



## MIDWEEK UPDATE

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### ALL THE ACTION

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#### Premier

BILLERICAY are seven points clear at the top after a crushing 6-0 victory at Aveley on Monday.

Aveley, facing almost certain relegation, held out for 40 minutes before Ajibola Olatunbosun's foul on Jay May allowed Glenn Poole to open the scoring from the spot.

Billericay then regained possession immediately after the kick-off and May made it 2-0.

Any attempt Millers made to regroup during the half-time interval came to nothing when Chris Wild headed the third goal within 90 seconds of the restart.

Three further goals arrived in the last 12 minutes with May netting twice to complete his hat-trick before Poole fired his second.

Wealdstone bounced back from Saturday's FA Trophy semi-final disappointment to maintain their play-off hopes with a 1-0 home win over Met Police.

Their goal came after 55 minutes from Richard Jolly, who now tops the Premier scorers list with 23 league goals. He has 39 in all competitions.

Stones climbed two places to tenth and still have two or three games in hand on all the sides above them.

Bury missed the chance to move into third place when they were beaten 2-1 at East Thurrock on Tuesday in an entertaining rehearsal for next Wednesday's Alan Boon Cup final.

The visitors found home keeper Richard Wray in top form as he pulled off a succession of outstanding saves in the first half.

He produced another superb save soon after the break and the game then swung the home side's way as both Bury centre-backs suffered in the space of nine minutes.

There was no escaping a red card for Roscoe Hipperson when he pulled back Matt Hall when the home midfielder had a clear run at goal.

Higgins thumped in the resultant penalty, his 19<sup>th</sup> league goal of the season, to give Rocks a 59<sup>th</sup>-minute lead.

Nine minutes later a loose ball bounced off Tom Bullard's shins for an own goal and the hosts led 2-0.

Bury pulled one back in the 90<sup>th</sup> minute when a Higgins shot was blocked and rebounded so far downfield that Sam Reed was able to burst clear and fire a rocket past Wray.

Rocks had to suffer four anxious minutes of added time before the points were in the bag.

At the other end of the table, Hastings improved their survival prospects with a 2-0 home win over Tooting, who remain 11 points short of safety and look almost certain to go down.

Bradley Goldberg put the Sussex side ahead in the 10<sup>th</sup> minute and Zac Attwood added the second midway through the first half.

Lewes moved up to sixth place with a 1-0 home win over Leatherhead on Wednesday. They have taken ten points from four games to fire themselves back into the play-off race after

a nine-match winless run seemed to have wrecked their chances.

Harry Harding scored the only goal midway through the first half to further dent Leatherhead's survival hopes. The Tanners are six points adrift of safety with only seven games to play.

## North

ILFORD climbed out of the relegation zone with a 3-2 win at Maldon on Tuesday which puts them two points ahead of Great Wakering, who drop to 21<sup>st</sup> place.

Shane Stamp gave the Foxes the lead after 20 minutes but Sos Yao replied for Maldon five minutes before the break.

Ilford, for whom keeper Rob Budd was outstanding, went ahead again through Johnathan Glowacki in the 53<sup>rd</sup> minute and clinched the points with an 85<sup>th</sup>-minute strike by Rob Carter which rendered Adam Flanagan's late goal for Maldon, with Ilford by then down to ten men, irrelevant.

Harlow stayed in the play-off hunt as they came from behind to beat visiting Redbridge 2-1, moving above them into seventh place and to within four points of fifth-placed Grays.

Ryan Kirby's own goal after 11 minutes gave Redbridge a half-time lead but two goals in as many minutes soon after the interval, from Luke Marshall and David Cowley, swung it Harlow's way.

Waltham Forest went down 4-1 at home to Potters Bar on Wednesday but could consider themselves very unlucky. They hit the bar through Chris Taylor before James Gershfield put the visitors ahead in the 30th minute.

Adrian Clifton then hit the Scholars' bar before Joe O'Brien's free-kick found its way through untouched to make it 2-0 on 35 minutes.

