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## Russell-Cotes Cup

Tuesday 18 November 2025 // Kick-Off 19:45



Brockenhurst FC

vs

AFC Stoneham





## BROCKENHURST FOOTBALL CLUB

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## VIEW FROM THE STANDS

Welcome, everyone, to the Meadens Skoda Arena! Second round action in the Russell Cotes Cup tonight, and we extend a particularly warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of AFC Stoneham, back for the second time this month. 17 days ago we witnessed an excellent league game between these two sides which ended 3-2 to the Badgers – the visitors will have gone home disappointed with the result but they're back on top of the table, with a game in hand, and no doubt they're looking for revenge this evening.

The Badgers have been on a great run of late – seven league games unbeaten, and up to fourth place in the table. That's perhaps slightly flattering, given that so many of the teams just behind us have games in hand, but it never hurts to have points on the board and, after a slow start, Brock are definitely heading in the right direction.

Saturday saw an impressive 3-0 win over Bournemouth Poppies, achieved despite a few suspensions (players on the naughty step and manager on the naughty steps!). It was another fine performance, everyone playing their part: headlines to Mitch Speechley-Price for his double but nobody had a poor game and there were plenty of man of the match candidates, so let's hope the same is

true again this evening. As I noted above, the Purps are always strong opposition – whoever they select – so this should be a cracker.

Cup games are a bit special aren't they – Russell Cotes tonight, and then New Milton Town in the Southampton Senior Cup next Tuesday, brought forward from December. A different kind of pressure in these games, but it's a great distraction from the league and an opportunity to progress... and suddenly, you can find yourself in the quarter-finals and there's silverware just over the horizon. Not trying to get ahead of myself obviously, but nobody objects to a trophy!

Between those two cup games, of course, there's a very tough away game at Sherborne's GMS Windows Arena: a long old haul but a decent ground and very friendly locals so I'd encourage any Badgers fans to come along if they can – and I'm sure the team would be pleased with the extra support. After that comes another away game, down the road to Hythe and Dibden and then away again at Love Lane Petersfield... In fact, we don't have another home league game until 20 December against Bemerton!

So let's make the most of this one – good luck to both teams, up the Badgers!

## BROCKENHURST FC FIXTURES 2025-26

Date	H / A	Opponents	Competition
18 November 2025	Home	AFC Stoneham	Russell-Cotes Cup Rd 2
22 November 2025	Away	Sherborne Town	Velocity Wessex Premier
25 November 2025	Home	New Milton Town	So'ton Senior Cup Rd 3
29 November 2025	Away	Hythe + Dibden	Velocity Wessex Premier
06 December 2025	Away	Petersfield Town	Velocity Wessex Premier
13 December 2025	Away	Christchurch	VWLC Rd 3
20 December 2025	Home	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	Velocity Wessex Premier
27 December 2025	Home	New Milton Town	Velocity Wessex Premier
03 January 2026	Home	Wincanton Town	Velocity Wessex Premier
10 January 2026	Home	Andover New Street	Velocity Wessex Premier
17 January 2026	Away	AFC Stoneham	Velocity Wessex Premier
24 January 2026	Away	Downton	Velocity Wessex Premier
31 January 2026	Home	Portland United	Velocity Wessex Premier
07 February 2026	Away	Hamble Club	Velocity Wessex Premier
21 February 2026	Away	Laverstock + Ford	Velocity Wessex Premier
28 February 2026	Away	Baffins Milton Rovers	Velocity Wessex Premier
07 March 2026	Home	Christchurch	Velocity Wessex Premier
14 March 2026	Home	Hythe + Dibden	Velocity Wessex Premier
28 March 2026	Away	Hamworthy Recreation	Velocity Wessex Premier
04 April 2026	Away	New Milton Town	Velocity Wessex Premier
07 April 2026	Home	East Cowes Victoria	Velocity Wessex Premier
11 April 2026	Home	Sherborne Town	Velocity Wessex Premier
18 April 2026	Away	Cowes Sports	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
27.09.25	Cowes Sports	VWFL	H	4-0	Dunesby-Bent, Beale (2), Colmer	125
30.09.25	Braishfield	SSC	H	1-0	Torniainen	68

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Date	Opposition	Competition	H/A	Result	Scorers	Att.
04.10.25	Millbrook	VWFL	A	6-2	McFarlane, Dunesby-Bent	78
07.10.25	Totton + Eling	RCC	H	2-2, pens 5-3	Dunesby-Bent, Brooks	93
11.10.25	Downton	VWFL	H	3-3	Beale, D.Walker, Steele	205
14.10.25	E Cowes Vics	VWFL	A	0-3	D.Walker, M.Speechley-Price, Colmer	185
18.10.25	Hamble Club	VWFL	H	3-2	Beale, Holmes, Dunesby-Bent	123
25.10.25	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	VWFL	A	0-2	Dunesby-Bent, M.Speechley-Price	120
01.11.25	AFC Stoneham	VWFL	H	3-2	Holmes, D.Walker (2)	194
08.11.25	Christchurch	VWFL	A	1-1	D.Walker	124
15.11.25	Bournemouth Poppies	VWFL	H	3-0	M.Speechley-Price (2), Holmes	200



# 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.

We recently appointed Steve Devlin as first-team 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.

