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Our aim is to promote all local football but specifically the 38 teams of the Sydenhams Wessex League.

So far, we have had managers, chairmen, players, press officers and secretaries joining us as studio guests and phone guests; from many Sydenhams Wessex League clubs, as well as guests from local teams both higher up and lower down the pyramid. This is your show and is a platform for your club to promote its events and raise its profile. If your club produces post-match interviews please either email us a copy of the audio or give permission for us to play them on air straight from your website or social media sites, as we will aim to play them on the show.

Please come and join us one Sunday, at the moment, no guests will be allowed in the Studio, but please email cliffpledge@hotmail.com or secretary@sholingfc.com for more information.

STAT ATTACK

LEADING GOALSCORERS – LEAGUE GAMES ONLY

Details are based on clubs being up to date with records on Full Time at time of going to press.

| | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------|
| PREMIER DIVISION | Connor Duffin | Horndean | 11 |
| | Cameron Munn | Hamworthy United | 10 |
| | Dan Cann | Hamworthy United | 9 |
| | Lee Wort | AFC Portchester | 9 |
| | Ashley Elson | Alresford Town | 8 |
| | John McKie | Cowes Sports | 8 |

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| DIVISION ONE | Russell Jones | Laverstock & Ford | 14 |
| | George Bowerman | Alton | 12 |
| | Clayd Roach | Folland Sports | 11 |
| | James Franklyn | United Services Portsmouth | 10 |
| | [four on] | | 9 |

WATCHING BRIEF – TOP THREE LEAGUE ATTENDANCES

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------------|------------|-------------|
| PREMIER DIVISION | AFC Portchester | V | Blackfield & Langley | 300 | 31 October |
| | AFC Portchester | V | Hamworthy United | 300 | 12 December |
| | AFC Portchester | V | Baffins Milton Rovers | 286 | 15 December |

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|---------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------------|------------|--------------|
| DIVISION ONE | Andover Town | V | Andover New Street | 289 | 29 September |
| | East Cowes Victoria | V | Newport IOW | 288 | 29 September |
| | Laverstock & Ford | V | Bemerton Heath Harlequins | 287 | 13 October |

SHARPEST AND MEANEST

Leading goalscoring teams in the League and the meanest defences

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|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|
| PREMIER DIVISION | SHARPEST | | MEANEST | |
| | Hamworthy United | 50 | Lymington Town | 4 |
| | AFC Stoneham | 35 | Christchurch | 8 |
| | Fareham Town | 33 | Hamworthy United | 9 |
| | Horndean | 32 | Fareham Town | 12 |
| | Fleet Town | 28 | [three on] | 15 |
| | Blackfield & Langley | 27 | | |

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| DIVISION ONE | SHARPEST | | MEANEST | |
| | Laverstock & Ford | 47 | Romsey Town | 13 |
| | Folland Sports | 33 | United Services Portsmouth | 13 |
| | United Services Portsmouth | 30 | Alton | 14 |
| | Alton | 29 | Folland Sports | 17 |
| | Newport IOW | 29 | Verwood Town | 17 |
| | [three on] | 25 | [two on] | 18 |



LEAGUE TABLES

| RANK | PREMIER DIVISION | PL | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|------|-----------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Hamworthy United | 14 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 50 | 9 | 41 | 37 |
| 2 | Lymington Town | 12 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 23 | 4 | 19 | 33 |
| 3 | Horndean | 13 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 32 | 15 | 17 | 31 |
| 4 | Fareham Town | 11 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 33 | 12 | 21 | 26 |
| 5 | Blackfield & Langley | 13 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 27 | 20 | 7 | 25 |
| 6 | Christchurch | 11 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 23 | 8 | 15 | 23 |
| 7 | Fleet Town | 14 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 28 | 20 | 8 | 22 |
| 8 | AFC Stoneham | 12 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 35 | 15 | 20 | 21 |
| 9 | AFC Portchester | 12 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 20 | 15 | 5 | 19 |
| 10 | Bashley | 12 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 19 | 22 | -3 | 18 |
| 11 | Tadley Calleva | 11 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 17 | 18 | -1 | 17 |
| 12 | Baffins Milton Rovers | 13 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 21 | 25 | -4 | 13 |
| 13 | Bournemouth | 14 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 15 | 39 | -24 | 12 |
| 14 | Hamble Club | 13 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 16 | 23 | -7 | 11 |
| 15 | Brockenhurst | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 20 | -10 | 11 |
| 16 | Shaftesbury | 12 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 19 | 34 | -15 | 10 |
| 17 | Cowes Sports | 11 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 16 | 24 | -8 | 8 |
| 18 | Portland United | 15 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 16 | 51 | -35 | 8 |
| 19 | Alresford Town | 13 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 14 | 39 | -25 | 7 |
| 20 | Amesbury Town | 12 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 5 | 26 | -21 | 1 |

| RANK | DIVISION ONE | PL | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|------|----------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Laverstock & Ford | 14 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 47 | 18 | 29 | 36 |
| 2 | Alton | 11 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 29 | 14 | 15 | 28 |
| 3 | Folland Sports | 12 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 33 | 17 | 16 | 23 |
| 4 | United Services Portsmouth | 10 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 30 | 13 | 17 | 21 |
| 5 | Bemerton Heath Harlequins | 11 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 25 | 18 | 7 | 21 |
| 6 | Newport (IOW) | 11 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 29 | 19 | 10 | 19 |
| 7 | Andover Town | 12 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 25 | 22 | 3 | 19 |
| 8 | Ringwood Town | 12 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 25 | 30 | -5 | 17 |
| 9 | Verwood Town | 11 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 20 | 17 | 3 | 16 |
| 10 | Hythe & Dibden | 11 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 19 | 21 | -2 | 16 |
| 11 | Andover New Street | 12 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 16 | 20 | -4 | 15 |
| 12 | Petersfield Town | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 15 | 19 | -4 | 14 |
| 13 | Downton | 14 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 20 | 29 | -9 | 11 |
| 14 | Fawley AFC | 11 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 15 | 27 | -12 | 10 |
| 15 | East Cowes Victoria | 12 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 13 | 29 | -16 | 10 |
| 16 | Romsey Town | 8 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 11 | 13 | -2 | 9 |
| 17 | Whitchurch United | 11 | 3 | 0 | 8 | 18 | 32 | -14 | 9 |
| 18 | New Milton Town | 11 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 19 | 27 | -8 | 8 |
| 19 | Totton & Eling | 12 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 10 | 34 | -24 | 3 |

THE NUMBERS GAME

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The number of league victories for Swanage Town & Herston in the 2001/02 season, which, at time of writing, was their last season in membership.

78

The number of league goals scored AND conceded by Hamworthy United in 2013/14.

1485

The recorded gate for the Salisbury's league game against Bemerton Heath Harlequins on 28 December 2015.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

MATCH REPORT

WESSEX LEAGUE DIVISION 1

DOWNTON 3 RINGWOOD TOWN 1



Having spent most of the season in the bottom two, Downton looked to carry on their run to safety which has seen them lose only two of their last 11 games and do the double over their local rivals. It was Ringwood who dominated the opening exchanges with Downton unable to get out of their own half. However on 6 minutes, with their first attack, the Robins took the lead. THICK outsprinted the Ringwood defence to get on the end of a through ball, rounded Rhodes and slid the ball into an empty net. The visitors continued to dominate possession and Fleet went close after being put through by Hardy. Prompting from

midfield, Hoare finally started to get Downton moving and he had a shot palmed away by Rhodes. The Ringwood keeper was called upon again on to save a Smith header before Thick shot wide when well placed. After 34 minutes Downton went two up with a move which originated from a misplaced Ringwood free kick. Hoare picked up the ball in his own half, going on a long run which eventually took him round the keeper. Being too wide to shoot, he unselfishly crossed to present THICK with a tap in. Almost immediately Ringwood hit back as a long cross was fed back across goal by Midson for FLEET to score from close range. As the half ended Downton put together the best move of the game which resulted in Booth firing just wide. HT 2-1

Ringwood again dominated the early exchanges after half time and Howes was unlucky to see a 25 yard drive cannon back into play from the inside of a post. However they lacked the creativity to turn their territorial advantage into clear cut chances.

As in the first half Downton came back into the game and Donaldson had a shot pushed over and Thick shot wide with their best chances.

Finally with two minutes remaining Taylor, the Ringwood manager, who had come on for Kerley brought down THICK for a penalty. The striker dusted himself down and stepped up to complete his hat trick sending the keeper the wrong way to wrap up the points.

FT 3-1

DOWNTON:

Colin Hopkins @, Ben Cross, Kev Booth, Shaun Hartley, Ben Smith, Jon Wilkinson, Mark Daubney (Liam Hanlon), Olly Hoare, Kevin Thick [7, 34, 88 pen], Scott Donaldson, Michael Pratt (Toni Camelleri). Unused subs: Dave Pearce, Ryan Bishop.

RINGWOOD TOWN:

Dave Rhodes, Matt Greaves, Dan Morrell (Tom Alvis), Nick Howes (Kane Chattey), Simon Kerley (Jy Taylor), Mark Burrett @, Jason Hardy, Dan Baguley, Carl Fleet [38], Luke Gogan, Phil Midson. No unused subs.

TAKING A LOOK AT THE DORSET PREMIER LEAGUE

The league was formed in 1957 under the name Dorset Football Combination League with the principal objective of the league being to improve the standard of football and competition throughout Dorset and neighbouring counties.

At present the league is operating with 17 clubs, covering the entire county of Dorset, ranging from Bridport in the west and Parley in the east plus one outsider, Westland Sports from Yeovil, in Somerset. The inaugural season saw 12 clubs in membership with Swanage Town lifting the Championship and the 15th Training Battalion RASC finishing as runners up. Next time out the roles were reversed.

In the first five seasons, Swanage Town won the Championship four times and finished runners up on one other occasion.

Parley Sports reached the final of the Combination Cup 21 times, lifting the trophy on eleven occasions, and have also won the league title on twelve occasions as well as finishing in the runners-up place nine times. On one occasion they won the Combination League five times in a row from 1962 to 1966, but they've not had any joy in either since the start of the Wessex League.

It is probably fair to say that Hamworthy Recreation are now currently the most successful member club, with five League titles in the last ten seasons although League Cup success has not been so easy to achieve.

In 1991 the Dorset Football Combination League accepted an invitation to become a feeder to the Wessex League, thus giving its member clubs the opportunity to progress through the National League System.

