MATCH DAY · A FICTIONAL LEAGUE

THE BOROUGH LEAGUE

SIX CLUBS ten rounds

Six clubs from six English market towns, from the quay at Kingsferry to the station end at Holmby. Home and away, ten rounds, and the top of the table takes the title. Every club comes with its ratings and a named match-day squad, so every goal has a name on it.

KINGSFERRY UNITED — THE FERRYMEN

ATK	DEF	CGF
7	8	4

QUAY LANE

Champions last season, and they did it by not conceding. Joint best defence in the league, and a crowd that knows how to see out a 1-0.

ELLINGHAM ATHLETIC — THE ELLS

ATK	DEF	CGF
7	6	5

MILL MEADOW

Runners-up, and joint best attack in the league. They will score at Mill Meadow; whether they keep them out is another matter.

CASTLEBRIDGE TOWN — THE BRIDGEMEN

ATK	DEF	CGF
6	8	4

CASTLE STREET

A back four that has played together for years. Goals come from set pieces, and the centre-backs get their share.

THORNBY ROVERS — THE THORNS

ATK	DEF	CGF
6	7	5

BROOK PARK

Not many chances, but they bury the ones they get. Their number nine takes the lion's share.

HARROWDEN WANDERERS — THE WANDERERS

ATK	DEF	CGF
6	7	3

THE COMMON

Plenty of the ball and not enough goals. The regulars on the Common have a word or two to say about it.

HOLMBY ALBION — THE ALBION

ATK	DEF	CGF
5	6	3

STATION ROAD

Promoted in the spring after a twenty-year wait. Small ground, loud crowd, and nobody enjoys the trip to Station Road.

HOW TO PLAY IT

Play your own club's matches with **Long Play** and the rest of the round with **Quick Play**. After a goal, roll a d20 on the scoring side's **Goal d20** column for the name (an own goal names itself). After a card, roll on the **Card d20** column.

THE TABLE

3 points for a win, 1 for a draw. **Level on points:** goal difference, then goals scored, then the results between the two clubs.

CUP TIES

Want a cup as well? Draw it from a hat and play it with Book Two: extra time, then penalties.

NEXT SEASON

Run Book Four's end-of-season steps on all six clubs, then play it again.

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THE SQUADS

CLUBS 1 & 2

KINGSFERRY UNITED

ATK 7 DEF 8 CGF 4 — QUAY LANE

#	POSITION	THE MATCH-DAY SQUAD	GOAL D20	CARD D20	SEASON GOALS
1	GOALKEEPER	Ethan Needham			
2	RIGHT-BACK	Ellis Beckford		1-2	
3	CENTRE-BACK	Niall Hewitt	1	3-5	
4	CENTRE-BACK	Will Yates	2	6-8	
5	LEFT-BACK	Alex Maddox		9-10	
6	HOLDING MID	Harry Fearnley	3	11-14	
7	MIDFIELD	Kieran Thornhill	4-5	15-16	
8	MIDFIELD	Danny Shelton	6	17-18	
9	RIGHT WING	Danny Corbett	7-9	19	
10	STRIKER	Ben Swift	10-15	20	
11	LEFT WING	George Blackwell	16-18		
12	SUB KEEPER	Will Robshaw			
13	SUB DEFENDER	Theo Elliott			
14	SUB MIDFIELD	Charlie Wardle			
15	SUB MIDFIELD	Ollie Cotterill			
16	SUB FORWARD	Lewis Underwood	19-20		

ELLINGHAM ATHLETIC

ATK 7 DEF 6 CGF 5 — MILL MEADOW

#	POSITION	THE MATCH-DAY SQUAD	GOAL D20	CARD D20	SEASON GOALS
1	GOALKEEPER	Sam Birch			
2	RIGHT-BACK	Leon Shaw		1-2	
3	CENTRE-BACK	Billy Bagshaw	1	3-5	
4	CENTRE-BACK	Andre Eaton	2	6-8	
5	LEFT-BACK	Theo Dearden		9-10	
6	HOLDING MID	Jordan Dent	3	11-14	
7	MIDFIELD	Matt Cresswell	4-5	15-16	
8	MIDFIELD	Marcus Jephcott	6-7	17-18	
9	RIGHT WING	Freddie Oakley	8-10	19	
10	STRIKER	Dan Winstanley	11-15	20	
11	LEFT WING	Isaac Weston	16-18		
12	SUB KEEPER	Matt Langley			
13	SUB DEFENDER	Leon Ollerton			
14	SUB MIDFIELD	Reuben Reeves			
15	SUB MIDFIELD	Archie Woodcock			
16	SUB FORWARD	Jack Goddard	19-20		

