



## Midweek Update – Season 2012/13 No.19

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### Ryman Premier

**Whitehawk**, kicked off at noon on Boxing Day knowing that a home victory over **Hastings** would take them to the top of the table, at least for a few hours.

So they must have been disappointed with a 2-2 draw, especially as they took the lead in each half through Charlie Walker and Joe Keehan. Bradley Goldberg made it 1-1 in added time at the end of the first half, and Hastings claimed their point with a goal by Tom Vickers with nine minutes left.

By the end of the day, though, Hawks must have been fairly pleased with themselves. **Wealdstone**, who battled out a 0-0 draw at old rivals **Harrow**, were the only other side in the top nine to get any reward.

Leaders **Margate** went down 1-0 at home to **Cray**, for whom Leigh Bremner's 19<sup>th</sup>-minute goal was enough, while **Bognor** were on the wrong end of the same scoreline at **Lewes**. Kane Wills missed a first-half penalty for Rocks, who went down to an 80<sup>th</sup>-minute strike by Nathan Crabb.

Sam Clayton, who switched from **Kingstonian** to **Met Police** earlier this month, dealt a huge blow to his old teammates at Imber Court. K's took an early lead through Wade Small and held it until soon after half-time, when Clayton equalised. Another recent signing, David Knight, put the Met ahead shortly afterwards and they wrapped up their 4-1 home win with late goals from Howard Newton and Knight.

**Carshalton**, with only one away point in ten previous attempts, upset the odds to win 1-0 at eighth-placed **Hampton**. Nathaniel Pinney found the net nine minutes before the interval and, when Hampton had the chance to reply, Craig Holloway blasted his penalty over the bar. Robins stayed bottom despite their success, but drew closer to the teams above them.

Two of the other leading clubs, **Bury** and **Lowestoft**, had their meeting at the Ram Meadow postponed. They, too, must have enjoyed seeing the other scores.

**Canvey** started the day in ninth place, ahead of neighbours **Concord** on goal difference. But it was Concord who claimed offshore bragging rights in style with a 3-0 home win. They had Nicky Cowley sent off midway through the first half but were already 2-0 up thanks to a Harry Elmes double. Canvey striker Bradley Woods-Garness hit a post just after Cowley's departure but that was as close as his side came to starting a recovery and James White wrapped it up for the Beachboys with five minutes left.

**Hendon** moved well clear of the drop zone and left **Wingate** deep in trouble. It looked certain to be a goalless draw, even though Wingate had Andre Scarlett sent off with around 20 minutes left. But in the 89<sup>th</sup> minute former Hendon man Scott Shulton handled on the line, he became the second home player to make an early departure, and Julian Owusu-Bekoe converted the penalty.

Wingate remain 20<sup>th</sup>, a point ahead of **Thurrock**, who now have four games in hand after their visit to borough rivals **East Thurrock** fell victim to the weather.

**Leiston** maintained their improvement with a 3-1 home win over **Enfield Town**, the team they pipped for the Ryman North title last season. Gareth Heath and Emmanuel Osei put them 2-0 up but Mitch Hahn put Enfield back in the game until Heath grabbed his second in the 78<sup>th</sup> minute.

## Ryman North

THE league's last unbeaten record has gone. After 18 games without defeat, and 14 consecutive wins, leaders **Maldon** finally succumbed on Boxing Day.

They went down 1-0 at local rivals **Heybridge**, for whom Luke Callander netted his 15<sup>th</sup> league goal of the season with 14 minutes left. The victory lifted Swifts into second place but Maldon still have a 13-point cushion and a game in hand.

At the other end of the table, the weather dealt a cruel blow to **Ware**. Two goals from Spencer Knight and one apiece from Tony Martin and Rob Green gave them a 4-2 lead over **Harlow** with only 18 minutes left. But constant heavy rain eventually made conditions unplayable, the match was abandoned and Ware were denied a probable victory that would have lifted them two places in the table.

Five of the ten scheduled games in the division were postponed, all in Essex, and so only four matches were completed. The most significant of them was at **Chatham**, where **Thamesmead** won 3-2 and climbed into the top five.

