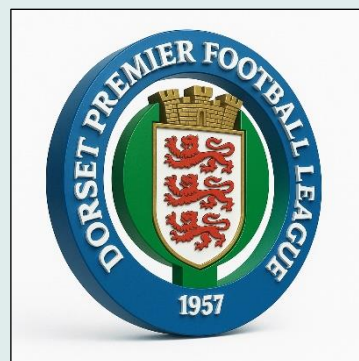


THE DPL DISPATCH

Issue 09 – Season 25 / 26



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Blandford United FC (3) v Balti Sports FC (1) – 18/10/2025

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Welcome

To the 9th edition of the Dispatch for this 25 / 26 Season.

This edition covers the League Cup game between Hamworthy Recreation FC Reserves versus Sherborne Town FC Reserves on Wednesday 15th October and the nine League games on 18th October.

Nothing changes in the top two positions with Cobham Sports FC remaining in top position with Dorchester Sports FC still in second. However, third position sees a change with Bournemouth Electric FC climbing two places.

There is still no change at the bottom of the table with Bridport FC Reserves and Poole Borough FC maintaining last week's positions.

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

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- The approaching club cannot approach more than one player at a club at the same time.

The League is still looking for a Main Sponsor for season 2025 / 2026 and alongside a Main Sponsor there are other Sponsorship packages available, if this is of interest to you, please, in the 1st instance contact the General League Secretary on.

dpl.generalsecretary@gmail.com

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

Kind regards.

Mike Pomeroy

LEAGUE ROUND UP – 18th OCTOBER 2025

9 Games played today in the Dorset Premier Football League

Cobham Sports FC maintained pole position in the League after a 4-2 win at Chapel Gate against hosts Bournemouth Sports FC, scoring for the visitors were Faustino Maher, Harrison Wright, Harvey Elsom & Callum Clarke, with Taylor Webb scoring a brace for the home side.

Dorchester Sports FC remain in 2nd place after a 2-0 win at Bridport FC Reserves with Alex Godfrey netting both, in 3rd place are Bournemouth Electric FC who came from 1 down at half time to win 2-1 at the County Ground against Hamworthy United FC Reserves, Aza Khider had put the Hammers ahead only for Electric to hit back through Kyle John-Clement & Jake Harvey.

Blandford United FC welcomed Balti Sports FC to Park Road with the Royals winning 3-1 with goals from Reuben Stanley, Tom Weeks & Elliott Manson, scoring for Sports was Matt Chambers.

Hamworthy Recreation FC Reserves played out a 1-1 draw with Holt United FC at Magna Road, scoring for the hosts was Bryce Banfield from the penalty spot with Sammi Garcia equalising for the Bulls.

In North Dorset, Westland Sports FC beat hosts Gillingham Town FC 2-1 with goals from Fred Chorley & Phil Ormrod, scoring the hosts goal was Bayley Pitman, meanwhile at Potterne Park, Verwood Town FC beat Sherborne Town FC Reserves also 2-1 with the hosts scoring through a brace from Matt Pope, scoring for the Zebras was Jaimie Jarman.

Poole Borough FC picked up a welcome point on the road in the Purbeck as they drew 1-1 with Swanage Town & Herston FC who took the lead through Cody Moore only to be pegged back by Poole's Toulpe Emanuel, finally at the New Cuthbury, hosts Wimborne Town FC Reserves beat Portland United FC Reserves 2-0 with goals coming from Jack Copperwaite & George Adair-Charlton.

