



Midweek Update – Season 2012/13 No.31

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Ryman Premier

A POST denied **Whitehawk** the chance to strengthen their position at the top of the table on Tuesday as they were held to a 1-1 home draw by **Margate**.

John Beales put Margate ahead in the 20th minute and Charlie Henry, one of last week's four new signings, equalised from the penalty spot just before the interval.

A draw was a fair result, but Hawks almost snatched the extra points five minutes from time when Raphael Rossi-Branco struck the woodwork.

Whitehawk were ten points clear of second-placed Wealdstone, who had no game, but were once again in a position where they could be caught by two clubs if they win their matches in hand.

One of them were **Concord**, who at that stage trailed Wealdstone only on goal difference with a game in hand and had played four fewer matches than the leaders.

They had to fight for their 3-2 home win over **Bury**, who took the lead twice: a Matt Fry own goal on the stroke of half-time and a 62nd-minute effort from Richard Logan, which came two minutes after Leon Gordon had made it 1-1. Jason Hallett levelled it again in the 72nd minute and Tony Stokes nabbed the winner with eight minutes left.

Lowestoft are 12 points behind Whitehawk with five games in hand, but they have to squeeze in 13 matches between now and the end of the season, a daunting task. Their match at Thurrock was one of three postponed fixtures, which meant that Thurrock still had 14 games to play.

Margate, in sixth place, remain a point behind **Canvey**, who drew 1-1 at **Cray**. Paul Booth put the Wands ahead in the 25th minute and Bradley Woods-Garness replied for the islanders ten minutes after the interval, his 19th league goal.

That was a valuable point for Cray in their fight to stay ahead of the relegation battle, in which the key result came at **Lewes**. The hosts arrested their alarming slump into the danger zone by coming from behind to beat **Carshalton** 2-1.

It gave the Rooks some breathing space as they edged up to 18th place while Carshalton remained four points adrift at the bottom, having played several more games than the sides above them.

James Ashton put the Robins ahead after 19 minutes in this battle of the birds, but Ben Godfrey equalised for the Rooks on 36 minutes and Karl Beckford won it with a 69th-minute penalty.

A last-minute goal by Dave Knight earned **Met Police** a 2-2 draw at **East Thurrock**. Dave Bryant put the hosts ahead just before half-time and Steve Noakes replied immediately after the change of ends.

Rocks thought they had won it when James Lawson netted with eight minutes left, but Knight popped up with the late point-saver against one of his previous clubs.

A superb first-half hat-trick by Ryan Moss set up **Hampton**'s 5-0 victory at mid-table neighbours **Bognor**. His quickfire treble came between the 24th and 39th minutes. A own goal by keeper Craig Stoner made it 4-0 and Clayton Murray completed the nap hand in the last minute.

Another late goal by Stokes earned **Concord** a 1-1 home draw with **Thurrock** on Thursday and lifted them into second spot, now nine points behind Whitehawk with three games in hand.

Thurrock, despite starting the night 17 places below their hosts, had the better of the first half and deservedly took the lead in added time with a superb solo goal by Danny Green.

Concord, despite having a tough game 48 hours earlier, still had the strength to take control of the game in its latter stages and drew level in the 85th minute when Stokes hooked in Leon Gordon's cross with a neat volley.

Ryman North

TWO goals apiece by Junior Baker and Jeff Hammond saw **Grays** to a 4-2 home derby win over **Tilbury** on Tuesday, lifting them to within three points of leaders Maldon with three games in hand.

Popular defender Baker put Grays ahead six minutes before half-time only for Tony Jacobs to reply before the break. Baker did it again after 56 minutes but once again Dockers hit back with a 71st-minute penalty by Aaron Waters after keeper Lamar Johnson brought down Jack Carlile.

Hammond's deflected shot from a tight angle put Grays ahead to stay in the 77th minute and he struck again with a near-post header two minutes later.

Heybridge moved up to fourth place with a 2-1 home win over **Potters Bar**. Luke Callander, the league's top scorer, needed less than a minute to net his 27th of the season and veteran defender Chris Moore added another before the interval. Josh Hutchinson's reply seven minutes from the end gave the hosts a scare, but no more than that.

New signing Alex Read made an instant impact on his debut for **Aveley** on Wednesday after his switch from Brentwood.

