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vs

Ex Saints XI



Friday
25 September
Kick Off 6:30 pm





BROCKENHURST FOOTBALL CLUB

Grigg Lane, Brockenhurst, SO42 7RE

Club Telephone Number: 01590 623544

Founded in 1898 Nickname: "The Badgers"

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WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Good evening everyone and welcome to the Meadens Skoda Arena, Grigg Lane, for tonight's charity rematch between the ExSaints and Brock Legends. If last September's 5-5 thriller is anything to go by we are in for a treat as the two sides lock horns once again.

Tonight we are raising money to support ExSaints good causes in the community and Brockenhurst Youth Football Club.

Youth football at Brock continues to thrive. This season we are fielding 15 teams across multiple age groups - 5 girls, 3 mixed and 7 boys. While we play as much youth football at Grigg Lane as possible our lack of space requires the majority of youth training sessions and matches to be held across the road at Brockenhurst College. Pitch hire and new kit for so many teams are expensive and the funds raised tonight will help subsidise those costs and keep annual player subscriptions manageable.

The Brock Legends are led once again tonight by manager and former goalkeeper Tyrone "Spider" Marsh ably supported by assistants Andy Brook and Malcolm Cobb ... all Brock legends in their own right! Tyrone reports that his team are raring to go this year with a few of them even making an effort to get a bit fitter ... although the beer order for the changing room suggests otherwise.

Clubhouse Manager and star centre-half Dan Cobb will, however, not feature this year choosing to focus on running the Badgers hospitality tonight. Asked for comment Dan replied *"Having had Shane Long in my pocket throughout the game last year I feel it*

is only fair that I step back and give the ExSaints a bit of a chance this time around." The Badgers Fan Club would like to thank Shane for making an appearance last year and congratulate him on his spectacular hat trick. Our sincere thanks go out to the ExSaints for selecting Brock as one of their charity match opponents again this year. No doubt the guys will give generously of their time after tonight's match taking countless selfies and signing many autographs ... for which the commemorative merchandise available to purchase this evening, at very reasonable prices, is of course perfect.

It is always great to see so many smiling faces having fun at Grigg Lane.

Particularly the many children for whom a game under the floodlights seems that bit more exciting. Who knows maybe we will gain a few more Badgers fans or young players.

Finally, as always my thanks go out to our team of volunteers who have stepped up to organise tonight's match, prepare the pitch and run the gate, burger bar, tea hut as well as stewarding etc etc. Also to our match officials and club physio who took on this extra fixture and helped us out. You always ensure we put on a great show and I am truly grateful!

All that remains is to wish both sides the best of luck! Here's hoping tonight's sequel is as entertaining as last year's inaugural fixture and is played in the same great charity fundraiser spirit.

Many thanks to you all for coming along to support us tonight.

Come on you (old) Badgers!

Dave Wareham, Chairman

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Date	H/A	Opponents	Competition
26 September 2026	Home	Sandhurst Town	IBS Wessex League Cup R1
29 September 2026	Away	Downton	Wessex Premier Division
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
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
24 November 2026	Away	Millbrook	Wessex Premier Division
28 November 2026	Away	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	Wessex Premier Division
05 December 2026	Home	Andover New Street	Wessex Premier Division
12 December 2026	Away	Hamble Club	Wessex Premier Division
15 December 2026	Home	Hythe + Dibden	Wessex Premier Division
19 December 2026	Away	East Cowes Victoria	Wessex Premier Division
22 December 2026	Home	Laverstock + Ford	Wessex Premier Division
26 December 2026	Home	Bashley	Wessex Premier Division
02 January 2027	Away	Sturminster Newton United	Wessex Premier Division
09 January 2027	Away	Christchurch	Wessex Premier Division
16 January 2027	Home	Fleetlands	Wessex Premier Division
19 January 2027	Away	Hamworthy Recreation	Wessex Premier Division
23 January 2027	Home	Baffins Milton Rovers	Wessex Premier Division
30 January 2027	Away	Andover New Street	Wessex Premier Division
02 February 2027	Home	Sherborne Town	Wessex Premier Division
20 March 2027	Home	Petersfield Town	Wessex Premier Division
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 Utd	WFL	H	W 2-1	Ugwumba, Colmer	88
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CLUB HISTORY 1898-2026

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 Kingstorian 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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SOUTHAMPTON CLUB HISTORY

The roots of the club can be traced to members of St. Mary's Church Young Men's Association, whose first match was played in 1885. The club moved to a newly-built stadium, The Dell in 1898, where it remained until 2001.

