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Brockenhurst FC



vs



Downton FC



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VIEW FROM THE TERRACE

Good afternoon to everyone and welcome to the Meadens Skoda Arena for our next Wessex Premier League fixture. A particular welcome to the players, officials and supporters of our visitors Downton FC. The Robins were promoted as a "lucky loser" last season, and had a challenging start to the season but, following a recent managerial change, they've picked up seven points from their last three league games, so this should be a good contest. It's also good to have another team from the forest in the league – Downton may not be our closest neighbours, but preferable to adding another long haul to the Portsmouth region!

We would also like to extend our particular thanks to Freddie and Ella Flynn, who are kindly sponsoring this afternoon's game and will be selecting the Badgers' man of the match after the game. Let's hope it's a tough choice because there are so many good performances to reward!

Curiously, this is Brockenhurst's only home league game for the whole month of January, so the club will be hoping for

another bumper attendance to match the fantastic 198 who watched the unlucky defeat against Stoneham last weekend. It's been great to see attendance numbers hold up so well despite a difficult run for the team during the Autumn, but recent performances suggest a corner may have been turned... these next games on the road will be a good test of that. Chance conversion remains the biggest challenge, not least because the Badgers can't seem to keep a clean sheet at the moment despite some great defensive displays.

Anyway: 23 played, 15 to go, let's hope Danny and the team can push on over the next few weeks, and fingers crossed for our next home game, in the Southampton Senior Cup on 21 January against AFC Shirley. Meantime: a very happy new year to everyone connected with the club; Danny, the players and management teams at all levels, our officials and committee members, with special thanks to Director of Football Matt Parfect... and of course, to all supporters. May 2025 bring all you hope for... Up the badgers!

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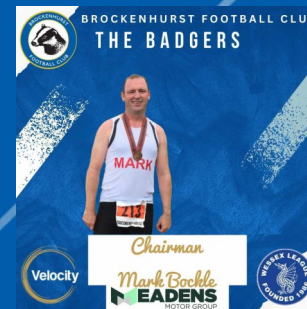
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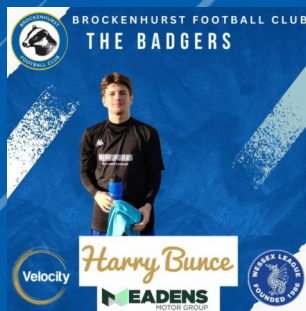
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01 JANUARY 2025**

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<u>AFC Portchester</u>	21	17	3	1	73	22	51	54
2	<u>Hamble Club</u>	21	15	3	3	50	28	22	48
3	<u>AFC Stoneham</u>	18	13	4	1	57	13	44	43
4	<u>Andover New Street</u>	19	13	4	2	38	17	21	43
5	<u>Fareham Town</u>	18	12	1	5	48	19	29	37
6	<u>Hamworthy Recreation</u>	21	11	3	7	45	34	11	36
7	<u>Baffins Milton Rovers</u>	19	11	3	5	36	26	10	36
8	<u>Millbrook</u>	20	9	4	7	46	32	14	31
9	<u>Sherborne Town</u>	19	9	4	6	34	28	6	31
10	<u>Bournemouth</u>	22	8	4	10	38	37	1	28
11	<u>Cowes Sports</u>	20	7	4	9	33	50	-17	25
12	<u>Laverstock & Ford</u>	20	7	3	10	33	44	-11	24
13	<u>Brockenhurst</u>	23	7	3	13	31	51	-20	24
14	<u>Portland United</u>	22	6	5	11	34	44	-10	23
15	<u>Christchurch</u>	24	6	4	14	33	49	-16	22
16	<u>Wincanton Town</u>	21	5	6	10	34	58	-24	21
17	<u>Hythe & Dibden</u>	22	5	4	13	26	54	-28	19
18	<u>Downton</u>	18	4	3	11	23	49	-26	15
19	<u>Blackfield & Langley</u>	22	4	1	17	25	50	-25	13
20	<u>United Services Portsmouth</u>	20	1	4	15	13	45	-32	7

PLAYER STATS

Name	Appearances	Substitute	Goals
Jake ADAMS	25	1	9
Ben ATIAKO-HALL	5	5 (*5)	5
Aaron BATISTA		2 (*2)	
Charlie BLAKE		1 (*1)	
Harry BUNCE	9		
Jamie-Jay BURGESS	25	5 (*5)	2
Corey BURNS	24	7 (*7)	
Brandon CHANNELL	16	2 (*2)	1
Rian DRAKE	16	3 (*3)	
Harrison FAY	3	4 (*4)	
Joel FRANCIS	10	13 (*7)	1
Luke GRAY	24		3
Kadin JACQUES		2	
Zsombar KOMAROMI		1 (*1)	
Finn LAWTON	5	8 (*4)	
Tiago MORENO	21	12 (*12)	5
Dragos NEAGU		3 (*2)	
Jesse OSHITOLA	2	13 (*11)	
Sam PEARCE		6 (*6)	
Lyle SIMPSON	18	12 (*12)	11
Sam STEEL	7	2 (*1)	
Josh TAYLOR	3	21 (*18)	1
Rhys TAYLOR	23		1
Jack TORNIAINEN	16		
Jordi VALERO	14		
Dylan WALKER	21	5 (*5)	6
Jamie WEBBER	2		
Tyler WELLMAN	29	1 (*1)	3

