

# PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE



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# SPRING FORWARD



The month of March came to an end with plenty of drama across our four divisions.

In the Pitching In Southern League Premier South, leaders, Merthyr Town, had another good day as their 3-1 win at Winchester City was added to AFC Totton and Walton & Hersham being held to 1-1 home draws by Dorchester Town and Basingstoke Town respectively. The only other winner in the top five was Gloucester City, who beat in-form Tiverton Town by three goals to one on Friday evening.

At the bottom, Marlow were watched by Rio Ferdinand, but he couldn't inspire them as they suffered another defeat.

Over in the Pitching In Southern League Premier Central, Bedford Town are back on top after they won 2-0 at Leiston. Hot on their heels are AFC Telford United who had a commanding 3-0 triumph over Barwell.

It was honours even between Harborough Town and Halesowen Town in our Game of the Day, whilst Kettering Town were denied victory at Stamford AFC by an equaliser deep into stoppage time.

Special mention to Spalding United who chalked up a 5-0 away win at Lowestoft Town.

It's a mouth-watering title race in the Pitching In Southern League Division One South where Yate Town's lead is now just one point after they were held to another home draw, this time by play-off hopefuls, Bemerton Heath Harlequins, whilst Evesham United battled out a 1-0 away win at a Tavistock AFC outfit whose form has improved lately.

Below them, Mousehole had a bad day at the office with a 3-0 defeat at Willand Rovers, whilst Bishops Cleeve occupy the last play-off spot after winning at Exmouth Town whose slide sees them out of the top five.

Over in the Pitching In Southern League Premier Central, leaders, Real Bedford, were in seventh heaven after a 7-1 success against Beaconsfield Town.

With Berkhamsted not in action, third-place Flackwell Heath had to come from behind to beat Leverstock Green 3-1, Barton Rovers and Thame United battled out a goalless draw as Hadley slipped to defeat at Biggleswade FC.

In the big battle at the bottom, Northwood chalked up an impressive 5-2 away win at Kidlington, a result which took them out of the relegation places and put their opponents in it.

And with that, there goes the month of March. Let's see what drama April will bring as the end of the season looms.

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# PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER SOUTH

## **Gloucester City 3 Tiverton Town 1 (played Friday)**

Recent arrival, Curtis Jemmett-Hutson wasted little time in making his mark as he gave the home side an early lead as the visitors conceded after clean sheets in their previous four games.

The visitors levelled things up on the 25-minute mark through Joe Parker, but two goals early in the second period won it for the hosts as Ed Williams and then Brandon Smalley found the net.

## **AFC Totton 1 Dorchester Town 1**

The home team drew first blood when they took the lead from the penalty spot after ten minutes through Sam Magri. On the half-hour Wes Fogden levelled the scores and that's how it remained in what was an entertaining and hard-fought encounter.

## **Chertsey Town 3 Bracknell Town 1**

It was the home side who edged ahead in the sunshine when Jack Mazzone added to his tally in the opening exchanges. A second goal arrived from Conor Lee in first half stoppage time to give the hosts a two-goal advantage to take into the second period.

Just past the hour-mark and Olly McCoy made it 3-0 with a crisp finish for the home side.

There was a consolation goal from Darryl Harrison for the visitors but it was too little, too late.

## **Frome Town 0 Hungerford Town 1**

A cagey affair saw the deadlock finally broken with 77 minutes gone when Joseph Marquez Espada was able to put the away team ahead. It proved to be the difference between the two teams.

## **Gosport Borough 1 Wimborne Town 1**

The hosts' patience paid off when Nnamdi Nwachuku was able to give them the lead with just over ten minutes left on the clock.

The visitors' cause was not helped when Drew Eccott-Young was sent off within the closing ten minutes.

However, they were able to equalise late on through Will Fletcher and that's how it ended, with both teams sharing the spoils.

## **Marlow 1 Havant & Waterlooville 3**

It was the visitors who grabbed the lead from the spot through Ryan Seager in first half stoppage time here.

Under the watchful eye of Rio Ferdinand who was amongst the crowd, Naheer Nawaf equalised as the clock ticked down but the last word went to Seager who hit two more goals in stoppage time to complete his hat-trick and give the visitors the victory.





# PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER SOUTH

## **Plymouth Parkway 3 Poole Town 1**

The visitors came out of the blocks with real purpose and were rewarded with an early goal from Ezio Touray.

