



Midweek Update – Season 2012/13 No.34

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League Cup

A THRILLING Isthmian League Cup final was settled by a goal by Danny Cowley two minutes into the second period of extra time which earned Concord Rangers a 3-2 victory over Dulwich Hamlet in the final at Maidstone United on Tuesday.

It was the greatest night in the history of the Essex club, who joined the league only in 2008 and look set to claim a play-off spot in their second Ryman Premier season.

For Dulwich it was another night of heartbreak to go with their defeats in the 2011 League Cup final and the last two Ryman South play-off finals. They are strongly placed to win automatic promotion this season and will certainly hope that they do not have to face another knockout tournament.

They took an early lead last night when Ellis Green fired home a superb left-foot drive in the 11th minute, and held it until just after the hour mark, when Tony Stokes replied for the Beachboys from a pass by Danny Spendlove.

Concord were on terms for only three minutes before Green struck again from long range and Dulwich were 11 minutes away from victory when Ben Greenhalgh curled in a free-kick to make it 2-2.

It was anybody's game going into extra time and it was Concord who struck the decisive blow with a scrambled goal credited to Cowley.

Ryman Premier

A GOAL by Danny Ellis lifted **Hastings** off the foot of the table with a 1-0 victory at **Kingstonian** on Monday. Ellis scored after 73 minutes and, although Tom Bird later hit a post for K's, the Sussex side worked hard and deserved their victory.

They were still in a relegation place, a point above Carshalton – who returned to the bottom – and a point behind Lewes, but with several games in hand on both.

The race for the title remained very much alive after **Lowestoft** whipped **Cray** 4-1 in Suffolk on Tuesday and moved into second place.

The Trawlerboys started the night 15 points behind leaders Whitehawk with five games in hand, needing to win those games by an average of three goals to close the goal-difference gap.

So they were bang on target, but looked likely to do better still after Jack Defty, with his 21st league goal of the season, Erkan Okay, Chris Henderson and Curtley Williams gave them a 4-0 lead by half-time.

But they were unable to add to it and Cray, not yet out of the relegation woods, pulled one back with a Michael Power penalty.

It's surely now a two-horse race after **Wealdstone** slipped to a 3-2 home defeat by **Bury**, leaving them 12 points behind the leaders with only five games left to play.

Sam Reed put Bury ahead in the first half but Stones hit back through Chris Moore and Scott McGleish in the first ten minutes after the break.

The visitors were behind for only two minutes before Reed's floated free-kick found its way into the net and John Sands netted the winner with 14 minutes to go, maintaining his clear lead as the division's top scorer with his 24th of the season.

The result also revived Bury's play-off challenge, lifting them to within three points of fifth-placed **Margate**. The Kent club's challenge is faltering. Strongly placed a week ago, they suffered a second successive defeat thanks to a 29th-minute goal by David Bryant which gave visiting **East Thurrock** a 1-0 victory.

East Thurrock boss John Coventry has been refusing to discuss his side's play-off prospects but may have to do so now: they are four points behind Margate with two games in hand on them and the other contenders.

The other main contenders are **Met Police**, in sixth place. But their hopes were severely dented as they became the latest victims of the **Thurrock** revival.

Mark Stimson's men won 2-1 at Imber Court to further ease their relegation worries with their third away win in six days. Lewwis Spence put them ahead immediately after half-time and, after Dave Knight equalised on the hour, Danny Green settled it with ten minutes to go.

Canvey's play-off challenge also suffered a setback when they were held to a 2-2 draw at **Bognor**. Rob King put the islanders ahead in the 17th minute but Dan Kempson netted twice in the next 14 minutes to turn it round and it needed a 74th-minute goal by Tom Kavanagh to give Canvey the point which leaves them four behind Margate.

Hampton and **Leiston** fought out a 3-3 draw at the Beveree. Tom Winter scored twice in eight minutes either side of half-time to put Leiston 2-0 up and, after James Simmonds pulled one back, Gareth Heath made it 3-1 in the 56th minute. Gary Holloway reduced the arrears again and Ryan Moss squared matters with 12 minutes to go.

Thursday brought some crucial results in the relegation battle, with **Hastings** moving out of the drop zone with a 2-0 home win over **Harrow**. Player-manager Sean Ray put them ahead in the hour and Danny Ellis clinched it at the end.

