

THE DPL WEEKLY

EVERY GOAL – EVERY GAME – EVERY SUNDAY

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Holt United FC v Cobham Sports FC – 03/10/26

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Welcome — To Issue Number 7

The season's trajectory is firming up as League and Cup competitions take their place and reach momentum. Early season pre favourites are beginning to separate from the pack following another pivotal weekend of results.

WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

- **The Bulls Triumph:** Holt United FC secured the standout result of the weekend, handing Cobham Sports FC their first defeat of the season with a 2-0 victory at Petersham Lane.
- **Hamworthy Recreation FC Reserves:** The struggle for form continues at the foot of the table; following a 3-1 home loss to Swanage Town and Herston, they remain without a point this season.



- **Dorset Senior Trophy:** Hamworthy United Reserves and Verwood Town both secured progression with wins.
- **Somerset Senior Cup:** Westland Sports successfully advanced to the next round.
- **Hampshire Saturday Trophy:** Bournemouth Sports were eliminated following a penalty shootout defeat.

LEAGUE CUP

Following the League Management Committee (LMC) meeting last Thursday, the Quarter Final draw was made:

- **Update:** The abandoned tie between Dorchester Sports FC and Portland United FC Reserves, will be replayed in its entirety (Date: TBC).

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• **Quarter Final Draw:**

Westland Sports FC v Wimborne Town FC Reserves

Cobham Sports FC v Holt United

Dorchester Sports FC / Portland Utd FC Res v Sherborne Town FC Reserves

Gillingham Town FC v Swanage Town & Herston FC

(Dates: TBC).

LEAGUE NOTICES

A reminder to all clubs to ensure they remain fully familiar with League Rules and Regulations. For any clarification, 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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Enjoy Issue 7.

Giles Kilshawe-Fall

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SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2026



HOLT UNITED	2
COBHAM SPORTS	0

Holt United claimed a deserved 2–0 derby victory over Cobham Sports at Petersham Lane, ending the league leaders' unbeaten start through 2nd half goals from Jack Foden and Matty Stephenson, before defending superbly with ten men to secure a statement Dorset Premier Football League win.

Matchday 10 brought a major shift at the top of the Dorset Premier Football League as Holt United defeated previously unbeaten Cobham Sports 2–0 at Petersham Lane, earning local bragging rights and delivering a performance full of discipline, organisation and resilience. Cobham arrived as league leaders, but Holt matched them stride for stride in a tight first half where both sides created chances without finding a breakthrough. Holt threatened first when Matty Stephenson forced Toby Butt into a smart save in the ninth minute. Cobham responded immediately through Sam Lench, who's long-range effort drifted just wide. Lench then brought the best out of home keeper Reece Mitchell with a sharp header from a Taylor Edwards free-kick, while at the other end Butt did superbly to force Corey Elwick wide when clean through. Cobham continued to probe, with Luke Burbidge delivering a superb cross that narrowly evaded Lench, and Harry Wright going close before half-time. Holt had the chance to take the lead in the 42nd minute when Elwick was brought down in the box, but George Ashby saw his penalty brilliantly saved by Butt, diving low to his left to keep the scores level at the break. The second half belonged to Holt. In the 49th minute Cobham failed to clear a deep cross, and from the resulting free-kick **Jack Foden** drilled a stunning 20-yard strike into the bottom corner to make it 1–0. Five minutes later Holt doubled their lead. A free-kick into the box caused chaos, and **Matt Stephenson** reacted quickest, diverting the ball into the far corner for 2–0. Holt's Ally Williams was then sent off for a deliberate handball that denied Burbidge a one-on-one. Despite their numerical advantage, Cobham struggled to impose themselves, with Holt defending superbly for the final half-hour. A deserved win for the Bulls, who combined quality with grit. Cobham, unusually subdued, paid the price for a rare off-day in the final third.

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DORCHESTER SPORTS	6
GILLINGHAM TOWN	0



Dorchester Sports moved top of the Dorset Premier Football League with a commanding 6–0 win over Gillingham Town at the Avenue Stadium, producing a dominant display featuring braces from Noah House and Brin Doyle alongside goals from Dylan Ellis and captain Alex Godfrey.

Dorchester Sports climbed to the summit of the Dorset Premier League with a superb 6–0 victory over Gillingham Town at the Avenue Stadium, delivering a performance full of control, sharp passing and clinical finishing. From the opening whistle, Sports looked determined to impose themselves, and they made the perfect start by taking the lead inside two minutes. Excellent work down the right from Noah House created space for a low cross, which found **Dylan Ellis** arriving at the near post to guide the ball home and put the hosts 1–0 up. The early goal settled Dorchester, who began to move the ball with real fluency. Their passing combinations grew increasingly incisive, and two clever through-balls from Jamie Samways opened the door for captain **Alex Godfrey**, who broke into the box and calmly slotted past the Gillingham goalkeeper to double the lead. Sports continued to dictate the tempo, and on the stroke of half-time they added a third. **Brin Doyle** collected possession 15 yards out and struck a precise effort into the bottom corner, giving Dorchester a commanding 3–0 advantage at the interval. The second half brought no respite for Gillingham. Dorchester maintained their intensity, with **Noah House** proving a constant menace down the right flank. His movement and direct running repeatedly stretched the visitors, and he was rewarded with two well-taken goals from close range, both arriving after sustained pressure and sharp build-up play. At 5–0, Sports were in full control and continued to push forward with confidence. The scoring was completed late on when **Brin Doyle** grabbed his second of the afternoon, finishing neatly to secure his brace and round off a dominant team performance. Dorchester’s attacking rhythm, energy and precision were simply too much for Gillingham, who struggled to gain any foothold throughout the match. A convincing win, six goals, a clean sheet and top spot secured — Dorchester Sports FC delivered a statement performance that underlines their early-season credentials.



