



Hog Post

**uhlsport Hampshire Premier Football League 2024-25
Newsletter 39
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Congratulations to:

Senior Division champions – Colden Common
Division 1 champions – Broughton

uhlsport League Cup Final winners – Crofton Saints
George Mason Memorial Shield winners – Liss Athletic

North Hants Intermediate Cup winners - Broughton
Aldershot Intermediate Cup winners - Whitehill & Bordon

Hampshire Saturday trophy finalists – Crofton Saints
Russell-Cotes Cup semi-finalists – Locks Heath
Southampton Senior Cup semi-finalists – Broughton

This is the last Hog Post for this season, the next one will probably be just before the season starts in August. Thanks to all who contributed this season, and we'd appreciate even more people contributing next season!

News/Reminders from the League Office

Online at <https://www.hpfl.co.uk/committee-corner>
Check the site for new updates!

Situation Vacant – Registration Secretary

The Hampshire Premier League is sad to announce that our Registration Secretary , Pete Lynes, will announce his retirement at the end of this season. Pete has served the League for 10 years, and his knowledge and experience has been invaluable over that time. His patience and assistance to all clubs will be sorely missed. We are keen to fill this important post as soon as possible and look forward to hearing from anyone who may have an interest in the job. Please contact the League Secretary, Paul Crocker, paulcrocker71@gmail.com

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Annual General Meeting

Sunday 8th June, 1100 start, at Eastleigh FC

Clubs should be prepared to collect balls and other equipment on the day!

Further details are available here: <https://www.hpfl.co.uk/agm>

POSTPONEMENTS

A reminder that if your match is postponed - across any competition - it is the clubs' responsibility to inform the League Fixtures Secretary (alan.gower2@ntlworld.com) and League Secretary (paulcrocker71@gmail.com) - as soon as possible.

Clubs **MUST** contact the League about their postponements before posting publicly on social media.

The League is unable to agree to postpone any fixture on unsubstantiated claims relating to player availability. Clubs failing to fulfil fixtures for any reason will be charged.

Changing Rooms

Please remember to show respect and to leave the changing rooms as you would like to find them after a match. We received several complaints already this season that rooms have been left dirty and even damaged.

PLEASE NOTE: Contact from clubs to the League must be made by the Club Secretary to the League Secretary.

ALSO NOTE: If any club needs to speak to Paul Proctor on the phone, due to his working at nights, he is generally only available between 12-4pm.

A note about jewellery

Clubs are asked to remind players that ALL jewellery, including ear studs, must be removed before entering the field of play.

Simply taping over the jewellery is not permitted and the referee will ask the player to leave the field of play and remove it thus becoming a player short until such time it has been removed.

Mandatory DBS checks

Please read:

<https://www.hpfl.co.uk/mandatory-dbs-checks-season-24-25>



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A polite reminder...

...of various issues which have been brought to our attention which must be adhered to.

Pitch Surrounds

All pitches must have a barrier or a minimum of a stake and rope around all sides accessed by spectators. FA respect barriers are also suitable.

Spectators at 3G venues

Should not be permitted to stand pitchside except on the side(s) where there is hard standing for spectators to stand.

Technical Areas

Must be marked out or in the case of venues where they cannot be marked out (3G pitches for example) cones or discs you use for players warm ups to show the technical areas can be used.

Dug Outs

Are a requirement in the Senior Division. Seating a minimum of 8.

Small Sided Goals

Please ensure that any goals pitchside are moved well away from the pitch. In the case of 3G venues back into the enclaves built into the side of the pitch.

A reminder that any views expressed in this newsletter are those of the contributors, not necessarily of the league.

