



## MIDWEEK UPDATE

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### ALL THE ACTION

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#### Premier Division

PROMOTED Wingate went to the top of the Premier Division table on Tuesday with an impressive 2-1 home victory over Lowestoft.

Leon Smith, who netted their winning goal at Hastings on Saturday, was on target again after just nine minutes, racing on to a long ball and rounding keeper Andy Reynolds.

Murat Karagul added another midway through the first half to stun the Trawlerboys, who had emphasised their title credentials by beating Lewes 3-1 on Saturday despite playing much of the game with ten men.

Lowestoft eventually got back into the game when Michael Frew converted a cross from Andrew Cave-Brown with 15 minutes left and they almost snatched a point at the death when Chris Henderson hit a post.

The only other side with six points to their credit are Hendon, and they have Jamie Busby to thank.

Two Busby goals have produced two 1-0 wins, the second of them completing an unhappy Premier night for Suffolk as the Greens came out on top at Bury.

The hosts had the better of the first half, to no avail, and Busby settled it with a low drive from outside the box with 20 minutes left.

Margate moved into third place with a decisive 3-0 home win over Aveley, the only side in the division who have yet to score this season.

Millers hit the woodwork in the first half but rarely threatened apart from that. Goals by Richard Avery and Craig Cloke in the closing stages of the first half effectively secured victory, and Tom Bradbrook added a late third.

Billericay and Carshalton are alongside Margate on four points after drawn games. Jay May's 68<sup>th</sup>-minute goal earned Billericay a 1-1 draw at Harrow, who had gone ahead through Dean Fenton on the stroke of half-time, while Carshalton were held scoreless at home by Wealdstone, for whom Richard Jolly went close near the end.

Hornchurch, who had started with a 5-2 victory at Cray, found it harder going on home turf and went down 2-1 to Essex rivals Canvey. A header by Elliot Styles gave Urchins an early lead but Danny Heale equalised against one of his old clubs, pouncing on the loose ball after Andrew West's header hit a post. Rob King, who netted a hat-trick of penalties in the corresponding fixture last season, fired home from 25 yards for the 63<sup>rd</sup>-minute winner.

Canvey's neighbours Concord also opened their season's account, as did visitors Cray in a 1-1 draw. Tommy Whitnell struck for Cray three minutes before the interval and Elliott Charles replied in the 52<sup>nd</sup> minute.

Also off the mark are Tooting, who won 4-2 at Leatherhead to leave promoted Tanners

as the only team with two defeats on their record. It was the home side who led at half-time thanks to an own goal by Osa Obamwonyi but the Terrors turned it round in the second period with a burst of three goals in 12 minutes.

Jamie Byatt levelled matters with a penalty, Fola Onibuje added another and Byatt struck again.

Greg Andrews nabbed his first Premier goal from the penalty spot to pull it back to 3-2 before Jordan Wilson clinched victory in the last minute.

Matt Hall scored Hastings' first goal of the season, giving them a 22<sup>nd</sup>-minute lead from the spot at East Thurrock, and they went on to collect their first points. Some good work by Hastings keeper Lloyd Anderson helped to keep Rocks at bay and Kenny Pogue made it 2-0 in the 90<sup>th</sup> minute.

The match of the week had been on Monday, when a brilliant hat-trick by Horsham winger Tony Nwachukwu provided the biggest shock of the Ryman League season so far as Hornets pulled off a 4-3 victory at Kingstonian.

In a rousing game, K's dominated for long periods - they had three efforts cleared off the line in the first half - but were given a finishing lesson by their fast-breaking opponents.

Nwachukwu stunned the hosts in the 29th minute with a screaming 25-yarder to open the scoring and he struck again six minutes later, forcing his way past a strong defensive challenge to shoot low past Rob Tolfrey.

K's hit back three minutes after that when a long throw found Tom Hutchinson, whose header looped into the net. But Hornets regained their two-goal lead in the fourth minute of added time.

