



## Midweek Update – Season 2012/13 No.24

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### Ryman Premier

TWICE ahead, **Harrow** went down 3-2 at home to **Met Police** on Tuesday and sank deeper into trouble at the bottom end of the table.

Lying 20<sup>th</sup>, a single point above Thurrock and Carshalton in the relegation spots, Harrow went ahead in the 26<sup>th</sup> minute through Frankie Merrifield. Ty Smith equalised with a cracking strike in the 58<sup>th</sup> minute but Danny Leech restored Harrow's lead with 20 minutes to go.

Three points would have lifted them three places in the table but they finished with none. Dave Knight levelled the scores again with 11 minutes left and Craig Watkins won it in the 86<sup>th</sup> minute.

Harrow would have dropped into the bottom two had the goalless stalemate continued for 90 minutes at **Thurrock**, where **Canvey** were the visitors. But the game was called off at half-time after heavy rain. So Thurrock remained in the relegation zone, though they have six games in hand on Harrow.

Second-placed **Wealdstone** are nine points behind leaders Whitehawk, with one game in hand, after being held to a 1-1 draw at **Leiston**. Tom Pett gave Wealdstone the lead just before the half-hour and Emmanuel Osei replied with 12 minutes left to make it Leiston's seventh draw in 12 home games.

### Ryman North

AN entertaining game at **Thamesmead** on Tuesday ended in a 4-1 victory for the home side against **Heybridge** and they moved up to fourth while their victims dropped two places to fifth, though with four points separating them from Potters Bar in sixth spot.

Heybridge had the better of the early going but their final ball let them down and, as Thamesmead began to impose themselves, Nicky Eyre made a terrific close-range save from Stuart Zanone's fierce drive to deny them the lead.

Not for long, though: Zanone powered home a loose ball in the 22<sup>nd</sup> minute and Baff Addae added another five minutes later.

It was almost 3-0 immediately after half-time when Danny Barber headed against his own bar, instead of which Michael Cheek pulled a goal back in the 51<sup>st</sup> minute with his 19<sup>th</sup> league goal, helped by a big deflection off defender Sean Roberts.

Lewis Tozer restored the two-goal margin on 65 minutes when he was allowed a free header from a corner and Addae grabbed his second two minutes later. More might have followed, Zanone coming closest with a shot that hit the foot of a post.

**Aveley** climbed to third spot, coming from behind to earn a 3-1 derby win at **Tilbury**. After a goalless first half, the game sprang to life in the first nine minutes after the break as Emiel Aiken gave Dockers the lead and Aveley hit back through Jack Stevenson and Jordan Cox. A penalty by Cox four minutes from time, his 17<sup>th</sup> league goal, made sure.

**Romford** were two up in 15 minutes at **Cheshunt** through Lewis Francis, with a penalty, and Matt Toms, only for Cheshunt to hit back with two goals in four minutes as half-time approached. Corey Whitely and Joe Clemo were on target.

Kurt Smith put Romford 3-2 up eight minutes after the interval and, somehow, that was the final score as Romford cleared several efforts off their own line and missed several easy chances at the other end.

**Witham** were also 2-0 up early at **Harlow**, goals coming from Tom Devaux and Lewis Godbold. They, too, were pegged back by strikes from Piers Wixon and Ben Hart just after the hour, and it finished 2-2.

There was more home misery for **Needham Market**. They went down 1-0 to **Chatham**, for whom Harry Smith scored after 20 minutes, and the Marketmen remain winless at home after 12 matches, seven of them lost.

Two goals by Usama Hamdan earned **Ilford** a 2-1 home win over **Redbridge** in their relegation derby on Wednesday, a result which sent Ware back to the foot of the table.

It was Ilford's first victory of the season on their own ground and, indeed, their first anywhere, in any competition, since their 2-1 success at Soham on opening day.

Both goals were set up by new signing Jody Banim, a 34-year-old with plentiful Conference Premier experience. He was in the starting line-up for Shrewsbury in the 2004 play-off final when they beat Aldershot to regain their Football League place.