BOURNEMOUTH ELECTRIC MERE TOWN

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Bournemouth Electric and Mere Town shared a hard-fought 1–1 draw at Broadway Park, with both sides creating chances, both goalkeepers in excellent form, and Liam Hosmer's superb second-half equaliser earning Mere a deserved point after an end-to-end contest.

Bournemouth Electric welcomed Mere Town to Broadway Park for the visitors' first ever trip to the ground, with Electric aiming to respond to recent poor form and protect their unbeaten league run. Mere, however, arrived with confidence after last week's win and were in no mood to allow Electric an easy afternoon. On a tight, bumpy pitch, both sides struggled to find rhythm early on, and the opening exchanges were littered with half-chances and hurried clearances. Mere could have taken the lead when a promising opportunity was blazed high and wide, while Electric also passed up several good openings. Flachi, Morgan and Grabowski all found themselves well placed but unable to beat the impressive Mere keeper, Archie Hannigan, who produced a series of sharp saves. Supported by strong defensive work from Nigel Benjamin and Mali Benjamin, Mere held firm until the 27th minute, when Electric's pressure finally told. After neat midfield play, Davies squared the ball for **Matthias Grabowski**, who side-footed home to give Electric a 1–0 lead at half-time. Mere emerged transformed after the break, pressing Electric back and limiting the hosts to counter-attacks. Their improvement was clear, and they struck the woodwork three times in a frantic spell as Electric clung on. The writing was on the wall, and in the 74th minute Mere found the breakthrough their pressure deserved. **Liam Hosmer** embarked on a superb individual run, beating three defenders before calmly finishing into the bottom corner past Jashari to level the match. The final stages became an end-to-end affair, with both sides pushing for a winner. Electric tried to regain control but were repeatedly denied by Mere's determined defending, including last-ditch tackles and brave blocks. At the other end, Hannigan and Jashari both made crucial saves to keep the score level. After seven minutes of added time, the whistle confirmed a 1–1 draw, a result that, on reflection, felt fair.



HAMWORTHY REC RES	1
SWANAGE T&H	3



Swanage Town & Herston earned a 3–1 away win at Hamworthy Recreation Reserves, recovering from a first-half setback before controlling the second period, with goals from Will Prior x2 & Curtis Young securing victory against a spirited but injury-hit Rec side.

Hamworthy Recreation Reserves welcomed Swanage Town & Herston to the Canford Magna Complex for their eleventh Dorset Premier League match of the season, hoping for a change in fortunes under new management duo Jamie Moores and Paul Titman. The sides had met only eleven days earlier in the League Cup, where Swans won 4–1, and the visitors made another fast start here. Within the opening minute Jack Clarke was fouled in the box, allowing **Will Prior** to dispatch the penalty confidently for a 1–0 lead. Rec responded well and produced their best spell of the match midway through the first half. Connor Ford forced a fine save from Regan Norman, then struck the bar moments later with a powerful effort that had the Swans defence scrambling. Their pressure finally paid off when a defensive mix-up allowed **Connor Ford** to pounce and level the match at 1–1, giving the hosts genuine hope of securing their first point of the season. Swanage created several chances before the interval, with Curtis Young, Josh Reavenall-Nuete, Jack Hughes and Prior all going close or hitting the woodwork, but the score remained level at half-time. The second half saw the Swans take control, moving the ball with patience and stretching Rec's young side. Their pressure told on the hour when Hughes crossed for Reavenall-Nuete, who helped the ball on to Stephen Pryor. Pryor produced an audacious overhead kick, allowing **Will Prior** to head past Aaron Robertson and restore the visitors' lead. Ten minutes later Swans added a decisive third, **Curtis Young** cutting inside and firing a low shot into the corner to make it 3–1. Rec's challenge increased when an injury left them with ten men on the field. after all substitutes had been used, but they continued to battle bravely. Swanage nearly added a fourth when Pryor's header was cleared off the line, yet their three goals proved enough. A strong away win moved Swans up to third place, while Rec's wait for their first point continues despite an improved, hard-working display.



PORTLAND UTD RESERVES WAREHAM RANGERS

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Portland United Reserves and Wareham Rangers shared a competitive 1–1 draw at Camp Satherley Stadium, with Mike Powell's early penalty cancelled out late on by Jordan Churchill after a strong second-half response from Wareham and missed chances at both ends.

