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The aim is to promote all local football but specifically the member clubs of the Velocity Wessex League. So far, we have had managers, chairpersons, players, press officers and secretaries joining us as studio guests, and via zoom and phone guests from many Velocity

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, we do have access to the two studios so it is easy to accommodate guests in the studio, for more information please email gregdickson94@gmail.com or cliffpledge@hotmail.com

LEAGUE TABLES

PREMIER DIVISION- Champions promoted, Places 2-5 play off, Bottom two relegated.

DIVISION ONE- Champions promoted, Places 2-5 play off, Bottom three liable to relegation.

[*] means points adjustment has been made

POS	PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	AFC Portchester [C]	38	33	4	1	120	25	95	103	2.711
2	AFC Stoneham	38	27	10	1	114	23	91	91	2.395
3	Fareham Town [P]	38	23	3	12	83	48	35	72	1.895
4	Hamble Club [*]	38	23	6	9	81	56	25	72	1.895
5	Andover New Street	38	22	6	10	73	53	20	72	1.895
6	Baffins Milton Rovers	38	21	7	10	73	53	20	70	1.842
7	Hamworthy Recreation	38	21	4	13	81	61	20	67	1.763
8	Millbrook	38	18	7	13	74	62	12	61	1.605
9	Sherborne Town	38	16	8	14	59	54	5	56	1.474
10	Christchurch	38	14	6	18	73	71	2	48	1.263
11	Bournemouth	38	12	9	17	59	71	-12	45	1.184
12	Cowes Sports	38	12	9	17	59	73	-14	45	1.184
13	Laverstock & Ford	38	13	6	19	67	84	-17	45	1.184
14	Hythe & Dibden	38	12	7	19	57	84	-27	43	1.132
15	Wincanton Town	38	11	7	20	64	100	-36	40	1.053
16	Brockenhurst	38	12	3	23	50	84	-34	39	1.026
17	Portland United	38	10	7	21	54	76	-22	37	0.974
18	Downton	38	9	6	23	44	93	-49	33	0.868
19	Blackfield & Langley [R]	38	7	3	28	38	85	-47	24	0.632
20	United Services Portsmouth [R]	38	2	6	30	29	96	-67	12	0.316
POS	DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	New Milton Town [C]	38	28	6	4	111	46	65	90	2.368
2	Frimley Green	38	24	7	7	107	55	52	79	2.079
3	Alresford Town	38	22	8	8	74	47	27	74	1.947
4	East Cowes Victoria [P]	38	21	9	8	69	42	27	72	1.895
5	Fleetlands	38	19	9	10	69	61	8	66	1.737
6	Hamworthy United	38	19	5	14	84	62	22	62	1.632
7	Ringwood Town	38	16	13	9	73	64	9	61	1.605
8	Newport (IoW)	38	15	13	10	74	54	20	58	1.526
9	Amesbury Town	38	15	7	16	66	75	-9	52	1.368
10	Cove	38	14	9	15	70	66	4	51	1.342
11	Whitchurch United	38	12	11	15	52	61	-9	47	1.237
12	Clanfield	38	13	7	18	61	68	-7	46	1.211
13	AFC Aldermaston	38	14	3	21	65	84	-19	45	1.184
14	Ash United	38	12	7	19	62	67	-5	43	1.132
15	Lymington Town	38	12	7	19	55	82	-27	43	1.132
16	Romsey Town	38	10	10	18	58	75	-17	40	1.053
17	Totton & Eling	38	9	10	19	46	69	-23	37	0.974
18	Folland Sports	38	9	9	20	43	80	-37	36	0.947
19	Fawley AFC	38	9	6	23	45	78	-33	33	0.868
20	Verwood Town [R]	38	5	8	25	43	91	-48	23	0.605

RUSSELL COTES BENEVOLENT CUP 2024/25- THE STORY



First Round

Andover New Street	H-W	Gosport Borough
Fawley AFC	2-1	Ringwood Town
Folland Sports	1-3	Clanfield
Liss Athletic	4-4	New Milton Town <i>[at New Milton, 3-1 on penalties]</i>
Locks Heath	2-2	Hythe & Dibden <i>[4-2 on penalties]</i>
Millbrook	4-0	Colden Common
Moneyfields	4-1	Baffins Milton Rovers
United Services Portsmouth	2-1	Liphook United

Byes: AFC Portchester, AFC Stoneham, Bashley, Brockenhurst, Hamble, Havant & Waterlooville, Lymington Town and Romsey Town.

Second Round

AFC Portchester	3-3	Liss Athletic <i>[6-5 on penalties]</i>
Brockenhurst	1-2	AFC Stoneham
Clanfield	1-4	Locks Heath
Fawley AFC	1-2	Havant & Waterlooville
Hamble Club	5-2	United Services Portsmouth
Lymington Town	0-4	Moneyfields
Millbrook	3-1	Bashley
Romsey Town	1-0	Andover New Street

Quarter Final

AFC Portchester	1-3	Havant & Waterlooville <i>[Havant & Waterlooville removed]</i>
AFC Stoneham	3-1	Millbrook
Hamble Club	1-1	Moneyfields <i>[4-3 on penalties]</i>
Romsey Town	2-2	Locks Heath <i>[4-5 on penalties]</i>

Semi Final

AFC Portchester	2-1	Locks Heath
Hamble Club	0-1	AFC Stoneham

Final

AFC Stoneham	1-3	AFC Portchester
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At AFC Stoneham 8 May 2025

Gosport Borough withdrew at the end of September before kicking a ball. The top two teams in our league went head to head in this competition and it was Portchester who bagged the crown on this occasion, taking some revenge for the defeat in the Hampshire Senior- which was under the microscope a couple of weeks back. Perhaps the surprise package of the competition though were Locks Heath who took the scalps of three of our member clubs on their way to the Semi Final.