Results

Tuesday 29th April

SENIOR DIVISION

Andover Town 1 - 0 Hook

DIVISION 1

QK Southampton 3 - 0 AFC Netley

Wednesday 30th April

SENIOR DIVISION

Liphook United 1 - 2 Liss Athletic

Stockbridge 4 - 1 Whitehill and Bordon

Saturday 3rd May

SENIOR DIVISION

Liss Athletic	11 - 0	Sway
Whitehill and Bordon	2 - 1	Andover Town

DIVISION 1

Crofton Saints	4 - 0	Whiteley Wanderers
Headley United	10 - 0	Twentyten

Tuesday 6th May

SENIOR DIVISION

Colden Common	3 - 2	Andover Town
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Wednesday 7th May

SENIOR DIVISION

Liphook United	3 - 1	Whitehill and Bordon
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Saturday 10th May

uhlsport HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE CUP FINAL

Colden Common	1 - 2	Crofton Saints
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GEORGE MASON MENORIAL SHIELD FINAL

Denmead	1 - 4	Liss Athletic
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ALDERSHOT INTERMEDIATE CUP FINAL

Rushmoor Community	2 - 2	Whitehill and Bordon (3-4 pens)
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SENIOR DIVISION

Harvest	2 - 2	Hook
Andover Town	3 - 4	Liphook United

DIVISION 1

Hedge End Town	1 - 2	Headley United
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Tuesday 13th May

HAMPSHIRE SATURDAY TROPHY FINAL

Crofton Saints	0 - 1	Tadley Calleva Res
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SENIOR DIVISION

Andover Town	P - P	Whitehill and Bordon
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Wednesday 14th May

SENIOR DIVISION

Liss Athletic	P - P	Denmead
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End of Season diary

Tue 29th April

In the **Senior Division**, it was 6th v 7th at the Portway as Andover Town beat Hook 1-0, Reid scoring the winner, having beaten them in the reverse fixture earlier this month. The Bluebirds still have five games to play and are in the hunt for a top two or three place if they win most of them.

In **Division 1**, QK Southampton played their last game under that name before merging with AFC Southside to become Nursling and Shirley FC. They had a good 3-0 home win and move up a place to tenth, a good placing given that they were in the bottom two for a long time this season. Portlock, Rattley and Terry were on target for QK.

Wed 30th April

Two games in the Senior Division, including the return game in the A3 derby, Liss Athletic following up their 5-2 home victory on Saturday with a 2-1 win at Liphook. They now only need a single point from their last two games to clinch the runners-up spot. Mackay and Anelay scored in a comeback win for the visitors.

Stockbridge finished their season with a good 4-1 home win over Whitehill & Bordon, Pye scoring two for the Robins.

Sat 3rd May

Two games in each division, two double-figure scores, and in each division the runners-up position was settled, as were a couple of other things.

In the **Senior Division**, Liss Athletic's 11-0 home win over Sway, featuring five from Mackay, confirmed their second place, and Sway's bottom place. Congratulations to Liss. Andover Town's 1-2 defeat at Whitehill & Bordon, whose winner came from Graham, means that they are now very unlikely to overtake Locks Heath in third place, and still need six points from four games to finish fourth. The Stags can still reach a top ten place if they win their remaining games.

In **Division 1**, Crofton Saints clinched second place with a 4-0 win over Whiteley Wanderers at Fareham. Bowman, Rudland, Burns and Allen scored their goals; congratulations to them too. For Whiteley this result meant that they finish second-last. Headley United's big 10-0 home win over bottom side Twentyten means that they finish in the top ten.

Tue 6th May

There was a competitive **Senior Division** clash in which champions Colden Common completed an unbeaten season at home by beating Andover Town 3-2 with a late penalty from Lethbridge. Andover still have two games to play and need four points for a top five place and two wins for a top four place.

Wed 7th May

We had another local derby in the **Senior Division**, this time it was Liphook United hosting Whitehill & Bordon. The home side won 3-1, a late T.Bedford penalty sealing the win. Liphook described it thus:

'Strong performance from the whole squad against local side Bordon. Dominated majority of the game and took an early lead through former Bordon player, Ryan Davis after following up his own shot. Ryan was involved once again with Harry Rolfe to link up and assist young Ollie Hamilton to put us 2-0 ahead. A sloppy five minute spell before half time saw us concede a soft penalty that Bordon tucked away. Second half saw us come up dominantly but struggling to find the final pass to kill off the game. Substitute Charlie Crook made an instant impact when he broke free down the left and won us a penalty when being bought down by the keeper. Captain Tom Bedford scored with ease to put himself in a convincing lead for golden boot!! Overall a very strong performance with one game remaining for the season.'

