

THE DPL WEEKLY

EVERY GOAL – EVERY GAME – EVERY MONDAY

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Wareham Rangers FC v Cobham Sports FC – 26/09/26

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Καλώς ήρθατε — To Issue Number 6

Now well into the 2026/27 Dorset Premier Football League season, the landscape is really taking shape. Early unpredictability has settled into clearer patterns, and clubs across the division now feel the weight of every result as the table tightens.

WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

Cobham Sports FC remain top of the table after a strong and disciplined win in the Purbeck, continuing to look every inch a side capable of sustaining a title challenge. Balti Sports FC extended their excellent recent form with another impressive performance, climbing further into the top half and strengthening their growing momentum. The Result of the Day goes to Portland United FC Reserves, who produced a superb and convincing victory away at Electric, a result that sends a clear message about their upward trajectory. At the other end of the table, Hamworthy Recreation FC Reserves are still searching for their first point of the season after ten games played, despite continued effort and commitment from a young squad.

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

LEAGUE CUP — QUARTER-FINAL LINE-UP

Following a week of 2nd Round Ties, Joining Sherborne Town FC Reserves in the Quarter Finals of the League Cup are: Holt United FC - Gillingham Town FC - Swanage Town & Herston FC - Wimborne Town FC Reserves - Westland Sports FC - Cobham Sports FC, & either Dorchester Sports FC or Portland United FC Reserves,

The Quarter-Final draw will be made at this Thursday's LMC Meeting.

Enjoy Issue 6.

Giles Kilshawe-Fall

Editor, The DPL Weekly

SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

16TH TO THE 23RD SEPTEMBER 2026 – ROUND UP

A busy spell of Dorset Premier Football League action delivered drama across both league fixtures and the League Cup, with several sides producing standout performances, notably, Cobham Sports FC hitting 10 !!!

League Results

Sherborne Town Reserves produced one of the strongest league showings of the weekend, overturning a 2–1 half-time deficit to defeat Hamworthy United Reserves 5–2. Despite early goals from Freddie Kenway and Isaac Mjasari, the hosts were undone by braces from Corey Calway and Daniel Dacombe, along with a strike from Duncan McCabe, sealing a convincing away win. Portland United Reserves continued their upward trend with an impressive 2–1 victory at Gillingham Town. After a goalless first half, Adam Rogers and Tom Butcher struck for the visitors, with Kam Andrews pulling one back for Gillingham. Verwood Town edged a lively contest against Hamworthy Recreation Res, winning 3–2 thanks to goals from Morgan Collarelli, a Matt Pope penalty, and Stephen Kwawminda. Bottom-placed Ham Rec showed spirit, responding through Ashley Boyd and Dan Goodson, but were unable to find an equaliser.

League Cup Results

Cobham Sports delivered the most emphatic cup performance of the round, dismantling Bournemouth Electric 10–1. A Jean-Pierre Pascal hat-trick, a Sam Lench brace, and goals from Asa Phillips, Joe Wood, Harry Wright, Aiden Enver, plus an own goal, overwhelmed Electric, who managed a late consolation through Matthias Grybowski. Holt United progressed with a composed 2–1 win over Bournemouth Sports, courtesy of second-half goals from Jack Foden and Ben Hands, while James Bergen replied for Sports. Mere Town and Westland Sports produced a thrilling 3–3 draw in Wiltshire, with Mere's goals coming from a Jacob Rowley brace and Malachi Benjamin. Westlands responded through an own goal, Ruben Pinkett, and Louis Skiverton, eventually winning 9–8 on penalties. Wimborne Town Reserves advanced with a strong 4–1 win over Balti Sports, with goals from Charlie Middleton, Jacob Wilson, Theo Nixon, and Nathan Davis, while Devon Fry netted for Balti.

Mid-week League Cup Results

Gillingham Town booked their quarter-final place on Tuesday with a commanding 4–0 win over Hamworthy United Reserves, thanks to goals from Kaden Andrews, Caleb Andrews, Harry Bolton, and an own goal. On Wednesday night, Swanage Town & Herston defeated Hamworthy Recreation 4–1 at Days Park, with strikes from Will Pryor, Jack Hughes, Curtis Young, and Mark Ford. Ham Rec's scorer was Adam Goodson.



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WAREHAM RANGERS	1
COBHAM SPORTS	5

Cobham Sports maintained their position at the top of the Dorset Premier League with a hard-earned 5–1 win at Wareham Rangers, adapting to difficult conditions and overcoming a scrappy contest through clinical finishing and another assured defensive display from the team.

