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#### **Velocity Wessex League Cup Second Round**

Tuesday 26 August 2025 // Kick-Off 19:45



Brockenhurst FC



Yateley United







#### BROCKENHURST FOOTBALL CLUB

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### WELCOME FROM THE PROGRAMME EDITOR

Welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Yateley United for this Velocity Wessex League Cup second round game. Neither our visitors nor ourselves have had the best of starts to the new season so there will be quite a lot to prove tonight.

As I write we are still without a permanent first team manager though I understand that U18s whose first FA applications are now being considered and naturally everyone concerned is keen that the right choice is made, even if this means that the process isn't a quick fix.

Attendances have held up well so far this season, and in fact the highest attendance in the League so far this season was the our first

home game on 29 July. Clubhouse news—back by popular demand is our Karaoke Night, this coming Friday, 29 August. See page 14 for more details.

We have one more game in August, home against Millbrook in the League on Saturday (30th). September will be a busy month for all of our teams, including our Youth Cup fixture is at home versus Fareham Town on Thursday 4th September. See page 4 for details of all upcoming first team matches.

Come on you Badgers!

Laura Windisch Programme Editor

## BROCKENHURST FC FIXTURES 2025-26

Date	H/A	Opponents	Competition
26 August 2025	Home	Yateley	Wessex League Cup Rd 2
30 August 2025	Home	Millbrook	Velocity Wessex Premier
02 September 2025	Home	Lyndhurst	Soton Senior Cup Rd 1
06 September 2025	Away	Portland United	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	Н	0-3		234
02.08.25	Moneyfields	FAC	A	2-1	Batley	118
09.08.25	Hamworthy Rec.	VWFL	Н	0-2		168
12.08.25	B'mouth Poppies	VWFL	Α	1-0		124
16.08.25	Wincanton Town	VWFL	A	2-2	Steel, Holmes	70
19.08.25	Hythe + Dibden	HSC	A	1-1, pens 3-2	Kelly	149
23.08.25	E Cowes Vics	FAV	Α	3-3, pens 5-3	D.Walker (2), Dugdale	147





# CLUB HISTORY 18ø8-2025

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.



# YATELEY UNITED CLUB HISTORY

Yateley United FC is a large FA Accredited Club consisting of 4 Saturday Men's teams, an Adult Ladies team, a thriving Youth section of 30+ teams from Under 6 'mini-soccer' through to U18's, a Sunday Vets team, Sunday Mens team, and a well-established Walking Football Group.

The club was formed in 2013 through the uniting of the four existing successful Yateley adult and youth football clubs: Beaulieu FC (founded 1972), Yateley Green AFC (formed 1985), Yateley FC (founded 1902), and Yateley FC Youth.

The parish of Yateley has a long history in local football, with the first recorded game played back in January 1903 following the Yateley club being formed in October 1902. In 1978/79, now renamed Yateley Town FC, they were founder members of the Home Counties League – which later became the Combined Counties Football League in 1979/80. Yateley Town dropped down into the Aldershot Senior League in 1984/85. The Town club split into Yateley Town and Yateley Green before the 1985/86 season and respective success followed for both clubs over the years across the Aldershot & District League, Hampshire League, and Surrey Intermediate Leagues.

However the 'glass ceiling' of multiple clubs in a small town always restricted the progress of football in the town and in 2013 Yateley United FC was formed. The 1st team finished 4th in the Surrey Elite League in its first season; the new club's other teams all experienced good success over the club's early years.

Off the field, in 2014 the club made the huge step of buying their own ground at Sean Devereux Park (largely thanks to 'Gig On The Green' music festival run annually in Yateley) and have big plans for the future. Significant efforts and investment have been made in the development and improvement of this home ground, including a new clubhouse facility (opened Oct 2022), along with an enclosed floodlit main pitch with covered seating; standing areas, amongst other facility improvements to the ground to provide a fantastic environment that will enable the community, the club, and all of its players to continue to progress!

The first 1st team silverware was secured with a thrilling win in the Aldershot DFA Intermediate Cup Final at Aldershot Town FC in May 2022. This was followed by an incredible record-breaking year in 2022/23, sealing the Thames Valley Premier League Premier Division (Step 7) title with a 100% record and securing promotion to Step 6 of the National League System, in the Combined Counties League Division 1.

Following 2 seasons of top half finishes in Combined Counties Division 1 were laterally transferred to the Wessex League Division 1 for season 2025/26. In addition to the 1st team, the club has a player pathway consisting of an U23's team competing in the Suburban League, and an U18 Youth team competing in the Allied Counties Youth League — it's definitely exciting times for the club!

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#### RECENTIY ...

#### JON RENYARD'S REVIEW OF BROCKENHURSTA HYTHE + DIBDEX—HSC—19 AUGUST 2025

This was a surprisingly open and watchable game, both teams trying to play football; and it was also, by a distance, Brock's best performance so far this season. Although it ultimately went to a shootout, the Badgers should really have wrapped it up inside the 90.

Early chances were at a premium with the respective defences keeping the opposition at arm's length, promising positions foundering on the final (or sometimes penultimate) ball. Brock looked the likelier but the first chance of note fell to the visitors, halfway through the opening period, when ex-Badger Carbayo-Borges was able to get free on the right of the box, but the angle narrowed and he only found the side-netting. And within a minute, Brock were ahead: a neat move, ball recycled to the excellent Keegan Kelly and his shot from 22 yards found the bottom corner. After that, Brock could and possibly should have extended their advantage: Steve Walker with a header cleared off the line, Brooks twice getting clear of the defence down the right but crosses blocked for corners, Ollie Davies flicking a header over his own bar... but still only the single goal, and just before the break they were grateful to Liam Mcfarlane, not for the first time this season, for not allowing Laptas a clear sight at goal and ultimately deflecting his shot behind. HT 1-0

Second half: Brock again looked the more likely, although without quite having the cutting edge to put it to bed. Brooks hit a powerful shot from the edge of the box but straight at (another ex-Badger) Deacon; some neat moves but the final third not quite clicking, or the final shot not accurate or powerful enough. 70 minutes, a perfect cross from Holmes, header from Omarion Mason superbly saved by Deacon... The visitors weren't offering much by way of attacking threat, but a second goal didn't come. Into injury time, then, the Badgers just needing to see it out – the visitors with the ball near the corner-flag, seemingly well marshalled but enough space to pull the ball back to the edge of the box where Batt missed his kick but Rhys Crooks didn't, and shot through the bodies to equalise. FT 1-1

Penalties then – anyone watch the Euros? This lot had – first five saved! Then Torniainen and Colmer scored for Brock; Hewson and Marcel scored for Hythe; leaving Steve Walker with a kick to win it – saved. But Flooks blazed over the bar, Woodward converted calmly, and Brock were through.



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**TUESDAY** 

26 AUGUST 2025

KO 19:45

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Manager—Adam Hopkins

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