Portland United Reserves welcomed Wareham Rangers to the Camp & Satherley Stadium aiming to avenge their opening-day defeat, and they made the perfect start. Inside three minutes Tom Butcher broke into the box and was brought down by the Wareham goalkeeper, leaving the referee with an easy decision. In-form striker **Mike Powell** stepped up and confidently converted the penalty to give Portland a 1–0 lead. Wareham responded well, enjoying long spells of possession and forcing Portland to defend deep. Karl Wall produced several important saves to preserve the advantage, while at the other end Portland threatened again just before half-time when Joe Waring's corner found captain Haydn Payne, whose powerful header crashed against the bar. Portland held their narrow lead at the interval. Wareham came out strongly after the restart and almost levelled within minutes, a scramble in the six-yard box requiring Wall and his defence to clear off the line. Portland were forced to withstand pressure, but an injury to Butcher brought Josh Tennant into the attack and debutant Ben Holloway into defence, changes that helped the hosts regain momentum. Tennant's direct running caused problems, and Portland twice went close: Preston Hepburn saw an overhead kick brilliantly saved, before Tennant himself clipped the post after a sharp move. Wareham, however, refused to fade. Their persistence paid off in the 85th minute when **Jordan Churchill**, the visitors' standout performer, found space and finished calmly to level the match at 1–1. Wareham continued to push and might have snatched all three points, but Portland defended resolutely and still carried threat on the counter. Both sides had chances to win it late on, but neither could find a decisive finish. Portland will feel they did enough to take all three points after dominating large spells of the second half, while Wareham were satisfied with a deserved away point after a strong, organised performance. A competitive, hard-fought draw between two committed sides.



WIMBORNE TOWN FC RESERVES SHERBORNE TOWN FC RESERVES

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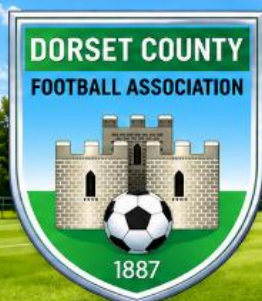


Wimborne Town Reserves stormed to a dominant 7–1 win over Sherborne Town Reserves, with standout forward Kester Wilson scoring four as the hosts moved up to ninth, while the Zebras, who trailed 2–1 at half-time, remain in 12th after a difficult afternoon.

Wimborne Town Reserves produced their most emphatic performance of the season at the Wyatt Homes stadium, sweeping aside Sherborne Town Reserves with a commanding 7–1 victory that lifted them into ninth place. The Zebras arrived looking to build on recent improvements, but they were quickly overwhelmed by a sharp, energetic Wimborne side who showed far greater cutting edge in the final third. The hosts made a bright start and took control of the game through the outstanding **Kester Wilson**, whose movement and finishing proved far too much for the Sherborne defence. Wilson opened the scoring with a composed finish before adding a second soon after, giving Wimborne a deserved 2–0 lead. Sherborne did respond before the interval, **Josh Maskell** finding the net with a well-taken effort to reduce the deficit to 2–1 at half-time, offering a glimmer of hope for the visitors. Any momentum Sherborne carried into the second half was quickly extinguished. Wimborne emerged with renewed intensity, moving the ball crisply and attacking with purpose. **Wilson** completed his hat-trick with another clinical strike and soon added his fourth of the afternoon, cementing a standout individual display. With the Zebras now stretched and struggling to contain the hosts' pace, Wimborne continued to press. The goals kept coming. **Jasper Graham** added a well-taken finish, showing great composure inside the box, before **Ray Brim** struck to make it 6–1. The scoring was rounded off by **Noah Iglewski**, who capped a strong team performance with a confident effort to complete the 7–1 rout. Sherborne battled throughout but were unable to stem the flow of Wimborne attacks, and their defensive frailties were repeatedly exposed. The Zebras remain in 12th place, while Wimborne climb to ninth after a dominant display full of energy, confidence and ruthless finishing. A superb afternoon for the hosts, highlighted by Wilson's four-goal haul and a collective performance that suggests Wimborne are beginning to find real momentum.

COUNTY CUPS

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YOUR LEAGUE

YOUR CLUBS

YOUR COMMUNITY

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• **DORSET SENIOR TROPHY:**



**HAMWORTHY UNITED FC RESERVES
BALTI SPORTS**

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Hamworthy United Reserves produced a dominant attacking display to defeat fellow Dorset Premier Football League side, Balti Sports 7–3 in the Dorset Senior Trophy first round, with Mason Trevor hitting a hat-trick, Freddy Kenway adding a brace and Sam Willoughby completing the scoring in an emphatic home win.

Hamworthy United Reserves built on last week's improved league performance with an excellent 6–3 victory over Balti Sports in the first round of the Dorset Senior Trophy, producing their most convincing display of the season. From the outset United looked sharp, organised and full of attacking intent, immediately taking control of the tie. The hosts' forward line caused Balti constant problems, with **Mason Trevor** at the centre of everything. His movement and finishing repeatedly exposed the visitors' defence, and he opened the scoring with a composed strike before adding two further clinical efforts to complete a superb hat-trick. Trevor's confidence and aggression set the tone for United, who played with freedom and purpose throughout. Balti continued to push forward and showed moments of quality in attack. **Taylor Brown, Troy Walbridge** and **Ryan McKechnie** all found the net with tidy finishes when given space in the final third, but their defensive frailties were clear and Hamworthy punished them ruthlessly. Alongside Trevor's treble, **Freddy Kenway** delivered a standout performance of his own, scoring twice with composed finishes that reflected United's dominance in midfield and their ability to break Balti's defensive structure. **Sam Willoughby** added the sixth goal to round off the scoring and underline Hamworthy's superiority. The second half saw United maintain control, moving the ball confidently and defending with far more assurance than in recent weeks. Their improved organisation, combined with clinical finishing, ensured Balti were never able to build sustained momentum despite their three goals. A deserved win and a place in the next round secured in style.



