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OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME OF BROCKENHURST FOOTBALL CLUB SEASON 2025/6 07



Velocity Wessex League Premier Division

Saturday 13 September 2025 // Kick-Off 15:00



Brockenhurst FC

VS

Baffins Milton Rovers







BROCKENHURST FOOTBALL CLUB

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WELCOME/FROM THE YOUTH SECTION SECRETARY

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the Meadens Skoda Arena for today's Velocity Wessex Premier Division fixture against Baffins Milton Rovers. I trust all the officials, players and supporters who attend today's game have an enjoyable afternoon here at Grigg Lane. Brockenhurst Youth Football Club continues to go from strength to strength as we embark on another busy and exciting season. With around 225 players registered across the club, we are proud to provide opportunities for young footballers of all ages and abilities to play, learn, and enjoy the game in a supportive environment. This year, our teams are competing across four different leagues, giving players the chance to test themselves against strong opposition from across the region. Each weekend sees our players representing the club with commitment, enthusiasm, and a spirit of fair play – values that remain at the heart of everything we do. From the youngest age groups taking their first steps in football, through to our older teams developing tactical understanding and competitive sharpness, the progress being made is a real credit to the players and our dedicated volunteer coaches.

A particular highlight for the club has been the continued growth of girls' football. We now proudly run four dedicated girls' teams, all

playing competitive football in the Hampshire Girls Youth Football League. Girls' football is one of the fastest growing areas of the sport nationally, and it has been fantastic to see more local players joining Brockenhurst Youth FC to develop their skills and confidence while making lasting friendships. The success of our girls' teams is helping to inspire younger players to get involved and shows how inclusive football has become within our community. Alongside our competitive fixtures, the club places a strong emphasis on development and enjoyment. Training sessions focus not only on technical and physical skills, but also on teamwork, resilience, and respect – qualities that will benefit our players both on and off the pitch. We are also proud of the role parents and volunteers play in supporting the club, from coaching and refereeing to organising fixtures and fundraising. Without this commitment, the opportunities we provide simply wouldn't be possible. Finally a quick note to say that thanks to the efforts of our volunteers and team sponsors the club has been able to raise monies for a new home and away kit for

the coming season. Hopefully you will see the flashes and yellow and blue wandering around the village over the winter! Come on you Badgers!

Jerry Hill Youth section secretary

BROCKENHURST FC FIXTURES 2025-26

Date	H / A	Opponents	Competition
13 September 2025	Home	Baffins Milton Rovers	Velocity Wessex Premier
16 September 2025	Home	Yateley United	Velocity League Cup Rd 2
20 September 2025	Away	Andover New Street	Velocity Wessex Premier
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
14 October 2025`	Away	East Cowes Victoria	Velocity Wessex Premier
18 October 2025	Home	Hamble Club	Velocity Wessex Premier
25 October 2025	Away	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	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	A	1-0		124
	16.08.25	Wincanton Town	VWFL	A	2-2	Steel, Holmes	70
	19.08.25	Hythe + Dibden	HSC	Н	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
	30.08.25	Millbrook	VWFL	Н	5-1	Woodward(2), D.Walker (2), Beale	134
/	02.09.25	Lyndhurst	SSC	Н	5-0	McFarlane, Colmer, Burgess, O.Mason (2)	144
	06.09.25	Portland United	VWFL	A	2-0		160
/	09.09.25	Horndean	HSC	Α	5-0		66



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 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.

We have recently appointed Steve Devlin as 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.



BAFFINS MILTON ROVERS

Baffins began life in the Portsmouth Saturday League Premier Division and lifted the division trophy in their first season, but it wasn't until the end of the 2012/13 campaign that the club were promoted to the Hampshire League, after finishing runners-up to Waterlooville Social Club.

The 2013/14 campaign saw Baffins win a treble as the club lifted the Hampshire League Premier Division trophy, beat Colden Common 4-0 to win the Hampshire League Cup and were victorious at Fratton Park against Moneyfields in the final of the Portsmouth Senior Cup. Baffins obtained a 50-year lease from Portsmouth City Council for the northern section of Langstone Harbour Sports Ground in 2015. The club carried out developments by adding a 120-seater stand, changing rooms, perimeter fence and concreting. The ground was officially opened during the friendly with Salisbury on August 3 2016. After finishing as runners-up in the Hampshire League Premier Division the year after, the club were promoted after winning the division during the 2015/16 campaign, winning all but three matches. Baffins lifted the Portsmouth Senior Cup for a second and final time at the end of that campaign after a 3-1 victory over Havant & Waterlooville's College team in the final.

The football club made its debut at Wessex League level during the 2016/17 campaign after stadium upgrades saw Baffins accepted for the step up to tier-six. The first term at that level was a success for the club, finishing runners-up to Hamble Club, and winning promotion to the top flight of the Wessex League. A final appearance in the Wessex League Cup saw Baffins round off their promotion-winning campaign, but the club finished runners-up to then Premier Division Sholing. Baffins have now completed five seasons at step-five level, with the highest finish coming during the 2018/19 campaign, finishing 5th place. The same season at the club reached their furthest round in the FA Vase, eventually losing to Cray Valley Paper Mills in the Fourth Round Proper, and won the Wessex League Cup after a 1-0 victory over Portland United at AFC Portchester's Wicor Recreation Ground. Ahead of the 2022/23 Wessex Premier Division campaign, the club appointed former assistant manager Danny Thompson as first-team manager. And in his first campaign, his side finished 7th in the Wessex Premier and lifted the League Cup for the second time in the club's history. Tom Vincent, Miles Everett and Jason Parish all struck in the 4-2 victory.

