

# PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE



## SATURDAY EVENING E-NEWSPAPER

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# RED HOT ACTION



The freezing weather caused a number of postponements across our four divisions, but there was still some red-hot action that took place.

In the Pitching In Southern League Premier South, AFC Totton suffered only their second defeat of the season when Dawid Rogalski's 96th minute goal gave Walton & Hershaw a dramatic 3-2 win after Scott Rendell looked to have earned a point for the Stags with a 92nd minute leveller.

There was also frustration for leaders, Merthyr Town, as they came home from Tiverton Town with a point from a 1-1 draw.

Over in the Pitching In Southern League Premier Central, it's hats off to Spalding United who went to in-form Bedford Town and won 5-1 with an impressive display. In fact, there were some good away wins as Royston Town were 3-0 victors at Barwell, Harborough Town came from behind to win at Stamford AFC and Lowestoft Town secured a 4-3 success in a see-saw encounter at high-flying Redditch United.

Leaders, Kettering Town, saw their game against Halesowen Town postponed.

In the Pitching In Southern League Division One South, leaders, Yate Town, had to come from behind to beat Bashley 3-1, whilst just behind them, second met third as Exmouth Town and Melksham Town played out a 2-2 draw.

There was a commanding 5-0 triumph for Evesham United over Shaftesbury as Andre Wright weighed in with a hat-trick. The Worcestershire club move up to third with Mousehole making up the rest of the top five after they battled out a 3-2 victory at Malvern Town thanks to a late winner from Hayden Turner.

Falmouth Town's fine form continued as they beat Didcot Town 4-1.

Only two games survived the icy blast in the Pitching In Southern League Division One Central as Barton Rovers beat Ware 2-0 to strengthen their place in fourth position and Beaconsfield Town were held at home by Leverstock Green in a 2-2 draw.

In the Isuzu FA Trophy, Chertsey Town's run ended in a heavy defeat at Aldershot Town whilst Biggleswade Town will try again on Tuesday after their home tie against Oxford City was postponed.

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# PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER SOUTH

## **Basingstoke Town 0 Plymouth Parkway 1**

This tight affair looked like heading for a goalless draw until Callum Hall popped up in the final minute to fire the away team in front as they took all three points with them back home to Devon.

## **Gloucester City 2 Taunton Town 2**

The visitors got their noses in front courtesy of a goal from skipper, Thomas Smith, in the eighth minute and then made it two on the 30-minute mark thanks to Jack Rice-Lethaby.

The home side got a lifeline as half-time approached when Brandon Smalley was able to pull a goal back and he went on to level matters with just under 20 minutes to go as it ended with honours even.



## **Havant & Waterlooville 1 Dorchester Town 1**

The away team took the lead in this one as Shaquille Gwengwe scored just before the half-hour mark.

The scores were level right on half-time when Ryan Seager added to his impressive tally and that's how it was to remain as the spoils were shared.

## **Poole Town 0 Bracknell Town 0**

There was nothing to separate these two teams in what was an extremely evenly-matched affair.

The hosts missed a good chance as the clock ticked down, but overall a point apiece was a fair result.

## **Sholing 3 Swindon Supermarine 5**

The visitors started with real purpose and were rewarded when David Sims-Burgess gave them the lead with just four minutes on the clock.

It wasn't long before Michael Elias-Fernandes doubled the advantage for the away team, but the hosts were able to reduce the arrears through Romoluwa Akinola.

On the stroke of the interval, Elias-Fernandes got his second of the afternoon to put his side back in command.

A goal from Brad Targett early in the second half put the home side back in it, just a goal behind once more, however, Ollie Mehew popped up to make it 4-2 to the away team on the hour.

Fabio Verissimo Lopes reduced the arrears once more for the hosts to set up an exciting final ten minutes, during which time Harry Williams added a fifth goal for the visitors on an entertaining afternoon.



# PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER SOUTH

## **Tiverton Town 1 Merthyr Town 1**

The deadlock was finally broken here just past the hour as the home side got their noses in front through Oliver Jenkins. The away team were soon back on level terms through Cole Jarvis and try as they might, they had to be content with a point here.