HAMPSHIRE FA: RUSSELL-COTES CUP WINNERS 1919 TO 2025

Wins	Shared	Finalists	Total	Club	Win 1	Win 2	Win 3	Win 4	Win 5	Win 6	Win 7	Win 8	Win 9
9	0	7	16	Andover ¹	1924	1932	1938	1945	1953	1959	1961	1962	2002
6	0	5	11	Fareham Town	1965	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977			
5	0	0	5	Fleet Town	1998	2003	2007	2008	2009				
4	0	6	10	Gosport Borough	1970	2006	2013	2016					
4	0	5	9	Alton Town ²	1949	1956	1964	1969					
4	0	1	5	Newport (I.W.)	1978	1979	1980	2011					
4	0	0	4	H.M.S. Victory ¹	1928	1931	1933	1942					
4	0	0	4	R.A.O.C. (Hilsea) ¹	1927	1946	1947	1950					
3	0	4	7	AFC Totton ³	1939	1982	1999						
3	0	4	7	Sholing Sports ¹	1972	1983	1985						
3	0	1	4	Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic ⁴	1923	1958	1960						
3	0	1	4	Havant Town ⁵	1988	1992	1997						
3	0	1	4	AFC Portchester	2014	2017	2025						
3	0	0	3	Bashley	1986	1991	1993						
3	0	0	3	Thornycroft's (Woolston) ^{1 and 6}	1920	1922	1926						
2	0	6	8	Winchester City	1955	1971							
2	0	3	5	AFC Lymington ⁷	1994	1995							
2	0	2	4	Portsmouth (Reserve and 'A' teams)	1957	1963							
2	0	2	4	Salisbury ^{1 and 8}	1951	1954							
2	0	1	3	AFC Portchester	2014	2017							
2	0	0	2	Sholing ⁶	2019	2020							
2	0	0	2	Road Sea (Southampton) ¹	1984	1987							
2	0	0	2	Thornycroft Athletic ¹	1925	1967							
2	0	0	2	Totton & Eling ⁹	1990	2010							
1	1	1	3	Salisbury City ^{1 and 8}	1930*	1937							
1	0	5	6	Eastleigh ¹⁰	2005								
1	0	3	4	Lymington ^{7 and 14}	1936								
1	0	3	4	Reading 'A'	1952								
1	0	2	3	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	2012								
1	0	2	3	Waterlooville ⁵	1989								
1	0	2	3	Brookhurst	2022								
1	0	2	3	AFC Stoneham	2023								
1	0	1	2	Blackfield & Langley	2015								
1	0	1	2	Lymington & New Milton ⁷	2000								
1	0	0	1	1st Reserve Brigade RGA (Fareham)	1921								
1	0	0	1	Aldershot Town ¹	1929								
1	0	0	1	Andover Town	2018								
1	0	0	1	Downton	1996								
1	0	0	1	Folland Aircraft	1941								
1	0	0	1	Gosport ¹	1934								
1	0	2	3	Harland & Wolff ¹	1919								
1	0	0	1	Havant & Waterlooville ⁵	2004								
1	0	0	1	Hythe & Dibden	2024								
1	0	0	1	Poole Town	1935								
1	0	0	1	Portsmouth Royal Navy ¹¹	1968								
1	0	0	1	R.A.S.C. (Farnborough) ¹	1948								
1	0	0	1	Ringwood Town	1981								
1	0	0	1	Royal Marines ¹	1943								
1	0	0	1	Salisbury Corinthians ¹	1940								

Chart Positions

The clubs are ranked by most wins and then whether the cup was shared and appearances in a final.

Notes - Year Entries

* against year denotes trophy shared (this occurred in 1930 and 1944 only)

The year shows the season ended, so 2010 denotes the 2009/10 season. Final not played in 1966, 2001 & 2021.

Cup Final - Most Used Venues

Fratton Park, Portsmouth - 14 finals (+ 1 replay)
The Dell, Southampton - 13
Privett Park, Gosport - 6 (+ 1 replay)
Birch Lawn, Sholing, Southampton - 5
Fairfield, Bar End, Winchester - 5

NB: Since 1985 the final has been played at the ground of one of the finalists (except for 2017 when the finalist withdrew from the competition)

Superscript Numbers

Some clubs are followed by a superscript number which is explained on page 2.

The 49 clubs on this page have been outright cup winners

Thanks to Gary Day for the above chart.

HAMPSHIRE FA: RUSSELL-COTES CUP WINNERS 1919 TO 2025

Wins	Shared	Finalists	Total	Club	Win 1	Win 2	Win 3	Win 4	Win 5	Win 6	Win 7	Win 8	Win 9
0	1	1	2	Southampton Borough Police ¹	1944*	The 3 clubs shown have shared the cup but not won it outright							
0	1	0	1	R.A.F. Calshot ¹	1944*								
0	1	0	1	Royal Marines (Eastney) ¹	1930*								
0	0	3	3	Bournemouth									
0	0	3	3	Christchurch									
0	0	3	3	Cowes Sports ¹³									
0	0	3	3	Portsmouth Gas Company ¹²									
0	0	2	2	Basingstoke Town									
0	0	2	2	Hamble Club									
0	0	2	2	Pirelli General ¹									
0	0	2	2	Romsey Town									
0	0	1	1	Bournemouth Gasworks Athletic ¹									
0	0	1	1	Courage & Co (Alton) ²									
0	0	1	1	East Cowes Victoria									
0	0	1	1	Gosport Athletic ¹									
0	0	1	1	Hayling United									
0	0	1	1	Horndean									
0	0	1	1	Millbrook									
0	0	1	1	Moneyfields									
0	0	1	1	New Milton ^{1 and 7}		Seventeen clubs have been finalists but have not won the trophy							
102	4	102	208	Total (= 104 seasons)									



