

THE DPL WEEKLY

EVERY GOAL – EVERY GAME – EVERY SUNDAY

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Cobham Sports FC 5 - 1 Portland United FC – 29/08/26

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WELCOME

Four weeks into the 2026/27 Dorset Premier League season, the campaign has settled into its own rhythm. The early rush has eased, replaced by a steady pulse as each weekend adds new colour to a picture still taking shape. Momentum now feels earned, confidence carries weight, and setbacks linger.

A MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM THE EDITOR

On behalf of Rachael and me, we offer our heartfelt thanks to everyone across the DPL Family for the kind messages and congratulations on our recent wedding. The support and warmth shown has meant a great deal to us both. The DPL's sense of community is something truly special, and we've been humbled by every message received.

Your kindness is deeply appreciated by us both.

WEEK 4 HIGHLIGHTS

The standout performance of the weekend came at The College, where Balti Sports delivered the day's most emphatic result with a commanding 7–1 victory over Mere Town. At Petersham Lane, Holt United stayed top with a composed 3–0 win against Sherborne Town Reserves, maintaining their strong early-season momentum. Hamworthy United Reserves swept aside Verwood Town 6–1, highlighted by a four-goal masterclass from Keith Tottingham.

LEAGUE NOTICES

A gentle reminder to all clubs to ensure they remain fully familiar with League Rules and Regulations. Should clarification be required, please contact the appropriate League Officer.

The League continues to seek a Main Sponsor for the 2026/27 season, alongside several additional sponsorship opportunities. Organisations interested in supporting Dorset's leading grassroots competition should contact the League Secretary at:

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The DPL Weekly thrives on the reports, photographs and stories submitted by its clubs each week. If there are features, statistics, club stories or regular sections you would like to see included throughout the season, please get in touch.

Enjoy Issue 3

Giles Kilshawe-Fall

Editor, The DPL Weekly

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MIDWEEK ROUND UP

18th August 2026

Cobham Sports moved to the top of the table after they beat Hamworthy Rec Res 4-0 at home, scoring for Sports were **Callum Perry**, **Harrison Wright** & a brace from **Asa Phillips**, this 4th defeat on the spin sees Rec still looking for their 1st points of the season. Meanwhile, at the Broadway, the eagerly awaited clash between Bournemouth Electric & Bournemouth Sports ended 1-1 with the visitors taking the lead courtesy of **Jake Terry** in the 1st half only to be cancelled out by **Abraham Adesoji** 2nd half strike. Holt United returned to winning ways with an emphatic 5-1 win against Hamworthy United Res at Petersham Lane, scoring for the "Bulls" were **Ben Hands** with a hat trick, **George Ashby** & **Oliver Wilson**, whilst **Keith Tottingham** scored for the visitors. Mere Town picked up their 1st point of the season as they battled back from 2-0 down to draw 2-2 at Alvington against hosts Westland Sports. with all 4 goals coming in the 2nd half, Westland's went 2 up through goals from **Niall Woolard** & **Steve Ormrod** only to see a Mere comeback with both goals scored by **Jacob Rowley**. Finally to North Dorset where local bragging rights go to Sherborne Town Reserves after their 3-2 win at Gillingham Town, in a game the hosts led twice in, they took the lead through **Kaleb Andrews** only for **Alfie Calway** to restore parity back cam the hosts and they retook the lead through **Nick Fowler**, this all inside the 1st 12 minutes. **Tommy Gaylard** equalised for the visitors early in the 2nd half with further goals from **Alfie Calway** & **Josh Haskett** securing the win.

19th August 2026

3 games played tonight and 19 goals to boot, Portland United Reserves picked up their 1st point of the season and in doing so ended Dorchester Sports 100% start after a 3-3 draw at the Camp & Satherley Stadium, scoring for the Blues, who led 3-1 at the half were **Preston Hepburn**, **Josh Tennant** & **Mike Powell**, scoring for Sports were **Dylan Ellis** with a brace and **Kieran Coombes** with the equaliser. Wareham Rangers welcomed Wimborne Town Reserves to the Sports centre with the visitors winning 4-2 with all their goals coming in the 1st Half, **Kester Wilson** helped himself to a brace with **Jake Collet-Carr** & **Frankie Fletcher** also scoring. Replying for Rangers were **Blake Hughes** & **Johnny Powell**. Finally to Swanage as they won a 7 goal thriller in the Purbeck against Verwood Town, 3 goals in the opening 11 minutes set the tone, **Curtis Young** scored for the hosts only for **Dave Kerr** to equalise, a headed goal from **Will Pryor** put the Swans back in front. **Dave Kerr** got his 2nd to restore parity only for evergreen **Mark Ford** to put the Swans back ahead with a decent finish, back came Verwood and they equalised for the 3rd time when **Sergio Cracium** let loose from distance to score a belter, however there was one more twist as **Curtis Young** netted in injury time to secure the points.

LAST WEEKEND

22nd August 2026

It was another bumper day for goals in the Dorset Premier Football League, with 40 goals flying in across the eight fixtures — a weekend that showcased the league's trademark drama, intensity and unpredictability. Supporters were treated to everything from tight tactical battles to free-scoring thrillers, as the early-season narratives continue to take shape.

