



Midweek Update – Season 2012/13 No.35

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Ryman Premier

THE league championship was well on its way to Sussex for the first time after **Lowestoft** were held to a 1-1 draw at **Bury** on Tuesday.

To make matters worse for Lowestoft, their top scorer Jack Defty was carried off with a broken leg and it was pleasing to see that title rivals Whitehawk were quick to send him their best wishes in a Twitter message.

Bury, in fact, were not far away from victory after Craig Parker's 20th-minute penalty gave them a lead they would have extended but for the heroics of Trawlerboys keeper Andy Reynolds. He kept his side in the game and was rewarded when Lee Smith equalised, also with a penalty, in the 85th minute.

Fourth-placed **Concord** moved closer to clinching their play-off berth after a 3-0 win at **Leiston** gave them an eight-point cushion. Tony Stokes and Ben Greenhalgh gave them a 2-0 lead inside 20 minutes, and Stokes struck again 15 minute from time, his 22nd league goal.

Canvey climbed three places to reclaim fifth position, at least for 24 hours, thanks to a Rob King penalty a minute before half-time which gave them a 1-0 victory at **Thurrock**.

East Thurrock remained sixth after drawing 2-2 at **Cray**. Sam Higgins gave them an early lead but Danny Phillips quickly put the Wands on terms and they went ahead through Leigh Bremner with 15 minutes left. Higgins struck again in the 85th minute to earn the Rocks a precious point.

Margate's misery continued with a fifth successive defeat, 2-1 at home to **Kingstonian**. They were five points clear of the field in fifth place after the Easter programme but have not managed a point since then and slumped to eighth. With only two games left, their play-off hopes have almost vanished.

Goals either side of half-time from Dan Sweeney and Paul Vines put K's in charge, and although Tommy Whitnell gave the hosts hope with 13 minutes left they could not salvage a draw.

At the bottom, **Harrow** edged closer to safety with a 0-0 draw at **Hampton** and Cray's draw improved their prospects slightly, although they stay in 19th place.

Hastings remained next to bottom after they were beaten 2-0 at **Hendon** and finished with nine men. Lee O'Leary opened the scoring on 21 minutes and Isaiah Rankin claimed the second deep into added time. By then Hastings duo Danny Ellis and Tom Vickers had been sent off. Two unused substitutes, Jamie Crellin and player-manager Sean Ray, were also dismissed.

A goal by Dave Knight earned **Met Police** a 3-2 home win over **Bognor** on Wednesday and fired the Blues back into the play-off places. Back came Bognor with a goal from Terry Dodd in the 70th minute, only for Knight to grab the winner four minutes later, lifting the Police from seventh to fifth in the table.

Wealdstone saw their distant hopes of the title ended by a 3-1 defeat at **Hampton** on Thursday and it is now a two-horse race. Stones took a fifth-minute lead though Scott McGleish but Hampton skipper Darren Powell levelled it in the 16th minute with his first goal of the season. Billy Jeffreys put Hampton ahead with 20 minutes left, his first of the season as well, and Joe Turner made it safe in added time.

So Stones dropped back to third place and stayed 10 points adrift of table-topping Whitehawk with only three matches left to play.

It looked as if it would be an even better night for Whitehawk when Daniel Jones equalised in the 88th minute for nine-man **Thurrock** against **Lowestoft** at Ship Lane. But Josh Dawkin struck in added time to give the Trawlerboys a 2-1 victory and they reclaimed second place, nine points behind Whitehawk with two games in hand.

Thurrock had Matt Turpin sent off for a stamp after 15 minutes and when Scott Curley received a second booking in the 54th minute for handball he also conceded a penalty which Hakeem Araba converted. The short-handed hosts refused to surrender and almost had their reward when Jones drilled the ball past Andy Reynolds, only for Dawkin to deny them.

Both top clubs are now hoping that rivals from their own county can do them a favour, for if Bognor deny the Trawlerboys maximum points in Sussex on Saturday, Hawks would travel to Suffolk to face Leiston on Sunday knowing that a victory would clinch the title.