It was a close-run thing: Stuart Zanone's decider came three minutes into added time. It was the third time the visitors had taken the lead. Earlier efforts from Rob Carter and Lea Dawson were answered for Chats by James Lawrence and Garry Tilley.

The result was settled in added time at **Soham** as well. A foul on Ross Durrant gave visitors **Wroxham** a penalty and, although Angelo Harrop's kick was saved, he followed up to make it 3-3. It was the third time the Yachtsmen had hauled themselves back on to level terms. Durrant and Ben Thompson answered strikes by James McCabe and Rob Mason for the hosts, and McCabe must have thought his second goal, an 86<sup>th</sup>-minute curler, was going to be worth three points.

The points were shared in less dramatic style at **Sudbury**, whose clash with **Needham Market** failed to produce a goal for the crowd of 322, the division's second-highest of the season.

## Ryman South

LIKE the leaders of the other two divisions, table-toppers **Maidstone** were beaten 1-0 on Boxing Day. It was their first league defeat since August.

Their hosts, **Ramsgate**, thought their chance had gone when, after a discussion, the referee overruled his assistant's signal for a penalty after Ian Pulman had gone down in the box.

But, two minutes into added time, Pulman was felled again and this time there was no debate. The culprit, Tommy Osborne, was given his marching orders and Warren Schulz duly claimed the game's only goal from the penalty spot.

Unlike the other two divisions, the result also brought a change at the top. **Dulwich** took over thanks to a 1-0 win at **Chipstead**. In-form youngster Danny Carr scored the decisive goal soon after the interval.

Maidstone still have a game in hand on Dulwich, and two on **Hythe** who drew level with them on points after coming from behind to beat visitors **Folkestone** 2-1 in front of a four-figure crowd.

Josh Vincent gave Folkestone a half-time lead. The equaliser came on the hour, predictably from Dave Cook: his 16<sup>th</sup> league goal of the season. Perhaps even more predictably, it was James Everitt who claimed the 72<sup>nd</sup>-minute winner against the club he served for nine years before joining Hythe last month.

**Faversham** held on to fourth place with a 1-1 draw at **Sittingbourne**. Joe Taylor put the Brickies ahead on the half-hour and Adrian Stone replied for the visitors, also in the 72<sup>nd</sup> minute.

The dropped points cost Sittingbourne their place in the top five. They were overtaken by **Crawley Down**, who beat **Three Bridges** 3-1. Fraser Logan scored the only goal of the first half and Hassan Nyang replied for Bridges in the 57<sup>th</sup> minute. Ross Morley quickly restored the Anvils' lead and Jamie Cade made sure.

Bridges are now just one goal better off than bottom club **Walton Casuals**, who have two games in hand after their derby at **Walton & Hersham** was the only game in the division to fall victim to a waterlogged pitch.

**Leatherhead** are seventh and within a point of a play-off spot after their 2-0 win at **Corinthian-Casuals**. Tom Bradbrook made the breakthrough two minutes after the interval and Elliott Thompson added the second with ten minutes left.

In this tight promotion battle, **Burgess Hill** would have been fourth had they won at **Eastbourne**, but lost 2-1 and dropped to eighth. It was 1-1 after only 11 minutes, with John Lansdale's opener for the hosts answered by Sam Tucknott. Ben Austin restored Eastbourne's lead five minutes before half-time and that proved to be that.

**Worthing** went down 2-1 at home to **Horsham**. It was their seventh home defeat of the season yet, remarkably enough, they too would have been in the top five had the result been reversed. Two goals in seven second-half minutes from Tony Nwachukwu and Matt Simpson did the trick for the Hornets, who were denied a clean sheet by Steve Metcalf's last-minute reply.

The division's highest-scoring game of the day was at **Tooting**, where **Merstham** came out on top 4-2. Lee Newman put them ahead with a penalty, Tyrone Berry equalised and Luke l'Anson restored Merstham's lead, all within the first 19 minutes. Laurent Hamici made it 2-2 soon after half-time but Mark Nwokeji put Merstham ahead to stay in the 77<sup>th</sup> minute and Fabio Saraiva clinched it in added time.