HAMWORTHY RECREATION FC RESERVES
SHERBORNE TOWN FC RESERVES

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Ham Rec Res set out to retain their crown from last season Under the lights at the Meyson Properties Stadium

Ham Rec Res welcomed Sherborne Town Res in our opening game in this seasons Dorset Premier League Cup- 2ndRound. It didn't take the home side long to take the lead, after some great build up play Henry Bowe cut in from the left, rolled the ball into Igor Da Costa on the edge of the Sherborne penalty area, Igor spotted the over lapping run on Henry Barham on the right, he drove into the penalty area, fired a low cross into the near post which was tucked home by Martin Videnov, 1-0. The young striker was on the score sheet again just before half time, the ball this time played in from the midfield into Bryce Banfield, Bryce spotted Martin on the edge of the penalty area, Martin controlled the ball, pivoted and unleashed a curling shot into the top left corner leaving the Sherborne GK no chance, 2-0.

HT2-0

The second half started with Sherborne pressing to get back in the game, they saw a lot of the ball in the initial phase really putting the home side defence under pressure, this paid off for them in the 54" minute, Gavin Haynes already on a yellow card, stretched out a leg to make a tackle, mis-timed his tackle and the ref deemed it a2nd yellow, Ham Rec Res down to 10 men. This inspired Sherborne and they capitalised as the home side tried to settle into their new formation/positions, in 74h min Rec lost the ball on the half way line, the Sherborne left back broke forward, spotted the visitors striker with a great run, slide an inch perfect pass into the strikers feet who took 1 touch and drill a shoot from the edge of the home sides penalty area into the bottom corner, 2-1.

Rec did not let this phase them, straight from the kick off, Curits Lane won the home side a corner, Henry Bowe and Elliot Birtwistle took a short corner, Henry whipped in a great cross and it was met in the middle of the goal by a towering header from Lucas Davies who nodded it down into the bottom corner, 3-1. Rec now on the front foot broke down the right, a shot fired in was tipped over by the GK, Henry Bowe stepped up to take the corner, whipped in a great ball to the back post and it sailed passed all Ham Rec players, taking a slight nick off a defender's head on the way in to increase the home sides lead, 4-1. Onto the next round we go against Wimborne Town Res.

LEAGUE MATCH REPORTS – SATURDAY 18th OCTOBER 2025

BLANDFORD UTD FC
BALTI SPORTS FC

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After last weekend's 6-0 win at home to Hamworthy United Reserves we this week had another home game as we welcomed Balti Sports FC from Weymouth...

The first half started super quick when in the 2nd minute we took the lead when Dan Kelly played a lovely ball over the top which REUBEN STANLEY outpaced his man too and slots it past the outrushing Balti keeper and into the far corner! (1-0) Balti came close to equalising on the 14th minute when their striker turned well but was denied by an excellent save from Lucas Goad in the Royals goal! A few more half chances throughout the first half but it stayed 1-0

HALFTIME: ROYALS 1-0 BALTI SPORTS

The second half was another end to end tough affair and on the 70th minute Balti equalised when the ball falls to substitute MATTY CHAMBERS who beat his marker then fired it past Lucas Goad in the Royals goal. (1-1) but then Royals equalised when on the 78th minute the ball came to TOM WEEKS who ran with it and beat the keeper at his near post! (2-1) then



between then and the third goal the Balti keeper made 2 fantastic saves to deny Manson but he couldn't deny him a third time when the keeper went up on the 90th minute for a Balti corner and it fell to him and he shot and it was blocked by a Royals defender then fell to Whetton who

ran with it then slotted it unselfishly to ELLIOTT MANSON who slotted it into the far corner of the open goal! (3-1) which is how it stayed!

Great game for the neutral!

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BOURNEMOUTH SPORTS FC
COBHAM SPORTS FC

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A strong first 45 minutes from Dorset Premier League leaders Cobham Sports at Chapel Gate saw them return to Merley Park with three points in their pocket on Saturday afternoon after a 4-2 victory over last year's champions, Bournemouth Sports. Cobham's first half dominance saw them go into the break holding a three goal lead with goals from Faustino Maher, Harry Wright and Harvey Elsom and they started the second half strongly when Callum Clarke scored in the 47th minute but complacency seemed to creep into the Cobham performance which enabled the Bournemouth outfit a foothold in the game from which they were rewarded with a Taylor Webb brace.

