



## WEEKLY NEWS AND MATCH BULLETIN

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History is made as referee Dean Appleby whistles for the kick-off at Soham Town Rangers on Saturday, the first action to take place in Cambridgeshire during the league's 106-year history. Soham, in green, were beaten 3-2 by Waltham Forest in Division One North.

# ALL THE WEEKEND ACTION

By Peter Butcher – Ryman League Communications Administrator

## Premier Division

THE PRE-SEASON title favourites clashed in an opening-day showdown at Lowestoft and it was the home side who came out on top, beating Lewes 3-1.

They did so despite a day to forget for skipper Greg Crane, who gave Lewes a sixth-minute lead with an own goal and was sent off on the half-hour, just after Andrew Cave-Brown had levelled the scores and matched his goal total of last season.

Undeterred, the ten men went ahead immediately after half-time through Lubo Guentchev and, after much Lewes pressure had gone unrewarded, Guentchev set up an added-time clincher for Chris Henderson, a summer signing from Suffolk rivals Bury Town.

If the pundits are to be believed, Lowestoft are now well on course for the title. But a few other teams might feel differently, not least Bury who also started with a 3-1 victory. A massacre threatened as Russell Short and Lee Smith scored in the first 12 minutes at Horsham but the cash-strapped hosts pulled one back before half-time through Daniel Morris. Hornets pushed forward in the second half only to be caught on the break as the much-travelled Roy Essandoh settled it nine minutes from time.

Lewes, relegated from Conference South, were one of three teams playing their first-ever Premier Division games and the other two fared better. The Smiths shone for promoted pair Met Police and Wingate: both won 1-0 with Ty Smith getting the Met's winner at home to Harrow while Leon Smith netted for Wingate at Hastings.

The Met had the pick of the chances in their game but it was the 78<sup>th</sup> minute before they scored, a penalty after Stafford Palmer was brought down.

Leon Smith, the only Ryman League player to have reached the 30-goal mark in the each of the last two seasons, made a good start

to his Premier career with a well-taken effort in the 31st minute. David Laird should have made sure but his penalty hit the bar.

A third promoted club, East Thurrock, also came out on top with a single goal. An even game at Tooting was settled by what appeared to be a sliced cross by substitute Kayan Kalipha in the 81<sup>st</sup> minute.

Leatherhead, in their first Premier game since 1983, failed to make it a clean sweep for the promoted quartet, though they threatened to do so when Danny Gainsford headed them into a 15<sup>th</sup>-minute lead at Billericay. Benson Kpaka robbed Tanners keeper Chico Ramos outside the box before levelling on the half-hour and Junior Luke smashed in a 72<sup>nd</sup>-minute drive to earn the hosts a 2-1 victory.

Carshalton's new-look striker force came up trumps at Canvey as the Robins recovered from Kevin Dobinson's 25-yard opener for the islanders to claim a 2-1 success.

Dean McDonald's penalty provided a swift equaliser and Paul Vines pounced on a long ball to win it with 15 minutes left.

To complete a disappointing day for the island of Canvey, Concord were on top for most of their visit to Hendon but left empty-handed. Jamie Busby's 48<sup>th</sup>-minute penalty was enough for the Greens thanks to some determined defence.

Another fancied side, Kingstonian, had to settle for a 0-0 draw at Aveley. Ellis Remy twice went close for the home side before K's had Tom Bird sent off in the 21<sup>st</sup> minute. Despite their handicap, Kingstonian held out, though keeper Rob Tolfrey was relieved that Sherwin Stanley did not put more power into a late shot from a good position.

Wealdstone and Margate also shared the points with a 1-1 scoreline at Grosvenor Vale. Margate, likely to be much improved this season,

went ahead after seven minutes through Kwesi Appiah.

But Wealdstone's second-half improvement was rewarded when Tom O'Regan hit a spectacular 20-yard equaliser.

Hornchurch went to the top of the infant league table with a 5-2 victory at Cray on Sunday.