It was only Hastings' third home win in the league and rewarded everyone who made huge efforts to get a waterlogged pitch fit for play.

Lewes moved up one place to 19th, also with a 2-0 home win. Their victims were **Margate**, whose play-off bid seems to be falling apart after three defeats in less than a week, even though they still occupy fifth place.

Goals right at the end of each half, from Nathan Crabb and Steve Brinkhurst, provided Lewes with three vital points.

Wingate dropped into the bottom two, behind Hastings on goal difference. But there are six clubs, including Harrow, covered by just three points as the season goes into its final fortnight.

Topping that group are **Thurrock**, who are not quite out of danger after failing in a bid for their fourth away victory in a week. They were beaten 2-1 at **Leiston**, who scored all three goals.

Gareth Heath's 13th-minute opener was quickly wiped out by David Head's own goal; Tom Winter claimed the winner on the hour.

The night's big losers were Carshalton, who did not play but saw other results go against them. They are four points adrift at the foot of the table with only four games left.

East Thurrock's goalless draw at **Hendon** lifted them to seventh place, three points behind Margate with two games in hand. In between them are Met Police, two points behind the Kent club with one game in hand.

Ryman North

AN Emiel Aiken double dented **Heybridge**'s play-off hopes as they were beaten 2-1 at **Tilbury** on Tuesday. All the goals came in a three-minute burst shortly before half-time.

Aiken rounded keeper Nicky Eyre to open the scoring and followed up with a thumping header to make it 2-0. Heybridge replied at once when Ben Newson found the net with an intended cross but their heavy second-half pressure brought no reward. They remained five points above sixth-placed Witham but had played a game more.

There is no better way to win a championship than by beating your only rivals and **Grays** are in a position to do that on Saturday, when a victory over second-placed Maldon will secure the Ryman North title.

Grays made it 15 wins in a row with a 2-1 victory at **Harlow** on Tuesday, but only just. They fell behind to a Piers Wixon strike in the 69th minute and, although Jared Small equalised seven minutes later, the game was into added time when Joao Carlos nabbed the decider.

Another success on Saturday will also equal Farnborough's run of 16 successive victories in the 2000-01 season, which is the longest run so far discovered in the league's history and may be the record. Over to you, club historians!

Oddly enough, it was only last night that Grays set a record for this season in their division: Maldon won 14 on the trot before Christmas as they built up a 15-point lead, which has now turned into a nine-point deficit.

Maldon may even lose second place on Saturday. **Thamesmead** are only two points behind them after Baff Addae's 26th-minute goal earned them a victory at **Ware** which booked their play-off spot.

Aveley moved back into fourth place as goals by Jay Leader in the 17th minute and Jordan Cox in the 56th gave them a 2-0 win at **Brentwood**.

Soham kept their play-off bid just about alive with a last-gasp success at **Waltham Abbey**. James Peagram put the hosts ahead nine minutes before half-time and Buster Harradine replied soon after the break. Then, in added time, an own goal by keeper Jake Whincup settled it.

Bottom club **Redbridge** were given brief hope by Jacob Cleaver's fifth-minute goal in their home game with **Wroxham**. But the visitors hit back with goals from Jamie Speller and Adam Eastaugh to take the lead by the 18th minute. Speller and Ben Thompson netted after the interval to make it 4-1.

Romford entertained **Tilbury** on Wednesday and, for the second time this month, beat them 2-1 to move up to ninth place.

Boro dominated the first half but it was the 54nd minute before they went ahead with a well-taken goal from Lewis Francis. Joe Nightingill levelled the scores in the 72nd minute and Dockers pressed hard after that, only to be defeated by an 88th-minute George Woodward header.

The other game in the division was settled early. Ollie Fenn netted after seven minutes to give **Needham Market** a 1-0 win at **Waltham Forest**.

Redbridge gained the upper hand in the Ryman North relegation duel after a 3-0 home win over **Brentwood** on Thursday lifted them above neighbours **Iford**, who crashed 5-1 at **Waltham Abbey**.

The Motormen had previously managed only four points from 17 home games but they were decisive winners of this one. The impressive Cleaver put them ahead after five minutes, just as he had done on Tuesday when Redbridge went on to lose 4-1.

There was no such collapse this time: Lamar Lemonius added another on the half-hour and Cleaver made it three shortly before half-time. Lemonius is Redbridge's joint second-highest scorer with two league goals to his credit; Cleaver has 16.

