

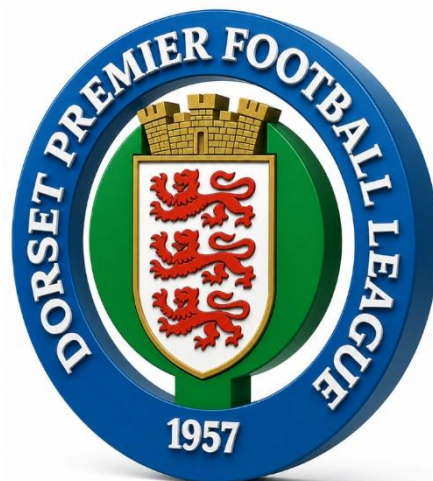
THE DPL WEEKLY

EVERY GOAL – EVERY GAME – EVERY SUNDAY

Issue 09 – Season 26 / 27



Edited by Giles Kilshawe - Fall



Wimborne Town Res v *Dorchester Sports* – 24/10/26

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Welcome — To Issue Number 9

Today's Issue is a shorter than usual one due to the very Poor weather at the weekend.

A disrupted weekend across the Dorset Premier Football League saw the stormy weather take centre stage, with six fixtures postponed due to waterlogged pitches and safety concerns. What should have been a full programme became a fragmented round, yet the handful of matches that survived the conditions still offered meaningful movement in the developing league picture. Credit goes to the four sides who were able to play, ensuring the weekend was not entirely lost to the elements.

Weekend Highlights

Despite the reduced schedule, Dorchester Sports FC and Bournemouth Sports FC made the most of the opportunity to play, each securing important victories to keep their early momentum intact with Dorchester maintaining pole position in the League Table. Both winners ability to navigate difficult conditions and emerge with three points ensured they were the weekend's main beneficiaries.

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

Enjoy Issue 9.

Giles Kilshawe-Fall

Editor, The DPL Weekly

I start this issue with the following that I have saw from Grassroots Football, I am pleased to say that the 6 games postpones this weekend were done in a sensible and pragmatic way, but the following is thought provoking

THE DECISION TO CANCEL A GAME!

With Storm Austen and Storm Boelo bringing heavy rain, strong winds and weather warnings across the UK, it's looking like a difficult weekend for grassroots football.

And you can almost guarantee what's coming next...

"Why's the game off? It's not even raining here!" or "Its not that bad"

Before jumping on social media to criticise, just think about what goes into making that decision.

Is the pitch playable? Will it drain? What's the forecast? Are weather warnings in place? Is it safe? How far are teams travelling? Are lots of people going to be affected?

Sometimes games are cancelled early, sometimes at the very last minute. And yes, sometimes the weather improves and, with hindsight, the game could have gone ahead.

But hindsight is a wonderful thing, isn't it?

We've made these decisions ourselves plenty of times. It's not an exact science, and nobody has a crystal ball.

What people don't see are the League Secretaries & volunteers up late checking forecasts, out first thing inspecting pitches, and worrying about making the right call for everyone.

They're not cancelling games for the fun of it. Believe me, they'd much rather the football went ahead!

So before giving someone a load of grief because your game is off, remember they're doing their best with the information they've got.

A little understanding wouldn't go amiss.

To everyone making those difficult calls this weekend, we appreciate you.



WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2026



DORCHESTER SPORTS	1
WESTLAND SPORTS	1

Ellis on Target Again as Dorchester Sports Share the Spoils with Westland Sports at The Avenue Stadium. Dylan Ellis continued his fine goalscoring form, netting his sixth goal of the season as Dorchester Sports were held to a hard-fought draw by Westland Sports under the lights in the Dorset Premier Football League.