Southampton reached the first of their four FA Cup Finals in 1900. On that day, the club went down 4–0 to Bury and two years later would suffer a similar fate at the hands of Sheffield United as it was beaten 2–1 in a replay of the 1902 final, but it had given the club a thirst for the big occasion – albeit one that would not be truly satisfied for over seven decades.

The club joined the newly-formed Football League in 1920 and were promoted to Division 2 in 1921. The dream of Division 1 football at the Dell for the first time was finally realised in 1966 when Ted Bates' team was promoted as runners-up, with Martin Chivers scoring 30 of Saints' 85 league goals. Saints stayed among the elite for eight years, but became the first victims of the new three-down relegation system in 1974. Perhaps the club's finest moment came in 1976, when the club beat Manchester United 1-0 to lift the FA Cup.

Saints were promoted back to Division 1 in 1978 and became founder members of the Premier League in 1992. After several bumpy years in the Premier League, the club prepared for its move to St Mary's. During the last ever competitive match at the Dell, Matt Le Tissier came on late to score the last ever goal at the ground as Southampton beat Arsenal 3-2.

The club were relegated from the Premier League in 2005, and from the Championship in 2009 amid managerial and financial instability, but returned to the Championship in 2011 and achieved promotion back to the Premier League in 2012.

The 2014-15 season included a 6-1 win against Aston Villa when Sadio Mane scored three goals in 176 seconds – the fastest hat-trick in Premier League history. The following season Saints were runners-up in the League Cup. Another few difficult seasons followed, with frequent stays in the relegation zone, culminating in demotion to the Championship in 2023, promotion back to the Premiership in 2024, and relegation again in 2025. Tonda Eckert became first-team manager in November 2025 and the Saints currently sit 13th in the Championship.



Many thanks to lifelong Saints fan and Badgers good luck charm, Sam Gilbert, for these anagrams of some of the Ex-Saints.

Answers on page 12

1. LAST TIME I REST
2. SOME JEST
3. U A BONE OR BAGEL
4. SCRIBE IN A FLAN
5. CRIED DRY N HARD
6. I BE A STEAM JET
7. NEW AGE BIRDY
8. FRED AND DORA
9. RUCK HIM LEAN
10. DANKY COO



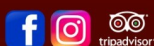


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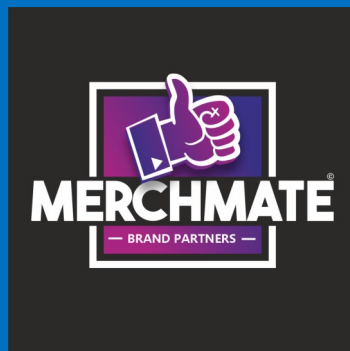


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BROCKENHURST LEGENDS V FORMER SAINTS PROFESSIONALS—18 OCTOBER 2025— BY JON RENYARD

A terrific evening with some surprisingly fine goals and a whole lot of laughter. 4 minutes 30 on the clock and we'd already had three goals (including a very early and very dodgy penalty), Mark 'Sparky' Barker getting one back for the Badgers after going 2-0 down. Saints, and in particular Shane Long, then turned it on to lead 4-1: personal view is that Long was far too young and fit and it hardly seemed fair! But Sparky got another just before half-time (2-4) and then suddenly 3-4... 3-5... 4-5... and then Sparky rounded off his hat-trick with a blinding volley with five minutes left to level things up at 5-5. And Brock might even have won it in the dying seconds, the keeper rushing out to block Barker's shot and the ball bouncing free to young Jacob Kenna on the edge of the box, and his goalbound effort headed up and away from his own goalline by none other than Francis Benali! Terrific fun. It wasn't, perhaps, the highest quality game I've ever seen, but there were still some glimpses of what used to be – Shane Long the most obvious example, but considering they've never played together before the Brock Legends actually combined pretty well, it certainly wasn't just kick and hope. There were times when it looked like a game of walking football (one visitor pointed out that it was like watching the opposite of Benny Hill, with the action slowed down rather than speeded up), but huge credit to both sets of players for giving such entertainment. More importantly, attendance of 608 so that will have raised quite a few quid for the respective charities. Top marks to all involved.



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Assistant Referee: Jeff Whalen
Fourth Official: Jason Noons

Physio: Tom Woodham

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Matt Le Tissier
Jo Tessem
Reuben Agboola
Francis Benali
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