



ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)

v

Westfield



Pitching In Isthmian League South Central

at The Robert Parker Stadium

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WELCOME NOTES

A warm welcome to Westfield for this Pitching In Isthmian League South Central match at the Robert Parker Stadium along with the referee Phil Chaykin and his assistants Stephen Williams and Matthew Topp.

Well, Saturday was another good day for the club as we completed our 6th win in a row, five in the league and one in the Middlesex Senior Cup.

It did not look as if that was going to happen though as Raynes Park Vale once again showed that they are a good side as they took a two goal lead in the second half and seemed to be heading for all three points.

Ashford felt that they had been a little unlucky as the first goal was ruled outside by the relevant assistant despite howls of protest from Ashford supporters who were convinced there should have been a free kick in Ashford's favour.

The second goal also had a slice of good fortune as it looped up in a somewhat unusual trajectory and just evaded the clutches of Marcin Brzowski, playing his first game back after a severe injury against Harefield United on 1 November 2025.

It is pleasing to report though that there was no panic as Ashford calmly set about retrieving the situation, and were given immediate cause for optimism as Jack Arnold quickly pulled one back. Ashford did not have to wait for too long as Arnold, doing what he does best, was again in the right spot to level up the scoreline and without much further ado went on to complete his hatrick and in so doing ensure other three points for the Tangerines. That was his third hatrick of the season. Vale made a full contribution to the match it has to be said and will doubtless be kicking themselves for throwing away the two goal lead. The three points though took us up to 4th place in the table.

The task if anything, now becomes even harder as we welcome everyone from Westfield to Short Lane for this evening's encounter. They arrive at Short Lane in 8th position, following a decent point away to Moneyfields on Saturday and it is likely to be a tight match. We have met each other on 46 previous occasions, with Ashford winning 21 encounters against Westfield's 18, with 7 draws. In all those games we have never scored more than 4 goals against them in any one game with one exception, that being a pre-season friendly on 22 July 2017, when we scored five but unfortunately Westfield scored eight of their own that day!

This coming weekend, our match away to Southall is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, kick off 3pm., the venue being Uxbridge FC. (Horton Rd, West Drayton UB7 8HX,) The reason is, of course, that Southall do not have a ground of their own and continue to ground share. We then return home on Saturday 7th November when AFC Stoneham will be making their very first visit to Short Lane. If you are at a loose end next Saturday, our ground partners Kingstonian have an attractive home match here at Short Lane when they will be welcoming Winchester City. We haven't played the latter yet so it would be a good opportunity to have a look at them, and indeed, at K's.



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AWAY TRAVEL

Southall - 1st November



**Uxbridge Football Club,
Horton Road,
Yiewsley,
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UB7 8HX**

Directions: From the ground at Short Lane, aim for the M25 via Long Lane, Bedfont Road, B378, A3044 and A3113.

At the roundabout, take the 4th exit onto the M25 slip road to M4/M40/M1 Heathrow Airport/ Watford.

Merge onto M25 and at Junction 15 take the M4 exit to London W & C/Heathrow Airport. Slight right to merge on to M4 and at Junction 4 take the A408 exit to A408 to Uxbridge/Heathrow

Take the exit towards Stockley Road. Turn left onto Stockley Road. At the roundabout take the 1st exit on to A408/Stockley Road.

Take the Horton Road slip road to Stockley Park/ Dawleywood/Golf Course.

At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Horton Road. Go through one roundabout and the destination will be on the right.

HALF-TIME TEASER

1. Which 2026-27 Emirates FA First Round tie will you be watching if you followed the winners of each tie starting with Ashford Town (Middx) v Bearsted?

2. Which 2026-27 Emirates FA First Round tie will you be watching if you followed the winners of each tie starting with Westfield v Hassocks?

3. Which club did Wimborne Town beat to reach the Emirates FA Cup First Round for the first time?



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PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN SOUTH CENTRAL ROUND-UP

Ashford Town (Middx) were towards the bottom of The Cherry Red Records Combined Counties League Premier Division North about a year ago.