## **Walton & Hersham 3 AFC Totton 2**

The second half was just seven minutes old when Tony Lee finally broke the deadlock to put the visitors' nose in front. It promoted an equaliser from the hosts just past the hour as new arrival, Ralph Vigrass, got his name on the scoresheet. As the clock ticked down, Dawid Rogalski put the hosts ahead only for Scott Rendell to level in stoppage time. There was a further sting in the tail in our Game of the Day when Rogalski scored another with 96 minutes on the clock to give his side the victory.

## **Winchester City 3 Marlow 1**

The home side broke the deadlock through George Britton in the 19th minute and it wasn't long before Ik Hill was able to add to his tally to make it 2-0. With time running out, Luca Chalwell added to the lead as his side completed a deserved win. A stoppage time penalty from Harry Hoath was mere consolation for the away team.



# PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER CENTRAL

## AFC Sudbury 1 Banbury United 2

The away team grabbed the lead on 23 minutes as Yaw Nantwi-Oforu got his name on the scoresheet.

It then became 2-0 just a couple of minutes before half-time as Dan Jarvis found the net.

The final minute saw Liam Pearce pull a goal back for the hosts but it was too little, too late.

## Barwell 0 Royston Town 3

The visitors took the lead on 12 minutes as Harrison Rookard was able to guide the ball home.

A second goal came midway through the second half from Archibald Locke to give the away team a two-goal lead.

A solid away display was rounded off at the end when Joshua Coldicott-Stevens converted from the spot to give the away team a 3-0 triumph.

## Bedford Town 1 Spalding United 5

It took 30 minutes for the first goal to arrive and when it did, it came for the away side as Kieron Freeman gave them the lead.

A second goal wasn't long in arriving for the visitors as Joseph Nyahwema doubled their advantage.

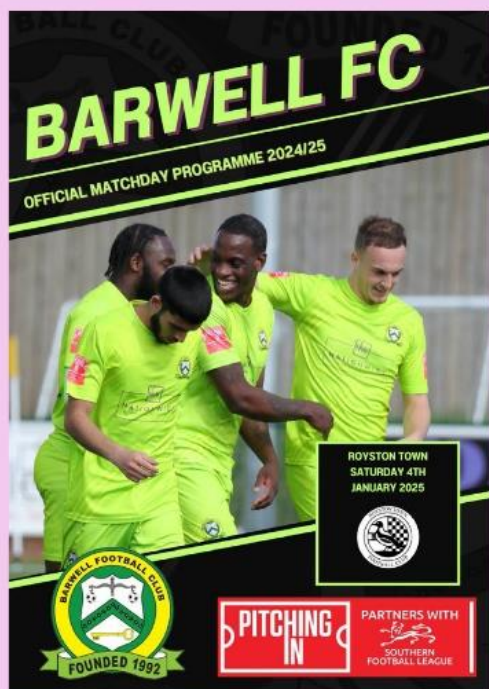
The visitors were put firmly into the driving seat on 63 minutes as Abdurmane Sano Sani added a third goal and soon afterwards, Dion Sembie-Ferris weighed in with a fourth.

Lewis Green's goal for the home side proved to be mere consolation as James Clifton rounded a great afternoon's work off with a fifth goal for the visitors at the death.

## Bromsgrove Sporting 1 Hitchin Town 1

Having been in good recent form, the home side started with plenty of belief once more and forged ahead on the quarter-hour mark as Reece King found the net.

As the interval approached, Rio Deall levelled matters and there was to be no further addition to the scores after the break as it ended level.



# PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER CENTRAL

## **Leiston 1 Stratford Town 0**

The home side took the lead just before the end of the first half thanks to a goal from Jamar Loza and that is how it remained as the hosts were able to defend their lead and claim a hard-earned three points.

## **Redditch United 3 Lowestoft Town 4**

There was 11 minutes on the clock when Jack Kelly found himself in the box to open the scoring for the home team.

