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Cobham Sports FC V **Dorchester Sports FC** – 12/09/26

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WELCOME — To Issue Number 5

Six weeks into the 2026/27 Dorset Premier Football League season, the picture is sharpening with real definition. Early unpredictability has faded, replaced by patterns that now carry weight. Momentum is becoming a genuine separator, confidence feels earned rather than assumed, and every fixture is beginning to shape the wider narrative of the campaign.

WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

The standout result of the weekend came at Merley Park, where Cobham Sports returned to the top of the table with a composed and authoritative 3–0 victory over Dorchester Sports. The biggest winners of the day were Westland Sports, who delivered a ruthless 7–1 away win against bottom-placed Hamworthy Recreation Reserves. It was also a strong week for Wareham Rangers, who picked up two League wins to inject fresh momentum into their campaign and climb steadily through the middle of the table.

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

ADVANCE NOTICE — LIMITED COVERAGE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Due to the Editor being away on honeymoon, there will be limited Social Media activity for the next 2 Saturdays, and no Issue of The DPL Weekly on Sunday 20th September. Normal service will resume on Sunday 27th September. All clubs are kindly asked to continue filing Results and Reports in line with League Rules,

Enjoy Issue 5.

Giles Kilshawe-Fall

Editor, The DPL Weekly



WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2026



HAMWORTHY REC RES	0
WAREHAM RANGERS	1

Powell Strike Secures Valuable Away Win as Wareham Rangers Edge Hamworthy Rec Reserves in a closely contested bottom-of-the-table Dorset Premier Football League Clash at Canford Magna under the lights.



Hamworthy Recreation Reserves welcomed Wareham Rangers to the rebranded Canford Magna Complex for their first home game of the season, with both sides looking to improve their early league fortunes. The hosts were still searching for their first points, while Wareham arrived with one win from five, adding importance to a meeting between two sides positioned near the foot of the table. The opening stages were closely contested, with Hamworthy Recreation

working hard to frustrate the visitors and restrict clear chances. Wareham gradually grew in confidence and looked the more threatening side going forward. Their pressure told in the 35th minute when a Hamworthy free kick broke down, allowing Wareham to counter quickly. James Cass released leading scorer **Johnny Powell**, who broke clear and finished calmly past Jacob Pratt to give the visitors a deserved 1–0 lead. Hamworthy Recreation responded well after the interval and almost levelled two minutes into the second half. Owen Lampshire's well-struck free kick forced an excellent save, the Wareham goalkeeper tipping the ball onto the post. That proved the hosts' best opportunity. Wareham controlled much of the remaining play through disciplined defending and tireless work rate, dealing comfortably with late pressure to secure a hard-fought and deserved 1–0 victory. Powell struck the decisive blow, while Thomas White impressed throughout to earn Man of the Match.

Photo Courtesy of Wareham Rangers FC

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COBHAM SPORTS	3
DORCHESTER SPORTS	0

Cobham Sports produced a strong second-half display to overcome Dorchester Sports 3–0 at Merley Park, reclaiming second place in the Dorset Premier League. Asa Phillips, Luke Burbidge and Sam Lench scored, while goalkeeper Toby Butt's first-half heroics proved crucial to the victory.

Matchday 8 at Merley Park saw second-placed Cobham Sports host fourth-placed Dorchester Sports on a fine afternoon for football. These two sides rarely produce one-sided contests, and the first half followed that familiar pattern, with Dorchester starting brightly and Cobham forced to defend deep. Dorchester's talisman Alex Godfrey twice went close early on, denied by two outstanding point-blank saves from Toby Butt, whose reflexes kept Cobham level. The home side responded through Luke Burbidge, who fired narrowly wide, while Steven Mackay headed over from Brad Hill's cross. Cobham gradually found rhythm, and their persistence paid off in the 39th minute when Harry Wright won possession and fed **Asa Phillips**, whose powerful strike from 25 yards found the roof of the net to give Cobham a 1–0 lead at the break. A half-time change saw Dan Brown replace the injured Mackay, adding fluency to Cobham's midfield. Phillips went close again early in the second half, and Burbidge was booked following a clash with Dorchester keeper Sam Duncalf. Cobham pressed forward with growing confidence, Brown forcing a save before Duncalf denied Callum Perry's free kick. The hosts doubled their advantage in the 70th minute when neat interplay between Phillips and **Luke Burbidge** ended with the latter finishing calmly. Three minutes later, Perry's pinpoint corner found **Sam Lench**, who headed home Cobham's third at the near post. Dorchester battled gamely but couldn't find a way past Cobham's disciplined defence. Late efforts from Jean Pierre Pascall and Jude Stevenson went close, but the score remained 3–0.