Dylan Ellis was once again on the scoresheet as Dorchester Sports were forced to settle for a point following an entertaining Dorset Premier League encounter against Westland Sports at The Avenue Stadium. On a chilly October evening, both sides began cautiously, with the opening stages proving a tightly contested affair as each team looked to gain control. Chances were limited during the first ten minutes, but Sports gradually began to build momentum. The breakthrough arrived in the 14th minute. A long throw from Toby Diaz caused problems in the Westland defence and the ball eventually found its way to **Ellis**, who made no mistake by drilling a low finish into the bottom-right corner. The strike marked his sixth goal of the campaign in all competitions. The hosts nearly doubled their lead moments later when Alex Godfrey struck the post, with the rebound ricocheting off the goalkeeper before being safely gathered. Brin Doyle then came close with a spectacular acrobatic effort from near the penalty spot, only for the Westland keeper to produce an outstanding save. Sports continued to create opportunities, and Ellis was denied a second goal by another excellent stop from close range. Elliott Browne became the first player cautioned following a foul before Westland created their first clear opening late in the half. Sam Duncalf reacted superbly to save low to his left and preserve Sports' advantage heading into the interval. Westland responded strongly after the break and levelled five minutes into the second half when **Phil Ormrod** powered home a header from a cross delivered from the left. The hosts searched for an immediate response, with Browne striking the outside of the post from distance, while substitute Finn Sugg was desperately unlucky not to restore the lead when his close-range effort crashed against the underside of the crossbar and stayed out. Further bookings followed, while Browne later received a ten-minute sin bin. Despite continued effort from both teams, neither side could find a decisive winner and the points were shared.

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HAMWORTHY REC RESERVES WIMBORNE TOWN RESERVES

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Hamworthy Recreation Reserves showed tremendous character and resilience to recover from a two-goal deficit and claim a deserved draw against local rivals Wimborne Town Reserves in an entertaining derby encounter under the lights in the Dorset Premier Football League.

Hamworthy Recreation Reserves produced an impressive second-half comeback to secure a valuable 2-2 draw against Wimborne Town Reserves in a fiercely contested local derby. Boosted by the addition of several experienced players to the squad, Hamworthy entered the match with confidence and hopes of securing a positive result against their local rivals. From the opening whistle, both sides matched each other closely in an evenly balanced contest. The first half was competitive throughout, with chances at both ends and a series of corners for each team. Defences generally remained on top, while both goalkeepers were called upon to make important saves to keep the game scoreless. Despite some encouraging attacking moments from both sides, neither team could find the breakthrough before the interval and the teams went into half-time locked at 0-0. The visitors made the stronger start to the second half and finally broke the deadlock around fifteen minutes after the restart courtesy of **Beau Jenkins**. Wimborne Town Reserves capitalised on their momentum and soon added a second goal from **Jake Collett-Carr** to put themselves firmly in control of the contest with a 2-0 advantage. Many teams may have struggled to recover from such a setback, but Hamworthy refused to let their heads drop. Instead, they increased the pressure and were rewarded when a corner caused problems in the Wimborne defence. The ball eventually dropped kindly for **Gavin Haynes**, who reacted sharply to volley home and reduce the deficit. That goal sparked renewed belief among the hosts and they continued to push forward in search of an equaliser. The leveller eventually arrived following a long clearance from goalkeeper Jake Marvin. His high kick towards the Wimborne goal was collected by **Bryce Banfield**, who showed composure to advance on goal before finishing low beyond the visiting goalkeeper to make it 2-2. Hamworthy's task became even more difficult when they were reduced to ten men after a player received a second yellow card. However, the hosts defended resolutely during the closing stages to preserve the draw. While only a point was gained, the performance provided real encouragement, highlighting improvements in both playing style and the influence of experienced players within the squad.

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SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2026



BOURNEMOUTH SPORTS	3
PORTLAND UTD RESERVES	1

In conditions best described as biblical, hosts, Bournemouth Sports battled the elements and a determined opponent to secure an impressive 3-1 victory. Credit must also go to the officials, and everyone involved in ensuring the game was played despite the relentless weather.