Cobham quickly stamped their authority on proceedings and they took the lead in the 7th minute, the excellent Harry Wright played in Maher after good work by Clarke, he appeared to have lost the ball on the run toward goal but regained his composure to poke the ball past Bournemouth stopper Jakub Lewiarz. It was 2-0 just three minutes later, Tino Maher's footwork bamboozling the Bournemouth defence, he played the ball to Callum Perry on the overlap and the pinpoint cross fell to Wright who made no mistake from 15 yards. Bournemouth hit back in the 12th minute and Taylor Webb brought a comfortable save out of Luke Beale and just three minutes later, James Bergin found Beale tough to beat. Bournemouth's biggest threat all game came from the long ball over the top and one of these found Webb in space in the 19th minute, but his chip was too high. Clarke brought a save out of Lewiarz in the 24th minute as Cobham pushed forward and when Maher was played in by Asa Phillips in the 32nd minute he could only hook his shot wide. Cobham got their third goal in the 40th minute, a Sam Lench corner was played into the mix, Phillips had his back to goal and managed to poke the ball to the advancing Harvey Elsom who scored from 7 yards as the teams went into the break with Cobham three up.

Cobham began the second half on the front foot and a fine defence splitting pass in the 47th minute from Harry Wright found Callum Clarke and the nippy forward planted the ball past the advancing Lewiarz to give Cobham the perfect start to the half to lead 4-0. Bournemouth responded well and their tactic of the long ball over the top was beginning to unsettle the Cobham outfit, their engine room was being missed out due to the long ball, one of these resulted in a corner to Bournemouth in the 50th minute, Bergin's left footed in swinger found an unmarked Taylor Webb at the near post who easily headed home, 4-1. The game was turned on its head as Cobham struggled to deal with the long ball on the short pitch and they began to concede corners and throws in dangerous positions and the consequence of another long ball not being dealt with in the 67th minute saw Webb get his second of the afternoon shooting home from 12 yards. Bournemouth gained the initiative with their tactics forcing Cobham into sloppiness through the pitch, they found it difficult to play through Bournemouth and it seemed like each long ball forward was being countered with a long ball back at them so they could repeat the dose, that said, Cobham did carve out some chances with good play down the flanks with Joe Wood and Lench both going close and Lewiarz produced a fine save to deny Eze-Sunday in the 86th minute as Cobham held on for a vital 4-2 win.

GILLINGHAM TOWN FC
WESTLAND SPORTS FC

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This Saturday we welcomed Westlands to WoodWater. A closely matched game with a 0-0 half time score. Westlands were the first to score as the second half started. Gill Very quickly equalised, with a goal by Bailey Pitman. Westlands scored the winning goal towards the end of the second half, with Gill running out of time to equalise. Our next game is away to the league leaders.

HAMWORTHY RECREATION FC RESERVES
HOLT UTD FC

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Hamworthy Rec Res welcomed Hot United to the Meyson Properties Stadium in their 4th game in 14 days, needing to make a couple of change to rotate players and keep things fresh, one of those was Matt Kerse, in the 4th minute Rec were on the attack, Matt broke into the Holt penalty and was deemed to have been fouled, the referee awarded the home side a penalty. Bryce Banfield stepped up and tucked home the spot kick to give rec an early lead, 1-0.

The rest of the first half played out as a midfield battle with few chances really testing either goalkeeper, Holts experienced central midfielder Sami Garci was doing a great job of smashing and crashing any attempt Rec had of playing through midfield, frustrating the young side in to looking to play long which Holt were happy with.

