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Russell-Cotes Cup

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vs

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WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Good evening and welcome to the Meadens Skoda Arena, Grigg Lane, for this evening's Russell-Cotes Cup first round tie against visitors Broughton.

I'm drafting these notes late in the evening on Saturday 26th September having just watched England throw away another lead. This time against Spain. All too familiar, however, pain somewhat lessened as I'm in the Bombardier pub in Paris where I am visiting family.

The timing of my trip hasn't been great as I've missed a big weekend back home. Friday 25th September saw the Meadens Skoda Arena host the annual charity match between the exSaints and Brock Legends. Following last season's 5-5 draw, in which Shane Long scored a sumptuous hat trick, anticipation of an exciting rematch was running high. The crowd of over 500 on Saturday were not disappointed as the exSaints ran out 3-2 winners in another hugely entertaining game. Significant funds were raised for exSaints good causes in the community and Brock Youth football. It was wonderful to see Saints greats like Matt Le Tissier and James Beattie grace the Grigg Lane turf once again. The guys were hugely generous with their

time posing for countless selfies and signing numerous autographs. A great time was had by all. I was gutted to miss it!

After a quick turnaround, the following day the club hosted Sandhurst in an IBS Wessex League Cup first round tie which, after a competitive start, saw the Badgers get to grips with the match and run out comfortable 4-0 winners.

As I write the team are looking forward to a trip to Downton in the Wessex Football League Premier Division on Tuesday evening while the ground crew have a few days to resuscitate the pitch for tonight's fixture with Broughton.

As always the fixtures continue to come thick and fast this time of year! We are used to Premier League managers bemoaning fixture congestion and player fatigue but here we are facing four fixtures in eight days. With a number of players returning from injury it is tough to predict how the Badgers will fare against tonight's opponents. No doubt Broughton will provide stiff opposition and we are in for another tough game.

Let's hope the boys can dig deep, maintain their good form and deliver a win tonight.

Come on you Badgers!

Dave Wareham, Chairman

BROCKENHURST FC FIXTURES 2026/27

Date	H/A	Opponents	Competition
01 October 2026	Home	Broughton	Russell-Cotes Cup R1
03 October 2026	Home	East Cowes Victoria	Wessex Premier Division
10 October 2026	Away	New Milton Town	FA Vase R1
13 October 2026	Home	Hedge End Rangers	Southampton Senior Cup R2
17 October 2026	Home	Hamble Club	Wessex Premier Division
20 October 2026	Home	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	Wessex Premier Division
24 October 2026	Away	Laverstock + Ford	Wessex Premier Division
27 October 2026	Away	Andover New Street	IBS Wessex League Cup R2
31 October 2026	Away	Fleetlands	Wessex Premier Division
03 November 2026	Home	Fareham Town	Wessex Premier Division
07 November 2026	Away	Horndean	Wessex Premier Division
10 November 2026	Home	Bournemouth Poppies	Wessex Premier Division
14 November 2026	Away	Baffins Milton Rovers	Wessex Premier Division
21 November 2026	Home	Downton	Wessex Premier Division
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27 March 2027	Away	Hythe + Dibden	Wessex Premier Division
03 April 2027	Home	Millbrook	Wessex Premier Division
10 April 2027	Away	Bournemouth Poppies	Wessex Premier Division
17 April 2027	Home	Cowes Sports	Wessex Premier Division

BROCKENHURST RESULTS 2026-27

Date	Opposition	Comp	H/A	Res	Scorers	Att
01.08.26	Cowes Sports	WFL	A	W 0-2	Palmier, Moore	223
04.08.26	Hamble Club	HSC	A	W 3-5	Brooks (2), McGrath (2), Walker	132
08.08.26	Badshot Lea	FAC	A	L 6-3	Palmier, Aga-In, Colmer	119
11.08.26	Hamworthy Recreation	WFL	H	L 1-4	Palmier	125
15.08.26	Christchurch	WFL	H	W 1-0	Wells	157
18.08.26	Lymington Town	HSC	H	W 4-1	Palmier, Colmer, Walker, McGrath	203
22.08.26	Fareham Town	WFL	A	L 3-1	Palmier	255
29.08.26	Bashley	WFL	A	L 4-2	Ugwumba (2)	252
05.09.26	Horndean	WFL	H	W 3-2	McGrath (2), Makhloufi	161
08.09.26	Fareham Town	HSC	H	L 1-4	Makhloufi	97
11.09.26	Frimley Green	FAV	A	W 0-3	Ugwumba, Wells, Drake	61
15.09.26	Sturminster Newton United	WFL	H	W 2-1	Ugwumba, Colmer	88
19.09.26	Petersfield Town	WFL	A	W 0-2	McGrath, Colmer	131
23.09.26	Sherborne Town	WFL	A	W 2-5	Colmer, Palmier, McGrath (3)	101