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FROM TODAY'S SPONSORS JON RENYARD + LAURA WINDISCH

We've been coming to Brock now for ten years. Here is a list of standout moments that made us laugh, gasp, or applaud—occasionally all three!

- Jon Webb's penalty to win the Bournemouth Senior Cup v Hamworthy Utd at Christchurch.
- "He's not Maradona!" referee talking about Silvano Obeng (blowing for a free kick not advantage, Silv's on halfway with three defenders back). Very true, ref ...
- "But I'm ginger!" Brad McGookin's response on being mistaken for Ollie Griggs, and booked, at Amesbury.
- Heath's save against Pagham. And the slomo replay from Alex Barnes.
- "Gotta hit the target, son!" bench shouting at Kieran O'Donnell after he'd hit the bar with a shot from the halfway line against Salisbury Devs (he scored 4 goals in the match ...).
- Pat missing his penalty at his testimonial.
- First time we ever saw the Step 5 shuffle. And most other times we saw it, too.
- Watching Moneyfields' furious reaction to conceding, making the score 6-2 to Moneys, in the last minute of the game at Havant and Waterlooville.
- Mitch. Just Mitch.
- James Shorey's goal at Moneyfields (assist James Mayo).
- Jude's superb curling pass from the touchline which found the top corner, keeper nowhere, for an own goal.
- Joe Chamberlain's penalty in 90+9 at Hamble. And his present to the International Space Station at Bemerton Heath Harlequins (parabola).
- A grown man crying after the penalty shoot-out at Street. Alcohol may have been involved.
- Christie Ward's sublime goal from a free-kick at Christchurch. And his "goal of the round" in the FA Vase against Brimscombe & Thrupp. Christie generally, in fact.
- "Why don't people just sit quietly and watch the game" unknown supporter at US Portsmouth, after Brock had scored and we had cheered. Yup, that's exactly what football is about.
- "AMAAAAAAAD!"
- Captain Jack, sounding for all the world like a contestant on Play Your Cards Right, shouting "Higher! Higher!", as he dragged the team up the pitch.
- Silv's magnificent goal, volleyed from only just past the half-way line, at AFC Portchester. Even the Portchy fans applauded! Probably the best goal I've ever seen at step 5.

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09 Aug	Hamworthy Recreation	Velocity Wessex League	Horton Heating
19 Aug	Hythe & Dibden	Hants Senior Cup	CAD
30 Aug	Millbrook	Velocity Wessex League	Olly + Matthew Hinz
02 Sep	Lyndhurrst	Soton Senior Cup	The Friends of Pokesdown
13 Sep	Baffins Milton Rovers	Velocity Wessex League	Jon Renyard + Laura Windisch
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20 Dec	Bemerton H'th H'quins	Velocity Wessex League	Check Shirt Club
27 Dec	New Milton Town	Velocity Wessex League	NMO
10 Jan	Andover New Street	Velocity Wessex League	Jon Renyard + Laura Windisch
31 Jan	Portland United	Velocity Wessex League	
14 Feb	Wincanton Town	Velocity Wessex League	
07 Mar	Christchurch	Velocity Wessex League	
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RECENTLY ...

JON RENYARD'S REVIEW OF HORNDEAN V BROCKENHURST -HSC --09 SEPTEMBER 2025

The final score suggests a very one-sided game, and in one sense it was – Horndean were the better team and were never in any danger of losing the game. The other side of that story is that Brock's scratch team (injury, holiday, another injury in the warm-up) worked exceptionally hard and, for much of the 90 minutes, the hosts certainly knew they were in a game. They had that little bit more quality, took (some of) their chances, snuffed out (most of) the counter-attacks, but it was a lot more competitive than the result would imply.

Brock struggled at the start, and they fell behind as early as the 4th minute when keeper Puleo misjudged a long ball out to the left –beaten to the ball by Godziemski who finished accurately from 20 yards. Brock were struggling to gain any meaningful possession in the opposition half and duly fell 2-0 down on 14 minutes when Godziemski arrived at the back post to meet a deep cross and made a difficult finish look very simple. But now the Badgers did start to grow into the game, Walker with a shot blocked behind, and there were other moments where good positions foundered on the final ball. The closest the Deans came to extending their lead was when a shot deflected off Rossi and somehow span wide of the post. HT 2-0

Second half, playing downhill – and anyone who's been to Fiveheads knows that it really is a hill! Fast start needed for the Badgers, but the hosts dominated the ball in the early stages and didn't really allow Brock a sniff. Ten minutes in, a free-kick came back off the post! Then Anelay blasted wide but made amends four minutes later when he reacted best to a bouncing ball into the box to end any slight flicker of an upset. No heads dropped: 66 minutes a great move, Burgess and Torniainen combining, Walker arriving to scor- no, keeper Bowman managed to deflect the ball just wide. The Badgers were now looking a bit ragged, and Godziemski completed his hat-trick on 71 minutes: a brilliant header into the top corner. Another chance for Brock, Walker again, this time sent clear on the left and his pace, even at this stage of the game, taking him clear and into the box but Bowman saved with his legs. And then four minutes from time, Chebby scored the fifth with a flick-header at the near post which somehow found its way over the line. FT 5-0



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SATURDAY

13 SEPTEMBER 2025

KO 15:00

VELOCITY WESSEX LEAGUE

PREMIER DIVISION

Baffins Milton Rovers

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