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OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME OF BROCKENHURST FOOTBALL CLUB SEASON 2025/6 04a



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

Tuesday 16 September 2025 // Kick-Off 19:45



Brockenhurst FC



Yateley United







#### 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 PROGRAMME EDITOR

Welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Yateley United for this Velocity Wessex League Cup second round game. This will be the second attempt at fulfilling this fixture; the first try, in late August, had to be abandoned due to serious injury to Oscar Junior. Everyone here at of our teams, including Brockenhurst hopes Oscar is making a good recovery and will be back Qualifying fixture is at playing soon. All proceeds from tonight's game will go to Oscar. Since that earlier game Brockenhurst have now appointed Steve Devlin as the first team manager. Several players who have been absent so far this term with long-term injuries are now on their way back and we hope for a settled squad and some

steady gains in the near future.

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. September is proving to be a busy month for all our U18s whose FA Youth Cup, First Round home versus Dorchester Town on Thursday 18th 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
16 September 2025	Home	Yateley	Wessex 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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13 December 2025	Away	Hythe + Dibden	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	Æ	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	<b>V</b> WFL	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	Α	2-0		160
09.09.25	Horndean	HSC	A	5-0		66
13.09.25	Baffins Milton Rovers	VWFL	Н	1-1	Brooks	112



# 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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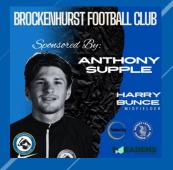












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#### LAST TIME OUT ...

JON RENYARD'S REVIEW OF BROCKENHURST V BAFFINS MILTON ROVERS—13 SEPTEMBER 2025

The game almost started in the worst possible fashion for the Badgers when Sam Steel miskicked a clearance after 90 seconds and allowed Lewis Beale a clean run on goal – Steel got back to pressurise him but Beale should have done better than shooting well wide. The visitors looked stronger in the early stages without really creating clear chances. The Badgers had the occasional break, Freddie Beale with a shot which hit the outside of the post with the keeper scrambling. Parish put a free header over for the visitors; Beale with a cross-shot which keeper Jordi Valero did brilliantly to get down and push away, and 7 minutes from half-time he did better still – yet another chance for Baffins, blocked at the near post but the rebound was sent goalwards and Valero's lighting reactions saw a hand shoot up and save. Brock created one chance when Torniainen won the ball high up the pitch and played forward to Freddie Beale, but his shot was wayward when a pass might have been the better option. HT 0-0

Bad start to the second half for Brock: 4 minutes in when Lewis Beale was allowed the freedom of the box, his initial shot blocked but the ball came back to him and he calmly finished at the near post to give Baffins the lead. And it could have got worse: corner for the visitors, not dealt with and the ball ricocheted to a Baffins player eight yards out – miraculous save from Valero to bundle it wide. And then on 56: Beale will still be asking himself how his shot, in space, ten yards out, came back off the bar. And then out of nowhere on 59 minutes, the Badgers were level, a clever pass from Gray to half-time sub Henry Brooks down the right and his powerful shot on the angle seemed to go through Kramer and found the net. Brock stepped it up a little but continued to look quite blunt in the final third and the game became more disjointed.

Either side might have found a winner in the final ten. First a corner for Baffins, Vucaj with a header five yards out, blinding save from Valero. And within 90 seconds a long ball forward for Brock, Kramer came out but Brooks beat him to the ball, took it past him – and placed his shot calmly wide of the near post from 20 yards. That was the chance... and that was that.

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Manager—Steve Devlin

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**Yateley United** 

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Ben Puleo (GK)
Ethan Speechley-Price
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