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WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Good evening everyone and welcome to the Meadens Skoda Arena here in Brockenhurst, for our First team game against Cowes Sports in the Velocity Wessex League.

First team wise we've lost our last couple of fixtures, at home to high flying Andover New Street and then away at Portland United. The next game is at home against Wincanton town on the 08/03/25. We also had a very successful friendly against New Milton last week raising money for the injured Bashley player, extra thanks to all those who gave their time for free and those who so generously sponsored the game.

The Development squad have also lost their last two matches, away at Laverstock and Ford, and at home against Midhurst. Their next game is at home against Harvest on 15/03/25.

U18s had their best game of the season recently, winning 5-1 away at Poole Town and as I write this are preparing for their League's Cup quarter-final game at home against Fawley on 02/03/25.

We are sorry to report that former Player, Manager, Trustee and Supporter of Brockenhurst FC, Roger Lawford, died last week. The match next Saturday will be sponsored by his family.

We are looking to have another members' update meeting on Friday 21st March.

We have recently hosted a number of Dart Tournaments which have been extremely successful, and many thanks to our Club House Manager Kev for organising these.

In the build-up to Christmas we had many birthday and private booking which have dropped off since. We are always open to bookings of any kind, so long as you bring people we will often do this for free. Please contact the bar for further details.

Here is to a successful game this evening and hoping we can all cheer "Up the Badgers"

Mark Böckle
Chairman

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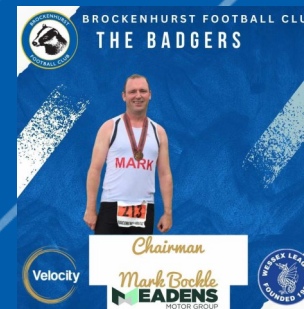
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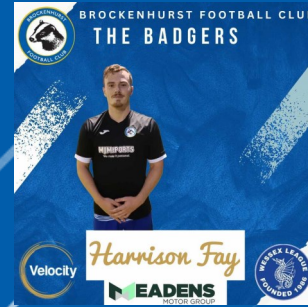


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1	<u>AFC Portchester</u>	30	26	3	1	99	24	75	81
2	<u>AFC Stoneham</u>	27	21	5	1	82	17	65	68
3	<u>Hamble Club</u>	28	18	4	6	66	42	24	55 *
4	<u>Fareham Town</u>	25	17	1	7	62	30	32	52
5	<u>Baffins Milton Rovers</u>	27	16	3	8	52	43	9	51
6	<u>Millbrook</u>	28	14	6	8	61	44	17	48
7	<u>Andover New Street</u>	24	14	5	5	48	34	14	47
8	<u>Hamworthy Recreation</u>	28	14	3	11	61	52	9	45
9	<u>Christchurch</u>	31	11	4	16	58	59	-1	37
10	<u>Bournemouth</u>	30	10	7	13	49	53	-4	37
11	<u>Sherborne Town</u>	24	10	5	9	38	36	2	35
12	<u>Hythe & Dibden</u>	31	10	5	16	45	72	-27	35
13	<u>Cowes Sports</u>	28	9	7	12	46	59	-13	34
14	<u>Laverstock & Ford</u>	28	9	5	14	47	65	-18	32
15	<u>Brockenhurst</u>	30	9	3	18	38	63	-25	30
16	<u>Wincanton Town</u>	29	8	6	15	50	80	-30	30
17	<u>Portland United</u>	27	8	5	14	42	54	-12	29
18	<u>Downton</u>	28	6	5	17	37	67	-30	23
19	<u>Blackfield & Langley</u>	32	6	3	23	31	70	-39	21
20	<u>United Services Portsmouth</u>	29	1	5	23	21	69	-48	8

