

DUGOUT NEWS



2-4 OCTOBER 2026



Crawley Down
Gatwick

FRI / FULL-TIME

4 - 2



Little Common



Hassocks

SAT / FULL-TIME

2 - 1



Pagham



Ferring

SAT / FULL-TIME

5 - 1



Storrington
Community



Arundel

SAT / FULL-TIME

2 - 2



Mile Oak



Worthing United

SUN 11:00

V



Saltdean United



Newhaven

SUN 14:45

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Bexhill United

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SATURDAY. SUSSEX. OUR GAME.

By DUGOUT DIARIES



What a Saturday for Sussex non-league. Three hop matches, thirteen goals and another reminder of why these clubs deserve our attention. Hassocks beat Pagham 2–1, Ferring put five past Storrington Community in a 5–1 win, and Arundel and Mile Oak shared four goals in a 2–2 draw. Different divisions, different grounds, one weekend bringing them together. That is something worth celebrating.

Friday set us up nicely, with Crawley Down Gatwick beating Little Common 4–2. Four completed games have now delivered nineteen goals. My verdict? The SCFL hop deserves a proper round of applause. Giving supporters a route through our local game, with staggered kick-offs and a fresh club at every stop, is a brilliant way to put Sussex football in the spotlight.

Credit to Terry Doyle, the SCFL, GroundhopUK and @SussexHop2026, and to the host clubs and volunteers who make the whole thing possible. Organising the route is one job; opening the gates, getting the food ready and welcoming visitors is another. The people doing both deserve recognition. This is a weekend our league can be proud of.

For me, the beauty of a hop is the discovery. A different terrace. A new food hatch. A programme for the collection. A badge you did not own yesterday. Give another club a chance and you might find somewhere you want to return. That is the opportunity this event creates: attention today that can become lasting support.

And Sussex delivered away from the hop too. Worthing won 2–1 at Gateshead, Lewes beat Whitehawk 1–0, Burgess Hill won 4–1, Bognor came through a nine-goal thriller at Kingstorian, 5–4, and Steyning won 4–3 at Herne Bay. Haywards Heath added a 4–0 win over Midhurst & Easebourne. Plenty for Dougie to get his teeth into, and plenty for us to talk about.

We are not finished yet. Sunday brings Worthing United against Saltdean United at 11am, then Newhaven against Bexhill United at 2.45pm. Get behind the hosts, thank the volunteers and enjoy another corner of our game. Well done, SCFL. Well done, everyone behind the hop. Now let us give Sunday the send-off it deserves.

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A WEEKEND WORTH GETTING BEHIND

Pack your appetite as well as your scarf. The fourth annual SCFL Groundhop brings six grounds and all three divisions into one weekend. Staggered kickoffs make the journey part of the football: a groundhop is a chance to visit several clubs, discover another terrace and meet the people who keep it running.

Southern Combination Hop 2026, @SussexHop2026, is the event account behind this Sussex weekend. Its profile identifies the hop as a GroundhopUK event. Credit to the organisers for giving our clubs a shared stage, and to the volunteers welcoming visitors through the gates. This is exactly the kind of occasion DUGOUT NEWS wants to champion.

THE ROUTE THROUGH SUSSEX

Friday opened with Crawley Down Gatwick 4-2 Little Common. Saturday delivered Hassocks 2-1 Pagham, Ferring 5-1 Storrington Community and Arundel 2-2 Mile Oak. Sunday 4 October completes the route: Worthing United v Saltdean United at 11:00 and Newhaven v Bexhill United at 14:45. Sunday times are BST; check official updates before travelling.

Six different stops give six hosts the opportunity to welcome new faces, build bigger crowds and introduce visitors to their club. A programme, a drink or something from the food hatch can turn a visit into support that matters.

THE FOOD, THE FINDS, THE PEOPLE

Hassocks' matchday plans included special breakfast items at the Treadstone Construction Tea Hut and Jodie's Food Wagon, AM Coffee's ground debut, groundhop merchandise, pin badges and a 68-page club programme. Food, football and a souvenir: a proper invitation to discover another Sussex club.

The SCFL names Terry Doyle as its Groundhop organiser. Planning a weekend like this takes coordination; delivering it takes host clubs and volunteers. Thank them, try something new and give each ground your attention. The fixtures are the framework. The clubs are the reason to go.

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FOUR GAMES COMPLETED. SUNDAY STILL TO COME.

THE HOP / RESULTS SO FAR

By Dougie / Friday 2 and Saturday 3 October 2026



THE COMPLETED GAMES

Crawley Down Gatwick 4–2 Little Common

Friday 2 October / Premier

Crawley Down Gatwick won the Friday opener 4–2 at Haven Sportsfield. FA Full-Time now reports a 2–2 half-time score, so the Anvils' two-goal winning margin was established after the interval. The victory takes Crawley Down to 15 league points from 12 games. Little Common remain on four points from nine. Individual scorers and a detailed account of the goals were not available in the accessible official reports, so this is a results brief.

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Hassocks 2–1 Pagham

Saturday 3 October / Premier

Hassocks won Saturday's first hop game 2–1 against Pagham. The updated Premier table has Hassocks on 20 points from nine games and Pagham on 16 from nine. The final is confirmed by FA Full-Time; unreported scorers, minutes and attendance are omitted.

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Ferring 5–1 Storrington Community

Saturday 3 October / Division Two

Ferring beat Storrington Community 5–1 in the Division Two hop game. Ferring now have 17 points from eight matches; Storrington have 12 from eight. The four-goal margin is the largest of the four completed hop matches. No sequence of goals is inferred from the final score.

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Arundel 2–2 Mile Oak

Saturday 3 October / Division One

Arundel and Mile Oak shared a 2–2 draw in the late Saturday fixture. The final has now appeared in FA Full-Time and replaces the earlier preview. Each club takes one league point. Scorers, goal times and attendance were not supplied in the available result record.

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SUNDAY / 4 OCTOBER

Worthing United v Saltdean United, 11:00. Newhaven v Bexhill United, 14:45. Retained scouting pages are dated 2 October; use the fresh league tables for current standings.

THE HOP, THROUGH YOUR EYES >

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THE HOP, THROUGH YOUR EYES.

Saturday 3 October / Four genuine posts. Four sides of our Sussex game.

@hassocksfc

3 OCT 2026 / 13:06 BST

**“We’re incredibly grateful for your support.
UP THE ROBINS!”**



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@_FerringFC

3 OCT 2026 / 17:06 BST

5-1

**“Phone died for
admin.”**

The most non-league full-time update of the day? Ferring’s admin returned with five goals and a reason to celebrate.

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@SussexHop2026

3 OCT 2026 / 15:03 BST

**“31’ the attendance for our 2nd game of the
day is 282”**



Ferring v Storrington / in-match attendance announcement

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@ArundelOfficial

3 OCT 2026 / 19:38 BST

2-2

**“A wonder strike from the
visitors makes it 2-2. 30
yards out straight into top
corner.”**

A spectacular equaliser at Mill Road, in the host club's own words.

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WORTHING CLIMB. WOOD KEEP GOING.

National League



By Dougie / reporting window 27 September–3 October 2026

THE SATURDAY PICTURE

A Sussex win away from home belongs near the top of any Saturday notebook. Worthing beat Gateshead 2–1 and sit fifth in the National League table on 21 points from 12 games. That is the county's headline at this level, but the wider division supplied plenty more: Boreham Wood kept their unbeaten league record, Harrogate and Southend won, and Yeovil finished with the day's largest winning margin. Dougie's rule for this evening is simple: enjoy the scores, then look at what they actually change.

Worthing's official records credit Jack Wadham with the opener after 19 minutes and Jordy Hiwula with Gateshead's equaliser on 29. The club's full report identifies the winner as an Alex Lankshear own goal following Bailey Smith's cross. Those are reported events rather than a reconstruction of the action. Worthing now have six wins, three draws and three defeats in the league. Gateshead remain bottom on four points. An away victory is valuable in its own right; in this table it also keeps Worthing among the leading group rather than merely watching that group from below.

Boreham Wood's 3–1 home win against Altrincham took the leaders to 32 points. Ten wins and two draws from 12 is an exceptionally strong start, and the seven-point gap to Harrogate is real. The caution is equally real: it is October, with a long season ahead. Southend's 3–1 against AFC Fylde leaves them a point behind Harrogate, while Yeovil's 6–0 against Boston moves the conversation towards both points and goal difference. The attached table records the whole field, including the teams whose Saturday story was less comfortable.

Eleven Saturday league games have confirmed final scores in the official feed. Scunthorpe United against Forest Green Rovers is listed as postponed and is excluded from the goals total. Woking won 3–1 at Eastleigh; Carlisle won by the same score at Aldershot; Tamworth took a 1–0 victory at Hartlepool; Halifax won 2–0 at Solihull. Kidderminster and Sutton shared a 1–1 draw. There is no need to invent a dramatic description of any of them: the results already tell us which teams collected points.

SUSSEX TAKEAWAY

Worthing's 2-1 win over Gateshead keeps the Sussex story near the top of the National League: fifth, with 21 points from 12 games. Boreham Wood lead on 32 points. The gap remains substantial, but Worthing have a result to build on. Their place in this table makes the next league outing more than a routine fixture.

CLUBS IN FOCUS

Boreham Wood — 32 points from 12 games, with 10 wins, 2 draws and 0 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Boreham Wood 3–1 Altrincham on 03 October. Next on the published week-ahead list: Sutton United versus Boreham Wood on 09 October at 19:45 (National League).

Harrogate Town — 25 points from 12 games, with 8 wins, 1 draw and 3 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Harrogate Town 3–0 Hornchurch on 03 October. Next on the published week-ahead list: Woking versus Harrogate Town on 10 October at 15:00 (National League).

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Southend United — 24 points from 12 games, with 7 wins, 3 draws and 2 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Southend United 3–1 AFC Fylde on 03 October. Next on the published week-ahead list: Boston United versus Southend United on 10 October at 15:00 (National League).

Yeovil Town — 22 points from 12 games, with 6 wins, 4 draws and 2 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Yeovil Town 6–0 Boston United on 03 October. Next on the published week-ahead list: Wealdstone versus Yeovil Town on 10 October at 15:00 (National League).

Solihull Moors — 7 points from 12 games, with 2 wins, 1 draw and 9 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Solihull Moors 0–2 FC Halifax Town on 03 October. Next on the published week-ahead list: Worthing versus Solihull Moors on 10 October at 15:00 (National League).

Gateshead — 4 points from 12 games, with 1 wins, 1 draw and 10 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Gateshead 1–2 Worthing on 03 October. Next on the published week-ahead list: FC Halifax Town versus Gateshead on 10 October at 15:00 (National League).

THE GOAL WATCH

The reported scoring list gives another route into the division. Matt Rush has 9 recorded league goals; Ben Whitfield has 7 recorded league goals; John Marquis has 7 recorded league goals. The full leaders panel names the clubs and links to the official records. These are league figures: the FA tables use League Only, while the National

League and Isthmian figures are counted from league match goal events. They should not be compared with the older groundhop player pages, whose 2 October figures cover all recorded competitions. Saturday score reporting can also arrive before individual player submissions, so the FA list is labelled as reported goals rather than a claim that every new goal has already been assigned.

DOUGIE'S WEEK AHEAD

The week-ahead panel covers Sunday 4 through Saturday 10 October. The first listed date is 09 October, with Sutton United against Boreham Wood at 19:45. My pick for readers is to follow the fixture that involves their club, then keep an eye on the teams immediately above and below it. That makes the table a useful companion to the match rather than a detached page of numbers. Published kick-offs and venues can change; use the source buttons before travelling. The next result may alter the order, but tonight's record is kept clear: confirmed finals, the current official table, and fixtures still to come.

WORTHING CLIMB. WOOD KEEP GOING.

National League



By Dougie / reporting window 27 September–3 October 2026

THE OFFICIAL LEAGUE TABLE

2026/27 season / includes recorded league results through Saturday 3 October; rechecked Sunday 4 October 2026.

P played; W wins; D draws; L losses; GF goals for; GA goals against; GD goal difference; Pts points.

#	Club	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1	Boreham Wood	12	10	2	0	32	13	19	32
2	Harrogate Town	12	8	1	3	28	17	11	25
3	Southend United	12	7	3	2	29	18	11	24
4	Yeovil Town	12	6	4	2	26	15	11	22
5	Worthing	12	6	3	3	22	18	4	21
6	Altrincham	12	7	0	5	17	18	-1	21
7	AFC Fylde	12	6	2	4	22	18	4	20
8	Kidderminster Harriers	12	5	4	3	15	12	3	19
9	Barrow	12	5	3	4	20	15	5	18
10	Aldershot Town	12	5	3	4	17	13	4	18
11	Sutton United	12	5	3	4	14	16	-2	18
12	Hornchurch	12	6	0	6	13	19	-6	18
13	FC Halifax Town	12	5	2	5	18	14	4	17
14	Carlisle United	12	4	4	4	23	20	3	16
15	Woking	12	4	3	5	20	19	1	15
16	Forest Green Rovers	11	4	3	4	17	18	-1	15
17	Eastleigh	12	4	3	5	14	18	-4	15
18	Tamworth	12	4	2	6	20	28	-8	14
19	Wealdstone	12	3	3	6	17	18	-1	12
20	Boston United	12	3	3	6	14	21	-7	12
21	Scunthorpe United	11	3	1	7	15	19	-4	10
22	Hartlepool United	12	3	0	9	8	17	-9	9
23	Solihull Moors	12	2	1	9	13	30	-17	7
24	Gateshead	12	1	1	10	7	27	-20	4

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The dated 2 October groundhop scouting pages retained later in the issue are a separate pre-match snapshot. These league tables replace the old league-context pages.