Leigh Bremner headed Cray into a 13<sup>th</sup>-minute lead and might have had a couple more.

But a Michael Spencer fluke squared it six minutes before the interval, very much against the run of play, and Martin Tuohy's stunning volley gave Urchins a half-time lead.

Tuohy scored again shortly after the break and, after Tyrone Sterling hit a post for Cray, set up the fourth goal for Tommy Black in the 83<sup>rd</sup> minute.

Bremner replied two minutes later but substitute Jo Flack completed the Hornchurch nap hand in added time.

## Division 1 North

SUGGESTIONS that Needham Market would struggle to match last season's form after losing two of their top three scorers seem to have been some way off the mark.

The Marketmen, runners-up in their debut season, declared their intention to go one better as they blasted seven unanswered goals past Potters Bar at Bloomfields with Sam Newson nabbing four of them.

They were two up in seven minutes through Daniel Thrower and Newson. Deakin Napier's free-kick and another Newson effort made it 4-0 by the interval. New signing Danny Bloomfield – an appropriate name – and Newson added two in as many minutes midway through the second period and Newson completed the rout in the last minute.

Joe Sweeney fired a hat-trick as Grays romped to a 4-0 home win over Ware. He scored early and late in the first half before completing his treble on the hour. Eljay Worrell added the fourth.

Heybridge matched that scoreline at Thamesmead, who had the upper hand until Taylor Hastings rifled home a 25-yarder six minutes before the break. Luke Callander punished some slack defence soon after the restart and late goals by Ricky Griggs and Ashley Hawkins made the scoreline convincing.

Leiston are fancied to do well in their debut season but they let two points slip from a strong position at Waltham Abbey. It was

scoreless until the 44<sup>th</sup> minute, when Stuart Boardley put Leiston in front. There was still time for Steve Cawley to level it from the spot before the break. Goals by Michael Brothers and Nathan Stone set Leiston on course for three points but Tim Shaw pulled one back in the 85<sup>th</sup> minute and Cawley made it 3-3 in stoppage time.

Bookies' favourites Sudbury also let a two-goal lead slip in a 2-2 draw at Redbridge. Dave Wareham and Tom Devaux struck for the visitors before the half-hour mark, only for Lewis Dark to halve the deficit on the hour. Billy Sendall headed the equaliser from a last-gasp corner.

Brentwood were set for a draw at Tilbury until Gary Henty and Jack West struck in the last five minutes to give Dockers a 2-0 victory.

The other newcomers to this division, Soham, are pleased to have been transferred from the Southern League but were less happy with their defensive work in a 3-2 home defeat by Waltham Forest. Forest took the lead when the hosts conceded a needless penalty on the quarter-hour mark and Josh Bonnett converted.

Gaz Dauti quickly added another with a bobbling shot and Bonnett punished a goalkeeping error to make it 3-0 midway through the second half.

Andy Furnell's header gave Soham some hope with 15 minutes left and, after Bonnett had been sent off, David Cobb pulled another one back in the 93<sup>rd</sup> minute. There were still five minutes left but Forest held out.

Chatham, switched from the South division, snatched a 1-0 victory at Maldon when Brad Potter headed home a free-kick in the fifth minute of added time.

A single headed goal, claimed by Lee Roache just before the half-hour, was also enough for Harlow to claim all three points in their home opener against Romford.

## Division 1 South

THE first Ryman League goal of the season was scored at Eastbourne Town. Billy Manners struck in the very first minute and it was all Sittingbourne needed for their 1-0 victory.

Two of the promotion favourites clashed and visitors Whitehawk took the honours in style, beating Maidstone 3-0. Pat Harding wasted a couple of good chances before opening the scoring, Sam Gargan added another before half-time and he set up the third for Jamahl Hughes.

