

PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE



SATURDAY EVENING E-NEWSPAPER

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MILLERS PRIDE



The Pitching In Southern League action was restricted to just Division One South and Central this afternoon due to it being Isuzu FA Trophy third round qualifying weekend.

Exmouth Town missed the chance to go level on points at the top of Division One South as they lost for only the second time this season, at the hands of Falmouth Town, whilst Helston Athletic had to settle for a point from their home encounter with Shaftesbury, although they remain unbeaten in their opening six games at this level.

There was an impressive away showing from Bishops Cleeve as they ran out 5-1 winners at Larkhall Athletic, with Ross Langworthy and Joe Selman both bagging braces. Thatcham Town also had a good 4-1 triumph over Willand Rovers despite being reduced to ten men as Shamar Moore, who scored their second goal, was dismissed just before half-time.

In Division One Central, North Leigh won for the first time this season as they recovered from being two goals

down with just ten minutes remaining to beat Leverstock Green 3-2.

There's a lot to be excited about at Biggleswade FC at the moment and they secured a good 3-1 away win at Beaconsfield Town to continue their climb up the table. Likewise, AFC Dunstable are on the climb having seen two late goals give them a 4-2 victory over Enfield.

The Isuzu FA Trophy saw nine ties involving our member clubs go to penalty shoot-outs, whilst notable results included high-flying Hadley securing a 3-1 triumph over Carshalton Athletic, Barton Rovers winning at Littlehampton Town, Halesowen Town securing a commanding 3-0 triumph at Redditch United and both Stourbridge and Yate Town winning by the same scoreline, against Matlock Town and Melksham Town respectively.

A full list of results can be found inside. We send our congratulations to all of the winners who have made it through into Monday's draw and commiserate with those whose journey has come to an end today.

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PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE SOUTH

Bideford AFC 0 Cinderford Town 0

The windy conditions made it difficult for both teams and as such this was not a great spectacle for those watching. The hosts looked the most likely side in the second period but they found their opponents in stubborn mood.

Cribbs 1 Bashley 0

This was a game that looked destined to be goalless with both defences on top, that was until Spike Weaver came off the bench and grabbed what proved to be the winning goal in the 87th minute as he notched his first for the club.

Didcot Town 2 Bemerton Heath Harlequins 1

The home side were reduced to ten men early on when Conor McGrath saw red for a high challenge.

With the scores remaining goalless at the break, it took the visitors just seconds after the restart to take the lead when Ronan Clancy was able to beat the 'keeper. A goal from Josh Davis on 62 minutes brought the scores back level before Patrick Osborne put the home side ahead with just over ten minutes to go and that's how it remained.



Evesham United 2 Westbury United 1

The visitors took the lead with just three minutes on the clock when Ed Butcher caught the 'keeper out with an effort from distance. There was a quarter-of-an-hour gone when the hosts hit back as defender, Toby Raison, restored parity as he headed home and then Reegan Messenger turned the scoreline on its head as half-time approached. Neither team was able to add to the scoring after the break as the home side held on to all three points.

Falmouth Town AFC 2 Exmouth Town 1

Neither team was able to find a way through during the opening period as the first half ended goalless, but within five minutes of the start of the second half, Oscar Massey put the home team ahead. Things took a turn when Harrison Jewell was dismissed within ten minutes and then with just over 20 minutes to go, Callum Shipton levelled the scores.

However, Massey stayed cool to convert from the spot and put his side back in front and it proved to be the winning goal.



PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE SOUTH

Helston Athletic 1 Shaftesbury 1

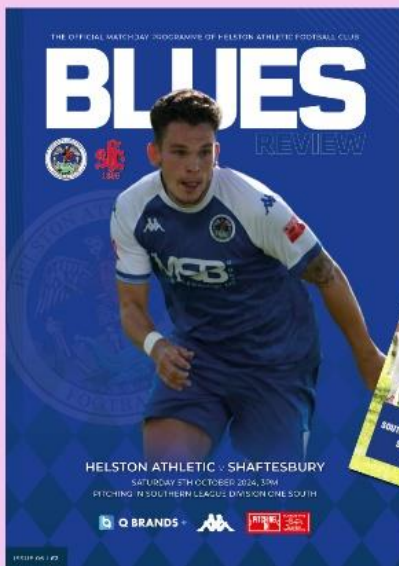
It was the home side who got their noses in front here thanks to Reece Thomson's goal just before the half-hour mark. The lead didn't last long, though, as Toby Bailey levelled matters for the visitors, who went into the game on the back of their first win of the season in their previous game. The home side were unable to get back in front as the visitors played out a good, hard-earned point on the road.

