

# PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE



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There was plenty of exciting action across our four divisions this afternoon.

In the Pitching In Southern League Premier South, leaders, Merthyr Town were held at home by Plymouth Parkway despite getting off the to the best possible start with a goal within the opening two minutes.

It meant that AFC Totton were able to close the gap just behind them as they eventually ran out commanding 6-1 winners against Marlow, although they didn't have things all their own way.

A late leveller earned Gloucester City their 12th draw of the season at Basingstoke Town, whilst three goals in the final four minutes gave Dorchester Town a 4-1 victory over Swindon Supermarine. There was also late drama at Havant & Waterlooville where Walton & Hersham nicked a 3-2 win in the last minute.

Over in the Pitching In Southern League Premier Central, Bedford Town are back in pole position following a commanding 3-0 triumph over Bromsgrove Sporting. Second-place Stratford Town won by the same scoreline against Royston Town as AFC Telford United were held at Bishop's Stortford.

In the Pitching In Southern League Division One South, Bashley ended a difficult week with a 3-2 victory over Willand Rovers as they returned to action following a serious road traffic accident involving Jordan Chiedozie and physio, Reighan Taylor, on their way back from last weekend's game.

Leaders, Yate Town, were 2-1 victors over Falmouth Town and in doing so ended their opponents' winning run. Exmouth Town slipped to a 2-1 defeat at Shaftesbury, who grabbed the winner in stoppage time, meaning that Evesham United go second having beaten Melksham Town 2-0.

Both Mousehole and Bishops Cleeve, who make up the rest of the top five, both had routine home wins.

In the Pitching In Southern League Division One Central, leaders, Real Bedford, overcame the challenge of Kidlington without too many problems as they won 3-0 away. Second-placed Berkhamsted were made to work hard for their 1-0 success against AFC Dunstable.

Meanwhile Flackwell Heath let a lead slip to go down 2-1 at fellow play-off hopefuls, Barton Rovers, who went back into the top five after Thame United lost at home to Biggleswade FC.

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# PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER SOUTH

## **AFC Totton 6 Marlow 1**

The hosts took the lead ten minutes from the break through Tony Lee but it was cancelled out by Mekhai Bessasa-Grant as the clock ticked down at the end of the opening period.

A goal from Scott Rendell put the home team back in front on the stroke of half-time and there was still time for Ethan Taylor to add a third goal for the hosts in stoppage time.

It was Taylor who hit the fourth goal on the hour-mark to put his side firmly in the driving seat.

In the closing stages, Rendell made it 5-1 and then Ben Seymour added another to complete what proved to be a commanding win in the end.

## **Basingstoke Town 1 Gloucester City 1**

There were 63 minutes on the clock when the deadlock was finally broken as Jaden Thompson-Brissett got his name on the scoresheet for the home team.

As time started to run out, Elis Watts fired the visitors back onto level terms and it ended with honours even.

## **Bracknell Town 0 Taunton Town 2**

This looked like ended in a stalemate with neither side able to take the initiative. That was until the first minute of stoppage time when Tom Purrington put the visitors in front and then Ollie Dewsbury helped himself to another a couple of minutes later to complete a late win for his side.

## **Dorchester Town 4 Swindon Supermarine 1**

This tightly-fought encounter saw Corby Moore finally break the deadlock when he put the hosts ahead midway through the second half, but it was soon cancelled out by Harry Williams.

The home team were back in front late on thanks to Marcus Daws before Olaf Konzsela made the points safe at the death.

There was still time for Dawes to add another as the home side finished with a real flourish here.

## **Frome Town 0 Sholing 3**

The deadlock was broken right at the end of the first half when Michael Folivi put the away team in front and then they got their two-goal cushion just after the hour-mark thanks to Romoluwa Akinola.

A commanding away win was complete at the death through Jake Hesketh who notched a third goal.





# PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER SOUTH

## **Gosport Borough 1 Poole Town 0**

There was little to separate the two teams until Nnamdi Nwachuku gave the home side the lead midway through the second half.

That's how it remained as the hosts took the points at the expense of their local rivals.