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THE SQUADS

CLUBS 3 & 4

CASTLEBRIDGE TOWN

ATK 6 DEF 8 CGF 4

CASTLE STREET

#	POSITION	THE MATCH-DAY SQUAD	GOAL D20	CARD D20	SEASON GOALS
1	GOALKEEPER	Ellis Mayfield			
2	RIGHT-BACK	Reece Tranter		1-2	
3	CENTRE-BACK	Theo Simcox	1-2	3-5	
4	CENTRE-BACK	Ollie Spooner	3-4	6-8	
5	LEFT-BACK	Rhys Hollis		9-10	
6	HOLDING MID	Ben Quinn	5	11-14	
7	MIDFIELD	Ethan Mottram	6	15-16	
8	MIDFIELD	Callum Salt	7	17-18	
9	RIGHT WING	Freddie Poole	8-9	19	
10	STRIKER	Jack Mason	10-15	20	
11	LEFT WING	Alfie Painter	16-17		
12	SUB KEEPER	Connor Dodd			
13	SUB DEFENDER	Jamie Bolton			
14	SUB MIDFIELD	Connor Critchley	18		
15	SUB MIDFIELD	Danny Talbot			
16	SUB FORWARD	Alfie Ford	19-20		

THORNBY ROVERS

ATK 6 DEF 7 CGF 5

BROOK PARK

#	POSITION	THE MATCH-DAY SQUAD	GOAL D20	CARD D20	SEASON GOALS
1	GOALKEEPER	Freddie Cope			
2	RIGHT-BACK	Ben Radford		1-2	
3	CENTRE-BACK	Archie Bramall	1	3-5	
4	CENTRE-BACK	Ryan Lowe	2	6-8	
5	LEFT-BACK	Ben Finch		9-10	
6	HOLDING MID	Henry Rowley	3	11-14	
7	MIDFIELD	Kai Hulme	4	15-16	
8	MIDFIELD	Tyler Bannister	5-6	17-18	
9	RIGHT WING	Theo Slater	7-8	19	
10	STRIKER	Connor Ince	9-16	20	
11	LEFT WING	Lewis Davenport	17-18		
12	SUB KEEPER	Alfie Webster			
13	SUB DEFENDER	Archie Barlow			
14	SUB MIDFIELD	Sam Burrows			
15	SUB MIDFIELD	Callum Hardy			
16	SUB FORWARD	Tom Chapman	19-20		

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THE SQUADS

CLUBS 5 & 6

HARROWDEN WANDERERS

ATK 6 DEF 7 CGF 3 — THE COMMON

#	POSITION	THE MATCH-DAY SQUAD	GOAL D20	CARD D20	SEASON GOALS
1	GOALKEEPER	Ollie Hadley			
2	RIGHT-BACK	Ollie Hammond		1-2	
3	CENTRE-BACK	Max Clayton	1	3-5	
4	CENTRE-BACK	Mateo Padgett	2	6-8	
5	LEFT-BACK	Jack Gough		9-10	
6	HOLDING MID	Callum Prescott	3	11-14	
7	MIDFIELD	Ben Heath	4-5	15-16	
8	MIDFIELD	Rhys Pearce	6	17-18	
9	RIGHT WING	Yusuf Brookes	7-9	19	
10	STRIKER	Lewis Mallett	10-15	20	
11	LEFT WING	Liam Bostock	16-18		
12	SUB KEEPER	Yusuf Chadwick			
13	SUB DEFENDER	Dan Vickers			
14	SUB MIDFIELD	Ryan Cheshire			
15	SUB MIDFIELD	Luca Bradshaw			
16	SUB FORWARD	Luke Kirkham	19-20		

HOLMBY ALBION

ATK 5 DEF 6 CGF 3 — STATION ROAD

#	POSITION	THE MATCH-DAY SQUAD	GOAL D20	CARD D20	SEASON GOALS
1	GOALKEEPER	Marcus Gratton			
2	RIGHT-BACK	Ellis Keeling		1-2	
3	CENTRE-BACK	Isaac Gibbons	1	3-5	
4	CENTRE-BACK	Ben Wigley	2	6-8	
5	LEFT-BACK	Ollie Wainwright		9-10	
6	HOLDING MID	Henry Fowler	3	11-14	
7	MIDFIELD	Alfie Fletcher	4-5	15-16	
8	MIDFIELD	Tom Buckley	6-7	17-18	
9	RIGHT WING	Joe Platt	8-10	19	
10	STRIKER	Connor Hibbert	11-15	20	
11	LEFT WING	Ellis Stanton	16-18		
12	SUB KEEPER	Jordan Dale			
13	SUB DEFENDER	Jordan Ratcliffe			
14	SUB MIDFIELD	Theo Stubbs			
15	SUB MIDFIELD	Archie Nolan			
16	SUB FORWARD	Andre Draper	19-20		