Larkhall Athletic 1 Bishops Cleeve 5

After good chances at either end within the opening couple of minutes, it was the visitors who drew first blood on five minutes through Joshua Nelmes. The advantage was double with just ten minutes on the clock when Joseph Selman was able to find the net in the sunshine. This was a very open game in the opening exchanges and Alex Lambert pulled a goal back for the hosts on the 20-minute mark. The second period started in a similar fashion as Ross Langworthy added a third for the visitors within minutes of the re-start and then bagged his second of the afternoon just past the hour-mark to make it 4-1. At this stage, the visitors were rampant and Selman notched his second to further increase their lead and that was to be the end of the scoring.

Thattham Town 4 Willand Rovers 1

There were six minutes on the clock when Kyle Daniel-Spray opened the scoring for the home side. Midway through the opening period and a penalty from Shamar Moore doubled the hosts' lead but his afternoon was to turn sour five minutes from the break when he was red-carded as the visitors pressed for a way back into proceedings. Early in the second half Harry Thorpe weighed in with a third goal for the hosts and things continue to go for them when Roberto Nditi added a fourth goal. A late Ryan Guppy effort proved to be a mere consolation for the visitors.



PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE CENTRAL

AFC Dunstable 4 Enfield 2

13 was not unlucky for the home side as Tom Blennerhassett put them ahead in the 13th minute only for the visitors to level five minutes later through Fahad Nyanja. A goal from Sean Duodu saw the host back in front right on the stroke of half-time as he capitalised upon some defensive hesitation.

The scores were levelled ten minutes into the second half through substitute, Ben Wyss, but the home side regained the lead on 85 minutes through Russ Berko and he wasted little time in following it up with another goal to seal the victory.

Beaconsfield Town 1 Biggleswade FC 3

An early goal from Rio Martucci-Bedingfield gave the advantage to the visitors here and it was doubled just before the half-mark as Amir Hadi got his name on the scoresheet. There's a real buzz about the visitors at the moment and they further extended their lead in the opening exchanges of the second half when Hadi added his second goal of the afternoon.

The hosts pulled a goal back with just under quarter-of-an-hour to go as Eremide Lawal found the net but it proved to be too little, too late.

Leighton Town 2 Northwood 0

Just before the half-hour mark, Louie Barrett fired the home side in front and the lead was doubled in first half stoppage time by Charlie Pattison.

There was no further additions to the scoreline in the second period as the hosts held on to their lead to claim the three points.

North Leigh 3 Leverstock Green 2

It was the visitors who forged ahead early on through Callum Neal and they went on to add a second goal with quarter-of-an-hour to go when Ethan Mooney was in the right place at the right time to turn the ball home.

The home side offered a response when Calvin Njoroge reduced the arrears with ten minutes left on the clock and just moments later, Kyle Chester levelled the scores.

With their tails up, Harlee Vozza completed the turnaround as he fired the hosts ahead for the first time with just five minutes remaining and it was enough to give them the points from a fantastic turnaround.

Stotfold 2 Welwyn Garden City 1

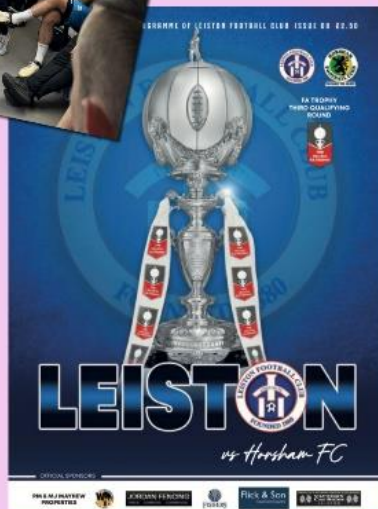
The home side took the lead in the 21st minute when Robbie Buchanan was able to guide the ball home.