An impressive crowd of 433 turned out at **Whitstable** to watch two sides in the bottom eight and those who stayed till the end saw 19-year-old Scott Heard net a last-gasp equaliser for the hosts. **Herne Bay** had led from midway through the first half, when their own teenage forward, 18-year-old Tunji Abgajae, was on target.



# Results

## Wednesday 26th December 2012

### Ryman Premier

Bury Town	P - P	Lowestoft Town	
Concord Rangers H Elmes 6, 18 White 88	3 - 0	Canvey Island	338
East Thurrock United	P - P	Thurrock	
Hampton & Richmond Borough	0 - 1	Carshalton Athletic Pinney 36	269
Harrow Borough	0 - 0	Wealdstone	661
Leiston G Heath 24, 78 Osei 54	3 - 1	Enfield Town Hahn 57	230
Lewes Crabb 80	1 - 0	Bognor Regis Town	883
Margate	0 - 1	Cray Wanderers Bremner 19	408
Metropolitan Police Clayton 52 Knight 58, 83 Newton 82	4 - 1	Kingstonian Small 10	241
Whitehawk Walker 27 Keehan 54	2 - 2	Hastings United Goldberg 45+2 Vickers 81	290
Wingate & Finchley	0 - 1	Hendon Owusu-Bekoe 89 (pen)	182

## Ryman North

AFC Sudbury	0 - 0	Needham Market	322
Aveley	P - P	Grays Athletic	
Brentwood Town	P - P	Ilford	
Chatham Town Lawrence 56 Tilley 69	2 - 3	Thamesmead Town Carter 32 Dawson 67 Zanone 90+3	88
Heybridge Swifts Callander 76	1 - 0	Maldon & Tiptree	267
Romford	P - P	Tilbury	
Soham Town Rangers McCabe 10, 86 Mason 38	3 - 3	Wroxham R Durrant 23 Thompson 54 Harrop 90+2	176
Waltham Forest	P - P	Waltham Abbey	
Ware	A - A	Harlow Town	
<b><i>Abandoned after 72 minutes (waterlogged pitch) with Ware leading 4-2.</i></b>			
Witham Town	P - P	Redbridge	

## Ryman South

Chipstead	0 - 1	Dulwich Hamlet Carr 47	124
Corinthian-Casuals	0 - 2	Leatherhead Bradbrook 47 Thompson 81	118
Crawley Down Gatwick Logan 38 Morley 62 Cade 81	3 - 1	Three Bridges Nyang 57	135
Eastbourne Town Lansdale 8 Austin 40	2 - 1	Burgess Hill Town Tucknott 11	206
Hythe Town Cook 59 Everitt 72	2 - 1	Folkestone Invicta Vincent 35	1,022
Ramsgate Schulz 90+3 (pen)	1 - 0	Maidstone United	406
Sittingbourne Taylor 29	1 - 1	Faversham Town A Stone 72	186
Tooting & Mitcham United Berry 15 Hamici 51	2 - 4	Merstham Newman 8 (pen) l'Anson 19 Nwokeji 77 Saraiva 90	213
Walton & Hersham	P - P	Walton Casuals	
Whitstable Town Heard 90	1 - 1	Herne Bay Abgajae 22	433
Worthing Metcalf 90	1 - 2	Horsham Nwachukwu 55 Simpson 62	341