The scoreline was the same as Hythe, promoted from the Kent League, went down at Godalming. Brendon Cass went close to an opener for the new boys before Jamie McClurg put G's ahead midway through the first half. Darren Wheeler's volley made it 2-0 on the half-hour and Wes Harrison notched the third soon after the break.

The other promoted club, Crawley Down, lost to a single Mark Lovell goal at Ramsgate. Lovell, who had earlier hit the bar, headed the decider on the stroke of half-time, somewhat against the run of play.

It was a similar story at Faversham, where the hosts wasted several opportunities before Tom Lawley's goal on the hour gave Worthing a winning start to their campaign. Richard Sinden missed a good chance to equalise.

Comeback man Stuart Vahid buried an 86<sup>th</sup>-minute penalty to give Whitstable a 3-2 victory at Walton Casuals. Keelan Mooney's fierce drive gave the Oystermen the lead but a Danny Buckle double, the second a penalty, put Casuals 2-1 up. Buckle was the only player in the division to score more than once but his efforts

Cheshunt beat Great Wakering 2-0 with two goals early in the second half. Chris Meikle and Josh Hutchinson were the marksmen, but debutant keeper Ben Stone was Cheshunt's star.

Enfield Town drew 1-1 at Ilford after a rapid exchange of goals in the first half. Adam Bolle fired Ilford ahead from 18 yards and Daniel Ailey replied with a header.

were unrewarded as a Peter Hawkins header made it 2-2 and Vahid, who rejoined Whitstable from Ramsgate only on Friday, finished the job.

Bognor, so close to the title last season, had to wait until the 89<sup>th</sup> minute for Luke Nightingale's decider in a 2-1 home win over Chipstead. James Fraser opened the scoring for Rocks just before half-time but Jason Goodchild's 63<sup>rd</sup>-minute penalty looked to have earned Chips a surprise point until last season's Golden Boot winner Jason Prior had a shot deflected on to the bar and Nightingale pounced.

Beaten play-off finalists Dulwich saw off Whyteleafe 2-0 at Champion Hill with a goal in each half. Frankie Sawyer beat two defenders before putting them ahead and Nyren Clunis nabbed a close-range second.

Experienced striker Roscoe D'Sane marked his debut for Merstham with a 14<sup>th</sup>-minute opener against Corinthian-Casuals.

A post denied Sam Tucknott a second, which eventually came from Dan Harding midway through the second half. Kane Sargeant pulled one back for the visitors but Merstham survived late pressure to win 2-1.

It was a similar story and the same result at Folkestone. Debutant Stuart King gave them an early lead against Walton & Hersham and set up the second for Liam Friend soon after half-time. Phil Williams replied with 25 minutes left but the Swans could not draw level.

It was scoreless at Burgess Hill, where relegated Croydon Athletic were the visitors. Peter Martin hit the woodwork for the hosts and Taurean Roberts did the same for Croydon.

## LEAGUE TABLES

(To Sunday August 21)

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

## Results

Saturday, 20 August, 2011

### Premier Division

Aveley	0-0	Kingstonian	190
Billericay Town Kpaka 30, Luke 72	2-1	Leatherhead Gainsford 15	325
Canvey Island Dobinson 18	1-2	Carshalton Athletic McDonald 25 Vines 75	402
Hastings United	0-1	Wingate & Finchley L Smith 31	297
Hendon Busby 48 (pen)	1-0	Concord Rangers	164
Horsham Morris 40	1-3	Bury Town Short 10, Smith 12 Essandoh 81	264
Lowestoft Town Cave-Brown 27 Guentchev 46, Henderson 90	3-1	Lewes Crane (OG) 6	762
Metropolitan Police T Smith 78 (pen)	1-0	Harrow Borough	84
Tooting & Mitcham United	0-1	East Thurrock United Kalipha 81	215
Wealdstone O'Regan 68	1-1	Margate Appiah 7	448