Starting with a thrilling 5-4 victory against Hilltop, The Tangerines bounced up the table to become champions by the end of the following April.

This clinched automatic promotion back to the Pitching In Isthmian League South Central and the success has continued.

After a thrilling 3-2 home win against Raynes Park Vale, we are now fourth in the table.

The visitors had built up a two-goal cushion but a brilliant hat-trick from Jack Arnold secured all three points.

Bognor Regis Town remain top of the table after their 2-1 win at Ascot United where Lennie Smith and Timi Abraham were on target.

Jersey Bulls are still second after their 4-2 triumph against Hendon.

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL 2026- 1227 TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Bognor Regis Town	13	10	2	1	16	32
Jersey Bulls	13	9	4	0	16	31
Winchester City	14	8	3	3	16	27
Ashford Town (Middx) ..	12	7	2	3	13	23
Moneyfields	14	6	4	4	6	22
Egham Town	12	7	1	4	4	22
Raynes Park Vale	14	7	1	6	-4	22
Westfield	12	5	5	2	6	20
Southall	10	5	4	1	11	19
AFC Portchester	11	5	4	2	5	19
Hendon	11	4	4	3	5	16
Hayes & Yeading	9	4	3	2	5	15
Wundors & Eton	11	4	3	4	3	15
Kingstonian	11	4	3	4	2	15
Hartley Wintney	13	4	2	7	-8	14
Harrow Borough	13	3	4	6	-3	13
Bedfont Sports	14	3	4	7	-10	13
Cobham	12	3	0	9	-16	9
Ascot United	13	2	2	9	-18	8
Littlehampton Town	13	1	4	8	-18	7
AFC Stoneham	11	1	2	8	-14	5
Binfield	12	1	1	10	-17	4

As at 25th October

LEAGUE FIXTURES

Tuesday 27th October

AFC Stonrham v Kingstonian
 Ashford Town & Muddx) v Westfield
 Binfield v Southall
 Cubham v Bognor Regis Town
 Hartley Wintney v Hayes & Yeading
 Hendon v Egham Town
 Jersey Bulls v AFC Portchester

Saturday 31st October

AFC Stoneham v Ascot United
 Bedfont Sports v Hartley Wintney
 Binfield v AFC Portchester
 Bognor Regis Town v Hendon
 Cobham v Moneyfields
 Egham Town v Littlehampton Town
 Jersey Bulls v Hayes & Yeading
 Kingstonian v Winchester City
 Raynes Park Vale v Windsor & Eton
 Westfield v Harrow Borough

Sunday 1st November

Southall V Ashford Town (Middx)

