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OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME OF BROCKENHURST FOOTBALL CLUB SEASON 2025/6 08



**Velocity Wessex League Premier Division**

Saturday 27 September 2025 // Kick-Off 15:00



Brockenhurst FC

vs

Cowes Sports FC





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## WELCOME FROM THE CLUB SECRETARY

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to this afternoon's Velocity Wessex Premier League fixture where we welcome Cowes Sports who have made a strong start to the season and will no doubt provide a stern test for the Badgers today. Fortunately this year's fixture falls early in the season so hopefully the weather will not interfere with the ferries and, unlike last season, the Cowes folks will make it home unhindered!

I would like to add my welcome to new manager, Steve Devlin, who is settling in well here at Grigg Lane. Results have been a bit up and down but the fixture list has been stacked and it is early days so I encourage you to be patient, get behind Steve and the team and cheer them on this afternoon. Your support is greatly needed and much appreciated!

While I am clearly not qualified to offer Steve any footballing advice I did notice that today, 27th September, legendary World Cup winning Italian number 10, Francesco Totti, and the man credited with inventing the attacking Bazball style of cricket, Brendan McCullum, share their birthdays. Maybe the team will garner a little of the attacking spirit of those guys this afternoon and put on a show for the Badgers faithful!

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the excellent work of our all-volunteer ground keeping crew. The pitch takes a real hammering during the long season and we foreshorten the maintenance window each year as we run crucial fundraising events, like the children's football festival and Brockstock music festival, throughout May. Couple that

with the record-breaking dry summer this year and they really had their work cut out. The pitch has been in tremendous condition at the start of this season attracting positive comments from many visiting teams and officials. Thanks Ian, Chris and Steve; you are doing a tremendous job!

Away from the pitch; after a great deal of fundraising and planning we finally revealed our plans to refurbish the toilets in the clubhouse at our members update meeting last night. In addition to improving the ladies and gents facilities this project will also add a much needed disabled toilet and, hopefully, improve the appeal of the clubhouse as a venue for hire. Works begin on Monday 6th October and are scheduled for completion in time for our annual fireworks display on Friday 7th November. We will endeavour to keep disruption to a minimum although the use of Portaloos may be necessary for a short period. Thank you for your patience and support during this long anticipated project!

Finally, we look forward to the return fixture in Cowes on the last day on the season, Saturday 16th April. Personally, a trip to The Island always feels like going on holiday. Hopefully by then both teams will be celebrating good seasons, the weather will be kind and we can enjoy a fun day out!

Enjoy the game .... come on you Badgers!

Dave Wareham  
Club Secretary

## BROCKENHURST FC FIXTURES 2025-26

<b>Date</b>	<b>H / A</b>	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>Competition</b>
27 September 2025	Home	Cowes Sports	Velocity Wessex Premier
30 September 2025	Home	Braishfield	Soton Senior Cup Rd 2
04 October 2025	Away	Millbrook	Velocity Wessex Premier
07 October 2025	Home	Totton + Eling	Russell Cotes Cup Rd 1
11 October 2025	Home	Downton	Velocity Wessex Premier
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## BROCKENHURST RESULTS 2025-26

Date	Opposition	Competition	H/A	Result	Scorers	Att.
29.07.25	Petersfield Town	VWFL	H	0-3		234
02.08.25	Moneyfields	FAC	A	2-1	Batley	118
09.08.25	Hamworthy Rec.	VWFL	H	0-2		168
12.08.25	B'mouth Poppies	VWFL	A	1-0		124
16.08.25	Wincanton Town	VWFL	A	2-2	Steel, Holmes	70
19.08.25	Hythe + Dibden	HSC	H	1-1, pens 3-2	Kelly	149
23.08.25	E Cowes Vics	FAV	A	3-3, pens 5-3	D.Walker (2), Dugdale	147
30.08.25	Millbrook	VWFL	H	5-1	Woodward(2), D.Walker (2), Beale	134
02.09.25	Lyndhurst	SSC	H	5-0	McFarlane, Colmer, Burgess, O.Mason (2)	144
06.09.25	Portland United	VWFL	A	2-0		160
09.09.25	Horndean	HSC	A	5-0		66
13.09.25	Baffins Milton Rovers	VWFL	H	1-1	Brooks	112
16.09.25	Yateley United	VWLC	H	1-1, pens 5-3	Dugdale	87
20.09.25	Andover New Street	VWFL	A	1-3	Colmer, Beale, Dunesby-Bent	181