The equaliser arrived on the hour-mark from Lewis Taaffe but parity did not last long as Alex Coppin put the hosts back in front and this was to prove to be the decisive goal.



ISUZU FA TROPHY THIRD ROUND QUALIFYING

AFC Sudbury 0 Cambridge City 1
AFC Telford United 1 Cleethorpes Town 1 (AFC Telford United win 5-4 on pens)
AFC Totton 1 Merthyr Town 0
Ashford United 1 Walton & Hersham 0
Barwell 1 Stratford Town 0
Bedford Town 1 Hendon 5
Bowers & Pitsea 3 Real Bedford 0
Chasetown 1 Bromsgrove Sporting 0
Chertsey Town 1 Billericay Town 1 (Chertsey Town win 6-5 on pens)
Flackwell Heath 1 Bishop's Stortford 1 (Bishop's Stortford win 4-1 on pens)
Frome Town 1 Havant & Waterlooville 1 (Havant & Waterlooville win 5-4 on pens)
Gloucester City 2 Wimborne Town 2 (Gloucester City win 8-7 on pens)
Hadley 3 Carshalton Athletic 1
Hanwell Town 1 Berkhamsted 1 (Hanwell Town win 3-1 on pens)
Hashtag United 1 Hitchin Town 0
Hungerford Town 3 Sholing 1
Kettering Town 0 Gainsborough Trinity 2
Leiston 1 Horsham 1 (Horsham win 4-3 on pens)



ISUZU FA TROPHY THIRD ROUND QUALIFYING

Lewes 6 Bracknell Town 3
 Littlehampton Town 0 Barton Rovers 1
 Lowestoft Town 2 Royston Town 3
 Marlow 0 Biggleswade Town 1
 Mousehole 0 Bristol Manor Farm 2
 Plymouth Parkway 3 Banbury United 2
 Poole Town 1 Gosport Borough 1 (Gosport Borough win 4-3 on pens)
 Redditch United 0 Halesowen Town 3
 Spalding United 1 Alvechurch 2
 Sporting Khalsa 5 Harborough Town 2
 Stamford 1 Anstey Nomads 5
 Stourbridge 3 Matlock Town 0
 Taunton Town 1 Basingstoke Town 0
 Tavistock AFC 3 Hornchurch 1
 Tiverton Town 0 Dorchester Town 0 (Dorchester Town win 5-4 on pens)
 Uxbridge 3 Thame United 2
 Winchester City 5 Swindon Supermarine 2
 Worksop Town 2 St Ives Town 1
 Yate Town 3 Melksham Town 0
Congratulations to all of the winners, the draw for the next round will take place on Monday.



CREATING A BUZZ

There's a real buzz around Biggleswade FC right now as the Pitching In Southern League Division One Central club, who were only formed in 2016, prepare for their biggest-ever game next weekend as they host York City in the Emirates FA Cup fourth round qualifying.

For Chairman, Jeremy Reynolds, one of the founding members of the club, it is a dream come true.

"We could only have dreamt of something like this when the club was founded in 2016," he told us. "Our history has been one of relentless progress, being faced with, and rising to, successively greater challenges.

"What a draw; York City are a club with such history and tradition, it's one of the biggest draws we could have got at this stage of the competition.

"Having a home tie makes it even more special for our fans and the local community of Biggleswade. We have always put up our best performances when playing against quality opponents and it doesn't get much tougher than this!

"The buzz that has gone around social media about our previous result and this tie has been extraordinary and we have had so many good wishes from the public as well as the local and wider football world. It has been brilliant exposure for our club and our profile has been raised enormously.

"It says a lot for our reputation as a football club that everyone has been so delighted for us, especially our fellow local clubs. Mixed with the excitement, of course, is a slight feeling of being daunted at what we need to do to get the match on – we have never been faced with an occasion such as this before – but I know that with the superb people we have at the club, they will rise to the challenge and make it a match and occasion to remember!