THE BOROUGH LEAGUE

FIXTURES & TABLE

HOME SIDE FIRST

ROUND 1

Kingsferry United		v		Ellingham Athletic
Holmby Albion		v		Thornby Rovers
Harrowden Wanderers		v		Castlebridge Town

ROUND 2

Castlebridge Town		v		Kingsferry United
Harrowden Wanderers		v		Holmby Albion
Ellingham Athletic		v		Thornby Rovers

ROUND 3

Kingsferry United		v		Harrowden Wanderers
Thornby Rovers		v		Castlebridge Town
Holmby Albion		v		Ellingham Athletic

ROUND 4

Thornby Rovers		v		Kingsferry United
Ellingham Athletic		v		Harrowden Wanderers
Holmby Albion		v		Castlebridge Town

ROUND 5

Kingsferry United		v		Holmby Albion
Castlebridge Town		v		Ellingham Athletic
Harrowden Wanderers		v		Thornby Rovers

ROUND 6

Ellingham Athletic		v		Kingsferry United
Thornby Rovers		v		Holmby Albion
Castlebridge Town		v		Harrowden Wanderers

ROUND 7

Kingsferry United		v		Castlebridge Town
Holmby Albion		v		Harrowden Wanderers
Thornby Rovers		v		Ellingham Athletic

ROUND 8

Harrowden Wanderers		v		Kingsferry United
Castlebridge Town		v		Thornby Rovers
Ellingham Athletic		v		Holmby Albion

ROUND 9

Kingsferry United		v		Thornby Rovers
Harrowden Wanderers		v		Ellingham Athletic
Castlebridge Town		v		Holmby Albion

ROUND 10

Holmby Albion		v		Kingsferry United
Ellingham Athletic		v		Castlebridge Town
Thornby Rovers		v		Harrowden Wanderers

THE TABLE

Pos	Club	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1									
2									
3									
4									
5									
6									

