

THE DPL WEEKLY

EVERY GOAL – EVERY GAME – EVERY SUNDAY

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Hamworthy Utd Res 2 – 4 Cobham Sports FC – 05/09/26

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WELCOME — WEEK 5

Five weeks into the 2026/27 Dorset Premier Football League season, the picture is beginning to sharpen. The early scatter of results has given way to clearer patterns, and the table now carries a weight that clubs can no longer ignore. Momentum has become a genuine currency, mistakes linger longer, and every weekend feels that little bit more consequential.

WEEK 5 HIGHLIGHTS

The headline result of the weekend came at Sherborne, where Bournemouth Electric produced a ruthless 7–0 victory to move top of the table in emphatic fashion. Elsewhere, Mere Town secured their first win of the season with a composed 3–0 home performance that will inject fresh momentum into their campaign. Across the league, the chasing pack continued to jostle for position, with Cobham Sports, Swanage T&H and Dorchester Sports all recording important victories to keep the pressure firmly applied at the top end of the standings.

The League Cup Competition also started this week with both Dorchester Sports & Westland Sports progressing into round 2.

LEAGUE NOTICES

A reminder to all clubs to ensure they remain fully familiar with League Rules and Regulations. For any clarification, please contact the appropriate League Officer.

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

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 4.

Giles Kilshawe-Fall

Editor, The DPL Weekly



TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2026 – LEAGUE CUP RND 1



VERWOOD TOWN	1
DORCHESTER SPORTS	5

Dorchester Sports booked their place in the Second Round of the League Cup with a convincing 5-1 victory over Verwood Town at Potterne Park. After leading by a single goal at the interval, the visitors' clinical second half display ultimately proved decisive under the lights.

Verwood Town welcomed Dorchester Sports to Potterne Park for this First Round League Cup tie, with both sides aiming to progress in the competition. The hosts made a brighter start than in recent matches, although goalkeeper Ridout was the busier of the two keepers early on. Dorchester Sports employed a direct approach which kept Verwood's back four alert and provided Ridout with plenty of handling opportunities. Colarelli impressed at right back, surging forward down the flank before delivering a deep cross that created an opening for Kerr, whose effort was blocked by a determined Sports defence. As the game developed into a physical and aerial contest, both defences were kept occupied. Verwood came close midway through the half when an effort was cleared off the Dorchester Sports goal line. Moments later, the visitors punished Verwood's high defensive line. Following a long clearance, **Elliott Browne** broke through to put Sports ahead after 25 minutes. Buoyed by the breakthrough, Sports continued to threaten and struck the crossbar before the interval as they maintained their 1-0 lead at half time. Dorchester Sports began the second half strongly and kept Verwood pinned back. Kerr went close and McKinlay volleyed narrowly wide before the visitors doubled their advantage on 21 minutes. After clearing a Verwood corner, Sports launched another rapid attack which **Alex Godfrey** finished clinically to make it 2-0. **Godfrey** added a third five minutes later, capitalising on sustained pressure. Verwood responded positively when Knott's driving run into the area resulted in a penalty. **Matt Pope** converted confidently to reduce the deficit to 3-1 with 34 minutes played. However, any hopes of a comeback were extinguished late on as **Godfrey** completed his hat-trick before **Brin Doyle** added a fifth, sealing an emphatic 5-1 victory. Dorchester Sports now host Portland United Reserves in the Second Round on Tuesday 29 September.





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PORTLAND UNITED RES	2
BALTI SPORTS	3

Portland United Reserves suffered a narrow 3–2 defeat against local rivals Balti Sports at the Camp & Satherley Stadium on Saturday. Despite twice battling back to level the scores, a Taylor Brown brace ultimately helped the visitors secure all three points.