VERWOOD TOWN	3
MAIDEN NEWTON & CATTISTOCK	1



Verwood Town battled past Dorset Senior League side, Maiden Newton & Cattistock 3–1 after a chaotic, scrappy contest, recovering from a sluggish start before two late Sergio Craciun goals sealed victory against ten-man MN&C in a match full of momentum swings, big decisions and determined defending.

A frantic opening at Potterne Park saw the ball spend more time in the air than on the grass, with midfield bypassed and both sides struggling to settle. MN&C used their flanks well early on, giving Joyce and Best plenty of defensive work, while Verwood looked lethargic at times. Half-chances appeared but were wasted with wild finishing. MN&C finished the half strongly. Harrison Wallis produced an excellent diving save, and from the resulting corner Pope cleared to launch a counter. Kwaminda broke forward and fed McKinlay, whose low strike was saved. The sides went in level at 0–0. Verwood began the second half brightly, with Joyce, Penn and Kwaminda carrying the ball well. Craciun fired over, and moments later MN&C punished a lapse when a long ball sent their striker clear to tuck home for 1–0 and a potential Cup shock. The goal sparked Verwood into life. Pressure on the MN&C back line led to a desperate rugby-style tackle on Craciun, earning a straight red card with 34 minutes left. MN&C dropped deep and defended bravely, but the resistance broke when **Brandon McKinlay** levelled at 1–1. MN&C responded with a spirited spell, forcing Wallis and the back four into key interventions. Another robust challenge brought a free-kick and a heated exchange, resulting in a sin bin. With a two-man advantage, Verwood took control. Sustained pressure ended with **Sergiu Craciun** volleying from the edge of the box, his strike deflecting into the bottom corner for 2–1. MN&C returned to ten men, but Verwood struck again. **Craciun** burst past his marker and buried a clinical finish for 3–1. MN&C pushed hard late on, but Verwood held firm to secure a deserved win and a place in Round Two.

• **SOMERSET SENIOR CUP:**



WESTLAND SPORTS
ASHCOTT

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Westland Sports came from behind to beat Ashcott 2–1 at Alvington, with second-half goals from Lewis Morgan and Phil Ormrod completing a deserved Somerset Senior Cup turnaround after a dominant but frustrating first hour and several major refereeing controversies.

Westland Sports progressed to the next round of the Somerset Senior Cup after a hard-earned 2–1 comeback victory over Ashcott in a closely fought and often feisty tie at Alvington. Westland controlled much of the early play, moving the ball patiently, but despite their dominance they struggled to find the final pass needed to unlock a compact Ashcott defence. The hosts came closest when Phil Ormrod crossed for Malek Kamal, whose powerful header crashed against the underside of the bar. Moments later Ashcott struck against the run of play, their number 10 turning in space before producing a clever 25-yard chip over Harrison Wallis for 1–0. Westland finished the half strongly but were frustrated when a corner from Harrison Foster appeared to be handled in the box, only for the referee — unsighted — to give nothing. The second half followed a similar pattern, with Westland dominating possession but lacking a cutting edge. The match turned around the hour mark when Adam Pullen and Lewis Morgan were introduced, adding fresh energy. Ashcott briefly thought they had doubled their lead, but the goal was ruled out for an earlier offside. Westland capitalised immediately. **Lewis Morgan** reacted quickest to a rebound inside the box, smashing home the equaliser. From that moment Westland were firmly in control, pushing Ashcott back with sustained pressure. The winner arrived through a superb move down the right. Morgan delivered a deep cross to the back post, where **Phil Ormrod** rose highest and powered home a brilliant header to complete the turnaround. Ashcott pushed late on, but Westland held firm to secure a deserved 2–1 victory and a place in the next round.

- Hampshire Saturday Trophy:



AFC SHIRLEY	1
BOURNEMOUTH SPORTS	0



Bournemouth Sports exited the competition at the first stage after a 0–0 draw away at AFC Shirley, eventually losing 4–2 on penalties. Despite a disciplined defensive display and several late chances, they were unable to convert and disappointingly bowed out in a tense shootout.

Photo Corner



Holt United v Cobham Sports [03 10 26]

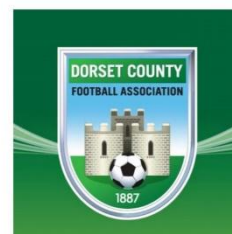
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COUNTY CORNER



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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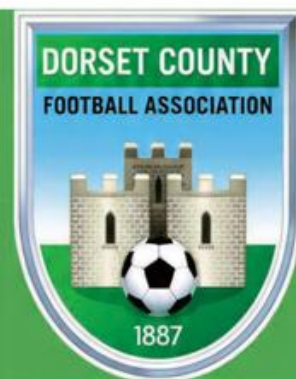
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Dorset Premier
League



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.

RESPECT. SUPPORT. FOOTBALL.

