



Midweek Update – Season 2012/13 No.36

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Ryman Premier

CONGRATULATIONS to **Whitehawk**, who on Tuesday became Ryman League champions just four years after finishing 14th in the Sussex County League.

They become only the second team, after Dover in 2008 and 2009, to win promotion to the Premier as champions and then win the top section a year later.

It is their third title in four years, starting with their Sussex League success in 2010. The following season they reached the Ryman South play-offs after finishing third in their debut season, but lost on penalties in their home semi-final against Leatherhead.

Hawks are champions with a match to spare because **Lowestoft**, the only team who could have caught them, were held to a 0-0 draw at **Wealdstone**. That kept the Trawlerboys in second place, a point ahead of Stones with an extra game to play.

East Thurrock maintained their grip on fifth spot with a 2-0 home win over **Harrow**, Sam Higgins scoring early in each half.

Met Police, in sixth place, remained level with them on points with their 2-1 home win over **Hendon**. Howard Newton and Charlie Collins scored for the Police in the last 12 minutes of the first half, and Hendon's reply from Kambo Smith did not come until deep into added time.

A goal on the hour by 18-year-old Evan Key earned **Bury** a 1-0 home victory over bottom club **Hastings** but other results meant that the winners were out of the play-off picture, along with Hendon and Margate.

Thurrock did themselves a power of good in the survival battle, beating visitors **Enfield Town** with a lone goal scored by Danny Green a minute after the interval.

Lewes picked up a valuable point at **Cray** thanks to Nathan Crabb's second successive double. Leigh Bremner put Cray ahead in the 35th minute and Danny Young added a second right on half-time. Crabb gave Lewes hope in the 80th minute and made it 2-2 in the third minute of added time.

Kingstonian had seen their last play-off hopes vanish with a 1-0 home defeat by **Concord** on Monday. John Easterford's 64th-minute goal maintained the Essex club's hopes of finishing in the top three and earning a home play-off final.

And K's fans were out of luck on Wednesday. They found themselves trapped behind a road closure near Ipswich and failed to reach **Leiston**, thus missing their side's late comeback to earn a Ryman Premier point.

Gareth Heath put Leiston ahead immediately after half-time and when Rhys Henry netted a second with ten minutes left it looked all over. But Jamil Okai pulled one back with an 85th-minute penalty and Paul Vines made it 2-2 in added time.

Joy and despair were the twin emotions at **East Thurrock** on Thursday, where the hosts celebrated qualifying for the play-offs with a 1-0 win over **Hastings**. The defeat condemned the Sussex club to relegation.

Kye Ruel's goal after 27 minutes was enough for the Rocks, who effectively clinched fifth place. Met Police can in theory catch them, but they are three points and 16 goals adrift so it is purely theoretical.

Hastings could have stayed alive going into the last day had **Wingate** lost at home to **Lowestoft**, a result which would also have confirmed the Trawlerboys as runners-up.

But, despite falling behind to a Joey Benjamin goal after only five minutes, Wingate battled their way to a 3-2 victory which ensured their survival.

Teenager Ryan Scott levelled the scores in the 28th minute and Hector Mackie put the hosts ahead just after half-time. Hakeem Araba squared it again in the 66th minute but Wingate refused to cave in and Ahmet Rifat netted the winner with 13 minutes left.

So it remains a three-way scrap for second place: Lowestoft go into the final day a point ahead of Wealdstone and two ahead of Concord. All three have home games, against Hendon, Canvey and Leiston respectively.

There were plenty of sighs of relief when Hastings' defeat was confirmed. Cray and Thurrock are both now safe from the drop, as are **Harrow**. They needed no help to reach safety, however, achieving it for themselves with a 3-2 home win over **Bognor**.

Like Wingate, they fell behind in the fifth minute, Ollie Pearce the scorer. Jordan Berry equalised, Simon Woods restored Bognor's lead and Ola Williams made it 2-2 right on half-time. And, again matching Wingate, Harrow won it with 13 minutes left thanks to a strike by Vences Bola.

Two clubs are left in danger of the other relegation place, but Carshalton will need something special to escape. They trail Lewes by three points and seven goals.