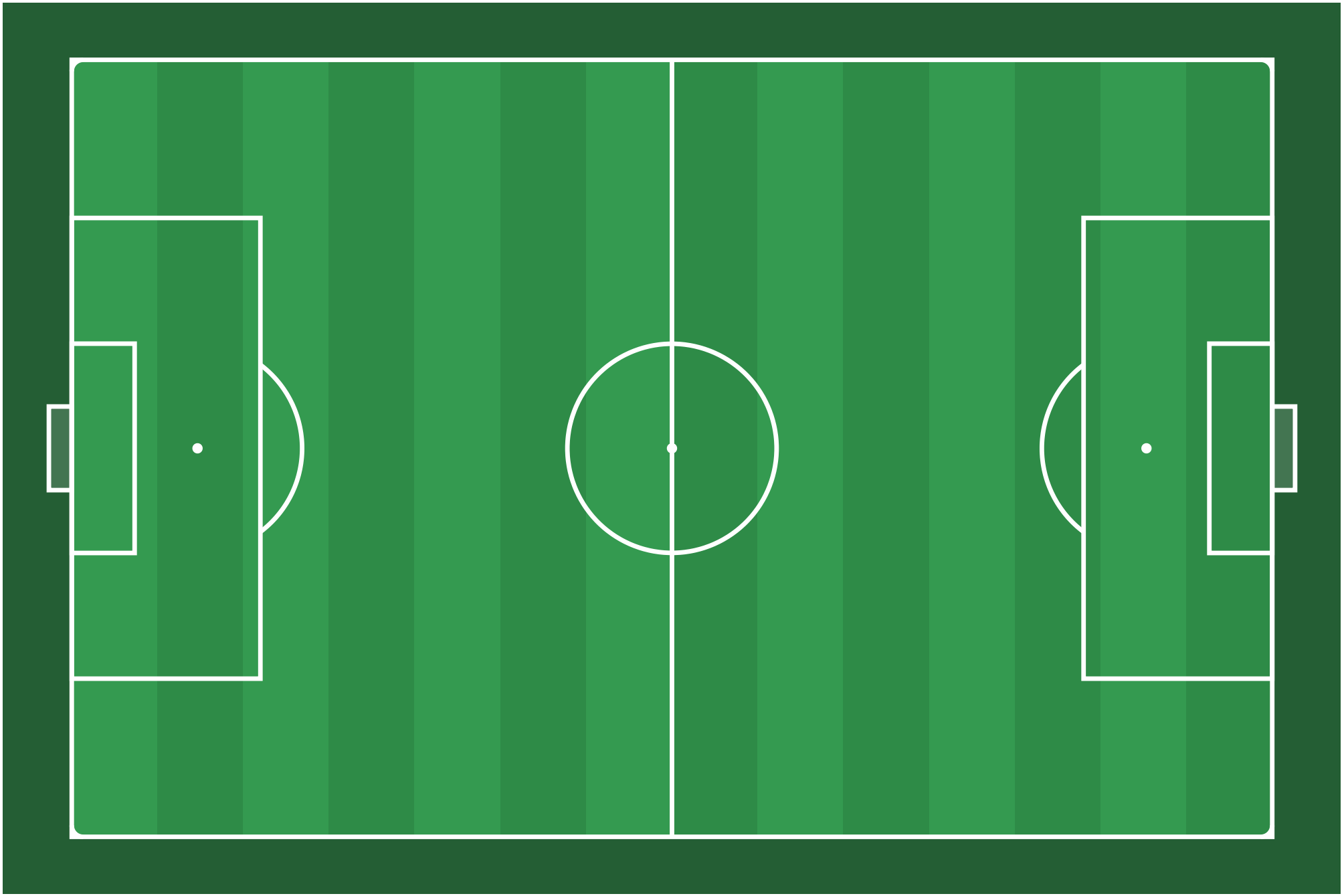
ROLL OF HONOUR

Season	Champions	Runners-up	Bottom	Top scorer

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THE PITCH

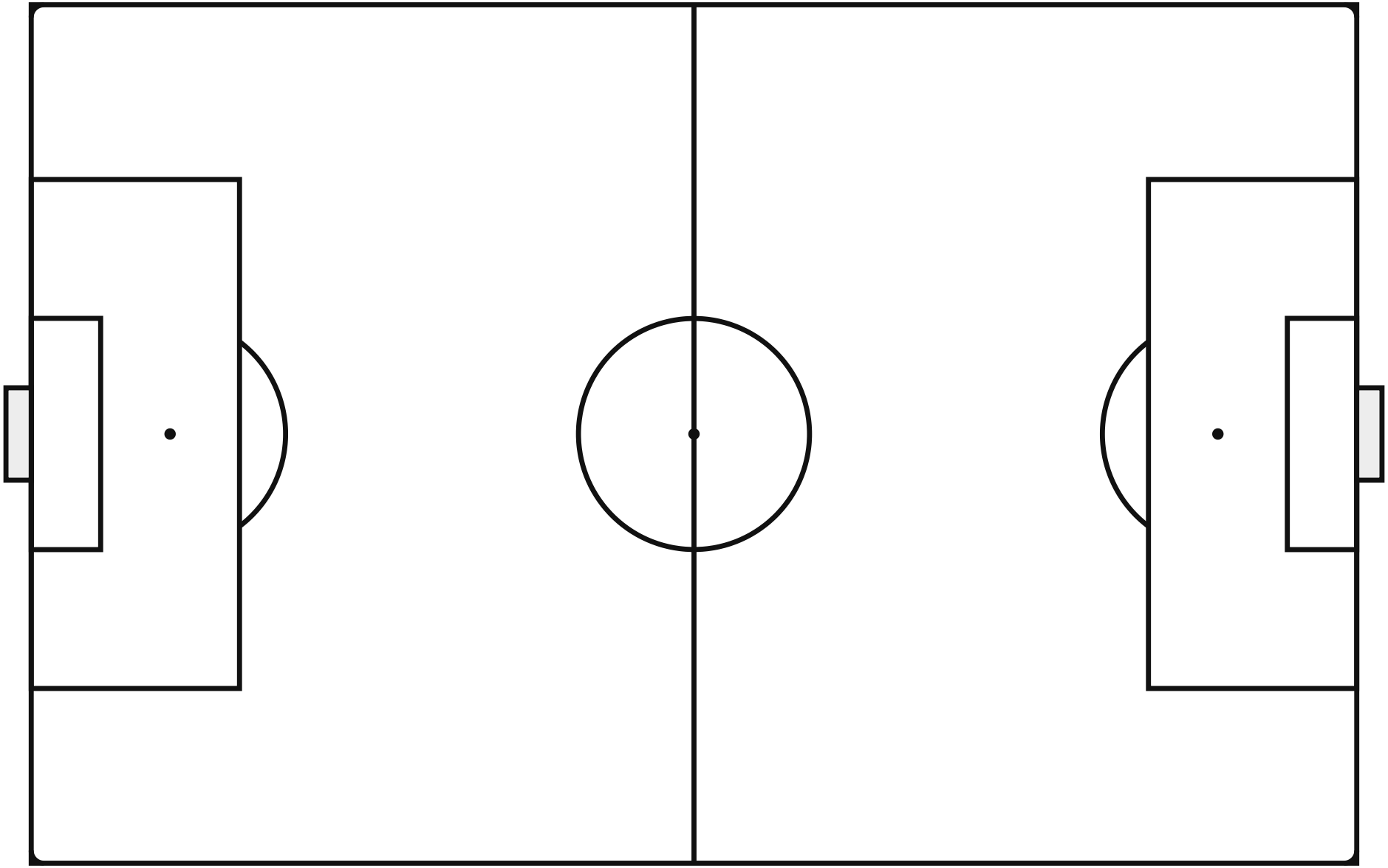
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THE BOROUGH LEAGUE

