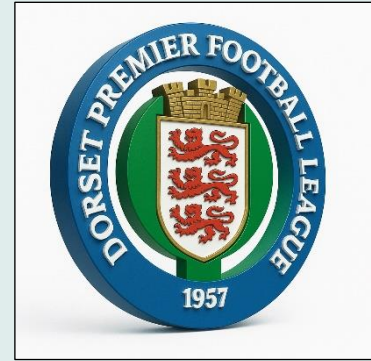


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Verwood Town FC (0) v Cobham Sports (5) – 08/11/2025

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Welcome

To the 10th edition of the Dispatch for this 25 / 26 Season.

I apologise that there have been no Issues, Issued over the last few weeks, but circumstances have seen me not able to put the required input into producing , so this bumper Issue covers the last 3 weeks of games.

I am so grateful to Mike Pomeroy who has edited the last few weeks.

After the last 3 weeks, Cobham Sports FC still sit atop the table and remain unbeaten, Blandford United FC & Dorchester Sports FC are still hard on their heels.

There is still no change at the bottom of the table with Bridport FC Reserves and Poole Borough FC remaining in the bottom 2 positions.

We are still seeing issues around the NOA procedure and the understanding of the process, further on in this edition is the full FA Handbook excerpt that covers this topic and is valid for our League.

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Please continue to send your reports to Giles who will pass them on the me as temporary editor for the next couple of weeks.

Kind regards.

Giles Kilshawe-Fall

LEAGUE ROUND UP – 8th November 2025

On the weekend the DPL paid its respects for Remembrance Day, a full schedule of games was played.

LEAGUE

Cobham Sports FC maintained pole position after their 5-0 win at Potterne Park against hosts Verwood Town FC, scoring for the League Leaders were Callum Clarke [x3] Asa Phillips & Cam Beard, hard on their heels are Blandford United FC who welcomed Bournemouth Electric FC to Park Road with the Royals winning 2-, scoring for the hosts were Reuben Stanley & Jimmy Fry with Electric's goal courtesy of an OG.

Dorchester Sports FC travelled to Wimborne Town FC Reserves and won 2-1 with goals from Brin Doyle & Alex Godfrey, replying for Town was ??????. Another side to win on the road were Swanage Town & Herston FC who beat Poole Borough FC 2-0 at Turlin Moor, scoring for the Swans were Ogun Gundogdu & Joshua Reavenall-Nuete. Holt United FC narrowly beat Bridport FC Reserves 1-0 at Petersham Lane with the all important winner scored by Dan Naish.

Sherborne Town FC Reserves picked up another decent win, this time 2-1 at Westland Sports FC who took the lead through Phil Ormrod, only for the visitors Jaime Jarman to respond with a brace, so moving the Zebras up into 5th place in the League Table. Balti Sports FC returned from their trip to Gillingham Town FC with all 3 points after a 3-1 win with their goals from Ryan McKechnie, Troy Walbridge & Ollie James, with Caleb Peck scoring the hosts consolation, finally to the Hamworthy Derby where hosts Hamworthy United FC Reserves welcomed Hamworthy Recreation FC Reserves to the County Ground and it was Recreation that triumphed 3-0 with goals from Ollie Gomm, Harrison Whitelaw & Igor Da Costa.

HAMPSHIRE SATURDAY TROPHY

Bournemouth Sports FC made the long trip to Brading Town FC on the I.O.W and progressed through to the next round after a 4-3 victory, scoring for the Chapel Gate outfit were, Taylor Webb with a brace, Dan Hayward & Jamie Booth.

LEAGUE MATCH REPORTS – 8th NOVEMBER 2025

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BALTI SPORTS FC

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Gillingham Town returned back home hosting Balti Sports at Woodwater. Prior to kick off all in attendance held an immaculate two minutes silence to remember and honour those fallen heroes.

Balti Sports came out of the blocks flying and caught Gillingham cold, giving away an early goal within 10 minutes and then minutes later finding themselves having to pick the ball out of the net once again due to their own errors and having a mountain to climb being 2-0 down inside 15 mins of kick off.

The second goal seemed to have woken Gillingham up, though created little chances inside the first half to get themselves back in the game. Two nil down and two Balti defenders in yellow cards for cynical tackles Gillingham failed to make the most of the opportunities.

HT 0-2

It's becoming a habit of play that GTFC find something in the second half after a dreadful first to really play some lovely football and create lots of chances to get themselves back into then game. It took an absolute wonder striker from 16 year old Caleb Pack from 25 yards out to get Gill back into the game at 2-1. For the next 25 mins it looked nailed on Gillingham were going to get something from the game, but missed chances and wasted opportunities they just couldn't find the second goal before another worldie strike from Balti left Dale Hinds with no chance and another goal you just have to applaud the opposition.

3-1 with very little time left on the clock it was another very frustrating day for Gillingham which should've been so different!

If Gillingham want to improve and climb the table, they have to improve and cut out individual mistakes so early in the game!

GTFC 1-3 Balti Sports

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HAMWORTHY RECREATION FC RESERVES

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BLANDFORD UTD FC
BOURNEMOUTH ELECTRIC FC

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After last week's super convincing 5-0 win against Portland United Reserves we this week was at home again as we welcomed Bournemouth Electric in what was set to be a competitive match up...

The first half started quick when on the 3rd minute a wonderful through ball found REUBEN STANLEY beat his marker and ran past him and slotted it under the outrushing Goalkeeper! (1-0) then the game was end to end with both teams having chances but it was the Royals who got the second goal of the game on the 42nd minute when JIMMY FRY cuts inside to just outside the box then fired in a absolute cracker! (2-0)

HALFTIME: ROYALS 2-0 BOURNEMOUTH ELECTRIC

The second half was a end to end affair with neither team creating many super clear chances until the 80th or so minute when fordry fired back to back shots agonisingly across the goal but it was the visitors who scored the only goal of the second half when a pass back to Lucas Goad bobbled infront of him and went in! Freak goal! (2-1) definitely a great spectacle for the 170+ in Attendance at Park Road!

FULLTIME: ROYALS 2-1 BOURNEMOUTH ELECTRIC

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BRIDPORT FC RESERVES

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Holt United 1 – 0 Bridport Reserves

The game began with a respectful two minutes' silence in honour of Remembrance Day.

Much like last week, Holt United started strongly, taking control from the opening whistle. After just four minutes, a flowing move through midfield and down the left flank saw George Ashby thread a superb pass through to Dan Naish, who unleashed a powerful 20-yard strike into the net to make it 1–0 to Holt.

Holt continued to dominate possession and create chances throughout the first half, but the Bridport goalkeeper and the woodwork combined to keep the scoreline unchanged going into the break.

The second half followed a familiar pattern to recent weeks, with Holt slow to restart after the interval. This allowed Bridport to grow into the game, moving the ball quickly and putting the Holt defence under sustained pressure. The visitors carved out several good opportunities, but Holt keeper Reece Mitchell produced a series of excellent saves to preserve the lead.

As Bridport pushed forward, Holt looked to hit on the counter and forced the visiting keeper into a few fine stops of his own. Despite the late pressure, Holt stood firm to claim a hard-fought 1–0 victory and another valuable three points.

It may not have been a game for the purists, but Holt will be pleased with the result as they now turn their attention to next week's trip away to Verwood Town.

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POINTS AND A CLEAN SHEET

Poole Borough 0 Swans 2

Swans took the points with a 2-0 win against Poole Borough at Turlin Moor in The Dorset Premier League.