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

2026-27 SEASON

FIX	DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP	KO/ RES	ATT	POS	1	2	3	4	5
M01	Aug 08	Bearsted	FAC	1-2	N/A	-	Allen	Rowan	Barsa=	Kamara	Elliott
M02	Aug 16	Merstham	FAT	2-3	N/A	-	Allen	Barsa!	Rowan	Kamara=	Udeh+
M03	Aug 18	Binfield	ILSC	4-0	177	8	Allen	Rowan	Lock+	Paine	Elliott+
M04	Aug 25	Cobham	ILSC	2-3	202	10	Allen	Lock	Rowan*	Paine+	Elliott
M05	Aug 31	Jersey Bulls	ILSC	1-2	939	14	Allen	Lock	Rowan	Kamara*	Elliott+
M06	Sep 08	Hendon	ILLC	2-3	N/A	-	Allen	Lock	Rowan*	Hillary *	Lamb
M07	Sep 12	Littlehampton Town	ILSC	2-2	127	13	Allen	Lock	Rowan	Hillary	Lamb
M08	Sep 15	AFC Stoneham	ILSC	2-0	111	9	Allen	Lock	Rowan	Hillary *	Cheshire^
M09	Sep 26	Hartley Wintney	ILSC	1-3	119	16	Allen	Lock	Rowan	Hanlon+	Lamb
M10	Sep 29	Hendon	ILSC	1-1	224	13	Allen	Lock	Rowan	Bala	Lamb
M11	Oct 03	Harrow Borough	ILSC	2-1	204	9	Allen	Lock	Rowan!	Bala	Lamb
M12	Oct 06	Egham Town	ILSC	3-2	165	7	Allen	Lee+	Lock	Poley	Lamb ¹
M13	Oct 10	AFC Portchester	ILS6C	2-1	203	6	Allen	Lee	Lock	Bala ¹	Lamb
M14	Oct 13	Dorking Wanderers	SSC	0-1			Marcin	Eisa	Lee	Akers	Ghandali
M15	Oct 17	Ascot United	ILSC	7-0	149	6	Allen	Lock	Lee	Bala^	Lamb
M16	Oct 20	Barnet	MSC	5-1			Marcin	Lock	Monk	Bala ¹	Lamb
M17	Oct 24	Raynes Park Vale	ILSC	3-2	118	4	Marcin	Benel	Paine*	Bala	Lamb
M	Oct 27	Westfield	ILSC	7.45							
M	Nov 01	Southall	ILSC	3.00							
M	Nov 07	AFC Stoneham	ILSC	3.00							
M	Nov 14	Cobham	ILSC	3.00							
M	Nov 17	Binfield	ILSC	7.45							
M	Nov 21	Moneyfields	ILSC	3.00							
M	Nov 28	Bedfont Sports	ILSC	3.00							
M	Dec 05	Winchester City	ILSC	3.00							
M	Dec 12	Windsor & Eton	ILSC	3.00							
M	Dec 19	Bognor Regis Town	ILSC	3.00							
M	Dec 28	Kingstonian	ILSC	3.00							
M	Jan 02	Jersey Bulls	ILSC	1.00							
M	Jan 09	Littlehampton Town	ILSC	3.00							
M	Jan 16	AFC Portchester	ILSC	3.00							
M	Jan 23	Ascot United	ILSC	3.00							
M	Jan 30	Moneyfields	ILSC	3.00							
M	Feb 06	Bedfont Sports	ILSC	3.00							
M	Feb 09	Hendon	ILSC	7.45							
M	Feb 13	Hartley Wintney	ILSC	3.00							
M	Feb 20	Harrow Borough	ILSC	3.00							
M	Feb 27	Egham Town	ILSC	3.00							
M	Mar 06	Raynes Park Vale	ILSC	3.00							
M	Mar 13	Southall	ILSC	3.00							
M	Mar 20	Hayes & Yeading Utd	ILSC	3.00							
M	Mar 27	Bognor Regis Town	ILSC	3.00							
M	Mar 29	Kingstonian	ILSC	3.00							
M	Apr 03	Westfield	ILSC	3.00							
M	Apr 10	Winchester City	ILSC	3.00							
M	Apr 17	Windsor & Eton	ILSC	3.00							
M	TBA	Hayes & Yeading	ILSC	7.45							

TANGERINES NEWS

□ Ashford Town (Middx) Ladies defeated Worthing 3-2 away to go second in the London and South East Women's League.

The Tangerines goals came from Chanel Morris, Amelia Halawi and Alice Fruse.

Ashford Town (Middx) Ladies: Libby Stratton, Ruby Maiden, Alice Frise, Hannah Duncan, Sarah McDermott, Jessica Roberts, Alicia Henry, Mhairi Crooks, Amelia Halawi, Elena Nitsche, Chanel Morris. **Subs:** Laura Huse, Emily Oldfield, Eliza Ashton, Mary Southgate