PLAYER STATS

(PLAYERS NO LONGER AT THE CLUB)

Name	Appearances	Substitute (* = subbed on)	Goals
<i>Bourhane BEN MAATOUG</i>	1	3 (*3)	
<i>Will BUTLER</i>	20		
<i>Michael GODDARD</i>		5 (*4)	
<i>Ryan KING</i>	1	4 (*4)	1
<i>Noel McCARTHY-GARDINER</i>	6	7 (*7)	2
<i>Nehniah MCKENLEY_BURKE</i>		3 (*3)	
<i>Ronan MOORE</i>	2	2 (*2)	
<i>Elliott PEARCE-EAVIS</i>	22	1 (*1)	2
<i>Callum TAYLOR</i>	4	12 (*8)	



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CLUB HISTORY 1898-2024

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 for Pat was held in July 2024.

Danny Ackland has now become the manager of Brockenhurst; we have retained many of the players from last year's positive campaign, and have made some great signings too. The future looks bright for The Badgers.

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BROCKENHURST FC FIXTURES 2024-25

Date	H / A	Opponents	Competition
04 January 2025	Home	Downton	Velocity Wessex Premier
11 January 2025	Away	Bournemouth Poppies	Velocity Wessex Premier
18 January 2025	Away	United Services Portsmouth	Velocity Wessex Premier
21 January 2025	Home	AFC Shirley	So'ton Senior Cup QF
25 January 2025	Away	AFC Portchester	Velocity Wessex Premier
01 February 2025	Home	Fareham Town	Velocity Wessex Premier
08 February 2025	Away	Christchurch	Velocity Wessex Premier
15 February 2025	Home	Andover New Street	Velocity Wessex Premier
22 February 2025	Away	Hamworthy Recreation	Velocity Wessex Premier
01 March 2025	Away	Portland United	Velocity Wessex Premier
08 March 2025	Home	Wincanton Town	Velocity Wessex Premier
15 March 2025	Home	Cowes Sports	Velocity Wessex Premier
22 March 2025	Home	AFC Portchester	Velocity Wessex Premier
05 April 2025	Home	Blackfield + Langley	Velocity Wessex Premier
12 April 2025	Away	Laverstock + Ford	Velocity Wessex Premier
19 April 2025	Away	Hythe + Dibden	Velocity Wessex Premier



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DOWNTON FC CLUB HISTORY

Downton Football Club was formed in September 1905, following a meeting which had been arranged by the Rev J.H. Phillips. Early results were not very encouraging. However, after World War I, in 1919 the Robins fared better after entering the Salisbury & District League.

The 1924/5 season saw Downton become the first winners of the Norman Court Cup. They also won the competition on eight further occasions before and after World War II.

Downton won the Wilts Junior Cup for the first time in 1949/50, defeating Atworth 6-2 in the final. The following season, the club entered the Bournemouth League and gained promotion to Division One, winning the championship five times. The 1958/9 season saw them secure promotion to Senior Division One, winning the title seven times between 1959/60 and 1967/8. Downton also won the Bournemouth Senior Cup in 1962/3 and 1979/80 and the Senior League Cup in 1961/2, 1963/4 and 1966/7.

In order to progress further, Downton joined the Hampshire League in 1968/9, winning promotion in 1971/2. More promotions followed in 1978/9 and 1979/80.

In 1992/3, The Robins were elected to the Wessex League – the club's reserves joining its Combination League. The 1995/6 campaign proved one of the club's best ever – winning both the Wessex League Cup and the Russell Cotes Cup, while its reserves finished runners-up in the Combination Cup. They also entered the FA Vase for the first time.

The club entered the FA Cup for the first time in 1997/8. Downton enjoyed county success in the Wilts Senior Cup, winning it in 1979/80 and 1980/81, and finishing runners-up in 1955/6, 1991/2 and 1994/5.

Closer to home, The Robins lifted the Salisbury Hospital Cup in 2008/9, and retained the cup the following season.