Holt United moved one point clear at the top of the table, after a confident 4–0 home win over Mere Town, with goals from **Ben Hands**, **George Ashby** and a brace from **Brandon Williams**. Hot on their heels are Bournemouth Electric, who secured an impressive 3–1 victory at home against Westland Sports, thanks to **Jamie Morgan's** double and **Abraham Adejosi**, with **Jamie Green** netting for the visitors. Down in the Purbeck, Swanage T&H and Cobham Sports battled to a hard-earned 1–1 draw. **Jack Biles** put Swanage ahead before **Callum Parry** levelled for Cobham, ensuring both sides took something from a fiercely contested encounter. Over at Chapel Gate, spectators witnessed a nine-goal spectacle as Dorchester Sports defeated Bournemouth Sports 6–3, with strikes from **Alex Godfrey**, **Toby Kelly**, **Brin Doyle**, **Kieran Coombes (x2)** and **Reuban Moggeridge**. The hosts replied through **Jake Terry** and a brace from **Jack Bergin**. Gillingham Town continued their excellent start to the Season with a strong 3–1 away win at Wimborne Town FC, inspired by a superb **Kaleb Andrews** hat-trick, while **Finlay Richardson** grabbed Wimborne's consolation. At Potterne Park, Verwood Town and Sherborne Town Reserves shared an entertaining 2–2 draw — **Dave Kerr** and **Sergio Craciun** scoring for Verwood, with both Sherborne goals coming from **Jake Haskett**. There was a commanding home performance at Grove Corner as Portland United Reserves swept aside Hamworthy United Reserves 5–0, with **Sonny Cleeton** on target and doubles from **Mike Powell** and **Josh Tennant**. Finally, at Cranford Avenue, Balti Sports enjoyed a lively 6–2 win over Hamworthy Recreation Reserves, with goals from **Ryan McKechnie**, **Henri Cox**, and braces for **Taylor Brown** and **Devin Fry**. **Nathaniel Quirogs** and **Eric Richardson** struck for Rec, who remain searching for their first point of the campaign.

Across the DPL, the goals, storylines and standout individual displays continue to build momentum as the 2026/27 season gathers pace. Clubs will now look ahead to next weekend with renewed determination — whether chasing the early leaders or fighting to climb off the foot of the table.



SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST 2026



HOLT UNITED 3-0 SHERBORNE TOWN RES

Holt United earned a composed 3–0 home victory over Sherborne Town Reserves, so maintaining top position in the League. Early goals from Ben Hands and Matt Stephenson set the tone before a controversial third sealed a deserved win built on organisation, pressure and strong work ethic.

Holt United hosted Sherborne Town Reserves in changeable conditions and began brightly in a cagey opening period. Both sides created half-chances, but Holt produced the clearer openings and broke the deadlock after 13 minutes when **Ben Hands** dribbled through the middle with superb balance before firing a 20-yard strike into the net. The game opened up, with Sherborne threatening through a dangerous run and cross from their number 11, but Holt doubled their lead on 31 minutes. Excellent work from Charlie Cooper released **Matt Stephenson**, who finished confidently to make it 2–0. Holt continued to press and controlled the remainder of the half, taking a deserved lead into the interval.

Sherborne started the second half well and created several good chances, but Holt remained dangerous. Their pressure told in the 51st minute when a controversial offside call was waved away, allowing Holt to play on. A cross into the box found **Matt Stephenson**, who converted his second of the afternoon to extend the lead to 3–0.

Holt then made a series of substitutions and continued to dominate possession. Hands twice broke through only to be denied by the Sherborne keeper, while Dan Naish also went close with a driven effort just wide. Sherborne to their credit, battled throughout but could not find a breakthrough.

Holt's strong work ethic, control of key moments and attacking quality secured this deserved 3–0 victory at Petersham Lane

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COBHAM SPORTS 5-1 PORTLAND UNITED RES

Cobham Sports recovered from an early setback to beat Portland United Reserves 5–1 at Merley Park, producing a dominant performance in wet and windy conditions. Portland struck first, but Cobham's response was emphatic as they controlled the game and scored five unanswered goals.

Matchday 6 brought very different conditions to Merley Park, with Cobham Sports and Portland United Reserves greeted by wind and rain. Portland started the brighter of the two sides and took a sixth-minute lead when **Darrenth Watts** struck from distance, leaving Cobham once again needing to respond to an early setback. Cobham settled quickly and began to take control. Max Wilcock went close with a far-post header after good work from Luke Burbidge, and Asa Phillips twice threatened, first with a free header and then with a deflected effort following a dangerous cross from Sam Lench. Their pressure finally told in the 28th minute when Lench and Burbidge combined down the right, allowing **Asa Phillips** to convert from close range. Cobham continued to push and took the lead five minutes before half-time. Lench again provided the quality, reaching the byline and delivering a superb cross for **Harry Wright**, who arrived from deep to finish confidently from 14 yards.

Cobham started the second half strongly and extended their lead in the 51st minute, **Asa Phillips** scoring his second after another excellent delivery from Lench. Wilcock saw an effort cleared off the line before Cobham made it 4–1 through **Callum Perry**, who finished well from the edge of the box after more good work from Burbidge. The fifth arrived in the 71st minute when **Aiden Enver** exchanged passes with Wright and slotted home. Portland's stand-in keeper Sam Gregg made several late saves to deny the Islanders, but Cobham remained in full control and comfortably secured a 5–1 victory, a result that moves up into 2nd place in the League Table.