The home defence failed to close down Daniel Morris, allowing him to beat Tolfrey from 15 yards.

Valiant defence and two superb saves by Matthew Armstrong-Ford kept K's at bay after the break, while Nwachukwu hit the bar in a rare Horsham raid.

Another Hutchinson header gave Kingstonian new hope in the 76th minute and it was all square five minutes later through Simon Huckle, whose curling sidefooted shot from 22 yards was immaculately placed into the corner of the net.

K's were clear favourites now and Bobby Traynor shot narrowly wide as the game went into added time.

When Horsham cleared their lines, however, the ball reached the other penalty area and eventually fell to that man Nwachukwu, who kept his head amid the excitement to find the net in cool fashion.

It was still not over but, when Armstrong-Ford failed to hold a cross, Paul Olima headed over the empty net from three yards out.

Then Traynor was just off target with another header before the final whistle triggered the Horsham celebrations.

Lewes got off the mark with a 1-0 home victory over Met Police on Wednesday. Paul Booth scored the only goal two minutes before half-time.

## Division 1 North

TILBURY were the surprise early leaders of Division One North, though only for 24 hours, after an action-packed last half-hour ended with a 4-3 victory over Enfield Town at Cheshunt, the Enfield club's temporary base, on Tuesday.

The home side led at half-time with a Liam Hope goal but had to play the second period with ten men after Leon Osei's dismissal just before the break.

Aaron Matthews equalised in the 62<sup>nd</sup> minute and Gary Henty fired Dockers ahead six minutes later.

Mark Kirby made it 2-2 only for Andrew West to restore Tilbury's lead in the 84<sup>th</sup> minute.

A Walid Matata penalty two minutes into added time seemed to have got Town off the hook.

But Tilbury grabbed an instant winner, Henty's third goal of the season.

Their brief reign at the top was ended by neighbours Grays Athletic on Wednesday, though only just; Kenny Beaney grabbed an 89<sup>th</sup>-minute goal to secure a 2-1 win at Waltham Forest.

Joe Sweeney's fourth goal in two games, ten minutes after half-time, put Grays in front but the visitors drew level with a Josh Bonnett penalty 13 minutes from time and were set to share the points until Beaney struck.

Chatham, transferred from the Division One South, are the only other side on six points.

They fell behind to a Danny Brown goal for visiting Harlow four minutes before half-time on Tuesday but turned round on level terms thanks to a Lee Hales strike and claimed a 2-1 victory when Joe Fuller netted in the 62<sup>nd</sup> minute.

Needham Market, 7-0 winners over Potters Bar on Saturday, had to settle for a single point in a 1-1 draw at Heybridge.

Both goals came in the first half with Oliver Fenn's header for Needham answered by Michael Toner's spectacular 35-yard drive.

Much-travelled striker Bertie Brayley had the chance to win it for Heybridge after a foul on Chris Bryan, but his penalty was saved by Andrew Plummer.

As for Potters Bar, another unhappy result beckoned when they trailed 3-1 at home to Soham with ten minutes left but they battled back to draw 3-3. David Cobb gave Soham an early lead and, after Matt Clifford equalised, Matt Robinson made it 2-1 to the visitors at half-time.

Steve Bugg added another on the hour but Josh Urquhart pulled one back in the 80<sup>th</sup> minute and Clifford struck with three minutes left to deny the former Southern League outfit their first Ryman victory.

Ware proved generous hosts, conceding two own goals in the last 12 minutes to hand Waltham Abbey a 3-1 win. Two late goals in the first half, Ben Andreos for the home side and Louis Bristow for Abbey, left it all square at the interval.

## Division 1 South

IT WAS a Tuesday night of contrasts at Crawley Down, where the newly-promoted Sussex County League champions made their home debut against the league's longest-serving club, Dulwich Hamlet.

