

THE DPL WEEKLY

EVERY GOAL – EVERY GAME – EVERY SUNDAY

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Cobham Sports FC 3 - 2 Bournemouth Sports FC – 15/08/26

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WELCOME - Two weeks into the 2026/27 Dorset Premier League season, the early picture is already beginning to form. Supporters across the League are starting to see the first signs of who may emerge as contenders — and who faces an early uphill climb.

The standout performance of Week 2 came at Petersham Lane, where **Bournemouth Electric FC** produced a superb display to tame the “Bulls” of **Holt United FC** with a commanding 5–0 Away victory. This result lifted Electric to the top of the table, edging ahead on goal difference. After the weekend’s fixtures, only **Dorchester Sports FC** remain with a 100% winning record, having made an excellent start with two wins from two. At the other end of the standings, three sides are yet to register a point: **Hamworthy Recreation FC Reserves**, **Mere Town FC**, and **Portland United FC Reserves**. Each has faced challenging opening fixtures, and while results have not yet fallen their way, Week 3 offers a vital opportunity to reset and begin climbing.

From fast starters to early strugglers, the DPL is already delivering the drama and unpredictability that define grassroots football. With both promoted clubs adjusting to the pace and established sides finding their rhythm, the 2026/27 season promises to be another compelling campaign across the DPL.

Advance Warning: Due to the Weekly’s editor getting married next week, there will be no DPL Weekly published on Sunday 23rd August 2026. Normal service will resume on Sunday 30th August 2026. The League wishes the editor a wonderful wedding day and thanks its readers for their understanding.

Another 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:

dpl.generalsecretary@gmail.com

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 2

Giles Kilshawe-Fall

Editor, The DPL Weekly

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MIDWEEK ROUND UP

TUESDAY 11th AUGUST 2026

6 games were played tonight in the warm evening sunshine with the "Hammers" & the "Bulls" maintaining their perfect starts to the season. Hamworthy United Reserves welcomed Wimborne Town Reserves to the County Ground and put in a decent performance eventually winning 4-0 with goals from Max Day in the 1st half and further strikes from Keith Tottingham & a brace from Charlie Shears in the 2nd. Holt United again for the 2nd game running went in 0-0 at the break only to win their game against hosts Verwood Town 3-0 with strikes from Milo Turner hitting a brace and their 3rd from George Ashby late on. Opening their season, Dorchester Sports travelled over the Ridgeway to face Balti Sports at the College with the spoils going back with the visitors after a hard fought 1-0 win with Brin Doyle scoring the important winner in the 80th minute. In the heavyweight clash at Broadway Lane, Bournemouth Electric & Cobham Sports played out a keenly contested 1-1 draw with Joe Flachi putting the hosts ahead in the 19th minute only for Cobham to equalise in the 56th minute through Sam Lench. Bournemouth Sports got their season up and running at the 2nd attempt as they comfortably beat Hamworthy Recreation Reserves 6-0 at Chapel Gate with goals from George Harper hitting a hat trick, Liam Nixon with a brace and finally Matt Charalmbous. Finally in the North of the patch Gillingham Town welcomed Mere Town to Woodwater Lane and won 4-2 in an entertaining game, Mere took the lead in the 1st half through Malachi Benjamin only for the hosts to respond with goals from Kam Andrews, Callum Small, Lewis Coker & Kaleb Andrews, with Malachi completing his brace for Mere.

WEDNESDAY 12th AUGUST 2026

Just the 2 games played tonight, and both local derbies, the 1st was in North Dorset where Sherborne Town Reserves and Westland Sports played out a 2-2 draw, the hosts scored 1st through Tommy Gaylard only for Jamie Green to equalise for Sports, Harrison Foster then put the visitors 2-1 up only for the Zebras to restore parity through Josh Maskell. Not to be ECLIPSED, the other derby played tonight was in the Purbeck where Swanage T&H beat local rivals Wareham Rangers 3-2, the hosts went 2 up through Curtis Young & Brad Smith only to see Rangers pull 1 back through Johnny Powell, Into the 2nd half and Curtis Young extended the Swans advantage only to see Johnny Powell reduce the arrears to set up a tense finish, with the hosts holding on to claim ALL 3 Points.