Iford fell behind after ten minutes at Capershots, Tom Laxton the scorer, and Ayrton Coley added another six minutes before the break.

James Peagram, Laxton and Kieran Ogunkoya made it 5-0 before Chinedu McKenzie managed a late consolation for the visitors.

So Redbridge are two points clear of their local rivals and have a game in hand. Both sides have conceded 99 league goals but Redbridge have scored six more.

Ryman South

A QUICKFIRE hat-trick by Brendon Cass strengthened **Hythe**'s grip on third place as they won 4-1 at **Chipstead** on Tuesday.

Cass rattled in his treble between the 11th and 27th minutes, interrupted by a Tom Jelly strike which made it, briefly, 2-1. Jake Hobbs completed the scoring as early as the 35th minute.

Ramsgate moved up to fourth with two unanswered goals at **Merstham**. Macauley Murray scored early in the first half, Ian Pulman early in the second.

Folkestone dropped two precious points, and are three away from the play-off spots, with a 1-1 draw at **Corinthian-Casuals**. Danny Dudley put Casuals ahead on 54 minutes and Frankie Chappell levelled it 12 minutes later.

The draw took Casuals to the 40-point mark now occupied by four teams. That looks like the safety target: the quartet are six points off the bottom and there are five clubs below them.

Two sides who have faded out of the play-off race met at **Sittingbourne** and the Brickies saw off visiting **Burgess Hill** 2-1. Pat Harding struck early for the Hillians but Ryan Golding converted a 24th-minute penalty and Jordan Johnson won it six minutes later.

Herne Bay, newcomers to the league this season, needed a win on Wednesday to make almost certain of a second year at this level.

And they got it. James Turner's 58th-minute goal was enough to see off **Eastbourne**, lifting Bay four places to 14th and eight points off the bottom.

It was the turn of **Three Bridges** to beat **Chipstead** 4-1 on Thursday and they moved up to 20th place, ahead of Walton & Hershaw on goal difference. Bottom club Walton Casuals are now three points adrift, though both the Walton clubs have a game in hand on Bridges.

Sam Robinson gave visiting Chipstead the lead in the 24th minute but it lasted only three minutes before Marcus Elliott equalised. Abu Touray put Bridges ahead midway through the second half and further goals by Joel O'Hara and Elliott Romain wrapped up their fifth win in six games.



Results

Monday 8th April 2013

Ryman Premier

Kingstonian	0 - 1 Hastings United Ellis 73	245
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Ryman North

Tilbury Aiken 37, 39	2 - 1 Heybridge Swifts Newson 40	57
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Tuesday 9th April 2013

Isthmian League Cup Final

Concord Rangers Stokes 62 Greenhalgh 79 King 107	3 - 2 Dulwich Hamlet Green 11, 65 <i>After extra time</i> <i>(at Maidstone United FC)</i>	466
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Ryman Premier

Bognor Regis Town Kempson 19, 31	2 - 2 Canvey Island King 17 Kavanagh 74	264
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Hampton & Richmond Borough Simmonds 52 Holloway 68 Moss 78	3 - 3 Leiston Winter 38, 47 G Heath 56	169
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Lowestoft Town Defty 22 Okay 27 Henderson 31 Williams 45	4 - 1 Cray Wanderers Power 69 (pen)	462
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Margate	0 - 1 East Thurrock United Bryant 29	241
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Metropolitan Police Knight 61	1 - 2 Thurrock Spence 46 Green 80	106
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Wealdstone Moore 47 McGleish 55	2 - 3 Bury Town Reed 32, 57 Sands 76	507
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Ryman North

Brentwood Town	0 - 2	Aveley Leader 17 Cox 56	59
Harlow Town Wixon 69	1 - 2	Grays Athletic Small 76 Carlos 90+1	141
Redbridge Cleaver 5	1 - 4	Wroxham Speller 11, 67 Eastaugh 18 Thompson 80	42
Waltham Abbey Peagram 36	1 - 2	Soham Town Rangers Harradine 50 Whincup 90+1 (o.g.)	61
Ware	0 - 1	Thamesmead Town Addae 26	50