"Quite simply this is our biggest-ever match and occasion by far. It's so important for a club like ours. Not having our own ground means that we have a limited



BURSTING WITH PRIDE | Biggleswade Chairman, Jeremy Reynolds

revenue stream and we are constrained by what we are able to do. Our committee works very hard to bring in sponsors and put on events but the prize money and gate receipts from the FA Cup are crucial in helping us to be financially sustainable and meet the ever-increasing expenses that are faced by so many clubs like ours.

"Our coaching and management team is second to none and no team will be better prepared for a big game. The character and resilience of our team is something that was remarkable in adversity in the last round and we have a steeliness about us that will serve us well.

"All of our players enjoy playing together and are aware of what an opportunity this is to show what they can do - I am always so pleased to showcase our attractive, passing football in front of a large crowd and I know that whatever the result and outcome, we will give our best and make Bedfordshire football proud.

"For myself, having been with the club right from the start in 2016, I will be excited and nervous but above all immensely proud of our football club and all it has achieved and delighted for everyone who has supported and backed us – this game is for them too. I hope everyone enjoys every aspect of the occasion and who knows where we might be afterwards?"

We asked Mr. Reynolds how his involvement with the club first came about.

BIGGLESWADE FC | JEREMY REYNOLDS

“My son, Matthew, is a talented footballer, playing in the academies of Luton, Ipswich and MK Dons as a youngster. He also played for Letchworth Garden City Eagles with Lee Northfield, the son of FC’s joint manager, Dave Northfield, who I thus got to know well. Both Matthew and Lee played for Biggleswade Town Under 18s, the forerunner of Biggleswade FC and when Dave set up our new club, he asked me to be the Chairman.

“The club was designed to give an opportunity for players who had been released by academies to come together and progress and ensure them and other young local footballers didn’t drift out of the game. Lee, one of our ‘originals’, still plays for FC and Matthew, who also played and was then player manager of our reserves, is now a High Performance football coach at Ottawa South United in Canada.

“Soon after we set up the club, we went to Wembley to secure our entry into a league. I wrote our case to ensure we were put at the right level – Step 6 – for the ability of our players and this succeeded and we entered the Spartan South Midlands League in August 2016. We won the title in the first season, vindicating our placing and the rest is history!

“We have had a meteoric rise in the short time we have been in existence – compared to most of the clubs we visit, we have only a very short history. Yet we have had two promotions, several cup wins, including the historic Bedfordshire Senior Cup last season and already countless memorable moments, with this season’s FA Cup run at the top – we also got to the last eight of the FA Vase when at the previous level.

“Every season has been one of steady and relentless progress and whereas football can be such an immediate game, we always look to the ‘bigger picture’ and celebrate what we have achieved in such a short time. We have a large group of very dedicated and hardworking volunteers on our committee who collectively do wonders for the club and our support base too has been growing – remarkable for such a young club at the moment based out of our home town.

“We have developed out as a club with our reserves and large number of youth sides and have made so many impacts on the local community of Biggleswade. I often think we are involved in ‘building the club backwards’ – developing our systems, structures and strategic vision to go with our success on the field but our existing ethos and identity is already remarkably strong. We have so many positive things in place, not least the wonderful bond between our squad and the committee – now we just need a ground and home of our own back in Biggleswade, to really take off as a club and hopefully go to the next level.

“When, not if we do this, we know though that we will keep our existing ethos and identity and go forward in sustainable ways.”

Ahead of today’s trip to Beaconsfield Town, the club had won two of its four League games, with their Cup adventures meaning that they have games in hand over everyone else.

“Our progress to this stage of the FA Cup has already made this a memorable season and cup games have meant we have only played a few league games. However, in the league already and certainly in the cup games, we have all remarked on how well we have been playing. Our trademark teamwork and attractive passing football is now combined with a resilience and character that gives the team an excellent balance.

“There is a real steeliness about our defending and particularly pleasing has been how well lots of new players have come in and adapted to the FC way. Youngsters, including those coming up from the reserves and academy loanees have quickly found their feet and really enjoyed playing alongside more established players. We had, for us, a relatively big change of personnel in the close season, including the retirement of our long-serving and influential Captain Tom Coles, but the squad has adapted well to all the changes and we have a real depth of quality and options for the management and coaching teams to draw on.