* Adjustment made

PLAYER STATS

Name	Appearances	Substitute (* = subbed on)	Goals
Jake ADAMS	31	2 (*1)	9
Ben ATIAKO-HALL	10	5 (*5)	7
Aaron BATISTA		3 (*2)	
Harry BUNCE	15		1
Jamie-Jay BURGESS	27	10 (*10)	2
Corey BURNS	28	11 (*10)	
Brandon CHANNELL	22	3 (*3)	1
Andry DEMIRA		1 (*1)	
Rian DRAKE	24	3 (*3)	
Harrison FAY	3	7 (*7)	
Joel FRANCIS	11	19 (*9)	1
Luke GRAY	30	1 (*1)	3
Kadin JACQUES		2	
Zsombar KOMAROMI		2 (*2)	
Dragos NEAGU		3 (*2)	
Sam PEARCE		6 (*6)	
Sam STEEL	13	2 (*1)	
Ryosuke TAKADA	1	1	
Rhys TAYLOR	30		2
Jack TORNIAINEN	24		1
Jordi VALERO	21		
Dylan WALKER	26	8 (*8)	8
Jamie WEBBER	5	1 (*1)	
Tyler WELLMAN	34	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>Charlie BLAKE</i>		1 (*1)	
<i>Will BUTLER</i>	20		
<i>Michael GODDARD</i>		5 (*4)	
<i>Ryan KING</i>	1	4 (*4)	1
<i>Finn LAWTON</i>	5	8 (*4)	
<i>Noel McCARTHY-GARDINER</i>	6	7 (*7)	2
<i>Nehniah McKENLEY_BURKE</i>		3 (*3)	
<i>Ronan MOORE</i>	2	2 (*2)	
<i>Tiago MORENO</i>	21	12 (*12)	5
<i>Jesse OSHITOLA</i>	2	13 (*11)	
<i>Elliott PEARCE-EAVIS</i>	22	1 (*1)	2
<i>Lyle SIMPSON</i>	20	16 (*16)	14
<i>Callum TAYLOR</i>	4	12 (*8)	
<i>Josh TAYLOR</i>	3	22 (*19)	1

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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 March 2025	Home	Cowes Sports	Velocity Wessex Premier
08 March 2025	Home	Wincanton Town	Velocity Wessex Premier
18 March 2025	Away	Hamworthy Recreation	Velocity Wessex Premier
22 March 2025	Home	AFC Portchester	Velocity Wessex Premier
29 March 2025	Home	Blackfield + Langley	Velocity Wessex Premier
05 April 2025	Home	Fareham Town	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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COWES SPORTS CLUB HISTORY

COWES FC was formed in 1881. The original club continued until December 1899, playing its final game at home against Tottenham Hotspur, before withdrawing from the Southern League. The name was revived in 1903, when a team known as Cowes White Star adopted the old club's title. Many years later, in 1980, the club merged with an Island side known as White's Sports, which then saw Sports added as a suffix - a decision not universally accepted by members at the time, but has remained since.

The club's first competitive action arrived in 1886 in the shape of the Hants & Dorset Junior Cup. In 1896 Cowes became the first-ever champions of the Hampshire League. That season the club also won the Hampshire Senior Cup to complete the double.

The club then ventured into the Southern League alongside the likes of Tottenham Hotspur, Millwall, Bristol City and Swindon. However, financial difficulties and a string of poor results prompted the withdrawal from the league. In 1903 the club was resurrected and nine years later moved to current home Westwood Park and won the Hampshire Senior Cup for the second time.

In 1932 the club lost the final of the Hampshire Senior Cup to local rivals Newport at The Dell, Southampton. But the day will be remembered more for the incredible crowd of 21,000 - a record gate for such a final to this day. It's an urban myth that the main stand was built in 24 hours in 1920. In fact it was built by voluntary labour that summer - before a local derby with Newport. The stand remains one of the largest in non-league football in the South.

After the war, the club continued to pick up county honours and in 1963 enjoyed a run to the fourth qualifying round of the FA Cup, which saw Yeovil end our hopes of a first round proper appearance with a 1-0 victory at Westwood. By 1981 Sports FC was once more a Division 2 side. The club finally regained its place in the top flight of county football in 1989 after an exciting battle for promotion alongside the now-defunct Ryde Sports and AC Delco. Events in 1994 were even more exciting, with Cowes and Blackfield & Langley enjoying a dogfight for the Hampshire League title. Blackfield held the advantage as the final stage of the season approached, but a splendid run of results saw Cowes claim the title. That summer, the club was accepted into the Wessex League. 1994/95 was capped with the first Isle of Wight Senior Gold Cup victory in 30 years. A thrilling 4-3 victory over Newport at Smallbrook preceded a 3-2 win against Binstead in the final.

The 1998/99 campaign was crowned with a splendid victory over Wessex League champions Lymington in the League Cup final. Two seasons later the club exceeded all expectations by reaching the last 16 of the FA Vase, losing to Taunton Town in the fifth round in front of almost 1,000 fans at Westwood Park. The IOW Senior Gold Cup returned to Westwood Park as Newport IW were defeated at Whippingham 2-1 in 2006/07. Further Gold Cup wins came in 2012, 2018, 2023 and 2024. Max Draper's five season tenure as Manager ended with his resignation after the 2024/25 season started badly and he was succeeded by Joint Managers Ian Potts and Mark Woodhouse who have made a steady start, guiding the side away from the relegation zone.