Things were soon levelled up when Shane White was able to convert from the penalty spot before Tom Dean turned the scoreline on its head right at the very end of the opening period.

Early in the second period and Matt Wright further extended the hosts' lead and that's how the scoreline remained.

## **Sholing 0 Hanwell Town 1**

The away side went ahead when Dan Carr was able to drive the ball home from the penalty spot with just five minutes on the clock.

A red card for Alfie Pendlebury midway through the second half saw the visitors reduced to ten men, but they were able to see the game out to get the win.



## **Swindon Supermarine 1 Taunton Town 2**

The deadlock was broken here right on the stroke of half-time when Zackariah Kotwica put the hosts ahead but the lead did not last for long as Ryan Cainey soon levelled matters.

A clever finish from Owen Brain put the away team ahead ten minutes into the second period and they managed the game well after that to secure the three points.

## **Walton & Hersham 1 Basingstoke Town 1**

It took until the hour-mark for the deadlock to be broken here as George Reid was in the right place at the right time to put the away side ahead.

With time running out, Riley Horan was able to level matters for the hosts as the spoils were shared here.

## **Winchester City 1 Merthyr Town 3**

It didn't take long for the visitors to get into their stride as Ricardo Rees put them ahead in the second minute.

Lee Lucas then doubled the advantage on the quarter-hour mark before Cawley Cox added his name to the scoresheet on the stroke of half-time.

The hosts missed a penalty early in the second half but did pull a goal back through Reggie Hodan, however, it was to prove to be mere consolation.





# PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER CENTRAL

## AFC Telford United 3 Barwell 0

After the hosts went down to ten men after 25 minutes following Harry Hawkins' dismissal, the opening goal arrived with 74 minutes on the clock from Jordan Cranston.

Straight away Ola Lawal doubled the advantage before Jimmy Armson made it 3-0 with just under ten minutes to go.

## Banbury United 0 Stratford Town 0

Neither team could be separated here as this ended in a goalless draw where defences were on top as the spoils were shared.

## Biggleswade Town 2 Bishop's Stortford 3

A defensive mix-up allowed the visitors to take the lead early on through Nahum Melvin-Lambert only for it to be cancelled out by Josh Steele.

With the scores level at the break, Brad Russell's goal saw the visitors regain the lead early in the second half.

A penalty from Keon Lewis-Burgess restored parity once more on the hour, only for Melvin-Lambert to grab a late winner for the away team.

## Harborough Town 1 Halesowen Town 1

First blood went to the visitors early in the second period when Conor Tee opened the scoring and they held the advantage until three minutes from time when Jutorre Burgess levelled matters and that is how the game finished.

## Hitchin Town 2 Royston Town 2

An early penalty converted by Jordan Coldicott-Stevens gave the away team the advantage.

There was a perfect start to the second period for the hosts when Jake Hutchinson levelled the scores and then Liam Brooks gave them the lead. On 82 minutes Adam Murray headed home an equaliser and that's how it remained.





# PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER CENTRAL

## Leiston 0 Bedford Town 2

The visitors got their noses in front just before the hour thanks to Lewis Hilliard, who then went on to bag another as the second period went on to give his side a good three points on the road.

## Lowestoft Town 0 Spalding United 5

The opening goal arrived just before the 20-minute mark and it went to Jack Roberts of the visitors as he was able to beat the 'keeper.

It was 2-0 five minutes from the interval courtesy of Dan Lawlor and then Sam Cartwright added a third towards the hour-mark to put his side firmly in command.

With 15 minutes remaining, Kieron Freeman added a fourth goal for the visiting team and then a five-star afternoon was complete as Lawlor netted from the spot in stoppage time.

## Redditch United 1 Bromsgrove Sporting 0

This tight local derby looked like ending in a stalemate until Ryan Boothe popped up deep into stoppage time at the end to give the home team the victory.

## St Ives Town 1 AFC Sudbury 3

First blood to the visitors here as Marcel Lewis broke the deadlock with 18 minutes on the clock but the scores were levelled as half-time loomed when Jernade Meade scored.

The second half was just three minutes old when Joe Neal put the away team back in front and then Callum Page extended the advantage to seal the win.

## Stamford 1 Kettering Town 1

The opening goal fell to the visitors here as Aaron Powell got his name on the scoresheet in the 15th minute.

It looked like proving to be the only goal of this hard-fought affair until the ever-reliable Jordon Cooke delivered a stoppage time leveller.