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The Club was founded in 1919 as the Royal Engineers (Ordnance Survey Office) FC by soldiers returning from the First World War, although there is a record of matches being played by Ordnance Survey Royal Engineers against The Gentlemen of Tenby in 1888. The club simplified its name in 1929 to Ordnance Survey. The first team won the Premier Division of the Southampton Senior League in 1996/97. The Civil Service Ground was closed at the end of 98/99, and 'Survey' were temporarily relocated to Lordshill Recreation Ground before moving to their new home ground at Stoneham Park in 2002.

The club changed its name to Stoneham in 2006 and a year later decided to enhance the name by adding 'AFC' to Stoneham, which had an immediate effect with AFC Stoneham winning the Hampshire Premier League in the 2007/08 season and reaching the final of the league's Senior Cup.

In 2015, the Club earned promotion to the Wessex League. The first team ventured into the FA Vase for the first time in season 16/17, and beat two clubs from the Hellenic League, before losing to Shaftesbury.

Season 17/18 saw us improve our league position to 5<sup>th</sup> whilst reaching the final of the Russell-Cotes Cup, losing to Wessex Premier Division Champions Andover Town 1-0 in the final at their ground in front of over 500 people.

During the 18/19 season, the first XI went 20 league games without defeat, one of only three teams at our level in the country to do so as we pushed for promotion to the Wessex Premier Division.

In the same season, for the first time in our 100-year history, we entered the FA Cup and had tremendous victories at AFC Portchester and at home against Westfield. Sadly, our adventure was curtailed by Cirencester Town in the next round at home in front of over 350 supporters. Prior to the Cirencester game, and as the lowest ranked team left in the competition, we had a visit from the FA Cup with many of our junior players and First Team present for photos on a memorable day which brought the club TV and national newspaper coverage. Our first ever FA Cup adventure will live in the memory for a very long time.

We finished the 18/19 season as Wessex Division One champions, securing promotion to the Wessex Premier Division.

Due to Covid-19, the 25/26 season will only be the club's fifth full season in the Wessex Premier Division, having finished third in 22/23, second in 23/24 but eventually succumbing to Shaftesbury in the play off final and second again in 24/25 but losing out in the play-off semi-final.

The club enter the 24/25 season with optimism and look forward to its adult and youth sections continuing their growth and progression.

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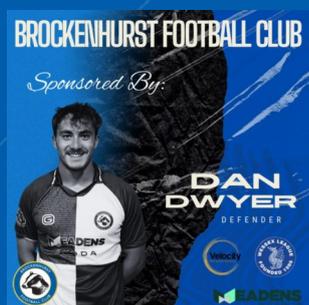


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## PLAYER STATS

Name	Appearances	Substitute (* = subbed on)	Goals
Toby Bailey	6	1 (*1)	
Freddie Beale	14	4 (*4)	6
Henry Brooks	23	2 (*2)	2
Jamie-Jay Burgess	21	4 (*4)	1
Toby Colmer	15	8 (*7)	4
Steve Devlin		1	
Kian Dugdale	1	5 (*5)	2
Connor Dunesby-Bent	8	2 (*2)	6
Dan Dwyer	2	6 (*2)	
Luke Gray	16	7 (*6)	
Luke Holmes	10		4
Zsombor Komaromi	1	3 (*2)	
Harley Legg		4 (*2)	
Barry Mason	4	8 (*5)	
Omarion Mason	4	13 (*12)	2
Noel McCarthy-Gardine	1	3 (*3)	
Liam McFarlane	19	1 (*1)	2
Ben Puleo	4		
Marcelo Rossi	18	4 (*4)	
Ethan Speechley-Price		5 (*4)	
Mitch Speechley-Price	8	1 (*1)	4
Sam Steel	16	5 (*2)	2
Jack Tornainen	16	5 (*3)	1
Jordi Valero	22		
Dylan Walker	19	1 (*1)	9
Tyler Wellman		4 (*4)	