Balti arrived at the Camp & Satherley Stadium in confident mood after making a strong start to their Dorset Premier League campaign, and with sunny conditions greeting a good crowd, the scene was set for an entertaining local encounter. The visitors made the brighter start and opened the scoring through the in-form **Taylor Brown**, who finished well to give Sports an early advantage. Portland responded positively and began to create opportunities as they searched for a way back into the contest. Their persistence was rewarded in the 24th minute when Joe Waring produced a superb cross into the area for the hard-working **Preston Hepburn**, who rose to head home and make it 1–1. The game remained competitive, with both sides battling for control, but Balti regained their advantage in the 33rd minute as **Callum Stanton** found the net to send the visitors into the interval 2–1 ahead. Portland emerged strongly after the restart and needed only five minutes to draw level for a second time. Under-18 striker **Cory Roy** showed excellent composure in front of goal, slipping the ball beyond Balti goalkeeper Jacob English to make it 2–2. However, Portland's joy proved short-lived as Balti responded six minutes later. **Taylor Brown** struck again in the 56th minute, grabbing his second goal of the afternoon to restore Sports' one-goal advantage. The hosts refused to give in and pushed forward in search of a third equaliser, with both teams continuing to compete strongly throughout an entertaining second half. Portland battled until the final whistle, but Balti stood firm to secure a 3–2 victory and all three points. Despite the defeat, Portland could take encouragement from twice recovering from behind and the contribution of their young players in a closely fought local derby on Saturday afternoon.

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HAMWORTHY UTD RES	2
COBHAM SPORTS	4

Cobham Sports secured all three points with a 4–2 victory over Hamworthy United Reserves at The County Ground. After surrendering an early two-goal advantage, Cobham responded strongly after the break, with Asa Phillips' brace helping the visitors seal an entertaining win.

Cobham made a flying start and were ahead after just two minutes. Logan Nicholson's excellent corner found **Jack Burton** unmarked at the far post, where his header found the net via the upright. Asa Phillips nearly doubled the advantage five minutes later after forcing goalkeeper Ridlegh into an error, but his effort drifted narrowly wide. However, **Asa Phillips** was not to be denied and made it 2–0 in the 13th minute, heading home another dangerous Nicholson corner. Cobham continued to control proceedings, with Harry Wright and Callum Perry both testing Ridlegh, while Jean Pierre Pascal missed a good opportunity to extend the advantage. Hamworthy responded in the 37th minute. After Luke Beale tipped an effort behind, Taylor de Paiva headed the resulting corner back across goal for **James Cherrett** to convert. The hosts then completed their comeback deep into first-half stoppage time. De Paiva delivered a free-kick into the area and, following Beale's attempted punch, **Brad Wells** converted at the second attempt to make it 2–2. Hamworthy thought they had taken the lead shortly after the restart, only for their effort to be ruled out for a foul in the build-up. Cobham responded immediately. Max Rees did well on the right before finding **Phillips**, who poked home his second to restore the visitors' advantage. Seventeen-year-old substitute **Jude Stevenson** then produced the game's standout moment in the 59th minute, weaving past three defenders before firing into the corner for 4–2. Burton later struck the crossbar with a header, while Beale denied Sam Willoughby at the opposite end. Cobham managed the closing stages effectively to secure the points, with Nicholson impressing and two-goal Phillips earning man-of-the-match honours after an outstanding individual display for the visitors.





SWANAGE T&H	3
WIMBORNE TOWN RES	1



Swanage Town & Herston climbed to third in the Dorset Premier League after securing a 3–1 victory over a talented Wimborne Town Reserves side at Day's Park, with captain Will Prior scoring twice before Curtis Young completed the scoring.