BROCKENHURST RESULTS 2026-27

Date	Opposition	Comp	H/A	Res	Scorers	Att
23.09.26	Sherborne Town	WFL	A	W 2-5	Colmer, Palmier, McGrath (3)	101
26.09.26	Sandhurst Town	IBLC	H	W 4-0	McGrath (2), Walker, Palmier	106
29.09.26	Downton	WFL	A	W0-2	Colmer, Makhloufi	173



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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 Kingstonsian were defeated and in season 2004/05 the club reached the 3rd 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 6th in the Premier Division, getting to the last 16 in the FA Vase and winning the Russell-Cotes Cup. Brockenhurst celebrated its 125th 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.

Steve Devlin became our first-team manager near the beginning of season 2025/26. This season, 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.



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Founded in 1901, Broughton Football Club has been at the heart of village sport for well over a century, proudly representing the community through generations of players, volunteers and supporters. From humble beginnings playing local friendlies, the club steadily established itself within Hampshire football and has enjoyed success across county and district competitions throughout its long and distinguished history.

Over the decades, Broughton FC has built a reputation for resilience, sportsmanship and community spirit. The club has competed in the Andover & District League, North Hants League and Hampshire leagues, collecting league titles, cup victories and memorable cup runs along the way. One of the club's proudest modern achievements came in 2018 with victory in the Hampshire Junior 'A' Cup, while recent seasons have seen a remarkable resurgence, culminating in promotion-winning success and silverware during the 2024/25 campaign.

Today, Broughton Football Club continues to thrive both on and off the pitch. With improved facilities, a growing clubhouse and a strong connection to the local community, the club remains committed to developing grassroots football and providing opportunities for players of all ages. While football has changed enormously since 1901, the values that define Broughton FC — pride, passion and togetherness — remain as strong as ever.



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Brock made some changes for this game, but it was still comfortable enough. The game started at a thousand miles an hour, Dylan Walker flying down the left after 25 seconds and seeing his cross just grabbed by keeper Pidgeon... 55 seconds, Harry McGrath flying down the right, his cross marginally too high for Walker. 3rd minute, free kick for Brock, taken by Dylan Andrews and kept out by a combination of Pidgeon and post... 5th minute a goal kick bounced over everyone, Bullard through on goal and closed down just in time by a defender. Then it was Sandhurst's turn – Cowler slashing a shot wide, then Sandhu with a tame shot... How it was still 0-0 was a mystery. But finally, 20 minutes, the opening goal – a long ball forward which Harry McGrath read better than the defenders, and he took the ball past Pidgeon and finished calmly. Four minutes later and it was 2-0, a neat move, Elliot Wells put in a superb cross, beating everyone and knocked into an empty net by Dylan Walker. Both sides were still pressing forward but no reward, although just before the break a cross from Wells bounced higher than anyone expected, looped over everyone and Green had to head up and over his own bar. HT 2-0

George Davies opened the second half by driving into the box and creating a chance for himself but shot across goal and wide. That probably had to go in for Sandhurst... Brock stepped it up, the flying Walker with a shot saved by the keeper's legs, breaking close to McGrath who wasn't quite quick enough to react. Amends made three minutes later – brilliant cross from Andrews, headed home by McGrath. The visitors tried to bounce back: piledriver of a shot from Sandhu, tipped over by Stainer-Reid. And then on the hour, the only serious blip for the Badgers – a high challenge from Bullard, straight red card. Credit to Brock – you wouldn't have known they were a man light in the last half hour. One dangerous moment when Cowler sped down the left into space but slipped over unchallenged inside the box... Davies ran onto a loose ball on the edge of the box, connected well but straight at Stainer-Reid. And then on 88, the indefatigable Walker hit a powerful shot, parried across goal and finished by Ashton Palmier to wrap things up. FT 4-0