## **Havant & Waterlooville 2 Walton & Hersham 3**

The opening goal came for the away team as Dawid Rogalski was able to edge them in front in the opening exchanges, but soon afterwards Ryan Seager levelled matters.

A penalty from Rogalski with just over ten minutes to go until the break put the visitors back in front but again the hosts hit back quickly with what looked like an own goal from Julian Eccleston.

A red-card for Devante Stanley left the hosts to face the final 30 minutes with ten men.

This game, which had ebbed-and-flowed all afternoon ended up going to way of the visitors when Elliott Bolton scored in the last minute.



## **Merthyr Town 2 Plymouth Parkway 2**

It only took two minutes for Kane Simpson to open the scoring for the hosts but they were unable to build upon it as Shane White, was agreed a new deal in the week, equalised from the penalty spot in the 43rd minute. Simpson put the home team back in front early in the second period but the visitors refused to let their heads drop and Kieran Wilson levelled things up again as the clock ticked down as it finished with honours even.

## **Tiverton Town 0 Hungerford Town 3**

The in-form visitors edged in front through Rhys Tyler just before the 30-minute mark and then Joseph Marquez Espada doubled the lead just before the interval.

A late goal from Marquez Espada added further gloss to the scoreline for the away team who secured a deserved three points.

## **Winchester City 1 Hanwell Town 1**

Midway through the first half and the visitors grabbed the lead courtesy of Harry Seabrook but they were pegged back in stoppage time at the end as Tom Wright levelled matters as it finished with the spoils shared.





# PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER CENTRAL

## **Bedford Town 3 Bromsgrove Sporting 0**

Just before the half-hour mark, leading scorer, Leon Lobjoit, was able to add to his tally to put the home team ahead before he weighed in with his second in the opening exchanges of the second half.

As the clock ticked down, Ryan Blake weighed in with a third goal to complete a commanding victory.

## **Biggleswade Town 1 Stourbridge 4**

With ten minutes to go until the interval, Ethan Freemantle was on target to give the away team the lead.

The visitors were able to double their lead just before the hour when the evergreen Tyrone Barnett found the net.

A penalty from Freemantle put the visitors well in control going into the closing stage of the game.

There was a penalty at the other end, which was converted by Nagheeb Ibrahim to give the hosts a consolation goal.

Late on, Joel Kettle made it 4-1 for the visitors as he came up from the back to find the net as the visitors were deserved winners.

## **Bishop's Stortford 2 AFC Telford United 2**

The visitors forged ahead through Matty Stenson on 21 minutes, but it didn't take Luke Chalwell to bring the scores back level.

As half-time approached, James Armson was able to restore the away team's lead but a late effort from Cole Dasilva meant that it was honours even.

## **Harborough Town 2 Lowestoft Town 1**

Joe Duffy struck first to get the away team a 25th minute lead and then the home team's woes continued when Connor Kennedy was red-carded early in the second period.

The home team did manage to find a leveller and it came from Riley O'Sullivan with time running out before Ben Stephens went on to win it deep into stoppage time with virtually the last kick.

## **Hitchin Town 1 Banbury United 0**

Brad Smith made it first blood to the hosts when he found the net early on and it was to prove to be the only goal of this contest.





# PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER CENTRAL

## Kettering Town 3 Barwell 0

The home side seized the advantage on 17 minutes as Nile Ranger got his name on the scoresheet and it became 2-0 just past the hour-mark through Terell Pennant. The final minute saw Wes York round off a commanding victory for the hosts.

## Redditch United 1 St Ives Town 1

A penalty just before the hour-mark from Ryan Boothe put the home side in front before George Munday brought the scores back level with just under 15 minutes to go and that's how it remained as both sides took a point apiece.