**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**

STATS



League Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Dorchester Sports FC	10	8	1	1	16	25
2	Cobham Sports FC	10	7	2	1	20	23
3	Swanage Town & Herston FC	10	7	1	2	13	22
4	Holt United FC	10	7	0	3	15	21
5	Bournemouth Electric FC	10	5	4	1	15	19
6	Balti Sports FC	8	6	0	2	16	18
7	Gillingham Town FC	11	4	1	6	-8	13
8	Westland Sports FC	7	3	3	1	7	12
9	Wimborne Town FC Reserves	9	4	0	5	1	12
10	Bournemouth Sports FC	9	3	2	4	1	11
11	Portland United FC Reserves	10	3	2	5	-5	11
12	Sherborne Town FC Reserves	9	3	2	4	-12	11
13	Wareham Rangers FC	10	3	1	6	-8	10
14	Hamworthy United FC Reserves	10	3	1	6	-11	10
15	Verwood Town FC	10	2	2	6	-12	8
16	Mere Town FC	10	2	2	6	-15	8
17	Hamworthy Recreation FC Reserves	11	0	0	11	-33	0

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Upcoming Fixtures

Lg	10/10/26	Bournemouth Electric FC		VS		Wimborne Town FC Reserves
Lg	10/10/26	Cobham Sports FC		VS		Gillingham Town FC
Lg	10/10/26	Hamworthy Recreation FC Reserves		VS		Portland United FC Reserves
Lg	10/10/26	Holt United FC		VS		Balti Sports FC
Lg	10/10/26	Mere Town FC		VS		Hamworthy United FC Reserves
Lg	10/10/26	Swanage Town & Herston FC		VS		Sherborne Town FC Reserves
Lg	10/10/26	Verwood Town FC		VS		Dorchester Sports FC
Lg	10/10/26	Westland Sports FC		VS		Wareham Rangers FC

Postponement Count = 0



The Following details are based on clubs being up to date with records on Full Time at time of publication.

This may or may not include League goals & Clean Sheets from this weekend.

Golden Boot – League Games Only

Pos	Player Name	Team	Appearances	Goals
	▼	▼	▼ ▲	▼ ▲
1 	William Prior	 Swanage Town & Herston FC	8	9
2	Asa Luke Phillips	 Cobham Sports FC	8	8
3	John Powell	 Wareham Rangers FC	8	8
4	James BERGIN	 Bournemouth Sports FC	7	7
5	Kester Thomas Wilson	 Wimborne Town FC Reserves	2	7
6	Curtis John Young	 Swanage Town & Herston FC	7	7

Golden Glove – League Games Only

Pos	Player Name	Team	Clean Sheet
	▼	▼	▼ ▲
1 	Toby Butt	 Cobham Sports FC	3
2	Harry Martin	 Bournemouth Electric FC	2
3	Jacob Deakin	 Bournemouth Electric FC	1
4	Sam Duncalf	 Dorchester Sports FC	1
5	Archie Hannigan	 Mere Town FC	1
6	Jakub Stanislaw Lewiarz	 Bournemouth Sports FC	1
7	Regan Norman	 Swanage Town & Herston FC	1
8	Liam Wookey	 Gillingham Town FC	1

LEAGUE CUP 2026 - 2027

Preliminary Round							
01/09/2026	A		Verwood Town FC	1	v	5	Dorchester Sports FC 
05/09/2026	B		Westland Sports FC	2	v	1	Wareham Rangers FC 
1st Round							
19/09/2026	1		Cobham Sports FC	10	v	1	Bournemouth Electric FC 
19/09/2026	2		Holt United FC	2	v	1	Bournemouth Sports FC 
19/09/2026	3		Mere Town FC	3	v	3	Westland Sports FC 
							<i>WSFC won 9-8 on Pens</i>
19/09/2026	4		Wimborne Town FC Res	4	v	1	Balti Sports 
22/09/2026	6		Gillingham Town FC	4	v	0	Hamworthy United FC Res 
22/09/2026	7		Swanage T&H FC	4	v	1	Hamworthy Rec FC Res 
TBC	5		Dorchester Sports FC		v		Portland United 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							
TBC	9		Westland Sports FC		v		Wimborne Town FC Res 
TBC	10		Cobham Sports FC		v		Holt United FC 
TBC	11		5		v		Sherborne Town FC Res 
TBC	12		Gillingham Town FC		v		Swanage T&H FC 
Semi Final							
	13				v		
	14				v		
Final							
	15				v		

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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

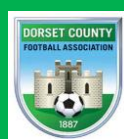
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COUNTY CUPS 2026 – 2027



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



Round 1

3 rd October 26	1	VERWOOD TOWN	3	V	1	<i>Maiden Newton & Cattistock</i>
	2	HAMWORTHY UNITED RES	6	V	3	BALTİ SPORTS

Round 2

31 st October 26		HAMWORTHY UNITED RES		V		<i>Stars Academy</i>
		COBHAM SPORTS		V		HOLT UNITED
		DORCHESTER SPORTS		V		SHERBORNE TOWN RES
		<i>Westland Sports Res</i>		V		<i>Parley Sports</i>
		<i>Shaftesbury Res</i>		V		HAMWORTHY REC RES
		WAREHAM RANGERS		V		<i>Canford United</i>
		WIMBORNE TOWN RES		V		<i>Poole Borough</i>
		PORTLAND UTD RES		V		VERWOOD TOWN

Quarter Finals

				V		
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Semi - Finals

				V		
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Final

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H.F.A SATURDAY TROPHY

1st Round

3 rd October 26		Afc Shirley	0	v	0	BOURNEMOUTH SPORTS
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AFC Shirley **WON** 4-2 on Penalties

2nd Round

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3rd Round

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4th Round

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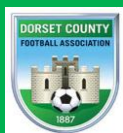
S.F.A SATURDAY TROPHY

1st Round

3 rd October 26		WESTLAND SPORTS	2	v	1	Ashcott
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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		
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				V		

Semi - Finals

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Final

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DPL – Respect Table 26/27

Dorset Premier Football League Respect Programme

The Dorset Premier Football League continues to operate its **Respect Programme** throughout the season, recognising and rewarding positive behaviour from clubs on matchdays.