HT 1-0

The visitors came out firing in the second half, getting the ball forward at every opportunity to gamble on the ball being in and around the home side penalty area, utilising their players height, for most of the game the home side manage to deal with the ariel threat, Lucas Davies doing a great job keeping another of Hols experienced players, Kane Daysh quiet with few to no clear chances, however, the chance did come for the visitors in the 55th minute, Holt had a corner, literally every outfield player was in the homes sides penalty area and it was the visitors who reacted quickest, the corner landed in the penalty area, what felt like a life time the ball was ricocheting off bodies until Sami Garci got something on the ball, it manage to evade a mass of bodies and find its way into the home sides goal, 1-1.

This then opened the flood gates to both sides looking for the winner, Holt made a bulk of changes shortly after the goal to add some fresh legs but again both midfields cancelled each other out, all in all probably the correct result, Rec turn their attention to another midweek game, at home to Wimborne Town Reserves. FT 1-1

HAMWORTHY UNITED FC RESERVES
BOURNEMOUTH ELECTRIC FC

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3rd placed B-mth Electric were the visitors on Saturday at the County ground. The game was evenly matched in the opening minutes with both teams trying to stamp their authority on the game.

The opening goal came in the 7th minute from Khedir who finished well to complete a clever move from the hosts.

In the 15th minute, a defence cutting ball fed through to Reeks and challenged by Agheba, who was deemed the last man in a dubious decision which saw the home side go down to 10 men. Electric slowly grow into the game with the one man advantage but struggled to break down a resilient Hamworthy. Half time 1-0

Second half.

The visitors began strong and began to dominate possession in the game, creating a few half chances, but the hammers stood firm until around the 63rd minute when a cross into the box was finished off with a good header by Clement to make it 1-1

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The home side sitting deeper and electric knocking on the door for a second, a few opportunities arrived for Hamworthy to go back in front but were not taken.

Substitute Jake Harvey, lucky to still be on the pitch after an over the top challenge, sealed the victory for the visitors in the last minute with a header from a corner which was unchallenged.

Unfortunately, a day where the big decisions seemed to go against us saw us lose 2-1 at home.

Hamworthy Res 1-2 Bournemouth Electric

SWANAGE TOWN & HERSTON FC
POOLE BOROUGH FC

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Swans experienced a misfiring afternoon against bottom club Poole Borough with a disappointing 1-1 draw at Day's Park in The Dorset Premier League.

Swans produced the perfect start with a goal after 6 minutes from Cody Moore who cut in and evaded a couple of challenges to finish in the bottom corner. The Hornets number 9, Emanuel, went close on the break.



Swans had the lion's share of possession dominating proceedings and went close through Moore, Pitt and Gundogdu. Ocean Smith nearly increased the lead following good work from Marcus Smith and Moore.

Young ran on to a through ball but was denied by a great stop from the visitor's keeper James.

Herrington's free kick was met by Gundogdu but his goal-bound header rebounded off the woodwork. H.T. 1-0.

The Hornets equalised 5 minutes after the restart when Toulpe Emanuel struck following a corner. Swans were now desperate for the winner and dominated the ball but failed to capitalise on the many chances created.

Near misses from Moore, Pitt, Gundogdu and great saves from Borough keeper James kept the score level. Moore struck the post with a vicious effort and Young missed the target when well placed. Borough had a great chance on the break but was denied by a last ditch tackle.

A very disappointing result for the Swans, but credit to Poole Borough's determined defending and workman like performance. On the positive side, the Swans remain unbeaten for four games.

Swans Star Man - Stephen Pryor
Special Mention - Ogun Gundogdu

Team: T.Hibbs, R.Greenwood (J.Martin 75), O.Gundogdu, B.Smith, S.Pryor, S.Herrington, C.Pitt, M.Smith, O.Smith, C.Moore, C.Young.
Subs: L.Fontana, J.Clarke, J.Martin, C.Magnier, R.Norman.