It was a convincing win for Cobham, built on Butt's brilliance and a composed team performance.

Man of the Match: Toby Butt, whose first-half saves laid the foundation for this victory.

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SWANAGE T&H	3
BOURNEMOUTH SPORTS	1

Swanage T&H climbed to second place in the Dorset Premier Football League after a commanding 3–1 victory over Bournemouth Sports at Day's Park, skipper Will Prior leading the way with a superb hat-trick as the hosts produced a confident, well-balanced team performance.

Swanage recorded an impressive 3–1 victory over Bournemouth Sports at Day's Park, a result built on sharp attacking play, disciplined defending and a superb hat-trick from captain Will Prior, whose influence proved decisive throughout a well-contested Dorset Premier League encounter. The hosts began brightly, moving the ball with confidence and creating early pressure. Jack Hughes went close with a well-struck effort before Swans made the breakthrough, Curtis Young slipping **Will Prior** through on goal, the skipper finishing calmly to give his side a deserved lead. Bournemouth Sports responded positively and carved out a good chance of their own before equalising on 35 minutes, **George Harper** rising well to head home and send the match into half-time level at 1–1. Swans restarted with purpose and regained the lead just two minutes into the second half. Hughes delivered a precise cross from the right, and **Will Prior** reacted quickest, guiding the ball home from close range to complete his brace. With momentum firmly shifting, Swans pushed forward with increasing authority. Young and Hughes both forced strong saves from visiting goalkeeper Jakub Lewiarz, who kept Sports in the contest with several excellent stops. The decisive third goal arrived midway through the half. Stephen Pryor's lofted effort struck the crossbar and bounced invitingly for **Will Prior**, who climbed above the goalkeeper to head home and complete a superb treble. Swans continued to threaten, with Cody Moore, Young and Hughes all going close as the hosts looked to extend their advantage. Bournemouth Sports rallied late on, requiring Swans keeper Regan Norman to stay alert, but the home defence—marshalled superbly by Jack Clarke—held firm to secure the points. It was a strong, confident performance from Swans, with Prior's clinical finishing and leadership proving the difference. His hat-trick earned him Man of the Match honours, narrowly ahead of Clarke's excellent defensive display.

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MERE TOWN 0
WIMBORNE TOWN RES 1



Mere Town fell to a narrow 1–0 defeat against Wimborne Town Reserves at Duchy Manor, despite a committed performance and several good chances. A late counter-attacking goal proved decisive after Mere were unable to convert promising opportunities in an evenly contested match.

Mere Town entered the fixture hopeful of building on last week's first win, and they began brightly at Duchy Manor with a strong opening spell. Inside ten minutes, Harry Browne broke through the Wimborne defence and attempted to lift the ball over the advancing goalkeeper, but his effort drifted over the bar. Both sides created chances throughout the first half, yet neither could find a breakthrough, with both goalkeepers producing confident saves to keep the match level. Browne went close again on the half-hour mark when Nigel Benjamin delivered a pinpoint cross, but the striker's header once more cleared the bar. It was a frustrating pattern for Mere, who were creating the better openings but unable to apply the finishing touch. The sides went into the break at 0–0, with the game finely balanced. The second half saw Wimborne's young side grow into the contest, enjoying a strong twenty-minute spell of possession and pressure. However, Mere goalkeeper Archie Hannigan remained composed, making several important stops to keep his team level. Mere responded well and almost found the breakthrough in the 75th minute when Browne's excellent free-kick delivery found Charles Parry, who rose highest but headed narrowly over. The decisive moment arrived in the 82nd minute. Mere lost the ball high up the pitch, allowing Wimborne to break quickly down the left. A precise low cross into the box found **Jake Collett-Carr**, who side-footed past Hannigan to give Wimborne the lead. Mere pushed hard in the final ten minutes, committing bodies forward and forcing Wimborne back, but they could not find the equaliser their effort deserved.