The 2010/1 campaign was highly memorable. As well as securing promotion to the Premier Division after being crowned Division One champions in what was the league's 25th anniversary season, Downton also enjoyed their best ever run in the FA Vase, reaching the second round for the first time. A number of other accolades followed - Jeff Softley picked up the Manager of the Year honour at the league's 25th anniversary celebrations with four players – Charles Aldridge, Calum Robertson, Nick Turpin and Declan McGregor – all named in the Division One Team of the Year.

Downton finished 6th in their first year back in the Sydenhams Premier League, their highest finish to date. They also won the Hospital Cup again, winning 4-0 against Laverstock and Ford.

The Club were relegated back into Division One in 2013/4, having remained there since with a number of mid-table finishes. In 2017/8, the Youth section was added to the club, with four teams now playing under the Downton badge, ranging from Under 12's to Under 18's. The club remains committed to building a Senior and Youth squad for the area to be proud of, with the aim of having a full range of 10 youth clubs over the next few years.

In the 2021-22 season the Robins won the Wiltshire Cup Final with a 2-0 win over local rivals Bemerton Heath Harlequin's. This is the 3rd time the club has won the prestigious cup. The Robins retained the Wiltshire Senior Cup (4th time in the clubs history) in the 2022-23 season with a 6-2 win over Wroughton.

Downton reached the playoff final of the Wessex league Division One in the 2023/4 season but were defeated by Millbrook, however the Robins were promoted only a few weeks later due to having the highest points per game ratio. The club also retained the Wiltshire Senior Cup for a third successive season, winning it five times overall.

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RESULTS SUMMARY

Date	Opposition	Comp	H/A	Res	Goalscorers	Att
30.07.24	Christchurch	VWFL	H	W 2-1	Atiako-Hall (2)	196
03.08.24	Benerton Heath Harlequins	FAC EPR	A	D 1-1	Gray	137
06.08.24	Benerton Heath Harlequins	FAC EPR	H	L 0-1		249
10.08.24	Millbrook	VWFL	A	L 5-1	Adams	91
13.08.24	Bournemouth Poppies	VWFL	H	D 3-3	Walker, Adams, R.Taylor	174
17.08.24	Hamble Club	VWFL	H	W 2-1	Adams, Walker	200
20.08.24	Blackfield & Langley	HSC R1	H	D 0-0, pens 4-2		144
24.08.24	Hythe & Dibden	FAV Q1	A	W 2-6	Moreno (3), Walker (2), King	104
27.08.24	Cowes Sports	VWFL	A	W 3-6	Moreno, Francis, Pearce-Eavis, Gray, Wellman, Simpson	139
31.08.24	US Portsmouth	VWFL	H	L 0-2		141
03.09.24	Downton	VWFL	A	L1-0		159
07.09.24	Sherborne Town	VWFL	A	L 3-2	Gray, Simpson	105
10.09.24	AFC Portchester	HSC R2	A	D 3-3, pens 2-4	Simpson (3)	126
14.09.24	Hamworthy Rec.	VWFL	H	D 2-2	Channell, J.Taylor	163
17.09.24	AFC Stoneham	VWFL	A	L 4-2	Moreno, Pearce-Eavis	90
21.09.24	Bridport FC	FAV Q2	A	L 3-1	Atiako-Hall	179
24.09.24	Blackfield & Langley	VWLC	H	W 3-1	McCarthy-Gardiner (2), Adams	140

RESULTS SUMMARY

Date	Opposition	Comp	H/A	Res	Goalscorers	Att
28.09.24	Hythe + Dibden	VWFL	H	L 0-3		144
01.10.24	Baffins Milton Rovers	VWFL	A	L 3-0		77
05.10.24	Laverstock & Ford	VWFL	H	L 0-4		140
12.10.24	Wincanton Town	VWFL	A	L 3-0		82
15.10.24	Bishops Waltham Dynamos	SSC R2	H	W 3-0	Adams (3)	91
26.10.24	Andover New Street	VWFL	A	D 1-1	Simpson	141
29.10.24	AFC Stoneham	RCC R2	H	L 1-2	Simpson	93
02.11.24	Fareham Town	VWFL	A	L 1-3	Wellman	338
09.11.24	Baffins Milton Rovers	VWFL	H	W 2-1	Simpson, Wellman	129
12.11.24	AFC Portchester	VWLC	A	L 4-2	Adams, OG	147
16.11.24	Sherborne Town	VWFL	H	W 2-1	Simpson, Walker	160
26.11.24	Totton & Eling	SSC R3	H	W 4-1	Burgess, Simpson (2), Atiako-Hall	88
10.12.24	Hamble Club	VWFL	A	L 1-0		65
14.12.24	Portland United	VWFL	H	W 2-1	Atiako-Hall, Walker	133
21.12.24	Blackfield & Langley	VWFL	A	W 1-2	Burgess, OG	91
28.12.24	AFC Stoneham	VWFL	H	L 0-1		198