*Report and Photograph Courtesy of **Gerald Dimarco***

VERWOOD TOWN FC
SHERBORNE TOWN FC RESERVES

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A Sherborne attack within the first minute was snuffed out in the box preventing a past history repeat of us conceding early. Sherborne's attacking style gave our defenders a lot to cope with but a good work ethic prevailed and we retaliated well. Grzybowski went close with a daisy cutter bringing a good stop from the keeper. A minute later Craciun brought another good save from the visiting keeper with a left footer from just inside the area. The game see sawed, not always pretty but a determined effort from both sides to score. A good watch. Bentley and Pope provided a good central pairing with Danvers and Savage working the flanks, Fudge and Knott were superb in support. It took 36 minutes for us to break the tight Sherborne defensive shield. A good move down our left and a deep cross into the box was met by Pope out jumping his marker and putting a solid header past the keeper to open the scoring. 1-0. A minute left of the first half and a foul on the edge of the Sherborne box gave away a free kick. Up stepped Pope to beat the keeper with rising shot into the top corner. 2-0. The whistle blew on a good first half. Half Time. 2-0

No heads dropped in the Sherborne ranks. All credit to their attitude and we were forced to defend in a similar pattern to the first half's opening spell. Bentley won a heading duel in the box and Beck took a good catch in the top corner as Sherborne pressed. 4 minutes only on the clock and another attack was broken up by Pope. A quick counter and Craciun went free but blasted an angled shot over the bar. The game proceeded with mixed play. Some on the deck and some needing craned necks. Both ends had action and on 17 minutes a lapse of concentration in our defence let in a runner. 2-1. Both benches had tightened rectums as pace picked up with both teams creating opportunities. It was a nail biting last ten minutes with keepers doing their jobs to keep further alterations to the score board.

Result. 2-1

WIMBORNE TOWN FC RESERVES
PORTLAND UNITED FC RESERVES

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Wimborne dominated the first half and could've gone into the break a few goals to the good. The second half was a more even affair with Portland playing their way back into the game but a screamer from Jack Copperwaite stopped the visitor's momentum and sealed the game for Wimborne.

BRIDPORT FC RESERVES
DORCHESTER SPORTS FC

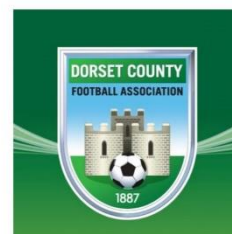
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Dorchester Sports took all 3 points from their travels to Bridport.

The first half saw Sports hit the bar through Dan Sheehy. They also found Andy Ennals in fine form in the Bees goal denying Sports on two occasions. The Bees created chances of their own, the again impressive Harry Angel chested and volleyed straight at Nick Hutchings, whilst the flicks on from Dan Baggs were not capitalised by the Bridport front men.

Sports took the lead on the hour mark, a flick on found Alex Godfrey uncontested and with Bees unable to engage he headed home easily. 10 minutes later Godfrey finished one on one to double the lead. Dan Baggs dragged a shot wide whilst Ethan Robertson and Callum Arnold also went close late on for Bridport.

COUNTY CORNER



FOR 16/17-YEAR-OLDS

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

YOUR RIGHTS:

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

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

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

HELPFUL ORGS:

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

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

CEOP: ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting

ThinkUknow: thinkuknow.co.uk/14_plus

ChildNet: childnet.com/young-people/secondary

Samaritans: samaritans.org/how-we-can-help-you
Helpline is open 24 hrs a day: **116 123**