This win extended Liphook's record of not having drawn a single game this season.

Sat 10th May

Three cup finals today....

Firstly the HPFL Cup Finals Day at Portchester...

...which saw **Liss Athletic** add the **George Mason Memorial Shield** to their league runners-up spot with a 4-1 win over Denmead. The Mead battled well but in the end the greater firepower, particularly from corners, saw Liss emerge deserved winners. It was quite a feisty battle and we had three red cards.

Following that was the **uhlsport League Cup Final**, which saw a bit of an upset as Division One runners-up **Crofton Saints** beat Senior Division champions 2-1 with goals from Steel (penalty) and Bowman. Saints deserved the win a Common could not match their powerful style, and they ended up with two red cards by the end.

Finally, the Aldershot Intermediate Cup Final went to penalties, with **Whitehill & Bordon** coming out on top on penalties after an entertaining 2-2 draw.

Congratulations to all three winners!

There were also three league games:

In the **Senior Division**, Liphook United had an exciting 4-3 win at Andover Town, Davis bagging a hat-trick, which they meant that they rose to a seventh-placed finish (and no draws in their 30 matches), and the hosts will finish sixth (barring a thirteen goal win in their final game), which confirms a top five place for Bishops Waltham Dynamos and Hedge End Rangers.

Harvest and Hook drew 2-2, meaning that Hook finish eighth, just behind Liphook. Colson got both Hook's goals.

In **Division One**, Headley United had a 2-1 win at fourth-placed Hedge End Town to finish ninth. Benstead and Sworn were on target for Headley.

Tue 13th May

The end of our season saw a Cup Final appearance by an HPFL side.

The prestigious **Hampshire Saturday Trophy** final saw Crofton Saints' season end on a disappointing note with defeat to a single goal after 40 seconds to Tadley Calleva Res, who play in the Thames Valley League.

The final two league games of the season were cancelled due to lack of players on the visiting team.

Final League Tables

Senior Division (last two games still to be awarded)

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Colden Common	30	23	2	5	113	41	72	71
2	Liss Athletic	29	20	0	9	103	44	59	60
3	Locks Heath	30	18	4	8	78	48	30	58
4	Bishops Waltham D	30	17	3	10	69	37	32	54
5	Hedge End Rangers	30	17	1	12	77	55	22	52
6	Andover Town	29	16	1	12	65	55	10	49
7	Liphook United	30	16	0	14	79	79	0	48
8	Hook	30	14	5	11	57	48	9	47
9	Stockbridge	30	15	1	14	52	64	-12	46
10	Harvest	30	11	6	13	51	54	-3	39
11	Meon Milton	30	11	5	14	67	65	2	38
12	Denmead	29	11	4	14	64	86	-22	37
13	Whitehill and Bordon	29	11	3	15	61	71	-10	36
14	Moneyfields Res	30	8	5	17	53	76	-23	29
15	Paulsgrove	30	5	0	25	33	127	-94	15
16	Sway	30	3	4	23	39	111	-72	13

Division 1

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Broughton	26	18	6	2	67	28	39	60
2	Crofton Saints	26	18	5	3	89	23	66	59
3	Overton United	26	17	6	3	72	35	37	57
4	Hedge End Town	26	14	3	9	76	54	22	45
5	Silchester Village	26	11	7	8	63	56	7	40
6	Hayling United	26	10	8	8	56	55	1	38
7	AFC Netley	26	10	5	11	57	66	-9	35
8	Rushmoor Comm	26	10	4	12	54	59	-5	34
9	Headley United	26	10	3	13	59	69	-10	33
10	Upham	26	8	6	12	72	59	13	30
11	QK Southampton	26	8	4	14	36	81	-45	28
12	Mob Albion	26	6	4	16	44	63	-19	22
13	Whiteley Wanderers	26	5	4	17	46	70	-24	19
14	Twentyten	26	4	1	21	45	118	-73	13

