They have scored 14, the same as Lectern, but conceded 25, more than six a game. Saturday's 4-3 home defeat is their second in four games, and the narrowest result of the weekend.

Diversity United do not play on Saturday. They are sixth on four points from five, with 9 scored and 22 conceded. Their season began with three defeats, but the last two read W, D, so they are unbeaten in two.

Montpelier Villa II are bottom on three points from six games, the most played in the division. Their only win came in their second match, and four straight defeats have followed. The nine conceded at Rottingdean takes their goals-against column to 30, compared with 21 across their first five games, and their goal difference moves from minus ten to minus 19.

Recent form in numbers

Seventeen league matches have produced 116 goals, an average of almost seven a game. Saturday's three matches produced 25. TMG alone account for 31 of the season's goals, more than a quarter of the total, and together with Rottingdean they have scored 53, not far short of half. Games played range from four (Rottingdean Village, Boys Brigade Old Boys) to six (Montpelier Villa II), so the table will keep shifting as the fixture list evens out.

The Dugout Cash Cup

The Dugout Cash Cup ties are set for Saturday 7 November. Dougie declares an interest: the competition carries the Dugout name, which earns it a mention but not a softer assessment. The draw pairs TMG with Sompting, first against third. Rottingdean Village play Boys Brigade Old Boys, second against fifth. Lectern meet

Montpelier Villa II, fourth against seventh. Diversity United are not in the listed ties. On league form, the top two are favourites. Lectern v Montpelier Villa II is the tie that looks closest on paper.

Two clubs have a blank week in the league programme ahead. Sompting have no fixture listed on 24 October before going to Diversity United on 31 October. Montpelier Villa II host TMG on the 24th and then have no listed game on the 31st.

WHAT COMES NEXT

- Sat 24 Oct: Boys Brigade Old Boys v Diversity United (14:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Rottingdean Village v Lectern (14:00)
- Sat 24 Oct: Montpelier Villa II v TMG (15:00)
- Sat 31 Oct: Diversity United v Sompting (13:00)
- Sat 31 Oct: Lectern v Boys Brigade Old Boys (14:00)
- Sat 31 Oct: Rottingdean Village v TMG (14:00)
- Sat 7 Nov (Dugout Cash Cup): Lectern v Montpelier Villa II; Rottingdean Village v Boys Brigade Old Boys; TMG v Sompting

Dougie's take: this is a two-club race so far, and the two are closely matched. TMG have the points and the goal difference; Rottingdean have the perfect record and the game in hand. Lectern, who face both of them in successive weeks, are the club with most to prove. The real verdict comes on 31 October. Until then, the scores alone make a compelling enough case.

Sources: FA Full-Time (fulltime.thefa.com) (Brighton, Worthing & District League), fulltime.thefa.com match records, fixtures 30949800-30949802

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The league table

Standings after the weekend of 17 October 2026

POS	CLUB	P	W	D	L	GD	GF	PTS	FORM
1	 TMG	5	4	1	0	+26	31	13	W W W D W
2	 Rottingdean Village	4	4	0	0	+19	22	12	W W W W
3	 Sompting	5	2	1	2	+2	15	7	L W D L W
4	 Lectern	5	1	2	2	-4	14	5	W L D D L
5	 Boys Brigade Old Boys	4	1	1	2	-11	14	4	L D W L
6	 Diversity United	5	1	1	3	-13	9	4	L L L W D
7	 Montpelier Villa II	6	1	0	5	-19	11	3	W L L L L

Results to Sat 17 Oct 2026 (FA Full-Time, read 18 Oct). Form: last five league games, latest on the right (W green, D yellow, L red).



BRIGHTON, WORTHING & DISTRICT

The results ledger

Weekend results, what comes next and the scoring charts

THIS WEEKEND

Boys Brigade Old B...		3-4		Sompting
Rottingdean Village		9-0		Montpelier Villa II
TMG		7-2		Lectern

COMING UP

Boys Brigade Old B...		Sat 24 Oct 14:00		Diversity United
Rottingdean Village		Sat 24 Oct 14:00		Lectern
Montpelier Villa II		Sat 24 Oct 15:00		TMG
Diversity United		Sat 31 Oct 13:00		Sompting
Lectern		Sat 31 Oct 14:00		Boys Brigade Old B...
Rottingdean Village		Sat 31 Oct 14:00		TMG

WHO'S FINDING FORM? · points from last five (no scorer data published)

TMG	W W W D W	13
Rottingdean Village	W W W W	12
Sompting	L W D L W	7
Lectern	W L D D L	5
Boys Brigade Old Boys	L D W L	4
Diversity United	L L L W D	4
Montpelier Villa II	W L L L L	3

BRIGHTON, WORTHING & DISTRICT DIVISION 1 / MATCH REPORT

Seven for the leaders.