Swanage made the perfect start when they were awarded a controversial penalty after just two minutes. Captain **Will Prior** stepped up and confidently dispatched the spot-kick to give the hosts an early advantage. Wimborne responded impressively and were level seven minutes later when **Raymond John-Kidd** produced a smart finish. The visitors continued to threaten, forcing Swans goalkeeper Regan Norman into an important save to deny Iglewiski their second. The hosts regained their advantage when a Sam Herrington corner caused problems inside the Wimborne area. Following Ogun Gundogdu's challenge on goalkeeper Billy Barton, **Prior** produced a glancing header to claim his second of the afternoon. Barton then made excellent saves to deny Jack Torniainen and Herrington as the hosts looked to extend their lead. The third eventually arrived following good link-up play between Prior and **Curtis Young**, with the latter firing past Barton to give Swans a 3–1 half-time advantage. Second-half substitute Mark Ford went close after the restart, heading narrowly wide from Torniainen's free-kick. Swanage were then reduced to ten men when centre-back Brad Smith was shown a red card for denying a Wimborne forward a goalscoring opportunity. The determined visitors looked to capitalise on their numerical advantage, keeping Norman alert with several dangerous breaks, but the Swans continued to create the clearer opportunities. Biles, Ford and Henry Brown all went close to adding a fourth. Ford struck the base of the post before Brown narrowly missed with the rebound, while Jack Hughes was denied when Barton produced a superb save to tip his goal bound effort over the crossbar.

Despite playing with ten men, Swanage comfortably saw out the closing stages to secure three valuable points, lifting them into third place in the Dorset Premier Football League table, just one point behind the early leaders.





MERE TOWN 3
VERWOOD TOWN 0



Mere Town celebrated their first Dorset Premier Football League victory of the season with an impressive 3–0 win over Verwood Town in their opening home fixture. Goals from Harry Browne, Danny Smith and Liam Hosmer secured three deserved points for the “Moonrakers”

After a difficult August, Mere were looking to kick-start their campaign and made an encouraging start, taking control of proceedings and putting the Verwood defence under pressure during the opening stages. The hosts were rewarded in the 13th minute when **Harry Browne’s** corner caused problems for the visitors. The Verwood goalkeeper misjudged his positioning and Browne’s delivery sailed directly into the net to give Mere a deserved 1–0 advantage. Mere continued to dictate the contest, playing with confidence as they searched for a second goal. Their pressure eventually paid off ten minutes before the interval following a well-worked move down the left-hand side. Captain **Danny Smith** found space inside the penalty area before producing a clinical low finish into the bottom corner to double Mere’s advantage and send the hosts into half-time with a commanding 2–0 lead. There was no let-up from Mere following the restart as they remained firmly on the front foot. The hosts created a host of clear-cut opportunities during the second period but were unable to find the finishing touch needed to put the contest beyond Verwood. Despite those missed chances, Mere remained in control and continued pushing for the third goal their performance deserved. That finally arrived in the 86th minute through substitute **Liam Hosmer**. Collecting possession on the edge of the penalty area, Hosmer showed excellent skill to beat two Verwood defenders before firing beyond the goalkeeper to complete the scoring. Mere comfortably negotiated the remaining minutes to seal an impressive 3–0 victory and a welcome clean sheet. After a challenging opening month of the campaign, the result secured Mere’s first three Dorset Premier League points of the season, providing a deserved reward for an excellent all-round team performance and giving the squad plenty of encouragement to take into their upcoming fixtures.



DORCHESTER SPORTS	2
HOLT UNITED	1

Dorchester Sports claimed a dramatic 2–1 victory over Holt United in a thrilling top-of-the-table clash at The Avenue. Noah House struck his first Sports goal with seconds remaining as the ten-man hosts secured a huge three points in the sunshine.