Matchday 9 saw Cobham Sports travel to Wareham Rangers, where a poor surface at the Purbeck Sports Centre dictated much of the afternoon. Cobham were forced to abandon their usual fluency and adopt a more pragmatic approach, and with the officials struggling throughout, the match never developed into a spectacle. Despite that, Cobham delivered the key moments and ran out deserved 5–1 winners to remain top of the league. The opening exchanges reflected the conditions, with neither side able to build rhythm. Wareham registered the first meaningful effort after 14 minutes, Charlie Dyke denied comfortably by Toby Butt. Three minutes later Jack Phillips went close from a free-kick, but Cobham responded decisively. In the 20th minute, neat interplay between Luke Burbidge and Sam Lench saw **Sam Lench** put Cobham ahead. Two minutes later, a long throw from Logan Nicholson found **Luke Burbidge**, who wriggled past his markers and struck home Cobham's second. Cobham missed a golden chance in the 38th minute when Jean-Pierre Pascal failed to convert from close range, but they made it 3–0 moments later as Nicholson's corner was headed in by **Joe Wood**. Wareham began the second half strongly, and Cobham's sloppiness was compounded by a sin-bin in the 51st minute. Four minutes later Wood caught Dyke in the face, conceding a penalty, but Toby Butt produced a superb save to deny Owen Coulter-Thomas. Cobham punished the miss immediately. In the 61st minute Burbidge released **Jean-Pierre Pascal**, who finished calmly for 4–0. Butt made another outstanding stop to deny Finley Girdler, before Wareham pulled one back in added time through **Jordan Churchill**, heading the ball from Butt's grasp. Cobham had the final say, **Aiden Enver** firing a stunning 95th-minute free-kick into the top corner. A scrappy match, shaped by the surface, but a deserved Cobham win.

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BALTI SPORTS SWANAGE T&H

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Balti Sports delivered their best performance of the season, beating Swanage Town & Herston 4–1 at Weymouth College. Despite a superb Stephen Pryor equaliser, Swans struggled after the break, with Balti's intensity, quality and clinical finishing proving decisive.

Balti Sports produced a superb display at Weymouth College, running out deserved 4–1 winners against Swanage Town & Herston in what was comfortably their best performance of the season so far. Swans began brightly and created the first major chance when Will Prior forced home keeper Archie Kershaw into an excellent save with a spectacular overhead kick. Balti responded strongly, and their early pressure told when **Matt Chambers** struck powerfully past Regan Norman to give the hosts a 1–0 lead. Swans continued to threaten, Prior going close again, while Balti's Taylor Brown missed a great opportunity before Norman denied him with a superb stop. The hosts carried their narrow advantage into half-time, but the pattern of the game shifted significantly after the break. Balti emerged with real purpose, immediately creating chances. Brown headed over from close range and Callum Stanton saw a good effort saved, but against the run of play Swans found an equaliser. A loose ball fell kindly for **Stephen Pryor**, who produced a brilliant volley past Kershaw to level the match. The response from Balti was outstanding. Their intensity lifted, their passing sharpened, and they regained the lead when Brown drove a dangerous ball across the box for **Matt Chambers** to slide home his second of the afternoon. Moments later Swans suffered a major setback when defender Ogun Gundogdu was dismissed for two yellow cards, leaving them with an uphill battle. With the man advantage, Balti were relentless. Stanton delivered a superb pass into **Ryan McKechnie**, who finished neatly after a clever one-two to make it 3–1. The fourth goal was the pick of the match: Louis Gear lifted a precise ball over the top for **Callum Stanton**, who calmly lifted his finish over Norman from distance to round off a classy team move.

Balti thoroughly deserved the victory, climbing to fourth place with a game in hand.

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MERE TOWN	4
HAMWORTHY REC RES	2



Mere Town claimed a vital 4–2 victory over Hamworthy Recreation Reserves in a crucial early-season six-pointer, twice coming from behind before producing a dominant final spell to secure their first home win and lift themselves off the foot of the Dorset Premier League table.