Notes for Club Codes (superscript entries)

- 1 Club disbanded
- 2 Alton Town and Courage & Co (later Bass (Alton) FC) merged and now form the present day Alton FC
- 3 Won in 1939 as Totton FC. Later became AFC Totton via a merger
- 4 Club won cup as Boscombe FC in 1923 and later wins as shown. Now AFC Bournemouth
- 5 Havant Town and Waterlooville both won the cup as separate entities, also won as a merged club
- 6 Thornycroft's (Woolston) FC has a possible link to the present day Sholing FC
- 7 AFC Lymington was formed through a merger between Lymington Town and Wellworthy Athletic FCs
Another later merger occurred with New Milton Town. Lymington FC and New Milton Town are now separate clubs
- 8 Both Salisbury teams were separate clubs. The original side won in 1930 and added a 'City' suffix to their name by their next final appearance
- 9 This club won the competition when known as B.A.T. in 1990
- 10 Includes final appearances when known as Swaythling FC
- 11 Portsmouth RN are the present day United Services Portsmouth FC
- 12 Initially appeared in a final as Portsea Island Gas Company
- 13 The first two finals were as Cowes FC, a subsequent merger occurred to become Cowes Sports FC
- 14 Won the trophy as Lymington FC and were subsequently finalists as Lymington Town (see also 7)

Thanks to Gary Day for the above chart.

WINNERS IN THE WESSEX YEARS

[1] The 1998 Final was the last game (played at Southampton Road) by AFC Lymington in that guise, subsequently moving to Fawcetts Field and renaming as Lymington & New Milton.

[2] AFC Portchester won 7-6 on penalties, game played on 3 May at Westleigh Park due to the Portchester pitch not being available.

1987	Road Sea Southampton	2-1	Sholing Sports
1988	Havant Town	2-0	Fareham Town
1989	Waterlooville	6-3	Romsey Town
1990	BAT	3-1	Eastleigh
1991	Bashley	2-1	AFC Totton
1992	Havant Town	2-0 aet	AFC Lymington
1993	Bashley	3-1	AFC Lymington
1994	AFC Lymington	3-1 aet	Gosport Borough
1995	AFC Lymington	3-0	Havant Town
1996	Downton	2-1 aet	Bournemouth
1997	Havant Town	7-0	Gosport Borough
1998	Fleet Town	3-2 aet	AFC Lymington [1]
1999	AFC Totton	1-0	Moneyfields
2000	Lymington & New Milton	2-0	Eastleigh
2001	NOT COMPLETED [Severe weather conditions and resultant fixture congestion]		
2002	Andover	2-0	Bournemouth
2003	Fleet Town	4-1	Gosport Borough
2004	Havant & Waterlooville	2-1	Christchurch
2005	Eastleigh	3-1	Gosport Borough
2006	Gosport Borough	1-0	Eastleigh
2007	Fleet Town	2-0	Gosport Borough
2008	Fleet Town	3-0	New Milton Town
2009	Fleet Town	3-1	Hayling United
2010	Totton & Eling	3-1	Gosport Borough
2011	Newport IOW	3-2	Bemerton Heath Harlequins
2012	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	2-0	Christchurch
2013	Gosport Borough	2-1	Lymington Town
2014	AFC Portchester	2-0	Fareham Town
2015	Blackfield & Langley	2-0	Horndean
2016	Gosport Borough	2-1	AFC Portchester
2017	AFC Portchester [2]	2-2	Bemerton Heath Harlequins
2018	Andover Town	1-0	AFC Stoneham
2019	Sholing	1-0	Christchurch
2020	Sholing	1-0	Lymington Town [played 20 October 2020]
2021	[not contested due to the Covid-19 pandemic]		
2022	Brookenhurst	4-4	Hamble Club [5-3 on penalties]
2023	AFC Stoneham	3-1	Millbrook
2024	Hythe & Dibden	2-1	Hamble Club
2025	AFC Portchester	3-1	AFC Stoneham

WESSEX LEAGUE GOAL SCORERS

[3]

Clayd Roach, Hamble Club

Marley Ridge, AFC Portchester

[2]

Ash Pope, AFC Stoneham

Jamie White, Millbrook

Duarte Martins, AFC Stoneham

Kevin Bosaka, United Services Portsmouth

Fred Penfold, Clanfield

Owen Pelham, Millbrook

Jack Kinge-Phillips, New Milton Town

[1]

Barney Stone, New Milton Town

Josh Clack, AFC Portchester

Billy Butcher, Clanfield

Josh Williams, AFC Stoneham

Brandon Chebby, Millbrook

Lee Wort, AFC Portchester

Braydon Douglas, Hamble Club

Luca Lane, New Milton Town

Brett Pitman, AFC Portchester

Luke Corsham, Fawley AFC

Cass Lister, Ringwood Town

Lyle Simpson, Brockenhurst

Chika Ugwumba, Folland Sports

Mark Barker, Millbrook

Connor Duffin, AFC Portchester

Owen Fee, AFC Stoneham

Connor Ford, Millbrook

Owen Holloway, Romsey Town

Craig Bryant, Romsey Town

Own Goal for , AFC Portchester

Dan Penfold, Clanfield

Own Goal for , Millbrook

Dylan Holgate, United Services Portsmouth

Rhys Crookes, Hythe & Dibden

Jack Roberts, Fawley AFC

Ryan Batley, Hythe & Dibden

James Cowan, AFC Portchester

Sol Mazi, Hamble Club

James Elkins, Fawley AFC

Tom Turner, United Services Portsmouth

James Johnson, Hamble Club

Tyrhys Lukonyomoi, Baffins Milton Rovers

Josh Bowerman, Romsey Town

Tyrrell Sampson, AFC Stoneham

ISLE OF WIGHT GOLD CUP 2024/25- THE STORY

First Round

Vectis 1-1 West Wight [3-5 on penalties]
Brading Town 3-2 Shanklin

Second Round

Binstead & County Old Boys 2-4 West Wight
Brading Town 4-5 Ventnor
Northwood St John 3-1 Osborne Coburg