The match finished Mere Town 0–1 Wimborne Town Reserves, a tight contest settled by a single late counter-attack.



WAREHAM RANGERS	4
HAMWORTHY UTD RES	0



Wareham Rangers continued their strong recent form with a composed 4–1 victory over Hamworthy United Reserves, controlling the match throughout and producing an efficient performance built on early goals, sustained pressure and a confident second-half showing that ensured a comfortable three points.

Wareham Rangers delivered a convincing performance to secure a comfortable 4–1 win over Hamworthy United Reserves, extending their positive run of form and showcasing a blend of sharp attacking play and disciplined organisation. Wareham began the match with real intent, moving the ball quickly and pressing high, which immediately put Hamworthy on the back foot. Their early pressure paid off as Wareham struck twice through **Johnny Powell** before the interval, both goals coming from well-constructed moves that highlighted their growing confidence in possession. The hosts controlled much of the first half, limiting Hamworthy's opportunities and forcing the visitors into rushed clearances and long balls that were dealt with comfortably by the Wareham back line. The second half followed a similar pattern, with Wareham picking up exactly where they left off. Their midfield continued to dictate the tempo, and the front line remained lively, stretching the Hamworthy defence and creating regular openings. Two further goals arrived for the hosts, both taken with composure by **Jordan Churchill & Jako Phillips**, effectively putting the result beyond doubt and rewarding Wareham's dominance in key areas of the pitch. Hamworthy United Reserves battled gamely and were eventually rewarded with a late consolation, a well-taken finish from **Isaac Mjasiri** that denied Wareham the clean sheet but did little to alter the overall flow of the contest. Wareham remained in control until the final whistle, managing the closing stages professionally and ensuring their opponents were unable to build any momentum.

It was a strong, confident display from Wareham Rangers, who combined energy, structure and clinical finishing to secure a deserved three points. Their recent form continues to build, and this latest victory further strengthens their position in the league table.

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HAMWORTHY REC RES	1
WESTLAND SPORTS	1

Hamworthy Recreation Reserves fell to a heavy 7–1 defeat against Westland Sports at the Canford Magna Complex, with Phil Ormrod scoring four for the visitors. Despite a bright start and a superb Harrison Taylor strike, Ham Rec’s search for their first points continues.

Hamworthy Recreation Reserves welcomed Westland Sports to the Canford Magna Complex still searching for their first points of the season, and they began the match with real intent. The young side started brightly, creating several early chances through Dzhan Ferad, Eric Richardson and Alex Butnariu, with one effort striking the post. Their energy and attacking ambition suggested promise, but the game turned sharply against them after ten minutes when Westlands broke through the defence to score the opener. The setback visibly affected Ham Rec’s confidence, and their lack of experience showed as heads dropped. Westlands capitalised fully, taking control of the match and adding four more goals before the interval. By half-time, the visitors held a commanding 5–0 lead, with Phil Ormrod proving ruthless in front of goal as he began to build what would become a four-goal haul. Five minutes into the second half, Ham Rec produced the moment of the match. **Harrison Taylor** unleashed a stunning long-range strike that flew into the top corner, leaving the Westlands goalkeeper helpless and offering the hosts a deserved consolation. At 5–1, Ham Rec worked hard to steady the game and attempted to mount a response, showing determination despite the scoreline. However, Westlands’ experience and physical presence continued to tell. Their delivery from wide areas caused persistent problems, and two further goals arrived from crosses and corners as the visitors extended their advantage. **Phil Ormrod** completed his four-goal performance with another clinical finish, underlining Westlands’ dominance. The match finished 7–1 to Westland Sports, a tough afternoon for Hamworthy Recreation Reserves, who will look to regroup and continue their search for their first points. Despite the scoreline, the young side showed glimpses of promise—particularly in their early pressure and Taylor’s outstanding goal. **Lucas Cawley** with a brace & **Jamie Green** were the visitor’s other scorers in their dominant display.