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SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST 2026



COBHAM SPORTS 3-2 BOURNEMOUTH SPORTS

Cobham Sports edged out Bournemouth Sports 3–2 at Merley Park on a hot, sticky afternoon, securing victory despite a below-par display. Bournemouth Sports impressed with their intensity and pressing, but two late Cobham goals ultimately decided a hard-fought Matchday 3 encounter.

Cobham Sports made the perfect start, taking the lead in the 10th minute when **Cam Beard** finished confidently to put the hosts 1–0 up. Bournemouth Sports responded well and grew into the game, pressing Cobham aggressively and forcing mistakes in possession. Their pressure was rewarded in the 27th minute when **Jake Harvey** headed home from a corner, sending both sides into the break level at 1–1. The visitors struck again early in the second half. Cobham attempted to play out from the back, but Jack Burton surrendered possession cheaply. Bournemouth Sports quickly worked the ball wide to Jackson Kavita, whose scuffed cross wrong-footed **Burton** and was diverted past goalkeeper Toby Butt, giving the visitors a deserved 2–1 lead. Cobham struggled to impose themselves for long spells, frequently sloppy in possession and second best in the duels. Yet, despite their frustrations, they found moments of quality when needed. In the 54th minute, **Luke Burbidge** produced a composed finish from 22 yards, restoring parity with a precise strike that shifted momentum back towards the home side. The decisive moment arrived in the 86th minute. Substitute **Henry Bowe** saw his initial effort parried by Bournemouth keeper Jacob Lewiarz but reacted sharply to guide the rebound home with his left foot, sealing a 3–2 victory.

Although Cobham claimed the points, Bournemouth Sports' relentless pressing and work rate made life extremely difficult throughout. On balance, the visitors were unfortunate not to take something from a fiercely contested afternoon.

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BALTI SPORTS 6-1 WAREHAM RANGERS

Balti Sports earned their first win of the season with a dominant 6–1 victory over newly promoted Wareham Rangers, who battled through injuries and midweek fatigue but struggled to match Balti's pace and intensity on a hot afternoon that proved unforgiving.

Wareham Rangers entered Matchday 3 after a physical midweek fixture and were immediately on the back foot, picking up early injuries and struggling to settle into the game. Balti Sports began strongly in the hot, testing conditions and took a deserved lead when Walbridge threaded a precise through ball for new signing **Taylor Brown**, who finished confidently for 1–0. Balti doubled their advantage soon after. A clever pass found **Callum Stanton** inside the box, and he calmly rounded the goalkeeper before slotting home from close range. Wareham briefly threatened when their striker attempted a lob, but the Balti keeper recovered superbly to keep the visitors out. Just before half-time, a long free-kick from Evans found **Taylor Brown** again, whose flicked header made it 3–0 at the break. The second half began with Wareham 4–0 down after Balti capitalised on another attacking move, and **Taylor Brown** completed his hat-trick with a low finish into the corner. Balti's fifth came from new signing **Charlie Pitt**, who weaved past defenders and fired into the bottom corner from the edge of the box. Wareham responded with determination and earned a consolation goal when **Ethan McGinty**, introduced from the bench, side-footed home from the edge of the box. Moments later, Wareham's keeper saved a Balti penalty after Gear was tripped, but Balti still rounded off the scoring when **Louis Gear** volleyed a superb strike into the top corner for 6–1.

Despite their effort, Wareham were off the pace across the ninety minutes, while Balti's new-look squad secured a much-needed and convincing victory.



DORCHESTER SPORTS 4-1 MERE TOWN

Dorchester Sports overturned a half-time deficit to beat Mere Town 4–1 at the Avenue Stadium, with the visitors starting brightly but unable to maintain control after the break. Dorchester's second-half intensity, clinical finishing and pressure proved decisive in a well-contested DPL fixture.