Gershfield completed a burst of three goals in nine minutes and there was still time for Forest's Joel Palmer to crash a shot against a post before the interval.

Forest hit the woodwork for the fourth time, again through Taylor, in the 67th minute and the ball was transferred straight to the other end where Jose Espinosa marked his return to the Scholars with the fourth goal.

Richard Shittu's header gave Forest, who also had two penalty claims turned down, a little consolation in the 88th minute.

## South

WHITSTABLE made it five league wins in succession, almost doubling their season's total, despite falling behind in the 87<sup>th</sup> minute of their game at Corinthian-Casuals on Tuesday.

Glenn Boosey put Casuals ahead in the 17<sup>th</sup> minute and they stayed in front until 20 minutes after the interval, when Stuart Vahid levelled matters.

Jamel Carr must have thought his late strike for Casuals would settle it but goals by Vahid and Laurence Harvey in added time gave the Oystermen a dramatic 3-2 success.

All the action came in the last quarter of the game at Faversham, where Ramsgate went down 3-2 and almost certainly saw their remote play-off chances disappear.

Justin Ascheri broke the deadlock for Faversham midway through the second half only for Joe Taylor to reply immediately.

Nicky Humphrey put Faversham ahead again with 12 minutes left and Adrian Stone made it 3-1 before Aaron Quain's late consolation.

Stone's goal made him Faversham's top league scorer with nine. Previously he shared the lead with Danny Hockton and Quain, who left in January for a short spell at Margate before joining Rams this month.

There were plenty of goals at Walton Casuals, too. They beat Eastbourne 4-2 to end a run of six games which had yielded only one point and in which they had scored only once.

Glenn Stanley gave Casuals the lead with a 24<sup>th</sup>-minute penalty which was answered by Scott Kirkwood shortly before the interval.

Nathan Abery restored the home side's lead in the 56<sup>th</sup> minute and Ben King put them further in front 11 minutes later.

An own goal by Casuals keeper Gareth Williams, his second in 2012, revived Eastbourne's hopes before Kwabena Agyei made sure in the closing stages.

Bottom club Whyteleafe were held to a scoreless home draw by Hythe, a game summed up by the score-line although the action warmed up a little in the last 15 minutes.

One point is unlikely to be enough for Leafe, who are seven points adrift at the foot of the table with only seven games left.

# RESULTS

## Monday, 19 March 2012

**Ryman**  
Football League

### Premier

Aveley	0-6	Billericay Town Poole 40 (pen), 90, May 41, 78, 86, Wild 47	306
Wealdstone Jolly 55	1-0	Metropolitan Police	428

### London Senior Cup, Quarter-Final

Kingstonian Tait 13, Gayle 20	2-1	Dulwich Hamlet Lawson 48	179
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## Tuesday, 20 March 2012

**Ryman**  
Football League

### Premier

East Thurrock United Higgins 58 (pen), Bullard (OG) 67	2-1	Bury Town S Reed 90	158
Hastings United Goldberg 10, Attwood 23	2-0	Tooting & Mitcham United	323

**Ryman**  
Football League

### North

Harlow Town Marshall 51, Cowley 53	2-1	Redbridge Kirby (OG) 11	124
Maldon & Tiptree Yao 40, Flanagan 90	2-3	Ilford Stamp 20, Glowacki 53, Carter 85	40

**Ryman**  
Football League

### South

Corinthian-Casuals Boosey 17, Carr 87	2-3	Whitstable Town Vahid 64, 90, Harvey 90+4	104
Faversham Town Ascheri 66, Humphrey 78, Stone 85	3-2	Ramsgate Taylor 67, Quain 90	128
Walton Casuals Stanley 24 (pen), Abery 56, King 67, Agyei 88	4-2	Eastbourne Town Kirkwood 41, Williams (OG) 69	88
Whyteleafe	0-0	Hythe Town	106

### Suffolk Premier Cup, Semi-Final

Haverhill Rovers	0-3	Lowestoft Town Eagle 19, Henderson 24, Nolan 65	186
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## Wednesday, 21 March 2012