After each fixture, the Match Referee awards marks in three key areas:

- **Manager Behaviour** (0-10 points)
- **Player Behaviour** (0-10 points)
- **Captain Behaviour** (0-10 points)

This gives each club a maximum possible score of **30 Respect Points per match**.

Automatic Deductions

In addition to the referee's marks, the following automatic deductions are applied:

- **SIN BIN** Minus **2 points** for each offence.
- **S6 Red Card** Minus **3 points** for each offence.

Respect Award Competition

The League's Respect Award is presented after every block of **five League matches**. Only **League fixtures** count towards the competition.

League Cup and County Cup matches are excluded and do not contribute to the Respect standings.

At the end of each five-match block, the club with the highest Respect score will be declared the winner and will receive a **£250 cash award from the League**.

Why It Matters

The Respect Programme is designed to promote the highest standards of behaviour across the League. Clubs are encouraged to support referees, demonstrate positive conduct from the touchline, and ensure players and captains lead by example.

The League believes that respect for match officials, opponents and teammates is fundamental to the game. Consistently high Respect scores reflect the values of the Dorset Premier Football League and help create a positive environment for everyone involved.

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Games 1 – 5

CONGRATULATIONS go to **MERE TOWN FC** who have received £250 for finishing Top of the Respect Table for games 1-5 with a huge score of 142 / 150

Please see Table below as to where your Club finished

		GAME 1					GAME 2					GAME 3					GAME 4					GAME 5				
		BoM	BoP	Cap	Sin Bin -2	SB -3	BoM	BoP	Cap	Sin Bin -2	SB -3	BoM	BoP	Cap	Sin Bin -2	SB -3	BoM	BoP	Cap	Sin Bin -2	SB -3	BoM	BoP	Cap	Sin Bin -2	SB -3
Mere Town	142	10	10	10		30	10	10	10	-2	28	10	9	10		29	8	8	9		25	10	10	10		30
Dorchester Sports	135	9	9	9		27	9	8	9		26	9	9	9		27	9	9	9		27	10	10	8		28
Wareham Rangers	133	8	8	8		24	9	7	8		24	10	10	10		30	10	10	10		30	9	7	9		25
Sherborne Town Res	132	10	10	9	-2	27	10	10	8		28	8	8	8		24	10	9	10		29	8	8	8		24
Swanage T&H	131	10	8	8		26	9	9	10		28	8	8	8		24	10	9	9		28	8	7	10		25
Bournemouth Sports	131	10	10	10	-2	28	10	10	10		30	6	8	10		24	7	8	7		22	9	9	9		27
Verwood Town	128	8	8	8		24	9	9	9		27	9	9	7		25	9	8	9		26	10	8	8		26
Holt United	127	10	9	8		27	9	9	9		27	8	7	7		22	9	8	6	-2	21	10	10	10		30
Balti Sports	126	10	8	2		20	9	9	9		27	10	10	10		30	8	8	9		25	8	8	8		24
Hamworthy Rec Res	126	10	10	8		28	10	10	10		30	9	7	6		22	9	7	8		24	7	8	7		22
Westland Sports	125	8	8	8		24	10	10	10		30	9	8	8	-2	23	8	8	5		21	10	10	9	-2	27
Bournemouth Electric	124	9	9	10		28	7	7	8		22	7	8	7		22	8	8	7		23	10	10	9		29
Wimborne Town Res	124	8	7	7		22	10	10	10		30	7	7	7		21	10	10	10		30	7	7	7		21
Cobham Sports	123	10	10	10		30	5	5	8		18	7	7	8		22	10	10	9		29	8	8	8		24
Portland Utd Res	122	6	7	8		21	8	8	9		25	9	9	8		26	9	8	8		25	8	9	8		25
Hamworthy Utd Res	116	7	7	7		21	10	10	8		28	8	8	7		23	10	7	4		21	9	6	8		23
Gillingham Town	114	7	7	7		21	10	10	10		30	9	7	5		21	8	8	7		23	1	9	9		19

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DORSET PREMIER FOOTBALL LEAGUE - DISCIPLINE TRENDS

2017/2018 season through to 2025/2026 season

- ↓ = **Improved** (Average per game decreased)
 ± = **No Change** (Average per game unchanged)
 ↑ = **Worsened** (Average per game increased)