Earlier in his career Banim, who had been a junior at Manchester United, scored in 14 successive games for Radcliffe Borough, believed to be the record for senior football in England.

He took just six minutes to make his mark with a free-kick too fierce for Redbridge keeper Dean Neil to hold, allowing Hamdan to force in the loose ball.

The Foxes continued to look the better side until half-time but the visitors upped their game after the break and equalised on 64 minutes with a lovely lob by substitute Charlie Portway, a first senior goal for the 16-year-old son of joint manager Steve.

Dad, no mean goalscorer himself in his prime but now 44, joined the action himself shortly afterwards only for Ilford to regain the lead in the 76<sup>th</sup> minute when another Banim shot was turned in by Hamdan.

The younger Portway then dropped back to midfield as back-up keeper Michael Bowditch came on to play up front but it was in vain as Ilford claimed three precious points.

They are now on 11 points, one ahead of Redbridge and two ahead of Ware, and have a game in hand on both of them.

The remaining meetings between the bottom three could decide the sole relegation spot. Ware have already been held to 1-1 home draws by both their rivals, with the return matches to come, and Ilford still have to visit Redbridge.

## Ryman South

A GOAL by Jamie Maxted lifted **Faversham** two places to fourth in the table. He scored after 21 minutes and it was enough to earn them a 1-0 home win over **Tooting** despite the late dismissal of Darren Marsden.

**Three Bridges** must have been pleased that their home game against **Corinthian-Casuals** went ahead while League One neighbours Crawley had their match against Preston called off.

A bonus for Bridges was that a number of Preston fans made their way to the Jubilee Field, but that was as good as it got for the league's bottom club, who went down 2-1 – their 11<sup>th</sup> home defeat of the season.

Abu Touray gave Bridges a short-lived lead six minutes before half-time. James Cottee equalised before the break and Joe Hicks hit the winner two minutes after the restart.

Bridges found themselves six points adrift after **Walton Casuals**, who also have two games in hand, managed a 1-1 home draw with **Ramsgate**. Still looking for their first win on home turf, where they have lost eight out of 12. Casuals fell behind to an Ian Pulman goal after 24 minutes and replied with a Mu Maan penalty on the hour.

**Folkestone** moved to within five points of the play-off places with a 3-2 home win over **Chipstead** on Wednesday.

Darren Smith put them ahead after 16 minutes and Josh Burchell added another just after the interval. Jason Goodchild pulled one back in the 61st minute, his fourth goal of the season which made him his club's top scorer.

Phil Stevenson's penalty restored the two-goal margin in the 71<sup>st</sup> minute but Sam Robinson netted with eight minutes left to keep Chips in the hunt until the end.

## League Cup

IN-FORM **Concord** went through to the League Cup semi-finals with a comfortable 2-0 home win over **Wroxham** on Tuesday.

The Ryman North side held out against the Premier promotion-chasers until the 51st minute, when knockout specialist Jason Hallett broke the deadlock with his 18<sup>th</sup> cup goal of the season. He has scored only three times in the league.

Adetayo Osifuwa made sure with six minutes left and Concord will now entertain Hastings in their semi-final. The other outstanding quarter-final between Dulwich and Kingstonian was postponed again.



# Results

## Tuesday 29th January 2013

### Ryman Premier

Bury Town	P - P	Lowestoft Town	
Cray Wanderers	P - P	Wingate & Finchley	
Harrow Borough Merrifield 26 Leech 71	2 - 3	Metropolitan Police T Smith 58 Knight 79 Watkins 88	103
Leiston Osei 78	1 - 1	Wealdstone Pett 27	202
Thurrock <i>Match abandoned at half-time with no score.</i>	A - A	Canvey Island	247

### Ryman North

Cheshunt Whitely 34 Clemo 38	2 - 3	Romford Francis 3 (pen) Toms 15 Smith 53	105
Harlow Town Wixon 61 Hart 69	2 - 2	Witham Town Devaux 14 Godbold 16	92
Maldon & Tiptree	P - P	Brentwood Town	
Needham Market	0 - 1	Chatham Town Smith 20	165
Thamesmead Town Zanone 22 Addae 27, 67 Tozer 65	4 - 1	Heybridge Swifts Cheek (o.g.) 60	52
Tilbury Aiken 47	1 - 3	Aveley Stevenson 52 Cox 54, 86 (pen)	83

