

HAMPSHIRE PREMIER FOOTBALL LEAGUE

LEAGUE CUP FINALS DAY



SATURDAY APRIL 29TH 2023

CHARTERS COMMUNITY STADIUM, WINCHESTER CITY FC

ANDOVER NEW ST. SWIFTS vs. UPHAM

GEORGE MASON MEMORIAL SHIELD FINAL KO 11AM



IMAGE:
SIMON JASINSKI



IMAGE:
PAUL PAXFORD

COLDEN COMMON vs. LOCKS HEATH

L4 TEAMWEAR LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP FINAL KO 3PM



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LEAGUE HISTORY

The Hampshire Premier League is an FA Accredited Regional Feeder League, promoting into Step 6 of the National League System (NLS) and affiliated to Hampshire FA.

In-bound, the League accepts clubs within the Mid Solent, Southampton, Aldershot and Basingstoke Leagues, while its current membership also includes a number of former Wessex League clubs. The league was formed in 2007/08 and currently consists of a Senior Division of 17 teams, with a further 13 clubs comprising Division One.

In May 2008 it was announced that the league was in talks with the Hampshire League (2004) about merging the two leagues into a new competition which it was hoped would officially gain Step 7 status, and although the merger did not take place, the status of the Hampshire Premier League at Step 7 of the National League System was confirmed by The Football Association.

The Hampshire League (2004) was dissolved at the end of the 2012/13 season, with the majority of the teams joining the newly created Division One of the Hampshire Premier League.

Bush Hill won the Senior Division in 2019/20, subsequently changing their name to Millbrook and taking their place in the Wessex League for the 2020/21 season.

After two seasons of unfulfilled campaigns due to the covid pandemic, Colden Common's late charge ensured The Stallions took the Senior Division title on the last day of 2021/22. Meanwhile, QK Southampton triumphed in Division One South East, with Andover New Street Swifts claiming the Division One North crown.

L4 Teamwear were introduced as the HPFL's sponsors, with the League's structure revised for the start of the 2022/23 campaign, as Division One became County-wide once more - losing its regionality of 'South East' and 'North' separations to reform a more linear pathway.

The Supplementary Shield - brought in as an additional competition during the pandemic and won by Hook in 2021/22 - was renamed The George Mason Memorial Shield, in honour of our late Chairman. The competition features losing sides from the first round of the League Challenge Cup.

WELCOME TO OUR FINALS DAY

PAUL CROCKER, ACTING SECRETARY

Welcome to The Charters Community Stadium for today's Hampshire Premier Football League cup finals.

Firstly, on behalf of the HPL Committee I would like to thank Winchester City FC for hosting both of today's finals.

We'd also like to welcome our match officials - Edward Alderslade, Garry Collins, Colin Morris and Richard Dingle for the George Mason Memorial Shield; and Cameron Davis, Callum Allen, Jaydon Smith and Tom Farlow, officiating the L4 Teamwear League Cup.

Finally, I'd like to extend our thanks to sponsors, L4 Teamwear for their continued support of our competition.

Andover New Street Swifts will be looking to emulate this season's success of their Wessex League colleagues, when they take on Upham in the George Mason Memorial Shield final at 11am.

Swifts have taken well to life in the Senior Division since promotion last term as champions from Division One North (now Division One) - currently third, and with their remaining four fixtures all against sides in the bottom six, Robbie Skeates side are quietly going about another title bid.

Opponents Upham come into the final in good form themselves, winning four of their last five in Division One - where they have finished fifth - also enjoying victories over both promoted sides in Infinity and Hook, this season.

Then at 3pm we move on to a battle of two more of the Senior Division's leading charges, in Colden Common and Locks Heath.

Current Senior Division leaders, Locks Heath are no strangers to this stage, looking to avenge for last season's disappointment in the final against Sway which saw them defeated 3-0.

Common meanwhile have already scooped silverware in the form of the Hampshire Trophy with a very good victory over runaway Thames Valley Premier Division winners, Yateley United at Havant & Waterlooville - and with games in hand on their title rivals, alongside today's final - The Stallions will certainly have one eye on a potential treble.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the HPL committee members who have been so supportive since I took up the mantle of Acting Secretary, and have helped to make the job so much easier. The same goes for all club Secretary's who have shown great patience and understanding.

The League continues to search for an organised and willing individual to take on the Secretary's role into 2023/24 - if you - or you know someone - who is keen to help influence and develop the future of the Hampshire Premier League in this important role, please do get in touch: paulcrocker71@gmail.com

As we move towards the end of another exciting season, I think we can look back and say that making a return to the two Division format has been a success in driving a more linear pathway up the pyramid, which is positive progress.

Meanwhile, the standard of football on the pitch seems to become more competitive with each season that passes.

A reminder that the deadline for new and existing club applications for next season closes tomorrow, April 30 - details on how to apply are on our website and in this programme.

Enjoy the finals and wishing all four teams and their supporters the best of luck.

Paul Crocker
Acting Hampshire Premier League Secretary

IF IT'S A DRAW

If scores are level at the end of 90 minutes we will have a penalty shoot-out to decide the winner.

GEORGE MASON MEMORIAL SHIELD TEAMS

ANDOVER NEW STREET SWIFTS



The club was established in the 1890s as St Mary's Youth by the vicar of St Mary's Church, before being renamed New Street in 1895.

Andover New Street Swifts have had previous incarnations with the Current incarnation of ANS Swifts was founded in 2017/18 in the Andover and District Football league before moving up to the Hampshire Football League Division 1 in the 2019/20

season which along with the following 2020/21 season decided on PPG due to the Covid Outbreak.

2021/22 saw New Street Swifts win the Hampshire League Division 1 North division after the geographical split of the divisions following an influx of clubs, resulting in their promotion to the Hampshire League Senior Division for the 1st time this season this year.