There were contrasting fortunes on the field, too, as Dulwich stormed to a 4-0 victory. Junior Kadi opened the scoring with a 40<sup>th</sup>

Vince Rispoli chested the ball past his own keeper during a goalmouth scramble to put Abbey ahead for the first time and Jack Friend settled it when his headed back-pass sailed over keeper Obey Murefu.

Iford held out for 88 minutes at Sudbury, only to be left frustrated when a late James Baker penalty provided the night's only goal.

Promoted Leiston chalked up their first Ryman victory, 2-0 at home to Cheshunt. Both goals came in the first half, from David Head and a Gareth Heath penalty.

Honours were even at Great Wakering, who took a 63<sup>rd</sup>-minute lead through Michael Pinder only for Colchester loanee Freddie Ladapo to rescue Maldon with three minutes left.

Kurt Smith's goal three minutes before half-time was enough to earn Romford three points at home to Redbridge.

Hyun-Jin Lee almost added a second against his former club but was denied by the crossbar.

There was last-gasp drama in the division's second Wednesday game. Dean Standen converted a low free-kick from Scott Mulholland to equalise for Thamesmead in the fourth and last minute of added time against Brentwood.

Both sides thus collected their first point of the season and, indeed, scored their first goal.

The Essex club, playing this opening home game at Aveley because their own pitch was not ready, had taken the lead in added time at the end of the first half when Jose Espinosa headed in a perfect cross from James Love.

Brentwood's home game against Harlow on Saturday will be played at Billericay but they hope it will be the last fixture that has to be moved.

minute penalty and by half-time it was 3-0 as Frankie Sawyer and Nyren Clunis found the target.

Clunis completed a withering burst of four goals in ten minutes' playing time soon after the break.

While the village club are still seeking their first Ryman point and goal, Dulwich top

the early table with six points and six unanswered goals. Just behind them, both with six points and 5-0 goal figures, are Sussex pair Whitehawk and Worthing.

Sam Gargan scored twice in the first six minutes of the second half to earn Hawks a 2-0 home victory over Walton Casuals, while Worthing thrashed Godalming 4-0 at Woodside Road. Tom Lawley and Jamie Brotherton scored in the first half, Steve Metcalf and Mark Pulling in the second. It could have been more: G's keeper Jamie Norris saved a penalty just before the interval.

Whitstable, who struggled throughout last season, are the other team with maximum points after a 2-0 home victory over Maidstone. Peter Hawkins opened the scoring in the third minute and Marvin Okundalaiye nabbed the second 12 minutes after the break. The result left Maidstone sharing bottom place with Crawley Down.

Three other teams, including Walton Casuals, have lost their first two games. Like the bottom pair, Faversham have yet to score after a 3-0 defeat at Hythe, making it a better start to Ryman life at home for the Kent League champions than for their Sussex counterparts.

Although they had the better of the game, Hythe had to wait 75 minutes for their opener. It was worth the wait, though, as Simon Austin volleyed home from around 30 yards. Dave Cook added two more, a penalty and a header.

The other pointless team are Whyteleafe, for whom a late rally was not enough in a 3-2 home defeat by Eastbourne Town. Nathan Crabb put Town ahead after 34 minutes, his brother Sam quickly added another and Luke Denton made it 3-0 on the hour. Kwabena Agyei netted Leafe's first goal of the season on 72 minutes but time was running out when Freddie Fleming got their second.

Kane Sargeant atoned for a first-half penalty miss with two goals as Corinthian-Casuals beat Folkestone 3-1. Glenn Boosey put Casuals ahead three minutes after the interval and Sergeant netted twice in five minutes midway through the half.

Stuart King quickly pulled one back for the visitors but that was all.

There were 1-0 home wins for Walton & Hersham, for whom Josh Webb scored after 15 minutes against Burgess Hill, and for Chipstead, who beat Merstham with a goal on the half-hour by Jason Goodchild.

The night's only draw came at Sittingbourne, who took a 19<sup>th</sup>-minute lead over Ramsgate through Ryan Golding. Luke Wheatley replied in the 34<sup>th</sup> minute and that ended the scoring.