WORTHING CLIMB. WOOD KEEP GOING.

National League



By Dougie / reporting window 27 September–3 October 2026

THE REPORTED GOAL LEADERS

Recorded league goals, counted from official 2026/27 match events; own goals excluded. Missing August events cross-checked against official club reports. Hornchurch's disputed opening-goal credit does not affect the displayed leaders.

Player	Club(s) in the record	League goals
Matt Rush	Boreham Wood	9
Ben Whitfield	Barrow / Boreham Wood	7
John Marquis	Woking	7
Kieren Donnelly	Tamworth	7
Lewis Walker	Kidderminster Harriers	7
Leon Chambers-Parillon	Southend United	6
Luca Thomas	AFC Fylde	6
Luke McCormick	Yeovil Town	6
Jacob Wakeling	Solihull Moors	5
Jay Bird	Boreham Wood	5

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RESULTS / 27 SEPTEMBER–3 OCTOBER

Date	Match	Result / notes
29/09	AFC Fylde v Carlisle United	0–2
29/09	Barrow v Scunthorpe United	3–0
29/09	Boreham Wood v Kidderminster Harriers	3–1
29/09	FC Halifax Town v Boston United	1–1
29/09	Forest Green Rovers v Wealdstone	1–1
29/09	Gateshead v Altrincham	0–1
29/09	Hartlepool United v Harrogate Town	0–1
29/09	Hornchurch v Aldershot Town	2–1
29/09	Woking v Solihull Moors	2–4
29/09	Yeovil Town v Worthing	1–1
30/09	Eastleigh v Southend United	1–1
30/09	Tamworth v Sutton United	2–0
03/10	Aldershot Town v Carlisle United	1–3
03/10	Barrow v Wealdstone	2–1
03/10	Boreham Wood v Altrincham	3–1

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National League



By Dougie / reporting window 27 September–3 October 2026

Date	Match	Result / notes
03/10	Eastleigh v Woking	1–3
03/10	Gateshead v Worthing	1–2
03/10	Harrogate Town v Hornchurch	3–0
03/10	Hartlepool United v Tamworth	0–1
03/10	Kidderminster Harriers v Sutton United	1–1
03/10	Solihull Moors v FC Halifax Town	0–2
03/10	Southend United v AFC Fylde	3–1
03/10	Yeovil Town v Boston United	6–0

3 October: Scunthorpe United v Forest Green Rovers is postponed, not a final result. Worthing: Jack Wadham 19, Alex Lankshear own goal; Gateshead: Jordy Hiwula 29. The fuller club report corrects the match-centre credit to Smith.

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WORTHING CLIMB. WOOD KEEP GOING.

National League



By Dougie / reporting window 27 September–3 October 2026

YOUR NEXT WEEK OF FOOTBALL

Sunday 4–Saturday 10 October 2026 •published kick-off times, UK local time. Check the live source before travelling. Cup fixtures are identified separately.

Date / KO	Fixture	Competition
09/10 19:45	Sutton United v Boreham Wood	NL
10/10 12:30	Altrincham v Aldershot Town	NL
10/10 12:30	Carlisle United v Kidderminster Harriers	NL
10/10 15:00	AFC Fylde v Scunthorpe United	NL
10/10 15:00	Boston United v Southend United	NL
10/10 15:00	FC Halifax Town v Gateshead	NL
10/10 15:00	Hornchurch v Eastleigh	NL
10/10 15:00	Tamworth v Barrow	NL
10/10 15:00	Wealdstone v Yeovil Town	NL
10/10 15:00	Woking v Harrogate Town	NL
10/10 15:00	Worthing v Solihull Moors	NL
10/10 17:30	Forest Green Rovers v Hartlepool United	NL

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Worthing also list Three Bridges away on Tuesday 6 October, 19:30, in the Sussex Transport Senior Cup at Jubilee Field. This is a cup fixture, outside the National League list above.

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MATCH REPORT / SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER 2026

GATESHEAD 1–2 WORTHING



By Dougie / based on Worthing FC's official report and league records

AN AWAY WIN AND A PLACE IN THE TOP FIVE

Worthing won 2–1 at Gateshead International Stadium on Saturday 3 October, collecting three National League points and moving into fifth place in the current official table. The visitors led through Jack Wadham, were pegged back by Jordy Hiwula, and secured the win through an own goal in the second half.

Wadham opened the scoring after 19 minutes, heading in Jordan Young's free-kick. Hiwula equalised ten minutes later after a pass from Freddie Issaka, leaving the teams level at half-time. Worthing's full club report identifies the deciding goal as an Alex Lankshear own goal after Bailey Smith advanced to the by-line and crossed. This fuller account takes precedence over the match-centre summary, which had credited Smith.

The win leaves Worthing with 21 points from 12 league matches: six victories, three draws and three defeats. Their season totals are 22 goals scored and 18 conceded, a goal difference of plus four. They are a point behind fourth-placed Yeovil Town and level on points with Altrincham, who sit immediately below them in the supplied table.

For Sussex readers, the significance is the combination of an away result and a place among the leading group. The points are already banked; they are not dependent on a future fixture or a projected table. Worthing are eleven points behind leaders Boreham Wood, with the same number of league games played. That places the win in its season context while leaving plenty of football ahead.

Gateshead remain bottom on four points from 12 matches. The confirmed final result, the reported goals and the official standings provide the basis for this account. Attendance and disciplinary details are omitted because the checked club report does not supply a complete record for those fields.

Worthing next visit Three Bridges at Jubilee Field on Tuesday 6 October, 19:30, in the Sussex Transport Senior Cup. Their next listed National League fixture is Solihull Moors at home on Saturday 10 October, 15:00. The cup tie and the league fixture are identified separately in the week-ahead coverage.

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A TIGHT TABLE. A BUSY WEEK AHEAD.

National League South

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THE SATURDAY PICTURE

National League South needs a different kind of Saturday roundup. The official league schedule contains no completed league match dated 3 October. That does not mean the clubs had nothing to do: a cup weekend can sit alongside a league pause. It does mean this column should resist turning cup activity into league points. The latest league result in the reporting window is Slough Town's 1–1 draw with Ebbsfleet United on Tuesday 29 September. The table below is the current official league snapshot, not an invented Saturday programme.

Maidstone United and Dagenham & Redbridge share the lead on 19 points from ten matches. Salisbury and Billericay Town are one point behind; Weston-super-Mare, Truro City and Dover Athletic are on 17. That is a wonderfully compact picture for a reader looking ahead to the next round. Truro have played nine rather than ten, which matters when comparing their position with the teams around them. A game in hand is an opportunity, not a promised three points, and this issue treats it that way.

For Sussex readers the immediate date to circle is Horsham against Maidstone United on Saturday 10 October, listed for 15:00. Hosting the current leaders supplies a clear test without requiring any exaggerated prediction. Horsham's position and complete record are in the accompanying table, and the fixture can be checked through the live league source. The appeal is straightforward: local interest meets the top of the division, with both teams' league circumstances visible before anyone buys a ticket or sets off.

The week begins with three Tuesday league fixtures: Braintree Town against Walton &

Hersham, Ebbsfleet against Folkestone Invicta, and Farnham Town against Truro City, all at 19:45. Those games can change the Saturday comparisons, especially where the number of matches played is uneven. At the lower end, Slough and Walton need points rather than hypothetical comfort. Ebbsfleet's five matches played make their current placing especially easy to misread if the reader looks only at the points column.

SUSSEX TAKEAWAY

Horsham's next listed league test is Maidstone United on Saturday 10 October. Maidstone sit on 19 points from ten games, alongside Dagenham & Redbridge on points and matches played. For Sussex readers, that gives the fixture a clear reference point: an opponent already collecting points near the leading positions, and a useful measure of Horsham's progress.

CLUBS IN FOCUS

Maidstone United — 19 points from 10 games, with 6 wins, 1 draw and 3 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Maidstone United 1–2 Truro City on 26 September. Next on the published week-ahead list: Horsham versus Maidstone United on 10 October at 15:00 (National League South).

Dagenham & Redbridge — 19 points from 10 games, with 6 wins, 1 draw and 3 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Dagenham & Redbridge 1–0 Hampton & Richmond Borough on 26 September. Next on the published week-ahead list: Dagenham & Redbridge versus Hemel Hempstead Town on 10 October at 15:00 (National League South).

A TIGHT TABLE. A BUSY WEEK AHEAD.

National League South

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Salisbury — 18 points from 10 games, with 5 wins, 3 draws and 2 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Salisbury 2–0 Folkestone Invicta on 26 September. Next on the published week-ahead list: Farnham Town versus Salisbury on 10 October at 15:00 (National League South).

Horsham — 11 points from 9 games, with 2 wins, 5 draws and 2 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Chelmsford City 0–0 Horsham on 26 September. Next on the published week-ahead list: Horsham versus Maidstone United on 10 October at 15:00 (National League South).

Slough Town — 4 points from 10 games, with 1 wins, 1 draw and 8 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Slough Town 1–1 Ebbsfleet United on 29 September. Next on the published week-ahead list: Torquay United versus Slough Town on 10 October at 15:00 (National League South).

Walton & Hersham — 2 points from 9 games, with 0 wins, 2 draws and 7 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Walton & Hersham 2–2 Farnborough on 26 September. Next on the published week-ahead list: Braintree Town versus Walton & Hersham on 06 October at 19:45 (National League South).

THE GOAL WATCH

The reported scoring list gives another route into the division. David Rogalski has 7 recorded league goals; Decarey Sheriff has 5 recorded league goals; Hisham Kasimu has 5 recorded league goals. The full leaders panel names the clubs and links to the official records. These are league figures: the FA tables use League Only,

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

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Recorded league goals, counted from official 2026/27 match events; own goals excluded. Braintree's missing August goal verified from Chesham's club report.

Player	Club(s) in the record	League goals
David Rogalski	Dorking Wanderers	7
Decarey Sheriff	Dover Athletic	5
Hisham Kasimu	Chesham United	5
Jephte Tanga	Tonbridge Angels	5
Jon Benton	Billericay Town	5
Nathan Odokonyero	Salisbury	5
Tom Leahy	Maidstone United	5
Bradley Ash	Weston-super-Mare	4
Charlie Ruff	Billericay Town	4
Darryl Sanders	Farnham Town	4

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Date	Match	Result / notes
29/09	Slough Town v Ebbsfleet United	1–1

No league fixture dated 3 October in the official schedule. Cup outcomes are not added to the league table.

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06/10 19:45	Braintree Town v Walton & Hersham	NLS
06/10 19:45	Ebbsfleet United v Folkestone Invicta	NLS
06/10 19:45	Farnham Town v Truro City	NLS
10/10 15:00	AFC Totton v Walton & Hersham	NLS
10/10 15:00	Billericay Town v Farnborough	NLS
10/10 15:00	Braintree Town v Truro City	NLS
10/10 15:00	Chesham United v Chelmsford City	NLS
10/10 15:00	Dagenham & Redbridge v Hemel Hempstead Town	NLS
10/10 15:00	Dover Athletic v Dorking Wanderers	NLS
10/10 15:00	Farnham Town v Salisbury	NLS
10/10 15:00	Hampton & Richmond Borough v Ebbsfleet United	NLS
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10/10 15:00	Maidenhead United v Tonbridge Angels	NLS
10/10 15:00	Torquay United v Slough Town	NLS
10/10 15:00	Weston-super-Mare v Folkestone Invicta	NLS

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THE SATURDAY PICTURE

Lewes won the Sussex derby 1–0 against Whitehawk on Saturday 3 October, and Burgess Hill Town beat Maldon & Tiptree 4–1. Those two verified results give this Premier roundup its county centre of gravity. They also sit inside a wider table in which Welling United, Dartford and Carshalton Athletic each have 21 points. Welling and Dartford have played nine league games; Carshalton have played ten. Same points, different workloads: that is the first useful comparison in this week's Premier notebook.

Lewes are fourth on 19 points from ten matches. Their derby win adds three league points and leaves Whitehawk with five from ten. The result is enough to explain the contrasting needs of the two clubs, without pretending that a scoreline contains possession figures, chances or a description of the winning goal. Burgess Hill's four-goal afternoon similarly provides a firm result to celebrate. For readers following Sussex across divisions, these are two home victories worth carrying into next week's conversation.

Carshalton's 3–2 win at Ramsgate and Welling's 1–0 victory over AFC Whyteleafe complete the four confirmed Premier league results on Saturday in the official match feed. Several other clubs had cup commitments, so the shorter league list is not a reason to fill gaps with guessed outcomes. This section's results sheet covers the last seven days of league records; its table covers the season to date. Those are different views of the same competition, and each earns its place on the spread.

