



## MIDWEEK UPDATE

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### ALL THE ACTION

By Peter Butcher – Ryman League Communications Administrator

#### Premier

HORNCHURCH missed the chance to draw level with Billericay at the top of the table on Tuesday, going down 1-0 at home to Hastings.

Player-manager Sean Ray eased his side's relegation worries considerably by heading his first goal of the season in the 71<sup>st</sup> minute, and Hastings should have been ahead earlier. But Lee Carey smashed a penalty against the bar just after the interval.

The result should not have come as a great surprise. Hornchurch have a severe aversion to kicking off under their own floodlights.

They have played ten league games at home in the afternoon, winning eight and drawing one with goal figures of 20-4.

It's a different story in the evening, when six games have resulted in two draws and four defeats, and a goal tally of 2-6.

Urchins were the only team in the top half of the table to play, although Concord have now joined that group with a 3-0 victory at Harrow which lifted them two places to 10<sup>th</sup>.

Nicky Cowley opened the scoring ten minutes before half-time, Harry Elmes made it 2-0 midway through the second half and Tony Stokes wrapped it up in added time.

The scoreline was a fair reflection of the game and leaves Harrow still deep in trouble, one point above the relegation zone.

Ten-man Wingate overcame an early 3-0 deficit to draw 3-3 at home to East Thurrock.

Harry Cook put Rocks ahead after six minutes and it got worse for the home side when

Jordan Fowler was sent off before the quarter-hour mark.

Sam Higgins made it 2-0 with a penalty in the 21<sup>st</sup> minute and scored again six minutes later.

Outplayed Wingate gave themselves hope with a 42nd-minute penalty by David Laird and they shrugged off their shortage of manpower to dominate the second half.

Leon Smith pulled another one back on 78 minutes and Laird completed the comeback by converting the night's third spot-kick with time running out.

Aveley needed even less time to open up a 3-0 lead at Horsham in the clash of the bottom two.

Billy Holland and Troy Powell-Quarry scored in the first ten minutes and Holland nabbed his second in the 17<sup>th</sup> minute.

Horsham also pulled one back shortly before half-time through Charlie Farmer but that was as close as they could get and they had Kery Kedze sent off in the closing stages.

So, after the encouragement provided by Saturday's win over Tooting, Hornets again find themselves seven points adrift at the foot of the table.

Met Police had slipped to 12th place in the table but they climbed four places on Wednesday with a 3-1 home win over Canvey to put themselves right back in the play-off picture, six points behind fifth-placed Cray with two games in hand.

The game was scoreless for almost an hour before a Ty Smith penalty, after John Easterford handled, gave the Met the lead but

they held it for only three minutes before Bradley Woods-Garness made it 1-1.

Canvey, who would themselves have been only two points behind Cray with a victory, fell behind again in the 75th minute when Staforde Palmer struck and the Met clinched it with a late effort from Eddie Smith.

## North

FOUR of the challengers for a play-off spot were in action on Tuesday and they all won, led by Harlow who maintained their grip on fourth place with a 3-1 victory at Heybridge.

They never looked back after Jeff Hammond gave them the lead in the third minute.

Luke Marshall added another early in the second half and Ben Jones claimed the third two minutes from time, leaving Luke Callander to net a late consolation for Swifts.

Behind Harlow are Brentwood, Redbridge and Tilbury, bad news for Sudbury who slipped from fifth to eighth without kicking a ball.

Brentwood threatened to massacre visiting Romford as Steve Butterworth, Danny Dafter and Darren Blewitt put them 3-0 up after half an hour. Neil Cousins added another on 54 minutes, his first since returning to the club.

Romford refused to surrender and Matt Toms pulled one back on 72 minutes. Joe Oates reduced the arrears further ten minutes later but they could do no more and Brentwood won 4-2.

A single goal by Shane Wyllie midway through the second half was enough for Redbridge to land three home points against Cheshunt.

Alex Read hit a hat-trick as Tilbury beat Soham 4-2, opening his account after six minutes. Simon Flanz replied in the 25<sup>th</sup> minute but Tom Webb restored Dockers' lead ten minutes later.

Soham hit back again through Dubi Ogbonna immediately after the interval and, although Read scored his second in the 55<sup>th</sup> minute, the points were not safe until he completed his treble with a last-minute penalty.