## Spalding United 2 Halesowen Town 0

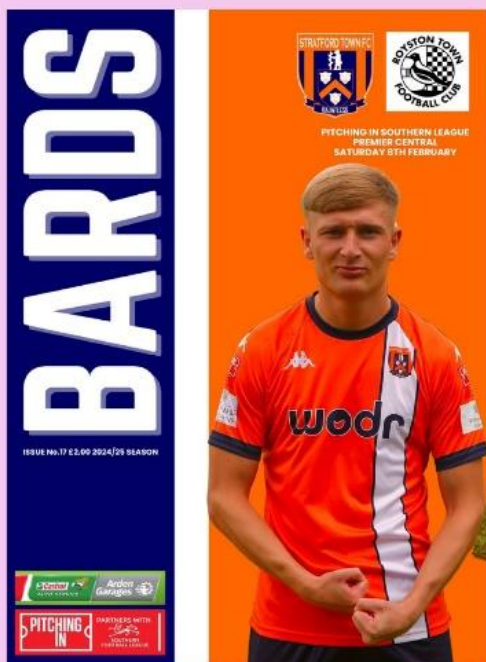
First blood to the hosts when Bartosz Cybulski was in the right place at the right time to score just before the half-hour mark. The lead was doubled right on half-time through Abduramane Sano Sani and that was to prove to be the last of the scoring.

## Stamford 0 Leiston 2

It was first blood to the visitors thanks to Ben Fowkes' opener on five minutes and then Adam Mills rounded a good away win off late on with a second goal as the visitors' impressive recent form continued against opponents with similar play-off aspirations.

## Stratford Town 3 Royston Town 0

The opening exchanges of the second half saw the deadlock broken when Lewis Ludford-Ison fired home for the hosts. Buoyed by the goal, Owen James wasted little time in doubling the advantage before Charlie Williams added a third right at the end.





# PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE SOUTH

## **Bashley 3 Willand Rovers 2**

The home team when ahead midway through the opening period through Mitchell Speechley-Price and then the experienced, Brett Williams, doubled the lead as the interval approached.

There was a lifeline for the away team when a penalty from Bailey Kempster reduced the arrears on the stroke of half-time.

On the hour-mark, the home side made it 3-1 through Daniel Walster before another spot-kick from Kempster set up a tense finish as the hosts held on to claim the win.

## **Bideford AFC 3 Malvern Town 3**

It was the away side who broke the deadlock here as Lewis Spurrier found the net on 25 minutes, but the lead lasted just a few minutes as Billy Tucker restored parity.

The scoreline was turned on its head two minutes from half-time when Javan Wright found the net and then Tucker bagged his second of the afternoon ten minutes into the second period.

Just before the hour-mark, Jack Watts pulled a goal back for the visitors from the penalty spot and then Spurrier levelled matters shortly afterwards as it ended with the spoils shared.

## **Bishops Cleeve 2 Westbury United 0**

A penalty from Ross Langworthy put the hosts ahead during the opening exchanges and then the same player made it 2-0 with quarter-of-an-hour to go to ensure that the hosts took all three points.

## **Bristol Manor Farm 2 Thatcham Town 2**

The home side went ahead when Aron Robbins found the net in the seventh minute, but it was cancelled out soon afterwards by Harvey Flippance.

With just over 20 minutes to go, Jadyn Dundas put the away team in front for the first time.

Parity was restored by Louis Britton with ten minutes left to go on the clock and that's how it finished with the points shared.

## **Didcot Town 2 Tavistock AFC 1**

There was half-an-hour gone when Connor Barrett put the hosts in front here and then they doubled their advantage through Cameron McNeill on 70 minutes.

A goal from Tyler Elliott for the visitors with time running out set up a nervy finale for the home side but they managed to hold on to their lead to take all three points.





# PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE SOUTH

## **Evesham United 2 Melksham Town 0**

The home side went in front when Alfie Dunn was able to beat the 'keeper with 11 minutes on the clock.

The victory was rounded off late on when Levi Steele doubled the advantage.

## **Helston Athletic 0 Bemerton Heath Harlequins 1**

The visitors got their noses in front just past the 20-minute mark as Kieran Douglas was able to turn the ball home.

It proved to be the only goal of this game as the away team managed to protect their lead.

## **Larkhall Athletic 3 Cribbs 3**

On 24 minutes the opening goal arrived as Callum Chalmers put the hosts in front but a Bailey Croome penalty on the half-hour mark levelled matters.

The scoreline was turned on its head on the stroke of half-time through Malcolm Nicholls and then George Kellow wasted little time in adding a third goal early in the second period.