Year	Games Played	Sin Bin	Sin Bin/Game		Yellow	Yellow/Game		Red	Red/Game	
2017/2018	272	120	0.43		707	2.60		63	0.23	
2018/2019	272	93	0.34	↓	505	1.86	↓	32	0.12	↓
2019/2020	172	46	0.27	↓	316	1.84	↓	18	0.10	↓
2020/2021 - COVID	111	25	0.23	↓	196	1.77	↓	24	0.22	↑
2021/2022	323	66	0.20	↓	532	1.65	↓	50	0.15	↓
2022/2023	299	70	0.23	↑	670	2.24	↑	51	0.17	↑
2023/2024	267	55	0.21	↓	626	2.34	↑	47	0.18	↑
2024/2025	242	46	0.19	↓	639	2.64	↑	57	0.24	↑
2025/2026	306	37	0.12	↓	624	2.04	↓	56	0.18	↓

2025/26 DISCIPLINE SCORECARD

- ☐ Sin Bins: 37 ● Lowest Sin Bin Rate on Record 0.12 p/g
- ☐ Yellow Cards: 624 ● Yellow Card Rate Reduced 2.64 → 2.04 p/g
- ☐ Red Cards: 56 ● Red Card Rate Reduced 0.24 → 0.18 p/g

2025/26 saw a significant improvement in League discipline, with Sin Bins at a record low and both Yellow and Red Card averages reduced compared to last season.

Thank you to all Clubs, Players, Managers, Captains and Match Officials for helping improve standards across the Dorset Premier Football League.

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Step 6 Leagues for Possible Relegations

Latest Table – Wessex League - Division 1

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	New Milton Town	11	9	1	1	28	11	17	28
2	Ringwood Town	13	7	4	2	28	19	9	25
3	Amesbury Town	13	7	2	4	26	30	-4	23
4	Cove	9	6	1	2	21	11	10	19
5	Frimley Green	13	6	1	6	30	22	8	19
6	Fawley AFC	9	5	3	1	18	11	7	18
7	Newport (IOW)	8	5	2	1	24	12	12	17
8	Sandhurst Town	11	5	2	4	21	14	7	17
9	Folland Sports	11	5	1	5	24	19	5	16
10	Whitchurch United	11	4	4	3	23	25	-2	16
11	Lymington Town	14	4	4	6	20	35	-15	15*
12	Colden Common	10	4	1	5	22	21	1	13
13	Romsey Town	10	4	1	5	20	19	1	13
14	Ash United	10	3	4	3	17	17	0	13
15	Hedge End Rangers	9	4	1	4	13	16	-3	13
16	Alresford Town	13	3	3	7	18	26	-8	12
17	Blandford United	9	3	2	4	16	18	-2	11
18	AFC Aldermaston	12	2	4	6	18	21	-3	10
19	Kintbury Rangers	11	2	3	6	15	28	-13	9
20	Hamworthy United	11	2	2	7	19	25	-6	8
21	Totton & Eling	10	1	0	9	12	33	-21	3

Latest Table – Jewson Western League - Division 1

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Bristol Telephones	12	7	3	2	13	24
2	AEK Boco	11	7	2	2	16	23
3	Avonmouth	13	6	5	2	8	23
4	Longwell Green Sports	12	7	1	4	13	22
5	Odd Down (BATH)	11	7	1	3	5	22
6	Nailsea United	11	7	0	4	17	21
7	Shirehampton	11	7	0	4	7	21
8	Warminster Town	11	5	3	3	8	18
9	Almondsbury	11	5	1	5	-7	16
10	Cadbury Heath	13	4	3	6	-10	15
11	Bitton	12	4	2	6	-7	14
12	Radstock Town	9	3	4	2	5	13
13	Wincanton Town	10	4	1	5	-4	13
14	Oldland Abbotonians	9	3	3	3	-2	12
15	Keynsham Town	12	4	0	8	-6	12
16	Calne Town	11	3	2	6	-10	11
17	Mendip Broadwalk	9	1	1	7	-15	4
18	Welton Rovers	12	0	0	12	-31	0

Feeder League Into the DPL



DORSET SENIOR LEAGUE

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Parley Football Club	4	4	0	0	8	12
2	Bournemouth Sports Reserves	5	4	0	1	3	12
3	Cobham Sports FC Reserves	5	3	1	1	10	10
4	Tisbury United First	3	2	1	0	7	7
5	Malden Newton & Cattistock First	3	2	1	0	5	7
6	Shaftesbury Reserves	4	2	1	1	4	7
7	Stars Football Academy Stars FC	4	2	0	2	0	6
8	Canford United First	5	1	0	4	-1	3
9	Bournemouth Poppies Reserves	5	0	1	4	-8	1
10	Westland Sports Reserves	4	0	1	3	-8	1
11	Poole Borough First	4	0	0	4	-20	-1*

LATEST RESULTS

L	03/10/26	Bournemouth Poppies Reserves	 5-5 (HT 3-2) 	Westland Sports Reserves
L	03/10/26	Canford United First	 1-2 	Bournemouth Sports Reserves
L	03/10/26	Cobham Sports FC Reserves	 8-1 	Poole Borough First
L	03/10/26	Stars Football Academy Stars FC	 2-3 	Parley Football Club
CC	03/10/26	Tisbury United First	 7-0 	Laverstock & Ford Reserves

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REPORTS FOR DFL SATURDAY LEAGUE – 3rd OCTOBER 2026