Mere Town travelled to the Avenue Stadium seeking a response after two opening defeats, and they began impressively. Both sides enjoyed early spells of possession, but Mere created the clearer chances, with Harry Browne going closest when he broke through one-on-one but fired wide. Dorchester threatened through Brin Doyle and Reuben Moggeridge, yet Mere held firm and continued to push forward. Their pressure paid off in the 39th minute when the ball fell to **Rhys Mendham**, who controlled well and arrowed a superb 20-yard strike past Sam Duncalf to give Mere a deserved 1–0 lead at the break. However, as

seen in their midweek match, Mere struggled to restart with the same intensity. Just four minutes into the second half, Dorchester equalised when a long pass found **Reuben Moggeridge**, who cut inside and curled his finish into the corner. Mere almost restored their lead when a free-kick was headed against the crossbar, but Dorchester capitalised moments later. A looping header [see photo] from **Elliott Browne** put the hosts 2–1 up in the 65th minute. Dorchester seized control from there. Mere overplayed across their backline in the 69th minute, allowing Dorchester to pounce and extend their lead. Through **Moggeridge** With Mere pushing high late on, another long ball released **Brin Doyle**, who showed composure to slot home and seal the victory.

Mere competed well in spells, but Dorchester's second-half quality and ruthlessness in front of goal, proved decisive.

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GILLINGHAM TOWN 4-0 HAMWORTHY REC RES

Gillingham Town earned their first home win of the season with a composed 4–0 victory over Hamworthy Recreation Reserves, scoring three in the 1st half, controlling the tempo throughout, and adding one more after the break to secure a confident and fully deserved Matchday 3 result.

Gillingham Town entered Matchday 3 looking to build momentum, and they started superbly. Inside the opening stages, **Nick Flower** and **Kaleb Andrews** struck in quick succession, giving Gill a 2–0 lead and immediately putting Hamworthy Recreation Reserves under pressure. Gill continued to dictate possession and territory, moving the ball well and forcing Ham Rec to defend deep. As the first half progressed, Gill's confidence grew, and their attacking play was rewarded again shortly before the interval. **Nick Flower** added his second of the afternoon, finishing clinically to make it 3–0 and give the home side complete control at half-time. Ham Rec attempted to regroup after the restart, but Gill maintained their intensity and organisation. The hosts continued to create chances, pressing high and moving the ball with purpose. Their pressure paid off when **Richard Fowler** stepped up to convert a second-half penalty, extending the lead to 4–0 and effectively sealing the result. Ham Rec battled throughout but struggled to break Gill's defensive shape, while the home side managed the game professionally in the closing stages, keeping possession and limiting any threat of a late response.

At full time, Gillingham Town's 4–0 victory reflected a strong, disciplined performance built on early goals, sustained control, and a composed second-half display. It marked an important step forward in their campaign and a confidence-boosting afternoon at home. Meanwhile the Young Recreation are currently finding things tough in the League as this was their 3rd straight defeat.

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HAMWORTHY UTD RES 1-5 SWANAGE T&H



Swanage produced an impressive 5–1 victory away at Hamworthy United Reserves, overcoming hot conditions and a spirited young Hammers side. Early goals set the tone, and a strong second-half display ensured Swans climbed to fifth place, after a confident and controlled performance.