BOURNEMOUTH ELECTRIC	1
GILLINGHAM TOWN	1

Electric's unbeaten run continued after a hard-fought 1–1 draw against Gillingham Town at Broadway Lane. The visitors impressed and looked the more likely winners, but Kareem Soliman's second-half strike ensured Electric claimed a point despite a below-par performance.

Matchday 8 at Broadway Lane saw unbeaten Bournemouth Electric host Gillingham Town, who arrived with mixed early-season form and seeking a response after a narrow defeat to Bournemouth Sports. Electric entered the game confident, but it was Gillingham who produced the more assertive and purposeful display across the ninety minutes. The first half was scrappy, with Electric struggling to find rhythm. Their passing lacked sharpness, second balls were lost too easily, and Gillingham sensed early that they could take something from the contest. The visitors were first to challenges, pressed with energy, and created the better openings, though neither side found a breakthrough before the interval. Electric made a change at half-time, replacing Mo Ibrahim with Marcus Cullen, and shifting shape to inject more threat going forward. The adjustment helped, and Electric began the second half with greater intent. Despite Gillingham continuing to push and carve out chances, it was Electric who struck first. A well-worked move saw **Kareem Soliman** finish confidently to give the hosts a 1–0 lead. Fresh legs were introduced by both sides, and Electric enjoyed their best spell of the match, putting together several promising moves and coming close to doubling their advantage. However, with fifteen minutes remaining, Gillingham were awarded a contentious penalty. **Bradlee Sheppard** made no mistake from the spot, levelling the match and restoring momentum. Electric tried to respond, but Gillingham looked the more likely to find a winner, pressing strongly in the closing stages and forcing the hosts into several hurried clearances.

The match finished 1–1, extending Electric's unbeaten run but feeling very much like two points dropped. With Cobham's win over Dorchester Sports, Electric slipped to second place—still well-placed, but aware improvement is needed.



HOLT UNITED	4
PORTLAND UTD RES	0

Holt United produced a dominant 4–0 home win over Portland United Reserves at Petersham Lane, with first-half goals from Ally Williams, Ollie Wilson and Ben Hands setting the tone before George Ashby added a fourth to keep the Bulls firmly in fourth place.

Holt United entertained Portland United Reserves at Petersham Lane on Matchday 8, with the Bulls aiming to maintain their strong early-season form. They did exactly that, delivering a confident and controlled performance to secure a comfortable 4–0 victory that keeps them well-placed in the top four of the Dorset Premier League table. The hosts started brightly, moving the ball with purpose and immediately putting Portland under pressure. Their early intensity paid off when **Ally Williams** opened the scoring, finishing well to give Holt a deserved lead. The Bulls continued to dictate the tempo, and their attacking momentum soon produced a second goal. **Ollie Wilson** found space and struck cleanly to double the advantage, leaving Portland struggling to contain Holt's forward movement. With Holt firmly in control, the first half continued in the same pattern. Portland worked hard to stay in the contest but were unable to stem the flow of attacks, and Holt added a third before the interval. **Ben Hands** applied the finishing touch to a well-constructed move, sending the Bulls into half-time with a commanding 3–0 lead. Portland improved after the break, showing greater organisation and enjoying more possession, but Holt remained disciplined and patient. The visitors' efforts to reduce the deficit were met with solid defensive work from the Bulls, who continued to look dangerous on the counter. The decisive fourth goal arrived when **George Ashby** struck clinically, sealing the win and removing any remaining doubt. Holt managed the closing stages professionally, maintaining control and ensuring Portland were unable to find a way back into the match. The result keeps Holt United in fourth place, while Portland United Reserves sit 15th, still searching for consistency.

A strong, assured performance from the Bulls, who continue to look like a side capable of challenging at the top end of the table.