**Ryman**  
Football League

### Premier

Lewes Harding 23	1-0	Leatherhead	347
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**Ryman**  
Football League

### North

Waltham Forest Shittu 88	1-4	Potters Bar Town Gershfield 29, 38, O'Brien 35, Espinoza 67	57
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### Sussex Senior Cup, Semi-Final

Eastbourne Borough	0-1	Crawley Down Blewden 71	312
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	Home						Away						Pts	GD
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
<b>RYMAN PREMIER</b>														
Billericay Town	35	11	5	1	40	16	10	5	3	34	15	73	43	
AFC Hornchurch	34	8	3	6	23	12	13	0	4	33	18	66	26	
Lowestoft Town	33	11	4	1	30	13	8	2	7	28	24	63	21	
Bury Town	34	12	3	2	36	14	6	3	8	32	32	60	22	
Cray Wanderers	33	8	4	4	28	23	9	3	5	35	20	58	20	
Lewes	35	9	6	3	25	18	7	3	7	17	21	57	3	
Hendon	34	6	6	4	23	21	10	2	6	23	14	56	11	
Canvey Island	34	7	1	8	21	22	9	4	5	24	21	53	2	
Kingstonian	34	8	3	7	25	26	7	4	5	21	21	52	-1	
Wealdstone	31	9	5	3	29	16	4	7	3	22	13	51	22	
Metropolitan Police	33	9	2	5	26	13	6	4	7	26	23	51	16	
Concord Rangers	34	6	6	5	29	22	8	2	7	25	25	50	7	
Margate	33	8	2	7	32	21	5	5	6	24	25	46	10	
East Thurrock United	32	9	3	5	27	18	4	4	7	18	28	46	-1	
Wingate & Finchley	34	7	4	7	29	36	4	6	6	19	27	43	-15	
Carshalton Athletic	34	4	2	11	15	25	7	5	5	21	22	40	-11	
Hastings United	34	5	4	7	17	17	6	3	9	18	32	40	-14	
Harrow Borough	34	6	4	8	24	31	4	3	9	15	24	37	-16	
Leatherhead	35	4	3	11	17	30	4	4	9	19	21	31	-15	
Tooting & Mitcham United	34	3	3	10	20	36	4	2	12	22	46	26	-40	
Aveley	35	1	5	11	15	38	3	5	10	20	33	22	-36	
Horsham	35	1	2	14	15	45	2	4	12	17	41	15	-54	
<b>RYMAN NORTH</b>														
Leiston	35	13	4	1	45	17	12	2	3	39	14	81	53	
Enfield Town	35	14	3	1	51	19	9	5	3	34	21	77	45	
Needham Market	35	13	0	4	58	21	7	7	4	38	26	67	49	
Tilbury	35	11	5	1	37	21	7	5	6	32	34	64	14	
Grays Athletic*	35	9	3	5	32	19	11	3	4	38	21	63	30	
AFC Sudbury	35	8	5	5	24	21	9	4	4	32	26	60	9	
Harlow Town	35	9	6	2	32	16	8	2	8	27	25	59	18	
Redbridge	35	7	6	4	34	27	9	3	6	30	22	57	15	
Brentwood Town	35	8	3	7	31	18	8	4	5	21	14	55	20	
Potters Bar Town	35	8	5	5	34	31	7	3	7	30	29	53	4	
Romford	35	8	5	5	26	27	5	4	8	27	33	48	-7	
Chatham Town	35	9	3	6	33	27	5	2	10	13	29	47	-10	
Thamesmead Town	35	6	2	9	31	35	7	5	6	20	25	46	-9	
Heybridge Swifts	35	6	3	9	22	26	7	3	7	29	26	45	-1	
Waltham Abbey	35	5	4	8	35	37	7	3	8	35	34	43	-1	
Maldon & Tiptree	35	5	3	9	22	29	6	6	6	26	32	42	-13	
Waltham Forest	35	6	3	9	29	38	4	4	9	22	39	37	-26	
Soham Town Rangers	35	5	3	9	20	33	1	8	9	25	46	29	-34	
Cheshunt	35	4	5	8	16	36	2	6	10	17	36	29	-39	
Ilford	35	4	4	9	19	29	2	2	14	20	44	24	-34	
Great Wakering Rovers	35	2	8	8	19	32	2	2	13	15	46	22	-44	
Ware	35	3	3	12	13	28	1	3	13	17	41	18	-39	
<b>RYMAN SOUTH</b>														
Bognor Regis Town	33	12	4	0	45	11	10	4	3	41	17	74	58	
Dulwich Hamlet	34	11	4	1	30	8	11	4	3	33	13	74	42	
Whitehawk*	33	13	3	1	37	11	10	2	4	29	13	71	42	
Worthing	33	11	5	1	43	13	5	5	6	19	21	58	28	
Folkestone Invicta	33	9	4	3	37	22	8	3	6	29	27	58	17	
Maidstone United	35	11	3	4	29	16	6	4	7	27	26	58	14	
Godalming Town	33	8	3	5	27	19	9	3	5	30	25	57	13	
Ramsgate	34	9	3	4	26	21	6	3	9	27	36	51	-4	
Chipstead	33	8	4	5	22	16	6	4	6	26	23	50	9	
Hythe Town	32	8	4	5	34	21	5	3	7	16	31	46	-2	
Merstham	34	9	3	5	27	28	4	3	10	24	33	45	-10	
Eastbourne Town	33	5	4	8	19	22	4	8	4	21	28	39	-10	
Faversham Town	33	5	4	7	19	23	5	4	8	17	29	38	-16	
Corinthian-Casuals	33	4	7	6	27	29	4	5	7	14	23	36	-11	
Whitstable Town	33	6	2	9	22	32	5	1	10	19	46	36	-37	
Walton & Hersham	32	5	3	8	24	21	4	4	8	13	19	34	-3	
Crawley Down	33	6	1	9	31	34	4	2	11	20	32	33	-15	
Walton Casuals	33	6	2	8	26	31	3	4	10	17	33	33	-21	
Sittingbourne	33	3	7	7	12	18	3	4	9	17	36	29	-25	
Burgess Hill Town*	33	4	4	8	23	37	3	2	12	13	36	24	-37	
Whyteleafe	33	2	3	12	14	31	1	5	10	12	27	17	-32	