HONOURS:

- Competition: Hampshire Premier League Division 1 North Winners - Year: 2021/2022
- Competition: North Hants Saturday Intermediate Cup - Year 2021/2022
- Competition: North Hants Saturday Junior Cup - Year 2017/18 & 2018/19
- Competition: Andover & District Saturday League - Year 2017/18



IMAGES FROM ANDOVER NEW STREET'S GAME AT LISS ATHLETIC EARLIER THIS SEASON.
IMAGES: SIMON JASINSKI

GEORGE MASON MEMORIAL SHIELD TEAMS

UPHAM



The current Upham Football Club was founded by a small group of spirited villagers in 1974, its home established in the heart of the village upon an arable field kindly donated by local landowner Mr Tommy Steele.

The spirit and passion within the club was set by the villagers having to remove the flints from the pitch by hand and changing in a disused barn. The barn remained until 2006 when it was replaced by a brand new self-funded 'Tommy Steele Pavilion', but gladly the flints have long since been removed.

The club first tasted success on the pitch whilst a member of the Winchester Saturday in the early 1990's and established itself as one of the top junior sides in Hampshire.

The club made the step into the North Hants Senior League for the 2003/04 season playing at Kings Worthy, Winchester as the Upham pitch was too small for Senior League football, and secured the title at the first attempt.

Upham progressed the following season, joining the newly formed Hampshire League(2004), winning the Trophyman

League Cup in the first season and finishing League Runners-up in the following season.

With the completion of a new pavilion at Upham in 2006, the club returned to its home and completed the Winchester League and Northbrook Cup double in 2007/08 season.

Upham continued their success in 2008/09 season winning the Southampton Junior 'A' Cup, the Alex Hopkins Charity Shield and retaining the Northbrook Cup and in the 2009/10 season success continued as they won the Winchester League title.

Upham First team made a successful return to the Hampshire League 2004 in 2010 playing their home games at Swanmore Recreation Ground and the following season moved back to their home venue at Upham having completed a major project to increase the size and standard of the pitch at Upham to that required by Hampshire League 2004.

Upham FC now play in the Hampshire Premier League Division 1 following the amalgamation of the Hampshire League (2004) and the Hampshire Premier League in 2013.

RECENT HONOURS:

- 2010-2011 Hampshire League(2004) Trophyman Cup R/Up
- 2011-2012 Hampshire League(2004) Trophyman Cup Winners
- 2012-2013 Hampshire League(2004) Trophyman Cup Winners
- 2014-2015 Upham Res - SDFJ Junior 'B' Cup R/Up
- 2015-2016 Upham Res - Southampton Junior 3 League Winners
- 2015-2016 Upham Res - SDFJ Junior 'B' Cup Winners
- 2015-2016 Upham Res - Southampton Junior League Cup Winners
- 2016-2017 Upham Res - Southampton Junior 1 League Winners
- 2017-2018 Upham Res - Southampton Senior League Cup Winners

LEAGUE CUP FINAL TEAMS

COLDEN COMMON



Colden Common FC secured their third HPFL Senior Division Championship in the final few moments of a tremendous season 2021/22.

To add to that our Development squad won the HCDL West Division title and won the Supplementary Cup, while our Veterans were victorious in the SDFL Veterans League Cup.

Managers Nathan Morgan & Connor Doswell (1st Team), Mark's Ellison and Piper (Development), and their teams of experienced staff, took our club to great heights and we enjoyed the subsequent celebrations. Meanwhile Justin Chapman pulled the right strings for our Veterans during a difficult campaign and defeated AFC Stoneham in the League Cup Final thanks to long-serving Dave Egerton netting the winning goal.

Colden Common FC was reformed, primarily by the Banford family, as a Saturday side in the Eastleigh League in 1956. However, Common had cause to thank their successful Sunday 'wing' for developing the foundations laid by Cliff and Jack Banford and instigating a staggering rise through the Saturday league's during the late 1980's and early 1990's.

Originally competing within the Eastleigh and Southampton Football League's, honours were sparse with just the Eastleigh Benevolent Cup and Southampton Junior Div 4 title jostling for space in the 'Trophy cabinet'.

However, the decision to field a Sunday League side ~ 1973 to 1983 ~ preceded an incredible haul of 24 league and cup honours, under the managerial guidance of Ron Shaw, Steve Clarke, Mick Geddes and Clive Jenvey, and the impetus for our Saturday side's to also make rapid strides forward.

Our journey from Southampton Junior Division 2 to Hampshire League Division 1 took just six years and included grooming the likes of England internationals Graham Roberts and Steve Guppy as we further progressed to the Wessex League before settling in our current level, Hampshire Premier Football League.

We historically support both young and old - a newly-formed tie up with CCYFC, to, hopefully, provide aspiring players and our Veterans provide football throughout an 'adult' career - and they too have provided many successes over the years.

The Banford's? Yes, still represented as both Angie and Cliff are major supporters and contributors to The Common Cause.

Any small club like ourselves needs a strong backroom 'staff' and we have been extremely fortunate to have some long-serving loyal servants, including Eric Laversuch - 75 years a Commoner man and boy, RiP, Steve Long, Dave Egerton and many others - and committed sponsors who combine to make Colden Common FC a hugely respected institution that has been labelled 'the friendly club'.



THE STALLIONS CELEBRATE WINNING THE HAMPSHIRE TROPHY, FOLLOWING THEIR 2-1 VICTORY OVER THAMES VALLEY PREMIER DIVISION CHAMPIONS, YATELEY UNITED AT HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE. (PHOTO: GRAHAM SCAMBLER).

PLAYER PROFILES

SAM ADAMS - Centre forward - Sam scores goals for fun and is also an integral part of our squad. An outstanding 'target' to help drive us forward.

JAMES BARNES - Midfield - Enjoying his second season with Common both on and off the pitch where he also has tremendous influence. He previously featured for Hedge End Rangers and the mighty Durley.

AARON BLAXALL - Skipper & Central Midfield - Our captain leads by example and is normally head and shoulders above everyone else, especially when challenging for a header! Has played for Fawley, Fleet Town, Alresford Town, Bemerton HH.