THE PITCH

BLACK & WHITE



THE BOROUGH LEAGUE

THE TEAM CARDS

PRINT AT ACTUAL SIZE / 100%

KINGSFERRY UNITED

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ATK 7
DEF 8
CGF 4

Needham Goalkeeper
Swift Penalty

1	Swift	0/1	Hewitt
2	Swift	0/2	Hewitt
3	Swift	0/3	Hewitt
4	Corbett	0/4	Yates
5	Corbett	0/5	Yates
6	Blackwell	0/6	Yates
7	Blackwell	0/7	Fearnley
8	Thornhill	0/8	Fearnley
9	Underwood	0/9	Shelton
		0/0	Shelton

ELLINGHAM ATHLETIC

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ATK 7
DEF 6
CGF 5

Birch Goalkeeper
Winstanley Penalty

1	Winstanley	0/1	Weston
2	Winstanley	0/2	Weston
3	Winstanley	0/3	Weston
4	Oakley	0/4	Eaton
5	Oakley	0/5	Eaton
6	Weston	0/6	Eaton
7	Cresswell	0/7	Dent
8	Jephcott	0/8	Dent
9	Goddard	0/9	Bagshaw
		0/0	Bagshaw

CASTLEBRIDGE TOWN

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ATK 6
DEF 8
CGF 4

Mayfield Goalkeeper
Mason Penalty

1	Mason	0/1	Mottram
2	Mason	0/2	Mottram
3	Mason	0/3	Mottram
4	Simcox	0/4	Mottram
5	Spooner	0/5	Salt
6	Poole	0/6	Salt
7	Painter	0/7	Salt
8	Ford	0/8	Critchley
9	Quinn	0/9	Critchley
		0/0	Critchley

THORNBY ROVERS

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ATK 6
DEF 7
CGF 5

Cope Goalkeeper
Ince Penalty

1	Ince	0/1	Rowley
2	Ince	0/2	Rowley
3	Ince	0/3	Rowley
4	Ince	0/4	Rowley
5	Bannister	0/5	Bramall
6	Slater	0/6	Bramall
7	Davenport	0/7	Bramall
8	Chapman	0/8	Lowe
9	Hulme	0/9	Lowe
		0/0	Lowe

HARROWDEN

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ATK 6
DEF 7
CGF 3

Hadley Goalkeeper
Mallett Penalty

1	Mallett	0/1	Clayton
2	Mallett	0/2	Clayton
3	Mallett	0/3	Clayton
4	Brookes	0/4	Padgett
5	Brookes	0/5	Padgett
6	Bostock	0/6	Padgett
7	Bostock	0/7	Prescott
8	Heath	0/8	Prescott
9	Kirkham	0/9	Pearce
		0/0	Pearce

HOLMBY ALBION

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ATK 5
DEF 6
CGF 3

Gratton Goalkeeper
Hibbert Penalty

1	Hibbert	0/1	Stanton
2	Hibbert	0/2	Stanton
3	Hibbert	0/3	Stanton
4	Platt	0/4	Gibbons
5	Platt	0/5	Gibbons
6	Stanton	0/6	Gibbons
7	Fletcher	0/7	Wigley
8	Buckley	0/8	Wigley
9	Draper	0/9	Fowler
		0/0	Fowler

Cut along the dashed lines. For a scorer, roll a d10 and read the name; on a 0, roll again and read the 0/ column. The squad pages carry the same scorers by shirt number on a d20, so use whichever you prefer.