<b>RYMAN PREMIER</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Pts</b>	<b>GD</b>
Margate	19	6	2	2	16	8	4	4	1	15	11	36	12
Whitehawk	18	3	4	1	17	9	6	3	1	18	11	34	15
Wealdstone	16	7	3	0	24	9	2	2	2	6	6	32	15
Lowestoft Town	16	5	0	2	17	7	4	2	3	13	11	29	12
Bognor Regis Town	18	4	2	3	10	8	4	3	2	13	8	29	7
Kingstonian	17	6	1	1	18	10	3	1	5	16	21	29	3
Concord Rangers	18	4	2	4	24	25	4	3	1	12	10	29	1
Bury Town	17	4	2	3	13	13	4	2	2	16	15	28	1
Hampton & Richmond Borough	18	4	1	4	10	11	4	2	3	18	12	27	5
Canvey Island	17	4	3	2	15	11	3	2	3	8	8	26	4
Metropolitan Police	16	3	3	1	15	8	3	3	3	11	12	24	6
Cray Wanderers	17	2	2	4	11	16	4	4	1	15	7	24	3
Lewes	20	4	4	2	14	11	1	5	4	15	18	24	0
Leiston	19	4	5	1	15	10	1	3	5	11	21	23	-5
East Thurrock United	17	1	5	3	9	12	3	4	1	12	10	21	-1
Harrow Borough	19	3	1	5	13	15	2	2	6	9	15	18	-8
Enfield Town	17	3	1	5	17	19	2	2	4	11	18	18	-9
Hendon	18	2	4	2	10	11	2	2	6	9	18	18	-10
Hastings United	15	2	4	1	10	9	1	3	4	6	13	16	-6
Wingate & Finchley	19	2	2	6	7	15	2	0	7	9	20	14	-19
Thurrock	15	2	2	4	10	10	1	2	4	6	14	13	-8
Carshalton Athletic	20	2	2	5	8	12	1	1	9	10	26	12	-18

<b>RYMAN NORTH</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Pts</b>	<b>GD</b>
Maldon & Tiptree	19	9	0	0	30	9	7	2	1	24	8	50	37
Heybridge Swifts	20	5	2	3	22	23	6	2	2	30	10	37	19
Grays Athletic	17	6	4	0	23	8	4	1	2	11	7	35	19
Aveley	18	5	1	3	21	13	6	0	3	25	15	34	18
Thamesmead Town	19	7	0	2	15	9	3	3	4	15	17	33	4
Potters Bar Town	20	4	3	3	16	19	5	3	2	18	13	33	2
Soham Town Rangers	20	4	2	4	21	17	5	1	4	31	26	30	9
Tilbury	18	4	2	3	19	13	4	3	2	15	15	29	6
Witham Town	18	5	1	2	17	9	4	1	5	13	16	29	5
Cheshunt	19	5	1	3	22	16	4	0	6	17	25	28	-2
Romford	17	4	0	5	9	16	4	2	2	17	12	26	-2
Needham Market	19	0	5	4	10	21	6	2	2	23	9	25	3
Brentwood Town	13	4	1	1	16	8	3	1	3	14	12	23	10
Waltham Abbey	17	3	2	3	13	12	3	3	3	8	11	23	-1
Wroxham	17	3	2	4	19	17	3	2	3	13	14	22	1
AFC Sudbury	20	3	3	4	17	18	2	3	5	14	25	21	-12
Chatham Town	18	3	1	6	15	17	2	4	2	12	11	20	-1
Harlow Town	18	2	1	7	15	23	4	1	3	12	12	20	-8
Waltham Forest	18	3	2	4	10	13	2	1	6	20	23	18	-6
Redbridge*	17	1	0	8	6	32	2	1	5	9	17	9	-34
Ilford	18	0	3	6	5	23	1	1	7	4	19	7	-33
Ware	18	1	2	5	7	19	0	1	9	9	31	6	-34