Next Season's Fixtures

For the latest news, see:

- Full Time
- <https://www.hpfl.co.uk/fixtures>

Cup News

Up-to-date information can be found at:

- Full Time
- <https://www.hpfl.co.uk/cups>

Hampshire Saturday Trophy

Quarter Finals

Headley United 0 - 3 Colden Common

Ringwood Town Dev 1 - 1 Whitehill and Bordon (9-8 pens)

Tadley Calleva Res 2 - 1 Hook

Crofton Saints 0 - 0 Locks Heath (3-1 pens)

Semi Final

Crofton Saints 0 - 0 Colden Common (4-3 pens)

Final

Crofton Saints 0 - 1 Tadley Calleva Res

uhlsport Hampshire Premier League Cup

Quarter Finals

Harvest 1 - 1 Crofton Saints (3-4 pens)

Hedge End Town 1 - 2 Broughton

Colden Common 3 - 2 Hook

Liphook United 0 - 2 Whitehill & Bordon

Semi-Finals

Whitehill & Bordon 0 - 1 Colden Common

Broughton A - W Crofton Saints

Final

Colden Common 1 - 2 Crofton Saints

George Mason Memorial Shield

Quarter Finals

Andover Town 10 - 0 QK Southampton

Bishops Waltham Dynamos 2 - 3 Denmead

Liss Athletic 2 - 1 Rushmoor Community

Overton United 2 - 1 Stockbridge

Semi-Finals

Overton 1 - 2 Denmead

Liss Athletic 5 - 1 Andover Town

Final

Denmead 1 – 4 Liss Athletic

Southampton Senior Cup

Quarter Final

Romsey Town 0 – 0 Broughton (2-3 pens)

Semi Final

AFC Stoneham 5 - 1 Broughton

Russell-Cotes Cup

Quarter Final

Romsey Town 2 - 2 Locks Heath (4-5 pens)

Semi Final

AFC Portchester 2 - 1 Locks Heath

North Hants Intermediate Cup

Semi Finals

Silchester Village 4 - 1 Twentyten

Broughton 1 – 0 Overton United

Final

Silchester Village 1 -2 Broughton

Aldershot Intermediate Cup

Semi Finals

Liphook United 0 - 0 Rushmoor Community (4–5 pens)

Whitehill & Bordon 4 - 1 Midhurst & Easebourne Res

Final

Rushmoor Community 2 - 2 Whitehill & Bordon (3-4 pens)

Match Reports

Colden Common 3 Andover T. 2

Common had already won the league, so this was their last HPFL league game, and my first visit to see them at their new home. The visitors, who came down from the Wessex last season, still had the chance of a top four place if they won their remaining games - they did apply for promotion.

This was a surprisingly competitive game. The first half was entertaining, both teams playing some good stuff. After the break we saw a less attractive side of the game for a while, but the football returned for a good last 20 mins which saw Common play well to win the match.

It was a lively start: after 30 seconds Johnson curled a shot just wide for the visitors. The hosts replied with a shot by Choate, saved by Redshaw, and Primus burst through from right-back but fired over. On 8 mins, however, Common took the lead, a cross from the right found Choate who passed it left to Lethbridge who had an easy chance to score. Town replied with a cross from the left well hit by Bertie, forcing home keeper Egeland-Jensen into a good save. At the other end Redshaw had to make a good save from Stone. A ball over the top then found Choate free, he tried to lob Redshaw but the ball went just wide. The visitors battled well and equalised on 25 mins; several shots were blocked by Common defenders but the ball reached Morgans who produced an excellent finish. He had another chance as he was well found by Reid on the right but this time he was off-target. A good run by Samuda then forced a save from Egeland-Jensen. The home side took the lead again on 34 mins with a great goal as several passes found Choate free on the left and he shot across Redshaw into the top corner. But Andover came back and Morgans had a shot deflected wide before he tied it up again on 40 mins as he scuffed a cross from the left into the corner just beyond Egeland-Jensen's reach. HT 2-2.