The lead was doubled thanks to Kyle Rowley who came up from the back to make it 2-0 on 20 minutes.

Joe Duffy brought the away team back in it as he pulled a goal back just before the half-hour mark and then Gabriel Overton hit the leveller deep into stoppage time at the end of the opening period.

The hosts were to regain the lead early in the second half through Abdillahie Yussuf but the visitors hit back to level ten minutes later through Joao Soares Rangel. There was drama as the clock ticked down when Owen Murphy put the away team ahead for the first time and they were able to see it out to get the win.

## **St Ives Town 3 Stourbridge 1**

The home side went ahead when Jernade Meade found the net on the 30-minute mark and then they made the best possible start to the second period when Ethan Creary doubled their lead.

As the hosts continued to ask most of the questions, Josh Allen made it 3-0 to put them firmly in the driving seat for the three points.

A late Elliott Durrell goal proved to be mere consolation for the visitors.

## **Stamford 1 Harborough Town 2**

The home skipper led by example as he put his side in front just before the 20-minute mark.

The opening exchanges of the second half saw the away team get back onto level terms thanks to Jutorre Burgess.

Boosted by the goal, Riley O'Sullivan was able to turn the scoreline on its head before the hour-mark and it proved to be the winning goal as the home side saw a 97th minute penalty saved by Elliott Taylor.



# PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE SOUTH

## **Bideford AFC 0 Bristol Manor Farm 0**

This game could have gone either way with both teams creating chances, but with both goalkeepers in good form, it ended in stalemate with the spoils shared on a decidedly chilly afternoon.

## **Evesham United 5 Shaftesbury 0**

The home side went in front during the opening period through Levi Steele and then doubled the lead ten minutes into the second period through Andre Wright. A third goal from Amer Awadh looked to have made the game safe with just under 20 minutes to go before Wright hit another to make it 4-0.

There was still time for Wright to complete his hat-trick late on as the hosts won in commanding fashion in the end.

## **Exmouth Town 2 Melksham Town 2**

The visitors wasted little time in getting their noses in front here as Elliot Haffenden put them ahead in the fifth minute.

Right on the stroke of half-time, Aarron Denny was able to level the scores and then Tom Bath put the home team ahead in the 63rd minute.

However, Robbie James brought the sides back level again and that is how it stayed.

## **Falmouth Town AFC 4 Didcot Town 1**

Just as he did in their previous outing, Rubin Wilson found the net for the hosts to put them in front midway through the first half.

The goal was cancelled out by Dan Warre who levelled matters just before the half-hour mark.

However, the hosts hit back and Oliver Walker had them ahead once more right on the stroke of half-time.

It became 3-1 thanks to Jared Sims as the clock ticked down and then Luke Barner rounded things off nicely for the in-form hosts with a fourth goal at the death.



# PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE SOUTH

## Larkhall Athletic 2 Tavistock AFC 2

There was a quarter-of-an-hour gone when Liam Prynn put the away side ahead here but the lead didn't last long as Eben Mortimer-Taylor levelled matters five minutes later.

It was Mortimer-Taylor who put the hosts in front on the hour-mark but in stoppage time at the end, Prynn converted a penalty to ensure that the spoils were shared.

## Malvern Town 2 Mousehole 3

The visitors went ahead when an effort took a big deflection off home defender, Dion Molyneux, and the ball found its way into the net.

Midway through the opening period, Tim Nixon increased the away team's lead but the hosts were thrown a lifeline when Sam Clark pulled a goal back on the half-hour mark.