Ryman South

Chipstead Jelly 24	1 - 4	Hythe Town Cass 11, 18, 27 Hobbs 35	59
Corinthian-Casuals Dudley 54	1 - 1	Folkestone Invicta Chappell 66	102
Merstham	0 - 2	Ramsgate Murray 6 Pulman 52	101
Sittingbourne Golding 24 (pen) Johnson 30	2 - 1	Burgess Hill Town Harding 9	90

Wednesday 10th April 2013

Ryman North

Romford Francis 55 Woodward 88	2 - 1	Tilbury Nightingill 75	109
Waltham Forest	0 - 1	Needham Market Fenn 7	38

Ryman South

Herne Bay Turner 58	1 - 0	Eastbourne Town	131
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Thursday 11th April 2013

Ryman Premier

Hastings United Ray 60 Ellis 89	2 - 0	Harrow Borough	337
Hendon	0 - 0	East Thurrock United	145
Leiston G Heath 13 Winter 59	2 - 1	Thurrock Head 16 (o.g.)	144
Lewes Crabb 45 Brinkhurst 90+1	2 - 0	Margate	411

Ryman North

Redbridge
Cleaver 6, 43 Lemonius 31

3 - 0 Brentwood Town 59

Waltham Abbey
Laxton 10, 69 Coley 39 Peagram 53 Ogunkoya 74

5 - 1 Ilford
McKenzie 87 46

Ryman South

Leatherhead

P - P Crawley Down Gatwick

Three Bridges
Elliott 28 Touray 67 O'Hara 75 Romain 89

4 - 1 Chipstead
Robinson 24 162

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RYMAN PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Whitehawk	39	11	7	1	43	16	12	5	3	40	24	81	43
Lowestoft Town	35	12	4	3	34	13	8	5	3	27	17	69	31
Wealdstone	37	13	3	2	44	18	6	9	4	19	17	69	28
Concord Rangers	37	9	5	5	45	35	10	4	4	28	17	66	21
Margate	38	11	3	4	32	18	6	6	8	25	25	60	14
Metropolitan Police	37	8	4	6	30	26	8	6	5	24	24	58	4
East Thurrock United	36	7	7	4	28	21	7	8	3	27	21	57	13
Bury Town	37	7	3	8	22	26	10	3	6	35	31	57	0
Canvey Island	37	10	3	7	31	25	6	5	6	23	25	56	4
Kingstonian	36	9	2	8	34	26	7	2	8	24	28	52	4
Leiston	36	7	8	2	26	18	5	7	7	26	31	51	3
Hendon	36	5	9	5	18	20	8	3	6	22	23	51	-3
Bognor Regis Town	37	8	4	8	21	25	6	4	7	21	23	50	-6
Hampton & Richmond Borough	36	5	5	6	22	23	6	7	7	30	25	45	4
Enfield Town	38	7	2	10	29	31	5	3	10	27	45	41	-20
Thurrock	36	4	4	8	19	22	6	4	10	18	30	38	-15
Harrow Borough	36	7	4	8	35	34	3	3	11	13	30	37	-16
Cray Wanderers	37	2	4	12	17	40	7	6	6	33	35	37	-25
Lewes	38	6	5	8	25	27	2	7	10	28	42	36	-16
Hastings United	35	3	10	5	21	25	4	4	9	14	26	35	-16
Wingate & Finchley	38	3	4	11	17	31	7	1	12	29	43	35	-28
Carshalton Athletic	38	7	3	10	29	30	2	1	15	17	40	31	-24
RYMAN NORTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Grays Athletic	38	14	4	1	54	19	15	2	2	33	12	93	56
Maldon & Tiptree	38	16	4	0	58	20	10	2	6	36	21	84	53
Thamesmead Town	38	16	0	3	39	17	10	4	5	35	28	82	29
Aveley	36	12	2	4	40	21	11	1	6	44	28	72	35
Heybridge Swifts	38	11	4	3	51	28	10	4	6	47	21	71	49
Soham Town Rangers	38	8	4	7	37	33	12	2	5	51	36	66	19
Witham Town	37	10	4	4	29	17	10	2	7	33	27	66	18
Tilbury	37	10	3	5	36	24	7	5	7	27	28	59	11
Romford	37	8	1	9	27	31	8	4	7	34	35	53	-5
Brentwood Town	35	9	5	4	30	18	5	3	9	24	32	50	4
Potters Bar Town	37	6	7	5	27	30	7	4	8	29	30	50	-4
Cheshunt**	38	9	3	7	34	29	6	4	9	32	39	49	-2
Needham Market	38	4	7	8	25	32	8	5	6	34	21	48	6
AFC Sudbury	39	7	5	8	31	33	5	4	10	26	47	45	-23
Chatham Town	38	6	3	10	29	31	4	9	6	24	32	42	-10
Wroxham	36	5	5	7	30	26	5	6	8	27	31	41	0
Waltham Abbey	34	6	4	8	28	28	5	4	7	18	23	41	-5
Waltham Forest	39	6	4	9	22	27	4	4	12	29	41	38	-17
Ware	37	3	2	14	21	47	4	2	12	25	49	25	-50
Harlow Town***	37	4	3	12	21	36	5	4	9	20	33	24	-28
Redbridge*	37	2	1	15	15	52	3	4	12	19	47	19	-65
Ilford	38	1	6	13	19	57	2	2	14	9	42	17	-71
RYMAN SOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Maidstone United	38	11	6	2	42	19	12	4	3	43	17	79	49
Dulwich Hamlet	37	14	3	1	45	13	11	1	7	34	26	79	41
Hythe Town	38	9	5	6	31	26	11	3	4	37	21	68	21
Ramsgate	39	8	5	7	31	24	11	3	5	27	19	65	15
Faversham Town	38	7	6	7	31	31	11	5	2	32	21	65	11
Folkestone Invicta	39	10	7	2	35	20	6	7	7	33	28	62	20
Leatherhead	36	6	3	8	22	20	13	1	5	38	21	61	19
Sittingbourne	38	9	7	3	35	23	6	5	8	28	26	57	14
Worthing	39	6	4	9	34	37	10	3	7	39	30	55	6
Crawley Down Gatwick	36	10	3	5	34	22	5	6	7	33	30	54	15
Eastbourne Town	37	8	4	7	26	26	6	5	7	30	29	51	1
Burgess Hill Town	37	7	4	7	24	24	5	10	4	22	20	50	2
Merstham	38	7	3	8	27	36	7	5	8	34	34	50	-9
Herne Bay	36	5	5	9	16	31	5	7	5	23	23	42	-15
Corinthian-Casuals	38	3	7	9	21	30	6	6	7	14	22	40	-17
Whitstable Town	39	6	4	9	25	31	5	3	12	23	35	40	-18
Chipstead	37	5	5	9	26	37	6	2	10	23	31	40	-19
Tooting & Mitcham United	38	5	4	11	23	41	6	3	9	23	30	40	-25
Horsham	37	7	4	7	24	25	3	5	11	21	42	39	-22
Three Bridges	39	6	2	12	30	38	4	5	10	26	41	37	-23
Walton & Hersham	38	5	4	9	14	30	4	6	10	26	42	37	-32
Walton Casuals	38	1	5	13	22	49	7	5	7	24	31	34	-34