Key

ILSC: Isthmian League South Central

FAC: Emirates FA Cup

FAT: Isuzu FA Trophy

MSC: Middlesex Senior Cup

SSC: Surrey Senior Cup

ASC: Aldershot Senior Cup

ILC: Isthmian League Cup

PP: Postponed

* Decided on Kicks From The Penalty Spot

+ Score includes own goal

BOLD FIXTURES - HOME GAMES 1,2) - GOALS SCORED

First Sub; + Second Sub; ^ Third Sub ! Fourth Sub = Fifth Sub Bold Blue: Man of the Match

6	7	8	9	10	11	S	S	S	FIX
R,Collins	P-James*	Paine+	Karczewski^	Decabo!	Akers	Poley*Bala+	Arnold^1,Mbele!	Lock=	M01
Poley	P-James	Humphries*	Arnold 2	L.Collins^	Bala	Paine*Lock+R.Collins^Akers!	Hanlon=		M02
Poley	Bala^	Mulley*	Arnold 3	Decabo	Akers 1!	Hanlon*Barsa+P-James^C--Charles!			M03
Poley1	Bala^	Mulley	Arnold 1	Decabo!	Akers	Lamb*Kam+C-Charles^Karc!	Hanlon=		M04
R,Collins	Bala	Mulley	Arnold 1	Paine	Akers^	P-James*Lamb+Hanlon^			M05
R,Collins	Bala	Mulley 1!!	Notley ^1	Paine=	C Charles 1!	Barsa*Davies+Brop^Williams!	Rogers=		M06
R,Collins	Bala 2	Mulley	Arnold ^	Paine+	Akers*	C-Charles*Poley+P-James^			M07
Lamb	Bala	Mulley	Arnold 2	Paine+	Akers!	Rogers*Poley+Hanlon^P-James!			M08
Cheshire*	Bala	Mulley^	Arnold 1	Rogers	Akers	Poley*Paine+C-Charles^			M09
Cheshire	Rogers	Mulley	Arnold	Poley	Akers	Barsa*Hanlon+Paine^ 1			M10
Cheshire+	Malin*	Mulley	Arnold 1^	Akers 1	Poley	Paine*Hanlon+Rogers^Lee!			M11
Cheshire	Bala	Paine*	Arnold 2	Mulley 1	Akers	Hanlon*Rowan+			M12
Mulley 1	Paine*	Akers+	Arnold	Poley	Hillary	Hanlon*Rogers+			M13
Beneghazi	Hanlon	Rogers	Poley	King	Hillary				M14
Poley 1	Hillary=	Mulley1	Arnold3=	Paine1*	Akers1!	Bene*Hanlon+Monk^Rogers!Eisa=			M15
Cheshire1	Mulley1	Benelghazi	Hanlon	Rogers	Paine1	Lee*Poley+Hillary^ 1 Barsa!			M16
Lock=	Hillary!*	Mulley	Arnold 3	Poley+	Akers	Hanlon*Cheshire+Monk^Rogers!Lee=			M17

ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX) LADIES

Libby Stratton (Goalkeeper): Signed during the close season having spent her youth career at Fulham.

Ruby Maiden (Full Back/Winger): Spent eight seasons at Queen's Park Rangers where she mainly played for their Reserves.

Hannah Duncan (Central Defender): Captain of the side. Holds several coaching badges and is editor of the Women's Football Coaching magazine. Has also played for Whyteleafe.

Mary Southgate (Centre Back): Second best known Fulham fan after Pointless Celebrity star Richard Osman. Was a long standing captain of Fulham Ladies. Season ticket holder in the Hammersmith End Stand.

Sarah McDermott (Defender/Midfielder): Previously played for Atletico London and Walthamstow.

Didi Sucuoglu (Midfielder): Her early career was spent in German leagues with clubs such as SV Menden and Bayer04 Leverkusen.

Jess Roberts (Forward): Attacking player particularly at set pieces with her free kicks.

Chanel Morris (Forward/Midfielder): Attacking

Charlotte Close (Forward): Renowned goalscorer signed from Richmond & Kew where she scored 43 goals from 23 appearances.

Josie Wright (Midfielder): Spent her youth career at Brentford Under-21s.