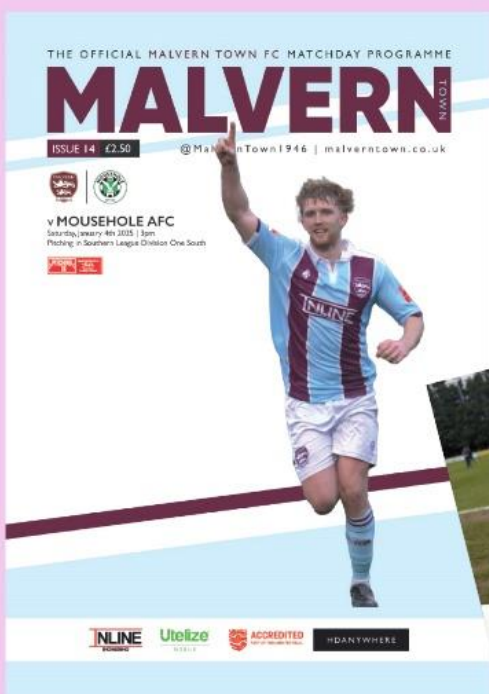
The scores were levelled up on the hour-mark as Jack Watts found the net from the penalty spot, only for Hayden Turner to give the away team the lead once more with around five minutes to go and they were able to see the game out to take the points.

## Yate Town 3 Bashley 1

It was the visitors who took the initiative here through Kyran Samadi who found the net early on only for Joe Guest to restore parity just past the half-hour.

Within minutes a penalty from Ross Stearn had turned the scoreline on its head in favour of the hosts.

The hosts extended their lead with 61 minutes on the clock through Ollie Dewsbury and that's how it remained.





# PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE CENTRAL

## **Barton Rovers 2 Ware 0**

The hosts took the lead early on through Alfie Warman, a goal which warmed up the home fans.

Just before the hour-mark, Taylor Rhiney put the home side further ahead and they were able to see out what was a routine home victory.

## **Beaconsfield Town 2 Leverstock Green 2**

It was first blood to the home side as they went ahead in the opening exchanges through Usman Lalustani.

Parity was restored at the very end of the opening period through Rawn Seale.

The hosts wasted little time after the restart to get back in front as Manuchim Oke-William found the net.

The scores were level once more just after the hour-mark when Daniel Pett stroked the ball home and there was no further scoring as the points were shared.



# ISUZU FA TROPHY FOURTH ROUND

## **Aldershot Town 8 Chertsey Town 0**

The Curfews' run in this competition came to an end as they were over-powered by their Vanarama National League hosts on a freezing cold afternoon.

The pitch passed a couple of inspections to allow the game to go ahead and the hosts came out of the blocks full of purpose to race into an early two-goal lead through Maghoma and Henry.

A third followed from Jones on 25 minutes and that's how the scoreline remained until the final 20 minutes when the hosts' superior fitness took over.

Corbett helped himself to a hat-trick and Stuttle bagged a brace as the home team hit five goals in a 20-minute spell.

## **Biggleswade Town P Oxford City P**

Biggleswade Town saw their home tie with Oxford City postponed due to a frozen pitch. It has been rearranged for Tuesday evening.



# NEWS ROUND-UP

## HARBOROUGH TOWN | LOOKING FORWARD

It was the perfect start to 2025 for Harborough Town as they made it two wins and a draw from their festive games with victory over Pitching In Southern League Premier Central leaders, Kettering Town.

The 2-1 win takes them to the 30-point mark and saw Ben Stephens make it three goals from the last two games following his match-winning brace.

"It was a pleasing performance to start the year from the team and myself," Stephens told us. "We haven't looked back since the second half at Barwell on Boxing Day with two and-a-half really impressive displays.

"It's been a great return from our games over the Christmas period and now we want to be able to continue it into the New Year and see where it takes us.

"That's the beauty of this League, it's so close that you never know. We have proven we can beat the best that this League has to offer so that will give us the confidence and belief to take forward.

"Personally I just want to be involved in as many goals as I can to help the team win football matches.

"The season has been a bit up-and-down over the first half of the campaign. The FA Cup run was fantastic, but that's gone now and we have to concentrate on moving up the table and adding to our points' tally.

"This is a strong League, much stronger than when I was last in it a couple of years ago. There are no easy games and everyone is more than capable of beating each other on their day. We have some top players and top managers operating in this League and it just makes it so strong and exciting!

"I'm really looking forward to what the second half of the season holds in store."