Bournemouth Sports produced an excellent all-round performance to secure a deserved 3-1 victory over Portland in what could only be described as very tough conditions. Persistent rain, swirling winds and a difficult playing surface made attractive football a challenge throughout the afternoon, but both teams deserve immense credit for their efforts. Special praise must also go to referee Andre Lindford and assistants Chester Bennett and Owen Wilson, who handled the match superbly despite the challenging circumstances. Credit should also be extended to everyone at Portland FC and to the supporters who braved the weather to attend. The hosts started brightly and took the lead **through Lewis Evans**, who opened the scoring with an excellent strike from distance. With opportunities limited by the conditions, Evans made the most of the chance presented to him, unleashing a powerful effort that found its way beyond the goalkeeper and into the net. The difficult weather meant dead-ball situations were always likely to be influential, and Bournemouth Sports doubled their advantage from exactly that source. A well-delivered set piece from Jake Harvey caused problems inside the penalty area and **Levi Middlewick** reacted quickest, applying the finishing touch to extend the hosts' lead and put them firmly in control. To Portland's credit, they continued to battle and managed to reduce the deficit courtesy of **Mike Powell**, giving themselves hope of mounting a comeback. However, Bournemouth Sports remained organised and composed, refusing to allow their opponents to build sustained momentum. The decisive moment arrived when **Josh Charalambous** added the third goal. Collecting possession around 25 yards from goal, he struck a powerful effort that looked dangerous from the moment it left his boot. Although the goalkeeper got a hand to the shot, he was unable to keep it out as the ball nestled into the side netting, effectively putting the game beyond reach. In a contest where determination and character were every bit as important as technical quality, Bournemouth Sports demonstrated both in abundance. They adapted superbly to the Poor conditions, took their chances when they came and ultimately deserved their 3-1 success.

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WIMBORNE TOWN RESERVES DORCHESTER SPORTS

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In monsoon-like conditions at the Wyatt Homes Stadium, both sides deserve enormous credit for producing a competitive Dorset Premier Football League encounter as league leaders Dorchester Sports overcame the elements and a spirited Wimborne Town Reserves side to record a convincing 3-0 victory.

Dorchester Sports strengthened their position at the top of the Dorset Premier Football League with a hard-earned 3-0 victory over Wimborne Town Reserves in extremely challenging weather conditions at the Wyatt Homes Stadium. With relentless wind & rain making conditions difficult throughout the afternoon, both teams deserve considerable praise for their efforts in ensuring the fixture remained an entertaining and competitive contest. The surface became increasingly testing as the game progressed, but both sides continued to approach the match positively despite the adverse conditions. League leaders Dorchester Sports began the game brightly and looked determined to impose themselves from the outset. Wimborne Town Reserves, however, proved difficult opponents and worked tirelessly to keep the visitors at bay during a closely fought opening period. The breakthrough eventually arrived during the first half through **Toby Diaz**. After a competitive opening spell, Dorchester found the moment of quality they were searching for, with Diaz finding the net to give the league leaders a valuable advantage heading into the interval. His strike provided the visitors with a deserved lead after they had enjoyed the better of the attacking opportunities. Despite trailing, Wimborne continued to battle throughout the second half and showed great commitment in difficult circumstances. However, Dorchester's quality and experience eventually proved decisive as they looked to turn a narrow lead into a more comfortable advantage. The second goal arrived courtesy of **Brin Doyle**, whose finish gave the visitors breathing space and put them firmly in control of proceedings. With confidence growing, Dorchester continued to press forward and managed the conditions intelligently, limiting opportunities for the hosts to mount a comeback. Any hopes of a Wimborne revival were ended when **Shaun Bessant** added a third goal to seal the points. His strike completed an accomplished performance from the league leaders and ensured there would be no way back for the hosts. While the scoreline suggests a comfortable afternoon for Dorchester Sports, the conditions made every aspect of the game a challenge. Both teams deserve recognition for their efforts, but it was the visitors who adapted best to the weather and took their chances when they came, securing a deserved 3-0 victory to maintain their impressive start to the season.

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Photo Corner



Wimborne Town Res v Dorchester Sports [24 10 26]

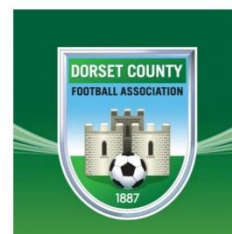
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COUNTY CORNER



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.