EXCITING ADVENTURE | The Biggleswade FC players celebrate

SATURDAY EVENING FEATURE

“We are below mid-table only because we are playing catch-up in the League and I am very confident that we will finish in a very respectable and comfortable position come next May. We don’t intend to give up our title as Bedfordshire Senior Cup holders easily either!

“Division One Central is very competitive as ever and the cliché that anyone can beat anyone on the day is truer than ever. There have been and will be many more unexpected results before the end of the season and to date, it appears more even than recent seasons, with no club at the moment running away with things and teams that wouldn’t necessarily have been on peoples’ radar showing outstanding form and consistency.

“There are some big money clubs in our League and players with higher level experience but as always, it is teams that will succeed, not individuals and there are definitely no easy games based on the season so far. Lots of competitive, enjoyable and local Bedfordshire/ Hertfordshire matches is great, meaning great rivalry and less travelling and cost for all of us.”
So, what are the short and longer-term visions for the club?

“Simple really,” was the response. “Our number one long term (I hope not too long term!) priority by far is to secure a ground and home of our own back in Biggleswade. This is so important for us financially and in many other ways and there are so many things that we will be able to achieve for the community of Biggleswade when we are back in our home town.

“We are making significant progress towards this end and have huge support and goodwill behind us and I am very hopeful that we will make a breakthrough soon. The FA Cup run and tie with York can only help this quest by raising our profile and achievements and garnering more support.

“Short term, we want to continue doing everything we currently do well and both broaden and deepen this. On the pitch, we want to consolidate our position at Step 4 and see more of our young players’ progress through to the first-team and



CUP OF CHEER | Celebrations after winning in the previous round

even realise their future beyond it, like some of our squad who have gone onto professional clubs. Off the pitch, we would like to develop further our local community work, such as with the Ivel Valley School in Biggleswade and continue to enhance our very positive local and wider profile as a respected club in the football world.

“We wish to enlist more people with expertise and experience to help us grow and also look to the future – for example where we would like to be in five years’ time. This is very important to our football club and we need to ensure that we are looking forward and ensuring that Biggleswade FC has a bright and sustainable future.”

The passion that Jeremy Reynolds has for the club was evident throughout the interview and it came as no surprise to learn that his wife, Ruth, is also on the committee too and both his son and daughter have been involved – a real family affair!

Whilst it’s unlikely that Biggleswade FC’s FA Cup adventure will end at Wembley, Ruth has already coached there after leading her Primary School to become National Schools Champions, with son, Matthew, in the team. “Yes, football is very much in our blood as a family. Ruth and Matthew have already made it to Wembley and won in a national competition, now it’s my turn,” he said with a wry smile. “Being part of Biggleswade FC has led me to become a devoted follower of non-League football. I love the unique way in which at this level you can get so close to the players and involved with all aspects of running a football club. I wouldn’t swap this in any way for the professional game!

“I have had to relinquish my Southend United season-ticket, where I have been a fan for 50 years, because of my matchday FC duties, but it has been a sacrifice that I have gladly made!”

NEWS ROUND-UP

STOURBRIDGE | SIDIBE SMILING

Stourbridge returned to winning ways last weekend as they ended a run of three straight defeats by beating local rivals, Alvechurch, 2-1 to keep them in amongst the leading pack in the Pitching In Southern League Premier Central. Weighing in with what proved to be the winning goal was Toumani Sidibe, one of a number of summer recruits.

"This was a much-needed win for us," Sidibe told us. "It's always nice to get on the scoresheet, it was a real team goal, but the main thing wasn't who scored, it was all about getting those three points.

"We were a bit more like ourselves compared to the previous few games. There were good performances all over the pitch; we defended well when we had to and took our chances in front of goal.

"We started the season really well considering this is a completely new team. We've had a bit of a wobble, it happens, but we want to be able to push on again now.

"It's still very early doors, but I am happy with my start. It was always going to take a bit of time to adapt to the team and a new environment, but this is a strong level and I am up against some top non-League players.

"There have been moments where I have been really happy and also tougher times, but it's a case of being patient, working hard and taking the chances that come my way. Bagging the winner in the last game will do me no harm, so I am in a good place.