Phoebe Head (Winger/Forward): Spent her youth career at Teddington Athletic. Also played for the University of Birmingham.

Ellie Nitsche (Forward): Prolific striker who was previously at East Bergholt United. Has also represented St Mary's University.

Amelia Halawi (Forward): Summer signing from Dorking Wanderers and has also played for Sutton United and Chelsea Blenheim Under-21s.

HALF TIME TEASER ANSWERS

1. Dover Athletic v Wealdstone

2. Barnsley v Aldershot Town

3. Chelmsford City

4. Leicester City

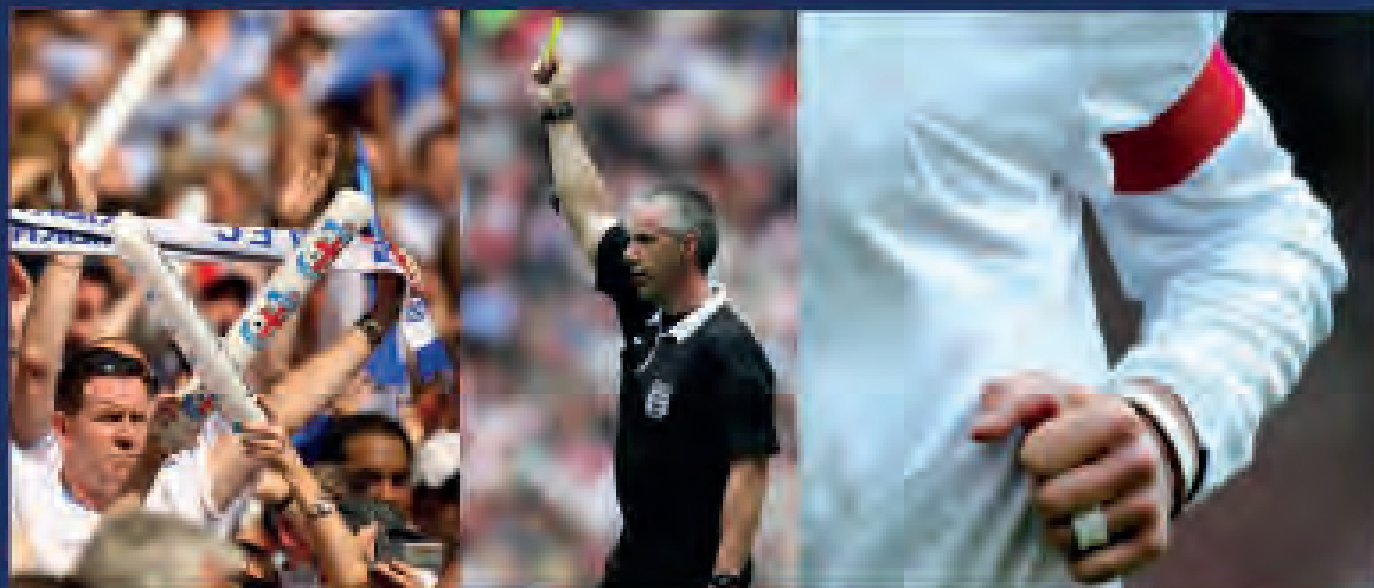
The last two Picture Teasers have been based

ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)
PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE
SOUTH CENTRAL
2026-27 Appearances and Goalscorers