## Stourbridge 1 Alvechurch 0

It was the evergreen Tyrone Barnett who popped up to open the scoring for the home side against his former club with 32 minutes gone.

As the visitors searched for a way back into the game, they lost Dan Sweeney to a red card late on as he was dismissed alongside Blaine Rowe for the hosts.

There was to be no further addition to the scores as the points went the way of the hosts.





# PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE SOUTH

## **Bashley 1 Cinderford Town 3**

Just before the quarter-hour mark the visitors broke the deadlock when Jackson Hundt beat the 'keeper.

A second goal arrived for the away team when leading scorer, Alex Bonthron, was able to make the points safe as Jake White added further gloss to the scoreline right at the death.

In stoppage time, Connor Dunesby-Bent grabbed a goal for the hosts but it was too little, too late.

## **Cribbs 0 Westbury United 0**

There were chances for both teams to seize the initiative over the course of this game but neither side were able to take advantage and so it ended with honours even.

## **Didcot Town 2 Bristol Manor Farm 1**

Midway through the first half and Dan Warre fired the home side in front but that was cancelled out as the hour-mark approached when Bubacarr Sama equalised. There were five minutes to go when Warre regained the lead for the hosts and it proved to be the winning goal.

## **Exmouth Town 0 Bishops Cleeve 2**

This was a hard-fought and cagey affair where the deadlock was broken just before the hour-mark when Jay Malshankysj put the away team ahead. Ross Langworthy then went on to double the lead with ten minutes to go and secure a big win for the away team.

## **Falmouth Town AFC 0 Melksham Town 1**

We had to wait until the last minute here for the opening goal and it fell to Jake Andrews who made the long journey home a happier one for the visitors.





# PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE SOUTH

## **Larkhall Athletic 2 Malvern Town 2**

The home side wasted little time in taking the lead as Harvey Pritchard found the net in the third minute.

Their advantage didn't last long, though, as parity was soon restored from the penalty spot by Jack Watts.

A penalty from Max Williams gave the home side the lead once more with 83 minutes on the clock but the visitors hit back with a last-gasp leveller from former Football League striker, Ryan Brunt.

## **Shaftesbury 3 Bideford AFC 3**

A goal from Toby Holmes early on set the hosts on their way and they were able to add to their lead just past the quarter-hour mark through Luke Burbidge.

The visitors were quickly able to reduce the arrears when Finn Roberts, who bagged a brace in the last game, pulled one back. Scott Robinson then levelled things up with 20 minutes to go before Alex Moyse turned the scoreline on its head soon afterwards.

There was drama deep into stoppage time at the end when Connor Cocklin made it 3-3.

## **Tavistock AFC 0 Evesham United 1**

There was not much in this one and it was the away team who were to get their noses in front thanks to Andre Wright with 76 minutes on the clock.

In the end just one goal settled it as the visitors claimed a hard-earned three points from hosts who have found some form recently.

## **Thatcham Town 3 Helston Athletic 0**

With six minutes on the clock, Christian Johnson kept up his recent scoring run by giving the home side the lead.

The lead was doubled just past the quarter-hour mark when Shamar Moore found the net for the hosts.

A goal in the opening exchanges of the second half from Jamie Davies put the hosts well in command and it was to prove to be the end of the scoring as the hosts got the job done.

## **Willand Rovers 3 Mousehole 0**

The opening goal came ten minutes from the interval when Brandon Bak gave the hosts the lead.

Early in the second period, Finley Rooke doubled the advantage for the home team before notching his second with just over ten minutes to go to put his side firmly in command.

It was an important and deserved three points for the home side against high-flying opponents who experienced a bad day at the office.

## **Yate Town 1 Bemerton Heath Harlequins 1**

This one was finely balanced at 0-0 until with just under 15 minutes to go, King Baidoo opened the scoring for the hosts.

Our Game of the Day saw the scores levelled late on through Frankie Monk and that's how it remained as the spoils were shared.





# PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE CENTRAL

## **AFC Dunstable 0 Ware 0**

There was not much to report on in this evenly-matched contest where both sides cancelled each other out.

A draw was a fair result in the end.

## **Biggleswade FC 2 Hadley 0**

There was quarter-of-an-hour on the clock when Adam Hunt pounced to put the home side in front and that advantage was doubled as the opening period went on through Sonny Coughlin-Brown.