The Sussex schedule is not quiet for long. Eastbourne Borough travel to Carshalton on Monday 5 October at 19:45, then host Welling on

Saturday 10 October at 15:00. Lewes go to Cray Wanderers on the Saturday; Whitehawk host Ramsgate; Burgess Hill host Aveley; Three Bridges travel to Stanway Rovers. That is a useful mix of local home dates and away journeys, with the published times listed in the fixtures panel and the live league link ready to check for changes.

SUSSEX TAKEAWAY

Lewes took the Sussex meeting with Whitehawk 1–0, while Burgess Hill Town beat Maldon & Tiptree 4–1. Two home results give this week's local coverage its shape. Lewes then travel to Carshalton Athletic on Monday 5 October. With Carshalton among the clubs on 21 points, that next fixture quickly shifts the focus towards the leading group.

CLUBS IN FOCUS

Welling United — 21 points from 9 games, with 7 wins, 0 draws and 2 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Welling United 1–0 AFC Whyteleafe on 03 October. Next on the published week-ahead list: Maldon & Tiptree versus Welling United on 06 October at 19:45 (Isthmian Premier).

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Carshalton Athletic — 21 points from 10 games, with 7 wins, 0 draws and 3 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Ramsgate 2–3 Carshalton Athletic on 03 October. Next on the published week-ahead list: Carshalton Athletic

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Whitehawk — 5 points from 10 games, with 1 wins, 2 draws and 7 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Lewes 1–0 Whitehawk on 03 October. Next on the published week-ahead list: Whitehawk versus Ramsgate on 10 October at 15:00 (Isthmian Premier).

Stanway Rovers FC — 4 points from 8 games, with 1 wins, 1 draw and 6 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Brentwood Town 2–3 Stanway Rovers on 15 September. Next on the published week-ahead list: Stanway Rovers versus Enfield Town on 06 October at 19:45 (Isthmian Premier).

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3	Carshalton Athletic	10	7	0	3	18	15	3	21
4	Lewes	10	6	1	3	15	11	4	19
5	Enfield Town	8	6	0	2	23	11	12	18
6	Dulwich Hamlet	8	5	1	2	18	9	9	16
7	Leatherhead	9	4	3	2	17	15	2	15
8	St Albans City	8	4	2	2	17	13	4	14
9	Ramsgate	9	4	1	4	21	13	8	13
10	Burgess Hill Town	8	3	4	1	15	10	5	13
11	Eastbourne Borough	8	4	1	3	14	11	3	13
12	Cray Wanderers	8	3	3	2	18	12	6	12
13	Chatham Town	8	4	0	4	16	13	3	12
14	Wingate & Finchley	8	3	2	3	13	18	-5	11
15	Aveley	9	3	1	5	16	16	0	10
16	Brentwood Town	9	3	0	6	15	16	-1	9
17	Maldon & Tiptree	10	3	0	7	14	30	-16	9
18	Cheshunt	9	1	5	3	7	12	-5	8
19	AFC Whyteleafe	10	1	3	6	11	20	-9	6
20	Three Bridges	9	1	2	6	16	28	-12	5
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Bradley Sach	Brentwood Town	6
Callum Jones	Ramsgate	6
Nahum Melvin-Lambert	Welling United	6
Chris Whelpdale	Burgess Hill Town	6
Anas Igozouln	Leatherhead	6
Ade Yusuff	Cray Wanderers	5
Toby Aromolaran	Aveley	5
Kai Corbett	Eastbourne Borough	5
Nathan Young-Coombes	Carshalton Athletic	5
Thomas Avgoustidis	Enfield Town	4

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Six unattributed goals across five clubs are excluded from individual rankings.

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Date	Match	Result / notes
29/09	Dartford v Whitehawk	2–1
29/09	Dulwich Hamlet v Aveley	2–0
29/09	Maldon & Tiptree v Cray Wanderers	1–5
30/09	AFC Whyteleafe v Brentwood Town	1–2
03/10	Burgess Hill Town v Maldon & Tiptree	4–1
03/10	Lewes v Whitehawk	1–0
03/10	Ramsgate v Carshalton Athletic	2–3
03/10	Welling United v AFC Whyteleafe	1–0

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06/10 19:45	Cheshunt v Aveley	Premier
06/10 19:45	Dartford v Ramsgate	Premier
06/10 19:45	Maldon & Tiptree v Welling United	Premier
06/10 19:45	Stanway Rovers v Enfield Town	Premier
10/10 15:00	Burgess Hill Town v Aveley	Premier
10/10 15:00	Carshalton Athletic v St Albans City	Premier
10/10 15:00	Chatham Town v Brentwood Town	Premier
10/10 15:00	Cray Wanderers v Lewes	Premier
10/10 15:00	Dartford v Wingate & Finchley	Premier
10/10 15:00	Eastbourne Borough v Welling United	Premier
10/10 15:00	Enfield Town v Dulwich Hamlet	Premier
10/10 15:00	Leatherhead v Cheshunt	Premier
10/10 15:00	Maldon & Tiptree v AFC Whyteleafe	Premier
10/10 15:00	Stanway Rovers v Three Bridges	Premier
10/10 15:00	Whitehawk v Ramsgate	Premier

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MATCH REPORT / 29 SEPTEMBER / VELOCITY CUP / 2-2, PENS 3-1

CROWS WIN THE SHOOTOUT



By Sean Parker-Harding

The second meeting of the season between these two sides came in the Velocity Cup on a warm Tuesday evening. An enjoyable game ended in a draw and went straight to penalties, with Crowborough coming out on top.

The cup tie began with an energised start from both sides. Crowborough looked to utilise their pace and played several cutting balls through the Hastings back line, while Hastings looked to play across their midfield, working the ball into the wide areas. Both styles were equally effective and produced an entertaining first half.

In the 18th minute Hastings had their first major chance. A pacey ball through the centre of midfield found Mfula getting the better side of his defender, causing Holmswood to come charging out of goal to produce a low save with his legs, with the ball deflecting off for a corner.

The following corner, taken by Thompson, hung in the air, giving Duah the time to outmuscle his marker. The midfielder directed the ball with a headed finish into the corner of the Crowborough goal.

While the first half did not create many opportunities, there were several wonderful individual moments from both sides. Hastings' Olasimbo was a constant threat, causing problems whenever he had the ball. His highlight was when he drove at Mayhew, cutting the ball inside and out before driving a shot Holmswood did well to parry away.

Not to be outdone, Brooke also produced a show, proving himself a handful for the Hastings defenders with some clinical first touches to beat his marker and often producing great deliveries into the box which were unfortunate not to fall into the path of a striker.

Just a minute into the second half came the equaliser for Crowborough. Some excellent link-up play between Vochyan and Chapman created the space for Chapman to play a well-paced pass into the late arrival of Nwanosike. The midfielder had plenty of time to guide the ball with the side of his foot into the bottom corner of the goal.

The second goal for the hosts came just four minutes later. An attacking run from Vochyan forced the Hastings defenders to retreat. Just like the previous goal, Nwanosike timed his run from midfield perfectly to receive the ball and once again placed the ball into the corner: a second Lampard-esque run and finish.

Crowborough were the better side in the second half and, if they had managed to find a third, it would have felt like the result was certain. However, against the run of play Hastings found their second of the match. Abudioré found himself with plenty of space in the Crowborough area to produce a simple side-footed finish. A lapse in defensive concentration for the home side gave Hastings the opportunity back into the game.

After 90 minutes the cup match ended in a draw, going straight to penalties. The penalties were a masterclass from Holmswood, producing three saves. The second was the highlight: it was a well-struck penalty towards the bottom right corner, but Holmswood reacted lightning quick off the line and stretched his arms to parry the ball away. Penalties ended 3-1, taking Crowborough to the third round of the Velocity Cup.

Contributor report. Result corroborated against official records on 3 October 2026.

[Crowborough official result >](#)

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THE SATURDAY PICTURE

Kingstonian 4, Bognor Regis Town 5. Sometimes the cleanest opening line is the result itself. Bognor's verified away win was the highest-scoring South Central league fixture on Saturday 3 October and keeps the Rocks at the top on 23 points from nine matches. The score establishes a narrow victory in a nine-goal game. It does not, by itself, establish the order of the goals or an injury-time winner, so this roundup leaves those details to an official match report when one is available.

Bognor's lead is seven points over AFC Portchester, who won 1–0 at Hartley Wintney and have 16 points from eight games. Winchester City, Jersey Bulls and Raynes Park Vale are on 15, with differing numbers of matches played. That uneven schedule is central to the division's early picture. The Rocks have the points already banked; others have opportunities still to take. Dougie is happy to admire the lead while keeping the arithmetic honest about how much football remains.

The other Sussex result was less welcome: Littlehampton Town lost 1–0 at home to Raynes Park Vale. Littlehampton have six points from ten league games and sit towards the bottom of the table. Their next listed league fixture is another home game, against Hendon on Saturday 10 October at 15:00. That gives the local readership a clear next date, and it gives the team a fresh opportunity. This column will not convert that opportunity into a predicted win before a ball is kicked.

Saturday also brought 4–2 home wins for Jersey Bulls against Ascot United and Winchester City against Windsor & Eton. Bedfont Sports won 3–1

at Binfield; Ashford Town won 2–1 at Harrow; Westfield won 1–0 at Hendon; Egham beat AFC Stoneham 2–0. Hayes & Yeading and Moneyfields finished goalless. Ten confirmed results make this a substantial league Saturday, and the complete list is set beside the updated table rather than hidden inside a long roll-call.

SUSSEX TAKEAWAY

Bognor Regis Town's 5-4 win over Kingstonian leaves them on 23 points from nine games, seven ahead of AFC Portchester. Hartley Wintney visit on Tuesday 6 October. Littlehampton Town face a different task after losing 1-0 to Raynes Park Vale: six points from ten games, with a home match against Hendon next on Saturday 10 October.

CLUBS IN FOCUS

Bognor Regis Town — 23 points from 9 games, with 7 wins, 2 draws and 0 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Kingstonian 4–5 Bognor Regis Town on 03 October. Next on the published week-ahead list: Bognor Regis Town versus Hartley Wintney on 06 October at 19:45 (Isthmian South Central).

AFC Portchester — 16 points from 8 games, with 4 wins, 4 draws and 0 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Hartley Wintney 0–1 AFC Portchester on 03 October. Next on the published week-ahead list: AFC Portchester versus Ashford Town FC (Middx) on 10 October at 15:00 (Isthmian South Central).

Winchester City — 15 points from 9 games, with 4 wins, 3 draws and 2 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Winchester City 4–2 Windsor & Eton on 03 October. Next on the

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published week-ahead list: Moneyfields versus Winchester City on 06 October at 19:45 (Isthmian South Central).

Jersey Bulls — 15 points from 7 games, with 4 wins, 3 draws and 0 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Jersey Bulls 4–2 Ascot United on 03 October. Next on the published week-ahead list: AFC Stoneham versus Jersey Bulls on 06 October at 19:45 (Isthmian South Central).

AFC Stoneham — 2 points from 6 games, with 0 wins, 2 draws and 4 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Egham Town 2–0 AFC Stoneham on 03 October. Next on the published week-ahead list: AFC Stoneham versus Jersey Bulls on 06 October at 19:45 (Isthmian South Central).

Binfield — 1 point from 8 games, with 0 wins, 1 draws and 7 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Binfield 1–3 Bedfont Sports on 03 October. Next on the published week-ahead list: Bognor Regis Town versus Binfield on 10 October at 15:00 (Isthmian South Central).

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4	Jersey Bulls	7	4	3	0	14	9	5	15
5	Raynes Park Vale	8	5	0	3	13	14	-1	15
6	Westfield	7	4	2	1	13	7	6	14
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8	Hartley Wintney FC	7	3	2	2	16	9	7	11
9	Ashford Town (Middlesex)	8	3	2	3	15	12	3	11
10	Kingstonian	7	3	2	2	20	18	2	11
11	Bedfont Sports	9	3	2	4	14	17	-3	11
12	Windsor & Eton	7	3	1	3	15	15	0	10
13	Egham Town	7	3	1	3	12	15	-3	10
14	Southall FC	5	2	3	0	12	9	3	9
15	Moneyfields	8	2	3	3	9	9	0	9
16	Cobham	8	3	0	5	9	15	-6	9
17	Harrow Borough	9	2	2	5	14	17	-3	8
18	Ascot United	9	2	1	6	15	24	-9	7
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20	Hayes & Yeading United	5	1	2	2	8	10	-2	5
21	AFC Stoneham	6	0	2	4	5	13	-8	2
22	Binfield	8	0	1	7	6	20	-14	1

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THE REPORTED GOAL LEADERS

Counted from 84 official 2026/27 league match records; own goals excluded.