Swans produced a flying start with a goal in the first minute when **Ogun Gundogdu** headed home a free kick from Marcus Smith. Swans dominated the first half and went close on a number of occasions through Ocean Smith, Pitt and Young.

Hornets keeper Bourke saved from Ocean Smith when clean through. Swans should have been further ahead at the break but were unable to increase the lead after having the lion's share of possession. H.T. 0-1.

Borough battled hard to get a foothold in the game in the second half but the Swans were resilient and were always looking to increase their lead. Hosts keeper Bourke was again called on to save from Moore, Young and Reavenall-Nuete.

Swans keeper Hibbs was called into action with a fine save to prevent the equaliser. The visitors secured the points with a stoppage time goal from **Josh Reavenall-Nuete** following a great pass from Moore for a well deserved win against a battling Poole Borough side.

Swans Star Man - Riley Greenwood

Team: T.Hibbs, R.Greenwood (C.Magnier 88), B.Smith (J.Pritchard 46), O.Gundogdu, S.Pryor, C.Pitt (J.Martin 67), S.Herrington, M.Smith, O.Smith (C.Moore 46), J.Reavenall-Nuete, C.Young.

Subs: J.Pritchard, C.Moore, J.Martin, C.Magnier.

VERWOOD TOWN FC
COBHAM SPORTS FC

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DPL Matchday 15 saw Cobham Sports return from Potterne Park with another three points as they eclipsed Verwood Town with a strong second half display that saw them run out eventual 5-0 winners. Verwood had been slightly the better of the sides in the first half despite going a goal down inside three minutes to another Callum Clarke strike but a strong opening nine minutes by league leaders Cobham saw them move into a 5-0 lead courtesy of a brace from Clarke and goals from Cam Beard and Asa Phillips in a much better second half display.



Verwood forced a corner on the right in the second minute and Sergio Craciun's curling kick struck the bar but immediately Cobham went up the other end with a good move involving Tino Maher and Callum Clarke, the former beating a man and cutting the ball back for Clarke to finish with aplomb to give Cobham the lead. Another fast start for the leaders saw them dominate the first 15 minutes but Verwood seemed the hungrier, especially at picking up the

seconds, and they began to look the better of the two sides, they were particularly dangerous on the counter with Cobham appearing to be at sixes and sevens at the back. Verwood's Matius Gryzbowski brought a fine save from Luke Beale in the 27th minute as they began to get a grip on the game but back came Cobham and a Harry Wright header was cleared from the line in the 35th minute. Clarke was so unlucky to see a tremendous shot on the run from 30 yards canon off the far post in the 39th minute and Andrei Munteanu had a shot well saved by Ryan Knibbs in the 43rd minute. The half was brought to a close with a Craciun effort clipping the far post and the half ended with Cobham holding a 1-0 lead.

Words, I'm sure were said at halftime by Johny Bines at his team and a stunning start to the second half from Cobham saw them score four times in 9 minutes, first Clark was played in intelligently by Asa Phillips in the 47th minute and he advanced to push the ball comfortably past the advancing Knibbs. It was 3-0 just three minutes later, a Callum Perry corner headed home well by Cam Beard, two minutes later it was four as a Sam Lench cross was expertly back healed into the net by Asa Phillips and this excellent start to the half was rounded off with Clarke claiming his hat trick in the 54th minute, again being played in by Sam Lench. It was all Cobham now with the game opening up, they went to the bench and still maintained the pressure and Verwood were resigned, mainly to counter attacks. Joe Wood at full stretch was unlucky in the 70th minute just pushing the ball wide of the near post, Cam Beard had an effort saved by Knibbs in the 83rd minute and Amechi Eze-Sunday saw a cracking effort from 20 yards crash against the far upright as Cobham strolled to a 5-0 win. Ian Gilmartin

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WESTLAND SPORTS FC
SHERBORNE TOWN FC RESERVES

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HAMPSHIRE SATURDAY TROPHY MATCH REPORTS – 8th NOVEMBER 2025

BRADING TOWN FC
BOURNEMOUTH SPORTS FC

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LEAGUE ROUND UP – 1st November 2025

It was a busy weekend with League and County Cup matches for our DPL Teams

LEAGUE

Blandford United FC moved into 2nd place after a fully deserved 5-0 win at park road against Portland United FC Reserves with Elliott Manson hitting a hat trick and Jimmy Fry & Steve Smith also scoring for the Royals. Holt United FC welcomed Balti Sports FC to Petersham Lane with the Bulls winning 3-1, scoring for the hosts were Ben Lebow, George Ashby & Josh Buck with Jack Summers replying for Sports. Another side to win 3-1 were Bournemouth Sports FC who defeated Gillingham Town FC at Chapel Gate, scoring for the hosts were an OG, Rob Howard & Daniel Viner with Josh Grice replying from the penalty spot for the visitors. Swanage Town & Herston FC returned to winning ways with a deserved 3-0 win in the Purbeck against Verwood Town FC, scoring for the Swans were Stephen Pryor with a brace & Ogun Gundogdu. Sherborne Town FC Reserves continued their fine recent form with a 3-0 win at Hamworthy Recreation FC Reserves, scoring for the Zebras were Ash Guppy with a brace & Blake Watts. Finally to the County Ground where it was the proverbial game of 2 half's between Hamworthy United FC Reserves * Wimborne Town FC Reserves where it ended 2-2, Wimborne led 2-0 at the break through goals from Maksym Boichuk & Kester Wilson, only to be pegged back by the Hammers through Billy Phillips & James Cherrett.

DORSET SENIOR TROPHY

In the tie of the round, Dorchester Sports FC welcomed Cobham Sports FC to the Avenue with the visitors progressing through after a 4-1 win, scoring for Cobham were Callum Clarke [x2] Michael Trim & Harrison Wright, replying for the hosts was Brin Doyle. Joining Cobham in the next round are Bridport FC Reserves who travelled to Maiden Newton & Cattistock FC winning 2-0 with both goals from Harry Boulton. Dorset Senior League side Westover B-mth FC comfortably beat Poole Borough FC 3-1, scoring Borough's consolation was Christian Bond.

HAMPSHIRE SATURDAY TROPHY

Despite goals from Matt Charalambous & Jackson Kavita, Bournemouth Electric FC bowed out of the Competition 3-2 at Whitehill & Bourdon FC.

SOMERSET SENIOR CUP

Westland Sports FC lost on penalties 4-2 to Nailsea FC, this after leading 2-0 through a brace from Phil Ormrod only to be pegged back to 2-2 at FT.

LEAGUE MATCH REPORTS – 1st NOVEMBER 2025

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Hamworthy Rec Res welcomed Sherborne Town Res to a wet and windy Meyson Properties Stadium and it was the visitors who took the lead, after 26 mins the game had been going end to end and it was a mix up in the Ham Rec defence that lead to Sherborne scoring, their forward latched onto a miss placed pass and stuck it around Toby to go 0-1 up. The game opened up from here with the home side looking to get back into the game, but Sherborne were solid in defence and the game stayed at 0-1 until the break.

HT 0-1

The second half started with the home side looking immediately to get the scores level, pressing high to win the ball back in the Sherborne half but were caught out by a ball over the top in the 47th min, the striker gambled on an early run and cleared the Rec defence, created a good angle and slotted it around Toby at his near post, **2-0**

Ham Rec were throwing everything at Sherborne but were unable to break them down, in the 70th min, Sherborne won a free kick in the home sides half, taking the kick quickly they caught the home side napping, a ball played across the front post, a great run from a Sherborne player saw them nick the ball at the front post wrong footing Toby to increase their lead and finish the game off as a contest **0-3**, from there the game fizzled out to a convincing away win for the visitors, getting revenge for our previous game when Rec ran out winners, Rec look forward to facing them again in a couple of weeks for our 4th game against them this season.