Mere Town earned a hugely important three points at Duchy Manor with a determined 4–2 win over fellow strugglers Hamworthy Recreation Reserves, a match that carried the feel of an early-season six-pointer. Both sides began brightly, moving the ball well and showing far more confidence than their league positions suggested. Mere created the first clear chance in the 22nd minute when Harry Browne broke through and fired across the goalkeeper, only to see his effort drift narrowly wide. Ten minutes later Liam Hosmer struck the top of the bar with a crisp first-time effort from the edge of the box. Despite Mere's promising play, Hamworthy struck first. A defensive lapse in the 41st minute gifted **Bryce Banfield** time and space to finish low into the corner, giving the visitors a 1–0 half-time lead. Mere responded superbly after the restart. In the 51st minute **Harry Browne** produced a moment of real quality, combining neatly on the edge of the box before lifting a clever lob over the advancing keeper to level the match. However, Hamworthy regained the advantage just four minutes later, capitalising on a cheap turnover in midfield with **Ben Gilbert** finishing clinically to make it 2–1. The setback did not deter Mere, who continued to play with purpose. Their persistence paid off in the 70th minute when substitute **Sam Paterson** embarked on a brilliant solo run from 35 yards, beating three defenders before delicately chipping the keeper to restore parity. From that moment Mere took control. Ten minutes later wing-back **Jack Hinchliffe** surged forward, found space on the edge of the box and drilled a low shot past the keeper to put the hosts ahead for the first time. Mere sealed the win in the 90th minute when **Liam Hosmer** beat two defenders and arrowed a composed finish into the bottom corner. It was a spirited comeback and a deserved victory, lifting Mere's confidence and their league position.

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BOURNEMOUTH SPORTS	3
HAMWORTHY UTD RES	3

Bournemouth Sports produced a dramatic late comeback to draw 3–3 with Hamworthy United Reserves at Chapel Gate, recovering from 3–1 down thanks to inspired substitute Shane Sheridan and a last-minute Billy McDermott strike in a thrilling Dorset Premier Football League encounter.

Chapel Gate hosted a pulsating Dorset Premier League contest as Sports and Hamworthy United Reserves shared a 3–3 draw that swung repeatedly throughout the afternoon. Both sides began brightly, creating early chances but failing to convert, and it was the visitors who settled first. Hamworthy capitalised on hesitant defending to take a 1–0 lead through **Freddie Kenway**, and soon doubled their advantage from **Mason Trevor**, heading into half-time 2–0 up and fully deserving their position. Sports needed a response and delivered one after a few tactical adjustments and some firm words at the interval. Their improved tempo paid off when **Liam Nixon** finished well to pull the score back to 2–1, giving the hosts renewed belief. However, just as Sports began to grow into the game, Hamworthy struck again, restoring their two-goal cushion with a composed finish from **Sam Willoughby** to make it 3–1 with twenty minutes remaining. With the match slipping away, Sports turned to veteran striker Shane Sheridan, whose introduction transformed the contest. His physical presence and intelligent movement immediately unsettled the Hamworthy back line, and he should have scored within minutes of coming on. Sheridan then linked superbly with **Jackson Kavita**, threading him through on goal for a calm finish that reduced the deficit to 3–2 and set up a frantic finale. Sports threw everything forward in the closing stages, bombarding the Hamworthy box as Sheridan continued to cause chaos. Deep into stoppage time, a long ball into the area sparked confusion, and the loose ball fell kindly to left-back **Billy McDermott**, who smashed a brilliant finish into the top corner to complete the comeback. Both sides will feel they could have taken all three points, but for the neutral it was a gripping encounter. Sports showed real character to rescue a draw, while Hamworthy will rue missed chances and their late collapse.



BOURNEMOUTH ELECTRIC	1
PORTLAND UTD RESERVES	4

Portland United Reserves ended Electric's unbeaten league run with a deserved 4–1 victory at Broadway Park, capitalising on a flat second-half display and inspired attacking play from Josh Tennant to secure a convincing win in the Dorset Premier Football League.

Electric arrived at Broadway Park determined to avenge last week's heavy 10-1 Cup defeat and protect their unbeaten league record, but neither ambition materialised as Portland United Reserves produced a composed and clinical performance to win 4–1. Electric began brightly, moving the ball well and asking early questions of a well-organised Portland defence. Wall, the United goalkeeper, made two important saves in the opening exchanges, giving the visitors confidence to grow into the game. Portland took the lead in controversial fashion. A driven shot struck an Electric defender at close range, and the referee judged the contact to be handball, awarding a penalty that **Mike Powell** converted. Electric responded positively, with Adesoji and King causing problems, and it was **Dillon King** who levelled the match, firing past Wall after a sharp break. Electric almost turned the game around before half-time when Kyle Clements thundered a header against the post, leaving the sides level at the interval. The second half brought a dramatic shift. Electric never found their rhythm, while Portland grew in authority and took control of the contest. They regained the lead when **Jaydon Biss** headed home from a corner, punishing hesitant defending. Electric pushed forward in search of a response but became increasingly stretched, leaving gaps that Portland exploited ruthlessly. The outstanding **Josh Tennant** capitalised, racing through unchallenged to make it 3–1 with a composed finish. Electric keeper Deakin produced several excellent saves to keep his side in the game, but Portland's pressure continued, and **Josh Tennant** struck again late on to seal the points and complete a superb individual performance. Electric's unbeaten league run is over, and Portland's confidence continues to grow. A deserved win for the visitors, who showed organisation, discipline and clinical edge throughout.