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PLAYER STATS

Name	Starts	Substitute (* = subbed on)	Goals
Gian Aga-In	2	10 (*8)	1
Dylan Andrews	1	2 (*2)	
Toby Bailey	13	1(*1)	
Aaron Batista		3 (*3)	
Esteban Batista	7	5 (*2)	
Dan Bradford	4	4 (*3)	
Henry Brooks	4		2
Freddie Bullard	4	9 (*8)	
Jamie-Jay Burgess	6	6 (*3)	
Elliot Chaffey	4	1 (*1)	
Marcus Clark		3 (*2)	
Toby Colmer	13	2 (*2)	6
Rian Drake	13	1	1
Kenny Gatera	6	8 (*7)	
Will Giles	7	4 (*3)	
Sami Makhloufi	8	1(*1)	3
Harry McGrath	16		11
Ashton Palmier	9	3 (*3)	7
Marcelo Rossi	10		
Rob Skirth	3	2 (*2)	
Toby Stainer-Reid	8		
Chika Ugwumba	7	2 (*2)	4
Jordi Valero	7		
Dylan Walker	7	3 (*3)	3
Tyler Wellman	3	1 (*1)	
Elliott Wells	8	6 (*2)	2

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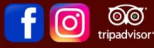
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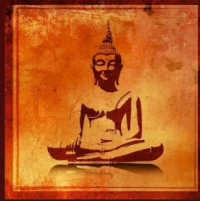
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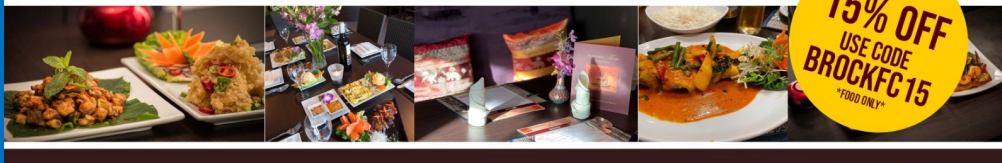
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3	Brockenhurst	10	7	0	3	21	16	5	21
4	Hamworthy Recreation	9	6	2	1	24	11	13	20
5	Downton	12	6	2	4	27	20	7	20
6	Sturminster Newton United	11	6	1	4	23	14	9	19
7	Laverstock & Ford	11	5	4	2	27	19	8	19
8	Millbrook	9	6	0	3	16	9	7	18
9	Fleetlands	9	5	1	3	19	18	1	16
10	Bashley	8	5	0	3	20	10	10	15
11	Hordean	11	5	0	6	17	16	1	15
12	Cowes Sports	10	4	3	3	15	14	1	15
13	Hythe & Dibden	15	4	3	8	21	26	-5	15
14	Andover New Street	9	3	4	2	17	10	7	13
15	Baffins Milton Rovers	10	3	2	5	14	18	-4	11
16	Sherborne Town	12	2	5	5	13	22	-9	11
17	East Cowes Victoria Athletic	9	2	4	3	14	19	-5	10
18	Petersfield Town	10	2	2	6	13	24	-11	8
19	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	11	2	2	7	16	40	-24	8
20	Bournemouth Poppies	10	1	1	8	6	25	-19	4
21	Christchurch	10	0	1	9	9	32	-23	1



THE WESSEX WAY—FROM ROBIN CADDY

Join us on The Wessex Way

A new website is putting the spotlight on the Wessex League – featuring the teams, players, supporters and volunteers from steps 5 and 6 of the National League system in central southern England.

The Wessex Way features club profiles, ground guides, videos and lots of great imagery. Official Wessex League photographer Robin Caddy has travelled across the Wessex League over the last four years and captured great match action, the unique features of the grounds and many of the people who make the Wessex football scene what it is.

Alongside the website, Robin and colleague Tim Smith have created a new magazine, also called The Wessex Way. The latest edition focuses on the title races, relegation battles and memorable matches that made up the 2025-26 Wessex League season. The magazine is available through The Wessex Way website. To join us on The Wessex Way scan the QR code below or go to www.thewessexway.uk