LEON COURSE - Striker - Joined last season when he made an immediate impact. He claims he joined to be a small fish in a big pond but with his goalscoring prowess he's gone to the top of the charts. However, as a DJ he has been 'dropped' since playing Shania Twain!!

HARRY DAVIES - Defender - Previous clubs include Fleet Town, Alresford Town and Hamble and played for Malta U21s whilst playing for Fleet Town. Excellent defender with an eye for goal - he has amassed two in 90 odd games for Common!!

MIKE DOUGLAS - Defender / Midfield - Mikey is so full of energy and determination that it's a wonder he doesn't implode on a weekly basis? Quality addition to our squad who is renowned for being late but ultra reliable. Hasn't missed a game for Common or while playing for Nathan and Connor over five years!!

LAURIE DWYER - Full Back - An excellent defender who also hits his fair share of goals. Dislocated his shoulder the other week so unlikely to feature but a hugely valuable commodity.

DAVE EGERTON - Defender/Midfield - Been with the club 'forever' but he never ages or loses any more hair!! Approaching 250 appearances (and that's just for the 1st Team) this quality, unhurried player is always in the thick of things and the club's vice-chairman!

GLEN FREEMAN - Defender - Joined Common at the start of this season and never looked back. A solid, reliable performer. Previously played for Stockbridge and Sporting Wessex. Up the mead.

LIAM HIGGINS - Midfield / Winger - Another who has come through our Development squad. Liam has huge amounts of ability and pace and is never afraid of showing it on the pitch.

LIAM HISCOCK - Winger / Midfield - Winger who came through our trophy winning Development squad of last season. Now benefitting from loads of exposure in the 1st Team and on track for the Treble?

PAULO MENDES - Midfield / Defender - Paulo is the ever-reliable player who joined our club last season. He say's it's great to be playing with such an awesome group. Previous clubs Folland Sports and Winchester Castle.

BEN RANKIN - Winger, Centre Forward - Renowned goalscorer who offers ability, skill and graft. Previously with Bush Hill/Millbrook, Fawley Amesbury and Downton.

OLLIE RIDDELL - Left Back / Left Midfield - 19 years

old, Ollie progressed from last season's successful Development squad. Now gaining experience in the 1st Team and looking for further success. He says he has a better left foot than Cam Ross!!

CAMERON ROSS - Defender - Ball playing centre half, left back and right back. Put me anywhere and I'll do a job! Played for Colden Common Development last season winning the double, made the step up into the first team this season and looking for the treble.

JOE RYAN - Winger - Young exciting winger and goalscorer, currently at Eastleigh Football Club as a scholar but showing his pedigree on a weekly basis on the pitch.

DAN SAYERS - Goalkeeper - Dan has been goalkeeping since the age of 5 and has played for clubs such as Winchester City & Alresford Town in his teens returned to Colden Common in his second spell securing the double for the Development team last season and aiming for the treble with the 1st team this year.

CARL STEADMAN - Defender / Referee - Not your traditional defender. Can't head or tackle but can pass and cross a ball! Has played for Alresford Town, AFC Stoneham & Otterbourne and is looking for more refereeing appointments!!!

DARREN STREET - Centre Midfield - Works in the RAF and works harder on the pitch. An asset for Common, has previously played for Lossiemouth FC, Swaffham Town and Otterbourne.

LUKE TURNER - A tough cookie who controls the centre of our midfield whenever he plays and he so enjoyed lifting the silverware last term that he wants more of it this time round. Previously with Alresford Town and Winchester Castle.

JON WEBB - Goalkeeper - Great season for us last term, winning the league from a seemingly impossible position, and hopefully, we can add to that this season starting with a win in tonight's semi-final. A great group of lads, accompanied by a top management team and great people behind the scenes. Previous clubs Follands, Brockenhurst, Fareham Twon, AFC Portchester, Winchester City.

BEN WHITE - Midfield / Striker - Chalky is something of a legend as a goal scoring and creative forward. Claims now that he is not so energetic and has dropped back to become a defensive midfielder. Still has an enormous impact on most games. Previously with Eastleigh and Bournemouth Academies, Romsey Town, Fleet Town, Winchester City, Alresford Town and Bemerton HH.

MANAGEMENT

NATHAN MORGAN and **CONNOR DOSWELL** - A management team that is as quiet as it is talented. Never hear a word from either in the dug out (probably because the other is hollering selected advice) but both Nathan and Connor know what they want and they cajole the players to aspire to those ideals. They led a fantastic title chase last term and are hoping for more this season.

JAMIE NASH - Assistant Manager - Quality player in his time and he occasionally gets the chance to relive former glories. Previously with Otterbourne, Lymington Town, Alresford Town.

LEAGUE CUP FINAL TEAMS

LOCKS HEATH FC



Locks Heath Football Club was founded in 1894 and is based in Locks Heath, Fareham.

An FA Accredited Club, and affiliated to the Hampshire Football Association. In addition to its long history, the Club has an impressive record of achievements:

Hampshire League Division Three Runners-up 1983-84, Hampshire League Division Two Runners-up 1985-86, Hampshire League Runners-up 1986-87, Hampshire League Winners 1990-91, Hampshire League Division Two Winners 1995-96, Hampshire League Runners-up 1999-2000, Wessex League Division Two Winners 2005-06, Hampshire Premier League Winners 2012-13.

2014-15 saw the team having to rebuild

after being denied promotion to the Wessex League due to ground grading and not being able to develop on council land.

New teams have developed and whilst some difficult seasons followed, with the likes of its current dedicated management and backroom staff, the Club now has knowledge, ability and determination in abundance, providing a solid foundation upon which they rebuilt. The Club now boast four teams, First, Reserves, Vets & Youth each competing at county level.

Under the guidance of Ben Buckland, Locks Heath are once again in the title hunt this season, currently sitting second in the Senior Division table, and will be looking to go one better than in 2021/22 in the League Cup - beaten in the final, 3-0 by Sway.