Both sides made a positive start, enjoying plenty of possession and creating opportunities. Holt threatened first when Matty Stephenson dribbled beyond two Sports defenders before firing wide, while Kieron Coombes twice went close for the hosts. Coombes then turned provider, delivering for Alex Godfrey, whose effort was well saved by Holt goalkeeper Reece Mitchell. Elliot Browne and Brin Doyle also had opportunities as Sports continued to threaten, but neither could find the breakthrough. Those missed chances proved costly when Holt took the lead before the interval. Sports failed to clear a corner and **Connor Doe** reacted quickest, smashing the loose ball beyond Sam Duncalf to send the visitors into half-time ahead. Sports emerged with renewed purpose and needed only three minutes of the second half to equalise. Coombes produced an excellent cross, and **Brin Doyle** rose to head past Mitchell from ten yards. The contest became increasingly end-to-end, with Ben Hands missing a good opportunity for Holt before Browne twice threatened for Sports, blazing one effort over before seeing another denied by an excellent Mitchell save. The game's major turning point arrived in the 80th minute. Godfrey's misplaced back-pass allowed Stephenson through on goal, leaving Dylan Ellis with little option but to bring him down. The referee produced a straight red card, reducing Sports to ten men. Despite their numerical disadvantage, the hosts continued searching for a winner. Toby Kelly fired wide when well placed before the decisive moment arrived with seconds remaining. Duncalf launched the ball forward, Kelly flicked it into the path of **Noah House**, who sweetly struck his effort beyond Mitchell to score his first goal in a Sports shirt and spark wild celebrations around The Avenue. It secured a dramatic victory and a massive three points for Sports after a hugely entertaining contest which showcase the best of the Dorset Premier Football League.



GILLINGHAM TOWN	1
BOURNEMOUTH SPORTS	2

Gillingham Town welcomed Bournemouth Sports to Woodwater Lane and were left rueing missed chances in a tight contest. A strong visiting goalkeeper and two first-half goals proved decisive as Sports edged a 2–1 win that lifts them above Gill in the table.

Gillingham Town were hoping to use their previous weeks home defeat to right some wrongs and get back on track, but instead were left reflecting on a match defined by missed opportunities and fine margins. From the outset, Gill carried plenty of threat, moving the ball well and creating promising openings, yet the final touch repeatedly eluded them. Bournemouth Sports, meanwhile, showed their usual organisation and discipline, absorbing pressure and striking clinically when chances arrived. The visitors took control during a decisive spell in the first half. **James Bergin**, lively throughout, capitalised on two quick transitions, finishing confidently on both occasions to give Sports a 2–0 advantage. His brace, taken with composure, underlined the difference between the sides in the opening period: Gill created moments, but Sports converted theirs. Despite the setback, Gillingham responded with determination. Their midfield began to dictate more of the play, pushing Bournemouth deeper and forcing errors. The pressure eventually told when **Bradlee Sheppherd** stepped up and converted from the penalty spot, halving the deficit and reigniting belief among the home support. At 2–1, the momentum shifted, and Gill enjoyed their best spell of the match. However, Bournemouth's goalkeeper produced several crucial interventions, denying what looked like certain equalisers. Gill worked good positions, delivered dangerous balls, and forced scrambles inside the box, but each time the final touch fell agonisingly short. As the minutes ticked away, Sports held firm, managing the closing stages with composure and slowing the tempo whenever possible. The final whistle confirmed a narrow 2–1 defeat for Gillingham, a result that sees them slip to eighth, while Bournemouth Sports climb to seventh courtesy of their win. For Gill, it was a performance full of effort and intent, but ultimately one overshadowed by missed opportunities in key moments.





SHERBORNE TOWN RES 0
BOURNEMOUTH ELECTRIC 7



Sherborne Town Reserves hosted unbeaten Bournemouth Electric and began brightly, but the visitors' physicality, direct play and clinical finishing proved decisive. Electric's experience told throughout, earning a convincing win that sends them top, while Sherborne were left with lessons to absorb.