The English Football League Pyramid 2026/27

LEVEL 1 20 clubs	LEVEL 2 24 clubs	LEVEL 3 24 clubs	LEVEL 4 24 clubs
Premier League AFC Bournemouth Arsenal Aston Villa Brighton & Hove Albion Chelsea Coventry City Crystal Palace Everton Fulham Hull City Ipswich Town Leeds United Liverpool Manchester City Newcastle United Nottingham Forest Sunderland Tottenham Hotspur Wolverhampton Wanderers	EFL Championship Birmingham City Blackburn Rovers Bolton Wanderers Bristol City Burnley Cardiff City Charlton Athletic Derby County Lincoln City Middlesbrough Millwall Norwich City Portsmouth Preston North End Queens Park Rangers Sheffield United Southampton Stoke City Swansea City Watford West Bromwich Albion West Ham United Wrexham Wolverhampton Wanderers	EFL League One AFC Wimbledon Barnsley Blackpool Bradford City Bromley Burton Albion Cambridge United Doncaster Rovers Huddersfield Town Leicester City Leyton Orient Luton Town Mansfield Town Millers Kingsley Dons Notts County Oxford United Peterborough United Plymouth Argyle Reading Sheffield Wednesday Stevenage Stockport County Wigan Athletic Wycombe Wanderers	EFL League Two Accrington Stanley Barnet Bristol Rovers Cheltenham Town Chesterfield Colchester United Crawley Town Crewe Alexandra Exeter City Fleetwood Town Gillingham Grimsby Town Newport County Northampton Town Oldham Athletic Port Vale Rochdale Rotherham United Salford City Stevenage Swindon Town Tamworth Tranmere Rovers Walsall York City
PREMIER LEAGUE AND EFL FOOTBALL 		LEVEL 5 (Step 1) 24 clubs National League AFC Fylde Aldershot Town Altrincham Barton Boston United Carlisle United Eastleigh FC Halifax Town Forest Green Rovers Gillingham Harrogate Town Harrogate United Hornchurch Kidderminster Harriers Scunthorpe United Solihull Moors Southend United Sutton United Tamworth Walsingham Woking Yeovil Town	Brockenhurst FC Wessex League Premier Division (Step 5) 
PROPER FOOTBALL		LEVEL 6 (Step 2) 48 clubs National League North AFC Telford United Belper Town Brackley Town Burton Albion Cheltenham Town Chorley Darlington Harrogate Town Huddersfield Town Kidderminster Harriers Lincoln City Mansfield Town Macclesfield Notts County Rotherham United Scunthorpe United South Shields Spennymoor Town Walsingham Wokingham Town York City	National League South AFC Totton Billingsley Town Braintree Town Chalfont St Giles Chesham United Dagenham & Redbridge Dover Athletic Ebbsfleet United Farnborough Farnham Town Folkestone Invicta Gillingham Harlow Town Hemel Hempstead Town Maidstone United Salisbury Slough Town Thurbridge Athletic Tonbridge United Trowbridge Town Watlington & Henham Weston-super-Mare

"Proper Football" featuring Brock, courtesy of Graham Dury at Viz Comics

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Please contact Matchday Co-ordinator Marcus Ford
mphf58@outlook.com for more information.





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15 Aug	Christchurch	Wessex League	The Friends of Pokesdown
18 Aug	Lymington Town	Hants Senior Cup	Stan + Gill Reid
05 Sep	Horndean	Wessex League	The Mango Collective
08 Sep	Fareham Town	Hants Senior Cup	
15 Sep	Sturminster Newton Utd	Wessex League	Ade Holman
26 Sep	Sandhurst Town	IBS Wsx. Lge. Cup	Stan + Gill Reid
01 Oct	Broughton	Russell-Cotes Cup	
03 Oct	East Cowes Victoria	Wessex League	
13 Oct	Hedge End Rangers	So'ton Senior Cup	
17 Oct	Hamble Club	Wessex League	
20 Oct	Bem'ton H. Harlequins	Wessex League	
03 Nov	Fareham Town	Wessex League	
10 Nov	Bournemouth Poppies	Wessex League	
21 Nov	Downton	Wessex League	
05 Dec	Andover New Street	Wessex League	
15 Dec	Hythe + Dibden	Wessex League	
22 Dec	Laverstock + Ford	Wessex League	
26 Dec	Bashley	Wessex League	Viner Fires
16 Jan	Fleetlands	Wessex League	
23 Jan	Baffins Milton Rovers	Wessex League	
02 Feb	Sherborne Town	Wessex League	
20 Mar	Petersfield Town	Wessex League	The Croxford Family
03 Apr	Millbrook	Wessex League	
17 Apr	Cowes Sports	Wessex League	Jon Renyard + Laura Windisch

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Raymous Ackey
Eldon Pompey

MATCH OFFICIALS

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