The 2002/03 season saw the League change its name to the Dorset Premier Football League. It was felt that this more reflected the League's status and in 2010 the League was awarded the FA Charter Standard status, one of the first across England to be so awarded.

The league was placed at the now defunct Step 7 of the National League System, standing parallel to the neighbouring Hampshire Premier League. Clubs promoting from the League would be expected to join the second tier of the Wessex League. However, the 2005/06 Champions (Sherborne Town) moved to the Western League. Near neighbours Gillingham Town also ventured in that direction before a voluntary return to the Dorset Premier League. Bridport, who maintain a Reserve team in the competition, also play in the Western League.

In 2017/18 the League were guinea pigs for the Sin Bin initiative aimed at reducing the levels of dissent aimed at Match Officials on Match Day.

During 2018 after much consultation the Bournemouth League became a Feeder League to the Dorset Premier Football League meaning that from the end of the 2018/19 season the Champions of the Bournemouth League are in with a chance to take promotion to the Dorset Premier Football League subject to Ground Grading criteria.

Just five clubs have joined our League from the Dorset competition- Swanage Town & Herston, Portland United, Hamworthy United and Shaftesbury all making the grade. Weymouth Reserves also featured for one complete season in 2016/17 ending with a respectable tenth place spot, before a change of policy saw them withdraw the next term having played just eight league fixtures.

Of the other four three have had more than one visit, with Hamworthy being the odd one out- gaining promotion after winning the title in 2003/04 and have become an established outfit in our League.

Portland have two Wessex titles to their name, winning both the Division One [2015/16] and Premier Division [2016/17] titles.

At the other end, the bottom club may be relegated to the Dorset Senior League.

| Season | Champions in the Wessex era |
|---------|-----------------------------|
| 1986/87 | Bridport |
| 1987/88 | Bridport |
| 1988/89 | Shaftesbury |
| 1989/90 | Weymouth Reserves |
| 1990/91 | Dorchester Town Reserves |



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|---------|--|
| 1991/92 | Blandford United |
| 1992/93 | Westland Sports |
| 1993/94 | Hamworthy Engineering |
| 1994/95 | Hamworthy Engineering |
| 1995/96 | Hamworthy Engineering |
| 1996/97 | Shaftesbury |
| 1997/98 | Sturminster Marshall |
| 1998/99 | Portland United |
| 1999/00 | Portland United |
| 2000/01 | Hamworthy Recreation |
| 2001/02 | Hamworthy Recreation |
| 2002/03 | Hamworthy United |
| 2003/04 | Hamworthy United |
| 2004/05 | Hamworthy Recreation |
| 2005/06 | Holt United |
| 2006/07 | Westland Sports |
| 2007/08 | Portland United |
| 2008/09 | Portland United |
| 2009/10 | Hamworthy Recreation |
| 2010/11 | Hamworthy Recreation |
| 2011/12 | Westland Sports |
| 2012/13 | Portland United |
| 2013/14 | Portland United |
| 2014/15 | Hamworthy Recreation |
| 2015/16 | Shaftesbury Town |
| 2016/17 | Holt United |
| 2017/18 | Hamworthy Recreation |
| 2018/19 | Hamworthy Recreation |
| 2019/20 | Season expunged due to pandemic, reproduced below as at cessation of season. |
| 2020/21 | Season postponed, awaiting FA decision, table as at Christmas 2020 shown. |

Best ranking in our League for the Dorset Premier League sides-

HAMWORTHY UNITED finished fifth in 2017/18. The Hammers also picked up the League Cup in their first season of membership- winning by the odd goal of five against Thatcham Town on 2 May 2005. Ryan Lucas, Ryan Dovell and an OG took the trophy back to Dorset.

PORTLAND UNITED won the Premier Division title in 2016/17 and were League Cup Runners Up in 2018/19. This is their second spell with us- coming up as Runners up in 2000/01 to secure a 14th place finish. A return to Dorset Premier life came with a bottom place in 2005/06.

SHAFTESBURY had a twelfth place finish in 2017/18 and is their second spell with us. First time saw the Rockies serve seven seasons. Came back into the fold with a third place finish in 2016/17 to attain Premier Division status.

SWANAGE TOWN & HERSTON had a 20th place finish in 2000/01, but in their first season with us (1990/91) having transferred across from the Western League were runners up. After relegation at the end of 1995/96 a third place finish in 1999/00 saw them return to us; Portland were champions that season but did not come up. The Swans' second stay was even shorter with just the two seasons, and they've not returned.

| RANK | 2019/20 | PL | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|------|---------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Merley Cobham Sports | 19 | 16 | 1 | 2 | 93 | 25 | 68 | 46 |
| 2 | Hamworthy Recreation | 16 | 15 | 1 | 0 | 66 | 19 | 47 | 46 |
| 3 | Westland Sports | 18 | 14 | 1 | 3 | 50 | 25 | 25 | 43 |
| 4 | Bournemouth Sports | 24 | 13 | 4 | 7 | 56 | 38 | 18 | 40 |
| 5 | Gillingham Town | 24 | 13 | 0 | 11 | 58 | 42 | 16 | 39 |
| 6 | Dorchester Sports | 23 | 10 | 7 | 6 | 56 | 43 | 13 | 37 |
| 7 | Balti Sports | 23 | 10 | 7 | 6 | 50 | 37 | 13 | 37 |
| 8 | Blandford United | 18 | 10 | 4 | 4 | 55 | 31 | 24 | 34 |
| 9 | Holt United | 24 | 9 | 3 | 12 | 49 | 49 | 0 | 30 |
| 10 | Corfe Castle | 25 | 8 | 3 | 14 | 46 | 77 | -31 | 27 |
| 11 | Swanage Town & Herston | 19 | 7 | 2 | 10 | 40 | 46 | -6 | 23 |
| 12 | Bridport Reserves | 23 | 7 | 2 | 14 | 46 | 72 | -26 | 23 |
| 13 | Shaftesbury Reserves | 20 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 41 | 58 | -17 | 22 |
| 14 | Sturminster Newton United | 22 | 5 | 4 | 13 | 33 | 70 | -37 | 19 |
| 15 | Portland United Reserves | 24 | 5 | 4 | 15 | 37 | 80 | -43 | 16 |
| 16 | Wareham Rangers | 21 | 4 | 3 | 14 | 37 | 62 | -25 | 15 |
| 17 | Sherborne Town Reserves | 21 | 4 | 2 | 15 | 27 | 66 | -39 | 14 |

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| RANK | 2020/21 | PL | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|------|---------------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Merley Cobham Sports | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 10 | 32 | 27 |
| 2 | Westland Sports | 8 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 20 | 6 | 14 | 21 |
| 3 | Sherborne Town Reserves | 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 14 | 12 | 2 | 16 |
| 4 | Balti Sports | 11 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 24 | 29 | -5 | 16 |
| 5 | Gillingham Town | 7 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 20 | 9 | 11 | 15 |
| 6 | Dorchester Sports | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 14 | 13 | 1 | 14 |
| 7 | Bournemouth Sports | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 16 | 19 | -3 | 14 |
| 8 | Swanage Town & Herston | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 19 | 14 | 5 | 13 |
| 9 | Blandford United | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 21 | 9 | 12 | 10 |
| 10 | Hamworthy Recreation | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 19 | 9 | 10 | 10 |
| 11 | Holt United | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 12 | 14 | -2 | 6 |
| 12 | Portland United Reserves | 9 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 12 | 22 | -10 | 6 |
| 13 | Shaftesbury Reserves | 8 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 13 | 24 | -11 | 6 |
| 14 | Sturminster Newton United | 7 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 22 | -11 | 5 |
| 15 | Bridport Reserves | 8 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 12 | 27 | -15 | 3 |
| . 16 | Wareham Rangers | 9 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 4 | 34 | -30 | 0 |

Hamworthy United games in FA Vase whilst a member of the Dorset Premier League.

| | | | |
|---------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1992/93 | Extra Preliminary Round | Fleet Town | Home- Lost 5-0 |
| 1993/94 | Preliminary Round | Ryde Sports | Home- Lost 5-1 |
| 1994/95 | Extra Preliminary Round | Petersfield Town | Away- Lost 6-0 |
| 2002/03 | Second Qualifying Round | Bitton | Home- Lost 3-2 |
| 2003/04 | First Qualifying Round | Saltash United | Away- Won 4-1 |
| 2003/04 | Second Qualifying Round | Bodmin Town | Home- Won 2-0 |
| 2003/04 | First Round | Hallen | Away- Won 2-1 |
| 2003/04 | Second Round | Winchester City | Away- Lost 2-0 |

Portland United have played no games in the FA Vase whilst in Dorset Premier League membership.

Shaftesbury games in FA Vase whilst a member of the Dorset Premier League.

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|---------|-------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2015/16 | First Qualifying Round | Devizes Town | Away- Won 2-0 |
| 2003/04 | Second Qualifying Round | Team Solent | Away- Lost 3-0 |

Swanage Town & Herston games in FA Vase whilst a member of the Dorset Premier League.