## PLAYER STATS

(PLAYERS NO LONGER AT THE CLUB)

Name	Appearances	Substitute (* = subbed on)	Goals
Ryan Batley	4		1
Jamie Blackburn	4	4 (*3)	
Corey Burns		3 (*3)	
Brandon Channell	5	5 (*3)	
Taylor Crook	4	2 (*1)	
Keegan Kelly	3	2 (*2)	1
Oscar McCulloch		2 (*2)	
Steve Walker	11		
Sam Woodward	7	1 (*1)	2

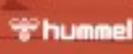
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1	<u>AFC Stoneham</u>	15	12	1	2	41	14	27	37
2	<u>Petersfield Town</u>	16	12	1	3	27	11	16	37
3	<u>Andover New Street</u>	16	9	2	5	27	17	10	29
4	<u>Brockenhurst</u>	18	8	5	5	35	27	8	29
5	<u>Hamble Club</u>	14	8	4	2	31	11	20	28
6	<u>Sherborne Town</u>	14	8	2	4	32	20	12	26
7	<u>Hamworthy Recreation</u>	14	8	2	4	26	16	10	26
8	<u>Baffins Milton Rovers</u>	14	7	4	3	32	19	13	25
9	<u>Portland United</u>	13	8	0	5	30	18	12	24
10	<u>Christchurch</u>	16	6	3	7	28	32	-4	21
11	<u>East Cowes Victoria</u>	14	6	2	6	18	28	-10	20
12	<u>Laverstock &amp; Ford</u>	13	4	6	3	25	18	7	18
13	<u>Bournemouth</u>	17	5	3	9	22	30	-8	18
14	<u>Downton</u>	14	5	2	7	21	26	-5	17
15	<u>Cowes Sports</u>	13	5	1	7	17	31	-14	16
16	<u>Millbrook</u>	14	4	0	10	18	31	-13	12
17	<u>Hythe &amp; Dibden</u>	12	2	4	6	21	27	-6	10
18	<u>Bemerton Heath Harlequins</u>	15	2	3	10	11	36	-25	9
19	<u>Wincanton Town</u>	17	1	4	12	16	41	-25	7
20	<u>New Milton Town</u>	15	1	3	11	12	37	-25	3 *

\* Adjustment made

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JON RENYARD'S REVIEW OF BROCKENHURST V  
BOURNEMOUTH POPPIES—15 NOVEMBER 2025

Somewhat unexpectedly given the forecast, this game went ahead – the pitch was always going to be heavy but to be fair to Brock, they managed to play some very decent football on their way to a comfortable home win. Within two minutes, Beale skinned his defender but pulled his shot wide of the near post. Opening goal, 14 minutes – Bailey fouled a couple of inches from the corner of the box, a perfect free kick from Holmes headed home by Mitch Speechley-Price. More opportunities came and went – Holmes chipped over the bar from a tight angle with the keeper stranded, Brooks with a powerful shot which keeper Plunkett fumbled round the near post, Beale with a piledriver from a tight angle, brilliantly tipped over. One moment of alarm for the Badgers when Valero called for a cross but Steel got his header in first and the ball sailed over his own crossbar. Back came Brock on 25, another flowing move, Beale again involved and a switch to Holmes on the left, another great cross but Speechley-Price headed over. No matter: wind forward two minutes, Beale this time down the left, excellent overlapping run from Torniainen who was flattened by Zdrava; obvious penalty, coolly converted by Speechley-Price. It was no less than Brock deserved. Just before half-time, another brilliant run and cross from the irrepressible Beale, Speechley-Price couldn't quite get enough on it 8 yards out and the ball bounced wide. HT 2-0

Poppies were better in the second half, and at times they moved the ball quite well without fashioning clear chances, mostly foundering on an excellent Brock back line, with Macfarlane again outstanding. Brock might have extended their lead on 54, yet another mazy run from Beale but the angle was tight for McCarthy-Gardiner and Plunkett saved well. 57 minutes, the goal to settle things. Speechley-Price took a free kick from near the touchline, Rhys Taylor went up for the defensive header and it looped up... back... and over every despairing lunge into the net for a pretty obvious oggy. So, 3-0, after which Brock failed to take so many chances... Beale's header from a very tight angle bouncing off the post and grabbed by Plunkett; an excellent move between Holmes and Brooks, Plunkett finally diving bravely at the latter's feet inside the box; Beale twice played in inside the last couple of minutes, identical positions on the left, identical excellent saves from Plunkett. Poppies created half-chances late on, but the points had long since been secured. FT 3-0

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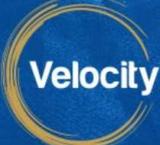


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