"This is a physical and extremely competitive League, there are also a lot of big local clubs which adds extra spice. Every game is tough; everyone is capable of beating each other.

"Our team spirit can give us an edge. The team is gelling together nicely, but we have to be able to do it on a consistent basis.

"Having a highly motivated management team will also drive us on to be successful. Collectively we want to be up there fighting for promotion come the end of the season. It'll be a tough journey but we have an honest and solid group here and a coaching staff that knows what it takes to get out of this League.

"For me personally, as a striker you are judged on goals, so I just want to score as many as I can to help the team and enjoy my football."

The Glassboys turned their attention to Isuzu FA

Trophy matters earlier today as they took on Matlock Town.



SHAFTESBURY | TIME TO SHINE

There was a little bit of history created at Shaftesbury on Tuesday evening when they secured their first-ever victory at Step 4 level.

It came courtesy of a 4-1 triumph over Bemerton Heath Harlequins in the Pitching In Southern League Division One South and left manager, Pat McManus, beaming from ear to ear.

"It came as something of a relief to finally get that first win under our belt," admitted McManus. "We've felt that it was on the horizon; we've come up marginally short on all but one of our fixtures so far and there has been a feeling in the camp that our first complete performance would probably return all three points, and so it proved.

"The win itself was pretty comprehensive; we scored goals at opportune times and but for some excellent goalkeeping could've quite easily ended the first half in a healthier position."

McManus started the season as joint manager alongside James Milligan, who recently departed the club to take over at the helm of Tuesday's opponents.

"I was proud that everyone involved followed the brief as opposed to getting caught up in the occasion or emotion of facing a recently-departed manager, who for some is also a friend," added McManus. "We stuck to our game plan and remained focussed on the task of getting all three points.

"Being a joint manager is an incredibly difficult role, I think it takes time, patience and understanding to undertake it in a manner where both parties are completely satisfied. It's for those reasons I completely understood Jim's decision to step down and seek an individual role."

For the Dorset outfit, the step up in standard this season has come as no surprise to them.

"The division has been everything we expected it to be," continued McManus. "Every fixture is a challenge; no opposition can be taken lightly and there is some real quality throughout.

"From our point of view, we will be looking to build upon these three points and improve in certain areas. If we can so this, it should facilitate our longer term aim of consolidating into the upper part of the table and seeing where hard work and some good fortune will take us."

Shaftesbury are on the road today as they headed to Helston Athletic.



INFLUENCER

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

JONNY EDWARDS (ST. IVES TOWN) > RONALDO (CR7)

I wouldn't say he influenced me because we're completely different, but the guy I loved watching the most was CR7. So confident in himself and what a talent! The stats don't lie...

PST SPORT CLUB OF THE MONTH AWARDS | SEPTEMBER 2024

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

In the Pitching In Southern League Premier Central, it's Kettering Town who take the honour.

They started the month with a single-goal defeat at Royston Town, but recovered to secure a come-from-behind victory at St. Ives Town in their next game as Kai Fifield levelled the scores with 20 minutes to go before Lewis White hit the winner in the final minute.

A hard-earned 1-0 victory over Cleethorpes Town saw them make Emirates FA Cup progress before they secured a commanding 4-1 triumph against Lowestoft Town in their next outing as an own goal set them on their way just before the interval and second half strikes from Luca Miller, Nile Ranger and Dan Jarvis followed.

Former FA Premier League striker, Nile Ranger was on the mark again in the next game as his brace gave them a 2-0 victory against fellow high-flyers, Stamford AFC. The month came to a close with a convincing 3-0 win away at League rivals, St. Ives Town in the Emirates FA Cup.

The Pitching In Southern League Premier South honour goes to Dorchester Town.

They made a bright start to the month with a convincing 4-0 success against Frome Town as Jordan Ngalo opened the scoring early on and Shaquille Gwengwe doubled their advantage before ten minutes had been played. Matt Buse and Wayne Robinson added further goals after the break.

The next game saw them come from behind to defeat League leaders, AFC Totton, 3-2. A quickfire double from Olaf Konzsela just before the hour-mark saw them overturn their first half deficit before Wayne Robinson got his name on the scoresheet once more with their third goal, which was enough to give them victory despite their opponents pulling a goal back late on.