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|---------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 2009/10 | Second Qualifying Round | Plymouth Parkway | Home- Drew 1-1 [lost replay 4-0] |
| 2010/11 | First Qualifying Round | Keynsham Town | Away- Lost 2-1 |
| 2011/12 | First Qualifying Round | GE Hamble | Home- Lost 2-0 |
| 2012/13 | First Qualifying Round | Andover New Street | Home- Won 3-0 |
| 2012/13 | Second Qualifying Round | US Portsmouth | Away- Won 3-0 |
| 2012/13 | First Round | Newport IOW | Home- Lost 2-0 |
| 2014/15 | Second Qualifying Round | US Portsmouth | Home- Drew 1-1 [lost 4-3 on penalties] |
| 2015/16 | Second Qualifying Round | Corsham Town | Home- Lost 4-3 |
| 2016/17 | First Qualifying Round | Christchurch | Away- Lost 2-1 |
| 2017/18 | First Qualifying Round | Ash United | Home- Won 4-3 |
| 2017/18 | Second Qualifying Round | Fawley | Home- Won 3-2 |
| 2017/18 | First Round | Bodmin Town | Away- Lost 2-1 |
| 2018/19 | Second Qualifying Round | Longwell Green Sports | Home- Lost 3-0 |
| 2019/20 | First Qualifying Round | Dorchester Sports | Home- Lost 1-0 |

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| Season | League Cup Winners | Runners-up | Score |
|---------|--|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1986/87 | Bridport | Parley Sports | 1-0 |
| 1987/88 | Bridport | Shaftesbury | 2-1* |
| 1988/89 | Shaftesbury | Portland United | 3-1* |
| 1989/90 | Hamworthy United | Wareham Rangers | 2-2* [2-1 Replay] |
| 1990/91 | Flight Refuelling | Dorchester Town Reserves | 1-0 |
| 1991/92 | Dorchester Town Reserves | Parley Sports | 3-0 |
| 1992/93 | Westland Sports | Portland United | 4-2 |
| 1993/94 | Westland Sports | Sherborne Town | 3-2 |
| 1994/95 | Shaftesbury | Hamworthy Engineering | 4-2 |
| 1995/96 | Sturminster Newton United | Sherborne Town | 2-1 |
| 1996/97 | Bournemouth Sports | Hamworthy Engineering | 3-2* |
| 1997/98 | Portland United | Westland Sports | 3-0 |
| 1998/99 | Portland United | Parley Sports | 3-0 |
| 1999/00 | Portland United | Gillingham Town | 4-3* |
| 2000/01 | Hamworthy Recreation | Hamworthy United | 2-0 |
| 2001/02 | Gillingham Town | Westland Sports | 2-1* |
| 2002/03 | Holt United | Hamworthy Recreation | 4-0 |
| 2003/04 | Dorchester Town Reserves | Gillingham Town | 1-0 |
| 2004/05 | Poole Borough | Holt United | 2-1 |
| 2005/06 | Holt United | Dorchester United | 2-1* |
| 2006/07 | Hamworthy Recreation | Portland United | 1-1* [4-2 Penalties] |
| 2007/08 | Hamworthy Recreation | Westland Sports | 3-0 |
| 2008/09 | Portland United | Chickerell United | 2-2* [4-2 Penalties] |
| 2009/10 | Swanage Town & Herston | Westland Sports | 3-0 |
| 2010/11 | Weymouth Reserves | Merley Cobham Sports | 2-1 |
| 2011/12 | Westland Sports | Hamworthy Recreation | 2-2* [4-2 Penalties] |
| 2012/13 | Holt United | Portland United | 1-0 |
| 2013/14 | Hamworthy Recreation | Portland United | 0-0* [5-4 Penalties] |
| 2014/15 | Hamworthy Recreation | Mere Town | 3-0 |
| 2015/16 | Merley Cobham Sports | Sherborne Town Reserves | 2-1 |
| 2016/17 | Swanage Town & Herston | Gillingham Town Reserves | 2-0 |
| 2017/18 | Westland Sports | Hamworthy Recreation | 2-0 |
| 2018/19 | Merley Cobham Sports | Westland Sports | 3-2 |
| 2019/20 | <i>Competition abandoned due to pandemic; results shown here at season end.</i> | | |
| 2020/21 | <i>Season postponed, awaiting FA decision, results as at Christmas 2020 shown.</i> | | |

2019/20

Preliminary Round

Holt United 2-1 Balti Sports

First Round

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|-------------------------|---------|---------------------------|
| Bournemouth Sports | 4-1 | Gillingham Town |
| Dorchester Sports | 6-1 | Sturminster Newton United |
| Hamworthy Recreation | 2-1 | Merley Cobham Sports |
| Holt United | 6-2 aet | Corfe Castle |
| Shaftesbury Reserves | 3-4 | Bridport Reserves |
| Sherborne Town Reserves | 1-3 | Portland United Reserves |
| Swanage Town & Herston | 0-4 | Blandford United |
| Wareham Rangers | 0-3 | Westland Sports |

Quarter Final [*-*] - match not played.

| | | |
|---------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| Blandford United | *-* | Westland Sports |
| Bournemouth Sports Parley | 0-1 aet | Hamworthy Recreation |
| Bridport Reserves | *-* | Holt United |
| Dorchester Sports | 1-0 | Portland United Reserves |

2020/21

Preliminary Round

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| Balti Sports | 2-0 | Dorchester Sports |
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First Round

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|--------------------------|---------|---------------------------|
| Blandford United | 7-0 | Swanage Town & Herston |
| Bridport Reserves | 2-4 aet | Holt United |
| Hamworthy Recreation | 4-0 | Shaftesbury Reserves |
| Merley Cobham Sports | 4-2 | Sturminster Newton United |
| Portland United Reserves | 0-2 | Balti Sports |
| Sherborne Town Reserves | 1-0 | Gillingham Town |
| Wareham Rangers | 2-3 aet | Parley Sports |
| Westland Sports | 6-3 | Corfe Castle |

Quarter Final [*-*] - match not played.

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|------------------|-----|-------------------------|
| Balti Sports | *-* | Holt United |
| Blandford United | *-* | Sherborne Town Reserves |
| Parley Sports | *-* | Merley Cobham Sports |
| Westland Sports | *-* | Hamworthy Recreation |

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Not that I get any, but here we go with another space filler, two per week so that's a ready-made 13 week series, here's the third instalment.

C

Crook Town. The club was formed in 1889 when the towns two teams, Crook and Crook Excelsior merged. Millfield was used as their home ground but as it belonged to Crook Rugby club, they had first priority over its use. During the 1925-26 season a new main stand was built, costing £1,300; grassed banks were also created all-round the pitch using coal mine spoil. Terracing was installed in the 1960s and floodlights erected in 1968; the first match under the lights was a friendly against Manchester City on 16 December that year. They still use the same ground today, a really atmospheric ground.

Winners of the FA Amateur Cup on five occasions- 1900/01, 1953/54, 1958/59, 1961/62 and 1963/64, the club have also won the Northern League title the same number of times.

A lesser known fact is that In 1913 the club made the first of three tours to Spain where games were played against Barcelona. Subsequent tours were undertaken in 1921 and 1922. In all they played the Catalonians ten times, winning two, drawing four and losing four, but on the opposite side of the coin,

after an investigation into illegal payments to amateur players they were suspended by the Durham F.A. as from 7 January 1928 with their playing record expunged.

X

Xanthi. A Greek team based in a city of the same name in Western Thrace and play in the second tier of the national set up, after suffering relegation from the Alpha Ethniki last term. Founded in 1967 they more recently played in UEFA Cup and Europa League competition. Home kit is basically red with a central vertical white stripe on the shirt.

ISLE OF WIGHT GOLD CUP – PART TWO OF TWO

2000/01

Quarter Final

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| Cowes Sports | 1-2 | Brading Town | |
| Newport IOW | 3-4 | East Cowes Victoria | (1 March) |
| Shanklin | 0-0 | Oakfield | |
| West With Mayflower | 1-0 | Seaview | |

Quarter Final Replay

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| Oakfield | ?-? | Shanklin | |
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Semi Final

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| Brading Town | 1-1 | Oakfield | |
| East Cowes Victoria | 8-1 | West Wight Mayflower | |

Semi Final Replay

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| Oakfield | 2-1 | Brading Town | |
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Final

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| Oakfield | 1-0 | East Cowes Victoria | |
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[at ? on ?]

2001/02

Quarter Final

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| Cowes Sports | 2-0 | Brading Town | |
| East Cowes Victoria | 2-0 | West Wight | |
| Newport IOW | 5-0 | Shanklin | (2 March) |
| Red Star Spartans | 2-1 | Binstead & County Old Boys | |

Semi Final

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| Cowes Sports | 1-2 | East Cowes Victoria | |
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[East Cowes removed for playing an ineligible player]

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| Newport IOW | 3-0 | Red Star Spartans | |
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[at St Georges Park on 18 April, attendance 129]

Final

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| Cowes Sports | 2-1 | Newport IOW | |
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[at Westwood Park on 18 May]

2002/03

Quarter Final

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| Brading Town | 1-0 | Whitcroft & Barton Sports | |
| Cowes Sports | 3-1 | Oakfield | |
| East Cowes Victoria | 2-0 | Shanklin | |
| Newport IOW | 3-2 | West Wight | (25 February) |

Semi Final

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| Cowes Sports | 4-2 | Brading Town | |
| Newport IOW | 1-0 | East Cowes Victoria | |

[at Westwood Park on 1 April]

Final

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| Newport IOW | 2-0 | Cowes Sports | |
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[at St Georges Park on 29 April]

2003/04

Quarter Final

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| Brading Town | 4-4 | Red Star Spartans | |
| Cowes Sports | 2-0 | East Cowes Victoria | |

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Newport IOW 3-0 Binstead & County Old Boys (2 March)
West Wight 3-2 Whitecroft & Barton Sports

Quarter Final Replay

Red Star Spartans ?-? Brading Town

Semi Final

Newport IOW 2-1 Cowes Sports

[at Beatrice Avenue on 20 April, attendance 198]

West Wight 5-1 Red Star Spartans

Final

Newport IOW 5-1 West Wight

[at Westwood Park on 6 May]

2004/05

Quarter Final

Brading Town 1-0 Cowes Sports

East Cowes Victoria 0-2 Newport IOW (8 March)

Oakfield 1-3 West Wight

Red Star Spartans 1-2 Whitecroft & Barton Sports

Semi Final

Newport IOW 4-2 Whitecroft & Barton Sports

[at Vicarage Lane on 26 April]

West Wight 1-2 Brading Town

Final

Newport IOW 4-0 Brading Town

[at Westwood Park on 3 May]

2005/06

Quarter Final

Brading Town 4-2 Newport IOW (8 February)

Cowes Sports 7-0 Red Star Spartans

East Cowes Victoria 1-0 West Wight

Whitecroft & Barton Sports 2-3 Ventnor

Semi Final

Brading Town 4-0 Ventnor

East Cowes Victoria 1-0 Cowes Sports

Final

Brading Town 3-2 East Cowes Victoria

[at St Georges Park on 25 April]

2006/07

Quarter Final

Brading Town 6-1 Oakfield

Cowes Sports ?-? Shanklin

East Cowes Victoria 4-0 Ventnor

West Wight 0-2 Newport IOW (21 February)

Semi Final

East Cowes Victoria 0-2 Cowes Sports

Newport IOW 2-1 Brading Town

[at Beatrice Avenue on 4 April, attendance 250]

Final

Cowes Sports 2-1 Newport IOW

[at Beatrice Avenue on 3 May]

2007/08

Quarter Final

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| Brading Town | 7-0 | Binstead & County Old Boys | |
| Cowes Sports | 2-0 | Shanklin | |
| East Cowes Victoria | 2-1 | West Wight | |
| Newport IOW | 2-0 | St Helens Blue Star | (8 April) |

Semi Final

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| Brading Town | 0-4 | Cowes Sports |
| East Cowes Victoria | 5-2 | Newport IOW |

[at Westwood Park (?) on 2 May, attendance 190]

Final

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| Cowes Sports | 2-1 aet | East Cowes Victoria |
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[at Westwood Park on 9 May]

The final of the Isle of Wight Gold Cup was contested between two of our member teams- Cowes Sports and East Cowes Vics. It was the Yachtsmen, one division higher in league status, who began brightly and Smeeton's looping header went just over the Vics bar. Vics were forced to make two early substitutions as Butt and then Watson went off injured in the opening 19 minutes. Cowes continued to press and Rayner hit a neat shot on the turn that came off the visitors bar.