Player	Club(s) in the record	League goals
Jack Arnold	Ashford Town FC (Middx)	9
Oliver Stewart Balmer	Winchester City	7
Danilo Pereira	Hartley Wintney	7
Lorne Bickley	Jersey Bulls	6
Eddie Simon	Kingstonian	6
Radu Stefanoaica	Hendon	5
Bradley Travis Waters	Winchester City	5
Freddy Dunham	Windsor & Eton	5
Scott Bungay	Winchester City	4
Mason Galloway	Raynes Park Vale	4

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03/10	Egham Town v AFC Stoneham	2–0
03/10	Harrow Borough v Ashford Town FC (Middx)	1–2
03/10	Hartley Wintney v AFC Portchester	0–1
03/10	Hayes & Yeading United v Moneyfields	0–0
03/10	Hendon v Westfield	0–1
03/10	Jersey Bulls v Ascot United	4–2
03/10	Kingstonian v Bognor Regis Town	4–5
03/10	Littlehampton Town v Raynes Park Vale	0–1
03/10	Winchester City v Windsor & Eton	4–2

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06/10 19:45	Ashford Town FC (Middx) v Egham Town	South Central
06/10 19:45	Bedfont Sports v Southall	South Central
06/10 19:45	Bognor Regis Town v Hartley Wintney	South Central
06/10 19:45	Moneyfields v Winchester City	South Central
06/10 19:45	Raynes Park Vale v Harrow Borough	South Central
06/10 19:45	Westfield v Kingstonian	South Central
10/10 14:00	Kingstonian v Jersey Bulls	South Central
10/10 15:00	AFC Portchester v Ashford Town FC (Middx)	South Central
10/10 15:00	Ascot United v Harrow Borough	South Central
10/10 15:00	Bedfont Sports v Westfield	South Central
10/10 15:00	Bognor Regis Town v Binfield	South Central
10/10 15:00	Cobham v Egham Town	South Central
10/10 15:00	Littlehampton Town v Hendon	South Central
10/10 15:00	Moneyfields v Hartley Wintney	South Central
10/10 15:00	Raynes Park Vale v AFC Stoneham	South Central
10/10 15:00	Winchester City v Southall	South Central
10/10 15:00	Windsor & Eton v Hayes & Yeading United	South Central

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STEYNING'S SEVEN-GOAL SATURDAY.

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THE SATURDAY PICTURE

Steyning Town Community won 4–3 at Herne Bay on Saturday 3 October. It is the standout Sussex score in this South East roundup, and it comes from the official league record. Eastbourne Town earned a 2–2 draw at Deal; Broadbridge Heath lost 3–1 at home to Whitstable; Peacehaven & Telscombe lost 3–2 against Margate. Hastings United were beaten 2–1 at South Park. For the county's clubs, the afternoon supplied a mixture of three points, one point and unfinished work.

South Park lead the table with 20 points from nine games, two ahead of Hastings, who have played eight. Saturday's meeting between those two clubs therefore matters directly to the top of the division. The result gives South Park the points and preserves Hastings' game in hand. There is no contradiction in reporting both facts: a fixture still to play cannot undo a defeat already recorded, but it remains relevant when readers compare the leaders' totals.

Sittingbourne's 2–1 win against Merstham leaves them third on 16 points. Faversham Town and Erith Town drew 0–0, while Ashford United won 3–1 at Sevenoaks and Punjab United beat Horley Town 3–2. Nine confirmed league games form Saturday's programme in the source. Clubs with other commitments should not be assigned imaginary league results. The table and the league results sheet keep that boundary clear, while the week-ahead list gives supporters the next set of dates to follow.

Saturday 10 October sends Hastings to Sheppey United and Steyning to Whitstable. Eastbourne Town host Sittingbourne; Broadbridge Heath host Deal Town; Peacehaven travel to Cray Valley; Crowborough Athletic host Sevenoaks. These are

the Sussex fixtures to build a weekend around, subject to the live league schedule. There are also two Tuesday games, Whitstable against AFC Croydon Athletic and Erith against Sittingbourne, which can change the context before those Saturday meetings arrive.

SUSSEX TAKEAWAY

Steyning Town's 4-3 win over Herne Bay supplies the strongest winning Sussex headline here. Eastbourne Town drew 2-2 with Deal Town; Hastings United lost 2-1 to South Park. Saturday 10 October brings Hastings a trip to Sheppey United, Steyning a visit to Whitstable Town and Eastbourne Town a home match against Sittingbourne. Three distinct tests follow three different results.

CLUBS IN FOCUS

South Park Reigate — 20 points from 9 games, with 6 wins, 2 draws and 1 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is South Park 2–1 Hastings United on 03 October. Next on the published week-ahead list: Faversham Town versus South Park on 10 October at 15:00 (Isthmian South East).

Hastings United — 18 points from 8 games, with 6 wins, 0 draws and 2 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is South Park 2–1 Hastings United on 03 October. Next on the published week-ahead list: Sheppey United versus Hastings United on 10 October at 15:00 (Isthmian South East).

Sittingbourne Football Club — 16 points from 9 games, with 5 wins, 1 draw and 3 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Sittingbourne 2–1 Merstham on 03 October. Next

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on the published week-ahead list: Erith Town versus Sittingbourne on 06 October at 19:45 (Isthmian South East).

AFC Croydon Athletic — 15 points from 8 games, with 5 wins, 0 draws and 3 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Punjab United 2–1 AFC Croydon Athletic on 28 September. Next on the published week-ahead list: Whitstable Town versus AFC Croydon Athletic on 06 October at 19:45 (Isthmian South East).

Merstham — 6 points from 8 games, with 1 wins, 3 draws and 4 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Sittingbourne 2–1 Merstham on 03 October. Next on the published week-ahead list: Merstham versus Punjab United on 10 October at 15:00 (Isthmian South East).

Crowborough Athletic — 4 points from 6 games, with 1 wins, 1 draw and 4 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Merstham 2–2 Crowborough Athletic on 26 September. Next on the published week-ahead list: Crowborough Athletic versus Sevenoaks Town on 10 October at 15:00 (Isthmian South East).

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1	South Park Reigate	9	6	2	1	20	10	10	20
2	Hastings United	8	6	0	2	20	12	8	18
3	Sittingbourne Football Club	9	5	1	3	14	13	1	16
4	AFC Croydon Athletic	8	5	0	3	16	11	5	15
5	Faversham Town	8	4	2	2	20	16	4	14
6	Margate	9	4	2	3	14	12	2	14
7	Broadbridge Heath	8	4	1	3	19	12	7	13
8	Herne Bay	7	4	0	3	14	12	2	12
9	Sevenoaks Town FC Limited	9	3	3	3	14	13	1	12
10	Steyning Town	9	4	0	5	12	19	-7	12
11	Erith Town	6	3	2	1	14	5	9	11
12	Ashford United	7	3	1	3	15	12	3	10
13	Cray Valley (PM)	9	2	4	3	8	11	-3	10
14	Sheppey United	6	3	0	3	11	8	3	9
15	Deal Town	8	2	3	3	18	18	0	9
16	Whitstable Town	7	3	0	4	10	14	-4	9
17	Punjab United	10	2	3	5	15	27	-12	9
18	Horley Town	8	3	0	5	11	24	-13	9
19	Eastbourne Town	8	2	2	4	15	15	0	8
20	Peacehaven & Telscombe	9	2	2	5	13	19	-6	8
21	Merstham	8	1	3	4	13	18	-5	6
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THE REPORTED GOAL LEADERS

Counted from 88 official 2026/27 league match records; own goals excluded.

Player	Club(s) in the record	League goals
Max Walsh	Hastings United	8
Jack Evans	Faversham Town	6
Mason Doughty	Broadbridge Heath	6
Harvey Smith	Sittingbourne	5
Chris Dickson	Cray Valley PM	5
Connor Tighe	Peacehaven & Telscombe	5
Gil Carvalho	Merstham	5
Finlay Johnson	South Park	5
Nathan Jeché	Sevenoaks Town	5
Josh Williams	AFC Croydon Athletic	4

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28/09	Punjab United v AFC Croydon Athletic	2–1
29/09	Steyning Town Community v Faversham Town	3–2
03/10	Broadbridge Heath v Whitstable Town	1–3
03/10	Deal Town v Eastbourne Town	2–2
03/10	Faversham Town v Erith Town	0–0
03/10	Herne Bay v Steyning Town Community	3–4
03/10	Peacehaven & Telscombe v Margate	2–3
03/10	Punjab United v Horley Town	3–2
03/10	Sevenoaks Town v Ashford United	1–3
03/10	Sittingbourne v Merstham	2–1
03/10	South Park v Hastings United	2–1

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THE SATURDAY PICTURE

Hassocks beat Pagham 2–1 in Saturday's Premier groundhop game. Friday had already supplied Crawley Down Gatwick's 4–2 victory against Little Common, so the Premier part of the hop has two completed results to carry into Sunday. Newhaven against Bexhill United remains a preview for 4 October, with a 14:45 kick-off in the official schedule. This is the evening edition: completed games are cut down to results coverage, while the remaining fixture keeps the space needed to look ahead.

Eastbourne United lead the division on 26 points after a 2–2 draw at Lingfield. Haywards Heath Town beat Midhurst & Easebourne 4–0 and have 23 points from nine games, three fewer matches than the leaders. That makes the top of the table more interesting than a simple three-point gap. Heath remain unbeaten in the current league record, with seven wins and two draws. Eastbourne's 42 goals show the scale of their attacking return, but the points race still depends on what happens in the next fixtures.

Hassocks' win puts them on 20 points, alongside Roffey, Lingfield and East Grinstead Town. Roffey won 4–0 at Wick, while East Grinstead lost 3–2 at Seaford. Guernsey beat Horsham YM 5–0; Forest Row won 3–1 against AFC Varndeanians; Lancing won 1–0 at Billingshurst. Eight Saturday finals and Friday's opener give the Premier results board plenty of substance. We can celebrate that substance without inventing scorers or match events that the accessible official records do not supply.

The next week is busy across more than one competition. Crawley Down travel to Forest Row on Monday 5 October at 19:45 and host

Haywards Heath on Saturday 10 October at 15:00. Seaford host Heath on Wednesday evening. Tuesday includes league games and Sussex Senior Challenge Cup ties; the FA Vase takes several clubs into a different competition at the weekend. Every fixture panel marks the competition, so cup dates cannot be mistaken for league matches or projected league points.

SUSSEX TAKEAWAY

Haywards Heath Town's 4-0 win over Midhurst & Easebourne takes them to 23 points from nine games, behind Eastbourne United's 26 from twelve. The different match totals matter when reading that gap. Hassocks' groundhop win over Pagham leaves them on 20 points from nine. Heath's next listed test is away at Seaford Town on Wednesday 7 October.

CLUBS IN FOCUS

Eastbourne United — 26 points from 12 games, with 8 wins, 2 draws and 2 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Lingfield 2–2 Eastbourne United on 03 October. Next on the published week-ahead list: Eastbourne United versus Selsey on 06 October at 19:30 (Sussex Senior Challenge Cup).

Haywards Heath Town — 23 points from 9 games, with 7 wins, 2 draws and 0 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Haywards Heath Town 4–0 Midhurst & Ease. on 03 October. Next on the published week-ahead list: Seaford Town versus Haywards Heath Town on 07 October at 19:45 (Premier).

Roffey — 20 points from 10 games, with 6 wins, 2 draws and 2 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Wick 0–4 Roffey on 03

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Horsham YM — 6 points from 10 games, with 1 wins, 3 draws and 6 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Guernsey 5–0 Horsham YM on 03 October. Next on the published week-ahead list: Bexhill United versus Horsham YM on 06 October at 19:30 (Premier).

Little Common — 4 points from 9 games, with 1 wins, 1 draw and 7 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Crawley Down Gatwick 4–2 Little Common on 02 October. Next on the published week-ahead list: Little Common versus AFC Varndeanians on 06 October at 19:45 (Premier).

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1	Eastbourne United	12	8	2	2	42	17	25	26
2	Haywards Heath Town	9	7	2	0	20	5	15	23
3	Roffey	10	6	2	2	26	10	16	20
4	Hassocks	9	6	2	1	25	11	14	20
5	Lingfield	10	6	2	2	27	18	9	20
6	East Grinstead Town	11	6	2	3	24	15	9	20
7	Guernsey	10	5	2	3	19	16	3	17
8	AFC Varndeanians	11	5	2	4	10	12	-2	17
9	Pagham	9	5	1	3	22	14	8	16
10	Crawley Down Gatwick	12	4	3	5	19	24	-5	15
11	Bexhill United	9	4	1	4	16	17	-1	13
12	Newhaven	9	4	1	4	13	18	-5	13
13	Seaford Town	10	4	0	6	16	20	-4	12
14	Midhurst & Ease.	8	3	1	4	12	18	-6	10
15	Forest Row	12	3	1	8	19	30	-11	10
16	Lancing	10	3	0	7	13	23	-10	9
17	Wick	10	3	0	7	12	27	-15	9
18	Billingshurst	12	2	2	8	16	27	-11	8
19	Horsham YM	10	1	3	6	10	22	-12	6
20	Little Common	9	1	1	7	9	26	-17	4

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THE REPORTED GOAL LEADERS

FA Full-Time League Only player records across all 20 clubs. Reported goals only; club submissions can lag Saturday's results. Penalties are included in Overall Goals.