### Division One North

Cheshunt Meikle 49 Hutchinson 51	2-0	Great Wakering Rovers	121
Grays Athletic Sweeney 7, 45, 61 Worrell 74	4-0	Ware	240
Harlow Town Roache 28	1-0	Romford	203
Ilford Bolle 31	1-1	Enfield Town Ailey 35	123
Maldon & Tiptree	0-1	Chatham Town Potter 90	67
Needham Market Thrower 2 Newson 7, 37, 67, 89 Napier 24 Bloomfield 65	7-0	Potters Bar Town	209
Redbridge Dark 60 Sendall 90	2-2	AFC Sudbury D Wareham 15 Devaux 28	107
Soham Town Rangers Furnell 75 Cobb 90+3	2-3	Waltham Forest Bonnett 15 (pen), 67 Dauti 19	124

Thamesmead Town	0-4	Heybridge Swifts Hastings 39 Callander 48 Griggs 80 Hawkins 90	31
Tilbury Henty 85 J West 87	2-0	Brentwood Town	110
Waltham Abbey Cawley 45 (pen), 90 Shaw 85	3-3	Leiston Boardley 44 M Brothers 55 Stone 73	71

### Division One South

Bognor Regis Town Fraser 45 Nightingale 89	2-1	Chipstead Goodchild 63 (pen)	412
Burgess Hill Town	0-0	Croydon Athletic	155
Dulwich Hamlet Sawyer 24 Clunis 62	2-0	Whyteleafe	282
Eastbourne Town	0-1	Sittingbourne Manners 1	203
Faversham Town	0-1	Worthing Lawley 60	156
Folkestone Invicta King 12 Friend 50	2-1	Walton & Hersham P Williams 65	247
Godalming Town McClurg 23 Wheeler 30 Harrison 50	3-0	Hythe Town	116
Maidstone United	0-3	Whitehawk Harding 34, Gargan 40, Hughes 60	418
Merstham Dsane 14 Harding 65	2-1	Corinthian-Casuals Sergeant 75	160
Ramsgate Lovell 45	1-0	Crawley Down	250
Walton Casuals Buckle 24, 56 (pen)	2-3	Whitstable Town Mooney 20, Hawkins 61, Vahid 86 (pen)	105

### Sunday, August 21st

#### PREMIER DIVISION

Cray Wanderers Bremner 13, 87	2-5	AFC Hornchurch Spencer 39, Tuohy 44, 50, Black 83, Flack 90+4	179
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## Fixtures

**Monday, August 22nd (7.45)**

### PREMIER DIVISION

Kingstonian v. Horsham

**Tuesday, August 23rd (7.45 unless stated)**

### PREMIER DIVISION

AFC Hornchurch v. Canvey Island  
Bury Town v. Hendon  
Carshalton Athletic v. Wealdstone  
Concord Rangers v. Cray Wanderers  
East Thurrock United v. Hastings United  
Harrow Borough v. Billericay Town  
Leatherhead v. Tooting & Mitcham United  
Margate v. Aveley  
Wingate & Finchley v. Lowestoft Town

### DIVISION ONE NORTH

AFC Sudbury v. Ilford  
Chatham Town v. Harlow Town  
Enfield Town v. Tilbury *(at Cheshunt FC)*  
Great Wakering Rovers v. Maldon & Tiptree  
Heybridge Swifts v. Needham Market (7.30)  
Leiston v. Cheshunt  
Potters Bar Town v. Soham Town Rangers  
Romford v. Redbridge  
Ware v. Waltham Abbey

### DIVISION ONE SOUTH

Chipstead v. Merstham  
Corinthian-Casuals v. Folkestone Invicta  
Crawley Down v. Dulwich Hamlet (7.30)  
Hythe Town v. Faversham Town  
Sittingbourne v. Ramsgate  
Walton & Hersham v. Burgess Hill Town  
Whitehawk v. Walton Casuals  
Whitstable Town v. Maidstone United  
Whyteleafe v. Eastbourne Town  
Worthing v. Godalming Town