## LEIGHTON TOWN | FEELING THE LOVE

2025 has started off on the right foot for Leighton Town.

The Pitching In Southern League Division One Central outfit returned to action for the first time in 11 days on New Year's Day and ran out convincing 5-1 victors at Enfield.

Godlove Oppong wasted little time in opening the scoring with a goal after just five minutes and went on to complete his hat-trick with two late strikes.

"It was a solid effort from everyone," Oppong told us. "We executed our game plan effectively and showed great team work, which was key to such a commanding win.

"Of course to get a hat-trick was nice and something to be proud of, but the main thing was to get the victory.

"Building on this momentum is now crucial as we head into the second half of the season. We want to be able to maintain this form and push to achieve our objectives.

"I want to see my game continue to improve throughout the year ahead so that I can continue making a contribution to help us get to where we want to be.

"There is a lot of potential in the squad, that has been evident since I arrived here in November. It's a learning experience for us but definite progress is being made and evidence of that was seen in our last performance.

"This is such a competitive League; there are some strong teams which makes it both challenging and exciting, but there is no reason why we can't achieve things. We've certainly started 2025 as we mean to go on!"

Next up for Oppong and his team-mates was a home encounter with a Flackwell Heath outfit that sit third in the table earlier this afternoon.

## INFLUENCER

We find out which players most influenced our Pitching In Southern League stars...

### ELIS WATTS (HUNGERFORD TOWN) > PETER WHITTINGHAM

Growing up I was a Cardiff City season ticket holder so week in, week out I was watching the legend Peter Whittingham. He was left-footed like myself and just loved watching him play.

## NEW YEAR'S DAY REVIEW

The New Year's Day fixture schedule was hit by the wet weather with a number of postponements across our four divisions.

That said, there was still plenty of drama to herald in 2025, none more so than at the top of the Pitching In Southern League Premier South where our Game of the Day saw leaders, Merthyr Town, grab a stoppage time leveller at home to Gloucester City.

It was the visitors who took the lead just before the half-hour mark through Ben Richards-Everton. That was eventually cancelled out by Ricardo Rees with 15 minutes to go before Joe Hanks looked to have given the away team victory when he found the net with just three minutes to go. However, deep into stoppage time, Noah Smerdon made it 2-2.

Second-place AFC Totton saw their tasty home encounter with Havant & Waterlooville postponed, one of four games in the Premier South to fall victim of the weather.

There were a couple of impressive away wins. Hungerford Town were given a boost as they won 3-1 at Swindon Supermarine. Joseph Marquez Espada gave them an early lead, which was cancelled out on the stroke of half-time by Ollie Mehew. They were able to regain the lead early in the second period thanks to George Smith before Anthony Dwyer sealed the victory with a third goal just past the hour-mark.

A brace from Jordan Edwards saw Hanwell Town secure a 2-0 triumph at Marlow. It was a result that leaves them tucked in the mid-table pack.

Gosport Borough recovered from going a goal down early on to beat Sholing 4-1. Another goal from Michael Folivi gave the away team a sixth minute lead, but that was soon cancelled out by Asher Yearwood. The scoreline was turned on its head just before the interval through Dan Wooden, who then went on to get another early in the second half. Yearwood weighed in with his second to seal the three points.

A Shaquille Gwengwe strike just a couple of minutes into the second period was enough to give Dorchester Town a 1-0 win against Winchester City, whilst the remaining games ended level as a last-gasp own goal from Jack Ball saw Bracknell Town earn a point from their home encounter with Basingtoke Town, for whom Liam Ferdinand had given them a first half lead. It was goalless between Plymouth Parkway and Tiverton Town.

Over in the Pitching In Southern League Premier Central, our Game of the Day saw Stratford Town romp to an excellent 4-0 victory over fellow high-flyers, AFC Telford United. Lewis Ludford-Ison and Dan Lafferty put them in command with first half goals and the same two players repeated the feat after the break. The Bards are now second.