Within two minutes, Jake Hicks, had pulled a goal back for the hosts and then Evrard Yao brought it back to 3-3 with 15 minutes to go and that's how it finished.

## **Mousehole 3 Cinderford Town 1**

There were 27 minutes on the clock when Oscar Massey gave the home team the lead.

The advantage was doubled early in the second half courtesy of Jack Symons and then Hayden Turner chipped in with a third to put the hosts firmly in the driving seat.

A goal from Ben Watkins for the visitors proved to be mere consolation.

## **Shaftesbury 2 Exmouth Town 1**

With five minutes to go until the break, the home side were able to get ahead as Luke Burbidge found the net.

The second half was just seven minutes old when Tom Bath equalised but there was late drama when Cameron Beard gave the hosts victory in stoppage time.

## **Yate Town 2 Falmouth Town AFC 1**

This cagey affair finally saw the deadlock broken right on the stroke of half-time when Wayne Nderemani was able to get the hosts' noses in front.

Just before the hour-mark, King Baidoo weighed in with a second goal for the hosts.

A Jack Webber strike for the visitors deep into stoppage time proved to be too little, too late as their winning run came to an end.



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# PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE CENTRAL

## **Barton Rovers 2 Flackwell Heath 1**

Five minutes from half-time, Wiktor Makowski was able to give the visitors the lead but that effort was cancelled out by Matthew Moloney with around ten minutes to go.

The hosts went on to take the lead through Albie Hall late on and it proved to be the all-important goal as they secured a big three points.

## **Beaconsfield Town 3 Hertford Town 1**

A goal in the opening exchanges from Josh Marcon put the hosts ahead and they were able to double their advantage soon afterwards through Manuchim Oke-William.

Just before the hour, Jacques Kpohomouh put the hosts well in command as a stoppage time goal for the visitors from James Doherty proved to be too little, too late.

## **Berkhamsted 1 AFC Dunstable 0**

The hosts finally made the breakthrough on 70 minutes as Adam Watkins put them ahead and it was to prove to be the deciding goal as this hard-fought encounter went the way of the home side.

## **Kidlington 0 Real Bedford 3**

Just past the quarter-hour mark, Ben Stevens put the away team ahead and they made it 2-0 in first half stoppage time courtesy of Joey Evans.

It was Evans who notched the third goal in the 53rd minute to complete the scoring as the visitors secured a deserved three points.





# PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE CENTRAL

## Stotfold 2 Leighton Town 3

The home side broke the deadlock on 11 minutes through Ashley Kersey but it was cancelled out just past the hour by Lynton Goss.

It was the away team who went ahead as half-time approached through Luke Pyman but the scores were levelled with just under 15 minutes to go thanks to Haroon Meriai.

The away team regained the lead as the clock ticked down as Goss got his second of the afternoon to win the game.

## Thame United 1 Biggleswade FC 3

There were just four minutes on the clock when Brayden Daniel put the hosts ahead but the goal was cancelled out just past the hour-mark through Temilola Akinbusoye.

The visitors then went on to get in front with around 15 minutes to go through Dan Carey-Evans and then Akinbusoye added another late on to complete the victory.

## Welwyn Garden City 1 Kings Langley 0

A goal from Nicholas Ralfe gave the home team the lead on 43 minutes and there was little to separate the teams after that as the hosts managed to see it out to take the points.





# NEWS ROUND-UP

## HUNGERFORD TOWN | REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL

There's plenty to celebrate and enjoy at Hungerford Town right now.

The Pitching In Southern League Premier South club are currently on a six-game unbeaten League run since the turn of the year, which saw them secure the PST Sport Club of the Month accolade for January 2025.

Amongst this, reliable full-back, Rhys Tyler, celebrated his 300th appearances for the club last Saturday. The former Reading youngster originally joined the Crusaders ahead of the 2015/16 season following a spell in German football and whilst he had a couple of seasons away in between, he has given sterling service to the club over the past decade.

"I am really happy to have reached this landmark," he told his club's media. "To mark it with a win to add to the unbeaten run that we're on was perfect.