<b>RYMAN SOUTH</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Pts</b>	<b>GD</b>
Dulwich Hamlet	19	7	1	1	22	7	5	1	4	16	17	38	14
Maidstone United	18	5	3	1	23	10	6	1	2	19	6	37	26
Hythe Town	20	4	3	4	16	14	7	1	1	22	10	37	14
Faversham Town	19	2	3	3	17	17	7	3	1	22	14	33	8
Crawley Down Gatwick	20	6	2	3	22	16	3	3	3	16	14	32	8
Sittingbourne	20	4	4	3	18	13	4	3	2	17	12	31	10
Leatherhead	18	3	0	5	8	11	7	1	2	20	10	31	7
Burgess Hill Town	19	3	3	2	11	9	5	4	2	18	14	31	6
Worthing	20	2	1	7	20	25	7	1	2	22	10	29	7
Ramsgate	19	3	3	5	13	13	5	1	2	11	9	28	2
Merstham	19	2	1	5	12	20	5	4	2	28	19	26	1
Chipstead	20	4	3	4	18	20	3	2	4	8	13	26	-7
Folkestone Invicta	18	4	4	1	15	10	2	2	5	13	16	24	2
Horsham	18	5	1	2	16	10	2	2	6	12	22	24	-4
Walton & Hersham	18	4	1	4	7	10	3	2	4	20	21	24	-4
Herne Bay	20	3	2	4	9	16	3	4	4	14	15	24	-8
Tooting & Mitcham United	20	3	2	6	12	21	4	0	5	10	16	23	-15
Eastbourne Town	19	5	1	4	19	18	1	3	5	12	18	22	-5
Whitstable Town	20	3	2	6	17	19	3	1	5	13	13	21	-2
Corinthian-Casuals	20	2	3	6	12	19	2	3	4	7	13	18	-13
Three Bridges	20	2	0	7	13	22	2	2	7	17	31	14	-23
Walton Casuals	18	0	3	6	11	26	3	2	4	9	18	14	-24

\* One point deducted – fielding an ineligible player

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

## Saturday, December 29th, 2012

<u>Ryman Premier</u>	
Bury Town	v. Hendon
East Thurrock United	v. Bognor Regis Town
Hampton & Richmond Borough	v. Canvey Island
Harrow Borough	v. Cray Wanderers
Leiston	v. Wealdstone
Lewes	v. Thurrock
Margate	v. Kingstonian
Metropolitan Police	v. Lowestoft Town
Whitehawk	v. Enfield Town
Wingate & Finchley	v. Hastings United

KO 2pm

<u>Ryman North</u>	
AFC Sudbury	v. Harlow Town
Aveley	v. Cheshunt
Brentwood Town	v. Thamesmead Town
Chatham Town	v. Grays Athletic
Heybridge Swifts	v. Redbridge
Potters Bar Town	v. Needham Market
Soham Town Rangers	v. Maldon & Tiptree
Waltham Forest	v. Wroxham
Ware	v. Tilbury
Witham Town	v. Waltham Abbey

<u>Ryman South</u>	
Chipstead	v. Leatherhead
Corinthian-Casuals	v. Maidstone United
Crawley Down Gatwick	v. Walton Casuals
Eastbourne Town	v. Folkestone Invicta
Hythe Town	v. Three Bridges
Ramsgate	v. Burgess Hill Town
Sittingbourne	v. Herne Bay
Tooting & Mitcham United	v. Horsham
Walton & Hersham	v. Faversham Town
Whitstable Town	v. Merstham
Worthing	v. Dulwich Hamlet

## Tuesday, January 1st, 2013

<u>Ryman Premier</u>	
Bognor Regis Town	v. Whitehawk
Canvey Island	v. East Thurrock United
Carshalton Athletic	v. Metropolitan Police
Enfield Town	v. Bury Town
Hastings United	v. Lewes
Hendon	v. Harrow Borough
Kingstonian	v. Hampton & Richmond Borough
Lowestoft Town	v. Leiston
Wealdstone	v. Wingate & Finchley

Cheshunt  
Harlow Town  
Maldon & Tiptree  
Redbridge  
Thamesmead Town  
Tilbury  
Waltham Abbey  
Wroxham

### Ryman North

v. Ware  
v. Potters Bar Town  
v. Witham Town KO1pm  
v. Brentwood Town  
v. Aveley  
v. Chatham Town  
v. Heybridge Swifts  
v. AFC Sudbury

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

### Ryman South

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

### Wednesday, January 2nd, 2013

Cray Wanderers

### Ryman Premier

v. Concord Rangers

Grays Athletic  
Needham Market

### Ryman North

v. Romford  
v. Soham Town Rangers