Leaders, Kettering Town, went down to a 2-1 set-back at Harborough Town as a Ben Stephens brace ultimately secured the win, with his second goal coming just a minute after Kai Fifield had levelled matters with half-time approaching.

There was a good 2-1 away win for Bedford Town at Bishop's Stortford. Dequane Wilson-Braithwaite set them on their way early on as Ryan Blake doubled the advantage just before the interval. Brad Russell's second half strike was not enough to get anything out of the game for the hosts.

Also winning away were a resurgent Bromsgrove Sporting who took the honours at local rivals, Halesowen Town, in front of a big crowd. James Meddows broke the deadlock ten minutes after the restart, with Fin Holmes completing the scoring to bring his side in touch with those clubs in the middle of the table.

There was also a welcome 2-0 win for Hitchin Town as they beat Barwell. Daniel Stokoe and Ciaren Jones got the goals, one in each half. Spalding United came from behind to beat St. Ives Town 3-1. Josh Allen had put the visitors in front in the 11th minute but then a blast of three goals in quick succession from Abduramane Sani, Joseph Nyahwema and Bartosz Cybulski turned things around before the break and that's how the scoreline remained.

The remaining games ended level as Royston Town and Leiston played out a 1-1 draw, as did Stourbridge and Redditch United. Three games were postponed.

Four games succumbed in the Pitching In Southern League Division One South, including our Game of the Day, the Cornwall derby between Mousehole and Helston Athletic.

Of the action that did go ahead, Bishops Cleeve came from behind to beat Malvern Town 4-1 and now sit just outside the play-off places. Joe Bullock put the visitors ahead but it was cancelled out before the break by Ross Langworthy. Taking the momentum into the second half, Matt Bower soon put the hosts in front for the first time and then late efforts from Ethan Dunbar and Langworthy added extra gloss to the scoreline.

Also scoring four were Bristol Manor Farm who comfortably beat Cribbs with George Dowling and Louis Britton finding the net in the first half and a brace from Joshua Bissett after the break making it 4-0. There were four goals for Shaftesbury as they beat Melksham Town 4-3 in an entertaining encounter. Harry Baker put the visitors in front but that was cancelled out by Remus Nixon, who then went on to put his side ahead just before the hour-mark. Brett Pitman extended the lead and then Nixon completed his hat-trick before late goals from Elliot Haffenden and a Luke Ballinger penalty almost saw the away team get something out of the game.

A Bradley Selwood hat-trick saw Westbury United chalk up a commanding 3-0 triumph over Larkhall Athletic, whilst Ruben Wilson was on target with just under 20 minutes to go to give Falmouth Town another precious three points at Willand Rovers as they start to pull away from the danger zone.

In the Pitching In Southern League Division One Central, the rain caused five postponements and an abandonment at leaders, Berkhamsted who were 2-1 down to Beaconsfield Town when the conditions meant that the game was unable to continue.

Of the action that did survive, it was a Happy New Year for Leighton Town who won 5-1 away at Enfield. Godlove Oppong set them on their way early on only for Matt Hurley to restore parity on the hour. Four goals in the final 18 minutes, from Lynton Goss, Luke Pyman and two more from Oppong to complete his hat-trick, gave the visitors the perfect start to 2025.

There was a good win for Biggleswade FC as Rio Martucci-Bedingfield, a Dan Bond penalty and Temilola Akinbusoye strike in stoppage time saw them home by three goals to nil at the expense of AFC Dunstable.

Meanwhile Hadley beat Kings Langley 2-1. A quickfire double at the start of the second half set them on their way as a Cian Moore own goal and Hedley Ogbemor effort put them in the driving seat and whilst Jon Lawson pulled one back, it proved to be not quite enough.

The other action ended level as Johnny Allotey's equaliser earned a point for Ware from a 1-1 home draw with Hertford Town, for whom Sudayisi Sendege opened the scoring right on the stroke of half-time.

# PST SPORT CLUB OF THE MONTH AWARDS | DECEMBER 2024

The PST Sport Club of the Month Awards for December 2024 have been announced.