Vics first opportunity came with 32 played when Merrick, eying the home keeper off his line, tried to chip him from 20 yards but Streeter saved. A low McInnes volley then deflected off a Cowes defender for a corner. Vics took the lead on 44 minutes when BETT turned well and hit an excellent shot that flew into Streeter's right hand corner.

Cowes hit back and Scovell hit a shot that came off of a Vics defender at close range; 'handball' he claimed quite vehemently, the officials were unmoved, correctly in my opinion. Vics survived a further penalty appeal but the referee was again correct in my view, but not in the view of the vociferous attendance in the stand!

Vics were hanging on to their advantage but they were withstanding a fair amount of pressure as the game eased towards its latter stages. The industrious Scovell shot through a crowded box but Fulljames made a smart diving save and this was soon followed by a further save from a firm Wright effort as we went into the final ten minutes. The equaliser came a further minute on when the ball deflected into the path of INSLEY who hit a firm low shot that went speedily through the keeper's legs. Into extra time and the game was taking its toll on a few players. Still plenty of effort going in but one vital occurrence. Into the 107th minute and a free-kick to Cowes in a central position, WRIGHT hit it firm and low and it managed to sneak through Fulljames' hands and into the corner. It was a good old final, well contested, well officiated as well (some may disagree!). Have to say the best team won on the night.

2008/09

Quarter Final

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| Brading Town | 4-0 | Niton | |
| Cowes Sports | 1-2 aet | West Wight | |
| East Cowes Victoria | 2-0 | Shanklin | |
| Newport IOW | 6-0 | Oakfield | (24 March) |

Semi Final

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| Brading Town | 2-4 | Newport IOW |
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[at Westwood Park on 2 May, attendance 197]

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| East Cowes Victoria | 1-2 | West Wight |
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Final

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| Newport IOW | 2-1 | West Wight |
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At Westwood Park on 8 May

Friday, 05 February 2021

This was an extremely entertaining match at neutral Cowes as the Wessex Premier 'Goliaths' overcame the fine challenge of the 'David's' from the Island League thanks to a late goal. These matches usually have an archetypal manner about them. They either steer the way of the big-boys early-on and then often become uninteresting or they become a bit of a battle. Well, Newport's early efforts to do the former didn't turn into goals and it, rather thankfully for the neutral spectator, went the latter way. My first thoughts were how did referee Mr Gates get this particular appointment – didn't he play for Newport once? Perhaps he had a spell playing for West Wight as well?! Perhaps it doesn't matter?

Early pressure from Port but the Wight side defended in numbers and manfully to subside the tide of attacks. Wight keeper Norris made a fine low save from a Seabrook 20 yard free-kick (17) and he then made a diving save to push away a wickedly bouncing Powell effort (33). It was from the resulting right wing corner that Port went ahead; Norris stopped a header from it and there were chances to clear further but WHITE hit a good shot from the edge of the box that went high into goal.

Good defending by Wight, where a fine block was made by a defender prevented a further goal (36). Into stoppage time, there were four minutes of it, and Scovell was booked for a foul and from the freekick taken from the right, DYE escaped his marker to head home from a central position to put the Island side level. There was sufficient time for an excellent move from Wight that started in their own half and involved a series of passes between Griffith and Casey Tyrell that finished with the latter shooting just over the bar. So, 1-1 at break. I mentioned the four minutes injury time but I didn't say why. Most of it was due to an extremely poor tackle by Smeeton in the 25th minute that resulted in both players involved needing treatment. No one would have blamed Mr Gates had he produced a red card but he opted for a yellow one instead. Wight's Thurman was later carded for a 'revenge foul' on Smeeton. The second half was equally as entertaining as the first period, but there were not so many chances to record. This was a fine half for Wight who by now realised that they had more than a chance. It became harder for Newport and they struggled to break down a dogged side who had clearly tightened up for the second half and did it well. Hart had a near post header from a Stay cross but Norris, who had played confidently throughout, got down well to make a low diving save (62). It was one of those games where you look at your watch and find there were only a few minutes to go. There was a winner inside normal time and that came the favourite's way. Into the 84th minute and Hart got down the left and pulled the ball back to McINNES who received, turned and fired low into the net in a very swift movement. It was a goal fitting to win a final. West Wight were not going to come back again, although they tried right to the final whistle. I suppose you could wonder what might have happened had Smeeton been dismissed for his first half foul. West Wight might have won it as it panned out, but that's just conjecture. Other than that, the game was played in a great spirit; credit to the players. There was sufficient time to see the cup presented as well as the man of-the-match trophy (which is in memory of Alan Reed who was an East Cowes Vics stalwart) which was, quite correctly, awarded to Norris for his fine display. Anyone reading this and wondering about the validity of this competition should have been here to see what getting this cup meant to Newport (IW) FC by the end of the game (for the 35th time apparently). As for West Wight, well they put out both Cowes (here) and East Cowes (in last Monday's Semi-Final at Newport) and have won the league and Intermediate Cup and still have a Memorial Cup Semi-Final to play. I don't suppose you can win them all but a fine season; this was a tall order but they came out of it with credibility.

2009/10

Quarter Final

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| Brading Town | 7-0 | Brighstone |
| Cowes Sports | 2-1 aet | West Wight |

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This quarter final was a repeat of the game at this stage last year, which also went to extra time but, on that occasion, was won 2-1 by West Wight who then went on to defeat East Cowes before losing the final at this ground to Newport. It was suggested that West Wight are not the side they were last season and, having seen this performance alone, I can probably concur with that view. Cowes went into this at the very bottom of the Wessex Premier table and they played with little confidence on the night. Cowes had most of the early possession but it wasn't happening for them when the ball got where it could hurt. Needless to say, it was West Wight who took a surprise lead when a Millar pass found GRIFFITH on the left who buried a low shot past Norris (36). Augustus had a chance to level but he lost control of the ball and the opportunity was lost (38). Dyer, for Cowes, had a fair amount of space to try his luck but his effort was wide (39). Next, a long range Dye effort was equalled by a good diving save by Brenchley as West Wight held on to their one goal advantage at half-time. As expected, Cowes came out firing on all cylinders early in the second half – Brenchley having to dive to keep out a 25 yard effort by Augustus (48) and a freekick by attacking defender Dye went just wide (49). West Wight could have added a second when Perry latched onto a Bridges cross and got past Norris but a defender covered well to clear it up (59). The equaliser came on 67 minutes and was a fairly straight forward goal, an unmarked header by THOMAS at the near post from a left-wing corner (67). From there, decent opportunities were at a premium. West Wight went down to ten men in the 88th minute when a clash off the ball saw a Cowes player on the ground. It was noted by the linesman and, following consultation, Mark Holmes, a second half substitute was sent off. West Wight survived the final couple of minutes with a man less to take the tie into extra time, but even then Brenchley was called on to make a diving save from a Dyer header with time up. The extra period was not appreciated by me as it was an extremely cold evening, but that's how it goes!! Cowes took the lead three minutes into the extra time period and I must have been so cold I couldn't read my notes (must always write up matches on the day and not leave it until later!); THOMAS was credited with it and, if my memory serves me right, he was there to apply the finish after a free-kick had got past the West Wight keeper. I did think that it would be the start of a few goals with the visitors a man down, but this wasn't proving to be the case. A nasty tackle by Cowes sub Jones prompted a reaction, but the card shown was only yellow (112). However, this did put West Wight down to nine men as the player had to be carried to the dressing rooms. The second period of extra time passed without any further moment of note and West Wight made a late effort to grab a leveller but the two-man advantage rather comfortably saw Cowes through. Other Notes: I was surprised to note that Cowes named five substitutes. I thought Isle of Wight competitions were three substitutes only right across the board, but the referee allowed all five to be named (perhaps the rule changed for this season?).

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| East Cowes Victoria | 7-0 | Shanklin | |
| Newport IOW | 7-1 | GKN Westland | (3 March) |

Semi Final

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| Newport IOW | 3-0 | East Cowes Victoria |
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[at Westwood Park on 30 April, attendance 174]

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| Cowes Sports | 2-3 | Brading Town |
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Final

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| Newport IOW | 1-2 | Brading Town |
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[at Westwood Park on 8 May, attendance 374]

2010/11

Quarter Final

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| Brading Town | 2-0 | GKN Westland | |
| East Cowes Victoria | 2-4 | Northwood St Johns | |
| Newport IOW | 11-0 | St Helens Blue Star | (22 December) |

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West Wight 1-2 Cowes Sports *[removed for playing an ineligible player]*

Semi Final

Brading Town 3-1 West Wight

Newport IOW 5-0 Northwood St Johns

[at Westwood Park on 10 March]

Final

Newport IOW 3-1 Brading Town

[at ? on 5 May]

2011/12

1st Round

Binstead & County Old Boys 1-2 Shanklin

Niton 0-4 Ventnor

Northwood St Johns 5-3 Oakfield

Ryde Saints 3-1 Newchurch

GKN Westland 2-5 West Wight

Quarter Final

Brading Town 6-1 Ventnor

East Cowes Victoria 2-0 Ryde Saints

Newport IOW 5-1 Shanklin (7 March)

West Wight 1-2 Cowes Sports

Semi Final

Cowes Sports 3-1 Newport IOW

[at Beatrice Avenue on 2 May]

Brading Town 1-2 East Cowes Victoria

Final

Cowes Sports 1-1 aet East Cowes Victoria

[Cowes won 4-3 on penalties]

[at ? on ?]