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Match Report: Two-Goal Comeback Secures Dramatic 2–2 Draw

Supporters witnessed a thrilling encounter as the home side fought back from a two-goal deficit to earn a 2–2 draw, after the visitors stormed ahead in the opening period.

The away team began brightly, dictating tempo and applying pressure from the outset. Their early intensity paid off in the 12th minute, when they took the lead. Just eight minutes later, in the 20th minute, they doubled their lead with a great goal, leaving the home keeper with no chance and the hosts visibly rattled.

With work to do, the home side emerged after the break with renewed determination. Their comeback began in the 52nd minute, when Phillips latched onto a clever through ball and calmly slotted past the keeper to reignite belief around the ground. The pressure continued to mount, and the equaliser arrived in the 75th minute, as Cherrett smashed into the net, sending the home crowd into raptures.

Drama continued late on as substitute Richardson, introduced with 12 minutes remaining to inject fresh energy, was shown a sin bin shortly after coming on for dissent, leaving the hosts temporarily down to ten men. Despite the setback, the home side held firm and even threatened on the counter as the clock ticked down.

Both sides pushed for a late winner but neither could find the decisive touch. After a game full of passion and momentum swings, the spoils were shared, with the home side earning their point through grit, resilience, and sheer determination.

SWANAGE TOWN & HERSTON FC
VERWOOD TOWN FC

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PRYOR DOUBLE SEALS THE POINTS

Swans 3 Verwood Town 0

Swans returned to winning ways with this 3-0 defeat of Verwood Town at Day's Park in The Dorset Premier League.

Swans produced a determined start in difficult weather conditions and created chances for Young and Moore who nearly capitalised on a mistake by the visitors keeper. Centre back Gundogdu went close with a header, however on 30 minutes the hosts broke the deadlock when Stephen Pryor volleyed home a free kick from the impressive Marcus Smith.



Home keeper Hibbs produced a great save to maintain his side's lead. Young who was a constant thorn in Verwoods side and Ocean Smith both went close to increasing the lead. H.T. 1-0.

Swans produced the perfect start to the second half with a goal after 48 minutes when Stephen Pryor completed his brace with a glancing header from Herrington's corner. It was Marcus Smith's turn to go close following a great run from Moore who then missed a great chance created by Brown. The Points were secured when Gundogdu scored from close range following a corner by Curtis for a well-deserved win.

Swans Returned to winning ways in difficult conditions with a superb all round performance to move themselves up to fourth place in the table.

Swans Star Man - Ogun Gundogdu
Special mention - Marcus Smith & Curtis Young

Team: T.Hibbs, R.Greenwood, B.Smith, O.Gundogdu, S.Pryor (C.Lee 70), S.Herrington, C.Pitt (J.Martin 73), M.Smith (H.Brown 82), C.Young (C), C.Moore, O.Smith.
Subs: C.Lee, J.Martin, H.Brown.

Photograph Courtesy Gerald Dimarco

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PORTLAND UTD FC RESERVES	()	0

[After last weekend's hard fought but impressive win away to Westlands Sports in what was a well contested game we this week returned to Park Road as we welcomed Portland United Reserves...](#)

The ball fell nicely to ELLIOTT MANSON in the box and he turned and rifled a shot which took a deflection and went in! (1-0) on the 16th minute!

MARK FORD gets the ball in a good area and lays it off to ELLIOTT MANSON who lofted it over the Portland keeper and in! (2-0) 22nd minute!

For our 3rd we gambled on a Portland mistake and MARK FORD was played in and he unselfishly squared it to JIMMY FRY for a tap in! (3-0) 25th minute

DAN KELLY played a perfect corner in which found STEVE SMITH who headered it in! (4-0) 37th minute!

Without putting the opposition down once we (Blandford) opened the scoring the first half was a one way game other than the one half chance they had!

HALFTIME: ROYALS 4-0 PORTLAND UNITED RESERVES

It was 5 on the hour mark when JIMMY FRY Found ELLIOTT MANSON with a lovely cross and Manson headered it in unmarked for his hat trick! (5-0) 60'

That's how it stayed!

FULLTIME: ROYALS 5-0 PORTLAND UNITED RESERVES

BOURNEMOUTH SPORTS FC
GILLINGHAM TOWN FC

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Bournemouth Sports secured a seventh home win of the season with a comfortable 3-1 result against Gillingham Town from North West Dorset.

The hosts started brightly with Jamie Booth going close before they took the lead in the 11th minute. A long throw from Jake Perch was initially cleared but eventually ended up back with him and his cross was met by Sports striker Rob Howard who's goal bound effort was sliced into his own net by a Gills defender whilst attempting to clear it.

The men from Chapel Gate went 2-0 ahead only moments later when Rob Howard converted well from close range following good play between wingers James Bergin and Taylor Webb. At the other end the visitors went close following a good pattern of play which resulted in the striker missing from close range. On another occasion veteran Bournemouth keeper Marc Davies had to be alert to block a shot from close range and at an acute angle.



James Bergin saw his direct free kick rattle off the underside of the bar in the 37th minute with the hosts unable to follow up on the loose ball to extend their lead. HT 2-0

The second half became a somewhat scrappy affair with lots of stops and starts which ultimately affected the hosts more as it disrupted their rhythm and fluency. However they eventually got the third goal in the 70th minute when Captain Taylor Edwards played in a low free kick into the box which was converted by Central Defender Daniel Viner scoring his first goal for the club following his move from

Hamworthy United Reserves in the summer.

Gillingham won a penalty in the 80th minute when Jake Perch was judged to have fouled a player inside the box and the resulting spot kick was duly converted. Bournemouth held out firm in the final ten minutes as they were on the backfoot and defended well ensuring an important 3 points and a first win since late September following some tough fixtures in October.

Bournemouth Sports - Marc Davies, Kian Bright, Jake Perch, Joe White, Daniel Viner, Taylor Webb, Tom Beckett, Taylor Webb, Jamie Booth, Rob Howard, James Bergin

Sub - Luke Street for James Bergin (60)

Photo Courtesy Daniel Blakeley-

Daniel Viner celebrates his first goal for the club with Luke Street

Gillingham Town travelled to Bournemouth Sports looking to bounce back after last weeks result. Gillingham had Dale Hinds back and available in goal which was a massive boost to the team, though still made the trip with a massively depleted squad that was effected by injuries and illnesses.

GTFC knew they would be up against it and it showed within 15 minutes of kick off a failed clearance from Gill keeper Hinds fell perfectly to their opponents who took their opportunity who 1-0 up

Gillingham really struggled to get into the game and another defensive mistake soon after made it a massive hill to climb finding themselves 2-0 down going into half time.

Like normal Gillingham came out for the second half a completely different team, created chance after chance and should've been ahead had their chances been converted. Sadly, it's been that story without their two strikers who are both out injured.

Grady Crittall was forced off due to an accidental head clash and Caleb Pack shortly after was on the wrong end of a bad tackle that went unpunished, which in turn saw his game come to an early end having to limp off.

Klarc Coates caused havoc down the right hand side and got his just rewards earning Gill a pen for a desperate tackle by the opponents. Once again no card given by the official for challenge on Coates, though the pen was slotted home by Josh Grace to make it 3-1.