Player	Club(s) in the record	League goals
Callum James Stephen Barlow	Eastbourne United	9
Charlie Mathew Ball	Eastbourne United	9
Kwesi Ntim	Lingfield	9
Camron Joseph Lawson	Forest Row	7
Charles Haddon Harris	East Grinstead Town	7
James Brian Hull	Eastbourne United	7
Jordan Luke Mase	Roffey	7
Joshua Wright	Seaford Town	7
Lewis George Rustell	Pagham	7
Callum Patrick Kilkenny	Crawley Down Gatwick	6

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29/09	AFC Varndeanians v Horsham YM	2–0 •cup
29/09	Crawley Down Gatwick v East Grinstead Town	0–3
29/09	Eastbourne Borough FC First v Little Common	3–0 •cup
29/09	Horsham First v Newhaven	10–0 •cup
29/09	Pagham v Roffey	0–0
29/09	Sheerwater First v Lingfield	2–1 •cup
30/09	Haywards Heath Town v Brighton & Hove Albion FC U21	2–0 •cup

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Date	Match	Result / notes
02/10	Crawley Down Gatwick v Little Common	4–2
03/10	Billingshurst v Lancing	0–1
03/10	Forest Row v AFC Varndeanians	3–1
03/10	Guernsey v Horsham YM	5–0
03/10	Hassocks v Pagham	2–1
03/10	Haywards Heath Town v Midhurst & Ease.	4–0
03/10	Lingfield v Eastbourne United	2–2
03/10	Seaford Town v East Grinstead Town	3–2
03/10	Wick v Roffey	0–4

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05/10 19:45	Forest Row v Crawley Down Gatwick	Premier
06/10 19:30	Bexhill United v Horsham YM	Premier
06/10 19:30	Eastbourne United v Selsey	Senior Cup
06/10 19:30	Hailsham Town v Hassocks	Senior Cup
06/10 19:30	Lancing v Whitehawk First	Senior Cup
06/10 19:30	Pagham v East Preston	Senior Cup
06/10 19:45	Billingshurst v Midhurst & Ease.	Premier
06/10 19:45	Little Common v AFC Varndeanians	Premier
06/10 19:45	Loxwood v Wick	Senior Cup
06/10 19:45	Newhaven v Guernsey	Premier
07/10 19:45	Seaford Town v Haywards Heath Town	Premier
09/10 19:45	Roffey v Kings Langley	FA VASE
10/10 15:00	AFC Aldermaston v Pagham	FA VASE
10/10 15:00	Bearsted v Hassocks	FA VASE
10/10 15:00	Berks County v AFC Varndeanians	FA VASE
10/10 15:00	Crawley Down Gatwick v Haywards Heath Town	Premier
10/10 15:00	East Grinstead Town v Bedfont	FA VASE
10/10 15:00	Eastbourne United v Rochester United	FA VASE
10/10 15:00	Forest Row v Ash United	FA VASE
10/10 15:00	Lancing v Corinthian	FA VASE
10/10 15:00	Lingfield v Chipstead	FA VASE

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MATCH REPORT / 30 SEPTEMBER / SUSSEX SENIOR CUP / 2-0

HEATH SINK ALBION



By Brandon Wright

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A record crowd of 1,267 watched Haywards Heath Town book their place in the next round of the Sussex Transport Senior Cup with a deserved victory over Brighton & Hove Albion Under-21s.

Second-half goals from Jack Barnes and Lukas Franzen-Jones settled an entertaining tie at the HSEnergy Group Stadium, giving the Blues another memorable night as they continued their impressive form.

Heath came into the game flying high in the SCFL, and there was plenty of anticipation around the ground as they prepared to test themselves against Albion's youngsters.

The hosts made a positive start, moving the ball confidently and pressing Brighton in the opening stages. Town looked comfortable in possession, with both sides working hard to prevent the other from finding a way through.

Brighton forward Valentine Joseph had an early opportunity, holding off his marker to get a shot away, but dragged his effort wide of the post.

At the other end, Barnes tested Ferdinand with a header towards the back post. The goalkeeper, son of Rio Ferdinand, rose well to claim the ball and keep the scores level.

Kofi Shaw also tried his luck for the visitors, sending a half-volley wide as Albion looked to make their mark on the contest.

There was little to separate the teams throughout the first half. Heath played some good football, but neither side could produce the breakthrough, leaving the tie balanced at the interval.

With the score goalless, the second half offered everything to play for, and it was Town who returned with the greater impact.

Barnes smashed the ball into the net to put Heath ahead, sparking celebrations around the ground and getting the Shed End rocking.

It was just the start the hosts wanted after the break, but Brighton responded by pressing for an equaliser.

Heath's goalkeeper produced a fine save to preserve the advantage, while the defence stood firm as the visitors searched for a route back into the game.

Town's work without the ball was every bit as important as their attacking play. They defended well and gave themselves the platform to push towards a place in the next round.

The decisive moment came from a free-kick in a promising position. Franzen-Jones stepped up and delivered a superb strike into the top corner, doubling Heath's lead in spectacular fashion.

It was a goal worthy of the occasion, putting the Blues firmly in control and giving the home crowd another moment to savour.

Heath saw the tie through to complete a well-earned 2-0 win, with two second-half finishes and a clean sheet rounding off a special evening.

For the record crowd, there was plenty to enjoy: confident football, determined defending and a cup victory to celebrate.

Contributor report. Result corroborated against official records on 3 October 2026.

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SCFL Division One



By Dougie / reporting window 27 September–3 October 2026

THE SATURDAY PICTURE

Infinity won 6–0 at Shoreham on Saturday 3 October and lead Division One with 30 points from 11 games. Ten wins and one defeat make the leaders' opening record easy to identify. Reigate Priory's 3–2 victory at AFC Walcountians matters immediately behind them: both clubs now have 22 points, with Walcountians having played one fewer match. Jarvis Brook beat Guildford City 3–1 and sit on 20. The chase has several names, but the points already collected put Infinity firmly in front.

At the groundhop, Arundel and Mile Oak finished 2–2 in the late Saturday fixture. That final result is now recorded by FA Full-Time and replaces the old preview in this edition. Sunday's Worthing United against Saltdean United remains ahead, scheduled for 11:00 on 4 October. Worthing United enter that game with 19 points from nine league matches and a striking 32 goals scored against six conceded. Those are the current league figures; the retained scouting pages are explicitly identified as the earlier 2 October preview snapshot.

Hailsham beat Oakwood 2–1, Westfield beat Dorking Wanderers B 3–1, and Ringmer AFC won 3–1 at Clanfield. Loxwood and East Preston shared a goalless draw. Those results deserve room alongside the leaders, because a useful league roundup should not stop at first place. They also provide the honest limits of this column: confirmed outcomes and current standings are available; detailed descriptions of the play are not being invented to fill the page.

Next Saturday's league list includes Infinity against Westfield, Reigate against Shoreham, East Preston against AFC Walcountians and

Saltdean against Dial Square. Tuesday brings Mile Oak against Worthing United and Arundel against Clanfield in the Division 1 Challenge Cup, alongside county cup ties involving other Division One clubs. Jarvis Brook and Worthing United have FA Vase fixtures on 10 October. Cup progression and league position are separate stories, and the fixtures panel keeps each one clearly named.

SUSSEX TAKEAWAY

Infinity's 6-0 win over Shoreham leaves them on 30 points from eleven games. Jarvis Brook reached 20 points by beating Guildford City 3-1. The hop offered another side of Division One: Arundel and Mile Oak shared four goals. Sunday's Worthing United-Saltdean United meeting keeps the division in the spotlight before Infinity host Westfield on Saturday 10 October.

CLUBS IN FOCUS

Infinity — 30 points from 11 games, with 10 wins, 0 draws and 1 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Shoreham 0–6 Infinity on 03 October. Next on the published week-ahead list: Infinity versus Westfield on 10 October at 15:00 (Division One).

AFC Walcountians — 22 points from 10 games, with 7 wins, 1 draw and 2 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is AFC Walcountians 2–3 Reigate Priory on 03 October. Next on the published week-ahead list: East Preston versus AFC Walcountians on 10 October at 15:00 (Division One).

Reigate Priory — 22 points from 11 games, with 7 wins, 1 draw and 3 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is AFC

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Walcountians 2–3 Reigate Priory on 03 October. Next on the published week-ahead list: Reigate Priory versus Shoreham on 10 October at 15:00 (Division One).

Jarvis Brook — 20 points from 10 games, with 6 wins, 2 draws and 2 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Jarvis Brook 3–1 Guildford City on 03 October. Next on the published week-ahead list: Jarvis Brook versus Eastbourne Town First on 06 October at 19:30 (Sussex Senior Challenge Cup).

Dorking Wanderers B — 5 points from 12 games, with 1 wins, 2 draws and 9 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Westfield 3–1 Dorking Wanderers B on 03 October. Their season league record contains 13 goals for and 33 against, giving a goal difference of -20.

Shoreham — 5 points from 11 games, with 1 wins, 2 draws and 8 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Shoreham 0–6 Infinity on 03 October. Next on the published week-ahead list: Reigate Priory versus Shoreham on 10 October at 15:00 (Division One).

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DOUGIE'S WEEK AHEAD

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1	Infinity	11	10	0	1	33	13	20	30
2	AFC Walcountians	10	7	1	2	28	10	18	22
3	Reigate Priory	11	7	1	3	25	13	12	22
4	Jarvis Brook	10	6	2	2	17	8	9	20
5	Worthing United	9	6	1	2	32	6	26	19
6	Westfield	11	5	3	3	19	11	8	18
7	Guildford City	11	5	2	4	25	16	9	17
8	Dial Square	9	5	2	2	14	6	8	17
9	Hailsham Town	11	5	1	5	20	21	-1	16
10	Mile Oak	12	4	3	5	20	22	-2	15
11	Arundel	12	4	3	5	24	29	-5	15
12	East Preston	10	4	2	4	15	13	2	14
13	Saltdean United	8	4	1	3	18	14	4	13
14	Selsey	11	3	3	5	10	19	-9	12
15	Loxwood	11	2	5	4	10	14	-4	11
16	Oakwood	11	2	3	6	13	29	-16	9
17	Ringmer AFC	11	2	3	6	10	30	-20	9
18	Clanfield	8	2	0	6	6	17	-11	6
19	Dorking Wanderers B	12	1	2	9	13	33	-20	5
20	Shoreham	11	1	2	8	6	34	-28	5

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THE REPORTED GOAL LEADERS

FA Full-Time League Only player records across all 20 clubs. Reported goals only; club submissions can lag Saturday's results. Penalties are included in Overall Goals.

Player	Club(s) in the record	League goals
Zackary Robert Willett	Infinity	11
Tommy McKenna	Reigate Priory	9
Tyler Pearson	Hailsham Town	9
Luke Mitchell	Guildford City	8
Daniel George Kingston	Worthing United	7
Charlie Alex Moore	AFC Walcountians	6
Dan Tewksbury	Westfield	6
Joshua Williams	Guildford City	5
Lewis Huggins	Loxwood	5
Liam Appleton	Worthing United	5

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[Loxwood / LEAGUE ONLY >](#)

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Date	Match	Result / notes
29/09	Banstead Athletic First v AFC Walcountians	3–1 •cup
29/09	Dorking Wanderers B v Selsey	2–1
29/09	Hailsham Town v East Preston	2–1
29/09	Jarvis Brook v Loxwood	1–1
29/09	Oakwood v Infinity	1–2
29/09	Ringmer AFC v Mile Oak	1–7
29/09	Saltdean United v Shoreham	5–2

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Date	Match	Result / notes
29/09	Westfield v Worthing United	2–1
30/09	Guildford City v Arundel	2–1
30/09	Reigate Priory v Dial Square	0–0
03/10	AFC Walcountians v Reigate Priory	2–3
03/10	Arundel v Mile Oak	2–2
03/10	Clanfield v Ringmer AFC	1–3
03/10	Hailsham Town v Oakwood	2–1
03/10	Jarvis Brook v Guildford City	3–1
03/10	Loxwood v East Preston	0–0
03/10	Shoreham v Infinity	0–6
03/10	Westfield v Dorking Wanderers B	3–1

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YOUR NEXT WEEK OF FOOTBALL

Sunday 4–Saturday 10 October 2026 •published kick-off times, UK local time. Check the live source before travelling. Cup fixtures are identified separately.

Date / KO	Fixture	Competition
04/10 11:00	Worthing United v Saltdean United	Division One
06/10 19:30	Eastbourne United v Selsey	Senior Cup
06/10 19:30	Hailsham Town v Hassocks	Senior Cup
06/10 19:30	Jarvis Brook v Eastbourne Town First	Senior Cup
06/10 19:30	Mile Oak v Worthing United	Division 1 Cup
06/10 19:30	Pagham v East Preston	Senior Cup
06/10 19:30	Saltdean United v Littlehampton Town First	Senior Cup
06/10 19:45	Arundel v Clanfield	Division 1 Cup
06/10 19:45	Loxwood v Wick	Senior Cup
10/10 15:00	Clanfield v Oakwood	Division One
10/10 15:00	East Preston v AFC Walcountians	Division One
10/10 15:00	Hailsham Town v Selsey	Division One
10/10 15:00	Hythe Town v Worthing United	FA VASE
10/10 15:00	Infinity v Westfield	Division One
10/10 15:00	Jarvis Brook v Faversham Strike Force	FA VASE
10/10 15:00	Loxwood v Ringmer AFC	Division One
10/10 15:00	Reigate Priory v Shoreham	Division One
10/10 15:00	Saltdean United v Dial Square	Division One

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MATCH REPORT / 3 OCTOBER 2026 / SCFL DIVISION ONE

THREE BRACES. SIX GOALS.