DORCHESTER SPORTS 3-2 HAMWORTHY REC RES

Dorchester Sports extended their unbeaten DPL run with a hard-earned 3–2 victory over Hamworthy Recreation at the Avenue Stadium. In miserable wet conditions, Sports were made to work throughout as Rec battled bravely, but Dorchester's first-half quality ultimately proved decisive.

Dorchester Sports began sharply despite the rain, taking the lead inside two minutes. A move starting with goalkeeper Sam Duncalf progressed down the right, where Kieran Coombs delivered a precise cross for **Toby Kelly** to slot home. However, Rec responded well and grew into the game, disrupting Sports' rhythm and forcing errors in possession. Their pressure paid off when Duncalf saved an initial effort, but the rebound led to a foul in the box, allowing **Nathaniel Quiroga** to convert confidently from the spot for 1–1. Sports though, quickly regained control and restored their lead through determined pressing. Dylan Ellis won the ball high up the pitch and slipped in skipper **Alex Godfrey**, who finished through the keeper's legs. Just before half-time, Godfrey's free-kick caused further problems and **Dylan Ellis** reacted quickest to guide home a third, giving Dorchester a 3–1 advantage at the interval.

Any thoughts that the hosts would romp the 2nd half were quickly dashed as Hamworthy Recreation came out strongly after the restart and deservedly pulled one back when **Alex Butnariu** struck from the edge of the box, his effort deflecting past Duncalf. The goal unsettled Sports, who looked nervous at times, but they continued to create chances. Rec's keeper produced two excellent saves to keep his side in the game, while Dorchester were also guilty of wasting several promising openings. As Rec pushed hard for an equaliser, Dorchester's back line held firm in the closing stages, showing resilience and organisation to secure another valuable three points and maintain their unbeaten start to the campaign.

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GILLINGHAM TOWN 0-6 SWANAGE T&H



Swanage delivered a ruthless away performance at Woodwater Lane, hitting in form Gillingham Town for six without reply. A strong defensive base, sharp attacking combinations and clinical second-half finishing ensured a dominant victory that earned the Swans three points, a clean sheet and their biggest win of the season.

Swanage made a blistering start at Woodwater, creating a clear chance inside two minutes when Josh Reavenall-Nuete broke through, only to be denied by Wookey in the Gill's goal. **Reavenall-Nuete** quickly made amends, heading home from close range after Sam Herrington's corner caused problems in the Gillingham box. Despite the strong wind disrupting several attacking moves, Swanage continued to create the better openings while remaining alert to Gillingham's counter-attacks, with their back four defending resolutely to protect the narrow 1-0 half-time lead.

The visitors began the second half with real purpose and doubled their advantage when **Curtis Young** finished confidently following an excellent pass from Jack Hughes. **Hughes** then turned scorer, firing home after being picked out by Reavenall-Nuete to make it 3-0. With Swanage now fully in control, evergreen substitute **Mark Ford** added a fourth, calmly finishing when one-on-one with the keeper. **Mark Ford** struck again soon after, this time after being sent through by Jonny Martin, slotting past Wookey for 5-0. Gillingham came close to pulling one back when a fierce free-kick struck the post, but the Swans had the final say as **Curtis Young** completed his brace with a sharp finish from a tight angle. Swanage continued to press even at 6-0, moving the ball confidently in midfield and stretching the Gillingham back line with intelligent wide play. Their work rate never dipped, and several late attacks showed the side's hunger to maintain standards. The defensive unit also impressed, clearing their lines well and ensuring Gillingham were unable to build any sustained pressure.

This was a comprehensive 6-0 win on the road for Swanage, and three points plus a clean sheet underline the Swans' growing momentum and confidence.



VERWOOD TOWN 1-6 HAMWORTHY UTD RES



Hamworthy United Reserves returned to winning ways in emphatic fashion, defeating Potterne Park hosts Verwood Town 6–1. A blistering first-half display, led by a four-goal haul from Keith Tottingham, set the tone for a dominant and much-needed Hammers victory.

Hamworthy United Reserves arrived at Potterne Park determined to halt their early-season slide, and they made a flying start. Inside the opening stages, **James Cherrett** struck to give the visitors the lead, before **Keith Tottingham** added a quickfire brace to put Hamworthy 3–0 up and firmly in control. Verwood responded with spirit and pulled one back through **Matt Pope**, offering a glimmer of hope for the hosts. However, **Tottingham** remained in ruthless form. He struck twice more before the interval, completing a first-half haul of four goals and sending Hamworthy into the break with a commanding advantage. His movement, strength and finishing proved too much for the Town back line, who struggled to contain the visitors' relentless attacking tempo.

The second half saw Verwood attempt to regain a foothold, pushing forward with greater intent, but Hamworthy's defence stood firm. The visitors remained organised, disciplined and difficult to break down, ensuring their lead was never threatened. As the game stretched, Hamworthy continued to look dangerous on the counter, and their pressure told when **Fred Kenway** added a sixth goal, calmly finishing to round off an excellent Away team performance.