In the other game, Lloyd Blackman scored after 57 minutes to give Chatham all the points at home to struggling Great Woking, who remain deep in relegation trouble.

Grays kept themselves in the play-off picture with an action-packed 4-2 victory over third-placed Needham Market on Wednesday.

The Marketmen seemed secure in that position not long ago but are now in danger of being hunted down by the chasing pack.

They went ahead after 19 minutes when Grays defender Grant Cooper headed against his own bar and Danny Bloomfield scrambled in the rebound.

Increasing pressure from the home side came to nothing until the second minute of added time in the first half, when Junior Baker's glancing header from a free-kick sent them in on level terms.

That inspired Grays after the break and for 20 minutes they were in complete command.

Joao Carlos led the way with some dazzling play on the left wing and he supplied the goals for Nathan Gordon and James Bunn which made it 3-1 by the 56<sup>th</sup> minute.

It could have been much worse for the Marketmen: in between the goals Liam Jones saved at point-blank range from Gordon and Harry Agombar, and was in the right place to field a sliced clearance by Gavin Johnson as it cannoned down from the bar.

Gordon got his second goal on 69 minutes and was denied his hat-trick by another fine Jones save just after Bradley Barber's free-kick had reduced the arrears in the 76<sup>th</sup> minute.

After that Needham applied plenty of pressure and would have been right back in it had Cooper not cleared a Scott Chaplin shot off the line in the 83<sup>rd</sup> minute.

Then, in added time, a fierce drive by Angelo Harrop hit a Needham teammate on the line and Grays survived.

At the other end of the division, a Rob Carter goal in the 62<sup>nd</sup> minute gave Ilford a 1-0 win over Thamesmead and lifted them out of the bottom two, dumping Great Woking back into a relegation position.

## South

WHITEHAWK reclaimed second place in Ryman South, a point behind Bognor and ahead of Dulwich on goal difference, with a 3-0 victory at Crawley Down tonight (Tuesday).

James Fraser put them ahead after 16 minutes and made it 2-0 early in the second half.

John Lansdale completed the scoring in the 70th minute, his first goal since his move from Worthing last month.

At the other end of the table, Whitstable are virtually safe from relegation after their 2-1

home win over Godalming, their third successive victory. It lifted them to 16<sup>th</sup> place, 14 points clear of bottom club Whyteleafe.

Dane Luchford gave them the lead after 35 minutes but Godalming, still hoping to snatch a play-off place, replied on 70 minutes through Jamie McClurg.

The Oystermen would not be denied, however, and Stuart Vahid nabbed their last-minute winner.

Whyteleafe went down 1-0 at Chipstead and stay rooted to the bottom of the table. Jason Goodchild got the decisive goal in the 11<sup>th</sup> minute.

## RESULTS

Tuesday, 6 March 2012

### Ryman Premier

AFC Hornchurch	0-1	Hastings United	209
		Ray 71	
Harrow Borough	0-3	Concord Rangers	78
		Cowley 36, H Elmes 67, Stokes 90	
Horsham	1-3	Aveley	177
Farmer 40		Holland 6, 17	
		Powell-Quarry 9	
Wingate & Finchley	3-3	East Thurrock United	55
Laird 42 (pen), 88 (pen), L Smith 78		H Cook 6, Higgins 21 (pen), 27	

### Ryman North

Brentwood Town	4-2	Romford	87
Butterworth 17, Dafter 24, Blewitt 30, Cousins 54		Toms 72, Oates 82	
Chatham Town	1-0	Great Wakering Rovers	75
Blackman 57			
Heybridge Swifts	1-3	Harlow Town	93
Callander 90		Hammond 3, Marshall 55, Jones 88	
Redbridge	1-0	Cheshunt	55
Wyllie 69			
Tilbury	4-2	Soham Town Rangers	55
Read 6, 55, 90 (pen), Webb 35		Flanz 25, Ogbonna 46	

### Ryman South

Chipstead	1-0	Whyteleafe	104
Goodchild 11			
Crawley Down	0-3	Whitehawk	126
		Fraser 16, 47, Lansdale 70	
Whitstable Town	2-1	Godalming Town	128
Luchford 35, Vahid 89		McClurg 70	

### Middlesex Senior Cup, Semi-Finals

Hampton & Richmond Borough	3-2	Hendon	169
James 6, Ledgister 11, Tarpey 86		McCluskey 17, Peacock 85	
North Greenford United	0-2	Wealdstone	150
		Hicks 27, Fitzgerald 87	