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BALTI SPORTS **2**
VERWOOD TOWN **1**



Balti Sports made it five straight league wins with a hard-earned 3–1 victory over Verwood Town, grinding out the result through goals from Troy Walbridge, Matt Chambers and substitute Ryan McKechnie to move into the top six with a game in hand.

Balti Sports extended their winning streak to five matches with a determined 3–1 victory over Verwood Town at The College. It was far from a fluent performance, but Balti showed resilience, discipline and enough quality in key moments to secure another valuable three points and continue their climb up the Dorset Premier League table. The match began at a slow tempo, with Balti struggling to find rhythm. However, they took the lead through excellent work from Charlie Pitt, who drove down the flank and delivered a superb cross to the back post where **Troy Walbridge** arrived to score his first goal of the season. Verwood responded well and enjoyed long spells of possession, eventually equalising with a stunning 20-yard strike into the top corner from **Dave Kerr** that left the Balti goalkeeper helpless. Despite Verwood's pressure, Balti regained control before the interval. A moment of quality from **Matt Chambers** restored the lead, his free-kick bending into the top corner to make it 2–1 at half-time. It was a crucial goal in a game where clear chances were limited. The second half followed a similar pattern, with Verwood seeing plenty of the ball but struggling to create meaningful opportunities. Balti had chances to extend their lead but were briefly hampered when Pitt was shown a sin-bin for dissent. The hosts managed that period superbly, staying compact and organised until they were back to full strength. The decisive third goal arrived when substitute **Ryan McKechnie** drilled home clinically, sealing the points and giving Balti breathing room heading into the final stages. Verwood continued to push but Balti's defensive structure held firm.

The win moves Balti Sports into the top six, and with a game in hand, they remain well-placed to continue their upward momentum.

Photo Corner



Cobham Sports V Dorchester Sports [12 09 26]

Photo courtesy of Steve Harris

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Swanage T&H v Bournemouth Sports [12 09 26]
 Photos Courtesy of Gerald Dimarco



Wareham Rangers v Hamworthy Utd Res [12 09 26]

Photos Courtesy of WRFC



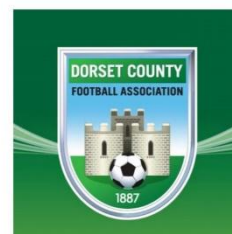
Bournemouth Electric v Gillingham Town [12 09 26]

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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

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS IN FOOTBALL

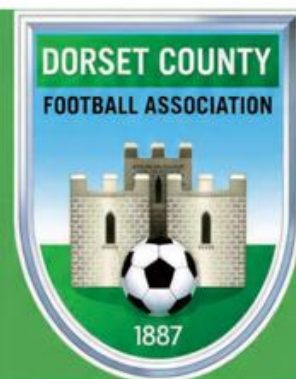
IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SEASON 2026 – 2027

- 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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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

		Home						Away						Overall							
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS		
1	Cobham Sports FC	8	5	0	0	19	3	1	2	0	6	4	6	2	0	25	7	18	20		
2	Swanage Town & Herston FC	8	4	1	1	15	11	2	0	0	11	1	6	1	1	26	12	14	19		
3	Bournemouth Electric FC	8	2	3	0	9	5	3	0	0	14	0	5	3	0	23	5	18	18		
4	Holt United FC	8	4	0	1	16	6	2	0	1	7	3	6	0	2	23	9	14	18		
5	Dorchester Sports FC	7	3	0	0	9	4	2	1	1	10	9	5	1	1	19	13	6	16		
6	Balti Sports FC	7	4	0	1	22	6	1	0	1	6	9	5	0	2	28	15	13	15		
7	Bournemouth Sports FC	8	2	0	2	14	11	1	1	2	6	8	3	1	4	20	19	1	10		
8	Gillingham Town FC	8	2	0	3	11	14	1	1	1	8	7	3	1	4	19	21	-2	10		
9	Westland Sports FC	6	1	2	0	8	6	1	1	1	10	6	2	3	1	18	12	6	9		
10	Wareham Rangers FC	7	2	0	2	9	7	1	0	2	4	9	3	0	4	13	16	-3	9		
11	Wimborne Town FC Reserves	8	1	0	1	8	6	2	0	4	8	15	3	0	5	16	21	-5	9		
12	Hamworthy United FC Reserves	8	2	0	2	12	13	1	0	3	8	15	3	0	5	20	28	-8	9		
13	Sherborne Town FC Reserves	6	0	1	1	2	9	2	1	1	10	9	2	2	2	12	18	-6	8		
14	Verwood Town FC	8	0	1	2	3	11	1	1	3	9	13	1	2	5	12	24	-12	5		
15	Portland United FC Reserves	7	1	1	2	10	8	0	0	3	1	12	1	1	5	11	20	-9	4		
16	Mere Town FC	8	1	0	1	3	1	0	1	5	6	25	1	1	6	9	26	-17	4		
17	Hamworthy Recreation FC Reserves	8	0	0	2	1	8	0	0	6	5	26	0	0	8	6	34	-28	0		