2012/13

1st Round

Brading Town 1-0 Niton

Pan Sports 1-4 Osborne Coburg

Ryde Saints 1-5 Oakfield

2nd Round

Brading Town 3-2 Northwood St Johns

GKN Westland 2-4 Shanklin

Ventnor 1-6 West Wight

Quarter Final

Cowes Sports 8-1 Shanklin

East Cowes Victoria 2-0 Oakfield

Newport IOW 1-0 Brading Town (1 April)

West Wight 3-0 Osborne Coburg

Semi Final

Cowes Sports 1-2 East Cowes Victoria

Newport IOW 1-0 West Wight

[at Beatrice Avenue on 29 April, attendance 133]

Final

Newport IOW 1-0 East Cowes Victoria

[at Westwood Park on 10 May, attendance 300]

2013/14

1st Round

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| East Cowes Sports | ?-? | Niton |
| Northwood St Johns | ?-? | Ryde Saints |
| Oakfield | ?-? | Vectis Nomads |
| Shanklin | 0-3 | Brading Town |
| West Wight | ?-? | Binstead & County Old Boys |

Quarter Final

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|---------------|-----|---------------------|------------|
| Cowes Sports | 3-1 | Northwood St Johns | |
| Newport IOW | 5-0 | East Cowes Sports | (22 March) |
| Vectis Nomads | 5-1 | Brading Town | |
| West Wight | 1-0 | East Cowes Victoria | |

Semi Final

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|--|-----|---------------|
| Cowes Sports | 4-1 | West Wight |
| <i>[at St Georges Park on 29 April]</i> | | |
| Newport IOW | 6-1 | Vectis Nomads |
| <i>[at Westwood Park on 3 May, attendance 118]</i> | | |

Final

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| Newport IOW | 1-0 | Cowes Sports |
| <i>[at Beatrice Avenue on 9 May, attendance 320]</i> | | |

2014/15

Quarter Final

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| Newport IOW | H-W | Seaview |
| Cowes Sports | 4-0 | Whitecroft & Barton Sports |
| East Cowes Victoria | 2-2 | East Cowes Sports |
| <i>[East Cowes Sports won 5-4 on penalties]</i> | | |

This Beatrice Avenue Derby match in the Isle of Wight Gold cup was a most entertaining affair which went all the way to penalties with the Island League side eventually winning through. Following a bright start it was Sports who went in front when Turner took a free-kick on the left and the ball went all the way through a packed penalty area before finding the bottom far corner. Abrook's effort struck the Vics bar and Ebbs had a further chance for the visiting side but Vics keeper Green pushed the ball away for a corner. Vics closest first half effort came when Gale's cross was met by a Gregory header that was deflected wide.

HT: 0-1.

Vics had a decent spell early in the second period and they levelled close to the hour when Gregory headed home a right-wing corner at the near post. Sports countered and Turner's low shot from the left just went past the far post. Sports had a great chance to net but when a cross from the left evaded the keeper and found Ebbs at the back post, his shot could only find the side netting. Sports retook the lead in the 76th minute when the ball was played down the left and sub Robjant controlled it well and netted a low shot into the far corner. Thompson received a second yellow card for Vics on 88 minutes which left then a man short and trailing with time running out. But Vics levelled the scores two minutes into stoppage time when Craig scored with a finely struck direct free-kick that went low into the corner.

FT: 2-2.

Into extra time and Sports, with the man advantage, created a bit more but their efforts were marginally off target. Nothing could separate the teams in the extra half-an-hour though.

FT/ET: 2-2, which was about right but who went through had to be settled on the night by penalties. Both teams had a penalty saved during the first five, with Sports also having to successfully retake

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one following a save. Into sudden death and the Island Leaguers won through to the semi-final when Vics struck the bar and the ball went over.

West Wight 0-2 Northwood St Johns

Semi Final

Cowes Sports 6-0 East Cowes Sports

[at St Georges Park on 14 April]

Newport IOW 5-1 Northwood St Johns

[at Beatrice Avenue on 15 April, attendance 100]

Final

Newport IOW 4-0 Cowes Sports

[at Beatrice Avenue on 15 May, attendance 407]

2015/16

1st Round

Bembridge 3-7 Shanklin

Brading Town 2-3 Binstead & County Old Boys

Ventnor 3-0 Northwood St John

West Wight 0-1 Oakfield

Bye: East Cowes Sports

2nd Round

East Cowes Sports 2-0 Binstead & County Old Boys

Oakfield, Shanklin, Ventnor.

Quarter Final

Cowes Sports 4-2 Ventnor

East Cowes Victoria 2-3 East Cowes Sports

Newport IOW 5-0 Oakfield (2 February)

Whitecroft & Barton Sports 6-0 Shanklin

Semi Final

Cowes Sports 6-1 East Cowes Sports

[at Beatrice Avenue on 6 April]

Newport IOW 3-0 Whitecroft & Barton Sports

[at St Georges Park on 4 May, attendance 214]

Final

Newport IOW 1-1 Cowes Sports

[Newport won 3-1 on penalties]

[at Beatrice Avenue on 13 May, attendance 300]

2016/17

1st Round

Binstead & County Old Boys 4-1 Bembridge

Brighstone 1-5 Brading Town

Oakfield 2-3 Shanklin

Ventnor 2-1 East Cowes Sports

West Wight 2-4 Ryde Saints

2nd Round

Ventnor 3-2 Brading Town

[BYES: Binstead & County Old Boys, Ryde Saints, Shanklin]

Quarter Final

Cowes Sports 3-0 Shanklin

East Cowes Victoria 0-3 Binstead & County Old Boys

Newport IOW 2-0 Ventnor (14 March)

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Ryde Saints 0-4 Whitecroft & Barton Sports

Semi Final

Newport IOW 3-2 Whitecroft & Barton Sports

[at Westwood Park on 26 April]

Cowes Sports 7-1 Binstead & County Old Boys

[at St Georges Park on 6 May]

Cowes took the game by the scruff of the neck with two early goals. The first came on five minutes when Browne received a Phillips pass and swept past a defender before firing low into the corner. That goal was soon followed by a fine run through the inside-right channel by Malin who squared the ball across to McKie to fire home. Binstead keeper Sanderson saved efforts from Phillips and Malin whilst Browne, at stretch, was off target with another chance. Binstead made a first half change due to an injury, Woreboyes replacing M Foreman. Drakeford had an opportunity for the Island League side but his effort from wide on the left drifted past the far post. At the other end, Browne's header was headed off the line by Woreboyes to keep the score at 2-0. Cowes, having started the half strongly, went on to finish it well too, scoring three in seven minutes (there was a Binstead goal too). It started when a slick raid down the left brought a McKie shot that rebounded off the underside of the bar and unluckily in off the keeper. Within a minute, it was 4-0 as a low Malin cross from the right deceived the keeper and the ball ran on to the far post where Browne completed the formalities. When Cowes lost the ball it was crossed in to Crookes who scored with an impressive half-volley that flew in from 23-yards for Binstead and 4-1. But Cowes netted again when Lewis charged through and took a return pass before placing low past the keeper and into the corner.

HT: 5-1.

Lewis and McKie combined to set up Malin whose dangerous cross flicked off a defender and clear whilst Browne collected with his back to goal, his turning shot came off the foot of the post. Lewis made it 6-1, he strode forwards and unleashed a 20-yard drive in via the underside of the bar. Efforts from Phillips and Browne went over. It was effectively job done for Cowes and late on Sanderson held as Ince got a touch to a Malcolmson cross. However, there was one further goal as Bryan made a surging run forward, continuing despite an attempt to pull him back and Browne completed his hat-trick into the corner after the initial shot had hit the post.

FT: 7-1. Well done to Binstead for making it to the semis and playing in a fine spirit but, on the day, there was only one winner.

Final

Cowes Sports 1-1 Newport IOW

[Newport won 5-3 on penalties]

[at Westwood Park on 12 May, attendance 350]

THESE two Wessex Premier rivals met for the right to win the coveted Gold Cup at Westwood Park. There was almost a sensational opening as McInnes headed the ball into the path of Triggs whose volley just missed the angle of the Cowes goal with only forty seconds played. Cowes countered with Insley getting his head to a corner at the back post which just clipped the top of the bar. The Yachtsmen took the lead on 8 minutes when the assistant had a good view of a tug by Newport's Taylor on McKie's shirt inside the box and a penalty was awarded which Browne [pen] converted. McKie went over a further Taylor challenge in the box but this one was correctly adjudged to be accidental. Taylor was in action again, this time defending well to get a fine block to a Browne shot. McInnes drove narrowly wide from the edge of the box but Newport did level the scores soon after. It came from a Streeter clearance which found Butcher to firmly hit a low cross from the left which was allowed to run in the middle by McInnes and Kelly struck it firm, low and deep into the corner

of the Cowes net. Cowes attacked, Lewis' header being deflected away by Sampson, McKie's effort flashing wide and Insley's header being held by Streeter. Cowes keeper Hatt made a great tip over from a Triggs header. Streeter made a further save from Bryan to bring an end to an entertaining half.

HT: 1-1.

The Newport wall did its job to block successive McKie shots, Browne shot wide and a good Malin run was halted by Pearce as Cowes attacked early in the second half. A fine run by McKie, who seemed to be pulled back but still had the ball and play went on, his shot then deflected off a Port defender but McKie, who had been booked in the first half, remonstrated vehemently to the referee and was shown a second yellow card to leave Cowes down to ten men. Chances on goal were not too forthcoming as the game progressed, although an excellent Butcher run that took him into the box brought a fine tackle by Insley. Wetherick, a Port substitute who'd received a 'warm' reception by the locals, tried to set-up McInnes whose shot was well blocked and, at the other end, hesitation between Streeter and Pearce almost produced a late chance for Malin but Pearce cleared.

FT: 1-1 and straight to penalty kicks.

Malin drove his penalty over whilst the other kicks were converted meaning Newport were the cup winners for the fifth consecutive season and for the 39th time since the Second World War.

2017/18

Preliminary Round

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| Ryde Saints | 0-5 | Ventnor |
| West Wight | 3-0 | Sandown |

1st Round

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| Binstead & County Old Boys | 2-3 | East Cowes Sports |
| Brading Town | 2-5 | Northwood St Johns |
| Oakfield | 1-4 | Shanklin |
| West Wight | 3-1 | Ventnor |

Quarter Final

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| Cowes Sports | 6-0 | Shanklin | |
| East Cowes Victoria | 2-0 | Northwood St Johns | |
| West Wight | 1-0 | Newport IOW | (5 April) |
| Whitecroft & Barton Sports | 4-1 | East Cowes Sports | |

Semi Final

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| Cowes Sports | 4-3 | East Cowes Victoria |
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[at St Georges Park on 2 May]

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| Whitecroft & Barton Sports | 0-1 | West Wight |
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[at Westwood Park]

Final

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| Cowes Sports | 4-1 | West Wight |
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[at St Georges Park on 12 May, attendance 430]

A bumper crowd of 430 were in for the Final and saw the Yachtsmen end a five year hold on the Trophy by Newport. An easy choice for Man of the Match was John McKie who contributed a hat trick for the winners, with the first goal coming in the sixth minute- with a shot beating West Wight keeper Joe McCormack into the corner of the net.