Coming on as a half-time substitute, Read took just six minutes to score the decisive goal in a 2-1 home victory over **Romford**. It was the 21st league goal of the season for the division's third-highest scorer.

Aveley also boast the second man on the list, Jordan Cox, and he put them ahead with his 23rd of the season in the seventh minute, forcing the ball home when keeper Atu Ngoy was unable to hold Petrit Elbi's low free-kick.

Romford gave their usual gritty display and drew level eight minutes before half-time with a Tom Richardson penalty. But they could not respond to Read's effort and Millers reclaimed the fourth place they had forfeited to Heybridge 24 hours earlier.

Two late goals enabled **Soham** to maintain their slim play-off hopes with a 2-1 win at **Waltham Forest**. They are sixth, but trail Heybridge by seven points.

Jack Leachman put Forest ahead four minutes before the interval and only 12 minutes were left when Buster Harradine levelled the scores. Then Jordan Gent hit the 84th-minute winner.

The main significance of Thursday's clash between **Brentwood** and **Wroxham**, which ended in a 1-1 draw, was that it was played at all. Brentwood still have 13 games left, Wroxham 12, so both sides were very grateful that the pitch passed a lunchtime inspection.

Steve Butterworth put Brentwood ahead three minutes after the interval and Angelo Harrop replied ten minutes later.

Ryman South

A GOAL after just 22 seconds by Nyren Clunis set **Dulwich** on their way to a 4-1 victory at **Horsham** on Tuesday, an important result at both ends of the table.

Erkan Oztumer and Connor French struck early in the second half to make it 3-0 and, after Tony Nwachukwu pulled one back with a penalty, current Liverpool trialist Danny Carr completed the scoring.

Dulwich moved to within three points of table-topping Maidstone with a game in hand, while Horsham remained just three points above bottom club Three Bridges and have now played only two matches fewer.

Whitstable eased their own relegation fears with a 1-0 home win over **Merstham**. Oliver Lee scored after 18 minutes, lifting the Oystermen two places to 17th.

Two goals in the last eight minutes by Ian Pulman earned **Ramsgate** a 2-0 victory at **Herne Bay** on Wednesday and lifted them into the play-off places.

Pulman, an early-season capture from Whitstable, now has 15 league goals including one for his previous club. His double put his side into fifth place, two points above Leatherhead who, however, have three games in hand.

The night's other important result in the division was at **Burgess Hill**, where **Walton Casuals** gave themselves a boost in the survival stakes with a 3-1 win.

James McShane's early strike for Casuals was wiped out in an unlucky 13th minute for the visitors by Billy Witham's own goal.

Mu Maan restored their advantage on 31 minutes and scored the third from the penalty spot nine minutes later. Casuals moved above Horsham into 20th place and went four points clear of bottom club Three Bridges, still with a game in hand.

The 13th minute was unlucky for **Tooting**, too. That was when Danny Curd scored for hosts **Eastbourne** and it proved to be the only goal of the game.



Results

Monday 18th March 2013

Ryman Premier

Kingstonian

P - P Enfield Town

Ryman North

Aveley

P - P Romford

Tuesday 19th March 2013

Ryman Premier

Bognor Regis Town	0 - 5 Hampton & Richmond Borough Moss 24, 37, 39 Stoner 57 (o.g.) Murray 90	330
Concord Rangers Gordon 60 Hallett 72 Stokes 82	3 - 2 Bury Town Fry 45 (o.g.) Logan 62	218
Cray Wanderers Booth 25	1 - 1 Canvey Island Woods-Garness 55	124
East Thurrock United Bryant 43, Lawson 82	2 - 2 Metropolitan Police Noakes 47, Knight 90	121
Hastings United	P - P Harrow Borough	
Leiston	P - P Hendon	
Lewes Godfrey 36 Beckford 69 (pen)	2 - 1 Carshalton Athletic Ashton 19	405
Thurrock	P - P Lowestoft Town	

Whitehawk Henry 41 (pen)	1 - 1 Margate Beales 20	149
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Ryman North

Grays Athletic Baker 39, 56 Hammond 77, 79	4 - 2 Tilbury Jacobs 43 Waters 71 (pen)	242
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Heybridge Swifts Callander 1, Moore 37	2 - 1 Potters Bar Town Hutchinson 83	93
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Redbridge	P - P Brentwood Town	
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Waltham Abbey	P - P Ilford	
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Wroxham	P - P Harlow Town	
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Ryman South