Quarter Final

Cowes Sports 5-1 West Wight
East Cowes Victoria 7-0 Bembridge
Newport IOW 7-0 Northwood St Johns
Whitecroft & Barton Sports 3-3 Ventnor [5-6 on penalties]

Semi Final

Cowes Sports 1-0 Ventnor
[at Beatrice Avenue]
Newport IOW 1-4 East Cowes Victoria
[at Westwood Park]

Final

East Cowes Victoria 1-2 Cowes Sports
[at Westwood Park, 10 May, attendance 982]

The Yachtsmen complete three wins on the trot in the competition. All the goals came in the first 20 minutes of the game, with the Vics opening the scoring in the second minute.

WESSEX LEAGUE GOAL SCORERS

[4]

Scott Jones, East Cowes Victoria

[3]

Jacob Reynolds, East Cowes Victoria

Ji Nash, Newport IOW

[2]

Elliot Wheeler, East Cowes Victoria

Scott McFarlane, Cowes Sports

George Carter-Knight, Cowes Sports

[1]

Aedan Coode, East Cowes Victoria

Joe Craig, Newport IOW

Brad Young, Newport IOW

Kai Grace, Newport IOW

Callum Chase, Cowes Sports

Liam Newbold, East Cowes Victoria

Henry West, Newport IOW

Macauley Watterson, Newport IOW

Jez Conway, Cowes Sports

Ryan Oatley, Cowes Sports

Jimmy Mumford, Cowes Sports

Zak Sullivan, East Cowes Victoria

WINNERS IN THE WESSEX YEARS

1987 Newport IOW
 1988 Newport IOW
 1989 East Cowes Victoria
 1990 Newport IOW
 1991 Ryde Sports
 1992 Newport IOW
 1993 Newport IOW
 1994 Newport IOW
 1995 Cowes Sports
 1996 Newport IOW
 1997 Newport IOW
 1998 Newport IOW
 1999 Newport IOW
 2000 Newport IOW
 2001 Oakfield
 2002 Cowes Sports
 2003 Newport IOW
 2004 Newport IOW
 2005 Newport IOW
 2006 Brading Town

2007 Cowes Sports
 2008 Cowes Sports
 2009 Newport IOW
 2010 Brading Town
 2011 Newport IOW
 2012 Cowes Sports
 2013 Newport IOW
 2014 Newport IOW
 2015 Newport IOW
 2016 Newport IOW
 2017 Newport IOW
 2018 Cowes Sports
 2019 Newport IOW
 2020 *Not contested (Pandemic)*
 2021 *Not contested (Pandemic)*
 2022 Newport IOW
 2023 Cowes Sports
 2024 Cowes Sports
 2025 Cowes Sports



SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR CUP 2024/25- THE STORY

First Round

AFC Netley	0-8	New Milton Town <i>[at New Milton]</i>
AFC Shirley	3-1	Hedge End Rangers Reserves
Bishops Waltham Dynamos	3-2	Follands Sports <i>[at Folland Sports]</i>
Colden Common	1-6	AFC Stoneham <i>[at AFC Stoneham]</i>
Fawley AFC	0-2	Blackfield & Langley
Lyndhurst	0-6	Lymington Town <i>[at Lymington]</i>
Michelmersh & Timsbury	1-7	BTC Soton
QK Southampton Reserves	0-2	Sway

Byes: AFC Totton, AFC Stoneham Development, Braishfield, Brockenhurst, Broughton, Comrades, Downton, Dynamo Dockside, Follands Sports Reserves, Hamble Club, Hedge End Rangers, Hedge End Town, Hythe & Dibden, Lymington Town Reserves, Millbrook, Millbrook Development, QK Southampton, Ringwood Town, Romsey Town, St Francis, Totton & Eling, Upham, Whiteley Wanderers, Winsor United Green

Second Round

AFC Totton	1-1	AFC Stoneham <i>[4-5 on penalties]</i>
Braishfield	0-6	Blackfield & Langley <i>[at Blackfield]</i>
Brockenhurst	3-0	Bishops Waltham Dynamo
Broughton	2-1	Dynamo Dockside
Downton	3-1	New Milton Town
Hamble Club	4-0	Lymington Town
Hedge End Rangers	3-1	BTC Soton
Hedge End Town	H-W	Comrades
Hythe & Dibden	3-1	Sway
Millbrook	11-0	Upham
Millbrook Development	1-1	AFC Stoneham Development <i>[5-6 on penalties]</i>
Ringwood Town	8-0	QK Southampton
Romsey Town	2-1	Folland Sports Reserves
St Francis	2-3	Lymington Town Development
Whiteley Wanders	0-6	Totton & Eling <i>[at Totton & Eling]</i>
Winsor United Green	1-3	AFC Shirley

Third Round

AFC Shirley	1-0	Hedge End Town
AFC Stoneham Development	0-1	Millbrook
AFC Stoneham	2-1	Hamble Club
Blackfield & Langley	1-0	Downton
Brockenhurst	4-1	Totton & Eling
Broughton	1-0	Hythe & Dibden <i>[at Hythe]</i>
Hedge End Rangers	0-3	Ringwood Town <i>[at Ringwood]</i>
Romsey Town	0-1	Lymington Town Development