	League			Cup			Total		
	App	Sub	Goals	App	Sub	Goals	App	Sub	Gls
Liam Allen	11			3			14		
Oliver Rowan	8	1		3			11	1	
Barsa Mirtanhasebi		2		2	2		2	4	
Yahaya Kamara	1	1		2			3	1	
Luke Elliott	3			1			4		
Reuben Collins	2			1	2		3	1	
Aiden P-James		3		2			2	3	
Alex Paine	8	4	2	3	1	1	11	5	3
Seb Karczewski		1		1			1	1	
Leo Decabo	2			1			3		
Zidan Akers	11		3	2	1		13	2	3
Elliot Poley	8	3	1	2	2		10	5	1
Jack Arnold	13		16	1	1	3	14	1	19
Arif Bala	11		3	2	2	1	13	1	4
Ritchie Mbele					1			1	
George Lock	1			1	3		13	3	
Louis Udeh				1			1		
Adam Humphries				1			1		
Louie Collins				1			1		
Jamie Hanlon	1	9		2	1		3	10	
Ben Mulley	11		3	1	1	2	12	1	5
Jaiden C-Charles		5			1	1	1	6	1
Bailey Lamb	10	1		1	1		11	2	
Lewis Hillary	5			2	1	1	7	1	1
Marcin Brzozowski	1			2			3		
Radu Stefonaonica					1		1	1	
Daniel Brobbey					1			1	
Frankie Monk		2		1			1	2	
Nathan Rogers	3	4		3			6	4	
Anthony Cheshire	5	1		1		1	6	1	1
Charlie Malin	1						1		
Callum Lee	3	2		1	1		4	3	
Gassem Benelgh	1	1		2			3	1	
Omar Eisa		1		1			1	1	



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With our focus on positivity, The Isthmian League aims to ensure that all our footballers are able to play in a safe, supportive and inclusive environment and all supporters can enjoy the game in surroundings free from discrimination and hate.



WESTFIELD PEN PIX

Lewis Gallivant (Goalkeeper): Has made over 100 appearances for Westfield. Previously at Chertsey Town, Bedfont and Hampton & Richmond Borough.

George Hedley (Defender): A versatile defender who spent his early days at Chelsea and Aldershot. Has also played for Badshot Lea and Leatherhead.

Caleb Wright (Midfielder): Experienced midfielder who may have connections with Biggleswade FC.

Max Meaton (Defender): Current club captain at Westfield. Was a legendary figure at his previous club Farnham Town.

Jean-Pasquale Masikini (Midfielder): Experienced campaigner who has played for Corinthian Casuals, Leatherhead, Merstham and Burgess Hill Town.

Kameron English (Right Winger): Plenty of experience at Steps Three and Four, including Ashford Town (Middx) and Hayes & Yeading. Scored 35 goals for Marlow in 136 appearances.

Manolis Gogonas (Midfielder): Has made over 150 appearances for Westfield. During his early career Manolis played in Greece and also for Chertsey Town, Hendon and Kingstorian.

James Roberts (Forward): Played in the EFL with Oxford United and Wycombe Wanderers. Has made over 300 appearances in the National League System.

David Diaz (Forward/Midfielder): Most of his career has been in the Midlands at clubs such as AFC Rushden & Diamonds, Stratford Town and Banbury United.

Ibra Busari (Defender): Signed during the close season and has already made an impact. Previously at Bognor Regis Town, Moneyfields and Harrow Borough.

Tom Smith (Defender): Part of a strong defensive squad at Westfield. Has also been at Farnham Town.

Andrew Crossley (Manager): Is a player-manager at Westfield. Was a legendary player at Chertsey Town.

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WESTFIELD

The club was established in 1953 as Westfield Boys Club and started playing in the local Woking and District Football league.

During their time in the local leagues, the club won the Surrey Junior Charity Cup and the Surrey Junior Cup. After a few seasons, the club moved up to the Surrey intermediate leagues.

In the 1962–63 season, the club joined the Parthenon League, now under the name of Westfield and finished runners-up at the first attempt.

The following season saw the club join the Surrey Senior League. Their ninth season in the Surrey Senior League, 1972–73, saw the club clinch the league title and complete a double success by winning the league cup.

Further success followed the next season as they successfully defended the league title.

In April 1974 Dorking FC invited Westfield to play a friendly to inaugurate their new floodlights. Westfield won the match 1-0.

Not long after Dorking FC merged with Guildford City to form Guildford and Dorking United.