The visitors made a perfect start at the County Ground, taking the lead inside four minutes when skipper **Will Prior** struck from outside the box, his effort deceiving goalkeeper Ridealgh. Despite the early setback, Hamworthy United Reserves responded well and levelled on 28 minutes with a sharp finish on the break from **Mason Trevor**. The young Hammers continued to threaten, forcing stand-in Swans keeper Mark Ford into two excellent saves to keep the visitors on terms. Swanage regained control shortly afterwards, edging ahead when **Stephen Pryor** powered home a header from a corner. A crucial third goal arrived just before half-time, **Will Prior** again showing composure by finishing cleverly from a tight angle to make it 3–1 at the interval. Hamworthy began the second half brightly, playing neat football and creating several good chances, but Ford remained in outstanding form, producing multiple saves to preserve Swans' advantage. Swans' attack continued to carry danger, and they extended their lead when **Jack Torniainen** finished confidently to make it 4–1. With time running down, Swans added a fifth through **Josh Reavenall-Nuete**, rounding off a strong team performance. Hamworthy's young side showed promise throughout, but Swans' experience, clinical finishing and defensive resilience proved decisive.

The 5–1 win lifts Swans into fifth place and highlights their growing momentum in the early stages of the Dorset Premier League campaign.

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HOLT UNITED 0-5 BOURNEMOUTH ELECTRIC



Bournemouth Electric produced a dominant 5–0 victory away at Holt United, overcoming early pressure before taking full control through sharp attacking play and relentless second-half pace. Electric's clinical finishing and strong squad depth proved decisive in a commanding performance that saw them become League Leaders.

Bournemouth Electric arrived at Holt United expecting a tough afternoon, and the opening stages reflected that. The first 20 minutes were cagey, with both sides probing cautiously. Holt enjoyed the better early spells, keeping the ball well and creating several chances, all handled confidently by Harry Martin in the Electric goal. The visitors gradually increased their tempo, with Adesoji and Morgan becoming more influential. Their improvement paid off when Henley released **Joe Flachi** wide on the right; he cut inside and fired a precise strike across goal into the far corner for 1–0. Electric pushed on and doubled their lead just before half-time when **Abraham Adesoji** broke through and saw his effort saved by Jason Harvell, only for the rebound to spin up and drop into the net for a 2–0 advantage. Many present expected a Holt response after the break, but Electric seized control instead. When Harvell failed to hold a cross, **Jamie Morgan** reacted quickest to tap home for 3–0. Holt created chances to reduce the deficit, but a combination of poor finishing and strong goalkeeping kept them out. As legs tired, Electric introduced Neagu, Asante and Boichuk, adding fresh pace that Holt struggled to contain. Asante's driven effort led to a collision between Harvell and Boichuk, resulting in a penalty that **Jamie Morgan** converted for 4–0. Soon after, **Dragos Neagu** outpaced the Holt defence and drilled a low finish into the far post to complete the scoring.

This was a commanding performance from Electric, who controlled the game and fully deserved their five-goal victory.

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PORTLAND UTD RES 0-2 VERWOOD TOWN

Portland United Reserves produced a strong first-half display in their home opener of the Dorset Premier Football League against Verwood FC but were undone after the break, as Verwood's second-half pressure and two quick goals secured a 2–0 away win at the Camp & Satherley Stadium.

Portland United Reserves began their first competitive home match of the season with real intent, immediately putting Verwood FC under pressure. Their front line looked sharp, creating several early chances. Josh Tennant, Sonny Cleeton and Tom Butcher all went close, but Verwood goalkeeper Josh Wallis produced key saves, while other efforts drifted narrowly wide. As the half progressed, both sides settled into the contest, but Portland continued to look the stronger team. They moved the ball well, controlled territory and created the clearer openings, yet the breakthrough remained elusive. Despite their encouraging performance, Portland reached the interval level at 0–0, knowing they had been the better side in the opening 45 minutes. The second half told a different story. Verwood emerged with renewed intensity and immediately put Portland under sustained pressure. Their efforts were rewarded in the 65th minute when **Brandon McKinley** finished clinically to give the visitors the lead. Just five minutes later, Verwood struck again, this time through **David Kerr**, whose composed finish doubled the advantage and shifted full control their way. Portland struggled to rediscover their first-half rhythm, unable to regain momentum or create the same level of chances. Verwood managed the closing stages confidently, keeping Portland at arm's length and seeing out the match to secure all three points.