\*Three points deducted for fielding an ineligible player

## Saturday, March 24th, 2012

### Premier

Aveley  
Billericay Town  
Canvey Island  
Hastings United  
Hendon  
Horsham  
Lowestoft Town  
Metropolitan Police  
Tooting & Mitcham United  
Wealdstone

v. Harrow Borough  
v. Lewes  
v. Kingstonian  
v. Bury Town  
v. Carshalton Athletic  
v. AFC Hornchurch  
v. Margate  
v. Wingate & Finchley  
v. Concord Rangers  
v. East Thurrock United

### North

Cheshunt  
Grays Athletic  
Harlow Town  
Ilford  
Maldon & Tiptree  
Needham Market  
Redbridge  
Soham Town Rangers  
Thamesmead Town  
Tilbury  
Waltham Abbey

v. Chatham Town  
v. Heybridge Swifts  
v. Brentwood Town  
v. Leiston  
v. Enfield Town  
v. Waltham Forest  
v. Ware  
v. Romford  
v. Great Wakering Rovers  
v. AFC Sudbury  
v. Potters Bar Town

### South

Bognor Regis Town  
Burgess Hill Town  
Crawley Down  
Dulwich Hamlet  
Faversham Town  
Folkestone Invicta  
Godalming Town  
Maidstone United  
Merstham  
Ramsgate  
Walton Casuals

v. Hythe Town  
v. Corinthian-Casuals  
v. Eastbourne Town  
v. Sittingbourne  
v. Whitehawk  
v. Whyteleafe  
v. Walton & Hersham  
v. Crawley Down  
v. Whitstable Town  
v. Chipstead  
v. Worthing

## Sunday, March 25th, 2012

### Premier

Cray Wanderers

v. Leatherhead