Bognor became the fifth Division One South team to maintain a 100 per cent record after two matches when they won 2-0 at Croydon Athletic on Wednesday.

Jason Prior opened his account for the season with a penalty midway through the first half, after a foul on Terry Dodd.

Athletic missed a penalty of their own shortly afterwards and Bognor made sure of the points with a goal from Ben Johnson in the 67<sup>th</sup> minute.

## LEADING SCORERS

(After Wednesday's games)

- 4 Sam Newson (Needham Market)  
Joe Sweeney (Grays Athletic)
- 3 Josh Bonnett (Waltham Forest)  
Nyren Clunis (Dulwich Hamlet)  
Sam Gargan (Whitehawk)  
Gary Henty (Tilbury)  
Tony Nwachukwu (Horsham)

## NEXT BULLETIN

THE next edition of the Ryman League Weekly News and Match Bulletin will be published on Tuesday August 30<sup>th</sup>, including all the action from the Bank Holiday weekend.

There will be no Midweek Update next week.

## LEAGUE TABLES

(To Wednesday August 24)

	Home						Away							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD	
<b>PREMIER DIVISION</b>														
Wingate & Finchley	2	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	6	2	
Hendon	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	6	2	
Margate	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	4	3	
Billericay Town	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	1	4	1	
Carshalton Athletic	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	4	1	
AFC Hornchurch	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	5	2	3	2	
Lowestoft Town	2	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	1	2	3	1	
Tooting & Mitcham United	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	4	2	3	1	
Bury Town	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	3	1	3	1	
Hastings United	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	3	1	
Canvey Island	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	2	1	3	0	
Metropolitan Police	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	
Horsham	2	0	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	4	3	3	-1	
Lewes	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	3	-1	
East Thurrock United	2	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	3	-1	
Wealdstone	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	
Kingstonian	2	0	0	1	3	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	-1	
Concord Rangers	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	-1	
Harrow Borough	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	-1	
Cray Wanderers	2	0	0	1	2	5	0	1	0	1	1	1	-3	
Aveley	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	-3	
Leatherhead	2	0	0	1	2	4	0	0	1	1	2	0	-3	
<b>DIVISION ONE NORTH</b>														
Grays Athletic	2	1	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	2	1	6	5	
Tilbury	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	4	3	6	3	
Chatham Town	2	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	6	2	
Needham Market	2	1	0	0	7	0	0	1	0	1	1	4	7	
Heybridge Swifts	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	4	0	4	4	
Waltham Abbey	2	0	1	0	3	3	1	0	0	3	1	4	2	
Leiston	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	3	3	4	2	
AFC Sudbury	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	4	1	
Waltham Forest	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	3	2	3	0	
Cheshunt	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	
Harlow Town	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	0	
Romford	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	
Soham Town Rangers	2	0	0	1	2	3	0	1	0	3	3	1	-1	
Enfield Town	2	0	0	1	3	4	0	1	0	1	1	1	-1	
Redbridge	2	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	-1	
Ilford	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	-1	
Maldon & Tiptree	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	-1	
Brentwood Town	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	-2	
Great Wakering Rovers	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	-2	
Thamesmead Town	2	0	0	1	0	4	0	1	0	1	1	1	-4	
Potters Bar Town	2	0	1	0	3	3	0	0	1	0	7	1	-7	
Ware	2	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	4	0	-6	
<b>DIVISION ONE SOUTH</b>														
Dulwich Hamlet	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	4	0	6	6	
Whitehawk	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	0	6	5	
Worthing	2	1	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	6	5	
Whitstable Town	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	2	6	3	
Bognor Regis Town	2	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	0	6	3	
Ramsgate	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	4	1	
Sittingbourne	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	4	1	
Corinthian-Casuals	2	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	1	2	3	1	
Eastbourne Town	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	3	2	3	0	
Hythe Town	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	3	3	0	
Chipstead	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	0	
Merstham	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	
Walton & Hersham	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	0	
Folkestone Invicta	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	3	3	-1	
Godalming Town	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	4	3	-1	
Burgess Hill Town	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	-1	
Croydon Athletic	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	-2	
Walton Casuals	2	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	-3	
Whyteleafe	2	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	-3	
Faversham Town	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	-4	
Crawley Down	2	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	-5	
Maidstone United	2	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	-5	