They doubled their lead on 13 when Finley Phillips was on target before McKie grabbed his second, with a tap in although there was some debate about the keeper having been fouled immediately prior to the event.

McKie's third was also a typical poacher goal; netting a Jimmy Wykes delivery from close range, The consolation goal for West Wight came from Zak Harris in added on time with a looping header over Ed Hatt.

2018/19

1st Round

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| Osborne Coburg | 0-2 | Northwood St John |
| Sandown | 1-2 | Brading Town |
| Shanklin | 4-1 | Binstead & County Old Boys |
| Ventnor | 5-1 | East Cowes Sports |

2nd Round

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| Shanklin | 5-2 | Brading Town |
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[Northwood St John, Pan Sports, Ventnor and Whitecroft & Barton Sports byes]

Quarter Final

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| Cowes Sports | 2-1 | Pan Sports |
| East Cowes Victoria | 1-0 | Northwood St John |
| Newport IOW | 1-0 | Shanklin |
| Ventnor | 1-6 | Whitecroft & Barton Sports |

(20 February)

Semi Final

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| East Cowes Victoria | 1-5 | Newport IOW |
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[at Westwood Park on 26 March, attendance 314]

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| Whitecroft & Barton Sports | 1-1 | Cowes Sports |
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[Whitecroft & Barton won 3-1 on penalties]

[at St Georges Park on 23 April]

Final

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| Newport IOW | 6-1 | Whitecroft & Barton Sports |
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[at Beatrice Avenue on 27 April]

THE traditional Isle of Wight showpiece game, the Gold Cup final, was played at a blustery Beatrice Avenue ground as Wessex side Newport took on Island League Whitecroft & Barton Sports who had gone into this game with an unbeaten record throughout the season. What a start for Newport! Only thirty seconds on the clock and Connor Kelly played a low ball in from the left and Jordan Browne steered his shot into the far corner. It was soon 2-0 when Mark Taylor strode forward twenty-odd yards unchallenged and was still twenty yards out when he struck a low shot which was well placed into the corner of the net. It was a sensational start; 2-0 and only four minutes played. Browne shot wide for Newport but it was Whitecroft & Barton who got the next goal as a throw in on the right got a knock on at the near post and John Bilton, lurking behind, struck home from close range and 2-1 with 18 minutes played. The goal buoyed the Island League side for a while as Freddy Knowles weaved his way across the 18-yard line but his shot was deflected for a corner and just after, Josh Appell shot at Newport keeper Gary Streeter. Play moved to the other end and Whitecroft & Barton keeper Gareth True did well to make a double save and deny Joe Craig from scoring. Newport had wrestled back the initiative as a distant Browne effort went wide and True did well to parry a Kelly shot. But number three for Newport did come when Ryan Hughes played a long free-kick into the box where Taylor had time to control, turn and steer home without a Whitecroft & Barton challenge. If Newport started the half well then, they finished it in the same vein as, in the 45th minute, a poor clearance by the keeper saw Craig take it on and play it into the middle, Browne missed it but it ran on to Kelly to apply a far post touch. Next, in stoppage time, a Taylor left-wing corner was met by Lewis Wright's head and suddenly it was 5-1 in Newport's favour.

HT: 5-1.

Port added number six within two minutes of the restart as Kelly was sent down the left and finished exquisitely in shooting past the keeper. To their credit, the Whitecroft & Barton lads battled on gamely, but it was Newport who had the better chances in a more subdued second period, their lead not being under any serious threat. Late on, good passing involving Craig and Wright slipped in sub Jared Cousins but True saved his shot, whilst a good run by Taylor saw his cross just fail to pick out Cousins. A curling Neo Lamb effort, again for Newport, wasn't far off and, now in stoppage time, Cousins was in behind the Whitecroft & Barton defence, but his shot went wide of the far post.

FT: 6-1.

Well, a result of 6-1 does usually tell the story and this was no exception as Newport dominated and have now been cup winners on an impressive forty occasions (39 of them outright and one shared). Was that opening goal the quickest in Gold Cup final history? Someone out there will know the answer to that. Whitecroft & Barton's season continued with three further cups to play for.

Also, today the ground was a neutral one, but Port are to share here next season while they await the completion of their new ground – on this showing they're already settling in quite comfortably!

2019/20

1st Round

West Wight v Pan Sports

Quarter Final

Brading Town v East Cowes Victoria [1]

Cowes Sports v Binstead & County Old Boys [2]

Newport IOW v Northwood St Johns [3]

West Wight or Pan Sports v Whitecroft & Barton Sports [4]

Semi Final

Winners Game [3] v Winners Game [4]

Winners Game [2] v Winners Game [1]

[Competition not played due to Covid-19 Pandemic]



My thanks to Sam Turner, Peter Ranger, Mike West, Andrew Justice, Darren Dyer and Gary Day for their superb help in compiling this story.

If you have any of the missing information, such as games, dates, attendances, please do get in touch and we'll update the file accordingly.



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STATISTICS, STATISTICS

Here is a list of the current record home League win by current member club as at time of writing. The 15-0 home win for Fleet Town is currently the leading league home win but is not the record win as we'll see.

| RECORD HOME WIN | SEASON | SCORE | OPPONENT | NOTES |
|----------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| AFC Portchester | 2014-15 | 8-0 | Folland Sports | - |
| AFC Stoneham | 2019-20 | 9-0 | Amesbury Town | - |
| Alresford Town | 2013-14 | 7-1 | Christchurch | - |
| Alton | 2007-08 | 9-1 | Ringwood Town | [as Alton Town] |
| Amesbury Town | 2009-10 | 9-3 | Andover New Street | - |
| Andover New Street | 2005-06 | 7-1 | Hythe & Dibden | - |
| Andover Town | 2013-14 | 11-0 | East Cowes Victoria | - |
| Baffins Milton Rovers | 2016-17 | 9-0 | Andover New Street | - |
| Bashley | 1987-88 | 8-0 | Portsmouth Royal Navy | - |
| Bemerton Heath Harlequins | 1993-94 | 9-2 | Downton | - |
| Blackfield & Langley | 2017-18 | 10-0 | Petersfield Town | - |
| Bournemouth | 2007-08 | 8-0 | Downton | - |
| Brockenhurst | 1994-95 | 9-0 | Petersfield Town | - |
| Christchurch | 2016-17 | 11-1 | Pewsey Vale | - |
| Cowes Sports | 2002-03 | 8-0 | Downton | - |
| Downton | 2010-11 | 8-1 | East Cowes Victoria | - |
| East Cowes Victoria | 2012-13 | 9-0 | Stockbridge | - |
| Fareham Town | 2007-08 | 10-0 | Ringwood Town | - |
| Fawley | 2009-10 | 10-1 | Andover New Street | - |
| Fleet Town | 1994-95 | 15-0 | Petersfield Town | - |
| Folland Sports | 2001-02 | 8-0 | Swanage Town & Herston | [as Hamble ASSC] |
| Hamble Club | 2016-17 | 14-0 | East Cowes Victoria | - |
| Hamworthy United | 2017-18 | 9-0 | Petersfield Town | - |
| Horndean | 2007-08 | 8-0 | Downton | - |
| Hythe & Dibden | 2019-20 | 8-2 | Andover New Street | - |
| Laverstock & Ford | 2017-18 | 9-0 | Folland Sports | - |
| Lymington Town | 2020-21 | 8-0 | Bournemouth | - |
| New Milton Town | 1992/93 | 11-1 | Romsey Town | [as AFC Lymington] |
| Newport IOW | 2013-14 | 12-0 | Christchurch | - |
| Petersfield Town | 2013-14 | 14-0 | Andover New Street | - |
| Portland United | 2019-20 | 12-2 | Amesbury Town | - |
| Ringwood Town | 2008-09 | 8-0 | East Cowes Victoria | - |
| Romsey Town | 2018-19 | 9-0 | Folland Sports | - |
| Shaftesbury | 2006-07 | 7-0 | Petersfield Town | - |
| Tadley Calleva | 2007-08 | 10-1 | AFC Aldermaston | - |
| Totton & Eling | 2015-16 | 9-1 | Pewsey Vale | - |
| United Services Portsmouth | 2007-08 | 10-0 | Hythe & Dibden | - |
| Verwood Town | 2006-07 | 9-0 | East Cowes Victoria | - |
| Whitchurch United | 2009-10 | 14-1 | Shaftesbury | - |

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RECORD AWAY WINS IN LEAGUE

| SCORE | SEASON | HOME | AWAY |
|-------|---|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 0-16 | 2004-05 | Yateley Green | v Farnborough North End |
| 0-11 | 1995-96 | Swanage Town & Herston | v Bournemouth |
| 0-10 | 1997-98 | Romsey Town | v Eastleigh |
| 0-10 | 2004-05 | Hamble ASSC | v Winchester City |
| 0-10 | 2004-05 | Yateley Green | v Colden Common |
| 0-10 | 2019-20 | Pewsey Vale | v Hythe & Dibden |
| 1-10 | 2018-19 | Andover Town | v AFC Stoneham |
| 0-9 | <i>[16 occasions as at time of writing]</i> | | |

HIGHEST SCORING SCORE DRAWS

| SCORE | SEASON | HOME | AWAY |
|-------|---------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 6-6 | 2004-05 | Christchurch | v Cowes Sports |
| 6-6 | 2006-07 | Fawley | v East Cowes Victoria |
| 5-5 | 2004-05 | Laverstock & Ford | v Verwood Town |
| 5-5 | 2010-11 | Poole Town | v Christchurch |
| 5-5 | 2016-17 | Pewsey Vale | v Fleet Spurs |
| 5-5 | 2019-20 | Fareham Town | v Baffins Milton Rovers |

HIGHEST AGGREGATE SCORES

| TOTAL | SEASON | HOME | AWAY | SCORE |
|-------|---------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| 16 | 2004-05 | Yateley Green | v Farnborough North End | 0-16 |
| 15 | 1994-95 | Fleet Town | v Petersfield Town | 15-0 |
| 15 | 2000-01 | Andover | v Swanage Town & Herston | 14-1 |
| 15 | 2009-10 | Whitchurch United | v Shaftesbury | 14-1 |
| 14 | 2005-06 | Horndean | v Downton | 5-9 |
| 14 | 2013-14 | Petersfield Town | v Andover New Street | 14-0 |
| 14 | 2016-17 | Hamble Club | v East Cowes Victoria | 14-0 |
| 14 | 2019-20 | Portland United | v Amesbury Town | 12-2 |

| RESULT | SCORE | COUNT | % |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Score Draw | 1-1 | 1,720 | 8.227 |
| Home Win | 2-1 | 1,425 | 6.816 |
| Away Win | 1-2 | 1,313 | 6.280 |
| Home Win | 1-0 | 1,208 | 5.778 |
| Away Win | 0-1 | 1,132 | 5.414 |
| Home Win | 2-0 | 1,112 | 5.319 |
| Away Win | 0-2 | 991 | 4.740 |
| Score Draw | 2-2 | 985 | 4.711 |
| Home Win | 3-1 | 939 | 4.491 |
| Home Win | 3-0 | 859 | 4.108 |

Goalless draws come in next, with 836 from the 20,908 results at time of writing. This is just shy of 4%.