### Ryman South

Burgess Hill Town	P - P Hythe Town	
Faversham Town Maxted 21	1 - 0 Tooting & Mitcham United	111
Horsham	P - P Whitstable Town	
Merstham	P - P Walton & Hersham	
Three Bridges Touray 39	1 - 2 Corinthian-Casuals Cottee 42 Hicks 47	268
Walton Casuals Maan 60 (pen)	1 - 1 Ramsgate Pulman 24	107

### Isthmian League Cup – Quarter Finals

Concord Rangers Hallett 51 Osifuwa 84	2 - 0 Wroxham	87
Dulwich Hamlet	P - P Kingstonian	

### Wednesday 30th January 2013

### Ryman North

Iford Hamdan 6, 76	2 - 1 Redbridge C Portway 64	50
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### Ryman South

Folkestone Invicta Smith 16 Burchell 49 Stevenson 71 (pen)	3 - 2 Chipstead Goodchild 61 Robinson 82	107
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<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>
Whitehawk	23	5	4	1	28	13	9	3	1	29	16	49	28
Wealdstone	22	9	3	1	30	12	2	4	3	8	10	40	16
Canvey Island	23	7	3	3	22	13	4	2	4	14	14	38	9
Concord Rangers	21	5	2	4	26	26	6	3	1	18	10	38	8
Bognor Regis Town	23	5	2	4	13	12	6	3	3	17	10	38	8
Margate	20	6	2	2	16	8	4	4	2	16	13	36	11
Kingstonian	21	7	2	1	20	10	4	1	6	19	23	36	6
Bury Town	22	4	2	5	14	19	6	3	2	20	17	35	-2
Lowestoft Town	18	6	1	2	20	8	4	2	3	13	11	33	14
Hampton & Richmond Borough	20	4	1	4	10	11	4	4	3	20	14	29	5
Metropolitan Police	20	3	4	2	18	14	4	4	3	15	15	29	4
East Thurrock United	20	2	5	3	11	12	4	4	2	15	13	27	1
Lewes	24	4	5	3	17	15	1	6	5	18	23	26	-3
Leiston	22	4	7	1	16	11	1	4	5	12	22	26	-5
Cray Wanderers	24	2	2	7	12	22	4	6	3	21	18	26	-7
Hendon	21	3	4	3	12	13	3	2	6	10	18	24	-9
Wingate & Finchley	23	2	3	7	11	20	4	0	7	14	23	21	-18
Enfield Town	23	4	1	7	20	23	2	2	7	13	29	21	-19
Hastings United	21	2	7	1	15	14	1	4	6	8	19	20	-10
Harrow Borough	24	3	2	7	19	23	2	3	7	10	19	20	-13
Thurrock	18	3	2	4	15	11	2	2	5	8	17	19	-5
Carshalton Athletic	25	4	3	6	15	19	1	1	10	11	26	19	-19