Stonewall: stonewall.org.uk/help-advice

Stonewall Youth: youngstonewall.org.uk

YoungMinds: youngminds.org.uk

DisrespectNoBody: disrespectnobody.co.uk



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS IN FOOTBALL



DPL Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Cobham Sports FC	13	11	2	0	37	35
2	Dorchester Sports FC	12	9	2	1	21	29
3	Bournemouth Electric FC	11	8	2	1	19	26
4	Swanage Town & Herston FC	12	7	3	2	19	24
5	Blandford United FC	10	8	0	2	14	24
6	Bournemouth Sports FC	12	7	2	3	16	23
7	Sherborne Town FC Reserves	13	7	0	6	-6	21
8	Westland Sports FC	11	6	1	4	12	19
9	Holt United FC	12	6	1	5	3	19
10	Hamworthy Recreation FC Reserves	14	5	3	6	-9	18
11	Balti Sports FC	13	5	2	6	7	17
12	Verwood Town FC	13	4	2	7	-15	14
13	Wimborne Town FC Reserves	13	4	0	9	-14	12
14	Hamworthy United FC Reserves	13	4	0	9	-25	12
15	Gillingham Town FC	13	2	2	9	-6	8
16	Portland United FC Reserves	11	2	2	7	-19	8
17	Bridport FC Reserves	12	1	3	8	-24	6
18	Poole Borough FC	14	0	3	11	-30	3

Upcoming Fixtures

Lg	22/10/25 19:30	Sherborne Town FC Reserves	VS	Blandford United FC	RALEIGH GROVE	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	22/10/25 19:45	Hamworthy Recreation FC Reserves	VS	Wimborne Town FC Reserves	MEYSON PROPERTIES STADIUM	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	25/10/25 15:00	Bridport FC Reserves	VS	Hamworthy United FC Reserves	ST MARY'S FIELD	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	25/10/25 15:00	Cobham Sports FC	VS	Gillingham Town FC	COBHAM SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	25/10/25 15:00	Holt United FC	VS	Bournemouth Sports FC	PETERSHAM LANE	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	25/10/25 15:00	Poole Borough FC	VS	Balti Sports FC	TURLIN MOOR RECREATION GROUND	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	25/10/25 15:00	Portland United FC Reserves	VS	Dorchester Sports FC	CAMP AND SATHERLEY STADIUM	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	25/10/25 15:00	Sherborne Town FC Reserves	VS	Swanage Town & Herston FC	RALEIGH GROVE	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	25/10/25 15:00	Verwood Town FC	VS	Wimborne Town FC Reserves	POTTERNE PARK	Dorset Premier Football League
Lg	25/10/25 15:00	Westland Sports FC	VS	Blandford United FC	YEOVIL TOWN COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE	Dorset Premier Football League

Postponement Count = 0



LEAGUE CUP 2025 / 26



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

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

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

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

Non-Contract Players

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

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

C89 An Approach Notice must be given by:

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

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

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

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

C91 The Approaching Club must send the Approach Notice:

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

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

C92 An Approaching Club:

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

and

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

Guidance

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

C93 An Approaching Club must not:

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

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

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

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

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

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

TO SUM UP

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

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

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

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

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

To calculate the relevant time limits,

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

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- The approaching club cannot approach more than one player at a club at the same time* (C93.3)

* This is subject to provisions under FA Rule C94

GRAPHIC

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

IFAB – Laws Of The Game Update 25/26

CAPTAINS ONLY PROTOCOL

LAWS OF THE GAME OVERVIEW

CAPTAINS ONLY PROTOCOL

Law 3 – Law 5

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

Purpose and Rationale

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

Key Points

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

Additional Details

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

National Implementation

This protocol will be implemented consistently across:

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

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

Education and Communication

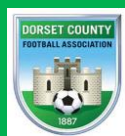
We are currently rolling out education for referees, County FAs, Referee Development Officers, and other stakeholders to ensure clear understanding and consistent application.