IMAGES FROM LOCKS HEATH (IN RED & BLACK) AGAINST HARVEST EARLIER THIS SEASON.
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ROUTE TO THE FINAL

GEORGE MASON MEMORIAL SHIELD 2022-23

FIRST ROUND

QK Southampton 4-1 Paulsgrove

Meon Milton 2-2 **Upham** (Upham won 1-3 on pens)

Clanfield 2-2 AFC Netley (AFC Netley won 3-4 on pens)

Lyndhurst 0-3 Liphook United

Michelmersh & Timsbury 0-2 Whitehill & Bordon

AFC Petersfield 0-2 Denmead

Byes: **Andover New Street**, Hayling United

QUARTER FINALS

Denmead 4-1 AFC Netley

Andover New Street Swifts 0-0 Hayling United (ANSS won 8-7 on pens)

Whitehill & Bordon 2-5 Liphook United

QK Southampton 2-2 **Upham** (Upham won 5-6 on pens)

SEMI FINALS

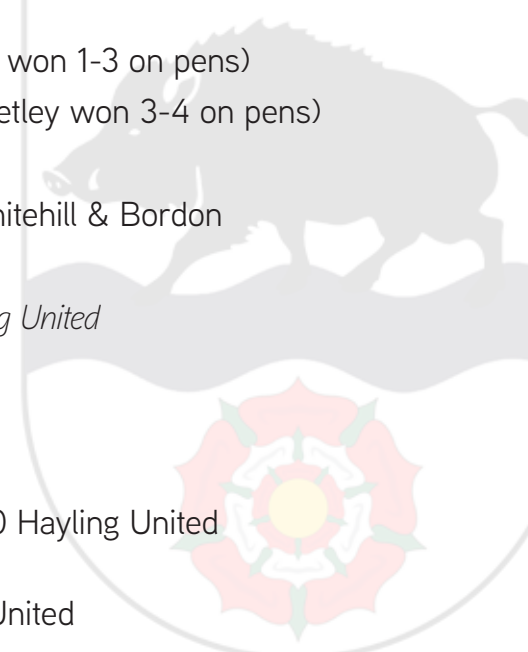
Andover New Street Swifts 3-0 Denmead

Upham 2-3 Liphook United (*Upham reinstated*)

FINAL

Andover New Street v Upham

HAMPSHIRE PREMIER FOOTBALL LEAGUE



WEEKLY LEAGUE ROUND-UP

CUP AND LEAGUE REVIEW FROM THE PAST WEEK

Last midweek saw the return of the Aldershot Intermediate Cup week, involving two of our sides. On Tuesday, **Headley United** lost 1-4 at **Hartley Wintney U23**, who had also reached the semi-finals of the Hampshire Trophy.

On Wednesday it was **Liphook United** facing a tough trip to Hampshire Trophy finalists **Yateley United**. They came away with a fantastic 2-0 win, both goals by Rolfe, to go 13 games unbeaten.

The same evening also brought some Senior Division action, with **Andover New Street Swifts** going back to the top of the table, beating **Whitehill and Bordon** 4-2. **Locks Heath** go back into third with a 0-0 draw against **Hayling United** at Front Lawn, although they have played even more games than Swifts.

Hayling stay third from bottom, but are now level on points with **Moneyfields Reserves**. **Overton United** beat **Sway** 2-0 at home to move ten points clear of **QK Southampton** at the bottom.

On Saturday in the Senior Division, there were a couple of shocks and a lot of goals. In the big match, **Clanfield** lost 0-2 at **Locks Heath** - Bradley Stone and Wakefield the scorers - which meant that Locks moved into top spot; and **Colden Common** - who won 11-2 at **Sway** (Course got three

of those) - move into second.

The Clan are now fourth, now two points behind Common, who have a game in hand. It was fifth v sixth at Front Lawn where **Stockbridge** edged a cracking game 5-4 at **Harvest**.

Basement club **QK Southampton** lost 2-7 at home to **Winchester Castle** and will, barring a miracle, finish in the bottom two.

In the A3 derby **Liphook United** extended their unbeaten run further with a 2-0 home win over **Liss Athletic**, who missed an early penalty.

The late game saw fourth-bottom **Moneyfields Reserves** draw 0-0 with third-bottom **Hayling United**.

In Division One, our congratulations to **Hook**, who confirmed runners-up spot with a 4-0 win at bottom club **Michelmersh and Timsbury**.

They needed to win, too, as the two teams just behind them also won - **Hedge End Town** had an excellent 3-0 win at **Headley United** and **Meon Milton** won 3-0 at second-bottom **Lyndhurst**.

Meon now need to win their final game, at AFC Netley on Wednesday, to overtake Hedge End Town and clinch third place. In the other game, **Upham** beat **AFC Netley** 2-0 at Ray's Farm - Charles and Hubbard getting the goals - which confirmed their fifth-place finish.

LATEST LEAGUE TABLES 2022-23

UP TO WEDNESDAY APRIL 26TH

SENIOR DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 Colden Common	25	19	4	2	82	24	58	61
2 Locks Heath	31	18	5	8	78	33	45	59
3 Andover NS Swifts	28	18	3	7	75	36	39	57
4 Clanfield	25	17	5	3	79	37	42	56
5 Harvest	30	15	7	8	67	51	16	52
6 Denmead	25	14	2	9	67	57	10	44
7 Stockbridge	28	13	5	10	52	44	8	44
8 Liphook United	26	11	6	9	60	49	11	39
9 Winchester Castle	27	11	4	12	57	62	-5	37
10 Whitehill & Bordon	28	10	4	14	67	63	4	34
11 Paulsgrove	28	9	4	15	58	66	-8	31
12 Sway	28	9	2	17	68	89	-21	29
13 Liss Athletic	27	8	4	15	37	77	-40	28
14 Moneyfields Res	26	7	6	13	36	59	-23	27
15 Hayling United	27	6	9	12	27	59	-32	27
16 Overton United	30	5	7	18	50	94	-44	22
17 QK Southampton	27	3	3	21	34	94	-60	12