[Lymington removed- ineligible player]

Quarter Final

Millbrook	0-0	Blackfield & Langley <i>[4-2 on penalties]</i>
Brockenhurst	3-1	AFC Shirley
Ringwood Town	0-5	AFC Stoneham
Romsey Town	0-0	Broughton <i>[2-3 on penalties]</i>

Semi Final

Millbrook	2-1	Brockenhurst <i>[at Hythe & Dibden]</i>
AFC Stoneham	5-1	Broughton <i>[at Romsey Town]</i>

Final

AFC Stoneham	3-0	Millbrook
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at St Mary's Stadium, Southampton FC

The First Round draw originally excluded New Milton Town who it seems had somehow eluded the organising Committee. Consequently the final tie was made when they were added in and they were drawn out at AFC Netley. This was subsequently played at Fawcetts Field due to floodlights not being available at Netley.

Holders AFC Totton, who were on a potential four bagger fell at the first hurdle against eventual winners AFC Stoneham.

WESSEX LEAGUE GOAL SCORERS

[6]

Albie Turner, Ringwood Town

[5]

Jack Kinge-Phillips, New Milton Town

[4]

Ash Pope, AFC Stoneham

[3]

Callum Drake, Millbrook

Duarte Martins, AFC Stoneham

Dylan Male, Totton & Eling

Jake Adams, Brockenhurst

[2]

Ashton Palmier, Blackfield & Langley

Ben Atiako-Hall, Brockenhurst

Brad Snelling, New Milton Town

Hubert Cegielka, Lymington Town

James Johnson, Hamble Club

[1]