By Dougie / TMG 7-2 Lectern / Saturday 17 October

First beat third by five goals at Ferring FC, keeping TMG unbeaten and a point clear of Rottingdean Village.

BWDL DIVISION 1 · SAT 17 OCT 2026 · FERRING FC

**TMG**

Bradley Hunt 10'
Bradley Hunt 20'
Harry Franks 30'
Bradley Hunt 55'
Bradley Hunt 65'
Barney Boutwood 70'
Bradley Hunt 85'

7-2**Lectern**

Scorers not entered

First against third, and the gap in the table shows on the scoreboard. TMG beat Lectern 7-2 at Ferring FC to stay top of Division 1, unbeaten after five games. Lectern start the day third and finish it fourth.

FA Full-Time's match record now lists TMG's scorers, though not Lectern's, and there is still no half-time score, line-up or attendance. The name that matters is Bradley Hunt, who scores five: on 10, 20, 55, 65 and 85 minutes. Harry Franks adds one on 30 and Barney Boutwood another on 70. Lectern's two goals have no names against them.

Inside the result

Seven goals is a big number even by TMG's standards, and their standards are high. They had scored 24 in their first four league games, an average of six. Saturday's total takes them to 31 from five. Hunt's five on their own would have been enough to win the match.

The two goals at the other end are just as interesting. TMG had conceded only three in their first four matches. Lectern score two in one afternoon, two-thirds of that previous total. It still leaves the leaders with the second-best defensive record in the division, five conceded, behind Rottingdean Village's three.

For Lectern, the seven conceded is the heavier number. They had let in eleven across their first four games combined. Their goals-against column now reads 18, and their goal difference falls from plus one to minus four. Two scored away to the leaders is something to keep; the rest of the scoreline is not.

Lectern's scoring is not the issue on the season's evidence. Their 14 goals are the fourth-highest total in the division, level with Boys Brigade Old Boys and one behind Sompting. It is the 18 conceded that has pulled them down the table.

Two scored away to the leaders is something to keep; the rest of the scoreline is not.

The wider picture

TMG begin the afternoon on ten points from four games, goal difference plus 21. They finish on 13 from five, plus 26. Their season reads W, W, W, D, W: four wins and a draw, with the draw in their fourth game the only time they have dropped points.

The win matters because the club behind them will not let up. Rottingdean Village beat Montpelier Villa II 9-0 on the same afternoon and are on 12 points from four games, all won. TMG's lead is one point, and Rottingdean have the game in hand. Without these three points, TMG would have been second this morning.

Lectern's slide is gentler but visible. They begin with five points from four games, in third place, and end on five from five, in fourth, passed by Sompting's 4-3 win at Boys Brigade Old Boys. Their season reads W, L, D, D, L: a win in their opening match, then four without one. They are two points behind Sompting, and one ahead of both Boys Brigade Old Boys, who have a game in hand, and Diversity United.

RECENT FORM IN NUMBERS

- TMG: 1st, P5 W4 D1 L0, goals 31-5, 13 pts, form WWWDW
- Lectern: 4th, P5 W1 D2 L2, goals 14-18, 5 pts, form WLDDL
- Rottingdean Village: 2nd, P4 W4, goals 22-3, 12 pts

What comes next

TMG's next two league games could hardly be more different. On Saturday 24 October they go to Montpelier Villa II (15:00), the bottom club, who lost 9-0 at Rottingdean on Saturday. A week later,

on 31 October, they visit Rottingdean Village (14:00) for first against second. If both sides win next week, TMG arrive on 16 points from six and Rottingdean on 15 from five.

Lectern's next step is no easier. They go to Rottingdean Village on 24 October (14:00), which means facing the top two in successive weeks. They then host Boys Brigade Old Boys on 31 October (14:00), a meeting with the side directly below them.

Both clubs also have a Dugout Cash Cup tie on Saturday 7 November. TMG host Sompting, first against third. Lectern host Montpellier Villa II, fourth against seventh.

Dougie's take: five goals from one player is the figure that stands out, and Bradley Hunt has earned the headline. Beyond that, this is a leading side doing exactly what leaders must do against the team third in the table, with the chasing club winning 9-0 on the same afternoon. Lectern have two tough weeks to absorb before the fixtures soften. TMG have one easier-looking trip and then the game of the season so far.

Sources: FA Full-Time (fulltime.thefa.com) (Brighton, Worthing & District League), fulltime.thefa.com match record, fixture 30949802

BRIGHTON, WORTHING & DISTRICT DIVISION 1 / MATCH REPORT

Nine goals. Four from four.