The other vital game in the division came at the other end of the table, where the bottom two clashed at **Hastings**. It turned out to be a night to forget for the hosts, who slumped into last place after crashing 4-1 to **Carshalton**. The Robins, making a great late fight to avoid the drop, climbed above Lewes as well, leaving Sussex clubs occupying both relegation places.

Hastings, steadily frittering away their games in hand, fell behind to Luke Pigden's early strike but levelled in the 11th minute through Jack Dixon. The decisive moments of the game arrived soon after half-time, when two goals in as many minutes from James Ashton and Ola Sogbanmu put the visitors 3-1 up. Nathaniel Pinney added a penalty, his 20th goal of the season.

Hendon have suddenly joined the scrap for play-off places after their 1-0 win at **Leiston**. Their second success in three days brought them to within four points of fifth-placed Met Police. Jack Connors was on target in the 69th minute.

Ryman North

FIGHTING back from 2-0 down, **Redbridge** earned another valuable point in the battle to avoid relegation as they drew 2-2 at home to **Ware** on Tuesday.

Ware skipper Jon Stevenson fired a penalty high over the bar in the first half and it was the 63rd minute before substitute Bradley Wilkinson headed them into the lead from a corner.

When Elliot King made the most of a mistake by home keeper Dean Neil five minutes later Ware looked likely to win with ease.

But Luke Read's header gave Redbridge hope in the 73rd minute and Jacob Cleaver salvaged the draw with his 18th of the season five minutes from time.

The Motormen are three points clear of bottom club **Ilford** and also have a game in hand. Ilford, who have only two matches left, were beaten 1-0 at **Potters Bar**, James Gershfield scoring with 11 minutes to go. That result also means that Harlow are safe.

Witham maintained their play-off charge with a 2-0 home win over **Tilbury**. Two goals in ten minutes either side of half-time from Rob Whitnell took his league tally to 22.

So Witham drew level on points with fifth-placed Heybridge and both sides have three matches left. Heybridge, though, are 28 ahead on goal difference.

Two points ahead of them both, with an extra match to play, are **Aveley**. They drew 1-1 at **Wroxham** with Alex Read's 72nd-minute goal wiping out a penalty for the home side just before the interval, converted by Matt Daniels.

Thamesmead failed to strengthen their grip on second place. A 2-1 home defeat by **Brentwood** means that Maldon remain a point behind them and now have a game in hand. Tyrus Gordon-Young gave Thamesmead a 35th-minute lead but Steve Butterworth levelled it before half-time and Neil Cousins nabbed the winner with 15 minutes left.

Cheshunt took a first-minute lead through Michael Deane and went on to run up a 5-1 home win over **Waltham Abbey**. It was 4-0 by half-time, with two goals from Corey Whitely and one from Mark Twumasi, and the Abbotts were down to ten men with the dismissal of Tom Bruno.

But James Peagram pulled one back soon after the interval and the visitors might have closed the gap further before Deane settled it with his second.

Lewis Francis scored after 19 minutes to give **Romford** a 1-0 home victory over **Needham Market** on Wednesday. Matt Poxon had hit the bar for Needham after only two minutes and the woodwork again foiled them late in the game when Ryan Charles hit a post as he tried to punish a defensive mix-up. But Boro were generally on top and deserved to capture all three points.

Soham kept their play-off bid flickering with a 1-0 victory at **Tilbury** on Thursday. Buster Harradine's 32nd-minute goal decided it and Soham, who are seventh, moved to within three points of Heybridge and Witham, though both those sides have played one fewer game.

Steve Butterworth scored twice in added time to give **Brentwood** a 4-2 win at **Waltham Abbey**, who led 2-1 at half-time with goals from Louis Bristow and Joe Pearman sandwiching one by Ross Wall for the visitors. Sam West made it 2-2 in the 73rd minute and that looked set to be the final score until Butterworth produced his late show.