# CLUB HISTORY 1898-2025

The club was founded in 1898, initially playing close to the Rhinefield Ornamental Drive. The Badgers were founder members of the New Forest League which they won a number of times. They moved before World War 1 to a site between the Rose and Crown and Snakecatcher pubs. Following the war the club played in both the Bournemouth and Hampshire leagues, moving to Fathersfield. In 1931 they were forced to move again, to Black Knoll when Fathersfield was given over to housing. In 1935 the club won the New Forest Lads Cup. Within two years the Badgers moved to Oberfield and after World War 2 they spent some seasons at Tile Barn before moving to their current home at Grigg Lane in 1951.

The club were crowned Hampshire League Division Three champions in 1960 as well as winning the Bournemouth Seniors cup. They moved between the Second and Third divisions until in 1971 they were promoted to Division One where they won the league title in the 1975-76 season. Brockenhurst were founder members of the Wessex League, joining in 1986. The club's FA Cup giant killing reached its pinnacle in season 2001/02 when Kingstonian were defeated and in season 2004/05 the club reached the 3<sup>rd</sup> qualifying round, the run ending in defeat to Bath City.

In season 2012/13 the club returned to the Wessex Premier Division as Division One champions and reached the final of both the Southampton DFA Senior Cup and the Wessex League Cup. The Badgers won three cups in three years—in season 2019/20 the team won the Bournemouth Senior Cup; in 2020/21 we lifted the Hampshire Senior Invitational Supplementary Cup; and in 2021/22 we won the Russell-Cotes Cup. In 2020/21, both the U18 and U17 teams won their divisions. Season 2021/22 was one of the most successful for Brockenhurst in recent years, with the club finishing 6<sup>th</sup> in the Premier Division, getting to the last 16 in the FA Vase and winning the Russell-Cotes Cup. Brockenhurst celebrated its 125<sup>th</sup> season in 2023/24, and missed out on the promotion playoffs by goal difference only. At the end of the season, long-serving manager Pat McManus left the club; a successful and enjoyable testimonial match was held for Pat in July 2024.

Currently Danny Bowers is acting as interim manager of Brockenhurst. We have retained the core of the squad from last year's campaign, and added experience, some returning players and a number of promising players. The future looks bright for The Badgers.



## COWES SPORTS CLUB HISTORY

COWES FC was formed in 1881. The original club continued until December 1899, playing its final game at home against Tottenham Hotspur, before withdrawing from the Southern League. The name was revived in 1903, when a team known as Cowes White Star adopted the old club's title. Many years later, in 1980, the club merged with an Island side known as White's Sports, which then saw Sports added as a suffix - a decision not universally accepted by members at the time, but has remained since. Although the club's history can be traced back to 1881, competitive action did not arrive until 1886 in the shape of the Hants & Dorset Junior Cup. The club then joined the newly formed Hampshire League in 1895 and the following spring Cowes were confirmed as its first-ever champions.

As a limited company, the club then ventured into the Southern League alongside the likes of Tottenham Hotspur, Millwall, Bristol City and Swindon. However, financial difficulties and a string of poor results prompted the withdrawal from the league. In 1903 the club was resurrected and nine years later celebrated moving to its current home Westwood Park by winning the Hampshire Senior Cup for the second time.

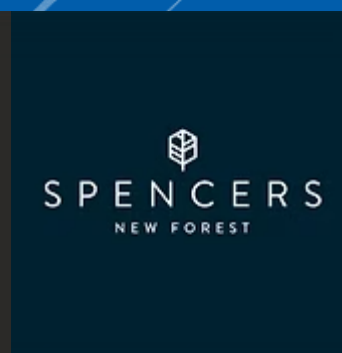
In 1932 the club lost the final of the Hampshire Senior Cup to local rivals Newport at The Dell, Southampton. But the day will be remembered more for the incredible crowd of 21,000 - a record gate for such a final to this day. With four figure crowds regularly being attracted to Westwood Park, it's an urban myth that the main stand was built in 24 hours in 1920. In fact it was built by voluntary labour during that summer - before a local derby with Newport. After the war, the club continued to pick up county honours and in 1963 enjoyed a run to the fourth qualifying round of the FA Cup.