Hamworthy's 6–1 win was built on clinical finishing, strong defensive structure and a superb individual display from Keith Tottingham. It marked a confident return to form and a valuable three points for the Hammers.





BOURNEMOUTH SPORTS 3-1 WIMBORNE TOWN RES

Bournemouth Sports battled through fierce wind and rain at Chaple Gate to secure a fully deserved 3–1 victory over a determined Wimborne Town Reserves side. After a frustrating goal less first half, Sports found their rhythm after the break, scoring three well-worked goals to claim all three points.

With the weather seemingly stuck in extremes, Chaple Gate offered no respite as both sides faced driving rain and powerful winds. Sports adapted quickest, enjoying long spells of possession in the first half, but they struggled to break down a well organised and disciplined Wimborne side who defended with real commitment. Despite controlling territory, Sports found clear chances hard to come by, and the teams went into the interval level after a cagey frustrating opening 45 minutes.

A few firm words at half-time appeared to spark Sports into life. Just minutes after the restart, **James Bergin** raced through the middle, showing strength to hold off his marker before finishing superbly through the legs of the advancing goalkeeper to make it 1–0. The goal settled Sports, and their midfield began to dictate play with greater authority. Their improved tempo soon produced a second. After industrious work in midfield, **Lewis Evans** unleashed a rasping low drive from 30 yards that skidded across the wet surface and flew into the bottom corner, doubling the lead and giving Sports breathing space. Wimborne, to their credit, never stopped working and were rewarded when a moment of hesitation in the Sports back line allowed **Ray Brim** to strike from fully 25 yards into the net, so reducing the deficit to 2–1 and briefly shifting momentum. This goal served as a wake-up call for Sports, who responded strongly and finished the game with added purpose. A well-timed run from **Billy McDermott** saw him break the Wimborne offside trap before calmly slotting home the third goal, in doing so, sealing a deserved 3–1 victory for the hosts in very challenging conditions.



WAREHAM RANGERS 0-2 BOURNEMOUTH ELECTRIC



Bournemouth Electric battled the elements and a determined Wareham Rangers side in the Purbeck to secure a hard-earned 2–0 victory. Played against a fierce gale throughout, Electric showed patience, resilience and late composure, claiming their fourth win of the season to remain firmly in touch with the early leaders.

Bournemouth Electric arrived at the Sports Centre in Wareham knowing the conditions would play a major part, with a heavy gale blowing straight towards their goal throughout the first half. Wareham used the wind well and defended superbly, keeping their shape and frustrating Electric, who struggled to generate clear chances despite long spells of possession. Wareham's back line dealt bravely with crosses and second balls, and for much of the half it appeared they would reach the interval level. However, Electric finally broke through just before the whistle. A well-worked move allowed **Marcus Cullen** to find space inside the box, and he finished clinically to give Electric a crucial 1–0 lead at half-time.

Turning to face the wind in the second half, Wareham immediately went on the front foot. They carved out several excellent chances, pressing Electric back and forcing mistakes. Electric's goalkeeper produced two outstanding saves—one low to his right, another tipping a fierce drive over the bar—to preserve the narrow advantage. Wareham's finishing let them down at key moments, and their inability to convert pressure into goals ultimately proved costly. As Wareham pushed bodies forward in search of an equaliser, Electric struck decisively on the counter. A swift break released **Edrin Asante**, who raced clear and finished confidently to make it 2–0 and put the game beyond reach. Electric saw out the final minutes professionally, securing their fourth win of the season and staying just one point behind the league leaders.





BALTI SPORTS 7-1 MERE TOWN

Balti Sports made it three wins in a row with a dominant 7–1 victory over Mere Town, recovering from an early setback before producing a ruthless attacking display. Mere competed well early on, but Balti's pace, movement and finishing proved far too strong and taught the visitor's a lesson at the College.

Mere Town travelled to Weymouth hoping to halt Balti Sports' strong recent run, and the visitors made the perfect start. After just seven minutes, **Mali Benjamin** rose highest at the back post to head home a Sam Biddiscombe corner, giving Mere a 1–0 lead. Balti, affected early by the strong wind and guilty of forcing play, needed a moment to settle—and found it when skipper **Matt Harvey** struck from the edge of the box, his effort deflecting into the net for 1–1. The goal lifted Balti, who began to play with confidence and fluency. A superb team move released **Callum Stanton**, who danced past his defender and slotted home to turn the game around at 2–1. Balti created further chances through McKechnie and Brown, but both narrowly missed as the hosts went into half-time with a deserved lead.

The next goal felt crucial, and Balti seized it immediately after the restart. A precise through ball sent the in-form **Taylor Brown** clear, and he finished calmly for 3–1. **Taylor Brown** soon added his second—and seventh of the season—firing home after good work from James, stretching the advantage to 4–1. Balti were now relentless. Substitute **Matt Chambers** made it 5–1 with a low strike from the edge of the box, before **Matt Harvey** added his second with a composed finish into the far corner. The final goal came from new signing **Charlie Pitt**, who raced through one-on-one and poked the ball into the corner to complete a commanding 7–1 win.