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This grid shows record home wins for those teams no longer in membership.

| RECORD HOME WIN | SEASON | SCORE | OPPONENT | NOTES |
|------------------------|---------|-------|------------------------|-------|
| AFC Aldermaston | 2006-07 | 6-0 | Bishops Waltham Town | - |
| AFC Newbury | 2004-05 | 7-0 | Portland United | - |
| AFC Totton | 1999-00 | 9-0 | East Cowes Victoria | - |
| Andover | 2000-01 | 14-1 | Swanage Town & Herston | - |
| Bishops Waltham Town | 2005-06 | 5-2 | Shaftesbury | - |
| Brading Town | 2008-09 | 6-0 | Hamble ASSC | - |
| Clanfield | 2006-07 | 8-1 | QK Southampton | - |
| Colden Common | 2004-05 | 12-1 | QK Southampton | - |
| David Coleman AFC | 2004-05 | 6-0 | Yateley Green | - |
| Eastleigh | 1992-93 | 10-0 | Romsey Town | - |
| Farnborough North End | 2007-08 | 12-0 | Andover New Street | - |
| Fleet Spurs | 2015-16 | 8-0 | Andover New Street | - |
| Fleetlands | 2006-07 | 8-0 | QK Southampton | - |
| Gosport Borough | 2002-03 | 8-0 | Brockenhurst | - |
| Havant Town | 1990-91 | 10-0 | Portsmouth Royal Navy | - |
| Hayling United | 2004-05 | 12-0 | Yateley Green | - |
| Liss Athletic | 2004-05 | 9-3 | Shaftesbury | - |
| Locks Heath | 2005-06 | 5-1 | Blackfield & Langley | - |
| Ludgershall Sports | 2004-05 | 4-0 | Yateley Green | - |
| Micheldever | 2004-05 | 10-2 | Yateley Green | - |
| Moneyfields | 2007-08 | 9-1 | Downton | - |
| Netley Central Sports | 2005-06 | 10-0 | Micheldever | - |
| Otterbourne | 2004-05 | 7-2 | RS Basingstoke | - |
| Overton United | 2005-06 | 6-1 | Verwood Town | - |
| Paulsgrove | 2005-06 | 10-1 | Hamble Club | - |
| Pewsey Vale | 2012-13 | 8-0 | Andover New Street | - |
| Poole Town | 2008-09 | 10-0 | Horndean | - |
| Portals Athletic | 1986-87 | 5-1 | Wellworthy Athletic | - |
| QK Southampton | 2005-06 | 3-1 | AFC Aldermaston | - |
| Road Sea Southampton | 1986-87 | 7-1 | Portsmouth Royal Navy | - |
| RS Basingstoke | 2004-05 | 3-1 | Netley Central Sports | - |
| Ryde Sports | 1995-96 | 7-0 | Brockenhurst | - |
| Salisbury | 2015-16 | 9-1 | Bournemouth | - |
| Sholing | 2013-14 | 12-1 | Downton | - |
| Sholing Sports | 1989-90 | 5-0 | Fleet Town | - |
| Steyning Town | 1986-87 | 3-0 | Brockenhurst | - |
| Stockbridge | 2005-06 | 10-0 | Whitchurch United | - |
| Swanage Town & Herston | 1991-92 | 7-0 | Portsmouth Royal Navy | - |
| Team Solent | 2016-17 | 9-0 | Whitchurch United | - |
| Thatcham Town | 2001-02 | 8-0 | Blackfield & Langley | - |
| Warminster Town | 2007-08 | 11-0 | AFC Aldermaston | - |
| Wellow | 2006-07 | 5-1 | Otterbourne | - |
| Wellworthy Athletic | 1987-88 | 4-0 | Wimborne Town | - |
| Weymouth Reserves | 2016-17 | 10-0 | New Milton Town | - |
| Wimborne Town | 2007-08 | 10-0 | Downton | - |
| Winchester City | 2011-12 | 8-0 | Brading Town | - |
| Yateley Green | 2004-05 | 1-0 | Verwood Town | - |



All the above grids will show the last time the record was achieved for each club if the score was achieved on more than one occasion.

The 16-0 win by Farnborough North End is still the record victory in a League fixture since 1986/87. The goal scorers for that League record win at Yateley Green on 17 August 2004 being Paul Griffiths (9), Darren Sked (5), Paul Reeves and Steve Squires. As an aside Griffiths scored 322 in 370 games for the first team, with about ten of those games where he played in goal! A player of amazing ability.

Scorers for the big Fleet Town win over Petersfield Town on Boxing Day, Monday 26 December were Mark Frampton (5), John Smith (3) Sean Cummins (2), Kevin Parkins (2) and one each from Neil Roberts, Dave Lewis and substitute Nikki Bone. Eastleigh's 10-0 win at the Bypass Ground in 1997/98 came on 13 September, Howard Kemp 2, Alan Bundy 2, sub Simon De'Ath 2, David Gough, Stuart Salter, Brian Green and Darran Colvin with the goals, whilst Romsey had a player sent off in the eighth minute of the game.

The away record win for Bournemouth was at the Days Park home of Swanage Town & Herston back on Saturday 24 February 1996. Goals that afternoon came from Robbie Beacham, Mark Boulton, Darren Elmes, Steve Fay, Richard Glenister (with a pair), Danny Saxby (penalty), Tommy Taylor and a hat trick from substitute Darren McBride.

The record making game where twelve goals were shared equally was on Saturday 19 March 2005. It left the Yachtsmen Manager Derek Ohren questioning how a side can score six on the road but fail to net all three points, the hosts were leading 6-5 with minutes to go as well and looking to add a seventh before conceding a late equaliser. Elliott Day gave the Islanders an early lead but strikes from Steve Bernard and Pete Gardner nudged the hosts in front before a Sam Hart penalty restored parity. A long range Darren Powell strike that was helped home by the head of Christchurch keeper Max Frampton meant it was 2-3 at the break.

Matt Bowler opened the gap to two before Paul Rideout and Bernard made it all square at four each. Jamie Dyer put Cowes ahead with the lead being ruled out with another goal from Rideout to conjure up another Christchurch equaliser and Ben Griffiths made it 6-5 on 85 minutes before a last minute scramble saw Ollie Buckett find the net to claim a share of the spoils.

The other top scoring score draw, Dan Mockeridge bagged a hat trick for the Oilers with Keiran Earl, Ian Moore and Luke Walker also on target. The Vics goals coming from Andy Ebbs with three, Tom McInnes with a double and Elliott Day a single, that game being played on Saturday 20 January 2007.

With the two games that ended 14-0, both games came on a Saturday- 25 January at Petersfield and 27 August at Hamble. The Rams goals coming through Robbie Tambling with five, Andy Todd a hat trick, And Phil Archbold with a double. Ryan Coker, Will Essai and Joe Richardson also contributed a goal; one goal is missing, so presumably that was an own goal conceded by Andover New Street. Meanwhile the Monks ran in the same number without reply with James Thomson leading the way with a double hat trick and Dougie Rowe adding four. Singles came from Michael Byrne, Jamie Mansell, Coby Wilson and substitute Ricky Bull that afternoon.

Whitchurch's 14-1 win came on Saturday 12 September 2010. Gabriel Young notched a consolation for the Rockies, but the Jamboys saw Ian Davies hit four, with Ash Childs and John Rimmer each bagging a brace. Jon Richardson, Pa Touray and Luke Walker also on target, with substitutes Ali Brown and Paul Coventry also adding to the tally. Our old friend "own goal" completed the scoring.

The other 14-1 victory on Saturday 17 February saw a weakened Swans side consolation from Mark Gaskell. However it was the Lions who roared home. Leading 7-0 at the break and with Steve Gill (43) and Terry White (47) alone on the visiting bench the result was already secured. Andy Forbes hit five, Paul Odey four and Lloyd Webber three at the Portway; Dan Mattingley and an own goal rounding things off. The remaining three goalscorers escape me at present. This was Andover's record win whilst members of our League.

Poor old Yateley Green appear in the losing column on plenty of occasions, with Andover New Street, East Cowes Victoria and QK Southampton also featuring on a number of times down the years.

Away record victories in full will be in next week's edition.

Many thanks to Gary Day, John Gorman, John Marchment and Matthew Thorne for providing scorer details in this story.

NOSTALGIA- THINGS AIN'T WHAT THEY USED TO BE

We go back five years to 2015/16 this week, One day, possibly, there will come a Round Up where no mention is made of the weather but this Saturday was not that day. Fortunately the usual worst case scenario from the BBC South weather forecasters did not materialise and though some games were lost, happily nine were played across the two Divisions.

In the Premier Division the undoubted Match of the Day was at the "RayMac" where Salisbury overcame near rivals Horndean by the odd goal in seven to move eight points clear at the top of the table. Credit to both clubs but Horndean deserve mention for maintaining their challenge despite the loss of several players since the start of the season. AFC Portchester's point in the 2-2 draw with Bemerton keeps them in third spot whilst second place Blackfield's trip to Hamworthy fell foul of the rain.

At the other end of the table Follands defeated Verwood 3-2 and Fawley pulled off a fine victory at Cowes, results that will concern the out-of-action Alresford and Whitchurch. Elsewhere Moneyfields and Team Solent both won away from home at Andover and Newport respectively.