SENIOR LEAGUE

Parley FC lead the way in the Senior League and are yet to drop a point this season winning 3-2 away at Stars FC this afternoon. Charlie Shears scored a brace for Parley, with one goal being a penalty, along with one goal for Charlie White. Scoring for Stars was Sam Bayston and Elliott Ward. Bournemouth Sports Reserves returned to winning ways today with a 2-1 away win at Canford Utd. Alex Rankin and Stephen South netted for Bournemouth Sports with Dean Fields netting for Canford. Ashton Targett scored twice for Cobham Sports Reserves in their 8-1 home win over Poole Borough. Joss Holford, Caiden Barton, Harsh Budhdeo, Harry Whatling, Jamie Brierley and Luca Tamagna were also on the score sheet for Cobham and Kamarl Miller netted for Borough. Bournemouth Poppies Reserves versus Westlands Sports Reserves produced 10 goals with the final score being 5-5. Poppies goals were courtesy of Lewis Leclercq, Ryan Shaylor, Jack Laundon, Alex Corbin and Reuben Bodmin. Westlands goal scorers were Christian Blango, with a hat trick, Harry Evans and Kayden Williams.

Report courtesy of Jeanette Elliott

Dorset Football League Adult Secretary/Public Relations Officer

UPCOMING FIXTURES

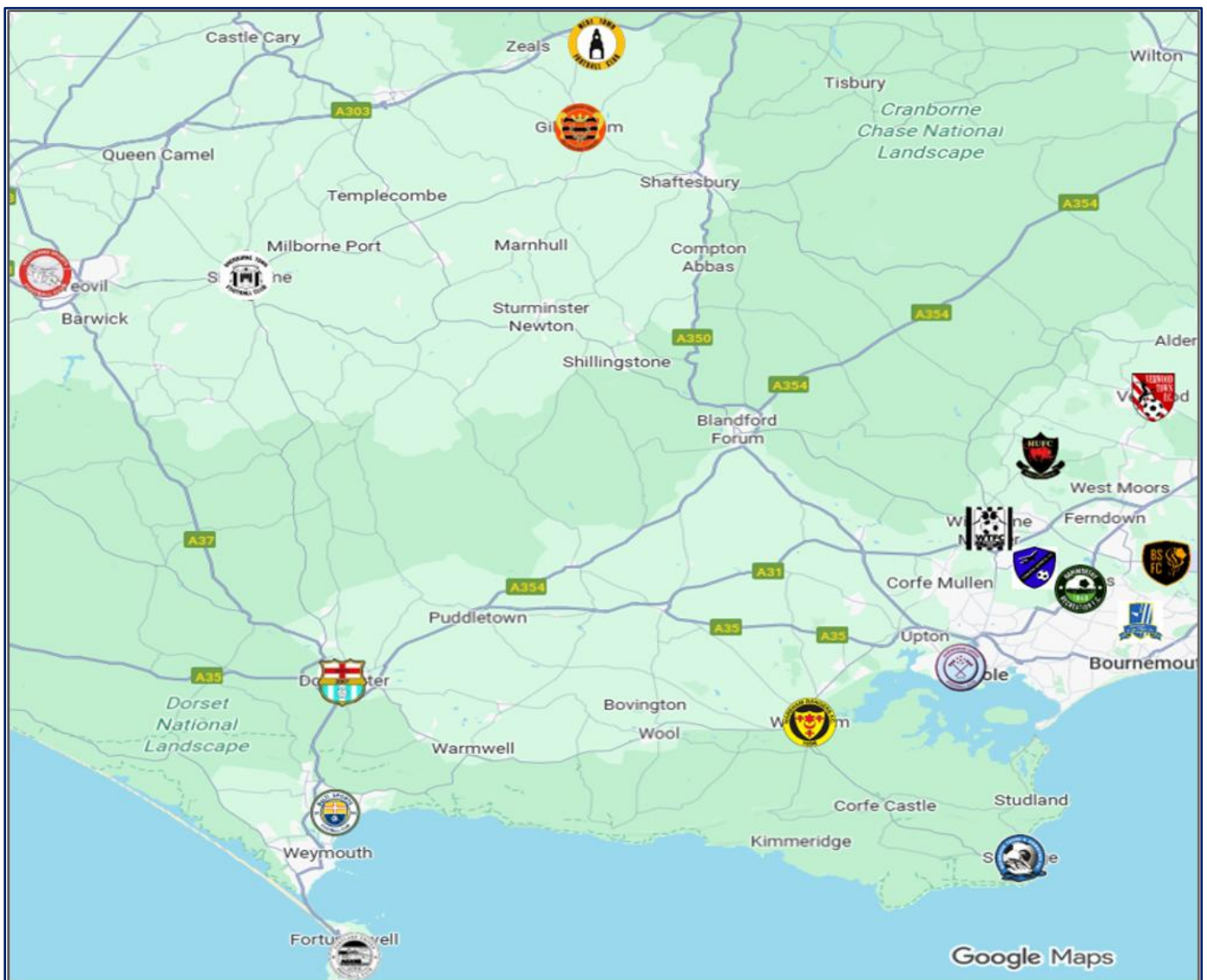
L	10/10/26	Canford United First		VS		Cobham Sports FC Reserves
L	10/10/26	Malden Newton & Cattistock First		VS		Shaftesbury Reserves
L	10/10/26	Poole Borough First		VS		Tisbury United First
L	10/10/26	Stars Football Academy Stars FC		VS		Westland Sports Reserves



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