The second half started promisingly with a Stone shot just wide, but after that it went rapidly downhill, with assorted fouls, appeals and general moaning, a lot of that from the benches too. There was a theatrical dive and from a cross Egeland-Jensen was flattened by an Andover forward. The ref had been pretty lenient up until then but decided enough was enough and dished out several yellow cards. Eventually this did the trick, and with the aid of a few subs, the home side started to look dangerous coming forward again. Harvey-Grey and J.Driver had shots just wide, Stone came close too. From a good cross Sunley had a header tipped over by Redshaw, who then kicked away a cross by Harvey-Grey in unorthodox fashion. Harvey-Gray came close twice more before we had the decisive moment, on 84 mins, as Sunley was pushed in the area going for a header, and Lethbridge converted the penalty. Common continued the pressure: a Sunley cross kissed the top of the bar, Redshaw rushed out to clear just before Walters, and Harvey-Grey again came close. A long shot over the bar was all the visitors had to offer in injury time and in the end Common were good value for their victory, which meant an unbeaten record at home this season [Paul H].



Hampshire Premier League Cup Finals Day

1100 - George Mason Memorial Shield Final

Denmead 1 Liss Athletic 4

Denmead are a young side, who will finish mid-table, and who have had some good results during the season.

Liss Athletic have had a great season, securing second place in the league, scoring 90 goals in the process.

We had a quietish start to the game, Denmead keeper Hards having to come out sharply to clear early on, then Innals heading a good cross from the left wide of the Liss goal. The Mead took the lead after only nine minutes as Porter got the ball on the edge of the area and produced a nice left-footed shot into the net. Liss took a little while to get going but came back when Anelay beat two men, but his shot was saved. In a goalmouth scramble two shots were well blocked, and the third, from Harrison, was well saved by Hards. Mackay for Liss then had a couple of efforts off target. Denmead defender Knight gave the ball away but made up for it with a great tackle just as Evans was about to shoot. The rebound went over. Liss equalised after 25 mins as a corner from the right saw a Liddiard header looping towards the top corner and Hards was unable to keep it out. His team were definitely on top and King fired a free-kick over before they went into the lead on 33 mins, another header from a corner, this time by Mackay. The Mead didn't lie down and they replied with a great cross by Jenkinson from the right with Craddock just failed to get a touch to. A good shot from Jenkinson was then saved by Waine, the rebound was blocked too. Near to the break Mackay headed over for Liss and Hards saved well from Anelay.

HT 1-2

After the break Liss forced another good save from Hards from a Clark header from a corner, but they were frustrated by a battling performance from the Mead. The ref was busy, Jenkinson tried an audacious free-kick from 45 yards out, but was over. However, Liss got the important third goal after 63 mins, another powerful header from a corner, this time by Noble. His side then appeared to sit on their lead and Denmead came back into it. A header from a corner was just over, a shot from Knight was less close. A powerful shot by Porter was pretty close, though, Jenkinson had another effort wide too. Near to the end Liss stirred themselves a little more, Anelay forced a good save from Hards, Noble headed over from a corner, and sub McWilliams, running through, was denied by Hards, with Mackay's shot on the rebound hitting the post. Hards made another good save, this time from sub Butler, but could do nothing about a McWilliams shot from the left of the area in injury time that went in off the far post. Right at the end we had a coming together after a Mead foul and eventually the ref gave second yellows to two Denmead players. A third got a second yellow after the final whistle after comments made to the officials.

A decent game and a trophy for Liss to cap an excellent season. The scoreline was possibly a little harsh on the Mead, although Liss clearly deserved to win. They even brought along a supporters' coach and were well-followed throughout [Paul H].