* 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, April 13th, 2013

Concord Rangers
Enfield Town
Hampton & Richmond Borough
Hastings United
Lewes
Lowestoft Town
Margate
Thurrock
Wealdstone
Whitehawk
Wingate & Finchley

Brentwood Town
Grays Athletic
Harlow Town
Heybridge Swifts
Needham Market
Potters Bar Town
Redbridge
Soham Town Rangers
Tilbury
Waltham Forest
Wroxham

Corinthian-Casuals
Crawley Down Gatwick
Dulwich Hamlet
Folkestone Invicta
Leatherhead
Maidstone United
Merstham
Sittingbourne
Walton & Hersham
Whitstable Town
Worthing

Ryman Premier

v. Harrow Borough
v. Canvey Island
v. East Thurrock United
v. Hendon
v. Leiston
v. Carshalton Athletic
v. Metropolitan Police
v. Bognor Regis Town
v. Cray Wanderers
v. Bury Town
v. Kingstonian

Ryman North

v. AFC Sudbury
v. Maldon & Tiptree
v. Cheshunt
v. Aveley
v. Thamesmead Town
v. Romford
v. Chatham Town
v. Ware
v. Waltham Abbey
v. Witham Town
v. Ilford

Ryman South

v. Tooting & Mitcham United
v. Ramsgate
v. Walton Casuals
v. Horsham
v. Burgess Hill Town
v. Faversham Town
v. Three Bridges
v. Eastbourne Town
v. Chipstead
v. Hythe Town
v. Herne Bay

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