Wroxham beat visiting **Harlow** 3-0. Matt Daniels gave the Yachtsmen a half-time lead which was stretched by Matt Blake and Dan Self.

Ryman South

A GOAL after 15 minutes by Sam Blackman gave **Leatherhead** a 1-0 home win over **Dulwich** on Tuesday and prevented the South London side taking an iron grip on the title.

Dulwich remain top, three points ahead of Maidstone, but have forfeited their game in hand. They will be bitterly disappointed by the result, having led 2-0 when an earlier attempt to play the game had to be abandoned.

Fourth-placed **Faversham** moved closer to clinching their own play-off spot, recovering from an early double blow to win 4-2 at **Crawley Down**.

Fast-starting Anvils were 2-0 up in four minutes with strikes from Gabriel Odunaike and Luke Blewden, but Lynden Rowland responded quickly to make 2-1 after six minutes.

Renford Tenyue levelled the scores midway through the first half and Darren Marsden put Faversham in front soon after the break. Tenyue clinched it in the closing stages.

Trevor McCreadle fired a hat-trick as **Horsham** beat **Chipstead** 4-1 to leap six places in the table, from a perilous 21st to a comfortable 15th. Ray Freeman was also on target, and Tom Jelly netted a late consolation.

It grows ever grimmer for bottom club Walton Casuals, who are now six points adrift with only three games left to play.

Second-half goals by Pat Harding and Sam Fisk gave **Burgess Hill** a 2-0 home win over **Herne Bay** while a Fabio Saraiva double saw **Merstham** to a 3-1 victory over visitors **Eastbourne**, who took an early lead through Dan Smith but were pegged back by Lee Newman.

Leatherhead followed up Tuesday's victory with a 4-0 home win over **Crawley Down** on Thursday and climbed into a play-off spot, still with a game in hand on the teams around them.

Tom Bradbrook scored twice in the first five minutes and though the Anvils had discovered to their cost two days earlier that such a fast start was no guarantee of victory, there was to be no comeback from them.

There was no further scoring in the first half but Elliott Thompson and Tommy Hutchings doubled the score by the hour mark.

Corinthian-Casuals made sure of avoiding relegation with a 3-1 victory at **Herne Bay**. Ross Defoe gave them an early lead and Joe Nelder equalised in added time at the end of the first half.

Tom Williams and Steve Barilli scored twice in four minutes just before the hour to secure the points and leave Bay needing one more point to be mathematically safe from relegation themselves.

Isthmian Women's Cup

GILLINGHAM are the new holders of the Isthmian Women's Cup after a 2-0 away victory over Woking side **Westfield** in the final on Thursday.

An own goal gave the Gills a fifth-minute lead and Amy Taylor scored the second in the 20th minute. Westfield were unable to respond and Gillingham have their name on the trophy for the first time.

Tuesday 16th April 2013

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Bury Town Parker 20 (pen)	1 - 1	Lowestoft Town L Smith 85 (pen)	594
Cray Wanderers Phillips 18 Bremner 75	2 - 2	East Thurrock United Higgins 12, 85	130
Hampton & Richmond Borough	0 - 0	Harrow Borough	154
Hendon O'Leary 21 Rankin 90+4	2 - 0	Hastings United	154
Leiston	0 - 3	Concord Rangers Stokes 7, 75 Greenhalgh 18	150
Margate Whitnell 77	1 - 2	Kingstonian Sweeney 37 Vines 56	185
Thurrock	0 - 1	Canvey Island King 44 (pen)	218

Ryman North

Cheshunt Deane 1, 77 Whitely 28, 39 Twumasi 41	5 - 1	Waltham Abbey Peagram 49	112
Potters Bar Town Gershfield 79	1 - 0	Ilford	35
Redbridge Read 73 Cleaver 85	2 - 2	Ware Wilkinson 62 King 68	59
Thamesmead Town Gordon-Young 35	1 - 2	Brentwood Town Butterworth 41 Cousins 75	51
Witham Town Whitnell 43, 53	2 - 0	Tilbury	60
Wroxham Daniels 44 (pen)	1 - 1	Aveley Read 72	92