"It was an extremely hard-fought battle on Saturday; it turned into a bit of a scrap with the conditions, but we don't mind that and we've started to show that we are able to find a way to win.

"We've had a great start to the New Year; everything is starting to come together nicely. We changed our formation not too long ago and now we've been able to find a way to play that suits us and is delivering results.

"Everyone is buying into the system and that is showing through in the performances that we've put in recently and the work-rate that has gone into each game.

"It was nice to get some recognition with the Club of the Month award and our focus is on continuing it throughout February and see where it takes us.

"I've got some brilliant memories from over the years here. That promotion season of 2015/16 stands out; to win the play-off game here in front of a rocking Bulpit was special and now we want to get the place rocking again for the remainder of this season."

A trip to Tiverton Town was on the agenda earlier today.



## BIGGLESWADE TOWN | FIGHTING SPIRIT

Despite sitting at the foot of the Pitching In Southern League Premier Central table, Biggleswade Town came within minutes of pulling off victory at leaders, AFC Telford United, on Tuesday evening.

A first half strike from Daniel Izekor gave them the lead, which they were able to hold on to until the closing stages of the game to deny them what would have been only a third League triumph of the campaign following promotion at the end of last term. But goalscorer Izekor, who weighed in with his eighth League strike of the season, believes that the battling qualities they displayed at the New Bucks Head will stand them in good stead for the challenges which lie ahead as they look to preserve the Step 3 status that they worked so hard to achieve.

"We need to take the qualities that we showed on Tuesday with us into the games that lie ahead," Izekor told us. "We know that we have plenty of quality here and even though we couldn't quite see it out at AFC Telford, we have to take confidence and belief from the result.

"Hopefully this point can be the catalyst we need to get ourselves into a run of results and build some momentum.

"We know what we have to do; we've set the standard. The togetherness that we have is going to be so important and we have to keep on fighting and believing if we are to stand any chance of achieving our goals.

"It's a tough ask, we know that, but whilst its possible, we have to give it absolutely everything we've got.

"For me personally I want to keep my performance levels high week in, week out and contribute with as many goals as I can to help the team.

"This is a strong League, it's my first time playing at this level and I just love the competitive nature. I am enjoying the challenge of pitting my wits against ex-pros and the quality that exists within this League.

"I have learned a lot from it so far and the experience can only help me for my future. My aim is to keep improving and give my all to the club and see where it takes us."

A home game against Stourbridge took place earlier today.

## INFLUENCER

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

**TYLER ELLIOTT (TAVISTOCK AFC) > LUKA MODRIC**

It's hard to pick one player in particular as there are so many top players who have all influenced me in some way, but probably the most relevant to me being a Spurs fan and playing in the midfield role, it would have to be Luka Modric.





## BASHLEY | SENDING SUPPORT

The football community has come together to offer its support to Bashley FC after their player, Jordan Chiedozie, and physio, Reighan Taylor, were involved in a serious road traffic accident on Saturday evening, as they travelled back from their Pitching In Southern League Division One South game at Tavistock AFC.

The car that they were travelling in suffered a blow out tyre, which forced them to pull over onto the hard shoulder of the M27. It was then that another vehicle collided into them, causing serious injury to Mr. Chiedozie, who also counts Dorchester Town, AFC Totton and Poole Town amongst his former clubs.

The Bashley players have set up a GoFundMe page which, at the time of writing, has seen almost £20,000 donated.

"We are overwhelmed with sadness and shock at what has happened," said manager, Dave Lewis, who has been a pillar of strength during what has been a traumatic week for the club. "The football fraternity has been brilliant and we've received so many nice and supportive messages. When something like this happens, you see the strength of the football community and it's been far-reaching and a source of real comfort.

"The money raised through the GoFundMe page has been fantastic, but it's not about the money, it's more a token of love and support for Jordan.

"The Southern League kindly allowed us to postpone Tuesday's game and it gave us an opportunity to get together as a group and try to understand and come to terms with what has happened. It gave us the chance to get our emotions out there.