VERWOOD TOWN GILLINGHAM TOWN

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Gillingham Town earned a hard-fought 2–1 win away at Verwood Town, with goals from Bradlee Sheppard and Kaleb Andrews proving decisive in a tight contest where Gill's resilience, organisation and late defensive resolve secured all three points.

Gillingham Town travelled to Verwood looking to build momentum, and they returned home with a deserved 2–1 victory after a disciplined and determined performance. The match marked the first appearance in several years for returning player Nasser Maikassoua, adding extra significance to Gill's afternoon. Both sides began positively, with Verwood threatening early through Pope, whose strong defensive header prevented an opening-minute chance, while Dave Kerr sparked a counter that was smothered by the keeper. Gill gradually settled and created the clearer opportunities. McKinlay forced a save in the 12th minute, and sustained pressure eventually led to the breakthrough. A long ball caused uncertainty in the Verwood defence, and when Gill pressed again, they were awarded a penalty. Captain **Bradlee Sheppard** stepped up confidently, converting to give Gill a 1–0 lead at half-time. The second half began with Gill continuing their strong spell, pushing Verwood back and forcing Joscelyn into repeated handling work. The game then became scrappy, littered with fouls, with Kerr on the receiving end of several heavy challenges. Gill's dogged persistence paid off in the 58th minute when **Kaleb Andrews** broke through and finished well to double their advantage. Verwood responded with changes, introducing Kwa Muinda and Howe, and their energy lifted the home side. Stephen Kwa Muinda twice went close before **Dennis Howe** reduced the deficit in the 79th minute, finishing neatly to make it 2–1 and set up a tense finale. The final ten minutes saw both sides push forward, with Gill's defence—led by Penn, Pope, Best and Joyce—working tirelessly to protect their lead. Verwood forced late saves, Gill threatened on the counter, and the match finished with both teams battling until the final whistle. Gillingham held firm, dug deep, and secured a valuable three points on the road.





WESTLAND SPORTS	1
HOLT UNITED	0



Westland Sports edged out Holt United 1–0 at Alvington on their Sponsors' Day, with Harrison Foster's superb team-goal finish securing victory in front of more than 200 spectators after a tight, hard-fought contest.

Westland Sports marked their Sponsors' Day with a hard-earned 1–0 victory over Holt United at Alvington, watched by an impressive crowd of more than 200. The match was closely contested throughout, with both sides enjoying spells of control but Westland ultimately producing the decisive moment of quality. The opening stages were cagey, with neither team able to settle into a rhythm. Holt gradually grew into the game and came closest to breaking the deadlock midway through the first half when Ben Hands unleashed a powerful 25-yard strike that cannoned off the post. The rebound could have fallen anywhere, but Westland escaped. Moments later Harrison Wallis was called into action twice, making important saves to keep the scores level. Despite Holt's pressure, Westland remained dangerous on the counter. Reuben Pinkett and Lucas Cawley both caused problems whenever they broke forward, offering reminders that the hosts carried threat even while under pressure. The first half ended goalless, with Holt shading the chances but Westland defending resolutely. The second half followed a similar pattern early on, but gradually Westland began to assert themselves. Substitute Niall Woollard went close with a header that flashed narrowly wide, and the momentum continued to build. The breakthrough arrived in the 75th minute with a superb team goal. Phil Ormrod linked play intelligently before feeding Jack Bareham, who moved the ball wide to Ed How. How picked out **Harrison Foster** arriving from deep, and Foster kept his composure to tap home and give Westland a deserved lead. Westland pushed for a second, with Cawley producing excellent work down the right that forced two outstanding saves from the Holt goalkeeper. Holt had one final chance when a forward broke through and attempted a lob, but Wallis stood tall and gathered comfortably. Westland saw out the closing minutes professionally to secure a valuable win. A clean sheet, a superb team goal and three points on Sponsors' Day — a strong afternoon's work at Alvington.