The 1974–75 campaign saw the club make their debut in the FA Vase, where they lost to Chertsey Town, and finished bottom of the league; however, they did not suffer



● **Westfield manager Andrew Crossley.**

relegation back to the intermediate leagues.

In 1978, the club became a founder member of the Home Counties Football League, which was then renamed the Combined Counties Football League the following season.

The club remained in the Combined Counties Football League for the next twenty-seven seasons, despite finishing in the bottom three times within this period.

They also managed to advance to the Concours Challenge Trophy, but lost out to Hartley Wintney in the final.

This period also saw the club enter the FA Cup for the first time when they met Dorking in the extra preliminary qualifying round, but lost 2–1.

FOCUS ON WESTFIELD

Westfield are the latest side to provide a stern test for Asford Town (Middx) in The Pitching IN isthmian League South Central.

Field are just sitting outside the play-off positions in eighth.

The Woking side will be keen to get a win this evening to get back into the important top seven as far as promotion is

Manager Andrew Crossley would have been pleased with the point gained in Hampshire where his side battled to a 0-0 draw against Momeyfields.

Westfield are in the middle of a trucky period where they have not won in three games since clinching a 4-1 victory at Bedfint Sports.

The sequence also includes a

This was followed by a 1-1 draw at home to struggling Littlehampton Town.

It was a slow start to the campaign, being held to a 1-1 draw by AFC Portchester before losing 4-0 to one of the early season high-fliers Winchester City.

Since then, Westfield have climbed the table and their



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This week, we at NLP Towers caught up with two of our old contacts who continue to prove that life very much begins at 40 at this level of the game.

For years, Justin Bennett swept up Non-League defences in the south, banging in goals for the likes of Andover, Gosport Borough, Oxford City and Salisbury.

Now, at the age of 44, the legendary striker has reached another milestone by racking up 700 career goals – not bad considering he supposedly retired four years ago!

Bennett achieved the feat while turning out for Step 7 Shrewton United in an 8-2 Wiltshire Premier League win over Bradford Town reserves.

"I'll be honest, this season I've not felt as sharp as I used to be," Bennett admitted. "But I hit a bit of a purple patch. I got two in midweek and then I felt I had a good chance last Saturday."

Fans' favourite Bennett was a major part of Gosport Borough's famous run to the FA Trophy Final back in 2014.

He hung his shooting boots up back in 2022 after hitting 55 goals as Bemerton Heath Harlequins to the Wessex League Division One title. But the phone kept ringing.

"I was nearly 40, had just won the league with Bemmy so it was a good time – and I was

happy, I wasn't looking to go back and play," said Bennett, who hit 200 goals on the nose for Andover earlier in his career.

"But I am a sucker when the phone rings and someone says, 'Can you come and help us out?' For whatever reason it's, 'Yeah, alright'. I've probably retired about three times!

"In my mind, if I am still getting out there and still having an impact on games and scoring then maybe I should keep going. My body tells me otherwise on a Sunday morning."

The same can also be said for former Telford, Tamworth and Altrincham striker Kyle Perry, who has crammed more into his 40 years than many people have in a lifetime.

Professional footballer, rock star and podcaster, among other career highlights – Perry is now having a crack at management – at Step 5 Coton Green.

Assisted by his brother Todd, he has taken over as manager and assistant of the Midland Football League club following Nic Oakley's departure to Lichfield City.

"I have always been here, there and everywhere," Perry told us. "Last season I got a call to go in as assistant manager at Romulus, which is Step 5. I really enjoyed working with the young lads. I just feel I needed to give back because I've got a lot to offer."

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ARYF BALA	4
BAILEY LAMB	5
ELLIOTT POLEY	6
LEWIS HILLARY	7
BEN MULLEY	8
JACK ARNOLD	9
ALEX PAINE	10
ZIDAN AKERS	11

SUBS

NATHAN ROGERS	12
JAMIE HANLON	14
FRANKIE MONK	15
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Manager

Luke Morgan-Tuffs

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