## Suffolk Premier Cup, Semi-Finals

Bury Town	1-1 AET	Leiston	507
Sands 51		Hammond 85	
<i>Bury Town win 4-2 on penalties</i>			
Haverhill Rovers	P-P	Lowestoft Town	
<i>Match postponed due to waterlogged pitch</i>			

## Surrey Senior Cup, Semi-Final

Woking	1-0	Carshalton Athletic	327
Sole 51 (pen)			

## Wednesday, 6 March 2012



### Premier

Metropolitan Police	3-1	Canvey Island	133
T Smith 59 (pen), Palmer 75, E Smith 89		Woods-Garness 62	



### North

Grays Athletic	4-2	Needham Market	193
Baker 45, Gordon 49, 69, Bunn 56		Bloomfield 19, B Barber 76	
Ilford	1-0	Thamesmead Town	34
Carter 62			



### South

Folkestone Invicta	P-P	Walton Casuals	
<i>Match postponed due to waterlogged pitch</i>			



	Home						Away						Pts	GD
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD	
<b>RYMAN PREMIER</b>														
Billericay Town	32	11	4	1	38	14	8	5	3	26	15	66	35	
AFC Hornchurch	31	8	3	5	22	10	12	0	3	31	15	63	28	
Lowestoft Town	30	11	3	1	29	12	7	1	7	24	22	58	19	
Bury Town	31	11	3	2	33	14	6	2	7	30	29	56	20	
Cray Wanderers	31	8	4	4	28	23	8	2	5	32	18	54	19	
Hendon	32	5	6	4	21	21	10	2	5	23	12	53	11	
Canvey Island	32	7	1	8	21	22	8	3	5	22	20	49	1	
Metropolitan Police	29	9	2	4	26	11	5	4	5	24	20	48	19	
Kingstonian	32	7	2	7	22	25	7	4	5	21	21	48	-3	
Lewes	31	7	5	3	21	16	6	3	7	15	20	47	0	
Concord Rangers	32	5	5	5	26	21	8	2	7	25	25	46	5	
Wealdstone	29	7	5	3	25	16	4	7	3	22	13	45	18	
Margate	31	7	1	7	31	21	5	5	6	24	25	42	9	
Carshalton Athletic	31	4	2	9	14	22	7	5	4	21	21	40	-8	
East Thurrock United	28	7	3	5	24	17	4	3	6	16	24	39	-1	
Wingate & Finchley	31	6	4	6	25	33	4	5	6	18	26	39	-16	
Hastings United	31	4	3	7	14	16	6	3	8	17	29	36	-14	
Harrow Borough	31	4	4	8	19	29	4	3	8	15	23	31	-18	
Leatherhead	32	4	3	10	17	28	4	3	8	19	20	30	-12	
Tooting & Mitcham United	31	3	3	9	20	35	4	2	10	22	43	26	-36	
Aveley	32	1	4	10	14	31	3	5	9	20	31	21	-28	
Horsham	32	1	2	14	15	45	2	3	10	15	33	14	-48	
<b>RYMAN NORTH</b>														
Leiston	32	10	4	1	33	16	12	2	3	39	14	72	42	
Enfield Town	32	13	3	1	46	19	7	5	3	27	19	68	35	
Needham Market	33	12	0	4	55	20	6	7	4	35	24	61	46	
Harlow Town	32	8	6	2	30	15	8	2	6	25	20	56	20	
Brentwood Town	33	8	3	6	30	16	8	4	4	21	13	55	22	
Redbridge	32	7	5	4	33	26	9	2	5	28	19	55	16	
Tilbury	32	11	5	1	37	21	4	5	6	20	30	55	6	
Grays Athletic*	32	8	3	5	29	17	9	3	4	33	19	54	26	
AFC Sudbury	32	7	4	5	22	20	8	4	4	29	26	53	5	
Potters Bar Town	31	8	4	3	30	24	6	3	7	26	28	49	4	
Chatham Town	33	9	2	6	32	26	5	2	9	13	25	46	-6	
Waltham Abbey	32	5	3	7	34	33	7	3	7	34	32	42	3	
Heybridge Swifts	32	6	3	7	22	24	6	3	7	28	26	42	0	
Romford	32	7	5	4	21	22	4	4	8	26	33	42	-8	
Thamesmead Town	33	6	2	9	31	35	6	4	6	18	24	42	-10	
Maldon & Tiptree	31	5	3	8	20	26	5	4	6	20	27	37	-13	
Waltham Forest	31	6	2	7	26	29	4	4	8	22	33	36	-14	
Soham Town Rangers	32	5	3	8	20	29	1	6	9	25	46	27	-30	
Cheshunt	32	4	4	7	15	31	2	5	10	15	34	27	-35	
Ilford	32	4	4	9	19	29	1	2	12	15	34	21	-29	
Great Wakering Rovers	33	2	7	8	17	30	2	1	13	14	45	20	-44	
Ware	32	3	3	9	10	22	1	3	13	17	41	18	-36	
<b>RYMAN SOUTH</b>														
Bognor Regis Town	30	12	4	0	45	11	8	4	2	34	15	68	53	
Whitehawk*	31	12	2	1	33	8	10	2	4	29	13	67	41	
Dulwich Hamlet	31	11	3	1	30	8	9	4	3	28	12	67	38	
Maidstone United	32	11	2	3	28	12	6	3	7	25	24	56	17	
Folkestone Invicta	30	9	4	2	36	19	7	3	5	26	22	55	21	
Worthing	31	10	4	1	40	13	5	5	6	19	21	54	25	
Godalming Town	30	6	3	5	18	19	8	3	5	28	24	48	3	
Ramsgate	31	9	3	4	26	21	5	3	7	23	30	48	-2	
Chipstead	31	7	4	4	19	13	6	4	6	26	23	47	9	
Hythe Town	29	8	3	4	32	18	5	2	7	16	31	44	-1	
Mersham	32	9	3	5	27	28	3	3	9	22	31	42	-10	
Corinthian-Casuals	30	4	7	4	25	25	4	4	7	14	23	35	-9	
Faversham Town	30	4	4	7	16	21	5	3	7	17	26	34	-14	
Crawley Down	31	6	1	7	27	27	4	2	11	20	32	33	-12	
Eastbourne Town	29	4	4	8	18	22	3	7	3	16	22	32	-10	
Whitstable Town	31	5	2	9	20	32	4	1	10	16	44	30	-40	
Walton Casuals	30	5	1	8	22	29	3	4	9	17	31	29	-21	
Sittingbourne	30	3	7	6	11	16	3	3	8	16	33	28	-22	
Walton & Hersham	29	4	3	8	19	21	3	3	8	8	16	27	-10	
Burgess Hill Town*	31	4	4	7	23	33	3	2	11	13	29	24	-26	
Whyteleafe	31	2	2	11	14	29	1	5	10	12	27	16	-30	