Jack Noble (no 3) scoring with a header for Liss Athletic v Denmead
 With thanks to Steve Ross, @ThoseWhiteLines – more photos available on Facebook)



Another header from a corner for Liss Athletic v Denmead (thanks to Paul Proctor – see more photos on www.paulproctor.smugmug.com)

1400 - uhl'sport Hampshire Premier League Cup Final

Colden Common 1 Crofton Saints 2

Senior Division Colden Common, now groundsharing at Winchester, have won the league, scoring over 100 goals in the process, and were undefeated at home.

They faced Division One Crofton Saints, who have had an incredible debut season at this level. They finished runners-up in the league and have also reached the prestigious Hampshire Saturday Trophy final (to be played next Tuesday), having beaten Common on penalties along the way.

Here, Saints recorded an impressive victory, imposing their style of play on Common who looked a bit jaded and who had no answer to the physical and power approach of their opponents. The game began with Common keeper Egeland-Jensen being clattered in Saints' first attack. Saints put pressure on their opponents and it nearly paid dividends early on as a defensive mix-up saw panic in the area and Egeland-Jensen was grateful to cling on to the loose ball at the end. Saints looked good coming forward and a cross was headed over by Bowman. H.Clark then curled in a free-kick from the left, tipped over by the keeper; Ryman headed the corner wide. Common's first half chance came to Choate, who scuffed his shot wide. On 26 mins a shot from Rudland bounced off Egeland-Jensen for a corner. From it a Crofton player went sprawling and the ref gave a penalty. Steel took it well and found the top corner to put Saints ahead. Soon afterwards Common nearly equalised as Choate got on the end of a cross from the right but he was denied by a great save by Lavin from point-blank range. Instead, on 38 mins, Crofton went further ahead as a good move saw a lovely one-two between H.Clark and Bowman, the latter producing a nice finish. Common tried to come back before the break but apart from a downward Lethbridge header which bounced over the bar, they made little impression. HT 0-2

Common made two substitutions after the break but were again thwarted by a Saints side that battled really well. They had a good chance to extend their lead further as a great cross by H.Clark was narrowly missed by Bowman, who protested that he was held back. A Saints free-kick was then sliced onto his own bar by Erdinc, the ball was cleared. Common threatened a couple of times; Lavin came out to clear before Choate, and Archer's attempt was over. At the other end Burns had a shot saved. Common kept looking to get back into the game and Erdinc headed back a free-kick to Lethbridge, who headed over a good chance. Stone and Lethbridge were then off-target. As we neared the end, sub Harvey-Grey had a great break down the left and his cross was met by sub Sunley whose effort was superbly saved one-handed by Lavin. Common's frustrations boiled over after a Saints foul and we had a scuffle after which Lethbridge received a second yellow. A couple of spectators then ran onto the pitch to confront Lavin but were ushered off. A long period of injury time saw Common pull a goal back right at the end as a corner was not cleared and was hammered in, but it was too late and Crofton could celebrate a great victory with another chance of silverware to come on Tuesday. Another Common player received a second yellow after the final whistle for comments made to the officials.

An enjoyable day, two decent games, well organised by the HPFL committee and excellently hosted by AFC Portchester. It was also good to meet Connor Millar from league sponsors uhlsport, who knew a bit about local football himself, having played for Amesbury and Shaftesbury. Thanks to all! [Paul H]



Jake Steel (on the right – no 8) converts the penalty to put Crofton Saints ahead against Colden Common (with thanks to Paul Proctor).



Second goal for Crofton Saints against Colden Common from Malin Bowman With thanks to Steve Ross, @ThoseWhiteLines – more photos available on Facebook)



Presentation of the League Cup to Crofton (thanks to Paul Proctor)

Aldershot Intermediate Cup Final

Rushmoor Community 2 Whitehill & Bordon 2 (3-4 pens)

Whitehill & Bordon FC were crowned ADFA Intermediate Cup Champions on Saturday afternoon after a dramatic penalty shootout win over Rushmoor CFC, following a thrilling 2-2 draw at Aldershot Town's EBB Stadium.

The Stags fell behind in the first half as Rushmoor made the most of a fast start, taking the lead before the break. Despite the setback, Whitehill & Bordon came out fighting in the second half and turned the game on its head with a brilliant spell of football.