GTFC pushed and pushed and were the much better and dominant team in the second half, though it's another game of "what could've been".

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HOLT UTD FC
BALTI SPORTS FC

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Petersham Lane

Holt United began the game brightly, taking control from the opening whistle. Their early dominance was rewarded after just 15 minutes when an attack down the left wing led to a cross to the back post, where Ben Lebow was on hand to finish smartly and put Holt 1–0 up. Holt continued to dictate play, and their pressure paid off again on 35 minutes. A slick passing move was finished clinically by George Ashby, doubling the lead to 2–0. The home side were full of confidence, and five minutes before the break, Josh Buck added a third after another spell of excellent build-up play, giving Holt a commanding 3–0 advantage at half-time.

After a strong team talk during the interval, Balti Sports came out with renewed purpose in the second half. They looked far more organised and began to create chances of their own. Their improvement was rewarded midway through the half when a corner was bundled home at the back post to make it 3–1. Balti continued to press, but Holt's defence—marshalled superbly by Kane Daish—stood firm to protect their lead. Despite further opportunities for the visitors, Holt saw the game out comfortably to secure a much-needed 3–1 win.

Final Score: Holt United 3 Balti Sports 1

Scorers (Holt): Ben Lebow, George Ashby, Josh Buck

DORSET SENIOR TROPHY REPORT – 1st NOVEMBER 2025

DORCHESTER SPORTS FC
COBHAM SPORTS FC

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Cobham Sports unbeaten run continued on Saturday afternoon when they visited The Avenue, they defeated the home side by 4-1 to reach the next round of the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance Senior Trophy. First half goals by Callum Clarke, with a brace and Mike Trim gave Cobham a 3-1 lead at the break, Bryn Doyle scoring for Dorchester, a second half strike by man of the match Harry Wright completed the scoring with Dorchester behind reduced to 10 men after keeper Nick Hutchings was shown a red card.

Cobham got off to a flyer taking the lead in the second minute, Callum Clarke getting on the end of a superb cross by Sam Lench and they increased their lead in the 11th minute when Clarke was fouled in the box by Sam Poole, the leagues leading scorer dusting himself off to send Hutchings the wrong way for his seventeenth goal of the season. Seven minutes later Dorchester reduced the deficit when Bryn Doyle headed home from a corner and this sparked some life into the home side after their sluggish start and saw them with a far more positive approach. Dorchester were now having their best spell of the game and Sam Poole was close with another header from a corner but he was just too high and wide of the far post but they couldn't capitalise on some Cobham complacency. The game had drifted into four minutes of added on time in the first half and the last piece of action saw Cobham claim their third of the

game, Mike Trim heading home Callum Perry's pin point corner to see the visitors lead 3-1 at the break.

The start to the second half saw Cobham continue with the initiative and they scored their fourth of the afternoon when they won a hotly disputed corner in the 55th minute, Perry's corner was won at the far post by Joe Wood who headed back across the goal into the mix, Trim's effort was blocked but fell to Wright who scored his second of the afternoon to restore Cobham's three goal advantage to lead 4-1. Following this goal Dorchester keeper Hutchings was, first sin binned but continued his discussion with the referee and was then shown a red card, this saw Callum Streamer take the gloves. Cobham became sloppy for a period and Owen Peart went close with a left footed effort in the 63rd minute as Dorchester applied some pressure in the game and Luke Beale had to be at his best when Derek Wall was played in on goal in the 77th minute but Beale was more than a match for him saving well. Cobham had taken their foot of the gas a little in the final throes of the game but Dorchester didn't really threaten too much and Cobham came close tho a fifth in the 84th minute, Harry Wright just pulling his shot wide in the 84th minute. Cobham had Cam Beard sin binned in the dying moments of the game as the game finished as a 4-1 win to Cobham Sports, they face Westover Bournemouth at Merley Park in the quarter final on the 6th Decemb

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BRIDPORT FC RESERVES	()	2
WESTOVER BOURNEMOUTH FIRST	()	3
POOLE BOROUGH FC	()	1

HAMPSHIRE SATURDAY TROPHY REPORT – 1st NOVEMBER 2025

WHITEHILL & BORDON FC	()	3
BOURNEMOUTH ELECTRIC FC	()	2

SOMERSET SENIOR CUP – 1st NOVEMBER 2025

NAILSEA UTD FC	()	2
WESTLAND SPORTS FC	()	2
		Nailsea won 4-3 on penalties

LEAGUE ROUND UP – 25th OCTOBER 2025

Cobham march on

League leaders Cobham Sports FC still remain unbeaten as they claimed their 12th win as they thumped Gillingham Town FC 7-1 at Merley Park, scoring for the hosts were Asa Phillips, Ellis George Callum Clarke & braces from Harrison Wright & Joe Wood, scoring the visitors consolation was Caleb Pack.

Hard on their heels at the top are Dorchester Sports FC who claimed a narrow 1-0 win away at Portland United FC Reserves with their important winner courtesy of Alex Godfrey. Sitting in 3rd place are Blandford United FC who picked up all 3 points at Alvington after defeating Westland Sports FC 2-1. scoring for the Royals were Louis Whetton & Elliott Manson, replying for Sports in the 2nd half was Niall Woolard.

Sherborne Town FC Reserves continued their fine form with a 5-2 win at Raleigh Grove against Swanage Town & Herston FC with the Zebras goals from George Geraghty, Jamie Russo, Joe Boon & a brace from Ash Guppy with Josh Reavenall-Nuete & Stephen Prior replying for the Swans. Bottom placed Poole Borough FC lost again at Turlin Moor as Balti Sports FC won 4-0 with goals from Ryan McKechnie, Henri Cox, Charlie Mussenden & Matt Harvey.

Bridport FC Reserves also remain in the bottom 2 as they were beaten 5-1 at St Marys by Hamworthy United FC Reserves, scoring for the Hammers were Aza Khider, Noah Hitchmough, Jack Clark & 2 from James Cherrett with Dan Baggs replying for the Bees,

Wimborne Town FC Reserves won their East Dorset derby with hosts Verwood Town FC 1-0 at Potterne Park with Will Orchard scoring the winner. Finally to Petersham Lane where Holt United FC & Bournemouth Sports FC drew 1-1, putting the hosts ahead was Sami Garcia with Sports reply from Kian Bright.

LEAGUE MATCH REPORTS – SATURDAY 25th OCTOBER 2025

BRIDPORT FC RESERVES

(1)

2

HAMWORTHY UTD FC RESERVES

(2)

5

[Bridport succumbed to their fifth successive home defeat.](#)

The Hammers opened the scoring when Bridport gave up possession in their own half, and after failing to make a clearance, presented a tap in from 2 yards.

Russell Legg went close from distance before Dan Baggs equalised following a great delivery by Josh Baker.

Hamworthy were able to cut the Bees defence open and scored, beating Kershaw at his near post.

Hamworthy scored their 3rd on the hour mark, a flick on was converted from close range. The 4th was a neat finish when the attacker beat two men before finding the bottom corner. Luke Wilkins scored his first goal for the Bees with a side foot volley from 20 yards. The Hammers were able to add a fifth in injury time with the home side pushing to get back into the game.

COBHAM SPORTS FC
GILLINGHAM TOWN FC

(3)	7
(0)	1

Cobham Sports strong start to the season continued on Saturday when they put North Dorset's Gillingham Town to the sword at a chilly Merley Park, they won a one sided affair by 7-1 with first half goals from Asa Phillips, Ellis George and Harry Wright giving them a 3-0 lead at half time, second half strikes from Callum Clarke, with his fifteenth goal of the season, a Joe Wood brace and a second for Harry Wright saw them comfortably home, a cracking free kick from Caleb Park gave Gillingham their consolation goal.