Sherborne Town Reserves welcomed Bournemouth Electric to Raleigh Grove, and the young Zebras started the afternoon with real purpose. Their early football was sharp, confident and front-footed, moving the ball quickly and showing the bravery that has become a hallmark of their developing side. For a spell, they unsettled Electric and looked capable of causing problems. However, Bournemouth Electric soon imposed their own style on the contest. Their direct approach repeatedly bypassed Sherborne's midfield, with long, accurate balls into powerful forwards who were able to use their size and strength to great effect. The physical difference between the sides became increasingly clear, and Sherborne struggled to contain Electric's relentless forward pressure. A series of uncharacteristic mistakes made the challenge even tougher. Poor decisions in key areas gifted Electric opportunities, and an experienced, unbeaten side needed no second invitation. By half-time, Electric had built a commanding 4-0 lead, with Kareem Soliman completing a hat-trick and Lewis Miles adding another. The second half followed a similar pattern, with Joe Flachi, Dillon King, and Nasim Meddah extending the scoreline and sealing a comprehensive away victory. Despite the result, Sherborne can take positives from their early play and the moments where their football caused Electric problems. For a young squad, this was a stern examination against one of the league's most physically imposing and efficient teams. The lessons are clear: improved decision-making, greater resilience under direct pressure, and quicker adaptation to the physical demands at this level. A difficult afternoon, but one the Zebras will learn from together — and one that will undoubtedly help their continued development. Electric, meanwhile, move top of the table after a convincing performance on the road.

WESTLAND SPORTS	2
WAREHAM RANGERS	1

Westland Sports booked their place in the next round of the Dorset Premier League Cup after a hard-earned 2–1 win over Wareham Rangers, recovering from a poor first half to produce a dominant, energetic second-half display that ultimately turned the tie around.

Westland Sports advanced in the Dorset Premier League Cup after a hard-fought 2–1 victory over Wareham Rangers, but they were pushed to their limits throughout a game that swung dramatically between the two halves. The opening period belonged almost entirely to Wareham, whose intensity, pressing and work rate unsettled Westland from the first whistle. The hosts looked unusually sloppy in possession, repeatedly losing the ball in dangerous areas as they tried to play out from the back. Wareham's pressure was rewarded around the half-hour mark. A throw-in wasn't dealt with, and when the ball dropped to **James Cass** on the edge of the box, he struck a superb volley into the roof of the net to give the visitors a deserved 1–0 lead. Westland were fortunate not to fall further behind, with Harrison Wallis producing two important saves to keep the deficit manageable at the break. The second half, however, was transformed by two half-time changes and a clear shift in tempo. Westland began to move the ball with far more purpose, finding pockets of space and forcing Wareham backwards. Their improvement was rewarded around the 55th minute when Ronnie Rowsell's ball broke kindly for **Phil Ormrod**, who smashed home the equaliser. Moments later, Jack Bareham came agonisingly close to completing the turnaround, beating the visiting goalkeeper only to see his effort clip the top of the bar. The decisive moment arrived soon after though. Ed How burst down the left, Ormrod's effort was saved, and substitute **Lucas Cawley** reacted sharply to fire in the rebound for 2–1. Wareham rallied and almost forced penalties in stoppage time, hitting the post twice in a chaotic goalmouth scramble, but Westland held out to claim the win. They now travel to Mere Town in the next round on the 19th of September, after a game defined by two contrasting halves — and a superb second-half response by the Alvington outfit.

Photo Corner



Hamworthy United Res v Cobham Sports [05 09 26]

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Swanage T&H v Wimborne Town [05 09 26]
 Photos Courtesy of Gerald Dimarco

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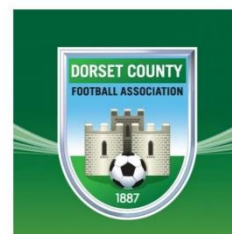
Dorchester Sports v Holt United [05 09 26]

Photos Courtesy of DSFC

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COUNTY CORNER



FOR 16/17-YEAR-OLDS

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

YOUR RIGHTS:

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

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

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

HELPFUL ORGS:

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

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

CEOP: ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting

ThinkUknow: thinkuknow.co.uk/14_plus

ChildNet: childnet.com/young-people/secondary

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

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

Stonewall: stonewall.org.uk/help-advice

Stonewall Youth: youngstonewall.org.uk

YoungMinds: youngminds.org.uk

DisrespectNoBody: disrespectnobody.co.uk

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS IN FOOTBALL

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SEASON 2026 – 2027

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

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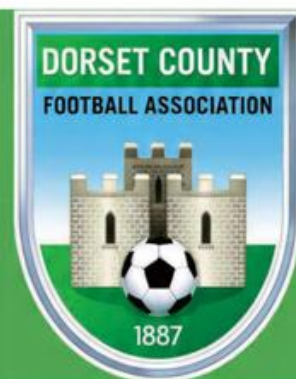
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DCFA U18 REFEREES ZERO TOLERANCE



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

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Anti-social behaviour has no place in football ✖

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

Think before you act!

OUR GAME. OUR COMMUNITY.

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

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

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

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

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

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

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

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STATS



League Table

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

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Upcoming Fixtures

Lg	09/09/26 19:45	Hamworthy Recreation FC Reserves	 VS 	Wareham Rangers FC	MEYSON PROPERTIES STADIUM	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	12/09/26 15:00	Balti Sports FC	 VS 	Verwood Town FC	WEYMOUTH COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	12/09/26 15:00	Bournemouth Electric FC	 VS 	Gillingham Town FC	BOURNEMOUTH ELECTRIC CLUB	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	12/09/26 15:00	Cobham Sports FC	 VS 	Dorchester Sports FC	COBHAM SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	12/09/26 15:00	Hamworthy Recreation FC Reserves	 VS 	Westland Sports FC	MEYSON PROPERTIES STADIUM	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	12/09/26 15:00	Holt United FC	 VS 	Portland United FC Reserves	PETERSHAM LANE	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	12/09/26 15:00	Mere Town FC	 VS 	Wimborne Town FC Reserves	MERE SCHOOL	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	12/09/26 15:00	Swanage Town & Herston FC	 VS 	Bournemouth Sports FC	DAYS PARK	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	12/09/26 15:00	Wareham Rangers FC	 VS 	Hamworthy United FC Reserves	PURBECK SPORTS CENTRE	Dorset Premier Football League

Postponement Count = 0



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

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

Golden Boot – League Games Only

1 	James BERGIN	 Bournemouth Sports FC	5	7
2	Asa Luke Phillips	 Cobham Sports FC	7	7
3	Kester Thomas Wilson	 Wimborne Town FC Reserves	2	7
4	Nick Fowler	 Gillingham Town FC	6	6
5	Keith Andrew Tottingham	 Hamworthy United FC Reserves	5	6
6	Curtis John Young	 Swanage Town & Herston FC	5	6

Golden Glove – League Games Only

1 	Toby Butt	 Cobham Sports FC	2
2	Harry Martin	 Bournemouth Electric FC	2
3	Jacob Deakin	 Bournemouth Electric FC	1
4	Sam Duncalf	 Dorchester Sports FC	1
5	Jakub Stanislaw Lewiarz	 Bournemouth Sports FC	1
6	Regan Norman	 Swanage Town & Herston FC	1
7	Liam Wookey	 Gillingham Town FC	1

LEAGUE CUP 2026 - 2027

Preliminary Round							
01/09/2026	A		Verwood Town FC	1	v	5	Dorchester Sports FC 
05/09/2026	B		Westland Sports FC	2	v	1	Wareham Rangers FC 
1st Round							
19/09/2026	1		Cobham Sports FC		v		Bournemouth Electric FC 
19/09/2026	2		Holt United FC		v		Bournemouth Sports FC 
19/09/2026	3		Mere Town FC		v		Westland Sports FC 
19/09/2026	4		Wimborne Town FC Res		v		Balti Sports 
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 
29/09/2026	5		Dorchester Sports FC		v		Portland United FC Res 
n/a	8		Due to Bridport FC Res withdrawing from League after Draw was made	A	v	W	Sherborne Town FC Res 
Quarter Final							
	9				v		
	10				v		
	11						
	12				v		
Semi Final							
	13				v		
	14				v		
Final							
	15				v		