The second half saw no further goals as the hosts went on to get the victory.

## **Enfield 4 Stotfold 2**

The hosts went ahead with a 20th minute goal from Jack Taylor before Stefanos Georgiou doubled the lead on his debut. The second half started with a third goal for the home team as Joni Yukaj got his name on the scoresheet before Kieran Southgate made it 4-0.

Remell Stirling was able to pull a goal back for the visitors and then hit another at the death, but his efforts were in vein as the damage had already been done.

## **Flackwell Heath 3 Leverstock Green 1**

It was first blood to the visitors as Antonio Edubatey broke the deadlock in the opening exchanges, but shortly afterwards they were reduced to ten men when Ademide Baruwa received his marching orders.

Parity was restored on the half-hour mark through Jack Shakespeare before Lewis Patrick put the home team ahead early in the second period and then further extended the lead soon afterwards.

There was no comeback from the visitors to this as the home team took the points.

## **Kidlington 2 Northwood 5**

The early advantage went to the visitors when Samuel Folarin was on hand to turn the ball home and things got even better when Troy Perez-Duah added a second goal midway through the opening period.

The home team were able to reduce the arrears right on the stroke of half-time through Joel Odei-Larbi, but any hopes of a comeback were hit when Perez-Duah weighed in with his second to make it 3-1 on 57 minutes.

Shortly afterwards, Hassan Jalloh grabbed a fourth goal and then Perez-Duah completed his hat-trick.

A stoppage time strike from John Dennis for the hosts proved to be mere consolation as they were well beaten.





# PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE CENTRAL

## **Kings Langley 1 Hertford Town 4**

The deadlock was broken on the quarter-hour mark when Adeniyi Gbolahan put the away team ahead and then player-manager, Ben Herd, made it 2-0 soon afterwards.

As the interval approached, Riley Carr drove home a third goal to put the visitors firmly in the driving seat before Ryan Palomeque Bernal made it 4-0 in stoppage time at the end of the first half on his 50th appearance for the club.

With time running out, Brad Smith pulled a goal back for the home team but it was to be a bad day at the office as they were well beaten.

## **North Leigh 0 Leighton Town 3**

Three second half strikes saw the in-form visitors run out winners here.

Lynton Goss set them on their way in the 51st minute before Kyal Williams bagged a brace to see out the success.

## **Real Bedford 7 Beaconsfield Town 1**

The home side stormed to victory here. Joe Evans set them on their way early on before adding a second just before the half-hour mark.

Drew Richardson got in on the scoring act just past the half-hour and then Ben Stevens made it 4-0 at the break.

The second half started with Evans completing his hat-trick and then notching his fourth.

The visitors pulled one back through Manuchim Oke-William before Jack Snelus put the home side into seventh heaven.

## **Thame United 0 Barton Rovers 0**

This game finished goalless but it wasn't for the want of trying by both teams. However, in the end they cancelled each other out with neither able to find the breakthrough.

## **Welwyn Garden City 2 Aylesbury United 0**

In the 20th minute, Layne Eadie got his name on the scoresheet to give the hosts the edge here.

The lead was doubled with just under ten minutes to go until half-time as Lewis Jones found the net and that is how it finished.





# NEWS ROUND-UP

## WALTON & HERSHAM | EXCITING TIMES

These are exciting times for Walton & Hershams as they battle it out amongst the front-runners in the Pitching In Southern League Premier South.

After agonisingly missing out on making the play-offs at the end of last term, the Swans were installed as one of the favourites for promotion going into the current campaign and they have certainly lived up to that billing since the turn of the year.

Following a 5-2 reverse at leaders, Merthyr Town, in their final game of 2024, the club has gone on a 14-game unbeaten League run that has included 11 wins to leave them sat in third place in the table with 70 points to their name.

Playing an integral role in this impressive form is front-man, Johl Powell.

He joined the club at the turn of 2024 and since then has contributed over 40 goals and assists in all competitions.

Now as the club prepares to face the final run-in to the end of the season, Powell has provided a timely boost with the news this week that he has agreed a new deal, which runs until May 2026.

"I am over the moon to sign this new deal," Powell told us. "As soon as it was offered to me, I had no doubts in signing it; I'm really enjoying being part of things here at a club that is making great progress and has an extremely bright future.

"This season has gone really well for me; there's no doubt that it's been by far the best of my career so far and I think that's down to the people around me. The management team and my team-mates have been fantastic and considering this was a new team put together over the summer, to be sat third in the table at this stage of the season is fantastic.