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Upcoming Fixtures

Type	Date / Time	Home Team	Away Team	Venue	Competition
Lg	16/09/26 19:45	Dorchester Sports FC 	VS  Wareham Rangers FC	DORCHESTER TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	19/09/26 15:00	Gillingham Town FC 	VS  Portland United FC Reserves	WOODWATER LANE	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	19/09/26 15:00	Hamworthy United FC Reserves 	VS  Sherborne Town FC Reserves	DORSET COUNTY GROUND	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	19/09/26 15:00	Verwood Town FC 	VS  Hamworthy Recreation FC Reserves	POTTERNE PARK	Dorset Premier Football League
Cup	19/09/26 15:00	Cobham Sports FC 	VS  Bournemouth Electric FC	COBHAM SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB	Dorset Premier League Cup
Cup	19/09/26 15:00	Holt United FC 	VS  Bournemouth Sports FC	PETERSHAM LANE	Dorset Premier League Cup
Cup	19/09/26 15:00	Mere Town FC 	VS  Westland Sports FC	MERE SCHOOL	Dorset Premier League Cup
Cup	19/09/26 15:00	Wimborne Town FC Reserves 	VS  Balti Sports FC	WYATT HOMES STADIUM	Dorset Premier League Cup

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 	Asa Luke Phillips	 Cobham Sports FC	8	8
2	James BERGIN	 Bournemouth Sports FC	6	7
3	Kester Thomas Wilson	 Wimborne Town FC Reserves	2	7
4	Curtis John Young	 Swanage Town & Herston FC	6	7
5	Nick Fowler	 Gillingham Town FC	7	6
6	John Powell	 Wareham Rangers FC	7	6
7	William Prior	 Swanage Town & Herston FC	7	6
8	Keith Andrew Tottingham	 Hamworthy United FC Reserves	6	6

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		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		

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LAWS OF THE GAME

KEY CHANGES FOR 2026/27

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



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SUBSTITUTIONS

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

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PLAYER EQUIPMENT

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

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THE REFEREE

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

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RESTARTS OF PLAY

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

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FOULS & MISCONDUCT

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

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PENALTY KICKS

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

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THROW-INS

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

8



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.

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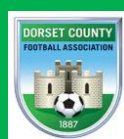
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COUNTY CUPS 2026 – 2027



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		
				V		
				V		
				V		
				V		
				V		
				V		
				V		

Quarter Finals

				V		
				V		
				V		
				V		

Semi - Finals

				V		
				V		

Final

				V		
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Hampshire FA



H.F.A SATURDAY TROPHY

1st Round

V

2nd Round

V

V

3rd Round

V

V

4th Round

V



S.F.A SATURDAY TROPHY

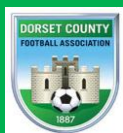
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Dorset Premier
League



D.C.F.A - SENIOR CUP

Round 1

TBC		GILLINGHAM TOWN		V		Dorchester Town
TBC		Hamworthy United		V		Portland United
TBC		SWANAGE TOWN & HERSTON		V		Blandford United
TBC		Shaftesbury		V		Wimborne Town
TBC		Weymouth		V		Poole Town
TBC		Sherborne Town		V		Bridport