"It was sombre, but a good meeting as we all needed to get together. It also gave us chance to rally around Reighan. Thankfully she suffered no physical injury but despite the obvious trauma, she remained calm and concise to deal with the situation when it happened and call an ambulance, which arrived on the scene within minutes. She's an absolute hero."

The thoughts of the Southern League are with everyone who has been affected by this and we wish Jordan well on his long road to recovery. After some heartfelt deliberation, the Bashley players have decided to go ahead with today's game against Willand Rovers. Both the Southern League and the opposition were supportive with whatever decision the club made on this.

**You can donate to the GoFundMe page via:**  
<https://gofund.me/6739f3a9>



## THAME UNITED | THE LATE SHOW

There was plenty of drama at Thame United on Tuesday evening as the home side came back from four goals down to draw 4-4 with Stotfold in the Pitching In Southern League Division One Central.

The visitors raced into a two-goal lead within the opening ten minutes and when they bagged a fourth goal on the hour-mark, it looked like game over.

But within two minutes of the fourth goal going in, the evergreen Jefferson Louis had reduced the arrears before a frantic final eight minutes saw the hosts score three times, with the equaliser coming deep into stoppage time courtesy of substitute, Curtis Brown.

The late drama followed on from Saturday's game where an 89th minute goal from Finlay Murray gave them a 2-1 triumph at Hertford Town.

It's not the first time this season that Brown has grabbed a vital late goal; he got the winner in the final minutes at Beaconsfield Town at the end of November.

"Tuesday's game was frustrating to watch from the sidelines," admitted Brown. "Having got such a good away win in the previous game, we expected to take it into this one, but it just wasn't happening for us.

"The opening ten minutes set the tone and when I came on, we were 4-1 down and starring defeat in the face.

"But we got a second goal with around eight minutes to go and it just galvanised us. Everyone dug in and played their part, it was as if a wave of belief just came over us and carried us through.

"Coming off the bench, you always hope to make an impact, so to play my part in the comeback and get the equaliser right at the death was a great feeling.

"As a group I feel that we've exceeded expectations this season. We've reached the 50-point mark and sit just inside the play-off places. There's a lot of work still to be done to be able to secure our place in the top five, we know that.

"It's been a steady season for myself; Tuesday's goal was my tenth of the season and I've also weighed in with a few assists as well. I've got areas of my game which need improvement, of course, but the coaching staff here are excellent in aiding that.

"The League is just as competitive as I expected it to be. There are a lot of tough games and teams pushing each other, so it's great to be part of that.

"As we look ahead to the rest of the season, our aim is simple; to make the play-offs. We'll be pushing as hard as we can for promotion and if I can play my part in that, then I will be very happy indeed.

"On Saturday we play host to Biggleswade FC. They are one of the teams just outside the leading pack, so we don't want to let them gain any ground on us.

"Hopefully we can pick up where we left off in the final ten minutes or so of the last game."



# PST SPORT CLUB OF THE MONTH AWARDS | JANUARY 2025

## The PST Sport Club of the Month Awards for January 2025 have been announced.

In the Pitching In Southern League Premier Central, the winners are Alvechurch.

The month got underway in emphatic fashion with a 4-0 away win at Lowestoft Town. Dylan Allen-Hadley got things going with a goal in the opening seconds and it was followed by further strikes from Joe Willis and Archie Crowther, with another Allen-Hadley goal sandwiched in between.

A hard-earned 3-2 victory over Barwell followed, with Dylan Allen-Hadley bagging another brace as Brad Stretton hit a dramatic stoppage time winner.

It was a very similar story in the next game as they beat high-flying AFC Telford United 3-1. Despite falling behind, Joe Willis got them back on level terms before Allen-Hadley did his thing with another two-goal haul to leave Tim Flowers' side with maximum points from their January games.

The Pitching In Southern League Premier South winners were Hungerford Town, who took the award on goal difference from Hanwell Town. A 3-1 away triumph at Swindon Supermarine heralded in the month as Joseph Marquez Espada put them ahead early on and whilst they were pegged back just before the break, George Smith and Anthony Dwyer found the net in the second half to secure the victory.

Their next outing saw them come from behind to beat Sholing 2-1 as Joseph Marquez Espada found the net for the second game in succession before Luke Softley bagged the winner.