Only three games survived in Division One and though neither end of the table was affected the games produced a total of sixteen goals. Ringwood led the way with seven at Fleet Spurs, surely their best win for many a while, with the hosts managing only one in reply and Downton defeated Hythe and Dibden 3-1 at Wick Lane. Last but not least, Totton & Eling, who scored seven in their last away fixture added four more to their goals tally at New Milton who in turn, to quote a cricketing phrase; failed to trouble the scorers.

LEAGUE RESULTS FROM THE WEEK-

Tuesday 2nd February 2016

Premier Division

Salisbury 6-0 Andover Town

Division One

Ringwood Town 1-2 Downton

Tadley Calleva 3-0 AFC Stoneham

Wednesday 3rd February 2016

Premier Division

Verwood Town 0-2 Team Solent

Whitchurch United 0-0 Hamworthy United

Saturday 6th February 2016

Premier Division

AFC Portchester 2-2 Bemerton Heath Harlequins

Andover Town 1-2 Moneyfields

Cowes Sports 1-2 Fawley AFC

Folland Sports 3-2 Verwood Town

Newport IOW 0-1 Team Solent

Salisbury 4-3 Horndean

Division One

Downton 3-1 Hythe & Dibden

Fleet Spurs 1-7 Ringwood Town

New Milton Town 0-4 Totton & Eling

AS AT 7 FEBRUARY 2016-

TOP TEN PREMIER DIVISION GOALSCORERS-

1. Sam Wilson (Salisbury) 31
2. Daniel Mason (Sholing) 25
3. Daniel Munday (Blackfield & Langley) 23
4. Mark Barker (Brockenhurst) 21
5. Rico Wilson (Blackfield & Langley) 20
6. Kane O'Keefe (Salisbury) 19
7. Jason Parish (AFC Portchester) 19
8. Danny Phillips (Whitchurch United) 19
9. Jesse Waller-Lassen (Team Solent) 18
10. Ashley Jarvis (Salisbury) 17

TOP TEN DIVISION ONE GOALSCORERS-

1. Sam House (Totton & Eling) 23
2. Callum Coker (US Portsmouth) 19
3. Alex Godfrey (Portland United) 16
4. Russell Jones (Laverstock & Ford) 16
5. Luke Perkins (Alton Town) 16
6. Danny Finnigan (Amesbury Town) 15
7. Brett Denham (Tadley Calleva) 13
8. Sam Knowles (Fleet Spurs) 12
9. Carl McClements (Portland United) 12
10. Luke Stone (Christchurch) 12

There were also some cup ties during the week, firstly, in the Hampshire Senior Cup two of our representatives bowed out on penalties. Lymington Town drew one apiece at Fleet Town before losing 3-2 on penalties, whilst AFC Portchester ended two each at Havant & Waterlooville before a 4-2 loss on penalties. Elsewhere Winchester City defeated Sholing 2-0.

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In the Russell-Cotes Cup there was perhaps a bit of a surprise with Otterbourne defeating Moneyfields on their own patch by the odd goal in three in a Quarter Final tie, and Petersfield hit Christchurch for six without reply on the road in a Second Round contest.

The Salisbury Hospitals Cup saw Shaftesbury defeat Pewsey Vale 3-0 in the Quarter Final of the competition and on the Isle of Wight, Newport ran in five without reply against Oakfield at the same stage of the Gold Cup.

And finally in the week under review, here's the standings in each Division after the weekend.

| RANK | PREMIER DIVISION | PL | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|------|---------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Salisbury | 22 | 18 | 2 | 2 | 78 | 14 | 64 | 56 |
| 2 | Blackfield & Langley | 23 | 15 | 3 | 5 | 55 | 27 | 28 | 48 |
| 3 | AFC Portchester | 21 | 12 | 8 | 1 | 54 | 20 | 34 | 44 |
| 4 | Horndean | 20 | 14 | 2 | 4 | 48 | 25 | 23 | 44 |
| 5 | Sholing | 19 | 11 | 4 | 4 | 40 | 22 | 18 | 37 |
| 6 | Andover Town | 21 | 11 | 3 | 7 | 49 | 37 | 12 | 36 |
| 7 | Cowes Sports | 24 | 10 | 4 | 10 | 44 | 48 | -4 | 34 |
| 8 | Team Solent | 21 | 10 | 3 | 8 | 43 | 46 | -3 | 33 |
| 9 | Newport (IoW) | 20 | 10 | 1 | 9 | 37 | 38 | -1 | 31 |
| 10 | Lymington Town | 21 | 8 | 5 | 8 | 30 | 33 | -3 | 29 |
| 11 | Bemerton Heath Harlequins | 22 | 8 | 4 | 10 | 39 | 42 | -3 | 28 |
| 12 | Hamworthy United | 22 | 7 | 5 | 10 | 37 | 44 | -7 | 26 |
| 13 | Bournemouth | 21 | 7 | 4 | 10 | 34 | 47 | -13 | 25 |
| 14 | Brookhurst | 20 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 38 | 40 | -2 | 24 |
| 15 | Verwood Town | 24 | 6 | 6 | 12 | 28 | 46 | -18 | 24 |
| 16 | Moneyfields | 19 | 7 | 2 | 10 | 30 | 37 | -7 | 23 |
| 17 | Fareham Town | 18 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 27 | 39 | -12 | 21 |
| 18 | Fawley | 24 | 5 | 6 | 13 | 36 | 49 | -13 | 21 |
| 19 | Whitchurch United | 22 | 5 | 4 | 13 | 24 | 52 | -28 | 19 |
| 20 | Alresford Town | 21 | 3 | 4 | 14 | 23 | 57 | -34 | 13 |
| 21 | Folland Sports | 19 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 28 | 59 | -31 | 10 |

| RANK | DIVISION ONE | PL | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|------|----------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Portland United | 17 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 61 | 12 | 49 | 46 |
| 2 | Amesbury Town | 16 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 49 | 19 | 30 | 38 |
| 3 | United Services Portsmouth | 17 | 12 | 1 | 4 | 44 | 25 | 19 | 37 |
| 4 | Laverstock & Ford | 18 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 31 | 24 | 7 | 33 |
| 5 | Christchurch | 17 | 10 | 2 | 5 | 40 | 23 | 17 | 32 |
| 6 | Alton Town | 21 | 10 | 2 | 9 | 40 | 37 | 3 | 32 |
| 7 | Romsey Town | 19 | 10 | 1 | 8 | 28 | 25 | 3 | 31 |
| 8 | Hythe & Dibden | 17 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 28 | 23 | 5 | 27 |
| 9 | Tadley Calleva | 15 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 37 | 21 | 16 | 26 |
| 10 | Downton | 21 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 33 | 32 | 1 | 26 |
| 11 | Ringwood Town | 19 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 41 | 37 | 4 | 24 |
| 12 | Totton & Eling | 21 | 7 | 2 | 12 | 49 | 46 | 3 | 23 |
| 13 | New Milton Town | 21 | 5 | 6 | 10 | 27 | 42 | -15 | 21 |
| 14 | Andover New Street | 18 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 16 | 51 | -35 | 21 |
| 15 | AFC Stoneham | 18 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 27 | 36 | -9 | 16 |
| 16 | Fleet Spurs | 18 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 22 | 49 | -27 | 14 |
| 17 | East Cowes Victoria | 19 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 20 | 67 | -47 | 10 |
| 18 | Pewsey Vale | 14 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 16 | 40 | -24 | 8 |

THE LAST WORD – LAURA SMITH

Laura Smith is an FA Club Consultant and has recently started to work with us. Here is what she has to say-



The FA Club Consultant programme was launched in 2018 and was set up to support clubs to create the best places for people to play and enjoy football. Focusing on “off pitch” activities, through the programme I have supported and advised clubs to develop their facilities, financial management, governance structure, legal status, marketing and communications, commercial strategies, accessing funding and more!

Following a successful pilot scheme in 2018/19, the programme has expanded each season since then and now includes over 100 clubs including those playing from Step 3 and below, including grassroots and youth football and also clubs playing in the Women’s Championship. Recently, leagues providing football at steps 3-6 have also been invited to join the programme hence why I am developing plans to support the Wessex League and its member clubs.

Nick Spencer and I have had a beneficial first meeting where we began to explore how I can best support the League and its Member Clubs over the coming year. I am looking forward to meeting the rest of the League Officials at the February Board meeting.

I would be delighted to hear from clubs playing within the Wessex League who may need support, guidance or someone to discuss an idea with. You can reach me on laurasmith080303@gmail.com or 07851 445704.

Here you can read more about her professional and football experience over the last 30 years.

I started my career in sports development at several local authorities where I worked closely with partners to improve access to and participation in a variety of sports opportunities across Surrey and Hampshire.

I then moved on to the leisure department at Rushmoor Borough Council where I led on the development of sports and leisure facilities. In the lead up to London 2012, I took on the role of School Sports Partnership Development Manager in North West Surrey. Through initiating school-club link programmes with local sports clubs, organising competitions, accessing funding and engaging with National Governing Bodies of Sport to provide CPD for teachers, when the partnership ended in 2012, 90% of children and young people in North West Surrey were achieving the Government target, an increase from 49% in 2006.

Upon leaving the School Sports Partnership in 2012 I moved to Suffolk where I took on the role of Chief Executive and Director at Suffolk FA. During the 5 years I was at Suffolk FA I led the transformation of the County FA from a rather traditional, inward looking organisation to a member focused, modern and innovative County FA.

In 2017 I returned to my home County of Surrey and spent 18 months as the Chief Executive of Aldershot Town FC. During my time at The Shots I led a review and subsequent overhaul of the Club’s Academy, I started the Shots Foundation, through collaboration with the Army I set up a new training centre for the first team using the Garrison facilities and I advised the Board on ways in which they could improve their governance structure and operations.

I started playing football when I was about 9, joining a 5 a side team with a good friend and I soon became hooked. Travelling across the South East in order to play competitively, mostly at indoor 5 a side events, football soon became what I enjoyed most in life. At the age of 12 I joined Wimbledon Ladies FC and I played there for much of my career, in the girl’s section and latterly in the first team for many years. I had a brief spell at Millwall Lionesses which I thoroughly enjoyed however, I was struggling to balance my professional career and the training requirements at Millwall, so I decided to re-sign for AFC Wimbledon.

After suffering an ACL injury 10 years ago and struggling to come back from that, I retired from playing however remained involved with the game through my career in football, mainly through coaching as well as through my employment.

Welcome aboard Laura.