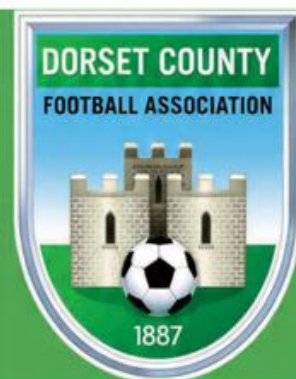
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DCFA U18 REFEREES ZERO TOLERANCE



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

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Dorchester Sports FC	14	10	3	1	21	33
2	Swanage Town & Herston FC	12	9	1	2	17	28
3	Holt United FC	13	9	1	3	17	28
4	Cobham Sports FC	11	8	2	1	25	26
5	Balti Sports FC	11	7	1	3	17	22
6	Bournemouth Electric FC	12	6	4	2	16	22
7	Bournemouth Sports FC	12	5	3	4	6	18
8	Westland Sports FC	10	4	5	1	10	17
9	Wimborne Town FC Reserves	13	5	1	7	-2	16
10	Hamworthy United FC Reserves	12	4	2	6	-10	14
11	Sherborne Town FC Reserves	12	4	2	6	-17	14
12	Gillingham Town FC	12	4	1	7	-11	13
13	Portland United FC Reserves	13	3	2	8	-11	11
14	Wareham Rangers FC	12	3	1	8	-12	10
15	Mere Town FC	11	2	3	6	-15	9
16	Verwood Town FC	13	2	3	8	-18	8*
17	Hamworthy Recreation FC Reserves	15	1	1	13	-33	4

* adjustment made

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Current Form

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Form
1	Dorchester Sports FC	14	10	3	1	40	19	●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●
2	Swanage Town & Herston FC	12	9	1	2	36	19	●●●●●●●●●●●●●●
3	Holt United FC	13	9	1	3	31	14	●●●●●●●●●●●●●●
4	Cobham Sports FC	11	8	2	1	35	10	●●●●●●●●●●●●●●
5	Balti Sports FC	11	7	1	3	40	23	●●●●●●●●●●●●●●
6	Bournemouth Electric FC	12	6	4	2	29	13	●●●●●●●●●●●●●●
7	Bournemouth Sports FC	12	5	3	4	31	25	●●●●●●●●●●●●●●
8	Westland Sports FC	10	4	5	1	25	15	●●●●●●●●●●●●●●
9	Wimborne Town FC Reserves	13	5	1	7	28	30	●●●●●●●●●●●●●●
10	Hamworthy United FC Reserves	12	4	2	6	29	39	●●●●●●●●●●●●●●
11	Sherborne Town FC Reserves	12	4	2	6	25	42	●●●●●●●●●●●●●●
12	Gillingham Town FC	12	4	1	7	23	34	●●●●●●●●●●●●●●
13	Portland United FC Reserves	13	3	2	8	20	31	●●●●●●●●●●●●●●
14	Wareham Rangers FC	12	3	1	8	17	29	●●●●●●●●●●●●●●
15	Mere Town FC	11	2	3	6	16	31	●●●●●●●●●●●●●●
16	Verwood Town FC	13	2	3	8	17	35	●●●●●●●●●●●●●●
17	Hamworthy Recreation FC Reserves	15	1	1	13	17	50	●●●●●●●●●●●●●●

Upcoming Fixtures

Type	Date / Time	Home Team	Away Team	Venue	Competition
Lg	31/10/26 14:00	Gillingham Town FC 	VS  Wimbome Town FC Reserves	WOODWATER LANE	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	31/10/26 14:00	Mere Town FC 	VS  Dorchester Sports FC	MERE SCHOOL	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	31/10/26 14:00	Westland Sports FC 	VS  Sherborne Town FC Reserves	ALVINGTON PLAYING FIELDS	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	31/10/26 15:00	Bournemouth Sports FC 	VS  Balti Sports FC	CHAPEL GATE	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	31/10/26 15:00	Swanage Town & Herston FC 	VS  Bournemouth Electric FC	DAYS PARK	Dorset Premier Football League
CC	31/10/26 14:30	Cobham Sports FC 	VS  Holt United FC	Merley Cobham Sports First	Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Senior Trophy
CC	31/10/26 14:30	Hamworthy United FC Reserves 	VS  Stars Football Academy Stars FC	Hamworthy United Hamworthy United Reserv	Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Senior Trophy
CC	31/10/26 14:30	Portland United FC Reserves 	VS  Verwood Town FC	Portland United Reserves	Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Senior Trophy
CC	31/10/26 14:30	Shaftesbury Reserves 	VS  Hamworthy Recreation FC Reserves	Shaftesbury Town Reserves	Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Senior Trophy
CC	31/10/26 14:30	Wareham Rangers FC 	VS  Canford United First	Wareham Rangers Wareham Rangers	Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Senior Trophy