FORM GUIDE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Last Six
1 Clanfield	6	5	0	1	20	7	●●●●●●
2 Harvest	6	5	0	1	21	9	●●●●●●
3 Colden Common	6	4	1	1	27	9	●●●●●●
4 Liphook United	6	4	1	1	14	6	●●●●●●
5 Andover NS Swifts	6	4	0	2	15	8	●●●●●●
6 Locks Heath	6	3	1	2	12	5	●●●●●●
7 Denmead	6	3	0	3	15	15	●●●●●●
8 Hayfield United	6	2	3	1	8	8	●●●●●●
9 Overton United	6	2	1	3	9	10	●●●●●●
10 Winchester Castle	6	2	1	3	13	16	●●●●●●
11 Moneyfields Res	6	2	1	3	8	12	●●●●●●
12 Stockbridge	6	2	0	4	11	16	●●●●●●
13 Paulsgrove	6	2	0	4	7	16	●●●●●●
14 Whitehill & Bordon	6	1	1	4	15	19	●●●●●●
15 Liss Athletic	6	1	0	5	6	15	●●●●●●
16 Sway	6	1	0	5	8	29	●●●●●●
17 QK Southampton	6	0	0	6	6	32	●●●●●●

DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 Infinity	24	19	2	3	78	40	38	59
2 Hook	24	17	2	5	63	28	35	53
3 Meon Milton	24	17	1	6	94	33	61	52
4 Hedge End Town	24	15	6	3	64	29	35	51
5 Upham	24	14	3	7	65	51	14	45
6 Twentyten	24	10	5	9	64	50	14	35
7 AFC Netley	22	11	2	9	51	41	10	35
8 Headley United	24	8	8	8	38	51	-13	32
9 Whiteley Wanderers	22	6	4	12	46	51	-5	22
10 Broughton	24	5	5	14	34	70	-36	20
11 AFC Petersfield	24	5	2	17	44	72	-28	17
12 Lyndhurst	24	4	3	17	26	69	-43	15
13 M'mersh & Timsbury	22	0	1	21	10	92	-82	1

FORM GUIDE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Last Six
1 Meon Milton	6	6	0	0	29	4	●●●●●●
2 Hedge End Town	6	5	0	1	23	7	●●●●●●
3 Infinity	6	5	0	1	14	8	●●●●●●
4 Hook	6	4	0	2	15	7	●●●●●●
5 Upham	6	4	0	2	19	16	●●●●●●
6 AFC Netley	6	4	0	2	19	16	●●●●●●
7 Whiteley Wanderers	6	3	0	3	12	12	●●●●●●
8 Twentyten	6	2	0	4	8	13	●●●●●●
9 Lyndhurst	6	2	0	4	13	20	●●●●●●
10 AFC Petersfield	6	1	0	5	4	16	●●●●●●
11 Headley United	6	1	0	5	7	20	●●●●●●
12 M'mersh & Timsbury	6	0	0	6	1	21	●●●●●●
13 Broughton	6	0	0	6	4	29	●●●●●●

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FIRST ROUND

AFC Netley 2-2 Infinity (Infinity won 7-8 on pens)
AFC Petersfield 1-4 Broughton
Chamberlayne Athletic A-W Moneyfields Reserves
Colden Common 1-0 Denmead
Hayling United 3-5 Sway
Headley United 2-1 Whitehill & Bordon
Hedge End Town 5-0 Michelmersh & Timsbury
Hook 2-2 Andover New Street Swifts (Hook win 9-8 on pens)
Liphook United 2-2 Winchester Castle (Winchester Castle won 4-5 on pens)
Liss Athletic H-W Clarendon
Locks Heath H-W Lyndhurst
Meon Milton 2-2 Harvest (Harvest won 6-5 on pens)
Paulsgrove 0-1 TwentyTen
QK Southampton 2-3 Overton United
Stockbridge 4-1 Clanfield
Whiteley Wanderers 6-1 Upham

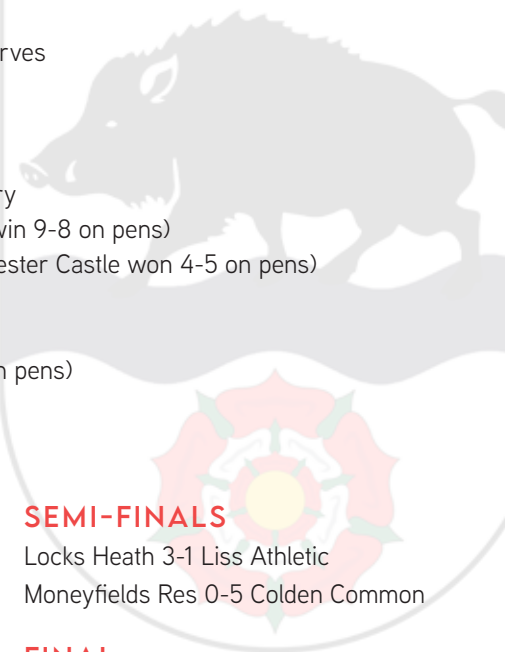
SECOND ROUND

Colden Common 9-0 Overton United
Hedge End Town 0-1 Infinity
Hook 0-2 Moneyfields Reserves
Locks Heath 7-0 Broughton
Harvest 2-1 Headley United
Stockbridge 6-1 Twentyten
Sway 1-1 Winchester Castle (Winchester Castle won 2-4 on pens)
Whiteley Wanderers 3-4 Liss Athletic AFC Netley 0-8 Hayling United

QUARTER FINALS

Locks Heath 0-0 Harvest (Locks Heath won 5-3 on pens)
Stockbridge 2-3 Colden Common
Infinity 2-2 Moneyfields Reserves (Moneyfields Res won 5-4 on pens)
Liss Athletic 2-1 Winchester Castle

HAMPSHIRE PREMIER
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SEMI-FINALS

Locks Heath 3-1 Liss Athletic
Moneyfields Res 0-5 Colden Common

FINAL

Locks Heath vs Colden Common

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LOOKING UP

WESSEX LEAGUE NEWS

HORNDEAN & BEMERTON PROMOTED

Horndean have been crowned Wessex League champions for the first time.