In the Pitching In Southern League Premier Central, the winners are Merthyr Town.

The month started with a hard-fought 3-2 victory at Taunton Town. It was a game which saw them race into a two-goal lead within the opening 20 minutes only to be pegged back to 2-2 by half-time. A goal early in the second period from Kane Simpson proved to be the winner.

Things were a little more straightforward in their next outing as they went to Poole Town and came home 6-1 victors. They didn't have things all their own way, though, and actually trailed at half-time before a second half hat-trick from Lewys Twamley, a brace from Ricardo Rees and a further strike from Kobi Preston-Watkins saw them add to their impressive goalscoring tally.

Another game on the road, this time to Hungerford Town, once more saw them behind at the break only for Cole Jarvis, Tom Handley and Lewys Twamley to give them a deserved victory by three goals to one.

The month came to a close back on home soil as they beat Walton & Hersham 5-2 with Lewys Twamley helping himself to another hat-trick alongside two goals from Kane Simpson. This victory saw them end the year proudly at the top of the table.

The Pitching In Southern League Premier Central accolade has gone to Bedford Town.

They have adapted to life at the higher level well since promotion at the end of last term and they got the month underway with a 4-2 triumph over Lowestoft Town in a game which saw James Clifton help himself to a hat-trick as Leon Lobjoit got the other goal.

Boxing Day saw them come from behind to beat Hitchin Town as Lewis Green drew them level before Leon Lobjoit hit what proved to be the decisive goal with around 20 minutes to go.

The year came to an end with an impressive 3-1 victory over fellow high-flyers Halesowen Town. An early goal from Ryan Blake set them on their way, but that was cancelled out towards the end of the opening period. An Ed Panter brace in the second half ensured that they ended what has been a good year for them on a high.

Taking the Pitching In Southern League Division One South honour is Westbury United.

A Tuesday evening trip down to Mousehole is not for the feint-hearted but they faced the challenge head-on to start the month with an excellent 2-0 away win. Joe Beardwell and Dan Restorick grabbed the goals.

A comprehensive 5-0 victory over Cribbs followed as Josh Jenkins weighed in with a hat-trick alongside late goals from Ryan Bole and Aaron Wittchell to add further gloss to the scoreline.

Two more goals from Josh Jenkins earned them another away triumph, this time at Tavistock AFC as they emerged 2-1 winners despite falling behind.

Having lost 2-0 at Melksham Town on Boxing Day, they responded well two days later by beating an in-form Bemerton Heath Harlequins 3-0 as Joe Beardwell bagged a brace and Bevan Cross completed the scoring as the clock ticked down.

Over in the Pitching In Southern League Division One Central, Berkhamsted once more took the accolade.

The League leaders started the month with a 5-2 away win at North Leigh in a game which saw Luke Andrews score twice and JJ Lacey, Bernard Christie and Louie Collier also get their names onto the scoresheet.

Another four away goals were chalked up at Kidlington in their next outing as they triumphed 4-1. Luke Andrews bagged another brace as Matty Bateman and Rayan Clarke notched the others.

It was the same scoreline on Boxing Day as they headed to Aylesbury United. Adam Watkins and JJ Lacey put them two goals to the good and although the hosts pulled one back just before the break, Tom Newman and Matty Bateman ensured that they added another three points to their ever-increasing tally.

The month ended back on home soil with a 2-0 victory over Thame United as first half strikes from Matty Bateman and Louie Collier saw them home and dry without too many problems to end the year on a winning note.

We congratulate the four winners:

**Premier Central – Bedford Town (3.00ppg) | Premier South – Merthyr Town (3.000ppg)**

**Division One Central – Berkhamsted (3.000ppg) | Division One South – Westbury United (2.400ppg – win on goal difference)**

Please note that each club needs to have played at least three games in a qualifying competition (League, Emirates FA Cup or Isuzu FA Trophy) during the course of the month to be eligible for the award. Goal difference is considered for League matches only.