Aaron Scott, Romsey Town

Adam Woodcock, Millbrook

Alex Sawyer, Millbrook

Alex Welch, AFC Stoneham

Alfie Wallis, Totton & Eling

Bobby Gorman, Millbrook

Braydon Douglas, Hamble Club

Brodie Yates, Ringwood Town

Callum McHale, New Milton Town

Charlie Hitchings, Blackfield & Langley

Clayd Roach, Hamble Club

Connor Ford, Millbrook

Connor Lopez, Lymington Town

Dan Miller, AFC Stoneham

Dan Whitelaw, Ringwood Town

Dylan Hacon, Hythe & Dibden

Dylan Walker, Brockenhurst

Dyllan Roocroft, Blackfield & Langley

Harley Russell, Romsey Town

Harry Edmondson, Blackfield & Langley

Harry Mealing, Blackfield & Langley

Harry Vidler, Totton & Eling

Jack Nicholas, Millbrook

Jamie-Jay Burgess, Brockenhurst

Lyle Simpson, Brockenhurst

Maciej Marcinkowski, Blackfield & Langley

Tyrrell Sampson, AFC Stoneham

Jamie Johnston, AFC Stoneham

Jamie White, Millbrook

Lewis Nagle, AFC Stoneham

Oliver Jenkins, AFC Stoneham

Will Johnson, Lymington Town

Jesse Rabin, Ringwood Town

Joe Petty, Ringwood Town

Josh Ball, Folland Sports

Josh Crittenden, Hythe & Dibden

Leon Carbayo-Borges, Downton

Lewis Olajide, Millbrook

Luca Lane, New Milton Town

Marcel Laptas, Hythe & Dibden

Mark Jamison, Downton

Mat Bainbridge, AFC Stoneham

Mitch Speechley-Price, AFC Stoneham

Ollie Davies, Downton

Ollie Dennett, Totton & Eling

Ollie Erdinc, Millbrook

Own Goal for AFC Stoneham

Own Goal for Millbrook

Own Goal for Totton & Eling

Rich Sesay, Lymington Town

Ryan Batley, Millbrook

Stuart Green, AFC Stoneham

Timo Gleed, Ringwood Town

Vaughnie McGhee, Folland Sports

Will Gange, Hamble Club

Zsombor Komaromi, Brockenhurst

WINNERS IN THE WESSEX YEARS

YEAR	WINNER		RUNNERS-UP	DATE
1987	Folland Sports [HL1]	1-0	Sholing Sports	6 May
1988	Eastleigh Reserves [WXC]	1-0 [R]	Colden Common [2-2 <i>aet first time</i>]	14 April
1989	BAT [HL1]	3-0	Blackfield & Langley	13 April
1990	Pirelli General [HL1]	4-2 aet	Netley Central Sports	17 April
1991	Blackfield & Langley [HL1]	4-3	BAT Reserves	14 May
1992	Aerostructures Reserves [WXC]	2-0	Braishfield	27 April
1993	Blackfield & Langley [HL1]	5-1	BAT Reserves	21 April
1994	Colden Common [HL1]	1-0 [R]	Fair Oak [1-1 <i>aet first time</i>]	5 May
1995	Romsey Town [HL2]	2-1	Esso (Fawley)	9 May
1996	Otterbourne [HL2]	1-0	BAT Sports Reserves	16 April
1997	Eastleigh Reserves [WXC]	3-1	BTC Southampton	7 April
1998	Blackfield & Langley [HL1]	6-3	Brendon	27 April
1999	Netley Central Sports [HL2]	1-0 aet	Brendon	19 April
2000	AC Delco [HL1]	2-1 aet	Blackfield & Langley [1]	3 May
2001	Winchester City [HL1]	2-0	Nursling [2]	18 April
2002	Vosper Thornycroft [HLP]	1-0	Nursling [3]	10 April
2003	Winchester City [HLP]	5-0	Vosper Thornycroft	6 May
2004	VT FC [HLP]	3-0	AFC Totton Reserves	27 April
2005	Lyndhurst [H04]	2-1	Locksley Sports	26 April
2006	VT FC Reserves [WXC]	5-0	Mottisfont	19 April
2007	VT FC Reserves [WXC]	0-0 aet	Spartans [4-3 <i>on penalties</i>]	25 April
2008	VT FC Reserves [WXC]	1-0	Romsey Town Reserves	24 April
2009	Team Solent [HLP]	2-0	Nursling	28 April
2010	VT FC Reserves [WXC]	2-0	Team Solent	15 April
2011	Team Solent [HLP]	2-1	QK Southampton	24 May
2012	AFC Stoneham [HLP]	2-1	Bush Hill	15 May
2013	AFC Stoneham [HLP]	2-2 aet	Brockenhurst [5-4 <i>on penalties</i>]	29 April
2014	Sholing Reserves [WXC]	5-0	Hedge End Rangers	16 April
2015	Team Solent	3-2	Hamble Club	29 April
2016	Team Solent	5-0	Blackfield & Langley	13 April
2017	Sholing	3-1	Team Solent	3 May
2018	Southampton Academy	6-0	Blackfield & Langley [4]	2 May
2019	Alresford Town	3-0	AFC Stoneham	16 April
2020	[competition abandoned]			
2021	[competition not contested]			
2022	AFC Totton	3-0	Folland Sports	5 May
2023	AFC Totton	3-0	Sholing	17 May
2024	AFC Totton	4-1	Hythe & Dibden [5]	18 May
2025	AFC Stoneham	3-0	Millbrook	14 May

CODES

- [R] Replay
- [1] Original game (on 3 April) abandoned due to a floodlight failure
- [2] Last Final held at The Dell (Nursling lost)
- [3] First Final held at St Marys Stadium (Nursling lost again)
- [4] 100th Final (attendance of [just] 394 being reported)
- [5] Final held at AFC Totton.
- [HLP] Hampshire League Premier Division
- [HL1] Hampshire League Division One
- [HL2] Hampshire League Division Two
- [H04] Hampshire League 2004
- [WXC] Wessex Combination

PORTSMOUTH SENIOR CUP 2024/25- THE STORY



First Round

Moneyfields Reserves	3-2	United Services Portsmouth Reserves
Locks Heath	2-2	Royal Navy FA [6-7 on penalties]
Moneyfields	6-1	Liss Athletic
Horndean	10-1	Hayling United
Baffins Milton Rovers	2-2	Fareham Town [3-1 on penalties]
Denmead	5-2	Whiteley Wanderers
Portsmouth Academy	4-1	Meon Milton
Fleetlands	2-2	Gosport Borough [1-3 on penalties]
Petersfield Town	3-3	Havant & Waterlooville [4-3 on penalties]

[BYES: AFC Portchester, Clanfield, Harvest, Meon Milton Reserves, Mob Albion, Paulsgrove and United Services Portsmouth]

Second Round

AFC Portchester	3-0	Baffins Milton Rovers
Denmead	2-2	Moneyfields Reserves [4-2 on penalties]
Gosport Borough	4-1	Clanfield
Horndean	4-0	Harvest
Meon Milton Reserves	3-2	Mob Albion
Petersfield Town	0-0	United Services Portsmouth [5-3 on penalties]
Portsmouth Academy	0-3	Moneyfields [at Moneyfields]
Royal Navy FA	15-0	Paulsgrove

Quarter Final

Denmead	1-8	Gosport Borough [at Gosport]
Horndean	1-3	Moneyfields [at Moneyfields]
Meon Milton Reserves	0-5	Royal Navy FA [at Victory Stadium]
Petersfield Town	0-2	AFC Portchester

Semi Final

AFC Portchester	4-0	Royal Navy FA
Gosport Borough	1-2	Moneyfields

Final

AFC Portchester	1-1	Moneyfields [3-2 on penalties]
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At PMC Stadium on 20 May 2025

The original Second Round tie between Denmead and Moneyfields Reserves was abandoned due to a player injury on 23 November. Denmead were winning 3-1 at the time. The Hampshire League side needed penalties to proceed at second time of asking in the tie that was played at Moneyfields.

The win for AFC Portchester completed a successful 2024/25 campaign for the team, collecting four pieces of silverware. Wessex League title, Wessex League Cup, Russell- Cotres and (for the first time) the Portsmouth Senior Cup.

I am still looking for full round by round ties and scores from 1987/88 through to 2007/08 for this cup competition. If anyone has them please do share them, I would be very grateful.

The identity of the winners in 1986/87 and 1991/92 are unknown with winners being known for all the other seasons since the start of the Wessex League.

WESSEX LEAGUE GOAL SCORERS

[2]

Connor Duffin, AFC Portchester

Lee Wort, AFC Portchester

[1]