Shoreham 0-6 Infinity

By Charlie Bone / contributor match report



Infinity hit six without reply at Shoreham, with Zack Willett, Tommy Tierney and substitute Mo Hartnell each scoring twice. Evan Harris helped create the early advantage before the visitors pulled away after the interval.

The opening goal arrived within roughly three minutes. Harris carried the ball through the middle and into the penalty area before finding Willett, who supplied the finish to give Infinity an early lead.

Infinity were getting to the tackles, but their passing and build-up remained uneven during the first half. Even so, Harris and Willett combined again around the middle of the half. Harris dribbled into the box and found Willett, whose volley went in off the crossbar to make it 2-0.

After the restart, Infinity found more success moving the ball down the wings. Shoreham managed a few more efforts, including a close attempt from a corner, but the visitors continued to extend their advantage.

Tierney became increasingly influential, combining accurate passing with forward runs. He entered the box from the right and scored Infinity's third.

His second came after a crowded sequence in the Shoreham penalty area. Harris had an effort saved, then Willett's attempt was cleared off the line by a defender. The ball reached Tierney, who finished to make it 4-0.

Hartnell made an immediate impact after coming off the bench. His dribbling carried him into the box, where he scored Infinity's fifth. Less than four minutes later, he was back in the area to add another, completing both his own brace and the scoring.

The 6-0 result capped an afternoon in which three Infinity players shared the goals. Harris' involvement in the opening moves helped establish the lead; Tierney and Hartnell then supplied the finishes that turned it into a comprehensive victory.

THE SCORERS / CHARLIE'S ACCOUNT

Zack Willett 2 / Tommy Tierney 2 / Mo Hartnell 2

Final result corroborated in the issue's official league records. Events and scorer attribution: Charlie Bone.
Timings are approximate where supplied. No exact goal minutes or attendance were provided.

MATCH REPORT / 29 SEPTEMBER / SCFL DIVISION ONE / 5-2

EDMEADS STARS AT HILL PARK



By Brandon Wright

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Saltdean United scored five at Hill Park to overcome a determined Shoreham fightback and move up to 11th in SCFL Division 1.

In front of a crowd of 103 at their newly revamped ground, the home side surrendered a two-goal advantage before finding three more goals to settle an entertaining contest. Alfie Edmeads scored twice, while Theo Vincent played a key part in the home side's attacking work.

Saltdean started the evening in 13th following a 1-0 victory over Loxwood at the weekend, secured by Harry Funnell's goal. Shoreham arrived second from bottom, hoping to pick up a result that would help turn their season around following the departure of Connor Cox as manager last week.

The Mussels made a lively start and had their best opening of the first ten minutes when Alessandro took on his defender, created some space and put his effort wide.

Saltdean gradually grew into the game. Around the 25-minute mark, Vincent showed neat footwork before trying his luck, although the Shoreham goalkeeper dealt comfortably with the effort.

Shoreham also threatened from a set piece. Ashton Stevens delivered a free kick to Harry Brand, but his volley from the edge of the box flew over the bar.

The breakthrough came through Vincent's work down the flank. He beat his man and cut the ball back to Luke Burbidge, who smashed his finish into the bottom corner.

Vincent then helped create the second in similar fashion. Once again getting past his defender, he played the ball across the box for Alfie Marchant to place his finish into the bottom corner.

Shoreham had created chances before the break, but their task was now to turn those openings into goals while keeping Saltdean's attack quiet.

They made an immediate impression after the restart. A fine touch and volley from around 20 yards struck the inside of the post and flew into the net, bringing the visitors back into the contest. The equaliser followed. Ramon Santos sent a ball out wide to captain Luca Slaney, whose shot was saved onto the bar. Tom Ross reacted to the rebound to make it 2-2.

Saltdean responded through Edmeads. He linked up with Burbidge on the edge of the box, ran through and slotted past the goalkeeper to restore the hosts' advantage.

During a frantic spell, Charlie Yeates crossed from the top of the box for Vincent to head into an open net. Edmeads then struck from 25 yards to complete the scoring.

Saltdean climb to 11th, while Shoreham drop to the bottom.

Contributor report. Result corroborated against official records on 3 October 2026.

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FERRING'S FIVE. A TWO-CLUB LEAD.

SCFL Division Two



By Dougie / reporting window 27 September–3 October 2026

THE SATURDAY PICTURE

Ferring beat Storrington Community 5–1 in the Saturday groundhop meeting and move to 17 points from eight league games. That is a substantial result for the hosts and a firm score for the cover, but the wider Division Two afternoon was equally busy. Hurstpierpoint won 8–1 against Southwater, Alfold beat TD Shipley 4–3, and Rustington won 4–2 at Worthing Town. Seven confirmed league matches produced a full set of Saturday outcomes for this division.

Chichester City B and Rustington share first place on 21 points from eight matches, with Chichester ahead on goal difference. Chichester's 2–1 win at ASC Brighton Rangers maintains a record of seven wins and one defeat. Their season totals stand at 40 goals scored and seven conceded; Rustington have 30 scored and seven conceded. It is a close points contest with a clear difference in scoring volume, and both parts of that picture belong in the roundup.

Hurstpierpoint and TD Shipley have 19 points apiece. Hurstpierpoint's eight-goal win increases their scoring total to 29, while Shipley's defeat at Alfold leaves their total at 24. Ferring are two points behind that pair. Five teams within four points of the leaders give the upper table plenty of interest, even before future cup commitments interrupt the league rhythm. Dougie's advice is to read the next fixture beside the competition label, because next Saturday is not a uniform league programme.

Rudgwick beat Bosham 3–0, and Upper Beeding beat Brighton Electricity 4–0. Those results matter away from the leading group: Rudgwick now have four points, while Upper Beeding have ten. Brighton Electricity have played six matches,

fewer than most of the division, and remain on two points. The forthcoming list includes four league fixtures and six Sussex Intermediate Challenge Cup ties. TD Shipley against Hurstpierpoint is one of those cup meetings, so its result will not automatically change the league table.

SUSSEX TAKEAWAY

Ferring's 5-1 groundhop win over Storrington Community takes them to 17 points from eight games. Chichester City B and Rustington lead on 21 from eight, so the comparison is on equal match totals. Hurstpierpoint's 8-1 win over Southwater supplies another striking scoreline. Ferring's result gives visiting supporters a concrete reason to keep following the club after the hop.

CLUBS IN FOCUS

Chichester City B — 21 points from 8 games, with 7 wins, 0 draws and 1 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is ASC Brighton Rangers 1–2 Chichester City B on 03 October. Next on the published week-ahead list: Brighton Electricity versus Chichester City B on 10 October at 15:00 (Division Two).

Rustington — 21 points from 8 games, with 7 wins, 0 draws and 1 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Worthing Town 2–4 Rustington on 03 October. Next on the published week-ahead list: Ninfield First versus Rustington on 10 October at 14:00 (Sussex Intermediate Challenge Cup).

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published week-ahead list: TD Shipley versus Hurstpierpoint on 10 October at 14:00 (Sussex Intermediate Challenge Cup).

TD Shipley — 19 points from 8 games, with 6 wins, 1 draw and 1 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Alfold 4–3 TD Shipley on 03 October. Next on the published week-ahead list: TD Shipley versus Hurstpierpoint on 10 October at 14:00 (Sussex Intermediate Challenge Cup).

Copthorne — 3 points from 8 games, with 1 wins, 0 draws and 7 defeats. Next on the published week-ahead list: Copthorne versus ASC Brighton Rangers on 10 October at 15:00 (Division Two).

Brighton Electricity — 2 points from 6 games, with 0 wins, 2 draws and 4 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Upper Beeding 4–0 Brighton Electricity on 03 October. Next on the published week-ahead list: Brighton Electricity versus Chichester City B on 10 October at 15:00 (Division Two).

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1	Chichester City B	8	7	0	1	40	7	33	21
2	Rustington	8	7	0	1	30	7	23	21
3	Hurstpierpoint	8	6	1	1	29	7	22	19
4	TD Shipley	8	6	1	1	24	9	15	19
5	Ferring	8	5	2	1	20	10	10	17
6	Alfold	8	4	1	3	15	15	0	13
7	Storrington Community	8	4	0	4	14	23	-9	12
8	Worthing Town	8	4	0	4	20	35	-15	12
9	Upper Beeding	9	3	1	5	14	20	-6	10
10	ASC Brighton Rangers	9	2	2	5	13	27	-14	8
11	Southwater	8	2	1	5	15	24	-9	7
12	Bosham	8	2	0	6	13	18	-5	6
13	Rudgwick	8	1	1	6	9	21	-12	4
14	Copthorne	8	1	0	7	7	29	-22	3
15	Brighton Electricity	6	0	2	4	2	13	-11	2

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THE REPORTED GOAL LEADERS

FA Full-Time League Only player records across all 15 clubs. Reported goals only; club submissions can lag Saturday's results. Penalties are included in Overall Goals.

Player	Club(s) in the record	League goals
Josh Hall	Chichester City B	12
Joshua Irish	Chichester City B	10
Jordan Dean Clark	Rustington	7
Joshua Castle	Chichester City B	7
Reece Nixon	TD Shipley	7
Declan Partridge	Southwater	6
Fahmi Juneydi	Worthing Town	6
Ince Florimond	Alfold	6
Jack De Leiburne	Hurstpierpoint	6
Jack Lanigan	Ferring	6

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Date	Match	Result / notes
03/10	ASC Brighton Rangers v Chichester City B	1–2
03/10	Alfold v TD Shipley	4–3
03/10	Ferring v Storrington Community	5–1
03/10	Hurstpierpoint v Southwater	8–1
03/10	Rudgwick v Bosham	3–0
03/10	Upper Beeding v Brighton Electricity	4–0
03/10	Worthing Town v Rustington	2–4

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10/10 14:00	Ninfield First v Rustington	Intermediate Cup
10/10 14:00	TD Shipley v Hurstpierpoint	Intermediate Cup
10/10 14:00	Wadhurst United First v Upper Beeding	Intermediate Cup
10/10 14:00	Watersfield First v Bosham	Intermediate Cup
10/10 14:00	Worthing Town v Pagham Development	Intermediate Cup
10/10 15:00	Brighton Electricity v Chichester City B	Division Two
10/10 15:00	Copthorne v ASC Brighton Rangers	Division Two
10/10 15:00	Rudgwick v Storrington Community	Division Two
10/10 15:00	Southwater v Alfold	Division Two

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Brighton, Worthing & District

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THE SATURDAY PICTURE

Brighton, Worthing & District football deserves more than a footnote. This is the current Division 1 competition shown by the league's FA Full-Time site, with seven teams in the published table. On Saturday 3 October, TMG and Sompting drew 0–0, while Diversity United beat Montpelier Villa II 4–2. Those are the two verified league results. They leave TMG top on ten points from four games and give Diversity their first league win in the current record.

TMG's opening three league victories had produced 24 goals: 13–2 against Boys Brigade Old Boys, 5–0 against Diversity and 6–1 against Montpelier Villa II. A goalless draw is a different outcome, and Sompting take a point from it. The current table gives TMG three wins and one draw, with a goal difference of plus 21. Sompting have four points from three matches. The draw can be described accurately without guessing whether it involved heroic defending, missed chances or a goalkeeper's special afternoon.

Rottingdean Village have six points from two league games and remain unbeaten in that record. Lectern and Sompting each have four points; Montpelier Villa II and Diversity have three; Boys Brigade have one from two. With the teams having played between two and four matches, position alone is a particularly blunt measure. This is an early-season table. A reader can see the leaders, but should also see how little of the programme has been completed.

Saturday's county cup results are separate from the league. Boys Brigade lost 5–4 against Optimus, Lectern lost 4–2 to Jarvis Brook Reserves, and Rottingdean drew 2–2 with Bosham Reserves before losing the shoot-out

4–2. The cup scores appear with their competition labels in the results panel. None changes the league points printed here. There is also an awarded fixture entry involving Diversity in the source; it is not treated as a second played match or used to invent a match report.

SUSSEX TAKEAWAY

TMG top this snapshot with ten points from four games after drawing 0-0 with Sompting. Diversity United's 4-2 win over Montpelier Villa II was their first league victory. Rottingdean Village have six points from only two matches; Sompting host them on Saturday 10 October. At this stage, the local story needs both the points column and matches played alongside it.

CLUBS IN FOCUS

TMG First — 10 points from 4 games, with 3 wins, 1 draw and 0 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is TMG First 0–0 Sompting First on 03 October.

Rottingdean Village First — 6 points from 2 games, with 2 wins, 0 draws and 0 defeats. Next on the published week-ahead list: Sompting First versus Rottingdean Village First on 10 October at 14:00 (Division 1).

Sompting First — 4 points from 3 games, with 1 wins, 1 draw and 1 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is TMG First 0–0 Sompting First on 03 October. Next on the

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published week-ahead list: Sompting First versus Rottingdean Village First on 10 October at 14:00 (Division 1).

Lectern First — 4 points from 3 games, with 1 wins, 1 draw and 1 defeats. Next on the published week-ahead list: Lectern First versus Diversity United First on 10 October at 14:00 (Division 1).