"As a group we're looking forward to the run-in. We go into it full of confidence and hopefully we'll be able to pick up as many points as possible to finish as high as we can to take our place in the play-offs.

"There are some good, strong teams battling it out at the top end of the table and we relish being part of such company and showing what we are capable of. Our goal is promotion, just like all of those teams around us, and we'll be doing everything we can to achieve it."

The capture of Powell on an extended deal has delighted manager, Billy Rowley, who added: "He is a top player for us and everyone involved with the club is delighted that he has agreed to extend his deal here.

"His character and determination is the embodiment of what we are all about as a club and exactly what we want – and need – in our team.

"I first came across Johl as an Under-13 player at Millwall and even at that young age, his work ethic and eye for a goal were clearly evident. He's dedicated to his craft and takes his football extremely seriously.

"He is an absolute pleasure to work with."



## HERTFORD TOWN | JOHN'S BIRTHDAY WISH

Last Saturday's Non-League Day 2025 helped to shine a light on all that is good about the non-League game.

At the heart of it all is the people who make football at this level what it is. From the hard-working volunteers to the passionate supporters and all of the dedicated players, coaches and officials in between, there's a lot to love about the game beyond the FA Premier League and EFL.

Over at Hertford Town, John Staines has been the heartbeat of the Pitching In Southern League Division One Central club for decades. Every home game, without fail, he stewards the car park, whilst his wife, Shelagh, looks after home and away officials in the boardroom.

On Saturday, April 5th John turns 93 years young. His Birthday wish? To see his beloved Hertford Town achieve an attendance of over 1,000 people that day as they play host to Flackwell Heath.

"People like John are worth their weight in gold," said player-manager, Ben Herd.

"Come rain or shine he and his wife, Shelagh, are there carrying out their duties with warmth and dedication that has never faded over the decades.

"The word legend is used all too often these days, but John truly is a Hertford Town legend; he represents the very best of non-League football and the volunteers without whom a club like ours simply would not be able to operate.

"For his forthcoming 93rd Birthday he has just one wish and, typically, it's not about him, it's about the club that he holds so dear and has been the mainstay of his life.

"He wants to see us achieve an attendance of over 1,000 for our home game against Flackwell Heath that day and to help make his dream become reality, we have decided to make it free admission for all!

"Yes, that's right, we're opening our doors and inviting you all to come along for free to help celebrate John's Birthday and create a special atmosphere in what will be a big game for us against opponents who are pushing for promotion.

"We had over 1,500 fans here for our FA Youth Cup fixture against Arsenal earlier this season and it was an occasion for which we were applauded by The FA for how well run the evening was, so our incredible volunteers, including John, are ready to make April 5th just as special."

We've left the last word for John himself.

"I don't want any presents, I just want 1,000 people here watching and cheering on my club!"

Message received, loud and clear! So, if you are able, please get along to Hertford Town's Hertingfordbury Park (post code SG13 8EZ) on Saturday, April 5th 2025 and make John's Birthday wish become reality!

## INFLUENCER

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

### JACK WATTS (MALVERN TOWN) > THIERRY HENRY

As a striker, I used to idolise Thierry Henry and the way he would cut in from the left and just place the ball where he wanted - so impressive and a natural goalscorer!



## HARBOROUGH TOWN | IN BLOOM

The battle for promotion and the play-off places in the Pitching In Southern League Premier Central is nicely poised with just ten points separating the whole of the top nine clubs.

Tucked within that leading pack is Harborough Town who, it's fair to say, are enjoying their first taste of life at this level.

Having experienced an Emirates FA Cup adventure earlier in the campaign that took them to the second round proper and a trip to Reading, they now find themselves just inside the top five following Tuesday's draw at Bromsgrove Sporting, as they extended their unbeaten run to eight games.

"To be in the mix for a play-off place going into the final month of the season is really exciting," Luis Rose told us. "It wasn't all that long ago we were looking over our shoulder and worried about being dragged into a relegation battle, so it shows how quickly fortunes can change in this League.

"We've done really well to put ourselves into this position and now it's a case of taking it one game at a time and trying to not get too far ahead of ourselves because there are some big clubs battling it out with us to finish in the top five.

"For us to be in this kind of company and still have everything to play for shows exactly how far we have come. We're just going to enjoy the run-in and look to extend the great form that we're on for as long as we possibly can.