A promising first half from Portland ultimately faded, while Verwood's second-half sharpness proved decisive in a well-contested fixture.

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WESTLAND SPORTS 3-1 WIMBORNE TOWN RES



Westlands secured a well-earned 3–1 victory over Wimborne Town Reserves after a tight first half gave way to an open, energetic second period. Phil Ormrod's brace and Malik Kamal's composed finish proved decisive as Westlands controlled the game after the hour mark.

The match began cautiously, with both sides showing discipline and offering little space in the early exchanges. Westlands created the two clearest chances of the first half through Phil Ormrod, whose header was saved before he glanced another effort onto the outside of the post. Despite these moments, the game remained goalless at the interval. The contest opened up dramatically after the hour mark. A quick throw from Malik Kamal released **Phil Ormrod**, who held off his defender and finished neatly to give Westlands a deserved 1–0 lead. The goal shifted momentum firmly in their favour, and they began to dominate possession and territory. Around the 70-minute mark, Reuben Pinkett drove forward and slipped a precise pass into **Malik Kamal**, who guided a smart finish into the far corner to make it 2–0. Wimborne responded when a defensive lapse allowed **Ray Brimm** to capitalise and pull a goal back, but they were unable to build sustained pressure as Westlands quickly regained control. In the closing minutes, Pinkett broke through on goal and was fouled, resulting in a penalty and a red card for the Wimborne player. **Phil Ormrod** stepped up and smashed the spot-kick home, sealing a 3–1 victory and rounding off a strong second-half performance.

Westlands' composure after the break, combined with clinical finishing, ensured a deserved three points.

Photo Corner



Cobham Sports v Bournemouth Sports – Photos Courtesy of Steve Harris
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Hamworthy Utd Res v Swanage T&H– Photos Courtesy of Gerald Dimarco [ST&H FC]

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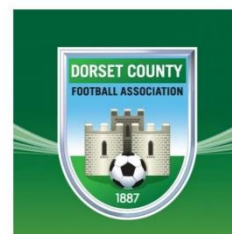


Holt Utd v Bournemouth Electric– Photos Courtesy of Mike Fowler

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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

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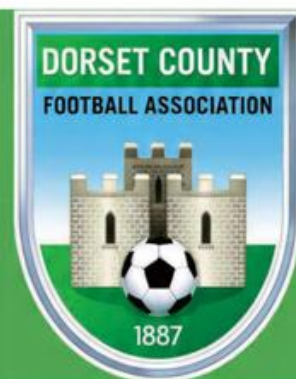
IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SEASON 2026 – 2027

- 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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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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Dealing with drought

Hot, dry summers can be tough on grassroots football pitches. Use our simple drought guidance to keep your pitch playable, safe, and healthy during dry weather and hosepipe bans.

To every groundskeeper battling the extreme weather, you're not alone 🌞🌱

The @FootballFoundtn, in collaboration with @wearetheGMA, have shared advice on protecting your turf through drought conditions.

Please read and share with your clubs, staff and volunteers 🙌🙌

🔗 <https://footballfoundation.org.uk/support-article/football-pitch-care-dry-weather-drought-guidance>



STATS



League Table – STILL EARLY DAYS !!!!!