Zack Willett's injury-time header proved to be decisive for Michael Birmingham's side against a resilient **Portland United** on Tuesday evening, in front of bumper crowd of 1,359 at Five Heads Park.

It's been one of the most hotly contested title races in Wessex League history, with the top four sides within three points of one another, going into the final round of fixtures.

The Deans only ousted long-time leaders **AFC Portchester** last Thursday, having been in the hunt all season - winning 32 of their 38 fixtures, and ending the campaign with a remarkable 105 goal difference, having conceded just 21 League goals, amid a demanding end of season schedule.

Portchester were out-gunned 3-0 at **Bemerton Heath Harlequins** - the Wiltshire side clinching the runners-up spot, and following an FA update on Wednesday afternoon, have also been promoted alongside Horndean to the Southern League Division One South next season, by virtue of their points-per-game.

Bemerton finish with the only unbeaten home record in the Premier Division - one of just eight clubs across the top nine tiers of English football - and secure their second promotion in consecutive seasons after winning Division One in 2021/22.

AFC Stoneham, along with Bemerton, leapfrogged AFC Portchester in the final reckoning - the Purples finished third after a 7-1 romp at rock bottom **Alresford**.

At the other end of the table, **Pagham's** first season in the



BEMERTON HEATH HARLEQUINS CELEBRATING FOLLOWING THEIR 3-0 VICTORY OVER AFC PORTCHESTER IN THE FINAL GAME OF THE SEASON WHICH SECURED RUNNERS-UP SPOT IN THE PREMIER DIVISION - AND PROMOTION TO THE SOUTHERN LEAGUE VIA PPG - FOR THE WILTSHIRE SIDE (PHOTO: NATHAN LIPSHAM)

Premier ended with relegation. Joe Clarke scored an 86th minute winner for the Sussex club against **Baffins**, but **Bournemouth Poppies** - the only other side that could go down - beat **Moneyfields** 2-0. Baffins were reduced to 10 men on 72 minutes when Dillon North was sent off.

Elsewhere, **Laverstock & Ford** ended their campaign with a 3-1 home success over **US Portsmouth**, who finish just above the drop zone.

New Milton Town will meet **Petersfield Town** at the DMW Stadium today (April 29) - with a place in the Premier Division the prize for the winners.

Both play-off semi-finals needed penalties to settle their respective outcomes - New Milton beating **Hamworthy Recreation** 3-1 on spot-kicks on Wednesday evening, while Petersfield Town came through their semi-final 24 hours prior, winning 8-9 on penalties at **Newport IOW** - to set up the winner-takes-all encounter.

PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 Horndean	38	32	2	4	126	21	105	98
2 B'ton Heath Harlequins	38	30	5	3	123	33	90	95
3 AFC Stoneham	38	31	2	5	111	37	74	95
4 AFC Portchester	38	30	4	4	115	49	66	94
5 Moneyfields	38	19	8	11	76	47	29	65
6 Hamble Club	38	20	5	13	88	65	23	65
7 Baffins Milton Rovers	38	19	6	13	68	52	16	63
8 Laverstock & Ford	38	17	4	17	66	67	-1	55
9 Fareham Town	38	14	7	17	64	71	-7	49
10 Christchurch	37	15	3	19	59	73	-14	48
11 Portland United	38	13	8	17	64	76	-12	47
12 Shaftesbury	38	14	4	20	73	80	-7	46
13 Hythe & Dibden	37	12	8	17	59	73	-14	44
14 Brockenhurst	38	11	5	22	54	91	-37	38
15 Blackfield & Langley	38	11	5	22	53	90	-37	38
16 Cowes Sports	38	10	7	21	42	83	-41	37
17 Bournemouth	38	11	4	23	48	97	-49	37
18 US Portsmouth	38	10	5	23	61	90	-29	35
19 Pagham	38	10	4	24	51	93	-42	34
20 Alresford Town	38	1	2	35	25	138	-113	5

DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 Andover New Street	38	29	6	3	104	39	65	93
2 Newport (IoW)	38	27	5	6	97	38	59	86
3 New Milton Town	38	27	3	8	116	50	66	84
4 Hamworthy Recreation	38	27	3	8	101	46	55	84
5 Petersfield Town	38	23	7	8	86	36	50	76
6 Downton	38	22	6	10	103	49	54	72
7 Andover Town	38	18	5	15	90	74	16	59
8 Fleetlands	38	18	5	15	58	62	-4	59
9 Totton & Eling	38	15	10	13	56	57	-1	55
10 Millbrook	38	16	6	16	91	99	-8	54
11 Folland Sports	38	15	8	15	68	65	3	53
12 Romsey Town	38	13	8	17	67	77	-10	47
13 Fawley AFC	38	13	6	19	62	71	-9	45
14 Verwood Town	38	13	5	20	68	75	-7	44
15 East Cowes Victoria	38	9	12	17	38	74	-36	39
16 Whitchurch United	38	11	3	24	61	85	-24	36
17 Ringwood Town	38	9	4	25	60	97	-37	31
18 Ash United	38	6	10	22	56	106	-50	28
19 Amesbury Town	38	6	8	24	42	118	-76	26
20 Fleet Spurs	38	3	0	35	26	132	-106	9

BY JON COUCH

SO, ULTIMATELY, Football Association chiefs finally made the only sensible call they could have made in granting an extension to the season for clubs at Steps 5 and 6.

But even though that affords the likes of Sandhurst Town, Brook House, Horndean and Bacup Borough a bit of breathing space from their ridiculous end-of-season fixture avalanche – Sandhurst having to play 11 games in 10 days at one point – there is a bigger picture to consider here.

Tackling congested fixture pile-ups come March and April is no new dilemma for clubs these days, and therein lies the problem.

On average, you can expect to lose at least two or three league fixtures over the course of the season, but on the odd year of extraordinary weather patterns such as this, contingency plans have to be put in place.