Cobham got straight into their stride from the off and took the lead in the 7th minute, good work from Charlie Raisen saw crash a shot onto the upright and the rebound fell to Asa Phillips and the striker made no mistake. Gillingham won a free kick 22 yards out in the 11th minute and Archie O'Donnell's kick beat the wall and brought a fine save from Luke Beale who followed that up with another fine save from his parried first save. Cobham lost Eze-Sunday to an injury in the 13th minute bringing Callum Clarke into the game and Cobham increased their lead in the 18th minute, skipper Ellis George striking home after good work by Sam Lench. Lench brought a save out of Horrocks in the Gillingham goal in the 25th minute and just a minute later Phillips thundered an effort onto the crossbar with Horrocks out of position. The pressure paid off in the 34th minute, Callum Perry finding Harry Wright who finished well to make it 3-0 and Phillips had a chance to increase the lead just before half time but he pulled his shot wide of the near post.



For the second week in a row Cobham got off to a flier in the second half, Phillips became provider with a defence splitting pass to Clarke who finished with aplomb to make it 4-0. The home side went to the bench in the 49th minute and still kept the pressure on, Lench was narrowly wide in the 55th minute and Clarke should have bagged his second in the 68th minute after being played in by Joe Wood. Cobham made it five in the 74th minute, a fine cross from Callum Perry was nodded home by

Joe Wood and just three minutes later it was 6-0, Lench finding Wright for his second of the afternoon. A spell of scrappy play by Cobham saw them concede a free kick some 22 yards out on the angle and Caleb Pack stepped up to give Beale no chance at his near post, clearing the wall for a fine goal, 6-1. The scoring was completed in the 88th minute, another Perry cross was nodded home at the far post by Wood, his second of the afternoon, to make the score 7-1 and right on the final whistle Gary Hind thought he'd got a second for Gillingham only for Beale and Alfie Phillips to deny him.

Photograph Courtesy of Benjamin Smith

HOLT UTD FC	(1)	1
BOURNEMOUTH SPORTS FC	(0)	1

Bournemouth Sports began the match on the front foot, applying early pressure on the Holt United defence. Their bright start was rewarded just four minutes in when they were awarded a penalty following a strong attack down the right-hand side of the Holt penalty area. However, Holt's goalkeeper produced a brilliant save to keep the scores level.

Bournemouth continued to threaten, creating another excellent chance from close range, only to fire over from ten yards out. After weathering the early storm, Holt began to settle and grow into the game, creating opportunities of their own. Their persistence paid off on 20 minutes when a corner caused a scramble in the six-yard box. The loose ball fell kindly to Sami Garcia, who reacted quickest to slot home and give Holt a 1-0 lead.

Both sides traded chances for the remainder of the half, but neither was able to find another breakthrough before the whistle, sending Holt into the break 1-0 up.

The second half followed a similar pattern — an open, end-to-end contest with both teams looking to take control. Both goalkeepers were called into action with important saves to keep their teams in the game.

On 66 minutes, Bournemouth Sports equalised after a slick move down the right. A low cross across the face of goal was met at the far post for a deserved leveller, making it 1-1. The closing stages saw both sides push for a winner, but despite several promising attacks, neither could convert their chances.

The game ended 1-1, with both teams feeling they could have taken all three points from a hard-fought and entertaining encounter.

POOLE BOROUGH FC
BALTI SPORTS FC

(0)
(3)

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Another defeat for the Borough on the moor. Three goals in the first half put the game to bed for the visitors. The visitors went ahead after James parried a shot which was followed up for a tap in. Balti doubled their lead from a corner and finished from a close range header. Bond should have done better from close range for the home side, but the visitors made it three with another header.

HT 0-3.

The second half was mostly uneventful with both keepers not really tested and the visitors got a fourth late on after a good run and cross which was finished into the roof of the net.

FT 0-4.

PORTLAND UTD FC RESERVES
DORCHESTER SPORTS FC

(0)
(0)

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SHERBORNE TOWN FC RESERVES
SWANAGE TOWN & HERSTON FC

(2)
(0)

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2

Sherborne Town Reserves bounced back in style after two consecutive league defeats, overcoming Swanage Town & Herston 5-2 in an entertaining Dorset Premier League encounter at Raleigh Grove.

The pitch was in excellent condition, allowing both sides to get the ball down and play some attractive football, though the opening stages were a little bitty and lacked rhythm as both teams looked to settle into the game.

Sherborne were gifted an early lead within the first ten minutes when **Jamie Russo** capitalised on a defensive error, striking calmly past the Swanage goalkeeper to make it 1-0. Just minutes later, the home side doubled their advantage through **George Geraghty**, who reacted quickest in the box to poke home after a well-worked move down the flank.

During the break, a light drizzle began to fall, slickening the surface and allowing for quicker ball movement. The visitors came out sharper and got one back from a corner early in the second half, punishing some hesitant Sherborne defending.

That setback seemed to wake the hosts up, and Sherborne soon regained control. A cleverly worked free kick from **Ash Guppy** found **Joe Boon**, who finished well to restore the lead at 3-1. Guppy then got himself on the scoresheet, confidently converting from the penalty spot to extend Sherborne's advantage.

Swanage refused to give in and made it 4–2 after a dangerous free kick caused problems in the Sherborne area, but any hopes of a comeback were quickly dashed when **Guppy** struck again — this time with a superb volley from range to seal the victory.

The visitors' afternoon went from bad to worse when they were reduced to ten men late on after a second yellow card, and Sherborne saw out the game comfortably to record a deserved 5–2 win.

BAD DAY AT THE OFFICE

Sherborne Reserves 5 Swans 2

Swans experienced a bad day at the office suffering a 5-2 defeat to Sherborne Reserves at Raleigh Grove in The Dorset Premier League.

Swans were the first to go close when Ocean Smith fired his shot just over following a good run. However it was the home side that struck two goals in the 6th and 11th minutes that dented the confidence of the Swans' depleted squad. Swans slowly regained a foot hold in the game and carved out a couple of good chances. Parker in the Zebras' goal denied Reavenall-Nuete with a good save, also Ocean Smith with a shot and Brad Smith with a header both went close. H.T. 2-0.



Photograph Courtesy by Gerald Dimarco

Swans produced the perfect start to the second half when new signing Reavenall-Nuete scored from close range following a free kick. The hosts hit back within a minute of the restart to regain their 2 goal lead.

The home side were now in the ascendency and went further ahead. Defender Stephen Pryor gave his side a little hope when he reduced the arrears with a header and Fontana struck the bar with parker beaten. The hope didn't last long as the Zebras scored number 5 to secure the 3 points and send the Swans back to the Purbeck empty handed.

Swans Star Man - Brad Smith.

Team: T.Hibbs, R.Greenwood, B.Smith, C.Dyke, S.Pryor, S.Herrington, L.Martin, C.Pitt, C.Moore (L.Fontana 78), J.Reavenall-Nuete, O.Smith.

Sub: L.Fontana

VERWOOD TOWN FC	(0)	0
WIMBORNE TOWN FC RESERVES	(0)	1

A disappointing Verwood Town performance led to Wimborne Town Reserves picking up three points. Recent games had a spark, this one never lit up. From the whistle it was evident both sides had their heads elsewhere. Football quality was mixed. Luckily, we had a reasonable defence to cope with tentative strikes and new signing Ryan Knibbs in goal showed a safe pair of hands.