Hamworthy Recreation	BYE
Sturminster Newton	BYE

Quarter Finals

				V		
				V		
				V		
				V		

Semi - Finals

				V		
				V		

Final

				V		
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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	7	6	1	0	20	7	13	19
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	10	4	2	4	17	26	-9	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	8	3	2	3	13	13	0	11
10	Folland Sports	7	3	1	3	15	14	1	10
11	Colden Common	8	3	1	4	17	18	-1	10
12	Hedge End Rangers	6	3	1	2	9	11	-2	10
13	Kintbury Rangers	8	2	3	3	12	15	-3	9
14	Whitchurch United	7	2	3	2	13	18	-5	9
15	AFC Aldermaston	8	2	2	4	11	12	-1	8
16	Lymington Town	8	2	3	3	10	14	-4	8*
17	Romsey Town	6	2	1	3	10	13	-3	7
18	Ash United	6	1	2	3	6	11	-5	5
19	Blandford United	6	1	2	3	5	11	-6	5
20	Hamworthy United	7	0	2	5	10	15	-5	2
21	Totton & Eling	6	0	0	6	6	18	-12	0

* adjustment made

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	8	5	2	1	14	17
4	Avonmouth	8	4	2	2	2	14
5	AEK Boco	7	4	1	2	5	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	Bournemouth Sports Reserves	2	2	0	0	6	6
2	Parley Football Club	2	2	0	0	3	6
3	Canford United First	2	1	0	1	6	3
4	Maiden Newton & Cattistock First	1	1	0	0	3	3
5	Shaftesbury Reserves	2	1	0	1	2	3
6	Tisbury United First	1	1	0	0	2	3
7	Cobham Sports FC Reserves	2	1	0	1	0	3
8	Stars Football Academy Stars FC	2	1	0	1	-1	3
9	Bournemouth Poppies Reserves	2	0	0	2	-5	0
10	Westland Sports Reserves	2	0	0	2	-5	0
11	Poole Borough First	2	0	0	2	-11	0

LATEST RESULTS

L	12/09/26	Bournemouth Poppies Reserves	 1-5 (HT 1-2)		Shaftesbury Reserves
L	12/09/26	Bournemouth Sports Reserves	 4-0		Poole Borough First
L	12/09/26	Maiden Newton & Cattistock First	 3-0 (HT 1-0)		Westland Sports Reserves
L	12/09/26	Parley Football Club	 3-1		Cobham Sports FC Reserves
L	12/09/26	Stars Football Academy Stars FC	 2-1		Canford United First
CC	12/09/26	Tisbury United First	 7-1		Wolverton Wanderers Mens

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REPORTS FOR DFL SATURDAY LEAGUE - 12th September 2026