It's not necessarily the regulation league season which is causing the problem – there are enough Saturdays and Tuesdays in the calendar to comfortably take in a 46-game season – but the numerous cup competitions which clubs are often obliged, or felt pressured to, compete in.

Take my old friends down at Fleet Town, for example. These days, the Blues ply their trade in the Wessex League Premier but that just scratches the surface of a gruelling first-team campaign which also takes in FA Cup, FA Vase, Wessex League Cup, Hampshire Senior Cup, Southern Combination Cup, Russell Cotes Cup and Aldershot Senior Cup.

Eagle-eyed readers of The NLP's extensive fixtures page may have noticed that there are some regional or district cup competitions still trying to get through delayed second or third round matches. Indeed, for some, the backlog of fixtures is often so great that the competitions have, in the past, been carried over into the pre-season of the following campaign.

Sadly, though, one of Non-League football's great institutions is also implicated here – the County Cup.

This week, we saw two instances of National League clubs having to all but relinquish their challenge for honours at the semi-final stage due to fixture clashes.

Firstly, in Hampshire, we heard that Aldershot Town had been informed by the Hampshire Senior Cup sub-group that their semi-final tie against Basingstoke Town HAD to be played on Tuesday April 18.

But the Shots – proud six-time County Cup winners – had already rearranged their crucial National League game with Wealdstone for that date, meaning that despite their best efforts to arrange an alternative date, they had no choice but to fulfil their fixture but field their Under 21 academy side.

"The club wanted to move the fixture to give our supporters an opportunity to attend both our

League fixture with Wealdstone and Cup fixture with Basingstoke but regret that unfortunately a choice between the two will have to be made," a club statement confirmed.

"We're incredibly proud of their achievements so far in this year's Hampshire Senior Cup and will be supporting the youngsters from Wealdstone."

And, it was the same story along the south coast at Worthing.

Following the postponement of their National League South game with Cheshunt to a waterlogged pitch last week, the match was put back to the only available date left available, Tuesday April 25.

This, however, had been listed just 24 hours before the Rebels' already scheduled Sussex Senior Cup semi-final against Hastings United.

Despite constant dialogue with the National League and Sussex County FA to see if the congestion could be eased, a solution could not be found owing to "multiple factors", again meaning Worthing will have to field an under-strength side for the Hastings game with play-offs still very much in the offing.

Club chairman Barry Hunter commented: "Naturally this creates a huge conflict as it schedules us to play four games in eight days, which is not possible without compromise.

"We would also plan to speak with the Sussex FA at the end of the season in the hope we could work with them and other clubs to find ways to avoid the congestion experienced this season."

Barry is right, discussions do need to be had. Most supporters have some very fond memories from their club's respective County Cup competitions and take great pride in claiming regional bragging rights should their club be lucky enough to lift the trophy.

But the fact remains that County FAs such as Hampshire and Sussex can't expect the likes of Aldershot and Worthing to put their whole season on the line at this crucial stage when there is still so much to play for in the league. If anything, they should be supporting their member clubs in their quest to achieve a highest possible league position. I mean, it's in their best interests, right?

The plight of Aldershot and Worthing – and no doubt other clubs up and down the country – will once again place the future of the County Cup into doubt.

Personally, I like to think they still have a part to play in the fabric of a Non-League season, but unless there is more understanding and flexibility in the fulfilling of priority fixtures, then the more difficulty I have in making an argument for it to remain on the modern-day fixture list.

Something, somewhere along the line surely has to give.

ROLL OF HONOUR



SENIOR DIVISION WINNERS

2022/2023	TBC
2021/2022	Colden Common
2020/2021	Season Null & Void due to Covid
2019/2020	Season Null & Void due to Covid
2018/2019	Bush Hill
2017/2018	Paulsgrove
2016/2017	Bush Hill
2015/2016	Baffins Milton Rovers
2014/2015	Hamble Club
2013/2014	Baffins Milton Rovers
2012/2013	Locks Heath
2011/2012	Liphook United
2010/2011	Liphook United
2009/2010	Colden Common
2008/2009	Colden Common
2007/2008	AFC Stoneham

DIVISION ONE WINNERS

2022/2023	Infinity
2021/2022	Andover New Street Swifts (North) & QK Southampton (South East)
2020/2021	Season Null & Void due to Covid
2019/2020	Moneyfields Reserves (PPG)
2018/2019	Lyndhurst
2017/2018	Netley Central Sports
2016/2017	Four Marks
2015/2016	Andover Lions
2014/2015	Infinity
2013/2014	Bush Hill

COMBINATION DIVISION WINNERS

2018/2019	Liphook United Res
2017/2018	Paulsgrove Res
2016/2017	Paulsgrove Res
2015/2016	Liss Athletic Res
2014/2015	Hamble Club Res
2013/2014	Hamble Club Res
2012/2013	Fleetlands Res
2011/2012	AFC Stoneham Res
2010/2011	Liphook United Res
2009/2010	Winchester Castle Res
2008/2009	Paulsgrove Res
2007/2008	Locks Heath Res

SENIOR LEAGUE CUP WINNERS

2021/2022	Sway (pictured above, pic Ian Grainger)
2019-2021	Cancelled due to Covid
2018/2019	Infinity
2017/2018	Sway
2016/2017	Hayling United
2015/2016	Hamble Club
2014/2015	AFC Stoneham
2013/2014	Baffins Milton Rovers
2012/2013	Colden Common
2011/2012	Liphook United
2010/2011	Team Solent
2009/2010	AFC Stoneham
2008/2009	Paulsgrove
2007/2008	Team Solent

GEORGE MASON MEMORIAL SHIELD WINNERS

2021/2022	Hook
2020/2021	Bush Hill
2018/2019	Liphook United Res

COMBINATION LEAGUE CUP WINNERS

2018/2019	Paulsgrove Res
2017/2018	Overton United Res
2016/2017	Winchester Castle Res
2015/2016	Liss Athletic Res
2014/2015	Hedge End Rangers Res
2013/2014	Hamble Club Res
2012/2013	Fleetlands Res
2011/2012	AFC Stoneham Res
2010/2011	Liphook United Res
2009/2010	Otterbourne Res
2008/2009	Locks Heath Res
2007/2008	Locks Heath Res