Alfie Lis, Fleetlands

Josh Clack, AFC Portchester

Ash Howes, AFC Portchester

Oli Davies, AFC Portchester

Brett Pitman, Baffins Milton Rovers

Ryan Pennery, AFC Portchester

Chad Cornwell, Baffins Milton Rovers

Ryan Wilkins, AFC Portchester

Harrison Brook, AFC Portchester

Sam Woodward, Fareham Town

Henry Foster, Fleetlands

Stan Bridgman, Fareham Town

Joe McClean, Clanfield

WINNERS IN THE WESSEX YEARS

1987	?	2007	Gosport Borough Reserves
1988	Fleetlands	2008	Horndean Reserves
1989	Fleetlands	2009	Horndean
1990	Ryde Sports	2010	Hayling United
1991	Portsmouth Civil Service	2011	Horndean
1992	?	2012	United Services Portsmouth
1993	Waterlooville	2013	Moneyfields
1994	Gosport Borough	2014	Baffins Milton Rovers
1995	Havant Town Reserves	2015	Havant & Waterlooville
1996	Gosport Borough	2016	Baffins Milton Rovers
1997	Locks Heath Rovers	2017	Havant & Waterlooville
1998	Locks Heath Rovers	2018	Havant & Waterlooville
1999	Paulsgrove	2019	Moneyfields
2000	Hayling United	2020	Moneyfields
2001	Fareham Sacred Heart	2021	<i>no competition held</i>
2002	Hayling United	2022	Gosport Borough
2003	<i>no competition held</i>	2023	Horndean
2004	Gosport Borough	2024	Royal Navy FA
2005	Gosport Borough Reserves	2025	AFC Portchester
2006	Gosport Borough Reserves		

NORTH HANTS SENIOR CUP 2024/25- THE STORY

First Round

Alresford Town	1-1	Whitchurch United [5-6 on penalties]
Andover New Street	6-0	Andover Town
Hook	0-8	Basingstoke Town [at Basingstoke]
Stockbridge	1-5	Romsey Town [at Romsey]

Semi Final

Basingstoke Town	3-0	Andover New Street
Whitchurch United	1-3	Romsey Town

Final

Basingstoke Town	6-0	Romsey Town
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At Andover New Street on 6 May

The usual suspects from the north part of the County find themselves involved once more. Wessex League hopes of lifting the trophy were dashed though with Basingstoke winning it for the third season in a row in a repeat of the final of 2023/24, albeit it more comprehensively.

WESSEX LEAGUE GOAL SCORERS

[5]

Lewis Williams, Andover New Street

[2]

Maciej Marcinkowski, Romsey Town

[1]

Aaron Scott, Romsey Town

Archie Greenough, Romsey Town

Ethan Abrehart, Whitchurch United

Harry Prisk, Romsey Town

Hubert Cegiela, Romsey Town

John Cole, Alresford Town

Josh Gibson, Romsey Town

Sam Argent, Whitchurch United

Shane Lock, Andover New Street

Zach Earley, Romsey Town

I have no details of matches in this competition from 1986/87 through to 2008/09 and there are plenty of gaps between 2008/09 and 2013/14 despite writing to the Cup organisers on more than one occasion. ANY help in getting a more comprehensive summary would be greatly appreciated-contact the Editor directly please.

WINNERS IN THE WESSEX YEARS

1987	Winchester City	2007	Tadley Calleva
1988	RAPC Worthy Down	2008	Tadley Calleva
1989	SR Basingstoke	2009	Fleet Town
1990	New Street	2000	Fleet Town
1991	Stockbridge	2011	Andover
1992	Basingstoke Town	2012	Alresford Town
1993	New Street	2013	Alresford Town
1994	Basing Rovers	2014	Alresford Town
1995	Malshanger	2015	Winchester City
1996	Malshanger	2016	Whitchurch United
1997	New Street	2017	Fleet Town
1998	Hadleigh	2018	Andover New Street
1999	Stockbridge	2019	Andover New Street
2000	Andover	2010	[competition abandoned]
2001	Andover	2021	[competition not contested]
2002	Winchester City	2022	Alresford Town
2003	Andover	2023	Basingstoke Town
2004	Andover	2024	Basingstoke Town
2005	Andover	2025	Basingstoke Town
2006	Stockbridge		

SOUTHERN COMBINATION CHALLENGE CUP 2024/25- THE STORY

First Round No ties

Second Round

Camberley Town	1-3	Frimley Green
Chessington & Hook United	0-7	Cobham [at Cobham]
Leatherhead	1-2	Abbey Rangers
Reading City	1-1	Epsom & Ewell [5-6 on penalties]
Sheerwater	2-2	Molesey [3-4 on penalties]
South Park (Reigate)	7-2	Horley Town
Sutton Common Rovers	0-7	Balham [at Tooting & Mitcham]
Virginia Water	1-4	Guildford City

Quarter Final

Abbey Rangers	2-0	Molesey
Cobham	2-2	Guildford City [4-5 on penalties]
Frimley Green	0-3	South Park (Reigate)
Epsom & Ewell	0-0	Balham [5-3 on penalties]

Semi Final

South Park (Reigate)

3-4 Epsom & Ewell

Guildford City

2-4 aet Abbey Rangers

Final

22 April at Corinthian Casuals

Epsom & Ewell

1-0 Abbey Rangers

Extra time applies only in Semi-Finals and Final - otherwise drawn ties go straight to penalties after 90 minutes. Winner of tie 13 will have first choice of ground for the Final. All of this season's entrants have floodlights, so there will be no compulsory switches of venue.

The Quarter Final tie between Epsom & Ewell and Balham was played on Tuesday 25 February and saw the visitors win by the only goal. However, as a player was "sin-binned" which was outside the rules, the tie was voided- and replayed.