Balti are currently in fine form; however Mere Town are finding life in the DPL a lot tougher than the Dorset Football League as they still search for their 1st win of the season.



Photo Corner



Swanage T&H v Cobham Sports [22 08 26]

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Bournemouth Sports v Dorchester Sports [22 08 26]

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Cobham Sports v Portland United Res [29 08 26]

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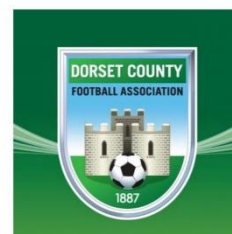


Gillingham Town v Swanage T&H [29 08 26]
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COUNTY CORNER



FOR 16/17-YEAR-OLDS

Who play open aged Football (Adult) – “KNOW YOUR RIGHTS”

YOUR RIGHTS:

- You have the right to feel safe on and offline;
- You have the right to healthy relationships and appropriate boundaries;
- You have the right not to be bullied, harassed or intimidated;
- You have the right not to feel uncomfortable or unsafe;
- You have the right not to be discriminated against because of your age, gender, gender reassignment, ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status or civil partnership, faith, ability or disability, pregnancy and maternity.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Tell an adult you trust at home, school or college or at football;
- E-mail safeguarding@TheFA.com, or speak to a Designated Safeguarding Officer;
- Contact the NSPCC for free **0800 800 5000** or Childline **0800 1111** or visit their website for more information;
- If someone is in immediate danger dial 999 to speak to the Police;
- Set up privacy settings for your online profiles;
- Report inappropriate online behaviour to CEOP.

HELPFUL ORGS:

NSPCC: nspcc.org.uk/what-you-can-do/report-abuse

Childline: childline.org.uk Helpline: **0800 1111**

CEOP: ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting

ThinkUknow: thinkuknow.co.uk/14_plus

ChildNet: childnet.com/young-people/secondary

Samaritans: samaritans.org/how-we-can-help-you

Helpline is open 24 hrs a day: **116 123**

Stonewall: stonewall.org.uk/help-advice

Stonewall Youth: youngstonewall.org.uk

YoungMinds: youngminds.org.uk

DisrespectNoBody: disrespectnobody.co.uk

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS IN FOOTBALL

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SEASON 2026 – 2027

- All clubs with open age teams will be required to have a named Club Welfare Officer at the point of affiliation for a New Season.
- All open age teams with 16/17-year-old players must ensure that the team coaches must have an in-date FA DBS in place.
- It is the responsibility of clubs to ensure that they are aware of any 16/17-year-olds playing, and to adhere to the FA DBS requirements.

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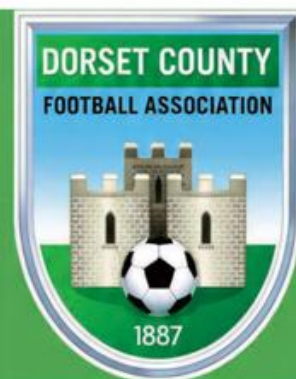
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DCFA U18 REFEREES ZERO TOLERANCE



Our young referees are better than you think.
Support them.
And they will be back next week.
We operate Zero Tolerance towards questioning and
abuse of our referees.

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Anti-social behaviour has no place in football ✖

We're working together to keep the game safe, positive and enjoyable for everyone.

Think before you act!

OUR GAME. OUR COMMUNITY.

**YOUR ACTIONS HURT
DON'T DESTROY OUR GAME**

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

We're working together to tackle **anti-social behaviour** that has been highlighted as a problem at **Step 3** and **Step 4** football!

Continue to disrupt the game then **expect to face sanctions.**

Ground bans, removal from football activity as a player, coach or referee.

Our clubs deserve more **RESPECT and SUPPORT**, stop adding additional stress and challenges to our volunteers!

- RESPECT THE GAME**
- RESPECT THE PEOPLE**
- PROTECT OUR GAME**

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STATS



League Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Holt United FC	6	5	0	1	11	15
2	Cobham Sports FC	6	4	2	0	13	14
3	Bournemouth Electric FC	6	4	2	0	11	14
4	Swanage Town & Herston FC	6	4	1	1	10	13
5	Dorchester Sports FC	5	4	1	0	8	13
6	Balti Sports FC	5	3	0	2	10	9
7	Gillingham Town FC	6	3	0	3	-1	9
8	Hamworthy United FC Reserves	6	3	0	3	-3	9
9	Sherborne Town FC Reserves	5	2	2	1	1	8
10	Bournemouth Sports FC	6	2	1	3	2	7
11	Westland Sports FC	5	1	3	1	0	6
12	Wimborne Town FC Reserves	6	2	0	4	-4	6
13	Verwood Town FC	6	1	2	3	-7	5
14	Portland United FC Reserves	5	1	1	3	-4	4
15	Wareham Rangers FC	5	1	0	4	-7	3
16	Mere Town FC	6	0	1	5	-19	1
17	Hamworthy Recreation FC Reserves	6	0	0	6	-21	0

The early-season scoring race in the DPL is already taking shape, led by a handful of Players delivering for their clubs. **Up to & Including Saturday 22nd August**

Kester Wilson (Wimborne Town FC Reserves) is setting the pace with a stunning 7 goals from just 2 games, the league's most explosive start.