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

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Upcoming Fixtures

Type	Date / Time	Home Team	VS	Away Team	Venue
Lg	18/08/26 18:30	Bournemouth Electric FC		Bournemouth Sports FC	Bournemouth Electric First
Lg	18/08/26 18:30	Cobham Sports FC		Hamworthy Recreation FC Reserves	COBHAM SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB
Lg	18/08/26 18:30	Holt United FC		Hamworthy United FC Reserves	PETERSHAM LANE
Lg	18/08/26 18:30	Westland Sports FC		Mere Town FC	ALVINGTON PLAYING FIELDS
Lg	18/08/26 19:45	Gillingham Town FC		Sherborne Town FC Reserves	WOODWATER LANE
Lg	19/08/26 18:30	Wareham Rangers FC		Wimborne Town FC Reserves	Wareham Rangers First
Lg	19/08/26 19:45	Portland United FC Reserves		Dorchester Sports FC	CAMP AND SATHERLEY STADIUM
Lg	19/08/26 19:45	Swanage Town & Herston FC		Verwood Town FC	DAYS PARK
Lg	22/08/26 15:00	Balti Sports FC		Hamworthy Recreation FC Reserves	WEYMOUTH COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE
Lg	22/08/26 15:00	Bournemouth Electric FC		Westland Sports FC	Bournemouth Electric First
Lg	22/08/26 15:00	Bournemouth Sports FC		Dorchester Sports FC	CHAPEL GATE
Lg	22/08/26 15:00	Holt United FC		Mere Town FC	PETERSHAM LANE
Lg	22/08/26 15:00	Portland United FC Reserves		Hamworthy United FC Reserves	CAMP AND SATHERLEY STADIUM
Lg	22/08/26 15:00	Swanage Town & Herston FC		Cobham Sports FC	DAYS PARK
Lg	22/08/26 15:00	Verwood Town FC		Sherborne Town FC Reserves	POTTERNE PARK
Lg	22/08/26 15:00	Wimborne Town FC Reserves		Gillingham Town FC	WYATT HOMES STADIUM

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		
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LAWS OF THE GAME

KEY CHANGES FOR 2026/27

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



1



SUBSTITUTIONS

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

2



PLAYER EQUIPMENT

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

3



THE REFEREE

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

4



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

[CTRL & CLICK HERE](#) or on the image below



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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.

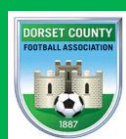
Where the second offer is rejected, the case proceeds to a hearing as normal. If the charge is found proven, the starting point for any sanction will be a further increase on offer 2.

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	-	+£10 fine
E12 - Failed to comply with a decision of the Association (club charge)	-	£50	-	-	£70	-	-	£90	-	
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 – AWAITING DRAW DETAILS



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



Round 1

Quarter Finals

				V		
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Semi - Finals

				V		
				V		

Final

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Hampshire FA



H.F.A SATURDAY TROPHY

1st Round

V

2nd Round

V

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3rd Round

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4th Round

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S.F.A SATURDAY TROPHY

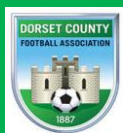
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Dorset Premier
League



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

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Semi - Finals

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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	3	3	0	0	10	2	8	9
2	Sandhurst Town	3	2	1	0	10	2	8	7
3	Hedge End Rangers	3	2	1	0	6	3	3	7
4	Fawley AFC	4	2	1	1	4	3	1	7
5	Frimley Green	3	2	0	1	6	3	3	6
6	Kintbury Rangers	3	1	2	0	5	2	3	5
7	Amesbury Town	3	1	2	0	7	5	2	5
8	Aldersford Town	3	1	2	0	6	5	1	5
9	Ringwood Town	4	1	2	1	7	7	0	5
10	Whitchurch United	4	1	2	1	7	11	-4	5
11	AFC Aldermaston	3	1	1	1	5	5	0	4
12	Newport (IOW)	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	3
13	Cove	2	1	0	1	4	7	-3	3
14	Blandford United	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1
15	Hamworthy United	3	0	1	2	3	5	-2	1
16	Colden Common	2	0	1	1	5	8	-3	1
17	Lymington Town	3	0	1	2	2	7	-5	1
18	Romsey Town	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
19	Folland Sports	2	0	0	2	5	8	-3	0
20	Totton & Eling	2	0	0	2	0	3	-3	0
21	Ash United	2	0	0	2	0	4	-4	0