Montpelier Villa AFC Montpelier Villa II — 3 points from 4 games, with 1 wins, 0 draws and 3 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Diversity United First 4–2 Montpelier Villa AFC Montpelier Villa II on 03 October. Next on the published week-ahead list: Montpelier Villa AFC Montpelier Villa II versus Boys Brigade Old Boys First on 10 October at 15:00 (Division 1).

Diversity United First — 3 points from 4 games, with 1 wins, 0 draws and 3 defeats. The latest league result in our reporting records is Diversity United First 4–2 Montpelier Villa AFC Montpelier Villa II on 03 October. Next on the published week-ahead list: Lectern First versus Diversity United First on 10 October at 14:00 (Division 1).

Boys Brigade Old Boys First — 1 point from 2 games, with 0 wins, 1 draw and 1 defeats. Next on the published week-ahead list: Montpelier Villa AFC Montpelier Villa II versus Boys Brigade Old Boys First on 10 October at 15:00 (Division 1).

THE GOAL WATCH

The reported scoring list gives another route into the division. Barney Boutwood has 6 recorded league goals; Bradley Hunt has 6 recorded league goals; Carl Leonard has 5 recorded league goals. The full leaders panel names the clubs and links to the official records. These are league figures: the FA tables use League Only, while the National

League and Isthmian figures are counted from league match goal events. They should not be compared with the older groundhop player pages, whose 2 October figures cover all recorded competitions. Saturday score reporting can also arrive before individual player submissions, so the FA list is labelled as reported goals rather than a claim that every new goal has already been assigned.

DOUGIE'S WEEK AHEAD

The week-ahead panel covers Sunday 4 through Saturday 10 October. The first listed date is 10 October, with Lectern First against Diversity United First at 14:00. My pick for readers is to follow the fixture that involves their club, then keep an eye on the teams immediately above and below it. That makes the table a useful companion to the match rather than a detached page of numbers. Published kick-offs and venues can change; use the source buttons before travelling. The next result may alter the order, but tonight's record is kept clear: confirmed finals, the current official table, and fixtures still to come.

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THE OFFICIAL LEAGUE TABLE

2026/27 season / includes recorded league results through Saturday 3 October; rechecked Sunday 4 October 2026.

P played; W wins; D draws; L losses; GD goal difference; Pts points.

#	Club	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1	TMG First	4	3	1	0	21	10
2	Rottingdean Village First	2	2	0	0	5	6
3	Sompting First	3	1	1	1	6	4
4	Lectern First	3	1	1	1	1	4
5	Montpelier Villa AFC Montpelier Villa II	4	1	0	3	-9	3
6	Diversity United First	4	1	0	3	-13	3
7	Boys Brigade Old Boys First	2	0	1	1	-11	1

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The dated 2 October groundhop scouting pages retained later in the issue are a separate pre-match snapshot. These league tables replace the old league-context pages.

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THE REPORTED GOAL LEADERS

FA Full-Time League Only player records across all 7 clubs. Reported goals only; club submissions can lag Saturday's results. Penalties are included in Overall Goals.

Player	Club(s) in the record	League goals
Barney Boutwood	TMG First	6
Bradley Hunt	TMG First	6
Carl Leonard	Rottingdean Village First	5
Dan Deacon	Sompting First	4
Jonny Taylor	TMG First	3
Adrian Avery	Rottingdean Village First	2
Ben Kydd	Sompting First	2
Charlie Breese	Lectern First	2
Fabio Napoli	Lectern First	2
Giovanni Morgan	Boys Brigade Old Boys First	2

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[Lectern First / LEAGUE ONLY >](#)

[Boys Brigade Old Boys First / LEAGUE ONLY >](#)

RESULTS / 27 SEPTEMBER–3 OCTOBER

Date	Match	Result / notes
03/10	Boys Brigade Old Boys First v Optimus First	4–5 •cup
03/10	Diversity United First v Montpelier Villa AFC Montpelier Villa II	4–2
03/10	Jarvis Brook Reserves v Lectern First	4–2 •cup
03/10	Rottingdean Village First v Bosham Reserves	2–2 / Pens 2-4 •cup
03/10	TMG First v Sompting First	0–0

Cup finals shown separately from league results. Rottingdean 2–2 Bosham Reserves: Bosham won the shoot-out 4–2. An awarded Diversity cup entry is omitted from played-match coverage.

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YOUR NEXT WEEK OF FOOTBALL

Sunday 4–Saturday 10 October 2026 •published kick-off times, UK local time. Check the live source before travelling. Cup fixtures are identified separately.

Date / KO	Fixture	Competition
10/10 14:00	Lectern First v Diversity United First	Division 1
10/10 14:00	Sompting First v Rottingdean Village First	Division 1
10/10 15:00	Montpelier Villa AFC Montpelier Villa II v Boys Brigade Old Boys First	Division 1

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MATCH 5 / PRE-HOP DATA: 2 OCTOBER

THE PERFECT HOME RECORD TEST



SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER / 11:00 BST / Division One



Worthing United



Saltdean United

2026/27 LEAGUE	Worthing United	Saltdean United
Position	3	11
Played / points	9 / 19	8 / 13
Goals for / against	32 / 6	18 / 14
Points per game	2.11	1.62
Last five (oldest first)	WWLWL	LLLWW

THE MATCH IN FOCUS

Worthing United's home numbers provide Sunday's strongest statistical headline. Five league games at the Robert Albon Memorial Ground have delivered five wins, 23 goals scored and only two conceded. The pre-hop snapshot places the Mavericks third with 19 points from nine matches. Saltdean United sit eleventh with 13 from eight, so the visitors have played one fewer game. The home record is formidable; the table gap is not the whole story.

Worthing lost 2-1 at Westfield on Tuesday, after a 3-1 home win over AFC Walcountians. Saltdean have won their last two league games, 1-0 at Loxwood and 5-2 against Shoreham. That gives the Tigers a timely recovery after three consecutive league defeats. Their away record is two wins, one draw and two defeats, with six scored and five conceded: a different profile from their latest high-scoring home success.

Last season's meetings underline why the ground alone cannot settle the argument. Worthing won 3-1 at Saltdean on 19 August 2025; Saltdean won 2-0 at Worthing on 13 December. Both were away victories. Our reading is that the hosts' ability to combine scoring with few concessions is the main examination for Saltdean. The Tigers have fresh winning momentum and a relevant away result in this fixture's history. Sunday asks how those positives translate against this season's perfect home sequence.

RECORDED PLAYERS TO WATCH

Liam Appleton / Daniel George Kingston

Alfie Mitchell

9 recorded overall goals each

5 recorded overall goals

Published totals; availability is unconfirmed. Tap a player panel for the full record.

Robert Albon Memorial Ground

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Worthing United



Saltdean United

POINTS PER GAME



GOALS FOR PER GAME



GOALS AGAINST PER GAME



VENUE POINTS PER GAME



Venue comparison: the host at home versus the visitor away.

A DETAIL TO WATCH

Worthing's 32 league goals are the most in Division One at this snapshot. Saltdean won 2-0 at this ground in the last listed meeting.

Sunday starts with the Mavericks and Tigers. Bring your voice to Lyons Way.

Sources: [3], [15], [25] | Checked 2 Oct 2026



WORTHING UNITED

2026/27 / FA-RECORDED PLAYER TOTALS



Snapshot: 2 October 2026. Overall published totals across competitions; these are not league-only figures or a refreshed post-match player record.

PLAYER	APPS	START	GOALS	AST	YC	RC
Liam Appleton	11	11	9	-	2	-
Daniel George Kingston	10	10	9	-	-	-
Dean Sherwood	11	11	5	-	1	-
Ethan Davey	10	10	4	-	-	-
Joe Sadler	9	5	4	-	1	-
Ahmed Kamil	9	7	3	-	-	-
Leon James Turner	10	3	2	-	-	-
Andrew Younger	10	9	1	-	1	-
Dillon Nagle	9	8	1	-	-	-
Dan Hills	8	-	1	-	-	-
Ryan Singers	5	2	1	-	2	-
Kliment Ivanov Tanev	11	11	-	-	-	-
Thomas Gordon Butler	10	10	-	-	1	-
James Younger	7	7	-	-	1	-
Blu Abbott	6	6	-	-	-	-
Jordan Pittam	6	2	-	-	-	-
Marcus Puddephatt	5	-	-	-	-	-
Samuel Harrison Marsden	4	4	-	-	-	-
Luis Sa Castro	4	3	-	-	-	-
Daniel Novis	3	1	-	-	-	-
Neil Rateiwa	2	-	-	-	-	-
Arses Tsoungui	2	-	-	-	-	-
Xhemal Bako	1	1	-	-	-	-
Evan Bengough-Drake	1	-	-	-	-	-

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SALTDEAN UNITED

2026/27 / FA-RECORDED PLAYER TOTALS



Snapshot: 2 October 2026. Overall published totals across competitions; these are not league-only figures or a refreshed post-match player record.

PLAYER	APPS	START	GOALS	AST	YC	RC
Alfie Mitchell	10	9	5	-	3	-
Luke Burbidge	11	10	4	-	1	-
Alfie Edmeads	11	10	2	-	-	-
Jesse Burbidge	10	9	2	-	4	1
Alfie Marchant	10	8	2	-	1	-
Luke Elliott Marshall	6	6	2	-	2	-
Harry David James Furnell	5	5	2	-	2	-
Herbie Rogers	11	2	1	-	-	-
Charlie Yeates	10	9	1	-	2	-
Theo Vincent Maryon	9	7	1	-	-	-
Caleb Rollanson-Williams	8	1	1	-	1	-
Joshua Samuel Gould	6	5	1	-	-	-
Rudy Stilgoe	12	12	-	-	-	-
Aaron Winser	12	10	-	-	2	-
Adam Bukleb	10	9	-	-	1	-
Kamron Edwards	10	3	-	-	-	-
Taylor Harding	10	1	-	-	-	-
Taylor Edwards	9	7	-	-	2	-
Oscar Pinnock	7	6	-	-	1	-
Alex Patching	4	1	-	-	-	-
Ben Whitmore	4	2	-	-	-	-
Daniel Edmeads	1	-	-	-	-	-
Lawrence Edwards	1	-	-	-	-	-
Colby Martin	1	-	-	-	-	-

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LEVEL POINTS. FINAL WORD.



SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER / 14:45 BST / Premier



Newhaven



Bexhill United

2026/27 LEAGUE	Newhaven	Bexhill United
Position	11	10
Played / points	9 / 13	9 / 13
Goals for / against	13 / 18	16 / 17
Points per game	1.44	1.44
Last five (oldest first)	LLLWL	LWLWL

THE MATCH IN FOCUS

The closing fixture brings together clubs level on 13 points from nine league games in the pre-hop snapshot. Both have four wins, one draw and four defeats, with Bexhill above Newhaven on goal difference. The intriguing difference is where those points were earned. Bexhill have collected 12 of their 13 away from home, winning four of six league trips. Newhaven's home return is two wins, one draw and one defeat.

The Dockers have scored in every league fixture, but conceded 18 across those nine games. Their latest league result was a 2-1 defeat at Roffey. They also suffered a 10-0 cup defeat at Horsham on Tuesday; that belongs to a separate competition and is not included in the league figures. Bexhill's latest league outing was a 2-1 home loss to Lingfield, following their 5-1 away success at Crawley Down Gatwick.

The 2025/26 league meetings both went to the visitors: Bexhill won 3-1 at Newhaven on 18 October 2025, and Newhaven won 2-1 at Bexhill on 14 February 2026. Our preview sees a contest between the hosts' consistent league scoring and the Pirates' productive away record. Newhaven need a league response; Bexhill need to reproduce the return they have earned on their travels. Level points give the hop finale a clear competitive edge.

RECORDED PLAYERS TO WATCH

Ezra Roeg

Ryan Luke Moir

6 recorded overall goals

7 recorded overall goals

Published totals; availability is unconfirmed. Tap a player panel for the full record.

The Trafalgar Ground

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Newhaven



Bexhill United

POINTS PER GAME



GOALS FOR PER GAME



GOALS AGAINST PER GAME



VENUE POINTS PER GAME



Venue comparison: the host at home versus the visitor away.

A DETAIL TO WATCH

The visitors won both listed meetings last season. Bexhill's four away league wins already outweigh their winless three-game home return.

Dockers versus Pirates. One final stop. Finish the hop at the Trafalgar.

Sources: [2], [9], [11] | Checked 2 Oct 2026



NEWHAVEN



2026/27 / FA-RECORDED PLAYER TOTALS

Snapshot: 2 October 2026. Overall published totals across competitions; these are not league-only figures or a refreshed post-match player record.