Canvey needed a win at **Hampton** to maintain their play-off hopes if East Thurrock slipped up but, as it turned out, they could only manage a 2-2 draw.

Hampton earlier in the day announced that caretaker managers Paul Berry and Darren Powell had been confirmed in their posts on a permanent basis, and their side grabbed a point with an 85th-minute goal by Gary Holloway.

Jay Curran had put Canvey ahead on the half-hour. Alan Bray squared it ten minutes after the break, only for Bradley Woods-Garness to restore the islanders' advantage four minutes later with his 22nd league goal.

Ryman North

THERE were two centuries to celebrate at **Heybridge** on Tuesday, though only one team was in the mood to do so. They were champions **Grays**, who reached 102 points with their 2-1 victory.

Heybridge's goal made them the first team in the league to reach the 100 mark but the defeat means that they are out of the play-off race after hitting a patch of poor form at just the wrong time.

Joao Carlos gave Grays the lead a minute before the interval and Luke Callander replied shortly after the restart, his 33rd league goal – seven more than anyone else in the three divisions. Grays went in front again in the 52nd minute through Jack West and that ended the scoring.

Witham moved back into fourth place with a 2-0 home win over **Brentwood**. Sam Taylor gave them the lead with an intended cross five minutes after the break and James Stevens made sure with the last kick of the match eight minutes into added time.

That result, coupled with Heybridge's defeat, means that Witham and Aveley booked the last two play-off spots. Both will be away in the semi-finals, though who visits Maldon and who travels to Thamesmead will not be decided until Saturday.

There was nothing at stake at **Ware** but their match against **Wroxham** produced a feast of seven goals in its final quarter. It was midway through the second half before Leon Simpson gave Ware the lead.

Jamie Speller swiftly levelled it, only for Ricci Crace and Elliot King put Ware 3-1 up. Back came Wroxham through Ben Thompson but Simpson restored the two-goal gap and Matt Halliday's reply in added time could not deny the hosts their 4-3 win.

Harlow were beaten 2-1 at **Chatham**, for whom Austin Gacheru and Alim Sesay scored in the first half. Josh Brimacombe-Wiard replied on the hour.

Aveley had moved to the verge of a play-off spot with a 1-0 home win over **Redbridge** on Monday. Jack Stevenson's accurate finish provided the only goal late in the first half.

Redbridge, who had a good share of the game, also have reason to be pleased. By keeping the score down they go into the last day of the season leading bottom club Ilford by three points and nine goals.

Also on Monday, **Waltham Abbey**, with four matches to play in the last six days of the season, got their hectic week off to a good start with a 2-0 home win over **Potters Bar**. Both goals came from Dean Green in the second half.

And Green was on target again on Wednesday when the Abbots pulled off a 1-0 victory at Aveley. The Millers missed a host of chances, making Green's 34th-minute strike the decider.

Two goals in five second-half minutes gave **Maldon** a 2-0 victory at **Brentwood** on Thursday and clinched the runners-up spot.

Michael Toner broke the deadlock after 58 minutes and Kevin McLeod quickly added the insurance. Maldon are only three points ahead of Thamesmead but they have an advantage of 21 in the goal difference column.

Romford moved up to eighth with a 3-1 home win over **Waltham Abbey**, though the scoreline was harsh on the Abbots who put up a good show despite the fact that it was their third game in four days.

Boro were two up in 15 minutes through Ben Jones and Lewis Francis, but the tired visitors held their own and pulled one back through Tom Laxton in the 73rd minute. Nick Reynolds netted Romford's third as time ran out.

Ryman South

THE race for the title will go to the last day of the season, when **Dulwich** will need a single point from their home game against Burgess Hill to finish on top.

They maintained their three-point lead with a 3-1 home win over **Crawley Down** on Tuesday. All their goals came in a 12-minute burst soon after half-time, with Erkan Oztumer putting them ahead before Danny Carr netted twice. Tom Bingham, 17, netted the consolation for the Anvils with seven minutes left.

Maidstone, who have a better goal difference, are waiting to pounce if Dulwich slip up. They stayed in the hunt with a 4-1 win at **Chipstead**.