Shayne Warren levelled the score with a powerful header to ignite the comeback, and shortly after, Ciaran Judd fired home to give the Stags a deserved 2-1 lead. Rushmoor, however, found an equaliser late on to send the final to penalties and set up a nerve-shredding conclusion.

In the shootout, the Stags held their nerve. With composure and grit, they converted their spot-kicks and saw out the win to lift the trophy in front of their travelling fans. The celebrations said it all — a fantastic moment for the players, staff, and everyone connected to the club.

Manager's Comments:

"I'm so proud of this group — they've worked incredibly hard all season and today they showed unbelievable heart. To go behind, respond the way we did, and then win it on penalties says everything about the character in this squad. This is for the whole club, and for every supporter who's backed us all the way."

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the lads at the EBB Stadium — your backing made all the difference [thanks to Whitehill & Bordon FC].

Hampshire Saturday Trophy Final

Crofton Saints 0 Tadley Reserves 1

We wondered if Crofton could add even more to their impressive season - league runners up on their debut at this level, plus defeating Senior Division winners Colden Common in the League Cup final last Saturday. They have also beaten Common and Locks Heath (both on penalties) to reach this final.

I was disappointed to see that they were playing a reserve team in the final of this prestigious competition, but at least Tadley Res play in a 'proper' league, in fact one level higher than Saints. They were in with a chance of a top three place in the Thames Valley Premier but they scratched from three of their last five games. In this competition their victims included three HPFL sides, an IOW side (Bembridge) and a team who won the Aldershot league with 16 wins out of 16 (Hart United).

So they were not to be taken lightly.

And this proved correct as Tadley scored after 40 seconds and looked a very solid team against opposition who were nowhere near as intense and powerful as in their League Cup win last Saturday. There were chances at both ends but none taken.

As said, the only goal came after about 40 seconds, a great cross from the right was met with a powerful shot by George which went in off the underside of the bar. Saints took a while to get into the game, apart from an early shot over by Burns. George nearly got a second as a through ball found him in space but he shot over. He then had another chance, his shot went up in the air and looked to be going over, but ended up hitting the bar and being cleared. Nicholas then had a free-kick saved and Lavin had to run out to clear as a backpass fell short; the Romans had a good opening 20 mins, After this, Saints came more into the game, but fitfully. Tadley keeper Gary had to save a couple of efforts from H.Clark and a free-kick from Steel. At the other end Nicholas nearly converted a cross from the right and it finished HT 0-1.

After the break Saints started well; a good cross from the right found Burns beyond the far post but his shot was disappointingly wide. For the Romans Reid then had an excellent attempt from 25 yards which Lavin did well to tip over. We had shots at both ends; Burns had another couple of attempts for Crofton, both wide; Lavin had to save a header from Reid and Nicholas fired wide from a good position on the left. Bowman and Broadway then came fairly close for Saints, and the Romans nearly scored from a corner, a sub Goodenough effort was also off target. Again there was no sustained pressure from Crofton as we approached the end; Burns headed a corner over and sub Watts had a shot wide, but Tadley had the best chance as Holmes got through on the right and Lavin made a good block.

The final whistle went and the Romans could celebrate, with their fans who were in the majority on a warm night at Stoneham. Disappointment tonight for Saints but they can look back on an excellent debut season in the HPFL and that league cup win. [Paul H]



Action from Crofton Saints v Tadley Calleva Res (with thanks to The Terrace Traveller, @TerraceTrav)



Action from QK Southampton v AFC Netley (again, with thanks to The Terrace Traveller, @TerraceTrav)



Action from Stockbridge v Whitehill & Bordon (again, with thanks to The Terrace Traveller, @TerraceTrav)



Action from Headley United v Twentyten (thanks to groundhopper Oxpete)



Action from Crofton Saints v Whiteley Wanderers (thanks to Alan Gower)



Action from Hedge End Town v Headley United (with thanks to groundhopper Oxpete)

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