Postponement Count = 7

10 10 26	Cobham Sports v GILLINGHAM TOWN	<i>Away team unable to fulfil fixture</i>
24 10 26	Balti Sports v Hamworthy Utd Res	<i>Waterlogged Pitch</i>
	Cobham Sports v Westland Sports	<i>Waterlogged Pitch</i>
	Gillingham Town v Holt Utd	<i>Waterlogged Pitch</i>
	Mere Town v Swanage T&H	<i>Waterlogged Pitch</i>
	Sherborne Town Res v Ham Rec Res	<i>Waterlogged Pitch</i>
	Wareham Rangers v Verwood Town	<i>Waterlogged Pitch</i>

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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
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1 	William Prior	 Swanage Town & Herston FC	11	12
2	Kester Thomas Wilson	 Wimborne Town FC Reserves	4	11
3	Taylor Brown	 Balti Sports FC	6	9
4	George Edgar Ashby	 Holt United FC	12	8
5	Asa Luke Phillips	 Cobham Sports FC	10	8
6	John Powell	 Wareham Rangers FC	11	8
7	Curtis John Young	 Swanage Town & Herston FC	9	8

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		
							WSFC won 9-8 on Pens		
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		
TBC	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									
TBC	9		Westland Sports FC		v		Wimborne Town FC Res		
TBC	10		Cobham Sports FC		v		Holt United FC		
TBC	11		5		v		Sherborne Town FC Res		
TBC	12		Gillingham Town FC		v		Swanage T&H FC		
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.

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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	1	VERWOOD TOWN	3	V	1	Maiden Newton & Cattistock
	2	HAMWORTHY UNITED RES	6	V	3	BALTI SPORTS

Round 2

31st October 26		HAMWORTHY UNITED RES		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		VERWOOD TOWN

Quarter Finals

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Semi - Finals

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				V		

Final

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H.F.A SATURDAY TROPHY

1st Round

3 rd October 26		Afc Shirley	0	v	0	BOURNEMOUTH SPORTS
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AFC Shirley **WON** 4-2 on Penalties

2nd Round

7 th November 26		BOURNEMOUTH ELECTRIC		v		Fordingbridge Turks
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3rd Round

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4th Round

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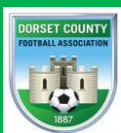
S.F.A SATURDAY TROPHY

1st Round

3 rd October 26		WESTLAND SPORTS	2	v	1	Ashcott
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2nd Round

7 th November 26		Cheddar		v		WESTLAND SPORTS
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D.C.F.A - SENIOR CUP

Round 1

10 th November 26		GILLINGHAM TOWN		V		Dorchester Town
10 th November 26		Hamworthy United		V		Portland United
10 th November 26		SWANAGE TOWN & HERSTON		V		Blandford United
10 th November 26		Shaftesbury		V		Wimborne Town
10 th November 26		Weymouth		V		Poole Town
10 th November 26		Sherborne Town		V		Bridport