## ABOUT THE PST SPORT CLUB OF THE MONTH AWARDS

In each division, the club with the best average points per game is declared the winner. Clubs must have played a minimum of three games during the month in either a league, League Cup, FA Cup or FA Trophy match to be considered. Should more than one club have the same best average points per game, then the winner shall be declared as the club with the best goal difference (in League matches) and if that is equal the club scoring the most goals.

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# FIXTURES | THE WEEK AHEAD

## Pitching In Southern League Premier South

### TUESDAY 07 JAN 25

Hungerford Town v Sholing  
Taunton Town v Winchester City

### WEDNESDAY 08 JAN 25

Gosport Borough v Bracknell Town

### SATURDAY 11 JAN 25

Basingstoke Town v Winchester City  
Bracknell Town v Gloucester City  
Chertsey Town v AFC Totton  
Frome Town v Hanwell Town  
Gosport Borough v Taunton Town  
Hungerford Town v Poole Town  
Merthyr Town v Dorchester Town  
Plymouth Parkway v Swindon Supermarine  
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Wimborne Town v Marlow

## Pitching In Southern League Premier Central

### TUESDAY 07 JAN 25

Lowestoft Town v Stamford

### SATURDAY 11 JAN 25

Barwell v Bromsgrove Sporting  
Bedford Town v AFC Telford United  
Biggleswade Town v Lowestoft Town  
Bishop's Stortford v Spalding United  
Halesowen Town v Royston Town  
Harborough Town v Hitchin Town  
Kettering Town v Alvechurch  
Leiston v St Ives Town  
Stamford v Redditch United  
Stourbridge v Banbury United  
Stratford Town v AFC Sudbury

We are extremely proud of the Southern League Goals of the Week Show that David Square and his team work so hard to produce on our behalf each week of the season and we urge clubs to please send your goals footage for use in the show each week.

The email address to send your footage to, by 7pm each Tuesday evening, is:

[thesouthernfootballleague@gmail.com](mailto:thesouthernfootballleague@gmail.com)

The show can be viewed via our Official You Tube Channel from 7pm every Wednesday evening.

## Pitching In Southern League Division One South

### TUESDAY 07 JAN 25

Bristol Manor Farm v Bemerton Heath Harlequins

### SATURDAY 11 JAN 25

Bishops Cleeve v Bristol Manor Farm  
Cinderford Town v Westbury United  
Didcot Town v Bashley  
Evesham United v Bideford AFC  
Exmouth Town v Tavistock AFC  
Falmouth Town AFC v Larkhall Athletic  
Helston Athletic v Melksham Town  
Malvern Town v Bemerton Heath Harlequins  
Mousehole v Thattham Town  
Shaftesbury v Cribbs  
Yate Town v Willand Rovers

## Pitching In Southern League Division One Central

### TUESDAY 07 JAN 25

Northwood v Barton Rovers  
Welwyn Garden City v Leighton Town

### WEDNESDAY 08 JAN 25

Kidlington v Aylesbury United

### FRIDAY 10 JAN 25

Thame United v Kings Langley

### SATURDAY 11 JAN 25

Aylesbury United v Stotfold  
Barton Rovers v Hertford Town  
Beaconsfield Town v Leighton Town  
Berkhamsted v Hadley  
Kidlington v Flackwell Heath  
Leverstock Green v Northwood  
North Leigh v AFC Dunstable  
Ware v Real Bedford

*Fixtures are subject to change. Compiled in association with Atos.*

There is plenty of great action coming up throughout the Pitching In Southern League. Please show your support wherever possible and if you are interested in getting more involved and finding out about volunteer opportunities, check out the Pitching In Volunteer Hub via: [southern-football-league.co.uk/Pitching-In-Volunteer-Hub](http://southern-football-league.co.uk/Pitching-In-Volunteer-Hub)

We hope that you enjoyed this edition as we look to showcase all that is good within the Pitching In Southern League. Feedback is always welcome, please email: [news@southern-football-league.co.uk](mailto:news@southern-football-league.co.uk)

Enjoy the rest of your weekend...

Andy Poole (Editor)



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