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MATCHDAY IN THE BOROUGH

NARRATIVE TABLES

Story only: none of these tables changes a roll or a rating. Use as many or as few as you like.

2D6	BEFORE KICK-OFF
2	Rain since Thursday. The far touchline is a pond and the ball stops dead in it
3	The away coach breaks down on the bypass. Kick-off is pushed back half an hour
4	Frost overnight. The referee walks the pitch twice before he gives it the nod
5	A gale straight down the ground. Whoever kicks with it in the first half wants to be two up
6	Grey and still. A crowd of about two hundred and the tea hut has run out of pies
7	A proper Saturday: dry pitch, light wind, three hundred in and the bar open early
8	Sun low behind one goal. Every keeper in the second half shields his eyes
9	The groundsman has cut it short and watered it. The ball fizzes across the grass
10	Local derby feel. Biggest gate of the season, and the stand is full before the warm-up
11	A scout from a league club is in the stand, notebook out. Everyone has heard
12	Floodlights on from kick-off, and they flicker every time somebody boils the kettle in the clubhouse

2D6	HOW IT WENT IN
2	Own goal. A back-pass on a bobbly pitch that the keeper never sees coming
3	Goalmouth scramble from a long throw. Nobody is quite sure who got the last touch
4	Tap-in at the back post after the keeper palms a cross straight out
5	Header from a corner, the centre-half up from the back
6	Low drive from the edge of the box that skids off the wet surface and in
7	Through on goal, rounds the keeper, rolls it into the empty net
8	First-time finish from a cut-back, side-foot into the corner
9	Free kick over the wall, and the keeper only gets a fingertip to it
10	Volley from a half-clearance, straight into the roof of the net
11	Solo run from halfway, past two, cool finish under the keeper
12	Thirty yards, top corner. The tea hut stops serving to watch the replay that doesn't exist

AFTER THE WHISTLE · ROLL D6 FOR EACH CLUB YOU FOLLOW, ON ITS RESULT

D6	WON
1	The manager calls it a proper team performance and buys the first round in the clubhouse
2	Man of the match goes to the goalscorer, still in his boots at the bar
3	The home end sings the manager's name until the floodlights go off
4	The chairman shakes every hand in the car park on his way out
5	The dressing room music can be heard from the tea hut
6	The captain says they're not looking at the table. Everybody in the bar is looking at the table

D6	DREW
1	Both managers call it a fair result, and neither of them means it
2	The manager says they should have won it, and talks about the chance in the last minute
3	Man of the match goes to a goalkeeper, and the bar agrees
4	The referee leaves to a mixture of applause and opinion
5	A point apiece and a long queue at the tea hut
6	"One of those days," says the manager, and leaves it at that

D6	LOST
1	The manager says nothing to the press and leaves through the car park
2	The players stay on the pitch for a word with the fans who stayed behind
3	A supporter writes to the paper about the referee. It's printed on Thursday
4	The captain goes over to apologise to the travelling fans, all forty of them
5	The dressing room door stays shut for half an hour
6	The manager names three players he wants to see at training on Tuesday night

THE MIDWEEK PAPER · ONE D6 PER CLUB BETWEEN ROUNDS, ON ITS LAST RESULT

D6	AFTER A WIN
1	Gate receipts up. The chairman says new floodlights are a matter of when, not if
2	A scout from a league club was there on Saturday. The paper names the player he came to see
3	The manager signs a new deal: one year, shaken on in the clubhouse
4	New signing from the county league. Name him and add him to the squad page
5	A team photo on the back page under the headline FLYING
6	Quiet week. The paper runs a photo of the groundsman and his new mower

D6	AFTER A DEFEAT
1	Injury worry. The top scorer limped off at training on Tuesday. Play him anyway and see
2	A row at the clubhouse. The manager and the committee aren't speaking this week
3	The chairman gives the manager his full backing in the paper
4	The keeper is getting married on Saturday morning and promises he'll be there by kick-off
5	A letter to the paper asks where all the goals have gone
6	Quiet week. The paper runs a photo of the groundsman and his new mower

After a draw: a home draw reads like a defeat, an away draw like a win.

A penalty already names the finish: skip How it went in for penalties.