SHERBORNE TOWN RES	2
DORCHESTER SPORTS	5



Dorchester Sports climbed into second place with an impressive 5–2 win away at Sherborne Town Reserves, producing four different scorers in a controlled performance, while the Zebras battled well but remain 10th after a spirited showing at Raleigh Grove.

Dorchester Sports moved up to second in the Dorset Premier League table with a confident and well-constructed 5–2 victory at Sherborne Town Reserves, a performance defined by variety in attack and composure during key moments. The match began evenly, with Sherborne showing good energy, but it was Dorchester who struck first through **Kriss Radivojsa**, finishing neatly to give the visitors a 1–0 lead. Sherborne responded well and levelled the match before the interval, **Alfie Calway** finding space to convert and make it 1–1 at half-time. The equaliser lifted the Zebras, but Dorchester emerged for the second half with renewed purpose and quickly re-established control. **Alex Godfrey** restored the lead at 2–1, finishing confidently after a well-worked move, and moments later **Noah House** added a third to give Sports breathing room. Sherborne refused to fold and pulled a goal back through **Corey Calway**, reducing the deficit to 3–2 and briefly shifting momentum. However, Dorchester reacted superbly, tightening their structure and showing maturity in possession **Noah House** struck again to make it 4–2, completing his brace and restoring a two-goal cushion. Dorchester continued to press and rounded off the scoring through **Toby Kelly**, whose composed finish made it 5–2 and sealed a deserved victory. Sherborne battled throughout and showed flashes of quality, particularly through the Calway brothers, but Dorchester's depth, movement and clinical edge proved decisive. The win lifts Sports into second place, strengthening their early-season momentum, while Sherborne sit 10th, still searching for consistency but showing enough to suggest improvement is within reach.

Photo Corner



Wareham Rangers v Cobham Sports [26 09 26]

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Wareham Rangers v Cobham Sports [26 09 26]

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Balti Sports v Swanage T&H [26 09 26]

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Cobham Sports v Bournemouth Electric [19 09 26]

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Holt United v Bournemouth Sports [19 09 26]

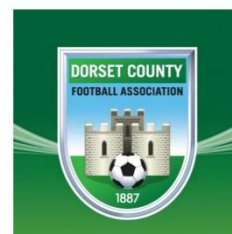
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COUNTY CORNER



FOR 16/17-YEAR-OLDS

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

YOUR RIGHTS:

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

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

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

HELPFUL ORGS:

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

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

CEOP: ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting

ThinkUknow: thinkuknow.co.uk/14_plus

ChildNet: childnet.com/young-people/secondary

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

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

Stonewall: stonewall.org.uk/help-advice

Stonewall Youth: youngstonewall.org.uk

YoungMinds: youngminds.org.uk

DisrespectNoBody: disrespectnobody.co.uk

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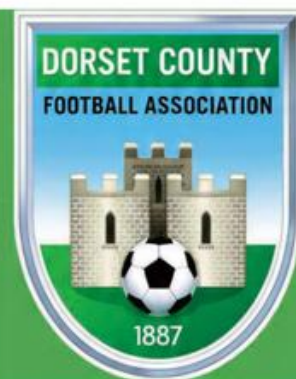
IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SEASON 2026 – 2027

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

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DCFA U18 REFEREES ZERO TOLERANCE



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

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Anti-social behaviour has no place in football ✖

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

Think before you act!

OUR GAME. OUR COMMUNITY.

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

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

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

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

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

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

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

STATS



League Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Cobham Sports FC	9	7	2	0	22	23
2	Dorchester Sports FC	9	7	1	1	10	22
3	Swanage Town & Herston FC	9	6	1	2	11	19
4	Balti Sports FC	8	6	0	2	16	18
5	Bournemouth Electric FC	9	5	3	1	15	18
6	Holt United FC	9	6	0	3	13	18
7	Gillingham Town FC	10	4	1	5	-2	13
8	Westland Sports FC	7	3	3	1	7	12
9	Bournemouth Sports FC	9	3	2	4	1	11
10	Sherborne Town FC Reserves	8	3	2	3	-6	11
11	Portland United FC Reserves	9	3	1	5	-5	10
12	Hamworthy United FC Reserves	10	3	1	6	-11	10
13	Wimborne Town FC Reserves	8	3	0	5	-5	9
14	Wareham Rangers FC	9	3	0	6	-8	9
15	Verwood Town FC	10	2	2	6	-12	8
16	Mere Town FC	9	2	1	6	-15	7
17	Hamworthy Recreation FC Reserves	10	0	0	10	-31	0