Isolated attacks should have produced a couple of goals. Craciun on 27 minutes gathered a Fudge crossfield ball, cut inside his marker and an angled shot was palmed round the post by the keeper. WT's efforts were high and wide.

Half Time 0-0

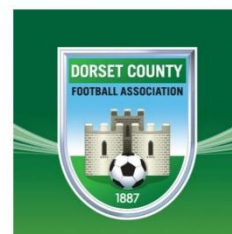
A glimmer of a good attack popped up straight from the re start. We attacked down the left a good cross from Danvers finished up untouched and going dead. We stood still on three minutes. It was as though Wimborne had brought on Moses. We parted like the Red Sea. A comfortable run into the box and Wimborne put the ball into the bottom corner. 0-1.

We did offer a token threat to draw level with the best efforts from Pope. A header from a free kick kicked off the line and a free kick on the edge of the box blocked by a solid defensive line summed up the half.

Result a disappointing **0-1** score line.

WESTLAND SPORTS FC	(0)	1
BLANDFORD UTD FC	(2)	2

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



DPL Table

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Cobham Sports FC	15	13	2	0	48	41
2	Blandford United FC	14	12	0	2	23	36
3	Dorchester Sports FC	14	11	2	1	23	35
4	Swanage Town & Herston FC	15	9	3	3	21	30
5	Sherborne Town FC Reserves	17	10	0	7	-1	30
6	Bournemouth Sports FC	14	8	3	3	18	27
7	Bournemouth Electric FC	12	8	2	2	18	26
8	Holt United FC	15	8	2	5	6	26
9	Balti Sports FC	16	7	2	7	11	23
10	Hamworthy Recreation FC Reserves	16	6	3	7	-9	21
11	Westland Sports FC	13	6	1	6	10	19
12	Wimborne Town FC Reserves	17	6	1	10	-13	19
13	Hamworthy United FC Reserves	16	5	1	10	-25	16
14	Verwood Town FC	17	4	2	11	-25	14
15	Portland United FC Reserves	14	3	2	9	-20	11
16	Gillingham Town FC	16	2	2	12	-16	8
17	Bridport FC Reserves	15	1	3	11	-33	6
18	Poole Borough FC	16	0	3	13	-36	3

Upcoming Fixtures

Type	Date / Time	Home Team	Away Team	Venue	Competition	Status / Notes
CC	11/11/25 19:30	Shaftesbury First	VS	Swanage Town & Herston FC	Shaftesbury Town First	Dorset Senior Cup
CC	11/11/25 19:30	Verwood Town FC	VS	Sturminster Newton United First	Verwood Town First	Dorset Senior Cup
Lg	15/11/25 14:00	Blandford United FC	VS	Swanage Town & Herston FC	PARK ROAD RECREATION GROUND	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	15/11/25 14:00	Bournemouth Electric FC	VS	Cobham Sports FC	BOURNEMOUTH ELECTRIC CLUB	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	15/11/25 14:00	Bournemouth Sports FC	VS	Hamworthy United FC Reserves	CHAPEL GATE	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	15/11/25 14:00	Dorchester Sports FC	VS	Westland Sports FC	DORCHESTER TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	15/11/25 14:00	Poole Borough FC	VS	Wimborne Town FC Reserves	TURLIN MOOR RECREATION GROUND	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	15/11/25 14:00	Verwood Town FC	VS	Holt United FC	POTTERNE PARK	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	15/11/25 15:00	Gillingham Town FC	VS	Bridport FC Reserves	WOODWATER LANE	Dorset Premier Football League
CC	15/11/25 14:00	Portland United FC Reserves	VS	Balti Sports FC	Portland United Reserves	Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Senior Trophy
CC	15/11/25 14:00	Sherborne Town FC Reserves	VS	Hamworthy Recreation FC Reserves	Sherborne Town Reserves	Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Senior Trophy

Postponement Count = 2



LEAGUE CUP 2025 / 26



1 st Round			
26 Aug	Verwood Town FC	0 - 7	Cobham Sports FC
27 Aug	Sherborne Town FC Res	3 - 1	Hamworthy Utd FC Res

2 nd Round			
10 Sep	Wimborne Town FC Res	3 - 0	Gillingham Town FC
16 Sep	Bridport FC Res	2 - 3	Westland Sports
20 Sep	Blandford United FC	5 - 0	Swanage Town & Herston FC
20 Sep	Bournemouth Electric FC	8 - 1	Poole Borough FC
20 Sep	Holt United FC	3 - 1	Portland United FC Res
4 Oct	Cobham Sports FC	3 - 1	Bournemouth Sports FC
8 Oct	Dorchester Sports FC	4 - 2	Balti Sports FC
15 Oct	Hamworthy Rec FC Res	4 - 1	Sherborne Town FC Res

Quarter Finals			
	Westland Sports FC	V	Holt Utd FC
	Blandford Utd FC	V	Dorchester Sports FC
	Wimborne Town FC Reserves	V	Hamworthy Rec FC Res
	Cobham Sports FC	V	Bournemouth Electric FC

Semi Finals			
		V	
		V	

Final			
		V	



FA Rules - 7 days' Notice of Approach - Non-Contract Players

Non-Contract Players

Unless otherwise stated, Rules C88 to C96 apply to Participants in the National League System and Tiers 1 to 4 of the Women's Football Pyramid. However, the provisions of these Rules shall apply to Approaching Clubs at **ANY LEVEL** of the game.

C88 Subject to Rule C89, a Club wishing to approach a Non-Contract Player (the "Approaching Club") registered with one or more Clubs must give to the club secretary of each such Club seven days' written notice of its intention to approach the Non-Contract Player (the "Approach Notice").

C89 An Approach Notice must be given by:

C89.1 a Saturday Club only to other Saturday Clubs.

C89.2 a Sunday Club only to other Sunday Clubs, and

C89.3 a midweek Club only to other midweek Clubs.

C90 A Club that receives an Approach Notice must ensure that the Non-Contract Player has received and is aware of the Approach Notice.

C91 The Approaching Club must send the Approach Notice:

C91.1 by first-class post to the registered address; or

C91.2 by email to the club secretary or chairperson, of the Club(s) that the Non-Contract player is registered with.

C92 An Approaching Club:

C92.1 may only register the relevant Player after seven days have elapsed since sending the Approach Notice (i.e. no earlier than the eighth day);

and

C92.2 must register the relevant Player no later than 28 days following the sending of the Approach Notice.

Guidance

For the purposes of calculating the relevant time limits, the day on which the Approach Notice is sent shall be day zero.

C93 An Approaching Club must not:

C93.1 approach the same Non-Contract Player at the same Club more than once per season.

C93.2 having sent an Approach Notice to a Club, approach another Non-Contract Player at the same Club until 28 days have elapsed since sending the Approach Notice; and

C93.3 subject to Rule C94, approach more than one Non-Contract Player at a Club at the same time.

C94 An Approaching Club is permitted to simultaneously approach up to two Non-Contract Players in each age group at a Club provided that those Non-Contract Players are both invited to trial at an Academy or a PGA.

C95 If a Non-Contract Player approaches a Club, that Club shall give the Club(s) for which the Non-Contract Player is currently registered seven days' written notice that the approach has been made before registering the Non-Contract Player (in accordance Rules C88 to C92).