PLAYER	APPS	START	GOALS	AST	YC	RC
Ezra Roeg	12	11	6	-	1	-
Billy Oliver	8	7	5	-	-	-
Matthew David Gunn	12	12	2	-	-	-
Lee Robinson	6	4	2	-	-	-
Daniel Liam Allen	11	3	1	-	-	-
Dexter Lambert	11	3	1	-	-	-
Joseph Jeffrey Radley-Martin	9	9	1	-	1	-
Tyler Capon	6	5	1	-	-	-
Jesse Lambert	13	5	-	-	2	-
Max Vardy	12	11	-	-	3	-
Shay Tobin	11	8	-	-	3	-
Ashley James Wadhams	11	9	-	-	3	-
Ryan Blunt	10	10	-	-	2	-
Fraser Martin Trigwell	10	10	-	-	-	-
Harvey Raymond Hayes Wheeler	8	5	-	-	1	-
Matthew George Feeney-Hill	7	6	-	-	1	-
Thomas Amoakoh Sekyere	7	3	-	-	-	-
Charlie Louis Gibson	6	6	-	-	-	-
Rudy Gonzalez Jae Jones	6	5	-	-	-	-
Elliott Bresciani	5	4	-	-	1	-
Harry Lawrence Hammond	4	1	-	-	-	-
George Mccarthy	4	2	-	-	2	1
Reece Bickerton	3	1	-	-	1	-
Leo James Anderson	2	2	-	-	-	-
Dashiell Callen Dickens	2	-	-	-	-	-
Finley Chisholm	2	-	-	-	-	-
Jake Buss	1	1	-	-	-	-
Lennie Deacon	1	-	-	-	-	-
Oliver Kennedy	1	-	-	-	-	-
Harley King	1	-	-	-	1	-

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PLAYER	APPS	START	GOALS	AST	YC	RC
Ryan Luke Moir	12	10	7	-	1	-
Jack Shonk	12	12	4	-	-	-
Ashley Latuske	13	11	2	-	1	-
Charlie James Ralph Scarles	11	2	2	-	2	-
Theo Coombs	10	8	2	-	1	-
Jack Robert Mison	10	4	2	-	1	1
Callum Brand	10	9	1	-	-	1
Kyle Holden	13	13	-	-	2	-
Max Hollobone	13	11	-	-	1	-
Finlay Robert Holter	11	11	-	-	-	-
Charlie Playford	11	8	-	-	-	-
Dale Penn	10	9	-	-	-	-
Harry Jon Marchant	9	8	-	-	2	-
Thomas Alexander Vickers	9	6	-	-	-	-
Jack Samways	6	1	-	-	1	-
Sean Omoigiade Agun	4	-	-	-	-	-
Mardy Ovenden	4	-	-	-	-	-
Joshua Stuart Tuck	4	4	-	-	1	-
Kimsley Gatakata	3	-	-	-	-	-
Ryan Alex Riddles	3	-	-	-	-	-
Sam Sharma	3	-	-	-	-	-
Kasey Smith	3	3	-	-	2	-
Luke Anthony Linton Donaldson	2	2	-	-	-	-
Jack Simon Cruz Preston	2	2	-	-	-	-

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FA CUP / THIRD QUALIFYING ROUND / SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER 2026

CROWBOROUGH ATHLETIC 1 - 2 WIMBORNE TOWN FC

By Sean Parker-Harding



The third qualifying round of the FA Cup saw Crowborough take on Wimborne. In front of a large crowd at Charles Century Stadium the away side were rewarded for making the 120 mile journey with a win.

Crowborough were encouraged by the atmosphere and the occasion and started the game the better of the two sides. There were two chances within the first 5 minutes for the home side. The first from a corner taken by Francis found Puffette on the penalty spot who headed the ball over, you could see he was frustrated not to do better. The second chance again came over a corner, a cleared ball fell to Puffette who set Duncan who couldn't create enough of an angle on his shot to get it past the keeper.

Crowborough played a direct and physical game from the start and Wimborne during the first half struggled with this. It was clear to see they had some technically good players but they couldn't get themselves into the game with the intensity Crowborough played at.

However, Crowborough couldn't capitalise on their dominance. Two more half chances fell their way, a brilliant first touch into space by Pring played through Samuel-Smikle with his chance deflecting wide. In the final minute of the half Hutcheon came agonisingly close to finding Samuel-Smikle with a pass across the six yard box with the striker stretching out to just miss what would have been a simple tap in.

When the second half began Wimborne rose to the occasion. They created a bit of luck for themselves in the 59th minute. A ball from the right side of the pitch by Wooding, who was Wimborne's main threat throughout, ricocheted between defenders and attacker with the ball touching a defender's arm, a

penalty was awarded. Roundell struck a confident penalty to give the away side the lead.

The second half was dominated by Wimborne possession with the home side needing a moment of magic to bring them back into the game. That very moment came from Samuel-Smikle, the striker received the ball with plenty to do, he moved the ball in and out trying to find a way to create a shooting opportunity. Once he found that half a yard of space to angle a shot, he curled the ball wonderfully in the top corner from outside of the box. A brilliant FA Cup moment, setting up an exciting final 20 minutes to settle the tie.

The goal brought the game to life with both teams fighting for the win. Just four minutes later Wimborne found their second goal. A floated corner by Walker hung the ball in the air directly into the crowded area. The ball was cleared to Seung on the edge of the box who set Roberts for a great strike into the roof of the net.

It was a great contest between the two sides for the remainder of the game. Wimborne came close again from another similar corner routine. Roberts and Samuel-Smikle had a constant battle setting up an excellent old-school defender v attacker clash. In the 5th minute of the 7 additional minutes, Pearson hit the side netting from the final corner of the game coming frustratingly close to setting up a replay.

Wimborne managed to hold on to progress through to the next round making that long journey home feel much quicker. A special mention to Crowborough, the third round of qualifying for the FA Cup is an incredible achievement for this club.

Contributor report. Result and scorers checked against both clubs; penalty timing corrected.

THE READER'S VOICE

SO, WHAT WOULD YOU WRITE ABOUT?

By Russ Cochran



Writing an article about football is one thing.

Writing an article about **writing an article about football** is something else entirely.

But here I am on week 9's issue like a bad smell.

I suppose the point of this one is really to ask a simple question: **what would you write about?**

Would you?

Could you?

Should you?

Well, why the hell not?

When I started contributing to Dugout News, I wasn't exactly sitting down with a carefully structured editorial plan, a degree in journalism and a filing cabinet full of beautifully researched subject matter (or booze) I had opinions, plenty of them, experience of going all over the UK following teams, even abroad (ask me about why I drove to Hamburg twice!) and a habit of talking about football (mostly utter BS) to anyone within earshot.

And gladly, That hasn't changed one bit! Yet sometimes I get what can only be described as 'writer's block' but not. I can sit staring at a blank screen pretending to type, wondering what on earth I'm going to write about, I have all week and it hit me at 12:45am the night before Dugout news goes out! after watching the Darts!

Then, on other days, I can rattle off several thousand words of complete football diarrhoea all checked by slipping our delightful AI bot Dougie a few pints of virtual Cruzcampo, to absolutely anybody and anybody in the near vicinity, whether they want to hear it or not, through this delightful platform.

Perhaps there is a lesson in that somewhere no?

Sometimes the best thing you can do is **shut up and let somebody else do the talking** And that is really what got me thinking about this article.

Because Dugout News isn't supposed to be a place where one or two people do all the talking. It is and rightly should be all about football, certainly, but it is also about opinions, ideas, experiences, frustrations, observations, humour and sometimes just saying what you think.

It doesn't have to be perfect, It doesn't have to sound like a national newspaper And you don't need to consider yourself a writer (I'm not, I'm just winging it weekly!)

You just need something to say, but where do you start?

Dugout news is not a non-league agony aunt... (unless Mike has had a few)

Although, I'm fairly certain Dougie's Mrs would make an excellent scratching post for Sussex non-league, but that's another story.... don't mind if I do...

Perhaps we could have a regular **"Dear Dougie's Mrs"** column.

Dear Suzie,

Our committee can't agree on whether to spend £20,000 on a new dugout or £20,000 on another striker. What should we do?

Yours desperately,

A. Confused Chairman.

There you go.

There's your first article.

And that's probably the point, Seriously now, it is, any fair question goes, rivalries and smoke too!

You don't necessarily need to sit down and think *"I'm going to write an article."* You might simply have

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an experience, an opinion, an argument you've had, something you've noticed at a game, something that annoys you, something that makes you laugh, or something you think other clubs could learn from or it could be to do with leagues, fixtures, travel, beer prices, Food quality/price, entry prices, absolutely anything, including Dougie's Mrs.....

Just Write it down.

That's how a lot of these things start, don't be afraid and expand on it, you may find you have a point!

No holds barred

One of the things I like about Dugout News is that it isn't meant to be sanitised into oblivion.

It's not a club programme where every sentence has been passed around six committee members before somebody finally decides that the word "disappointing" is probably too strong.

It's about football and the people involved in it.

So, within reason, **no holds barred**, if you've got something to say, say it! so what if you've got a different opinion to mine, even better and If you've got an idea that I haven't thought of, I'd like to hear it, so would everyone else, it doesn't mean you are wrong,

If you think I've been talking absolute rubbish, well... there's always the opportunity to write an article explaining why and I might actually be doing that right now, but hey!

And yes, you could even write to Dougie's Mrs about how much cr*p I'm chatting I can handle it, I'm sure she can she is just a highly intelligent AI and has to put up with, well, A footy mad Dougie!!!! aren't we all?

but to be honest I'm sure she'll be very supportive regardless like most better halves are in footy

MASSIVE SHOUT TO ALL THE EVER SUPPORTIVE NL WAGS, no, actually, a massive shout to all Women in football, OH LOOK theres a topic again, we never cover the women's game, will someone please jump in! it would open a few eyes in parity I'm sure.

The subjects come from everywhere (like what I just rattled off in the last paragraph, see what I did there?)

The articles I've recently written haven't all come from some grand editorial strategy, Some have simply started with just a thought. ie;

Why don't more clubs promote themselves outside their own social media pages and sharing their interests?

What are clubs actually offering supporters apart from the football?

What makes facilities and ground development so important?

Why do clubs sometimes struggle to take advantage of opportunities that are sitting right in front of them?

What happens when football politics gets in the way?

Why don't we talk more about the things happening away from the pitch?

And sometimes the subject comes from something I've seen, heard or experienced around non-league football, That's the beauty of it I guess, at some point I thought the pieces listed above were all good topics to base articles on and I have had no complaints yet (until now) Football gives you an endless supply of things to talk about, You just have to notice them and be creative, you just need a catalyst.

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And sometimes nine pages happens...

Last week I somehow managed to produce **nine pages**.

Nine! (sorry, not sorry)

I'm not entirely sure whether that demonstrates dedication, a complete lack of self-control or simply that nobody stopped me in time..... blame the editor!

But here's the thing.

Seeing the reactions to it made all those words worthwhile, I had a load ofWhatsapps, DM's FB messages, Emails and calls! I felt like I touched a nerve and That's what encourages me and hopefully you to keep writing.

say for example, Someone reads something you've put together, disagrees with it, agrees with it, comments on it, shares it or simply tells you that they enjoyed reading it, it's all healthy interaction.

Suddenly those hours spent staring at a screen trying to turn a thought into something readable don't seem quite so daft (until you write an article about it like this one)

And that's why I'm enthusing about **your** writing today rather than mine (I already know mines not great)

Because if I can sit here and produce nine pages of football waffle (even if it wasn't) I'm fairly certain there are plenty of people reading Dugout News who could produce something far more interesting as we are all ever reminded that we are to be diverse and all see things differently.

So what would you write about?

Maybe you've got a story about your club?

or you've got a view on where non-league football is heading.

Maybe you've got an idea for improving your ground or how leagues and FA's can operate better?

you could have had a brilliant match day experience over ground hop weekend that other clubs could learn from.

Maybe you've got something that really annoys you and it never changes as its never been pointed out or someone shuts others down when addressing it? (oh hello Ego) write about that!

Maybe you've got something that makes you laugh (probably not this article then)

Maybe you've been involved in football for 40 years and have a story nobody has ever heard because they are the boring ones no? that's me all over, I first went to Worthing FC as a wee 7 year old nipper in 1984, yes, I turn 50 in November, 50! FFS! ho hum have a medal.... don't discount it, we all fell in love with the game at some point!

Or maybe you're just someone who has always thought:

"I'd quite like to have a go at writing something."

Well, have a go, You don't need to write nine pages!

Please don't feel you have to write nine pages.

I've already made that mistake.

It could be 500 words. It could be 1,000. It could be longer. It could even be a few paragraphs that spark an idea for something bigger And if you start writing and discover you've got more to say than you thought, then fantastic.

That's how it works.

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Dugout News is yours too, that's truly what I (we) Love about it.

I can write about a load of stuff, and I'm sure I can appreciate somebody else's efforts just as much, In fact, I'd much rather read ten different people's views on ten different subjects than read the same person banging on about the same thing every week, Mentioning no names at all.....

So, this week, I'm turning the question around.

What would you write about?

Would you?

Could you?

Should you?

Yes.

Yes.

And yes.

So why not have a go?

If you've got an idea for an article, **get in touch with Mike** and see where it takes you.

You might discover that you enjoy it.

You might discover that you've got more to say than you realised.

You might even discover that people actually want to read what you think.

And if nothing else, you can always write to Dougie's Mrs afterwards and tell her that she needs to have a word with me....

Because, apparently, **nine pages wasn't enough....**

YOUR STORY. YOUR CLUB.

Have a match report, opinion or story worth sharing? We welcome men's and women's football, club volunteers, supporters and groundhoppers.

Send 300-800 words with your name and club. Short pitches are welcome too. Add one photo if you have permission to publish it, with a caption and credit.

Message @iamthedugout on Instagram and mark your pitch 'Dugout News'. Mike will follow up about the next issue.

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