Ryman South

Burgess Hill Town Harding 46 Fisk 78	2 - 0	Herne Bay	127
Crawley Down Gatwick Odunaike 1 Blewden 4	2 - 4	Faversham Town Rowland 6 Tenyue 24, 85 Marsden 49	78
Horsham McCreadle 10, 54, 69 Freeman 61	4 - 1	Chipstead Jelly 89	122
Leatherhead S Blackman 15	1 - 0	Dulwich Hamlet	265

Merstham Newman 27 Saraiva 32, 73	3 - 1 Eastbourne Town Smith 8	84
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Wednesday 17th April 2013

Ryman Premier

Metropolitan Police Collins 9, 59 Knight 74	3 - 2 Bognor Regis Town Thompson 2 Dodd 70	139
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Ryman North

Romford Francis 19	1 - 0 Needham Market	87
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Thursday 18th April 2013

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Hampton & Richmond Borough Powell 16 Jeffreys 69 Turner 90	3 - 1 Wealdstone McGleish 5	327
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Hastings United Dixon 11	1 - 4 Carshalton Athletic Pigden 3 Ashton 55 Sogbanmu 57 Pinney 82 (pen)	480
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Leiston	0 - 1 Hendon Connors 69	152
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Thurrock D Jones 88	1 - 2 Lowestoft Town Araba 53 (pen) Dawkin 90	184
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Ryman North

Tilbury	0 - 1 Soham Town Rangers Harradine 32	53
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Waltham Abbey Bristow 16 Pearman 24	2 - 4 Brentwood Town Wall 18 West 73 Butterworth 90+2, 90+4	46
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Wroxham Daniels 33 Blake 70 Self 82	3 - 0 Harlow Town	83
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Ryman South

Herne Bay Nelder 45+1	1 - 3 Corinthian-Casuals Defoe 12 Williams 57 Barilli 60	115
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Leatherhead Bradbrook 3, 5 Thompson 53 Hutchings 60	4 - 0 Crawley Down Gatwick	160
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RYMAN PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Whitehawk	40	11	8	1	45	18	12	5	3	40	24	82	43
Lowestoft Town	38	12	4	4	36	16	9	6	3	30	19	73	31
Wealdstone	39	14	3	2	46	18	6	9	5	20	20	72	28
Concord Rangers	39	9	5	6	46	37	11	4	4	31	17	69	23
Metropolitan Police	39	9	4	6	33	28	9	6	5	26	25	64	6
Canvey Island	39	10	3	7	31	25	8	5	6	26	25	62	7
East Thurrock United	38	7	7	4	28	21	8	9	3	32	23	61	16
Margate	40	11	3	6	34	22	6	6	8	25	25	60	12
Hendon	39	6	9	5	20	20	10	3	6	25	24	60	1
Bury Town	39	7	4	8	23	27	10	4	6	37	33	59	0
Kingstonian	38	9	2	8	34	26	8	2	9	26	32	55	2
Leiston	39	7	8	4	26	22	6	7	7	27	31	54	0
Bognor Regis Town	39	8	4	8	21	25	7	4	8	25	27	53	-6
Hampton & Richmond Borough	39	6	6	7	25	27	6	7	7	30	25	49	3
Harrow Borough	38	7	4	8	35	34	4	4	11	15	31	41	-15
Enfield Town	39	7	2	11	29	33	5	3	10	27	45	41	-22
Thurrock	39	4	4	11	21	27	6	4	10	18	30	38	-18
Wingate & Finchley	39	4	4	11	20	31	7	1	12	29	43	38	-25
Cray Wanderers	39	2	5	12	19	42	7	6	7	33	37	38	-27
Carshalton Athletic	40	7	3	10	29	30	4	1	15	24	43	37	-20
Lewes	39	6	5	9	25	28	2	7	10	28	42	36	-17
Hastings United	38	3	10	7	23	31	4	4	10	14	28	35	-22