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DATE	OPPONENTS	COMPETITION	SPONSOR
30 Jul	Christchurch	Velocity Wessex League	Jon Renyard & Laura Windisch
06 Aug	Bemerton H. H'quins	FAC EPR replay	NMO Ladies
13 Aug	Bournemouth Poppies	Velocity Wessex League	SSA Crew
17 Aug	Hamble Club	Velocity Wessex League	The Prediction League
20 Aug	Blackfield & Langley	Hants Senior Cup	James Taylor Roofing
31 Aug	US Portsmouth	Velocity Wessex League	The Friends of Pokesdown
14 Sep	Hamworthy Recreation	Velocity Wessex League	Badgers Supporters
24 Sep	Blackfield & Langley	Wessex League Cup	James Taylor Roofing
28 Sept	Hythe & Dibden	Velocity Wessex League	Viner Fires
05 Oct	Laverstock & Ford	Velocity Wessex League	Jon Renyard & Laura Windisch
15 Oct	Bishops W'tham D'mos	Southampton Senior Cup	Badgers Supporters
29 Oct	AFC Stoneham	Russell-Cotes Cup R2	Marc Flynn
09 Nov	Baffins Milton Rovers	Velocity Wessex League	Viner Fires
16 Nov	Sherborne Town	Velocity Wessex League	Ade Holman
26 Nov	Totton & Eling	So'ton Senior Cup R3	Matt + Nancy Parfect
30 Nov	Millbrook	Velocity Wessex League	Freddie & Ella Flynn
14 Dec	Portland United	Velocity Wessex League	The Clasby Girls
28 Dec	AFC Stoneham	Velocity Wessex League	Viner Fires
04 Jan	Downton	Velocity Wessex League	Freddie & Ella Flynn
21 Jan	AFC Shirley	So'ton Senior Cup QF	AB Videography
01 Feb	Fareham Town	Velocity Wessex League	LTNC
15 Feb	Andover New Street	Velocity Wessex League	Dave Barber & Paul Parmenter
08 Mar	Wincanton Town	Velocity Wessex League	
15 Mar	Cowes Sports	Velocity Wessex League	
22 Mar	AFC Portchester	Velocity Wessex League	Paul Christopher & Paul Andrews
05 Apr	Blackfield & Langley	Velocity Wessex League	Jon Renyard & Laura Windisch

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Brock started this game positively enough – a couple of great runs from Bunce, one leading to a pass inside to Atiako-Hall who missed his kick – but the Watersiders also forced some sharp defending from Torniainen, just ahead of Roocroft, a reminder that possession and territory are only as good as the use you make of them. And on 17, Brock made the best use possible – a great chipped pass which Burgess ran onto and coolly lobbed keeper Harwood to give the visitors the lead. Atiako-Hall was almost in three minutes later, excellently intercepted by the impressive Hill... and then another warning shot, Bunce slipped in midfield conceding possession to Hitchings who advanced and shot just wide from 25 yards with Valero beaten. 32 minutes, free kick taken by Ramos, brilliantly tipped over by Valero for a corner... and before it was taken a red card shown to Pickett who – not for the first time in his career – had grabbed a Brock defender by the unmentionables. Down to ten, it was going to be tough for Blackfield, and they might have conceded a second to Bunce whose shot was brilliantly blocked. But then, game on: Brock lost the ball to Roocroft but he had an awful lot to do, which he did superbly, twisting his way past two defenders and shooting calmly into the far corner for the equaliser. It hadn't been coming, but now the hosts had something to build on. Bunce again – the spark of most good things – set up Torniainen whose shot was blocked on the line, and then Atiako-Hall seemed to be through but cut inside and saw his shot blocked. HT 1-1

There's not time or space in this report to list all the chances in the second half. 50 minutes, a Bunce shot blocked on the line; a minute later, his powerful cross was turned home by a defender ahead of Atiako-Hall for an own goal. The home team almost equalised when a free kick was deflected against his own bar by a Brock defender, but after that Brock created no fewer than eight gilt-edged chances to extend their lead, none taken – massive credit to Harwood who made some outstanding saves, mostly from sub Simpson, a couple more superb clearances off the line, and all that meant that the Watersiders held out hope of an unlikely point, especially when Reynolds came on and started racing down the right flank and crossing dangerously. Nervy closing moments, then, but Brock held out for the win. FT 1-2

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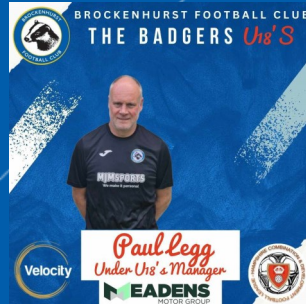
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