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Upcoming Fixtures

Cup	29/09/26	Dorchester Sports FC		VS		Portland United FC Reserves
CC	03/10/26	Westland Sports FC		VS		Ashcott First
CC	03/10/26	AFC Netley Saturday First		VS		Bournemouth Sports FC
Lg	03/10/26	Bournemouth Electric FC		VS		Mere Town FC
Lg	03/10/26	Dorchester Sports FC		VS		Gillingham Town FC
Lg	03/10/26	Hamworthy Recreation FC Reserves		VS		Swanage Town & Herston FC
CC	03/10/26	Hamworthy United FC Reserves		VS		Balti Sports FC
Lg	03/10/26	Holt United FC		VS		Cobham Sports FC
Lg	03/10/26	Portland United FC Reserves		VS		Wareham Rangers FC
CC	03/10/26	Verwood Town FC		VS		Maiden Newton & Cattistock First
Lg	03/10/26	Wimborne Town FC Reserves		VS		Sherborne Town FC Reserves

Postponement Count = 0



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

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

Golden Boot – League Games Only

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

Golden Glove – League Games Only

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

LEAGUE CUP 2026 - 2027

Preliminary Round

01/09/2026	A		Verwood Town FC	1	v	5	Dorchester Sports FC	
05/09/2026	B		Westland Sports FC	2	v	1	Wareham Rangers FC	

1st Round

19/09/2026	1		Cobham Sports FC	10	v	1	Bournemouth Electric FC	
19/09/2026	2		Holt United FC	2	v	1	Bournemouth Sports FC	
19/09/2026	3		Mere Town FC	3	v	3	Westland Sports FC	
							<i>WSFC won 9-8 on Pens</i>	
19/09/2026	4		Wimborne Town FC Res	4	v	1	Balti Sports	
22/09/2026	6		Gillingham Town FC	4	v	0	Hamworthy United FC Res	
22/09/2026	7		Swanage T&H FC	4	v	1	Hamworthy Rec FC Res	
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		
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LAWS OF THE GAME

KEY CHANGES FOR 2026/27

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



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SUBSTITUTIONS

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

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PLAYER EQUIPMENT

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

3



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

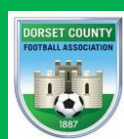
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COUNTY CUPS 2026 – 2027



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

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Round 1

3 rd October 26	1	VERWOOD TOWN		V		Maiden Newton & Cattistock
	2	HAMWORTHY UNITED RES		V		BALTİ SPORTS

Round 2

31 st October 26		2		V		Stars Academy
		COBHAM SPORTS		V		HOLT UNITED
		DORCHESTER SPORTS		V		SHERBORNE TOWN RES
		Westland Sports Res		V		Parley Sports
		Shaftesbury Res		V		HAMWORTHY REC RES
		WAREHAM RANGERS		V		Canford United
		WIMBORNE TOWN RES		V		Poole Borough
		PORTLAND UTD RES		V		1

Quarter Finals

				V		
				V		
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				V		

Semi - Finals

				V		
				V		

Final

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@ The County Ground – Hamworthy United FC

Hampshire FA



H.F.A SATURDAY TROPHY

1st Round

3rd October 26

Afc Shirley

v

BOURNEMOUTH SPORTS

2nd Round

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3rd Round

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4th Round

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S.F.A SATURDAY TROPHY

1st Round

3rd October 26

WESTLAND SPORTS

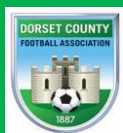
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Ashcott

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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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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	10	8	1	1	26	10	16	25
2	Amesbury Town	13	7	2	4	26	30	-4	23
3	Ringwood Town	11	5	4	2	23	17	6	19
4	Frimley Green	12	6	0	6	29	21	8	18
5	Fawley AFC	8	5	2	1	15	8	7	17
6	Newport (IOW)	7	5	1	1	22	10	12	16
7	Folland Sports	10	5	1	4	24	17	7	16
8	Cove	8	5	1	2	17	11	6	16
9	Whitchurch United	10	4	3	3	21	23	-2	15
10	Sandhurst Town	10	4	2	4	19	14	5	14
11	Romsey Town	8	4	1	3	19	14	5	13
12	Colden Common	9	4	1	4	21	19	2	13
13	Hedge End Rangers	8	4	1	3	12	14	-2	13
14	Blandford United	9	3	2	4	16	18	-2	11
15	Alresford Town	11	3	2	6	16	23	-7	11
16	Lymington Town	12	3	3	6	15	31	-16	11*
17	Ash United	9	2	4	3	15	17	-2	10
18	Kintbury Rangers	11	2	3	6	15	28	-13	9
19	Hamworthy United	9	2	2	5	16	17	-1	8
20	AFC Aldermaston	10	2	2	6	15	18	-3	8
21	Totton & Eling	9	0	0	9	9	31	-22	0