By Dougie / Rottingdean Village 9-0 Montpelier Villa II / Saturday 17 October

Rottingdean Village keep their perfect record with the weekend's biggest win and stay a point behind TMG with a game in hand.



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Rottingdean Village

Jack Crosse 1'
Ben Vardy 5'
Carl Leonard 30'
Frederic Linstrum 43'
Adrian Avery 50'
Carl Leonard 60'
Carl Leonard 69'
Josh Hooper 80'
Jack Crosse 90'

9-0

HT 4-0



Montpelier Villa II

Rottingdean Village do not just keep their perfect record. They underline it. A 9-0 win over Montpelier Villa II at Rottingdean Cricket Club makes it four wins from four, and it is the biggest margin of the Division 1 weekend.

FA Full-Time's match record lists every scorer and assist, though no line-ups or attendance. Jack Crosse scores in the first minute from Carl Leonard's pass, and Ben Vardy adds a second on five, set up by Crosse. Leonard and Frederic Linstrum, both from Vardy assists, make it 4-0 by the 43rd minute.

The second half belongs to George Coltherd-Walls. He provides the assists for Adrian Avery on 50, for Leonard on 60 and 69 to complete his hat-trick, for Josh Hooper on 80 and for Crosse, with his second, on 90. Five assists, and no goals of his own, earn him player of the match.

Inside the result

Nine goals in one afternoon is a striking figure against Rottingdean's own record. They had scored 13 in their first three league matches; Saturday adds nine more, taking them to 22 from four, an average of five and a half a game.

The clean sheet may matter more over a season. Rottingdean had conceded three goals before Saturday and still have conceded three. That is the meanest defence in the division, ahead of TMG's five.

For Montpelier Villa II, the numbers run the other way. They had conceded 21 across their first five games; Saturday adds nine, taking the column to 30. Their goal difference moves from minus ten to minus 19. They have scored 11 across six matches, and none of them here. That is still more than Diversity United's nine, which

suggests their difficulty lies mostly at the other end.

Rottingdean had conceded three goals before Saturday. They still have conceded three.

The wider picture

Rottingdean begin the day second on nine points from three games, goal difference plus ten. They finish second on 12 from four, plus 19. That is one point behind TMG, who beat Lectern 7-2 the same afternoon, and with a game in hand. The extra game is worth up to three points, enough on paper to turn a one-point deficit into a two-point lead.

Montpelier Villa II start and finish bottom, on three points. They have now played six games, more than any other club in the division. Their season reads L, W, L, L, L, L: one win, in their second match, followed by four straight defeats. They are one point behind both Boys Brigade Old Boys and Diversity United, who have played four and five games respectively.

The top two's dominance is clear in a single comparison. TMG and Rottingdean have conceded eight goals between them in nine league matches. The other five clubs have conceded 108.

The scale of the margin also stands out in a high-scoring division. Seventeen league matches this season have produced 116 goals, almost seven a game, and Rottingdean's 22 are the second-highest total, behind TMG's 31.

Below them, the gap is already wide. Sompting, third after their 4-3 win at Boys Brigade Old Boys, have seven points from five games,

five behind Rottingdean with a game more played. Lectern, Rottingdean's next visitors, have five points from five and have not won in four.

RECENT FORM IN NUMBERS

- Rottingdean Village: 2nd, P4 W4 D0 L0, goals 22-3, 12 pts, form WWWW
- Montpellier Villa II: 7th, P6 W1 D0 L5, goals 11-30, 3 pts, form WLLLL
- Leaders TMG: 13 pts from 5, goals 31-5

What comes next

Rottingdean's fixture list is a demanding one, and it is all at home. They host Lectern on Saturday 24 October (14:00), then TMG on 31 October (14:00) for second against first, then Boys Brigade Old Boys in the Dugout Cash Cup on 7 November. Lectern start that run fourth, having just lost 7-2 at TMG.

Montpellier Villa II's next opponent offers no relief. They host TMG on 24 October (15:00), which means facing the top two in successive weeks. No league fixture is listed for them on 31 October. Their Dugout Cash Cup tie on 7 November is away to Lectern, fourth against seventh.

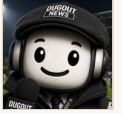
Dougie's take: four games, four wins, three goals conceded, and now a nine-goal afternoon with six different scorers. Rottingdean could hardly have arrived at the TMG fixture with a stronger case, provided they deal with Lectern first. Montpellier Villa II's problem is plain from the goals-against column. Thirty conceded in six games is a figure that needs to come down before the points total can go up.

Sources: FA Full-Time (fulltime.thefa.com) (Brighton, Worthing & District League), fulltime.thefa.com match record, fixture 30949801

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