## Results

### Monday, August 22nd

#### Premier Division

Kingstonian Hutchinson 38, 77 Huckle 80	3-4	Horsham Nwachukwu 15, 29, 90+2 Morris 45	320
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### Tuesday, August 23rd

#### Premier Division

AFC Hornchurch Styles 18	1-2	Canvey Island Heale 32 King 63	270
Bury Town	0-1	Hendon Busby 70	410
Carshalton Athletic	0-0	Wealdstone	155
Concord Rangers Charles 52	1-1	Cray Wanderers Whitnell 42	131
East Thurrock United	0-2	Hastings United Hall 22 (pen) Pogue 90	139
Harrow Borough Fenton 45	1-1	Billericay Town May 68	160
Leatherhead Obamwonyi (OG) 33 Andrews 78 (pen)	2-4	Tooting & Mitcham United Byatt 55 (pen), 67 Onibuje 63 Wilson 90	360
Margate Avery 38 Clope 45 Bradbrook 87	3-0	Aveley	335
Wingate & Finchley L Smith 9 Karagul 25	2-1	Lowestoft Town Frew 75	111

#### Division One North

AFC Sudbury Baker 88 (pen)	1-0	Ilford	253
Chatham Town Hales 43, Fuller 62	2-1	Harlow Town Brown 41	149
Enfield Town Hope 20, Kirby 76 Matata 90+2 (pen)	3-4	Tilbury Matthews 62 Henty 68, 90+3 West 84	172
Great Wakering Rovers Pinder 63	1-1	Maldon & Tiptree Ladapo 87	92
Heybridge Swifts Toner 37	1-1	Needham Market Fenn 28	128
Leiston Head 18, Heath 45 (pen)	2-0	Cheshunt	150

Potters Bar Town Clifford 27, 87 Urquhart 80	3-3	Soham Town Rangers Cobb 4 Robinson 34 Bugg 61	39
Romford Smith 42	1-0	Redbridge	90
Ware Andreos 37	1-3	Waltham Abbey Bristow 45, Rispoli (OG) 78 Friend (OG) 86	89
<b>Division One South</b>			
Chipstead Goodchild 30	1-0	Merstham	101
Corinthian-Casuals Boosey 48 Sergeant 65, 70	3-1	Folkestone Invicta King 71	102
Crawley Down	0-4	Dulwich Hamlet Kadi (pen) 40, Sawyer 42 Clunis 45, 50	121
Hythe Town Austin 75 Cook 82 (pen), 90	3-0	Faversham Town	231
Sittingbourne Golding 19	1-1	Ramsgate Wheatley 34	146
Walton & Hersham Webb 15	1-0	Burgess Hill Town	110
Whitehawk Gargan 49, 51	2-0	Walton Casuals	53
Whitstable Town Hawkins 3, Okundalaiye 57	2-0	Maidstone United	372
Whyteleafe Agyei 72, Fleming 90	2-3	Eastbourne Town N Crabb 34, S Crabb 37, Denton 59	82
Worthing Lawley 11, Brotherton 25, Metcalfe 68, Pulling 90	4-0	Godalming Town	162

### Wednesday, August 24th

#### Premier Division

Lewes Booth 43	1-0	Metropolitan Police	503
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#### Division One North

Brentwood Town Espinosa 45	1-1	Thamesmead Town Standen 90	35
Waltham Forest Bonnnett 77 (pen)	1-2	Grays Athletic Sweeney 55 Beaney 89	102

#### Division One South

Croydon Athletic	0-2	Bognor Regis Town Prior 23 (pen) Johnson 67	155
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