Close behind, **Nick Fowler** (Gillingham Town FC) continues to be a reliable focal point with 6 goals in 4 appearances.

A strong chasing pack of 3 players sit on 5 goals:

Taylor Brown (Balti Sports FC) - **Jamie Morgan** (Bournemouth Electric FC) & **John Powell** (Wareham Rangers FC)

Upcoming Fixtures

Type	Date / Time	Home Team	Away Team	Venue	Competition
Cup	01/09/26 19:45	Verwood Town FC 	VS 	POTTERNE PARK	Dorset Premier League Cup
Lg	05/09/26 15:00	Dorchester Sports FC 	VS 	DORCHESTER TOWN F.C	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	05/09/26 15:00	Gillingham Town FC 	VS 	WOODWATER LANE	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	05/09/26 15:00	Hamworthy United FC Reserves 	VS 	DORSET COUNTY GROUND	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	05/09/26 15:00	Mere Town FC 	VS 	MERE SCHOOL	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	05/09/26 15:00	Portland United FC Reserves 	VS 	CAMP AND SATHERLEY STADIUM	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	05/09/26 15:00	Sherborne Town FC Reserves 	VS 	RALEIGH GROVE	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	05/09/26 15:00	Swanage Town & Herston FC 	VS 	DAYS PARK	Dorset Premier Football League
Cup	05/09/26 15:00	Westland Sports FC 	VS 	ALVINGTON PLAYING FIELDS	Dorset Premier League Cup

Postponement Count = 0



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		LEAGUE CUP 2026 - 2027					
		Preliminary Round					
01/09/2026	A		Verwood Town FC	v		Dorchester Sports FC	
05/09/2026	B		Westland Sports FC	v		Wareham Rangers FC	
		1st Round					
19/09/2026	1		Cobham Sports FC	v		Bournemouth Electric FC	
19/09/2026	2		Holt United FC	v		Bournemouth Sports FC	
19/09/2026	3		Mere Town FC	v		B	
19/09/2026	4		Wimborne Town FC Res	v		Balti Sports	
22/09/2026	5		A	v		Portland United FC Res	
22/09/2026	6		Gillingham Town FC	v		Hamworthy United FC Res	
22/09/2026	7		Swanage T&H FC	v		Hamworthy Rec FC Res	
n/a	8		Due to Bridport FC Res withdrawing from League after Draw was made	A	v	W	Sherborne Town FC Res
		Quarter Final					
	9			v			
	10			v			
	11						
	12			v			
		Semi Final					
	13			v			
	14			v			
		Final					
	15			v			

LAWS OF THE GAME

KEY CHANGES FOR 2026/27

The main updates Players
Team Management & Match Officials
need to know.



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SUBSTITUTIONS

Players have 10 seconds to leave when subbed, unless injured.

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PLAYER EQUIPMENT

Accessories are allowed if they're safe and securely covered.

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THE REFEREE

Players treated on the pitch must stay off for 1 minute after play restarts.

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RESTARTS OF PLAY

Dropped-ball wording is clarified when a team would have gained possession.

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FOULS & MISCONDUCT

No caution for DOGSO if advantage is played and a goal is scored.

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PENALTY KICKS

Accidental double-touch: goal = retake, no goal = missed.

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THROW-INS

A 5-second visual countdown can be used. If time is exceeded, the throw goes to the opposition.

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GOAL KICKS

A 5-second visual countdown can be used. If time is exceeded, a corner is awarded; delaying can still be cautioned.



For the full law changes, check the IFAB Laws of the Game.

FA Grassroots Disciplinary Guide 26/27

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Fast Track Offers in Discipline for 2026-27



Fast Track

An Introduction

To watch introductory, You Tube video – [CTRL & CLICK here](#)

Fast track offers are new in grassroots discipline for the 2026-27 season to give greater clarity on sanctions for participants and to speed up the resolution of cases.

This important development has been introduced following feedback from the grassroots game.

How does it work in brief?

Where a case is eligible for a fast-track offer, this will be made at the earliest opportunity with a short deadline to respond. The offer will clearly set out the proposed sanction, including the number of matches to be missed and the level of financial penalty.

Where the offer is accepted, the sanction then comes into effect.

Where the offer is rejected, the case will be investigated further. A second offer will then be made with any charge that is issued, but this offer will be higher than offer 1, reflecting the additional time and resources required to progress the case.

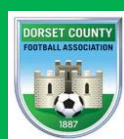
Where the second offer is rejected, the case proceeds to a hearing as normal. If the charge is found proven, the starting point for any sanction will be a further increase on offer 2.