LAWS OF THE GAME

KEY CHANGES FOR 2026/27

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



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SUBSTITUTIONS

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

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PLAYER EQUIPMENT

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

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THE REFEREE

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

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RESTARTS OF PLAY

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

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FOULS & MISCONDUCT

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

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PENALTY KICKS

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

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THROW-INS

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

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GOAL KICKS

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



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

FA Grassroots Disciplinary Guide 26/27

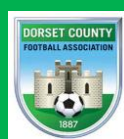
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COUNTY CUPS 2026 – 2027



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



Round 1

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

Round 2

				V		
				V		
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Quarter Finals

				V		
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Semi - Finals

				V		
				V		

Final

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@ The County Ground – Hamworthy United FC

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Hampshire FA



H.F.A SATURDAY TROPHY

1st Round

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2nd Round

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3rd Round

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4th Round

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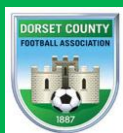
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Dorset Premier
League



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

				V		
				V		
				V		
				V		

Semi - Finals

				V		
				V		

Final

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@ The County Ground – Hamworthy United FC

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DPL – Respect Table 26/27

Dorset Premier Football League Respect Programme

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

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

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

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

Automatic Deductions

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

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

Respect Award Competition

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

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

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

Why It Matters

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

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

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Games 1 – 5

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

Please see Table below as to where your Club finished

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

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DORSET PREMIER FOOTBALL LEAGUE - DISCIPLINE TRENDS

2017/2018 season through to 2025/2026 season

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

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

2025/26 DISCIPLINE SCORECARD

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

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

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

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Step 6 Leagues for Possible Relegations

Latest Table – Wessex League - Division 1

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

Latest Table – Jewson Western League - Division 1

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Longwell Green Sports	8	6	1	1	14	19
2	Odd Down (BATH)	7	6	0	1	5	18
3	Bristol Telephones	7	4	2	1	10	14
4	Avonmouth	8	4	2	2	2	14
5	AEK Boco	6	4	1	1	9	13
6	Nailsea United	7	4	0	3	8	12
7	Shirehampton	6	4	0	2	7	12
8	Cadbury Heath	9	3	3	3	-2	12
9	Almondsbury	8	4	0	4	-8	12
10	Calne Town	7	3	1	3	-4	10
11	Keynsham Town	8	3	0	5	0	9
12	Warminster Town	7	2	2	3	-1	8
13	Oldland Abbotonians	6	2	1	3	-3	7
14	Bitton	8	2	1	5	-7	7
15	Wincanton Town	6	2	0	4	-5	6
16	Radstock Town	5	1	2	2	0	5
17	Mendip Broadwalk	5	1	0	4	-9	3
18	Welton Rovers	8	0	0	8	-16	0

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Feeder League Into the DPL



DORSET SENIOR LEAGUE

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

LATEST RESULTS

L	05/09/26	Bournemouth Sports Reserves	 2-0 (HT 1-0) 	Westland Sports Reserves
L	05/09/26	Canford United First	 8-1 	Poole Borough First
L	05/09/26	Cobham Sports FC Reserves	 3-1 (HT 5-1) 	Shaftesbury Reserves
L	05/09/26	Parley Football Club	 1-0 	Bournemouth Poppies Reserves
L	05/09/26	Stars Football Academy Stars FC	 0-2 (HT 0-1) 	Tisbury United First

UPCOMING FIXTURES

CC	12/09/26	Tisbury United First	 VS 	Wolverton Wanderers Mens
L	12/09/26	Bournemouth Poppies Reserves	 VS 	Shaftesbury Reserves
L	12/09/26	Bournemouth Sports Reserves	 VS 	Poole Borough First
L	12/09/26	Maiden Newton & Cattistock First	 VS 	Westland Sports Reserves
L	12/09/26	Parley Football Club	 VS 	Cobham Sports FC Reserves
L	12/09/26	Stars Football Academy Stars FC	 VS 	Canford United First