<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	23	10	2	0	34	12	8	2	1	27	8	58	41
Grays Athletic	22	8	4	1	33	14	6	1	2	16	8	47	27
Aveley	23	7	1	3	29	15	8	0	4	33	21	46	26
Thamesmead Town	23	11	0	2	28	13	3	3	4	15	17	45	13
Heybridge Swifts	24	7	2	3	37	23	6	3	3	31	14	44	31
Potters Bar Town	24	5	4	3	22	22	6	3	3	20	16	40	4
Soham Town Rangers	23	5	2	4	23	18	7	1	4	37	30	39	12
Tilbury	22	6	2	4	28	19	5	3	2	18	16	38	11
Witham Town	22	5	2	2	17	9	5	2	6	20	22	34	6
Romford	22	5	0	6	16	21	5	2	4	22	22	32	-5
Cheshunt	23	5	1	6	28	25	5	0	6	21	26	31	-2
Brentwood Town	16	5	1	1	19	9	4	1	4	18	16	29	12
Chatham Town	24	4	1	7	21	21	4	4	4	18	21	29	-3
Needham Market	24	0	5	7	12	26	6	4	2	26	12	27	0
AFC Sudbury	25	4	3	5	22	23	3	3	7	18	37	27	-20
Waltham Forest	22	4	2	4	11	13	3	2	7	23	29	25	-8
Waltham Abbey	18	3	2	3	13	11	3	4	3	8	11	24	-1
Harlow Town	23	3	2	8	18	26	4	1	5	15	17	24	-10
Wroxham	21	3	3	5	22	21	3	2	5	16	19	23	-2
Ilford	22	1	4	7	9	29	1	1	8	4	23	11	-39
Redbridge*	23	1	0	10	7	36	2	2	8	12	33	10	-50
Ware	23	1	2	7	9	26	1	1	11	14	40	9	-43

<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>
Maidstone United	24	7	4	1	29	13	8	2	2	26	10	51	32
Dulwich Hamlet	23	8	2	1	27	9	7	1	4	22	18	48	22
Leatherhead	23	5	0	6	14	14	9	1	2	25	11	43	14
Faversham Town	23	4	3	4	21	20	8	3	1	23	14	42	10
Sittingbourne	25	5	4	3	20	14	6	4	3	25	15	41	16
Crawley Down Gatwick	24	7	2	3	26	16	4	4	4	23	19	39	14
Hythe Town	23	4	3	5	19	18	7	1	3	26	16	37	11
Ramsgate	25	3	5	5	15	15	7	2	3	17	13	37	4
Burgess Hill Town	23	4	3	3	14	12	5	6	2	20	16	36	6
Folkestone Invicta	23	7	4	2	22	16	3	2	5	14	16	36	4
Worthing	26	3	1	9	24	33	8	1	4	27	18	35	0
Eastbourne Town	24	6	1	5	21	20	3	4	5	21	22	32	0
Chipstead	25	4	3	6	20	27	5	2	5	15	17	32	-9
Tooting & Mitcham United	26	4	2	8	17	29	5	1	6	13	19	30	-18
Horsham	24	5	2	4	18	16	3	3	7	17	26	29	-7
Merstham	23	2	2	6	14	25	5	4	4	29	24	27	-6
Herne Bay	22	3	2	5	9	17	4	4	4	15	15	27	-8
Walton & Hersham	23	4	3	5	10	18	3	2	6	21	28	26	-15
Corinthian-Casuals	25	2	4	7	14	24	4	3	5	10	17	25	-17
Whitstable Town	24	4	2	7	21	20	3	1	7	14	17	24	-2
Walton Casuals	23	0	4	8	12	29	5	2	4	14	20	21	-23
Three Bridges	25	2	0	11	16	30	2	3	7	18	32	15	-28

\* One point deducted – fielding an ineligible player

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

## Saturday, February 2nd, 2013

### Ryman Premier

Bognor Regis Town	v.	Kingstonian
Bury Town	v.	Hampton & Richmond Borough
Carshalton Athletic	v.	Hendon
Concord Rangers	v.	Hastings United
Cray Wanderers	v.	Canvey Island
East Thurrock United	v.	Harrow Borough
Leiston	v.	Metropolitan Police
Thurrock	v.	Enfield Town
Wealdstone	v.	Lowestoft Town
Whitehawk	v.	Lewes
Wingate & Finchley	v.	Margate

### Ryman North

AFC Sudbury	v.	Chatham Town
Harlow Town	v.	Needham Market
Heybridge Swifts	v.	Ilford
Redbridge	v.	Wroxham
Soham Town Rangers	v.	Brentwood Town
Thamesmead Town	v.	Maldon & Tiptree
Tilbury	v.	Cheshunt
Waltham Abbey	v.	Potters Bar Town
Waltham Forest	v.	Ware
Witham Town	v.	Grays Athletic

### Ryman South

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