Horsham Nwachukwu 63 (pen)	1 - 4 Dulwich Hamlet Clunis 1 Oztumer 49 French 55 Carr 76	148
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Whitstable Town Lee 18	1 - 0 Merstham	114
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Wednesday 20th March 2013

Aveley Cox 7 Read 51	2 - 1 Romford Richardson 37 (pen)	89
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Waltham Forest Leachman 41	1 - 2 Soham Town Rangers Harradine 78 Gent 85	40
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Ryman South

Burgess Hill Town Witham 13 (o.g.)	1 - 3 Walton Casuals McShane 5 Maan 31, 40 (pen)	146
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Eastbourne Town Curd 13	1 - 0 Tooting & Mitcham United	157
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Herne Bay	0 - 2 Ramsgate Pulman 82, 90	194
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Thursday 21st March 2013

Ryman Premier

Concord Rangers Stokes 85	1 - 1 Thurrock Green 45+2	154
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Ryman North

Brentwood Town Butterworth 48	1 - 1 Wroxham Harrop 58	41
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RYMAN PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Whitehawk	34	9	6	1	38	16	10	5	3	35	22	68	35
Concord Rangers	31	8	4	4	39	31	9	4	2	24	12	59	20
Wealdstone	31	11	3	1	38	14	5	7	4	14	14	58	24
Lowestoft Town	29	10	4	2	29	11	6	4	3	24	17	56	25
Canvey Island	32	10	3	5	31	21	6	3	5	19	19	54	10
Margate	31	10	2	2	25	10	5	6	6	21	19	53	17
Bury Town	32	6	2	7	20	23	9	3	5	32	28	50	1
Metropolitan Police	32	6	4	5	27	24	7	6	4	22	22	49	3
East Thurrock United	30	5	7	4	23	20	5	6	3	22	19	43	6
Kingstonian	29	8	2	4	30	19	5	2	8	21	27	43	5
Leiston	30	5	7	2	21	17	5	5	6	22	26	42	0
Hendon	30	4	7	4	15	16	7	2	6	19	21	42	-3
Bognor Regis Town	32	6	2	9	14	24	6	4	5	21	17	42	-6
Hampton & Richmond Borough	30	4	4	5	15	17	6	6	5	30	21	40	7
Enfield Town	32	6	2	10	28	31	4	3	7	20	31	35	-14
Cray Wanderers	33	2	4	10	17	35	6	6	5	30	31	34	-19
Harrow Borough	31	6	3	8	30	31	3	3	8	12	23	33	-12
Lewes	33	5	5	6	21	23	2	6	9	25	37	32	-14
Wingate & Finchley	35	3	3	11	16	30	6	1	11	27	40	31	-27
Thurrock	29	4	4	7	19	20	3	4	7	12	23	29	-12
Hastings United	29	2	10	3	18	21	2	4	8	11	24	26	-16
Carshalton Athletic	33	4	3	10	19	29	2	1	13	17	37	22	-30

RYMAN NORTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Maldon & Tiptree	35	14	4	0	56	20	10	2	5	34	18	78	52
Grays Athletic	32	13	4	1	51	18	10	2	2	24	9	75	48
Thamesmead Town	33	14	0	3	34	17	8	3	5	29	24	69	22
Aveley	32	11	1	4	37	19	10	1	5	41	25	65	34
Heybridge Swifts	33	11	3	3	50	27	8	4	4	39	17	64	45
Soham Town Rangers	33	7	4	6	33	29	10	2	4	45	33	57	16
Witham Town	33	7	4	4	23	14	9	2	7	32	27	54	14
Tilbury	30	8	3	4	31	20	6	4	5	23	23	49	11
Potters Bar Town	34	6	6	5	27	30	6	4	7	26	28	46	-5
Needham Market	33	4	7	7	24	29	7	5	3	31	15	45	11
Brentwood Town	29	9	3	3	29	15	4	3	7	22	27	45	9
Cheshunt**	33	8	2	7	32	28	5	4	7	29	35	42	-2
Romford	32	5	1	8	17	26	7	4	7	32	34	41	-11
AFC Sudbury	34	7	4	6	28	26	4	4	9	21	41	41	-18
Chatham Town	34	5	3	9	26	28	4	8	5	24	28	38	-6
Wroxham	30	5	5	5	30	22	3	5	7	17	25	34	0
Waltham Abbey	28	3	4	5	16	17	5	4	7	18	23	32	-6
Waltham Forest	35	5	4	8	19	25	3	4	11	26	38	32	-18
Harlow Town***	33	4	3	10	20	32	5	3	8	20	31	23	-23
Ware	32	3	2	11	19	41	3	1	12	20	46	21	-48
Ilford	33	1	5	11	16	51	2	2	12	7	34	16	-62
Redbridge*	31	1	1	12	8	43	3	2	12	17	45	14	-63