SENIOR LEAGUE

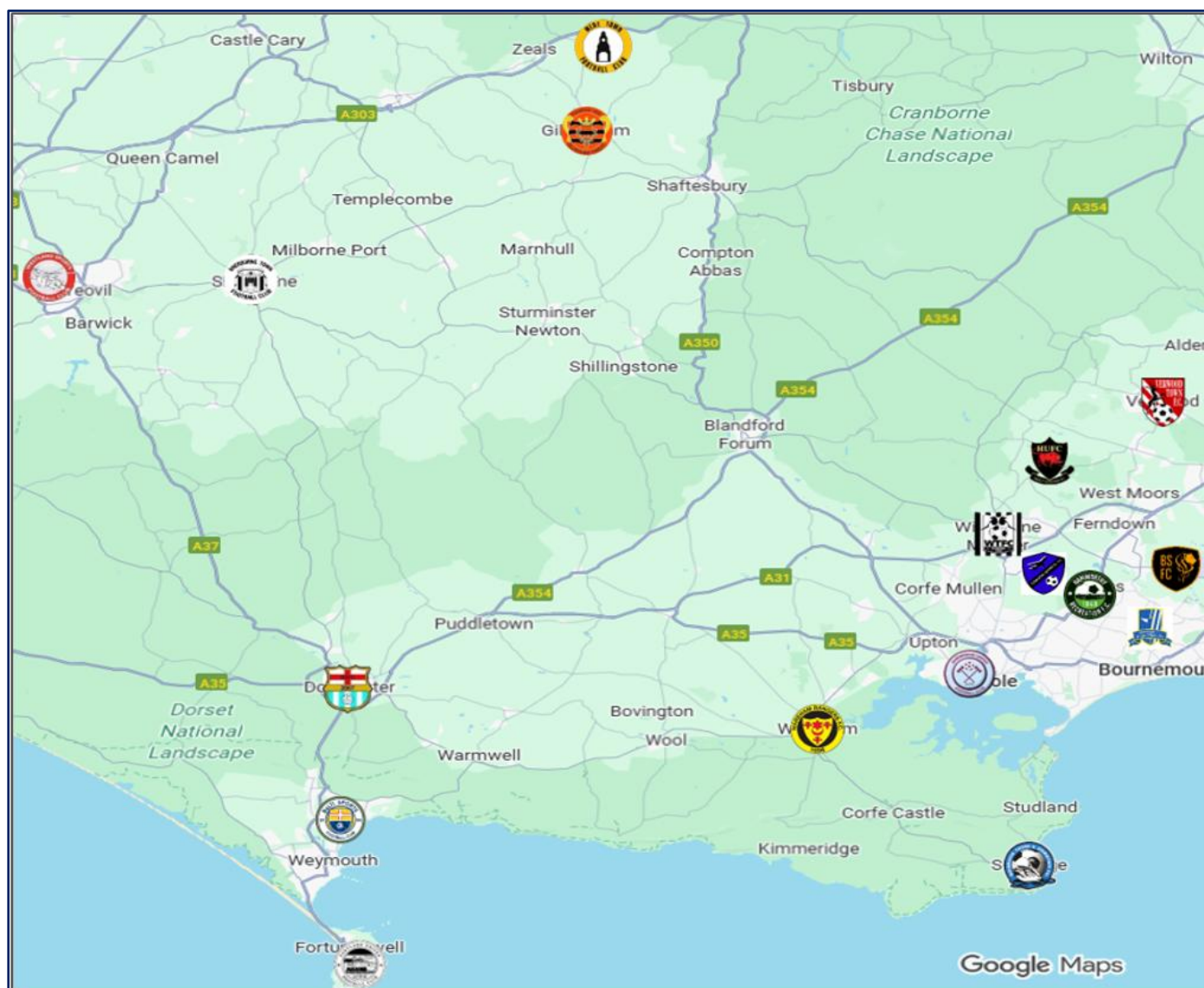
Bournemouth Sports Reserves are top of the Senior League in the early stages of the season after their 4-0 home win against Poole Borough this afternoon. Ritchie Whiting converted two penalties for Bournemouth along with goals from Rob Howard and Archie Southern. Parley FC made it two wins out of two today with a 3-1 home win over Cobham Sports Reserves. Jack Simpson x2 and Ben Canham netted for Parley with Jamie Brierley on target for Cobham. Sam Bayston and Elliot Ward both scored for Stars FC in their 2-1 home win versus Canford Utd. Maiden Newton hosted Westlands Sports Reserves and won 3-0 with goals from Matt Stickland, Jamie Morin and Simon Jeff. Shaftesbury Reserves recorded their first win in the Senior League with a 5-1 away win at Bournemouth Poppies Reserves. Charlie Kelly scored for Poppies.

Report courtesy of Jeanette Elliott

Dorset Football League Adult Secretary/Public Relations Officer

UPCOMING FIXTURES

L	19/09/26	Bournemouth Sports Reserves		VS		Bournemouth Poppies Reserves
L	19/09/26	Canford United First		VS		Parley Football Club
L	19/09/26	Maiden Newton & Cattistock First		VS		Cobham Sports FC Reserves
L	19/09/26	Stars Football Academy Stars FC		VS		Poole Borough First
L	19/09/26	Tisbury United First		VS		Shaftesbury Reserves



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