The 1980s heralded a rebuilding period for the club and, the newly named Cowes Sports FC was once more a Division 2 side. The club finally regained its place in the top flight of county football in 1989 after an exciting battle for promotion alongside the now-defunct Ryde Sports and AC Delco. Events in 1994 were even more exciting, with Cowes and Blackfield & Langley enjoying a dogfight for the Hampshire League title. A splendid run of results saw Cowes claim the title. During the summer, the club was accepted into the Wessex League. 1994/95 was capped with the first Isle of Wight Senior Gold Cup victory in 30 years.

The 1998/99 season saw the side finish seventh in the Wessex League, but the campaign was crowned with a splendid victory over champions Lymington in the League Cup final. Two seasons later the club exceeded all expectations by reaching the last 16 of the FA Vase, losing to Taunton Town in the fifth round in front of almost 1,000 fans at Westwood Park. The IoW Senior Gold Cup returned to Westwood Park as Newport IW were defeated at Whippingham 2-1 in 2006/07. Further Gold Cup successes followed in 2012, 2018, 2023 and 2024.

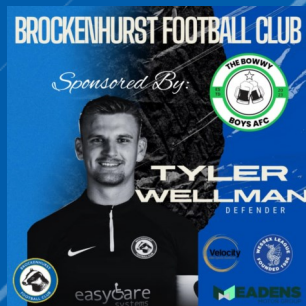
Max Draper's five season tenure as Manager ended with his resignation after the 2024/25 season started badly and he was succeeded by Joint Managers Ian Potts and Mark Woodhouse who have made a steady start, guiding the side away from the relegation zone and securing another Gold Cup victory.

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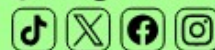
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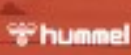
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## LAST TIME OUT ...

JON RENYARD'S REVIEW OF ANDOVER NEW STREET  
V BROCKENHURST —20 SEPTEMBER 2025

A tough afternoon in prospect for Brock: 2nd v 17th . But let's be clear from the start, this was a thoroughly deserved win: a commanding away performance. The opening stages were reasonably tight, and the hosts might have gone ahead when Lock arrived to hit a powerful shot, saved by Valero. And the Badgers showed they were up for the challenge when Brooks won the ball high and sent Connor Dunesby-Bent through on goal but his shot came back off the inside of the post and was hacked clear. Both teams were pretty good out of possession and chances were at a premium. 25 minutes, Lock with a piledriver from the edge of the box which Valero did brilliantly to tip over the bar. Seven minutes from the break, a real chance for Brock, Dunesby-Bent in on goal but Bartram saving with his legs. And then, right on the interval, Dunesby-Bent's heels clipped just outside the box, Beale's stunning free kick coming back off the inside of the far post but this time headed in by Toby Colmer, following in in splendid isolation. HT 0-1 The half-time lead was deserved but within 5 of the restart, the Swifts were level: the ball spun loose in a tackle and ran through to Laptas who beat Valero at the near post. The balance of the game didn't overly change, with Brock still looking composed in possession and holding firm defensively. They re-took the lead on 67, a great pass from Brooks sending Freddie Beale clear on the right and he made ground into the box before finding the far corner. Within two minutes, that lead was extended – Henry Brooks again, a sublime pass through to Dunesby-Bent who timed his run beyond the defence perfectly, held off a challenge and found that same far corner for 3-1. And then, in another departure from recent scripts, Brock managed the game out exceptionally well – keeping their shape, closing down, denying the spaces and still looking dangerous on the break – Beale let a bouncing ball run across his body, turned and hooked a shot just wide of the post. Only one real alarm, six minutes from time, when the bounce of the ball deceived first Walker and then Steel, but just as Dotse readied himself to shoot, Taylor Crook arrived out of nowhere to smash the ball away. Thereafter, Brock were mostly in control and saw it home comfortably. FT 1-3





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**27 SEPTEMBER  
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