RYMAN SOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Maidstone United	33	9	6	2	38	18	11	3	2	38	14	69	44
Dulwich Hamlet	32	12	2	1	39	11	9	1	7	30	26	66	33
Faversham Town	34	6	6	5	27	27	11	4	2	30	19	61	11
Hythe Town	33	8	4	6	27	23	10	1	4	32	19	59	17
Ramsgate	35	6	5	7	26	23	10	3	4	24	17	56	10
Leatherhead	32	6	2	7	20	17	11	1	5	34	20	54	17
Folkestone Invicta	34	9	6	2	29	19	5	6	6	28	24	54	14
Sittingbourne	34	7	7	3	31	21	6	5	6	28	22	51	16
Crawley Down Gatwick	32	9	2	5	30	20	5	6	5	31	25	50	16
Worthing	35	6	3	9	34	37	9	2	6	37	27	50	7
Eastbourne Town	32	8	3	6	26	23	6	4	5	30	26	49	7
Burgess Hill Town	33	6	3	7	22	24	5	9	3	21	18	45	1
Merstham	34	6	3	7	25	33	6	5	7	33	33	44	-8
Tooting & Mitcham United	34	5	3	10	22	38	6	2	8	20	26	38	-22
Chipstead	32	4	5	7	24	32	6	2	8	21	25	37	-12
Herne Bay	31	4	3	8	14	29	5	7	4	22	20	37	-13
Whitstable Town	34	5	4	9	23	30	5	2	9	22	27	36	-12
Walton & Hersham	34	5	4	8	13	27	4	4	9	23	34	35	-25
Corinthian-Casuals	34	3	5	9	20	29	5	5	7	13	22	34	-18
Walton Casuals	34	1	4	12	19	44	7	4	6	23	28	32	-30
Horsham	33	5	3	7	21	25	3	4	11	20	41	31	-25
Three Bridges	35	4	2	11	23	33	3	5	10	23	41	28	-28

* One point, ** three points deducted – fielding an ineligible player. ***Ten points deducted – financial rule breach.

(Kick Off times - Saturday and Sunday 3pm and Midweeks 7.45pm, unless otherwise indicated)

Saturday, March 23rd, 2013

Bury Town
Concord Rangers
East Thurrock United
Hampton & Richmond Borough
Harrow Borough
Leiston
Lewes
Margate
Metropolitan Police
Whitehawk
Wingate & Finchley

AFC Sudbury
Aveley
Brentwood Town
Chatham Town
Heybridge Swifts
Potters Bar Town
Romford
Soham Town Rangers
Waltham Forest
Ware
Witham Town

Burgess Hill Town
Dulwich Hamlet
Faversham Town
Folkestone Invicta
Herne Bay
Horsham
Leatherhead
Maidstone United
Merstham
Three Bridges
Walton Casuals

Ryman Premier

v. Cray Wanderers
v. Enfield Town
v. Hastings United
v. Wealdstone
v. Bognor Regis Town
v. Thurrock
v. Kingstonian
v. Canvey Island
v. Hendon
v. Carshalton Athletic
v. Lowestoft Town

Ryman North

v. Tilbury
v. Redbridge
v. Maldon & Tiptree
v. Harlow Town
v. Wroxham
v. Ilford
v. Waltham Abbey
v. Grays Athletic
v. Needham Market
v. Thamesmead Town
v. Cheshunt

Ryman South

v. Tooting & Mitcham United
v. Whitstable Town
v. Worthing
v. Walton & Hersham
v. Corinthian-Casuals
v. Hythe Town
v. Crawley Down Gatwick
v. Eastbourne Town
v. Ramsgate
v. Chipstead
v. Sittingbourne