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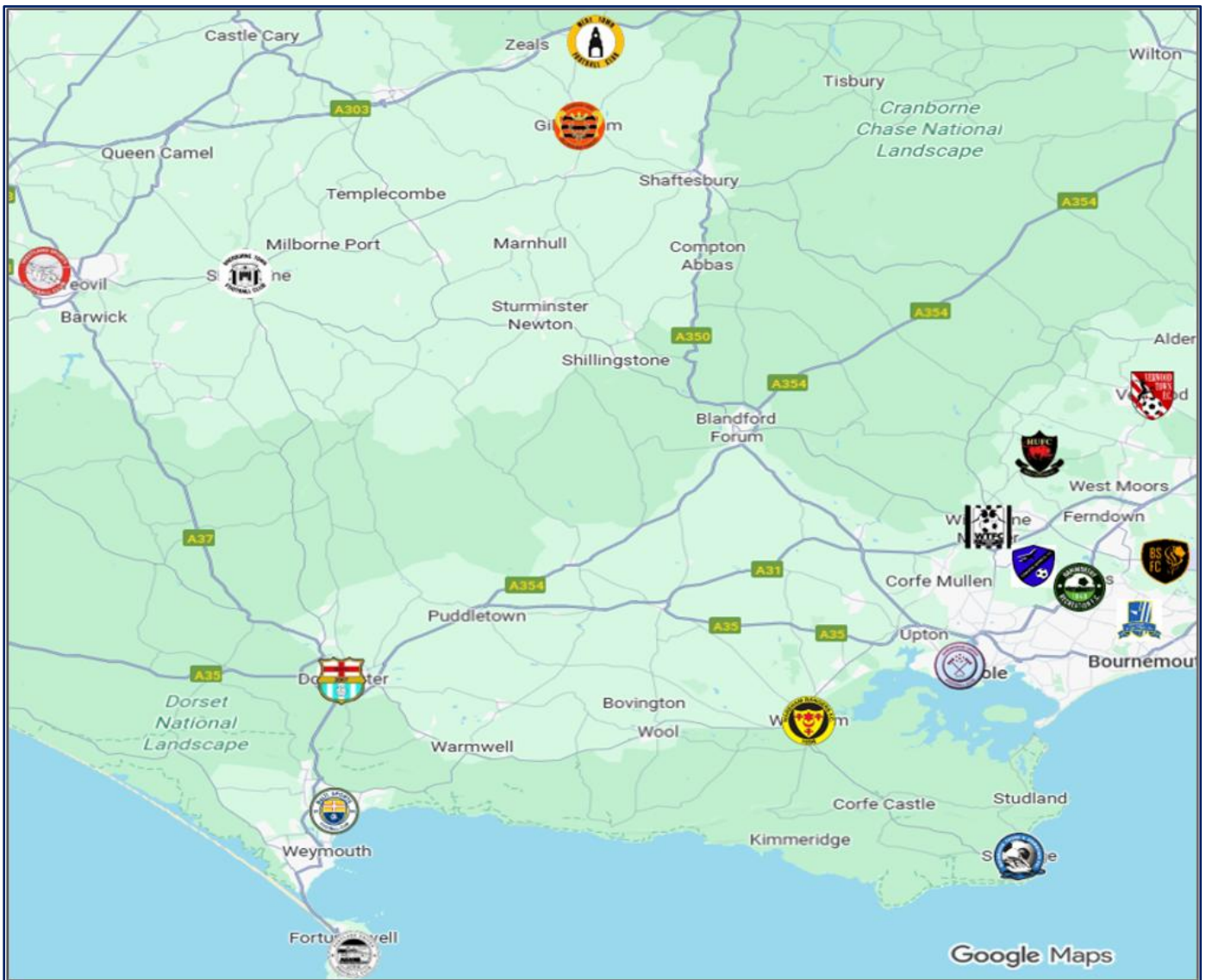
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