Alex Flisher gave them the lead midway through the first half only for Laurent Hamici to reply quickly. Stuart King put Stones ahead to stay with his 25th goal of the season in the 38th minute, Dan Stubbs stretched the gap soon after half-time and Alex Brown netted the fourth on the hour.

At the foot of the table, **Walton & Hersham** put their slight relegation fears behind them with a 4-2 home win over Herne Bay. John Clark, Tony Reid and Harold Odametey put the Swans 3-0 up at half-time, and James Awofisan added another before Joe Nelder and James Turner netted for the visitors.

Goals from Max Miller in the first half and Nick Wheeler in the second gave **Burgess Hill** a 2-0 victory over visitors **Tooting** and lifted them to eighth in the table, though they cannot reach the play-offs.

A single goal by Sam Blackman in added time at the end of the first half was enough to lift **Leatherhead** back into the play-off places on Wednesday.

Their 1-0 victory at **Eastbourne** sends them into the final day two points ahead of Folkestone. But the Tanners have the more difficult game on paper, at home to Faversham who are already in the play-offs, while Folkestone host 16th-placed Herne Bay.

Leatherhead must win: if they draw and Folkestone win, the Kent club will have the better goal difference. Ramsgate, three points behind Leatherhead and with a goal deficit of eight, are virtually out of the hunt.

Hythe moved into third place with a 4-3 victory at **Horsham**, who did well to keep it respectable after finding themselves 3-0 down in 21 minutes.

Dave Cook opened Hythe's account with his 26th goal of the season, making him the division's joint-top scorer, and that was quickly followed by strikes from Jake Hobbs and Michael Yianni.

Charlie Farmer reduced the arrears soon after half-time only for Brendon Cass to put the visitors 4-1 up in the 57th minute. It stayed that way until the final minute of normal time, when Harry Smith and Ryan Marriott netted in quick succession.

Walton Casuals made a spirited effort to keep alive their impossible dream of escaping relegation. Needing goals galore to have any chance of survival, they thumped **Sittingbourne** 4-1 to record only their second home win of the season.

Malachi Hudson put them ahead after 27 minutes and Sol Patterson-Bohner added a goal either side of half-time to make it 3-0. Joe Taylor pulled one back with a 55th-minute penalty before Hudson had the last word.

Casuals, though, are three points and 15 goals behind Three Bridges with one game apiece to play so it would need something extraordinary to reverse their positions on Saturday.



Results

Monday 22nd April 2013

Ryman Premier

Kingstonian	0 - 1 Concord Rangers Easterford 65	205
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Ryman North

Aveley Stevenson 45	1 - 0 Redbridge Peagram 49	117
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Waltham Abbey Green 62, 90	2 - 0 Potters Bar Town	61
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Tuesday 23rd April 2013

Ryman Premier

Bury Town Key 60	1 - 0 Hastings United	304
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Cray Wanderers Bremner 35 Young 45	2 - 2 Lewes Crabb 80, 90+3	248
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East Thurrock United Higgins 3, 47	2 - 0 Harrow Borough	145
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Metropolitan Police Newton 33 Collins 39	2 - 1 Hendon Smith 90+2	113
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Thurrock Green 46	1 - 0 Enfield Town	212
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Wealdstone	0 - 0 Lowestoft Town	772
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Ryman North

Chatham Town Gacheru 28 Sesay 40	2 - 1 Harlow Town Brimacombe-Wiard 60	96
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Heybridge Swifts Callander 47	1 - 2 Grays Athletic Carlos 44 West 53	162
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Ware Simpson 66, 88 Crace 76 King 84	4 - 3 Wroxham Speller 68 Thompson 86 Halliday 90+4	77
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Witham Town Taylor 50, Stevens 90+8	2 - 0 Brentwood Town	85
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Ryman South

Burgess Hill Town Miller 10 Wheeler 58	2 - 0	Tooting & Mitcham United	161
Chipstead Hamici 26	1 - 4	Maidstone United Flisher 22 King 38 Stubbs 50 Brown 60	251
Dulwich Hamlet Oztumer 49 Carr 52, 61	3 - 1	Crawley Down Gatwick Bingham 83	585
Walton & Hersham Clark 21 Reid 32 Odametey 36 Awofisan 58	4 - 2	Herne Bay Nelder 70 Turner 90	90