"Saturday's 4-0 away win at Bishop's Stortford was a great result and performance. It's a tough place to go and, to be fair, we dominated the game from start to finish. We could have had things wrapped up by half-time but we were guilty of missing some good chances.

"However, we were a lot more clinical after the break and that was reflected in the final scoreline.

"As I say, we're taking it one game at a time, nothing is won or lost just yet. There will be twists and turns to come for most teams I think, so it's a case of accumulating as many points as we can and see where it takes us."

We ended by asking the 27 year-old, who has been with the club since October 2022, how he has enjoyed his first taste of life at Step 3.

"I didn't make the best of starts," he admitted. "It took me a little while to get to grips with the step up, but I feel that over the second half of the season I'm putting in performances that I am happy with.

"The same can be said of the team as a whole; we've grown together and got stronger and stronger as the season has progressed. Long may that continue now we're getting into the 'business end'!

"Hopefully I can play my part with goals and assists over these remaining games to end what has been a season that I will never forget on a high."



## BIDEFORD AFC | JUST REWARDS

After 11 League games without a win, Bideford AFC were finally able to secure a big three points on Tuesday evening at Cribbs, a result which moved them further clear of the relegation zone in the Pitching In Southern League Division One South.

On the mark with two of the goals in the 3-0 triumph was Finn Roberts and he was quick to point out that whilst it was their first taste of victory since January, they have proved to be hard to beat with seven of those 11 winless games ending in draws.

"The thing is, we haven't been playing badly at all," Roberts told us. "It's been fine margins; the recent game against leaders, Yate Town, was a prime example of where we dominated for long periods but were unable to take our chances and then our opponents grabbed a share of the spoils.

"That's been the story of our season, so it was nice to see things come together with a commanding win and clean sheet on Tuesday. It didn't matter who scored, as long as we got those three points in the bag, but from a personal point of view, it was nice to score twice.

"The mood within the camp has remained positive. People have said, including the Gaffer who has been here for years, that we've played some of the best football that this club has seen in a long time during the course of this season.

"It just shows what a tough and competitive League it is. Every game is a test regardless of who the opposition are.

"In terms of my own form this season, it's been a reflection of last term in many ways. After a slow start I was able to find my feet and I've been happy with the way things have gone recently; I'm playing with confidence and making a contribution.

"I've enjoyed some of the football that we've been able to play. There's a real togetherness amongst the group and it will serve us well during what is a high-stake part of the season. Of course, we would have liked to have more points on the board, and we certainly deserve to have more, but we battle on and now we'll be looking to add to our points tally when we head to Shaftesbury on Saturday.

"The focus is on ensuring that we have enough points to secure our place in this League for next season and then we'll take things from there."

The Robins now sit five points clear of the four relegation places with 42 points to their name from 35 games.





# FIXTURES | THE WEEK AHEAD

## Pitching In Southern League Premier South

### SATURDAY 05 APR 25

Basingstoke Town v Gosport Borough  
Frome Town v Chertsey Town  
Gloucester City v Dorchester Town  
Hanwell Town v Merthyr Town  
Havant & Waterlooville v Swindon Supermarine  
Hungerford Town v AFC Totton  
Poole Town v Marlow  
Sholing v Taunton Town  
Tiverton Town v Bracknell Town  
Walton & Hersham v Wimborne Town  
Winchester City v Plymouth Parkway

## Pitching In Southern League Premier Central

### TUESDAY 01 APR 25

Lowestoft Town v Banbury United

### SATURDAY 05 APR 25

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

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

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



## Pitching In Southern League Division One South

### TUESDAY 01 APR 25

Cinderford Town v Bishops Cleeve  
Didcot Town v Willand Rovers  
Falmouth Town AFC v Westbury United

### SATURDAY 05 APR 25

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

## Pitching In Southern League Division One Central

### TUESDAY 01 APR 25

Leverstock Green v Northwood  
Thame United v Enfield

### SATURDAY 05 APR 25

Aylesbury United v Real Bedford  
Barton Rovers v Welwyn Garden City  
Berkhamsted v Kidlington  
Hadley v Enfield  
Hertford Town v Flackwell Heath  
Kings Langley v Beaconsfield Town  
Leighton Town v Thame United  
Leverstock Green v North Leigh  
Northwood v Biggleswade FC  
Stotfold v AFC Dunstable

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