Latest Table – Jewson Western League - Division 1

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Bristol Telephones	11	7	3	1	16	24
2	AEK Boco	10	7	1	2	16	22
3	Longwell Green Sports	11	7	1	3	14	22
4	Nailsea United	10	7	0	3	18	21
5	Avonmouth	12	5	5	2	5	20
6	Odd Down (BATH)	10	6	1	3	2	19
7	Shirehampton	10	6	0	4	5	18
8	Warminster Town	10	4	3	3	3	15
9	Wincanton Town	9	4	1	4	-1	13
10	Bitton	11	4	1	6	-7	13
11	Almondsbury	10	4	1	5	-9	13
12	Radstock Town	8	3	3	2	5	12
13	Cadbury Heath	12	3	3	6	-11	12
14	Oldland Abbotonians	8	3	2	3	-2	11
15	Calne Town	10	3	2	5	-8	11
16	Keynsham Town	11	3	0	8	-7	9
17	Mendip Broadwalk	8	1	1	6	-13	4
18	Welton Rovers	11	0	0	11	-26	0

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Feeder League Into the DPL



DORSET SENIOR LEAGUE

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Parley Football Club	3	3	0	0	7	9
2	Bournemouth Sports Reserves	4	3	0	1	2	9
3	Tisbury United First	3	2	1	0	7	7
4	Maiden Newton & Cattistock First	3	2	1	0	5	7
5	Shaftesbury Reserves	4	2	1	1	4	7
6	Cobham Sports FC Reserves	4	2	1	1	3	7
7	Stars Football Academy Stars FC	3	2	0	1	1	6
8	Canford United First	4	1	0	3	0	3
9	Bournemouth Poppies Reserves	4	0	0	4	-8	0
10	Westland Sports Reserves	3	0	0	3	-8	0
11	Poole Borough First	3	0	0	3	-13	0

LATEST RESULTS

L	26/09/26	Bournemouth Poppies Reserves	2-4	Maiden Newton & Cattistock First
L	26/09/26	Cobham Sports FC Reserves	4-1 (HT 0-0)	Westland Sports Reserves
L	26/09/26	Shaftesbury Reserves	6-4 (HT 2-3)	Canford United First
L	26/09/26	Tisbury United First	5-0	Bournemouth Sports Reserves
L	19/09/26	Bournemouth Sports Reserves	3-2	Bournemouth Poppies Reserves
L	19/09/26	Canford United First	0-4	Parley Football Club
L	19/09/26	Maiden Newton & Cattistock First	1-1	Cobham Sports FC Reserves
L	19/09/26	Stars Football Academy Stars FC	3-1	Poole Borough First
L	19/09/26	Tisbury United First	3-3	Shaftesbury Reserves

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REPORTS FOR DFL SATURDAY LEAGUE - 26th September 2026

SENIOR LEAGUE

Charlie Rideout scored a hat trick for Tisbury Utd in their impressive 5-0 home win over Bournemouth Sports Reserves. Ollie Colbourne and Chaz Brown also hit the back of the net for Tisbury. Maiden Newton came away from their game at Bournemouth Poppies Reserves with all three points this afternoon winning 4-2. Scoring for Maiden Newton was Jamie Quinton, Jordan Gregory, Simon Jeffs and Jack Will with the Poppies goals courtesy of Joe Cragg and Joe Heron. Shaftesbury Reserves versus Canford Utd 10 goals with Shaftesbury coming out 6-4 winners. On the score sheet for Shaftesbury was Harry Jordan, with a hat trick, Pietro Almeida, with a brace and Louis Sweeten. Canford's goals were scored by Dean Fields x2, Tom Marsh and Cam Corbin. Cobham Sports Reserves hosted Westlands Sports Reserves and won 4-1 with goals from Ashton Targett, Ben Luther, Caiden Barton and John Blake.