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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

RESULTS SUMMARY

Date	Opposition	Comp	H/A	Res	Goalscorers	Att
24.09.24	Blackfield & Langley	VWLC	H	W 3-1	McCarthy-Gardiner (2), Adams	140
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
11.01.25	Bournemouth Poppies	VWFL	A	L 2-1	Torniainen	73
18.01.25	US Portsmouth	VWFL	A	W 0-2	Simpson, R.Taylor	37
21.02.25	AFC Shirley	SSC QF	H	W 3-1	Atiako-Hall, Walker, Simpson	108
25.01.25	AFC Portchester	VWFL	A	L 2-1	Walker	337

RESULTS SUMMARY

Date	Opposition	Comp	H/A	Res	Goalscorers	Att
01.02.25	Downton	VWFL	H	W 1-0	Atiako-Hall	141
08.02.25	Christchurch	VWFL	A	L 3-1	Simpson	72
15.02.25	Andover New Street	VWFL	H	L 1-3	Bunce	135
01.03.25	Portland United	VWFL	A	L 2-0		195



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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
21 Jan	AFC Shirley	So'ton Senior Cup QF	AB Videography
01 Feb	Downton	Velocity Wessex League	LTNC
15 Feb	Andover New Street	Velocity Wessex League	Dave Barber & Paul Parmenter
04 Mar	Cowes Sports	Velocity Wessex League	Jon Renyard & Laura Windisch
08 Mar	Wincanton Town	Velocity Wessex League	The Family of the late Roger Lawford
22 Mar	AFC Portchester	Velocity Wessex League	Paul Christopher & Paul Andrews
29 Mar	Blackfield & Langley	Velocity Wessex League	Jon Renyard & Laura Windisch
05 Apr	Fareham Town	Velocity Wessex League	Freddie and Ella Flynn



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JON RENYARD'S REVIEW OF COWES SPORTS V
BROCKENHURST — 27 AUGUST 2024

A thoroughly enjoyable game between two sides who wanted to play progressive football, played in a good spirit throughout. Brock ultimately ran out comfortable winners although they had a scare midway through the game when Cowes threatened a comeback... In the first half though, Brock were dominant. They scored on 11 minutes through Moreno, brilliantly set up by Burns; and then through Francis when a defensive mis-kick left him a free hit six yards out on 21. Both those goals were overshadowed by a spectacular volleyed goal from the corner of the box from Pearce-Eavis which flew into the top corner; 3-0 just after the half-hour. No walk in the park, but a very confident and competent performance, with Rhys Taylor and Gray particularly impressive in midfield. Cowes did put together a couple of very fine pieces of play – one super flowing move down the right but somehow the three forward players contrived between them not to get a shot away, and then a great run and cross from McFarlane which McKie stretched but couldn't quite reach at the back post. And then, right on halftime, the hosts pulled one back – a deep cross headed in at the back post by McFarlane. Start of the fightback? HT 1-3

The Blues started the second half like a train: urgency, intensity, energy, everything their manager must have demanded. McFarlane got beyond the defence within the first couple of minutes but shot wide; and then the same player did brilliantly to cross under pressure and McKie converted coolly. 49 on the clock, game on! During this period the home team looked the stronger, winning the ball back and not letting Brock settle. 67 minutes a close-range header and point-blank save from Butler to keep the scores level. From complete control to constant siege: goals change games. And suddenly, out of nothing, Brock had re-established their cushion. Keeper Bridi played a careless, loose pass forward, intercepted by Gray who chipped the ball into the top corner from the angle from 30 yards, outstanding finish. Breathing space which lasted three minutes – an attack not properly cleared and Triggs found the bottom corner from 15 yards. 3-4... 20 to go... but finally, Brock managed to put the seal on the game, firstly with a perfect header from Wellman, who then cleared a shot off the line – and on 84 minutes, Gray played an intelligent pass to Simpson, who finished calmly to complete the scoring. Cowes heads had finally dropped, and the Badgers had their points. FT 3-6



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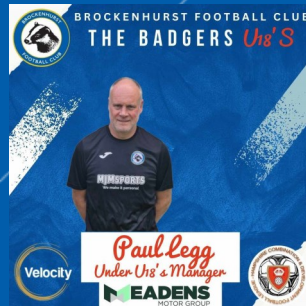
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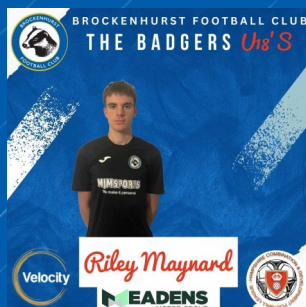


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