Wednesday 24th April 2013

Ryman Premier

Leiston G Heath 46 Henry 80	2 - 2	Kingstonian Okai 85 (pen) Vines 90+2	182
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Ryman North

Aveley	0 - 1	Waltham Abbey Green 34	257
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Ryman South

Eastbourne Town	0 - 1	Leatherhead Blackman 45+1	179
Horsham Farmer 48 Smith 89 Marriott 90	3 - 4	Hythe Town Cook 9 Hobbs 12 Yianni 21 Cass 57	126
Walton Casuals Hudson 27, 81 Patterson-Bohner 35, 53	4 - 1	Sittingbourne Taylor 55 (pen)	93

Thursday 25th April 2013

Ryman Premier

East Thurrock United Ruel 27	1 - 0	Hastings United	242
Hampton & Richmond Bray 55 Holloway 85	2 - 2	Canvey Island Curran 29 Woods-Garness 59.	131
Harrow Borough Berry 16 Williams 45 Bola 77	3 - 2	Bognor Regis Town O Pearce 5 Woods 37	132
Wingate & Finchley R Scott 28 Mackie 48 Rifat 77	3 - 2	Lowestoft Town Benjamin 5 Araba 66	175

Ryman North

Brentwood Town	0 - 2	Maldon & Tiptree Toner 58 McLeod 63	54
Romford Jones 10 Francis 15 Reynolds 89	3 - 1	Waltham Abbey Laxton 73	83

RYMAN PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Whitehawk	41	11	8	1	45	18	13	5	3	42	24	85	45
Lowestoft Town	41	12	4	4	36	16	10	7	4	34	22	77	32
Wealdstone	41	14	4	2	46	18	7	9	5	22	20	76	30
Concord Rangers	41	9	5	6	46	37	13	4	4	34	17	75	26
East Thurrock United	41	10	7	4	33	21	8	9	3	32	23	70	21
Metropolitan Police	41	10	4	7	35	31	9	6	5	26	25	67	5
Canvey Island	41	10	4	7	32	26	8	6	6	28	27	64	7
Bury Town	41	8	5	8	26	29	10	4	6	37	33	63	1
Margate	41	11	3	6	34	22	6	7	8	27	27	61	12
Hendon	41	6	9	6	22	23	10	3	7	26	26	60	-1
Kingstonian	41	10	2	9	35	27	8	3	9	28	34	59	2
Leiston	41	7	9	5	28	26	6	7	7	27	31	55	-2
Bognor Regis Town	41	8	4	9	21	27	7	4	9	27	30	53	-9
Hampton & Richmond Borough	41	6	7	7	27	29	6	7	8	30	27	50	1
Harrow Borough	41	8	4	9	38	38	4	4	12	15	33	44	-18
Enfield Town	41	7	2	11	29	33	6	3	11	30	48	44	-22
Cray Wanderers	41	3	6	12	23	44	7	6	7	33	37	42	-25
Thurrock	41	5	4	11	22	27	6	4	11	18	31	41	-18
Wingate & Finchley	41	5	4	11	23	33	7	1	13	29	45	41	-26
Lewes	41	6	5	9	25	28	3	8	10	32	44	40	-15
Carshalton Athletic	41	7	3	11	29	32	4	1	15	24	43	37	-22
Hastings United	41	3	10	7	23	31	4	5	12	15	31	36	-24