Fast-Track Offers

PP = Discipline penalty points

Charge	Fast Track offer 1			Fast Track offer 2			Proposed minimum at Commission			Previous record (not excessive)
	Matches	Fine	PP	Matches	Fine	PP	Matches	Fine	PP	
E3.1 - Improper Conduct: General Behaviour	1	£25	7	2	£35	8	3	£45	9	+ 1 match +£10 fine
E3.1 - Improper Conduct: Abusive, Indecent, or Insulting words or behaviour	2	£25	7	3	£35	8	4	£45	9	
E3.1 - Improper Conduct: Threatening words or behaviour	3	£50	7	4	£60	8	5	£70	9	
E3.1 - Improper Conduct: Violent Conduct/Serious Foul Play	4	£65	7	5	£75	8	6	£85	9	
E3.1 - Improper Conduct against a Match Official : Abusive, Indecent, or Insulting words or behaviour	3	£40	7	4	£50	8	5	£60	9	
E10 - Failed to comply with a decision of the Association (participant charge)	2	£25	-	3	£35	-	4	£45	-	
E12 - Failed to comply with a decision of the Association (club charge)	-	£50	-	-	£70	-	-	£90	-	+£10 fine
E20 - Failed to ensure Directors, Players, Officials, Employees, Servants, Representatives attending any match do not behave in a way which is improper, offensive, violent, threatening, abusive, indecent, insulting or provocative (please note, reference to 'low', 'medium' and 'high' on the right are to levels of seriousness as per the current FA Sanction Guidelines)	Low	£50	7	Low	£70	8	Low	£90	9	+£10 fine
	Medium	£100	7	Medium	£120	8	Medium	£140	9	
	High	£150	7	High	£170	8	High	£190	9	
E21 - Failed to ensure Spectators and/or its Supporters (and anyone purporting to be its Supporters or Followers) conducted themselves in an orderly fashion whilst attending any Match	As above (E.20)									

COUNTY CUPS 2026 – 2027



D.C.F.A - SENIOR TROPHY - Round 1 *Sponsored by Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance*



Round 1

3 rd October 26		VERWOOD TOWN		V		<i>Maiden Newton & Cattistock</i>
		HAMWORTHY UNITED RES		V		BALTI SPORTS

Round 2

				V		
				V		
				V		
				V		
				V		
				V		
				V		
				V		
				V		

Quarter Finals

				V		
				V		
				V		
				V		

Semi - Finals

				V		
				V		

Final

				V		
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Hampshire FA



H.F.A SATURDAY TROPHY

1st Round

V

2nd Round

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3rd Round

V

V

4th Round

V



S.F.A SATURDAY TROPHY

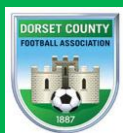
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League



D.C.F.A - SENIOR CUP

Round 1

TBC		GILLINGHAM TOWN		V		Dorchester Town
TBC		Hamworthy United		V		Portland United
TBC		SWANAGE TOWN & HERSTON		V		Blandford United
TBC		Shaftesbury		V		Wimborne Town
TBC		Weymouth		V		Poole Town
TBC		Sherborne Town		V		Bridport

Hamworthy Recreation	BYE
Sturminster Newton	BYE

Quarter Finals

				V		
				V		
				V		
				V		

Semi - Finals

				V		
				V		

Final

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DPL – Respect Table 26/27

The DPL runs a Competition throughout each season to do with Respect and is based around the Points the Match Referee awards each Club in the following areas on a Match Day.

- Behaviour of Managers
- Behaviour of Players
- Behaviour of the Captain

Each area is marked out of 10 with 2 points deducted for each Sin Bin received & 3 points deducted for each S6 Red card received - (*Foul & Abusive Language*)

Each block is measured over 5 games with the Club receiving the most marks getting **£250.00**



Step 6 Leagues for Possible Relegations

Latest Table – Velocity Wessex League 1

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	New Milton Town	5	5	0	0	16	4	12	15
2	Fawley AFC	6	4	1	1	10	6	4	13
3	Sandhurst Town	6	3	2	1	15	6	9	11
4	Ringwood Town	6	3	2	1	13	7	6	11
5	Amesbury Town	6	3	2	1	13	9	4	11
6	Frimley Green	6	3	0	3	13	7	6	9
7	Newport (IOW)	3	3	0	0	9	4	5	9
8	Cove	4	3	0	1	7	8	-1	9
9	Alresford Town	5	2	2	1	10	8	2	8
10	AFC Aldermaston	6	2	2	2	9	8	1	8
11	Whitchurch United	6	2	2	2	11	16	-5	8
12	Hedge End Rangers	5	2	1	2	7	10	-3	7
13	Kintbury Rangers	6	1	3	2	8	12	-4	6
14	Blandford United	5	1	2	2	4	5	-1	5
15	Folland Sports	4	1	1	2	8	9	-1	4
16	Romsey Town	4	1	1	2	7	10	-3	4
17	Lymington Town	5	1	2	2	5	9	-4	4*
18	Hamworthy United	6	0	2	4	8	12	-4	2
19	Ash United	5	0	2	3	2	9	-7	2
20	Colden Common	4	0	1	3	7	13	-6	1
21	Totton & Eling	5	0	0	5	4	14	-10	0

Latest Table – Jewson Western League 1

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	AEK Boco	5	4	1	0	10	13
2	Longwell Green Sports	6	4	1	1	6	13
3	Avonmouth	6	4	1	1	5	13
4	Nailsea United	6	4	0	2	9	12
5	Odd Down (BATH)	5	4	0	1	3	12
6	Bristol Telephones	5	3	1	1	7	10
7	Calne Town	5	3	1	1	3	10
8	Keynsham Town	6	3	0	3	3	9
9	Shirehampton	5	3	0	2	2	9
10	Almondsbury	6	3	0	3	-7	9
11	Cadbury Heath	7	2	2	3	-3	8
12	Wincanton Town	5	2	0	3	-4	6
13	Warminster Town	5	1	1	3	-2	4
14	Oldland Abbotonians	4	1	1	2	-3	4
15	Bitton	7	1	1	5	-9	4
16	Mendip Broadwalk	4	1	0	3	-7	3
17	Radstock Town	4	0	2	2	-2	2
18	Welton Rovers	7	0	0	7	-11	0