RYMAN NORTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Grays Athletic	39	15	4	1	56	19	15	2	2	33	12	96	58
Thamesmead Town	40	16	0	4	40	19	11	4	5	40	28	85	33
Maldon & Tiptree	39	16	4	0	58	20	10	2	7	36	23	84	51
Aveley	38	12	2	4	40	21	11	3	6	46	30	74	35
Heybridge Swifts	39	11	5	3	52	29	10	4	6	47	21	72	49
Witham Town	39	11	4	4	31	17	11	2	7	35	28	72	21
Soham Town Rangers	40	8	4	8	38	36	13	2	5	52	36	69	18
Brentwood Town	38	10	5	4	31	18	7	3	9	30	35	59	8
Tilbury	40	10	3	7	36	27	7	5	8	27	30	59	6
Romford	39	9	1	9	28	31	8	5	7	36	37	57	-4
Potters Bar Town	39	7	8	5	30	32	7	4	8	29	30	54	-3
Cheshunt**	40	10	3	7	39	30	6	5	9	34	41	53	2
Wroxham	39	7	6	7	36	27	5	6	8	27	31	48	5
Needham Market	40	4	7	9	25	37	8	5	7	34	22	48	0
Chatham Town	39	6	3	10	29	31	5	9	6	27	33	45	-8
AFC Sudbury	40	7	5	8	31	33	5	4	11	26	48	45	-24
Waltham Abbey	37	6	4	9	30	32	6	4	8	21	28	44	-9
Waltham Forest	40	6	4	10	23	29	4	4	12	29	41	38	-18
Ware	39	3	2	14	21	47	5	3	12	30	52	29	-48
Harlow Town***	39	4	4	12	23	38	5	4	10	20	36	25	-31
Redbridge*	39	2	2	16	18	57	3	4	12	19	47	20	-67
Ilford	40	1	6	13	19	57	2	2	16	9	45	17	-74

RYMAN SOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Dulwich Hamlet	39	15	3	1	50	13	11	1	8	34	27	82	45
Maidstone United	39	11	6	3	43	21	12	4	3	43	17	79	48
Hythe Town	39	9	5	6	31	26	12	3	4	39	22	71	22
Faversham Town	40	7	6	7	31	31	13	5	2	38	24	71	14
Leatherhead	39	8	3	9	27	21	13	1	5	38	21	67	23
Ramsgate	40	8	5	7	31	24	11	4	5	28	20	66	15
Folkestone Invicta	40	11	7	2	37	21	6	7	7	33	28	65	21
Sittingbourne	39	10	7	3	36	23	6	5	8	28	26	60	15
Worthing	40	6	5	9	36	39	10	3	7	39	30	56	6
Burgess Hill Town	39	8	4	7	26	24	6	10	4	23	20	56	5
Crawley Down Gatwick	39	10	4	6	37	27	5	6	8	33	34	55	9
Merstham	40	8	3	9	30	38	7	5	8	34	34	53	-8
Eastbourne Town	39	8	4	7	26	26	6	5	9	31	33	51	-2
Corinthian-Casuals	40	3	8	9	21	30	7	6	7	17	23	44	-15
Herne Bay	39	5	5	10	17	34	5	8	6	25	27	43	-19
Horsham	39	8	4	7	28	26	3	5	12	22	44	42	-20
Tooting & Mitcham United	39	5	4	11	23	41	6	4	9	23	30	41	-25
Whitstable Town	40	6	4	10	26	33	5	3	12	23	35	40	-19
Three Bridges	40	6	2	12	30	38	5	5	10	27	41	40	-22
Chipstead	39	5	5	9	26	37	6	2	12	24	36	40	-23
Walton & Hersham	39	6	4	9	15	30	4	6	10	26	42	40	-31
Walton Casuals	39	1	5	13	22	49	7	5	8	24	36	34	-39

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