The month ended with a 3-1 victory over Chertsey Town and another brace from Olaf Konzsela. Joining him on the scoresheet was Shaquille Gwengwe.

Over in the Pitching In Division One Central, it's Hadley who are celebrating.

It's been an entertaining month for them, which got underway with a 2-1 victory over Grays Athletic in the Isuzu FA Trophy.

That was followed by an away win at Ware by the same scoreline as Isaac Stones and George Alfieri.

Their next game saw three first half strikes put pay to AFC Dunstable in a 3-0 success. Hedley Ogbemor put them ahead in the opening exchanges before two goals in quick succession from Jordan Edwards and Isaac Stones just before the break settled this contest.

A 4-1 victory over Ipswich Wanderers saw them march on in the Isuzu FA Trophy and they won by the same scoreline in their next game, just as they had done after the previous round. This time it was Berkhamsted who succumbed to defeat with Isaac Stones setting them on their way before Billy Hayes put them back ahead and two late strikes from Luke Alfano and Toby Gould added gloss to the win.

Finally, in the Pitching In Southern League Division One South, Bristol Manor Farm take the award.

A 2-0 Isuzu FA Trophy victory over Westbury United set them on their way before they handed out a 6-1 thrashing at Cinderford Town with Louis Britton and Joshua Bissett bagging two goals apiece as George Dowling and Daniel Dodimead hit the others.

A penalty shoot-out at Evesham United secured their passage in the Isuzu FA Trophy after it had finished 2-2 and they ended the month with another scoring spree, this time against Falmouth Town, who they beat 5-1 with two more from Louis Britton and other strikes from Daniel Dodimead, Josh Bissett and Dylan Tate.

We congratulate the four winners:

Premier Central – Kettering Town (2.500ppg) win on goal difference | Premier South – Dorchester Town (3.000ppg) | Division One Central – Hadley (3.000ppg) win on goal difference | Division One South – Bristol Manor Farm (3.000ppg)

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 08 OCT 24

Winchester City v Poole Town

SATURDAY 12 OCT 24

AFC Totton v Hanwell Town

Frome Town v Basingstoke Town

Gloucester City v Havant & Waterlooville

Marlow v Dorchester Town

Sholing v Poole Town

Swindon Supermarine v Tiverton Town

Walton & Hersham v Taunton Town

Winchester City v Hungerford Town

Pitching In Southern League Premier Central

SATURDAY 12 OCT 24

Banbury United v Bromsgrove Sporting

Biggleswade Town v Stratford Town

Harborough Town v Bishop's Stortford

Hitchin Town v Spalding United

Lowestoft Town v Halesowen Town

Redditch United v AFC Sudbury

St Ives Town v Barwell

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WEDNESDAY 09 OCT 24

Larkhall Athletic v Bashley

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

The show can be viewed via our Official You Tube

Channel from 7pm every Wednesday evening.

SATURDAY 12 OCT 24

Bashley v Evesham United

Bishops Cleeve v Cribbs

Bristol Manor Farm v Helston Athletic

Cinderford Town v Bemerton Heath Harlequins

Didcot Town v Yate Town

Exmouth Town v Larkhall Athletic

Mousehole v Melksham Town

Shaftesbury v Falmouth Town AFC

Tavistock AFC v Thatcham Town

Westbury United v Bideford AFC

Willand Rovers v Malvern Town

Pitching In Southern League Division One Central

SUNDAY 06 OCT 24

Aylesbury United v Ware

MONDAY 07 OCT 24

Biggleswade FC v Kings Langley

SATURDAY 12 OCT 24

Berkhamsted v Hertford Town

Enfield v Aylesbury United

Flackwell Heath v Stotfold

Hadley v Leighton Town

Kidlington v Welwyn Garden City

Leverstock Green v AFC Dunstable

Northwood v Barton Rovers

Real Bedford v Thame United

Ware v Beaconsfield Town

Next Saturday some of our member clubs are involved in the Emirates FA Cup fourth round qualifying.

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

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

Enjoy the rest of your weekend...

Andy Poole (Editor)



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