C96 Where a Club is found by The Association and/or an Affiliated Association to have acted in breach of Rules C88 to C95, its registration of the Non-Contract Player may be cancelled and the Club may be subject to such other penalty as The Association or relevant Affiliated Association deems appropriate.

TO SUM UP

If a club wishes to register a player who is currently on a non-contract registration(s), they will need to provide a 7-day notice of approach to the club(s) who the player holds a current registration with, before they are able to speak to the player. It does not matter whether the approaching club wishes to register the player on contract or non-contract, the key part is whether the player is currently registered as a non-contract player. If so, then a notice of approach is required. This should only be done if the approaching club wish to register the player.

If the club seeking to trial the player only, the club should speak with the current club(s) and obtain for permission to trial only (see FA Rule 66 (adult) and C133 (minor)).

Any club that receives a notice of approach must notify the player, so they are aware.

The approaching club can only register the player once 7 days have elapsed since the notice of approach was sent, i.e. the 8th day. Once the notice is sent, the approaching club have 28 days to complete the registration of the player.

Essentially, the club can register the player any date from the 8th day to the 28th day following the notice of the approach, i.e. they have a 21-day period to complete the registration.

To calculate the relevant time limits,

The day the notice of approach is sent is considered day zero.

Approaching clubs have some restrictions around putting notices of approaches in, to prevent them seeking to take many players from one club at one time. The restrictions are:

- The approaching club cannot approach the same player at the same club more than once per season. (C93.1)
- If the approaching club has put of a notice of approach for a player at another club, the approaching club cannot put in a notice of approach for another player at the same club until 28 days have elapsed since sending the first notice of approach (C93.2)
- The approaching club cannot approach more than one player at a club at the same time* (C93.3)

* This is subject to provisions under FA Rule C94

GRAPHIC

	NOA Sent Club A To Club B	NOA – 7 Day period			Club A Window to complete Transfer			Process can start again Club A To Club B
Day	0	1	-	7	8	-	28	29
Example	15 th Oct	16 th Oct		22 nd Oct	23 rd Oct		19 th Nov	20 th Nov

IFAB – Laws Of The Game Update 25/26

CAPTAINS ONLY PROTOCOL

LAWS OF THE GAME OVERVIEW

CAPTAINS ONLY PROTOCOL

Law 3 – Law 5

- Only **designated captains** (wearing an armband or identified at the coin toss) may approach the referee.
- Referees can **activate the protocol** by communicating with the players around them
 - Once the referees have communicated the captains only protocol is activated, Referees and Captains are expected to enforce
- A **4m “no-go” zone** is established around the referee.
 - Other players entering this zone in an aggressive manner or to cause interruption to the process: **YC for dissent**
 - Multiple players = at least **1 caution**; incident must be **reported**
- Protocol aimed at reducing confrontation and improving respect.

Purpose and Rationale

The protocol is designed to **strengthen respect between players and referees** by formalising that only the team captain may approach the referee to discuss key decisions. The aim is to reduce incidents of mobbing, dissent, and intimidation of match officials — improving the environment for everyone involved in the game.

Key Points

- Normal, respectful interactions with referees are still permitted; however, dissent (by word or action) remains a yellow card offence — even for captains.
- Only the captain from each team is allowed to approach the referee on major decisions.
- Captains are responsible for ensuring teammates stay away from the referee during these moments.
- Referees may delay the restart to allow captains to communicate messages back to their teams if necessary.

Additional Details

- If the goalkeeper is the team captain, an outfield player must be nominated to fulfil this role for referee interactions.
- A “captain-only zone” of 4 metres will be established around the referee; no other players are permitted within this area.
- Any non-captain entering this zone should be cautioned for dissent by action. If multiple players enter, at least one must be cautioned, and the incident will be reported to the relevant authorities.
- Competition organisers are encouraged to introduce sanctions for repeated breaches across the season.

National Implementation

This protocol will be implemented consistently across:

- All professional competitions
- The National League Pyramids
- County FA-administered football

Our approach is to create **alignment and consistency from the top tiers to grassroots**, improving behaviour towards match officials at every level.

Education and Communication

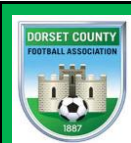
We are currently rolling out education for referees, County FAs, Referee Development Officers, and other stakeholders to ensure clear understanding and consistent application.

Clarification for Youth, Veterans, Disability, and Grassroots Levels

Although IFAB have included an arm signal to initiate the protocol at these levels, in England **we will not adopt this**. Referees will manage the protocol themselves, using their existing match management skills.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the details further, please don't hesitate to get in touch through refereedevelopment@thefa.com

COUNTY CUPS 2025 – 2026



D.C.F.A - SENIOR TROPHY - Round 1

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Round 1

4 th October		Westland Sports FC Res	3	V	4	Puddletown FC
		HOLT UNITED FC	1	V	1	BLANDFORD UNITED FC
						<i>Blandford win 3-2 on penalties</i>
		Cranborne FC	2	V	1	HAMWORTHY UNITED FC Res
		Westover FC B-Mth	HW	V		Ridgeway FC

12 Clubs have received Byes into the 2nd Round

Round 2

01/11/25		Lyme Regis FC	3	V	3	Wareham Rangers FC
						<i>Wareham win 5-4 on penalties</i>
01/11/25		Bye		V		BLANDFORD UNITED FC
01/11/25		Maiden Newton & Cattistock FC	0	V	2	BRIDPORT FC Res
01/11/25		Puddletown FC	2	V	1	Cranborne FC
01/11/25		DORCHESTER SPORTS FC	1	V	4	COBHAM SPORTS FC
01/11/25		Westover FC B-Mth	3	V	1	POOLE BOROUGH FC
15/11/25		PORTLAND UTD FC Res		V		BALTI SPORTS FC
15/11/25		SHERBORNE TOWN FC Res		V		HAMWORTHY REC FC Res

Quarter Finals

06/12/25		Bridport FC Reserves		V		Puddletown FC
06/12/25		Sherborne Town Res/Hamworthy Recreation FC Res		V		Wareham Rangers FC
06/12/25		Cobham Sports FC		V		Westover Bournemouth FC
06/12/25		Blandford Utd FC		V		Portland Utd FC Res / Balti Sports FC

Semi - Finals

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				V		

Final

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@ The County Ground – Hamworthy United FC





D.C.F.A - SENIOR CUP



Round 1

11/11/25		Weymouth FC	5	V	4	Bridport FC
11/11/25		Hamworthy Recreation FC	2	V	5	Wimborne Town FC
11/11/25		Shaftesbury FC	5	V	0	SWANAGE TOWN & HERSTON FC
11/11/25		Poole Town FC	0	V	2	Portland United FC
12/11/25	5	Sherborne Town FC		V		Hamworthy United FC
18/11/25	2	VERWOOD TOWN FC		V		Sturminster Newton United FC

Dorchester Town FC & **GILLINGHAM TOWN FC** both received Byes into the Quarter Finals

Quarter Finals

		GILLINGHAM TOWN FC		V		Dorchester Town FC
		Weymouth FC		V		Wimborne Town FC
		Shaftesbury FC		V		Portland United FC
		Winner 2		V		Winner 5

Semi - Finals

				V		
				V		

Final

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@ The County Ground – Hamworthy United FC



H.F.A SATURDAY TROPHY

1st Round

October 4th		Select Generation FC	0	v	6	BOURNEMOUTH ELECTRIC FC
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2nd Round

November 1st		Whitehill & Bordon FC	3	v	2	BOURNEMOUTH ELECTRIC FC
November 8th		Brading Town FC	3	v	4	BOURNEMOUTH SPORTS FC

3rd Round

				v		
				v		

4th Round

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S.F.A SATURDAY TROPHY

1st Round

October 4th		Red Falcons FC	1	v	4	WESTLAND SPORTS FC
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2nd Round

November 1st		Nailsea United FC	2 4	V pens	2 3	WESTLAND SPORTS FC

DPL – Respect Table 25/26

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 **£100.00** from the League –

CURRENTLY – Due to FA Technology we are not able to produce the Table for games 1 – 5

The League is working as hard as it can to resolve this issue and will update Clubs as soon as possible.