**Wednesday, August 24th (7.45)**

### PREMIER DIVISION

Lewes v. Metropolitan Police

### DIVISION ONE NORTH

Brentwood Town v. Thamesmead Town *(at Aveley FC)*  
Waltham Forest v. Grays Athletic

### DIVISION ONE SOUTH

Croydon Athletic v. Bognor Regis Town



## Saturday, August 27th (3.00)

### PREMIER DIVISION

AFC Hornchurch	v. Horsham
Bury Town	v. Hastings United
Carshalton Athletic	v. Hendon
Concord Rangers	v. Tooting & Mitcham United
East Thurrock United	v. Wealdstone
Harrow Borough	v. Aveley
Kingstonian	v. Canvey Island
Leatherhead	v. Cray Wanderers
Lewes	v. Billericay Town
Margate	v. Lowestoft Town

### DIVISION ONE NORTH

AFC Sudbury	v. Tilbury
Brentwood Town	v. Harlow Town
Chatham Town	v. Cheshunt
Enfield Town	v. Maldon & Tiptree
Great Wakering Rovers	v. Thamesmead Town
Heybridge Swifts	v. Grays Athletic
Leiston	v. Ilford
Potters Bar Town	v. Waltham Abbey
Romford	v. Soham Town Rangers
Waltham Forest	v. Needham Market
Ware	v. Redbridge

### DIVISION ONE SOUTH

Chipstead	v. Ramsgate
Corinthian-Casuals	v. Burgess Hill Town
Crawley Down	v. Maidstone United
Croydon Athletic	v. Eastbourne Town
Hythe Town	v. Bognor Regis Town
Sittingbourne	v. Dulwich Hamlet
Walton & Hersham	v. Godalming Town
Whitehawk	v. Faversham Town
Whitstable Town	v. Merstham
Whyteleafe	v. Folkestone Invicta
Worthing	v. Walton Casuals

## Monday, August 29th (3.00)

### PREMIER DIVISION

Aveley	v. Concord Rangers
Billericay Town	v. Bury Town
Canvey Island	v. East Thurrock United
Cray Wanderers	v. Carshalton Athletic
Hastings United	v. Margate
Hendon	v. Harrow Borough
Horsham	v. Lewes
Lowestoft Town	v. AFC Hornchurch
Tooting & Mitcham United	v. Kingstonian
Wealdstone	v. Wingate & Finchley

### DIVISION ONE NORTH

Cheshunt	v. Ware
Grays Athletic	v. Great Wakering Rovers
Harlow Town	v. Potters Bar Town
Ilford	v. Waltham Forest
Maldon & Tiptree	v. Brentwood Town
Needham Market	v. AFC Sudbury
Redbridge	v. Enfield Town
Soham Town Rangers	v. Leiston
Thamesmead Town	v. Romford
Tilbury	v. Chatham Town
Waltham Abbey	v. Heybridge Swifts

### DIVISION ONE SOUTH

Bognor Regis Town	v. Whitehawk
Burgess Hill Town	v. Worthing
Dulwich Hamlet	v. Corinthian-Casuals
Eastbourne Town	v. Crawley Down
Faversham Town	v. Croydon Athletic
Folkestone Invicta	v. Whitstable Town
Godalming Town	v. Whyteleafe
Merstham	v. Walton & Hersham
Ramsgate	v. Hythe Town
Walton Casuals	v. Chipstead

### Tuesday, August 30th (7.45)

### DIVISION ONE SOUTH

Maidstone United	v. Sittingbourne
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### Wednesday, August 31st (7.45)

### PREMIER DIVISION

Metropolitan Police	v. Leatherhead
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## Facts and Figures

CAMBRIDGESHIRE became the 16th county to host Isthmian League football when Soham Town Rangers kicked off against Waltham Forest on Saturday.

The six original teams of 1905 were all based in Essex or Middlesex. Surrey was added when Dulwich and West Norwood joined the league in 1907, when there was also an expansion to distant Oxfordshire with the admission of Oxford City.