Clarification for Youth, Veterans, Disability, and Grassroots Levels

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

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

COUNTY CUPS 2025 – 2026



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

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Round 1

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

12 Clubs have received Byes into the 2nd Round

Round 2

01/11/25		Lyme Regis FC		V		Wareham Rangers FC
01/11/25		Bye		V		BLANDFORD UNITED FC
01/11/25		Maiden Newton & Cattistock FC		V		BRIDPORT FC Res
01/11/25		Puddletown FC		V		Cranborne FC
01/11/25		DORCHESTER SPORTS FC		V		COBHAM SPORTS FC
01/11/25		Westover FC B-Mth		V		POOLE BOROUGH FC
08/11/25		PORTLAND UTD FC Res		V		BALTI SPORTS FC
15/11/25		SHERBORNE TOWN FC Res		V		HAMWORTHY REC FC Res

Quarter Finals

				V		
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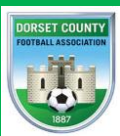
Semi - Finals

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				V		

Final

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@ The County Ground – Hamworthy United FC



D.C.F.A - SENIOR CUP



Round 1

11/11/25		Weymouth FC		V		Bridport FC
11/11/25		VERWOOD TOWN FC		V		Sturminster Newton United FC
11/11/25		Hamworthy Recreation FC		V		Wimborne Town FC
11/11/25		Shaftesbury FC		V		SWANAGE TOWN & HERSTON FC
11/11/25		Sherborne Town FC		V		Hamworthy United FC
11/11/25		Poole Town FC		V		Portland United FC

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

Quarter Finals

				V		
				V		
				V		
				V		

Semi - Finals

				V		
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Final

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@ The County Ground – Hamworthy United FC

Hampshire FA



H.F.A SATURDAY TROPHY

1st Round

October 4th

Select Generation FC

0

v

6

BOURNEMOUTH ELECTRIC FC

2nd Round

November 1st

Whitehill & Bordon FC

v

BOURNEMOUTH ELECTRIC FC

November 8th

Brading Town FC

v

BOURNEMOUTH SPORTS FC

3rd Round

v

v

4th Round

v



S.F.A SATURDAY TROPHY

1st Round

October 4th

Red Falcons FC

1

v

4

WESTLAND SPORTS FC

2nd Round

November 1st

Nailsea United FC

v

WESTLAND SPORTS FC

DPL – Respect Table 25/26

The DPL runs a Competition throughout each season to do with Respect and is based around the Points the Match Referee awards each Club in the following areas on a Match Day.

- Behaviour of Managers
- Behaviour of Players
- Behaviour of the Captain

Each area is marked out of 10 with 2 points deducted for each Sin Bin received & 3 points deducted for each S6 Red card received - (*Foul & Abusive Language*)

Each block is measured over 5 games with the Club receiving the most marks getting **£100.00** from the League –

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

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



Step 6 Leagues for Possible Relegations



Late Table – Velocity Wessex League 1

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Whitchurch United	11	10	0	1	38	12	26	30
2	Fleetlands	13	8	2	3	28	19	9	26
3	Romsey Town	13	7	3	3	25	14	11	24
4	Colden Common	12	7	2	3	38	27	11	23
5	Newport (IsW)	12	7	1	4	23	19	4	22
6	Bingwood Town	14	7	1	6	29	33	-4	22
7	Frimley Green	11	6	3	2	28	17	11	21
8	Ash United	12	6	3	3	19	18	1	21
9	Hamworthy United	12	6	1	5	31	21	10	19
10	Cove	9	5	3	1	17	11	6	18
11	Kintbury Rangers	14	5	3	6	26	31	-5	18
12	Folland Sports	11	5	1	5	25	18	7	16
13	Yateley United	13	4	2	7	30	26	4	14
14	Blackfield & Langley	11	4	2	5	17	29	-12	14
15	United Services Portsmouth	14	4	2	8	21	39	-18	14
16	Amesbury Town	11	3	2	6	16	19	-3	11
17	Clanfield	12	3	2	7	20	24	-4	11
18	Alresford Town	11	2	5	4	20	27	-7	11
19	AFC Aldermaston	9	2	3	4	14	12	2	9
20	Fawley AFC	12	2	3	7	11	25	-14	9
21	Totton & Eling	10	2	0	8	10	25	-15	6
22	Lymington Town	11	1	2	8	15	35	-20	5