HAMPSHIRE PREMIER FOOTBALL LEAGUE

UPCOMING FIXTURES



SENIOR DIVISION TITLE AND PROMOTION CHASERS, CLANFIELD, VISIT DENMEAD THIS AFTERNOON, AND TRAVEL TO HAYLING UNITED ON BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY (PHOTO: RICHARD MURRAY)



Wed 17 May 2023
Liphook United v Clanfield
Moneyfields Reserves v Colden Common
Sat 20 May 2023
Colden Common v Whitehill & Bordon
Denmead v Liphook United
Moneyfields Reserves v Sway
Tue 23 May 2023
Colden Common v Winchester Castle
Moneyfields Reserves v Overton United

DIVISION ONE
Sat 29 Apr 2023
Whiteley Wanderers v AFC Netley
Sat 06 May 2023
AFC Netley v Michelmersh & Timsbury
Sat 13 May 2023
Whiteley Wanderers v Michelmersh & Timsbury

SENIOR DIVISION

Sat 29 Apr 2023

Denmead v Clanfield
Hayling United v Liss Athletic
Moneyfields Reserves v Stockbridge
Paulsgrove v Liphook United
Winchester Castle v Harvest

Mon 01 May 2023

Clanfield v Hayling United
Colden Common v Denmead
QK Southampton v Whitehill & Bordon

Wed 03 May 2023

Liss Athletic v Clanfield
QK Southampton v Moneyfields Reserves
Winchester Castle v Liphook United

Fri 05 May 2023

Andover New Street Swifts v Overton United

Sat 06 May 2023

Clanfield v QK Southampton
Colden Common v Liphook United
Denmead v Moneyfields Reserves
Hayling United v Sway
Stockbridge v Liss Athletic
Harvest v Whitehill & Bordon

Mon 08 May 2023

Clanfield v Whitehill & Bordon

Tue 09 May 2023

Winchester Castle v Liss Athletic

Wed 10 May 2023

Andover New Street Swifts v QK Southampton
Stockbridge v Denmead
Hayling United v Paulsgrove

Sat 13 May 2023

Denmead v Hayling United
Liphook United v Sway
Liss Athletic v Colden Common
Paulsgrove v Clanfield
QK Southampton v Andover New Street Swifts
Winchester Castle v Locks Heath

HAMPSHIRE PREMIER FOOTBALL LEAGUE

2023-24 RENEWAL



The Hampshire Premier League are pleased to invite applications for new and existing clubs for the 2023/24 season.

Clubs should complete the online form (**scan the QR Code**) and submit - alongside the relevant fees - no later than April 30, 2023. Information on fees can also be found within the form.

New clubs should note they must finish in the top two of their respective feeder League, and meet the necessary ground grading criteria (**also found via the QR code**).

The HPFL's recommended constitution for 2023/24 will be announced at the AGM, on Sunday, June 11 at Winchester City FC (time TBC).



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SATURDAY APRIL 29TH 2023 - 11AM

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BEN MORRIS
CHARLIE ROGERS
DEAN CARR
ELLIS CLEARY-TUCKER
JACK APPLETON
JACK BARNES
JACK LANGDOWN
JOE WOODWARD
JOSH JEFFREY
KIERAN DIAZ-BENITEZ
LEE MORRIS
LEWIS ALDERMAN
LIAM DUFALL
MCAULIE STUBBS
MIKE ADAMS
ROBBIE OWEN

MANAGER: ROBBIE SKEATES
ASSISTANT: RYAN FACEY
ASSISTANT:
STEPHEN LEIGHTON
COACHES: ANDY FENNELL,
TOM APPLETON

UPHAM

JAMES WEEKS
CRAIG NEWMAN
JASON HOLDSWORTH
WES ALLWOOD
JACK SOMERS
SONNY LOCKE
COSMIN STOIAN
MATT HUBBARD
MICHAL NIESYTO
SAM GILL
ANDRES MESA
SAM CHARLES
DARREN MARSHALL
ROBBY DALE
MERCIA TOTH
ANDY CATTERSON

MANAGER: CHRIS PAYNE
ASSISTANT: SCOTT JONES
ASSISTANT: RYAN CUNNINGHAM

MATCH REFEREE: EDWARD ALDERSLADE
ASSTS: GARRY COLLINS & COLIN MORRIS
FOURTH OFFICIAL: RICHARD DINGLE

L4 TEAMWEAR LEAGUE CUP FINAL

SATURDAY APRIL 29TH 2023 - 3PM

LOCKS HEATH

MAX HOILE
JOE DORSETT
SIMON STONE
JAKE SMITH
SHANE KENT
DAVE DUNKLEY
KURT WATTS
CHAY DUGAN
RYAN BATH
BRADLEY STONE
JOE ROBERTS
JAKE BULL
CONNER JOHNSON
BILLY BUTCHER
LEE MOLYNEAUX
MAX SHERGILL

MANAGER:
BEN BUCKLAND
ASSISTANT:
JON WHITFIELD
COACH:
DAVID HAZELGROVE
GK COACH:
GARETH HAWORTH

COLDEN COMMON

JON WEBB
GLEN FREEMAN
CAMERON ROSS
LUKE TURNER
JAMES BARNES
MIKE DOUGLAS
LIAM HISCOCK
AARON BLAXALL
JAMES BARNES
LIAM HIGGINS
BEN WHITE
JOE RYAN
DARREN STREET
BEN RANKIN
OLLIE RUDEL
PAULO MENDES
LEON COURSE
SAM ADAMS

JOINT MANAGERS:
NATHAN MORGAN &
CONNOR DOSWELL
ASSISTANT: JAMIE NASH

MATCH REFEREE: CAMERON DAVIS
ASSTS: CALLUM ALLEN & JAYDON SMITH
FOURTH OFFICIAL: TOM FARLOW