Bromley became Kent's first Isthmian club a year later, Wycombe were Buckinghamshire's first representatives in 1921 and Hertfordshire was added to the list when St Albans joined two years later.

After that, league membership was fairly stable and it was to be 50 years before further counties welcomed Isthmian football. Sussex (Horsham) and Berkshire (Maidenhead and Slough) staged their first games in 1973. Hampshire came as late as 1977, with Farnborough, and Barton provided a 1979 debut for Bedfordshire.

Far-flung Somerset was next when Yeovil became members in 1985, after which there was an 18-year gap before Kettering provided what is, so far, a lone season of Isthmian action in Northamptonshire. A year later, in 2004, Salisbury's admission brought a one-off season in Wiltshire.

Suffolk, now something of an Isthmian hotbed, had no members until 2006, when Bury and Sudbury joined. That was it until this season.

Next? Perhaps Norfolk, with a promotion link from the Eastern Counties League now apparently firmly established.

### **Hat-trick Heroes**

Sam Newson (Needham Market) 4

Joe Sweeney (Grays Athletic) 3.

### **Wins Analysis (As at 21st August 2011)**

<b>Premier Division</b>		<b>Division One North</b>		<b>Division One South</b>	
Matches Played	11	Matches Played	11	Matches Played	11
Home Wins	4	Home Wins	5	Home Wins	6
(36.4%)		(45.4%)		(54.5%)	
Away Wins	5	Away Wins	3	Away Wins	4
(45.4%)		(27.3%)		(36.4%)	
Draws	2	Draws	3	Draws	1
(18.2%)		(27.3%)		(9.1%)	
Home Goals	12	Home Goals	24	Home Goals	14
Away Goals	15	Away Goals	14	Away Goals	11
Total Goals	30	Total Goals	38	Total Goals	25
Goals per game		Goals per game		Goals per game	
2.73		3.45		2.27	

## **General Information**

### **Handbook Changes**

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#### **Aveley**

Match Secretary – Terry King – House number is 5

#### **Kingstonian**

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## Ryman Youth League Section

### Forthcoming Youth League Fixtures

#### Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August

##### EAST DIVISION

Faversham Town v. Maidstone United  
Tonbridge Angels v. Ashford United

##### SOUTH DIVISION

Hastings United v. Worthing

##### WEST DIVISION

Camberley Town v. Staines Town  
Hayes & Yeading United v. Wingate & Finchley

#### Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August

##### EAST DIVISION

Bromley v. Corinthian

#### Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> August

##### CENTRAL DIVISION

Chipstead v. Carshalton Athletic  
Sutton United v. Metropolitan Police

##### SOUTH DIVISION

Whitehawk v. Lewes

##### WEST DIVISION

Harrow Borough v. Wealdstone

#### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August

##### CENTRAL DIVISION

Tooting & Mitcham Utd v. Woking  
Whyteleafe v. Leatherhead

##### EAST DIVISION

Thamesmead Town v. Welling United

##### WEST DIVISION

Northwood v. Ashford Town (Middx)

**Tuesday 30th August**

**EAST DIVISION**

Bromley v. Maidstone United

**SOUTH DIVISION**

Eastbourne Town v. Horsham

**WEST DIVISION**

Ashford Town (Middx) v. Camberley Town

**Wednesday 31st August**

**CENTRAL DIVISION**

Chipstead v. Kingstonian

Sutton United v. Carshalton Athletic

Walton & Hersham v. Whyteleafe

Woking v. Leatherhead

**EAST DIVISION**

Ashford United v. Thamesmead Town

Welling United v. Faversham Town

**SOUTH DIVISION**

Bognor Regis Town v. Burgess Hill Town

Whitehawk v. Hastings United

**WEST DIVISION**

Hampton & Richmond Borough v. Harrow Borough



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If you want more news on the League before our next bulletin which we will publish on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2011.

Our midweek result round-up will be published on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2011

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