Latest Table – Jewson Western League 1

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Devizes Town	14	9	5	0	20	32
2	Bristol Telephones	15	10	2	3	8	32
3	Bitton	15	9	4	2	9	31
4	Aronmouth	13	8	4	1	10	28
5	Wells City	15	9	0	6	19	27
6	Sturminster Newton United	13	8	2	3	21	26
7	Almondsbury	15	8	1	6	-3	25
8	Mendip Broadwalk	13	6	5	2	6	23
9	Longwell Green Sports	14	7	1	6	-5	22
10	Warminster Town	15	6	3	6	4	21
11	Cadbury Heath	15	6	2	7	-5	20
12	AEK Boco	14	5	3	6	3	18
13	Odd Down (BATH)	15	4	4	7	-7	16
14	Keynsham Town	14	4	3	7	-1	15
15	Calne Town	13	4	3	6	-3	15
16	Shirehampton	14	3	5	6	-7	14
17	Cheddar	15	2	4	9	-14	10
18	Radstock Town	13	2	3	8	-11	8*
19	Welton Rovers	14	1	3	10	-22	6
20	Hengrove Athletic	15	0	5	10	-22	5

* adjustment made



Feeder League Into the DPL



DORSET SENIOR LEAGUE

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Wareham Rangers First	7	6	0	1	14	18
2	Tisbury United First	5	5	0	0	15	15
3	Mere Town FC Mens 1st	5	4	0	1	13	12
4	Bournemouth Poppies Reserves	6	3	1	2	3	10
5	Maiden Newton & Cattistock First	6	3	1	2	-2	10
6	Cobham Sports FC Reserves	6	2	2	2	6	8
7	Westland Sports Reserves	5	2	0	3	2	6
8	Puddletown First	5	2	0	3	-2	6
9	Westover Bournemouth First	5	1	1	3	-4	4
10	Bournemouth Sports Reserves	6	1	0	5	-17	3
11	Wincanton Town Reserves	5	0	2	3	-8	2
12	Cranborne First	5	0	1	4	-20	1

LATEST RESULTS

Type	Date / Time	Home Team	Away Team	Competition
⊕	L 18/10/25 15:00	Cobham Sports FC Reserves	Cranborne First	Dorset Senior League
⊕	L 18/10/25 15:00	Puddletown First	Mere Town FC Mens 1st	Dorset Senior League
⊕	L 18/10/25 15:00	Wareham Rangers First	Bournemouth Poppies Reserves	Dorset Senior League
⊕	L 18/10/25 15:00	Westland Sports Reserves	Bournemouth Sports Reserves	Dorset Senior League
⊕	L 18/10/25 15:00	Westover Bournemouth First	Maiden Newton & Cattistock First	Dorset Senior League
⊕	L 18/10/25 15:00	Wincanton Town Reserves	Tisbury United First	Dorset Senior League

UPCOMING FIXTURES

Type	Date / Time	Home Team	Away Team	Venue	Competition	Status
L	25/10/25 15:00	Bournemouth Sports Reserves	Westland Sports Reserves	CHAPEL GATE	Dorset Senior League	
L	25/10/25 15:00	Maiden Newton & Cattistock First	Cobham Sports FC Reserves	KENNEL GROUND	Dorset Senior League	
L	25/10/25 15:00	Puddletown First	Wincanton Town Reserves	PUDDLETOWN RECREATION GROUND	Dorset Senior League	
L	25/10/25 15:00	Wareham Rangers First	Tisbury United First	PURBECK SPORTS CENTRE	Dorset Senior League	
L	25/10/25 15:00	Westover Bournemouth First	Cranborne First	Westover Bournemouth First	Dorset Senior League	
CC	25/10/25 14:00	Bournemouth Poppies Reserves	BTC (Southampton) A	Bournemouth (Saturday) Development (Dors)	Saturday Vase	

DPL – CLUB MAP 25/26