Hamworthy Recreation	BYE
Sturminster Newton	BYE

Quarter Finals

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Semi - Finals

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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	12	9	2	1	29	12	17	29
2	Ringwood Town	14	8	4	2	31	21	10	28
3	Sandhurst Town	14	8	2	4	32	17	15	26
4	Amesbury Town	16	8	2	6	29	36	-7	26
5	Cove	11	8	1	2	29	12	17	25
6	Fawley AFC	12	7	3	2	23	15	8	24
7	Newport (IOW)	12	6	4	2	34	15	19	22
8	Frimley Green	14	7	1	6	38	23	15	22
9	Hedge End Rangers	12	6	2	4	27	20	7	20
10	Ash United	12	5	4	3	24	20	4	19
11	Folland Sports	14	6	1	7	30	35	-5	19
12	Lymington Town	17	5	5	7	23	38	-15	19*
13	Colden Common	13	5	2	6	32	29	3	17
14	Blandford United	12	5	2	5	24	24	0	17
15	Romsey Town	12	5	1	6	26	23	3	16
16	AFC Aldermaston	14	4	4	6	24	25	-1	16
17	Whitchurch United	15	4	4	7	29	39	-10	16
18	Alresford Town	17	4	3	10	24	39	-15	15
19	Kintbury Rangers	13	2	4	7	17	31	-14	10
20	Hamworthy United	13	2	2	9	21	31	-10	8
21	Totton & Eling	15	1	1	13	15	56	-41	4

* adjustment made

Latest Table – Jewson Western League - Division 1

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	AEK Boco	15	10	3	2	25	33
2	Bristol Telephones	16	10	3	3	15	33
3	Avonmouth	16	9	5	2	14	32
4	Odd Down (BATH)	16	9	3	4	2	30
5	Longwell Green Sports	15	9	2	4	28	29
6	Nailsea United	14	8	1	5	17	25
7	Shirehampton	15	7	1	7	1	22
8	Almondsbury	14	7	1	6	-5	22
9	Warminster Town	15	6	3	6	7	21
10	Bitton	15	6	2	7	0	20
11	Radstock Town	11	4	4	3	3	16
12	Oldland Abbotonians	11	4	4	3	1	16
13	Wincanton Town	13	5	1	7	-7	16
14	Cadbury Heath	16	4	4	8	-12	16
15	Keynsham Town	15	4	1	10	-11	13
16	Calne Town	15	3	4	8	-17	13
17	Mendip Broadwalk	13	3	3	7	-10	12
18	Welton Rovers	17	0	1	16	-51	1

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Feeder League Into the DPL



DORSET SENIOR LEAGUE

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Stars Football Academy Stars FC	7	5	0	2	13	15
2	Cobham Sports FC Reserves	7	4	1	2	11	13
3	Parley Football Club	5	4	1	0	8	13
4	Bournemouth Sports Reserves	6	4	0	2	2	12
5	Shaftesbury Reserves	6	3	2	1	5	11
6	Tisbury United First	5	3	1	1	8	10
7	Malden Newton & Cattistock First	6	2	3	1	4	9
8	Canford United First	7	3	0	4	3	9
9	Bournemouth Poppies Reserves	6	0	1	5	-14	1
10	Westland Sports Reserves	6	0	1	5	-17	1
11	Poole Borough First	5	0	0	5	-23	-1*

* adjustment made

LATEST RESULTS

L	24/10/26	Malden Newton & Cattistock First		4-5		Stars Football Academy Stars FC
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REPORTS FOR DFL SATURDAY LEAGUE – 24th OCTOBER 2026

SENIOR LEAGUE

Maiden Newton versus Stars FC was the only game to go ahead in the Senior League this afternoon and it produced 9 goals with Stars FC coming out 5-4 winners and going top of the Senior League. Scoring for Stars was Sam Bayston, with a brace, Jordi Gentle, Nick Patrick and Oliver Davis. Maiden newton's goals were courtesy of Matt Stickland x2, Finn Cooper and Jamie Quinton.