Latest Table – Jewson Western League 1

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

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Feeder League Into the DPL



DORSET SENIOR LEAGUE

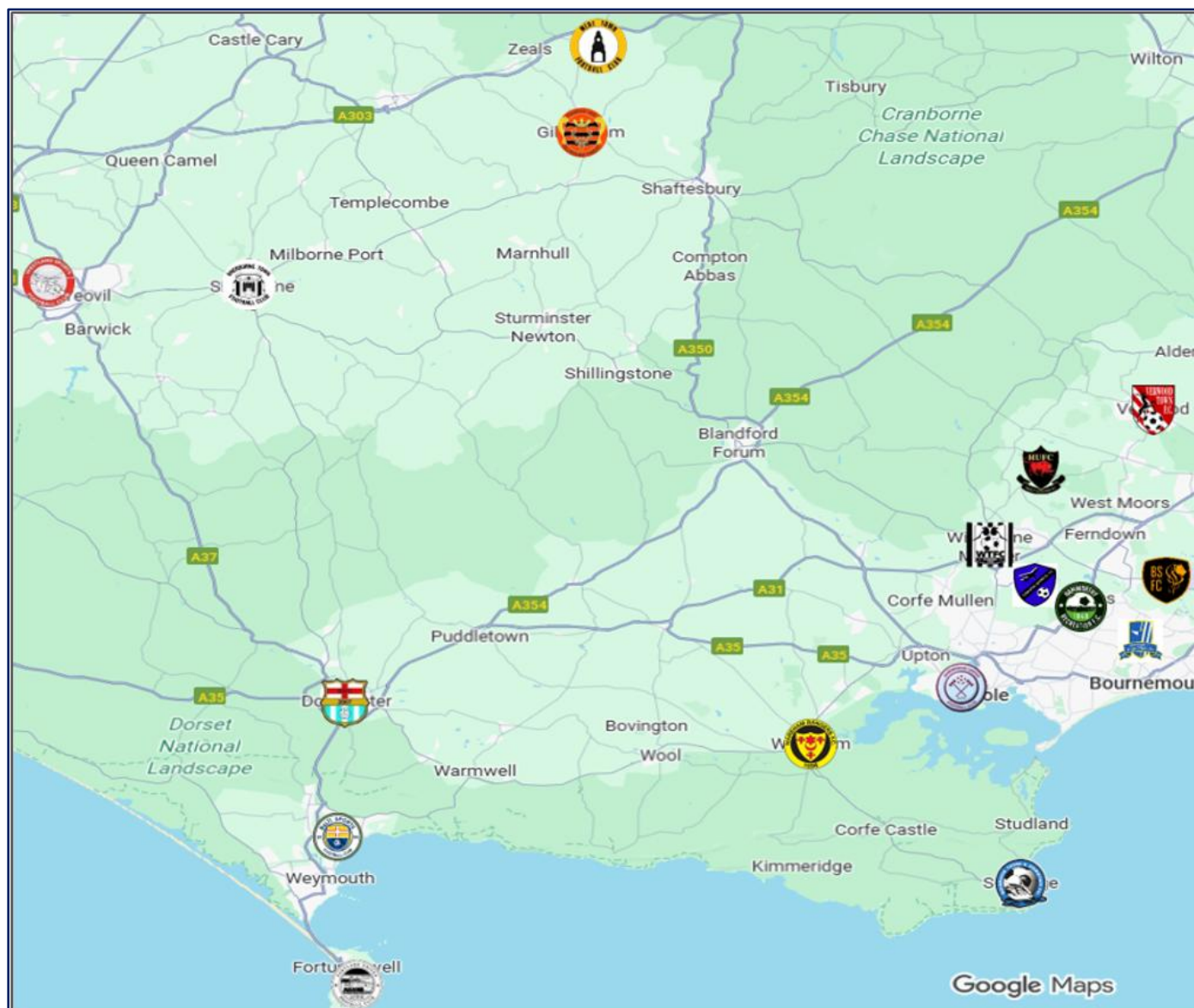
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Bournemouth Poppies Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Bournemouth Sports Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Canford United First	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Cobham Sports FC Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Maiden Newton & Cattistock First	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Parley Football Club	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Poole Borough First	0	0	0	0	0	0
8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

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