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Feeder League Into the DPL



DORSET SENIOR LEAGUE

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Bournemouth Poppies Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Bournemouth Sports Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Canford United First	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Cobham Sports FC Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Maiden Newton & Cattistock First	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Parley Football Club	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Poole Borough First	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Shaftesbury Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Stars Football Academy Stars FC	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Tisbury United First	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Westland Sports Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0

LATEST RESULTS

UPCOMING FIXTURES

L	05/09/26	Bournemouth Sports Reserves		VS		Westland Sports Reserves
L	05/09/26	Canford United First		VS		Poole Borough First
L	05/09/26	Cobham Sports FC Reserves		VS		Shaftesbury Reserves
L	05/09/26	Parley Football Club		VS		Bournemouth Poppies Reserves
L	05/09/26	Stars Football Academy Stars FC		VS		Tisbury United First

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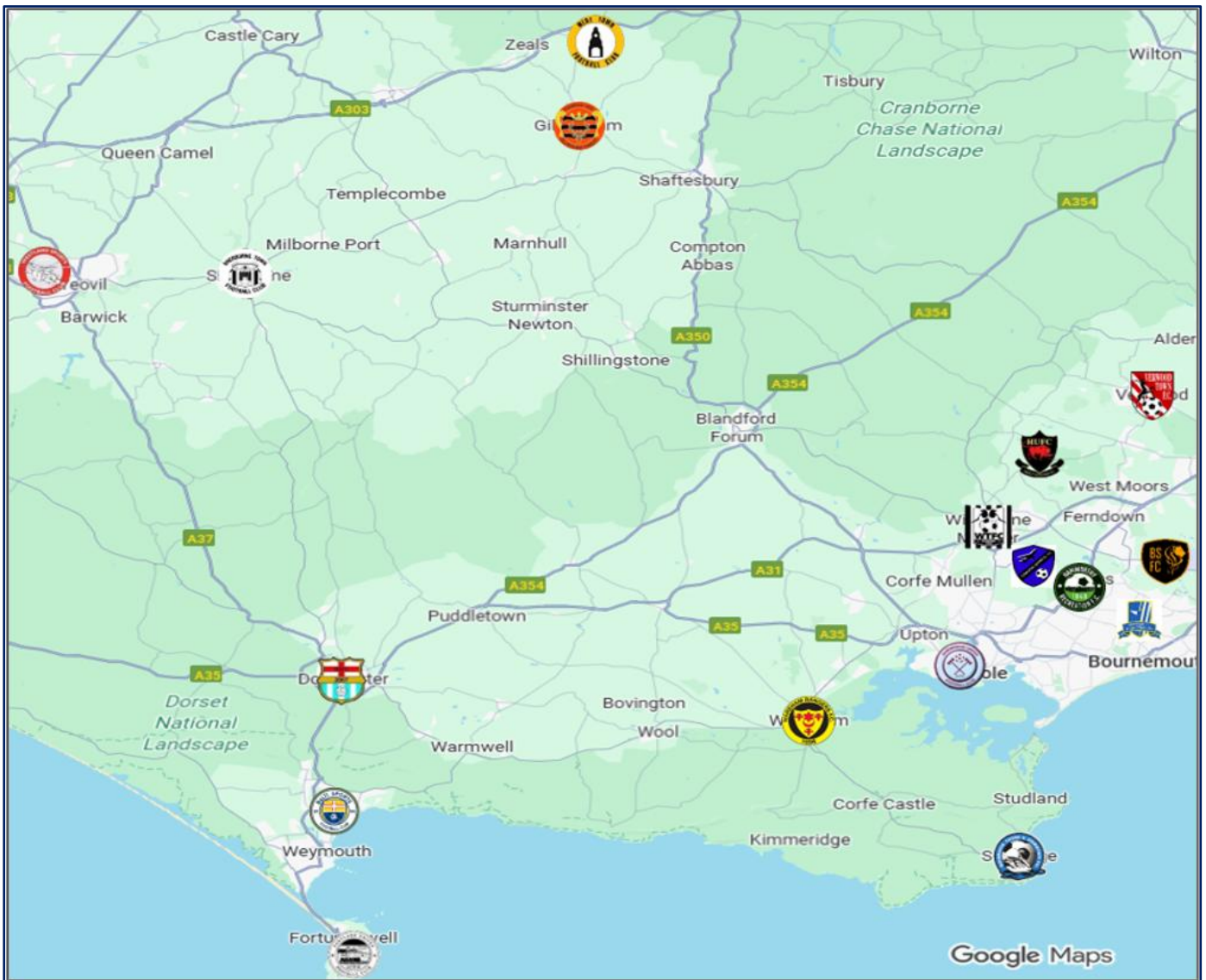
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5x Reserve Teams



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