Report courtesy of Jeanette Elliott

Dorset Football League Adult Secretary/Public Relations Officer

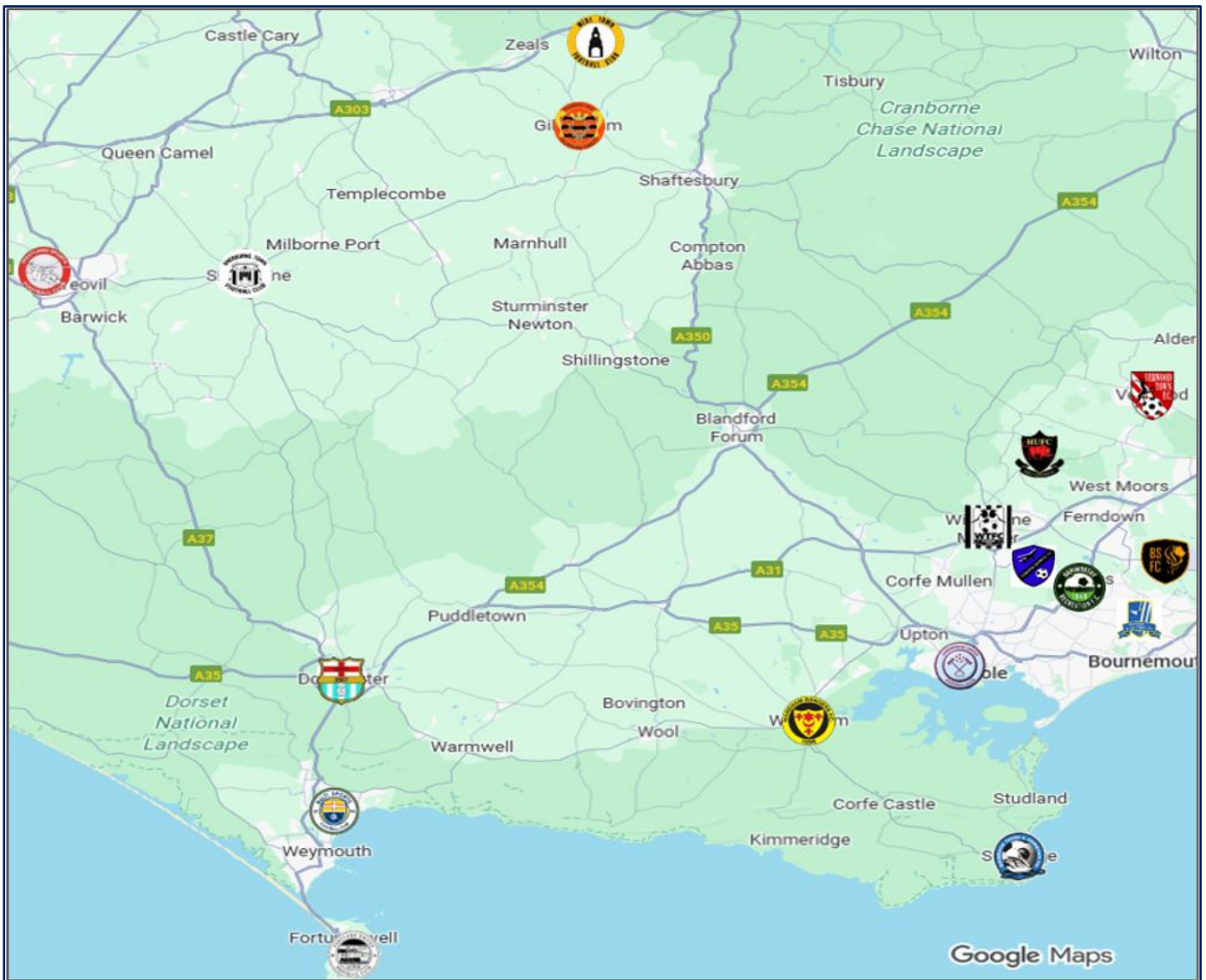
UPCOMING FIXTURES

CC	31/10/26	Downton (Sat) Reserves		VS		Tisbury United First
CC	31/10/26	Hamworthy United Reserves		VS		Stars Football Academy Stars FC
CC	31/10/26	Shaftesbury Reserves		VS		Hamworthy Recreation Reserves
CC	31/10/26	Wareham Rangers First		VS		Canford United First
CC	31/10/26	Westland Sports Reserves		VS		Parley Football Club
L	31/10/26	Maiden Newton & Cattistock First		VS		Bournemouth Sports Reserves



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5x Reserve Teams



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