DPL – Discipline Table 25/26

Dorset Premier League							Penalty Stages - P37 League Handbook			
Team name	Sin bins	Cautions	Standards	Pending misconduct	E - Misconducts	Penalty points	1 25 and/or 4 E	2 50 and/or 4 E	3 75 and/or 8 E	4 100 and/or 10 E
Wimborne Town FC Reserves	0	24	1	0	0	0				
Blandford United FC	0	19	0	0	0	4				
Bournemouth Sports FC	1	9	0	0	0	4				
Poole Borough FC	0	16	0	0	0	7				
Sherborne Town FC Reserves	0	22	1	0	0	7				
Swanage Town & Herston FC	0	6	2	0	0	7				
Balti Sports FC	2	24	0	0	0	8				
Bournemouth Electric FC	1	18	2	0	0	11				
Cobham Sports FC	2	12	1	0	0	12				
Hamworthy United FC Reserves	2	12	2	0	0	12				
Dorchester Sports FC	1	16	2	0	0	14				
Bridport FC Reserves	1	25	2	0	0	15				
Gillingham Town FC	1	15	0	0	0	16				
Hamworthy Recreation FC Reserves	2	27	1	0	0	16				
Verwood Town FC	3	20	1	0	0	20	Close			
Westland Sports FC	5	21	1	0	0	20	Close			
Holt United FC	0	25	3	0	1	23	Close			
Portland United FC Reserves	4	18	3	0	1	46	Passed	Close		
25		329	22	0	2					



Step 6 Leagues for Possible Relegations



Latest Table – Velocity Wessex League 1

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Whitchurch United	15	11	2	2	42	19	23	35
2	Colden Common	16	11	2	3	54	33	21	35
3	Fleetlands	16	9	3	4	33	22	11	30
4	Frimley Green	14	8	4	2	38	22	16	28
5	Romsey Town	17	8	4	5	29	20	9	28
6	Newport (Is/W)	15	9	1	5	27	22	5	28
7	Yateley United	17	8	2	7	43	27	16	26
8	Folland Sports	14	8	1	5	31	20	11	25
9	Bingwood Town	17	8	1	8	34	40	-6	25
10	Cove	13	6	5	2	21	13	8	23
11	Ash United	15	6	5	4	19	21	-2	23
12	Hamworthy United	15	6	2	7	37	29	8	20
13	Alresford Town	14	5	5	4	29	29	0	20
14	Kintbury Rangers	16	5	3	8	28	38	-10	18
15	Amesbury Town	14	5	2	7	23	22	1	17
16	Clanfield	16	5	2	9	23	29	-6	17
17	United Services Portsmouth	17	5	2	10	24	45	-21	17
18	Fawley AFC	15	3	5	7	15	27	-12	14
19	Blackfield & Langley	14	4	2	8	18	40	-22	14
20	AFC Aldermaston	14	2	4	8	21	27	-6	10
21	Lymington Town	14	2	2	10	18	40	-22	8
22	Totton & Eling	14	2	1	11	11	33	-22	7

Latest Table – Jewson Western League 1

FULL TABLE DETAIL >

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Devizes Town	17	12	5	0	32	41
2	Bristol Telephones	18	11	3	4	9	36
3	Avonmouth	16	10	5	1	13	35
4	Bitton	17	10	4	3	10	34
5	Wells City	17	11	0	6	24	33
6	Almondsbury	18	10	2	6	1	32
7	Sturminster Newton United	15	9	2	4	22	29
8	Mendip Broadwalk	16	8	5	3	7	29
9	AEK Boco	17	8	3	6	15	27
10	Warminster Town	18	7	4	7	10	25
11	Cadbury Heath	18	7	4	7	-4	25
12	Longwell Green Sports	17	7	2	8	-12	23
13	Calne Town	16	5	4	7	-2	19
14	Odd Down (BATH)	18	5	4	9	-5	19
15	Keynsham Town	17	4	4	9	-7	16
16	Shirehampton	16	3	5	8	-20	14
17	Radstock Town	16	3	5	8	-10	13*
18	Cheddar	18	2	5	11	-25	11
19	Welton Rovers	17	1	3	13	-28	6
20	Hengrove Athletic	18	0	5	13	-30	5

* adjustment made



Feeder League Into the DPL



DORSET SENIOR LEAGUE

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Wareham Rangers First	9	7	0	2	21	21
2	Tisbury United First	7	6	0	1	14	18
3	Mere Town FC Mens 1st	6	5	0	1	15	15
4	Cobham Sports FC Reserves	8	4	2	2	9	14
5	Malden Newton & Cattistock First	8	4	1	3	-2	13
6	Puddletown First	7	4	0	3	1	12
7	Bournemouth Popples Reserves	7	3	1	3	2	10
8	Westover Bournemouth First	7	3	1	3	-1	10
9	Westland Sports Reserves	7	2	0	5	0	6
10	Bournemouth Sports Reserves	8	2	0	6	-24	6
11	Wincanton Town Reserves	7	0	2	5	-11	2
12	Cranborne First	7	0	1	6	-24	1

LATEST RESULTS

Type	Date / Time	Home Team	Away Team	Competition
⊕	L 08/11/25 14:00	Cobham Sports FC Reserves	Tisbury United First	Dorset Senior League
⊕	L 08/11/25 14:00	Cranborne First	Mere Town FC Mens 1st	Dorset Senior League
⊕	L 08/11/25 14:00	Malden Newton & Cattistock First	Wincanton Town Reserves	Dorset Senior League
⊕	L 08/11/25 14:00	Puddletown First	Bournemouth Popples Reserves	Dorset Senior League
⊕	L 08/11/25 14:00	Wareham Rangers First	Bournemouth Sports Reserves	Dorset Senior League
⊕	L 08/11/25 14:00	Westover Bournemouth First	Westland Sports Reserves	Dorset Senior League

UPCOMING FIXTURES

Type	Date / Time	Home Team	Away Team	Venue	Competition	Status Notes
L	15/11/25 14:00	Bournemouth Popples Reserves	Bournemouth Sports Reserves	VICTORIA PARK (BOURNEMOUTH)	Dorset Senior League	
L	15/11/25 14:00	Cobham Sports FC Reserves	Wincanton Town Reserves	COBHAM SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB	Dorset Senior League	
L	15/11/25 14:00	Malden Newton & Cattistock First	Cranborne First	KENNEL GROUND	Dorset Senior League	
L	15/11/25 14:00	Mere Town FC Mens 1st	Wareham Rangers First	MERE PEACE MEMORIAL SPORTS AND RECREATION GROUND	Dorset Senior League	
L	15/11/25 14:00	Puddletown First	Westover Bournemouth First	PUDDLETOWN RECREATION GROUND	Dorset Senior League	
L	15/11/25 14:00	Westland Sports Reserves	Tisbury United First	YEOVIL TOWN COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE #1	Dorset Senior League	

DPL – CLUB MAP 25/26