An away point at Walton & Hersham came next as Kyle Tooze fired them in front early on, only for the hosts to level matters in the opening exchanges of the second period. They were back on the road for their next game but this time it yielded an excellent 4-0 win at Bracknell Town.

Two goals from the in-form Marquez Espada came at the start and end of the game with further goals from Rhys Tyler and Curtis Angell in between to make it a solid month for the Crusaders.

Picking up the award in the Pitching In Southern League Division One Central are Real Bedford.

The League leaders started the month by coming from behind to win 3-1 at Ware as second half strikes from Joey Evans, Tyriq Ward and Ben Stevens saw them add to their points tally.

It set them up for their top of the table clash with Berkhamsted, which they ended up winning convincingly 5-1 with all six goals coming in an action-packed second half. Josh Setchell, Joey Evans, Ben Stevens, Anthony Agemoh-Davies and Callum Nicolson all got their names on the scoresheet in what was a statement victory.

It led to another home triumph, this time 3-1 over Leverstock Green, as Joey Evans, Isaac Galliford and Josh Setchell found the net against stubborn opponents. They achieved the same scoreline in their next outing, an away trip to Welwyn Garden City, where Josh Setchell put them ahead only for the home team to level matters and it stayed that way until the final minute when Joey Evans and Tom Hitchcock grabbed two late goals for a familiar 3-1 scoreline.

Finally, in the Pitching In Southern League Division One South it is Falmouth Town who take the accolade.

The month started with a hard-earned New Year's Day success at Willand Rovers where Rubin Wilson's goal in the final 20 minutes proved to be the difference.

It was a bit more convincing in their next encounter as they chalked up a 4-1 victory over Didcot Town with Rubin Wilson setting them on their way and although their opponents levelled matters soon afterwards, goals from Oliver Walker, Jared Sims and Luke Barner gave them a deserved three points.

A 6-0 away win at Thatcham Town was next up as they dominated from start to finish with the goals shared around between Brad Leivers, Jack Webber, Oliver Walker, Rubin Wilson, Luke Barner and Luke Brabyn.

The month ended with another away win, this time at Bideford AFC, as they responded to a half-time deficit by grinding out victory thanks to an equaliser from top scorer, Rubin Wilson, and an impressive late winner from Luke Barner. It was a result which saw them continue their climb up the table.

We congratulate the four winners:

**Premier Central – Alvechurch (3.000ppg) | Premier South – Hungerford Town (2.500ppg - win on goal difference) | Division One Central – Real Bedford (3.000ppg) | Division One South – Falmouth Town (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.

PST Sport are the sponsors of the Southern Football League's club of the month awards for the four divisions. Each winner receives an engraved glass memento along with a voucher for use with the company. PST Sport design and build state-of-the-art artificial grass pitches, from full-size pitches to training areas, that stand up to the challenges of all sporting codes.

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# FIXTURES | THE WEEK AHEAD

## Pitching In Southern League Premier South

### TUESDAY 11 FEB 25

Chertsey Town v Walton & Hersham  
Taunton Town v Frome Town  
Wimborne Town v Havant & Waterlooville

### WEDNESDAY 12 FEB 25

Gosport Borough v Gloucester City

### SATURDAY 15 FEB 25

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

## Pitching In Southern League Premier Central

### TUESDAY 11 FEB 25

Biggleswade Town v Lowestoft Town  
Leiston v St Ives Town

### SATURDAY 15 FEB 25

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

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 11 FEB 25

Bristol Manor Farm v Bemerton Heath Harlequins  
Cribbs v Willand Rovers  
Falmouth Town AFC v Westbury United  
Mousehole v Helston Athletic

### WEDNESDAY 12 FEB 25

Tavistock AFC v Bideford AFC

### SATURDAY 15 FEB 25

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

## Pitching In Southern League Division One Central

### TUESDAY 11 FEB 25

Northwood v Barton Rovers  
Real Bedford v Stotfold

### WEDNESDAY 12 FEB 25

Enfield v Welwyn Garden City  
Kidlington v Aylesbury United

### SATURDAY 15 FEB 25

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

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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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