RYMAN NORTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Grays Athletic	41	15	4	1	56	19	17	2	2	37	14	102	60
Maldon & Tiptree	41	16	5	0	61	23	11	2	7	38	23	88	53
Thamesmead Town	41	16	0	5	41	21	11	4	5	40	28	85	32
Witham Town	41	13	4	4	34	17	11	2	7	35	28	78	24
Aveley	41	13	2	6	43	25	11	3	6	46	30	77	34
Heybridge Swifts	41	11	5	4	53	31	10	4	7	47	22	72	47
Soham Town Rangers	41	8	4	8	38	36	14	2	5	54	36	72	20
Romford	41	10	2	9	33	34	8	5	7	36	37	61	-2
Tilbury	41	10	3	7	36	27	7	6	8	30	33	60	6
Brentwood Town	41	10	5	5	31	20	7	3	11	31	39	59	3
Potters Bar Town	41	7	8	5	30	32	8	4	9	32	34	57	-4
Cheshunt**	41	10	4	7	39	30	6	5	9	34	41	54	2
Chatham Town	41	8	3	10	32	32	5	9	6	27	33	51	-6
Waltham Abbey	41	7	4	10	32	36	7	4	9	23	31	50	-12
Wroxham	41	7	6	7	36	27	5	7	9	30	35	49	4
Needham Market	41	4	7	9	25	37	8	5	8	34	23	48	-1
AFC Sudbury	41	7	5	9	31	35	5	4	11	26	48	45	-26
Waltham Forest	41	6	4	10	23	29	4	5	12	31	43	39	-18
Ware	41	5	2	14	27	51	5	3	12	30	52	35	-46
Harlow Town***	41	4	4	12	23	38	5	4	12	22	40	25	-33
Redbridge*	41	2	2	16	18	57	4	4	13	23	48	23	-64
Ilford	41	2	6	13	21	58	2	2	16	9	45	20	-73

RYMAN SOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Dulwich Hamlet	41	16	3	1	53	14	12	1	8	37	28	88	49
Maidstone United	41	11	6	3	43	21	14	4	3	50	18	85	54
Hythe Town	41	9	6	6	33	28	13	3	4	43	25	75	23
Faversham Town	41	8	6	7	35	33	13	5	2	38	24	74	16
Leatherhead	41	8	3	9	27	21	14	1	6	39	22	70	23
Folkestone Invicta	41	11	7	2	37	21	7	7	7	35	28	68	23
Ramsgate	41	8	6	7	31	24	11	4	5	28	20	67	15
Burgess Hill Town	41	10	4	7	30	25	6	10	4	23	20	62	8
Sittingbourne	41	10	7	3	36	23	6	6	9	31	32	61	12
Worthing	41	6	5	9	36	39	10	4	7	41	32	57	6
Crawley Down Gatwick	41	10	4	6	37	27	5	6	10	35	39	55	6
Eastbourne Town	41	9	4	8	28	28	6	5	9	31	33	54	-2
Merstham	41	8	3	9	30	38	7	5	9	36	38	53	-10
Corinthian-Casuals	41	3	8	9	21	30	7	7	7	17	23	45	-15
Horsham	41	9	4	8	32	30	3	5	12	22	44	45	-20
Herne Bay	41	5	5	11	18	37	5	8	7	27	31	43	-23
Walton & Hersham	41	7	4	9	19	32	4	6	11	27	44	43	-30
Tooting & Mitcham United	41	5	5	11	25	43	6	4	10	23	32	42	-27
Whitstable Town	41	6	4	10	26	33	5	4	12	25	37	41	-19
Chipstead	41	5	6	10	29	43	6	2	12	24	36	41	-26
Three Bridges	41	6	2	13	30	40	5	5	10	27	41	40	-24
Walton Casuals	41	2	5	14	26	53	7	5	8	24	36	37	-39

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

Saturday, April 27th, 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. Leiston
 v. Carshalton Athletic
 v. Bognor Regis Town
 v. Kingstonian
 v. Bury Town
 v. Hendon
 v. Harrow Borough
 v. Metropolitan Police
 v. Canvey Island
 v. East Thurrock United
 v. Cray Wanderers

Ryman North

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

Ryman South

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

Play Off Semi Finals

Tuesday, April 30th, 2013

Team in 2nd position
 Team in 3rd position

Team in 2nd position
 Team in 3rd position

Ryman North

v. Team in 5th position
 v. Team in 4th position

Ryman South

v. Team in 5th position
 v. Team in 4th position



Wednesday, May 1st, 2013

Team in 2nd position
Team in 3rd position

Ryman Premier

v. Team in 5th position
v. Team in 4th position

Play Off Finals

Saturday, May 4th, 2013

Ryman South

Sunday, May 5th, 2013

Ryman North

Monday, May 6th, 2013

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