\*Three points deducted for fielding an ineligible player

## Saturday, March 10th, 2012



### Premier

Aveley  
Billericay Town  
Concord Rangers  
Harrow Borough  
Hastings United  
Hendon  
Lewes  
Margate  
Metropolitan Police

v. Cray Wanderers  
v. Horsham  
v. Wingate & Finchley  
v. East Thurrock United  
v. Canvey Island  
v. AFC Hornchurch  
v. Carshalton Athletic  
v. Leatherhead  
v. Lowestoft Town



### North

AFC Sudbury  
Cheshunt  
Grays Athletic  
Heybridge Swifts  
Leiston  
Needham Market  
Potters Bar Town  
Redbridge  
Waltham Abbey  
Waltham Forest  
Ware

v. Brentwood Town  
v. Soham Town Rangers  
v. Ilford  
v. Romford  
v. Chatham Town  
v. Harlow Town  
v. Great Wakering Rovers  
v. Thamesmead Town  
v. Maldon & Tiptree  
v. Tilbury  
v. Enfield Town



### South

Burgess Hill Town  
Chipstead  
Crawley Down  
Folkestone Invicta  
Godalming Town  
Maidstone United  
Walton Casuals  
Whitehawk  
Whyteleafe  
Worthing

v. Bognor Regis Town  
v. Sittingbourne  
v. Walton & Hersham  
v. Dulwich Hamlet  
v. Ramsgate  
v. Eastbourne Town  
v. Faversham Town  
v. Merstham  
v. Hythe Town  
v. Corinthian-Casuals



### FA Trophy – Semi Final – First Leg

Newport County

v. Wealdstone

## Sunday, March 11th, 2012



### Premier

Kingstonian

v. Bury Town