Report courtesy of Jeanette Elliott

Dorset Football League Adult Secretary/Public Relations Officer

UPCOMING FIXTURES

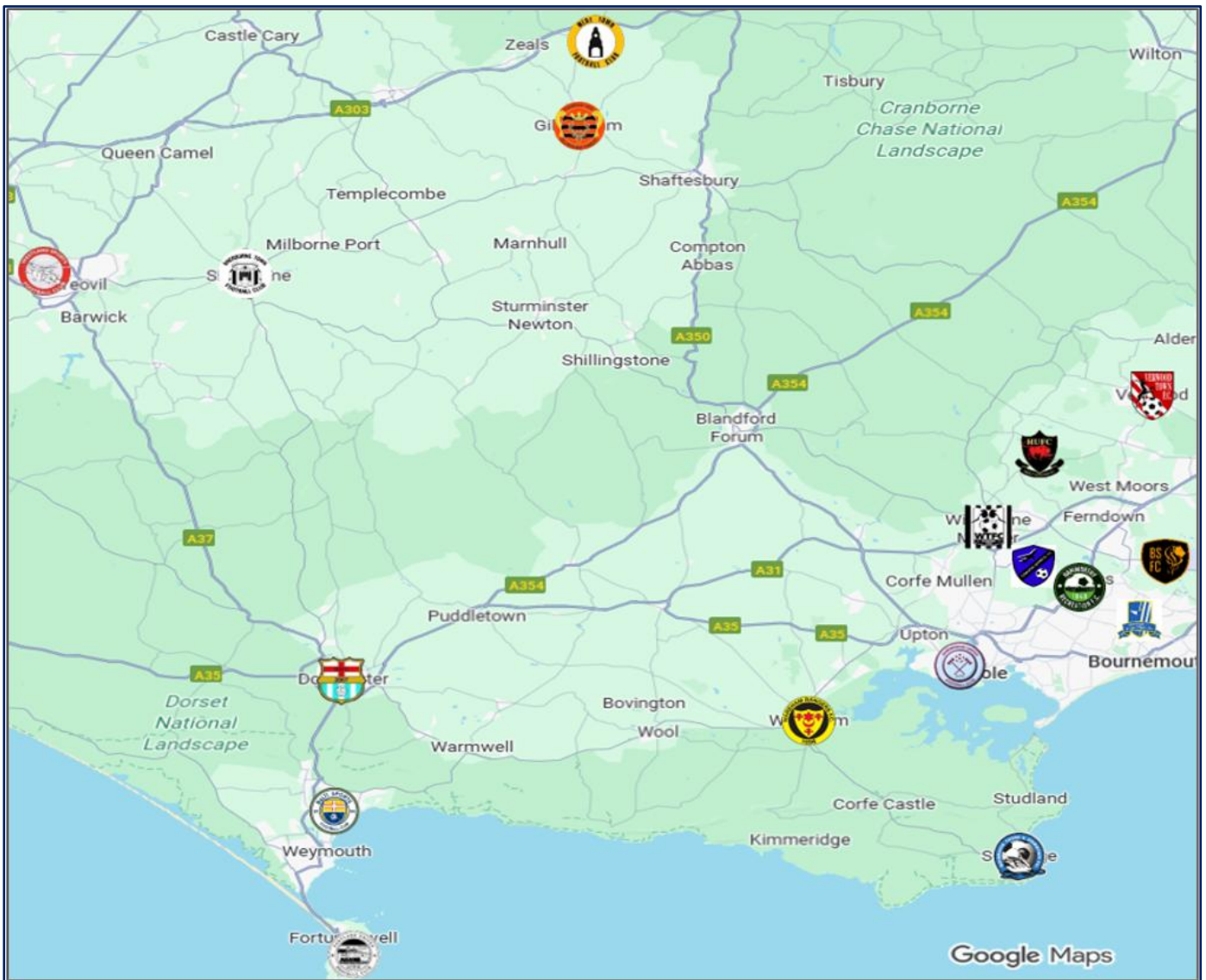
CC	03/10/26	Tisbury United First		VS		Laverstock & Ford Reserves
L	03/10/26	Bournemouth Poppies Reserves		VS		Westland Sports Reserves
L	03/10/26	Canford United First		VS		Bournemouth Sports Reserves
L	03/10/26	Cobham Sports FC Reserves		VS		Poole Borough First
L	03/10/26	Stars Football Academy Stars FC		VS		Parley Football Club
CC	03/10/26	Verwood Town First		VS		Maiden Newton & Cattistock First



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