Our only representative in this competition this term was **Frimley Green** they progressed to the Quarter Final with a 3-1 win over Camberley Town, their goal scorers being Jim Ward, George Keenan and Josh Bullen

WINNERS IN THE WESSEX YEARS

1987	Feltham 3-0 Bracknell Town
1988	Feltham 2-1 Camberley Town
1989	Walton & Hersham 3-0 Chertsey Town
1990	Leatherhead 2-0 Malden Vale
1991	Molesey 3-2 Feltham
1992	Walton & Hersham 1-0 Malden Vale <i>[after extra time]</i>
1993	Dorking 1-0 Epsom & Ewell
1994	Molesey 1-0 Staines Town
1995	Staines Town v Chertsey Town <i>[Walkover. Awarded by decision of EGM]</i>
1996	Ashford Town (Middlesex) 3-0 Feltham
1997	Hampton 2-1 Staines Town <i>[after extra time]</i>
1998	Godalming & Guildford 3-0 Hampton
1999	Chertsey Town 4-2 Walton & Hersham
2000	Walton & Hersham v Staines Town <i>[Walkover. Match conceded by Staines Town]</i>
2001	Walton & Hersham 3-1 Chipstead
2002	Chessington & Hook United 5-3 Ashford Town (Middlesex)
2003	Sandhurst Town 2-1 Walton & Hersham
2004	Bedfont 2-1 Chipstead
2005	Hampton & Richmond Borough v Walton & Hersham <i>[Cup was shared as the Final was not played]</i>
2006	Staines Town 3-2 Molesey <i>[after extra time]</i>
2007	Merstham v Staines Lammas <i>[Cup was shared as the Final was not played]</i>
2008	Chipstead 1-0 Ashford Town (Middlesex)
2009	Cove 4-1 Chessington & Hook United
2000	Reading Town 4-1 Hanworth Villa
2011	Ashford Town (Middlesex) 1-0 Hanworth Villa
2012	Hanworth Villa 5-0 Sandhurst Town
2013	Molesey 1-1 Spelthorne Sports <i>[after extra time, 5-4 on penalties]</i>
2014	Hanworth Villa 1-0 Spelthorne Sports
2015	Molesey 3-0 Bedfont & Feltham
2016	Molesey 6-1 Dorking
2017	Sutton Common Rovers 4-1 Camberley Town
2019	Walton Casuals 4-2 Sutton Common Rovers <i>[after extra time]</i>
2020	<i>Competition unfinished and declared void due to pandemic</i>
2021	<i>Competition not held due to pandemic</i>
2022	Ashford Town (Middlesex) 3-2 Fleet Town
2023	Farnham Town 3-2 Balham <i>[after extra time]</i>
2024	Reading City 5-2 Horley Town
2025	Epsom & Ewell 1-0 Abbey Rangers

ALDERSHOT SENIOR CUP 2024/25- THE STORY

First Round

Guildford City	1-1	Ash United [7-6 on penalties]
Tadley Calleva	4-0	Godalming Town

Second Round

Alton	1-1	Knaphill [1-4 on penalties]
Camberley Town	2-2	The Army FA [2-4 on penalties]
Fleet Town	4-1	Midhurst & Easebourne
Frimley Green	0-3	Badshot Lea
Guildford City	1-2	Westfield
Hartley Wintney	0-0	Ashford Town (Middlesex) [3-2 on penalties]
Sheerwater	3-3	Aldershot Town U21 [7-8 on penalties]
Wokingham Town	0-3	Tadley Calleva

Quarter Final

Fleet Town	1-4	Westfield
Hartley Wintney	6-0	Knaphill
The Army FA	0-4	Aldershot Town
Tadley Calleva	4-2	Badshot Lea

Semi Final

Hartley Wintney	3-3	Aldershot Town [9-8 on penalties]
Westfield	2-2	Tadley Calleva [2-3 on penalties]

Final [6 May]

Hartley Wintney	1-0	Tadley Calleva
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It has been eleven long years since a member club has won this particular trophy, and that was Alresford Town who were not involved this term. It was just the two Wessex teams involved this term, Ash United and Frimley Green. Both fell at their first hurdle, with Ash going down on penalties at Guildford and Frimley conceding three without reply at home against Badshot Lea. The only scorer for our two teams was Chris Farniloe of **Ash United** with a single goal.

WINNERS IN THE WESSEX YEARS

1987	Alton Town	2007	Camberley Town
1988	Farnborough Town Reserves	2008	Fleet Town
1989	Farnborough Town Reserves	2009	Fleet Town
1990	Aldershot FA Reserves	2010	Fleet Town
1991	Cove	2011	Badshot Lea
1992	Cove	2012	Ashford Town (Middx)
1993	Second Training Regiment RE	2013	Cove
1994	Tongham	2014	Alresford Town
1995	Fleet Town	2015	Camberley Town
1996	Fleet Town	2016	Camberley Town
1997	Camberley Town	2017	Fleet Town
1998	Camberley Town	2018	Hartley Wintney
1999	Ash United	2019	Camberley Town
2000	Fleet Town	2020	Competition abandoned
2001	Sandhurst Town	2021	No competition
2002	Ash United	2022	Hartley Wintney
2003	Ashford Town (Middx)	2023	Badshot Lea
2004	Farnborough Town	2024	Westfield
2005	Alton Town	2025	Hartley Wintney
2006	Sandhurst Town		

EMIRATES FA CUP 2025/26

Extra Preliminary Round	Saturday 2 August 2025
Preliminary Round	Saturday 16 August 2025
First Round Qualifying	Saturday 30 August 2025
Second Round Qualifying	Saturday 13 September 2025
Third Round Qualifying	Saturday 27 September 2025
Fourth Round Qualifying	Saturday 11 October 2025
First Round Proper	Saturday 1 November 2025
Second Round Proper	Saturday 6 December 2025
Third Round Proper	Saturday 10 January 2026
Fourth Round Proper	Saturday 14 February 2026
Fifth Round Proper	Saturday 7 March 2026
Quarter Final	Saturday 4 April 2026
Semi Final	Saturday 25 April 2026
Final	Saturday 16 May 2026

ISUZU FA VASE 2025/26

First Round Qualifying	Saturday 23 August 2025
Second Round Qualifying	Saturday 20 September 2025
First Round Proper	Saturday 18 October 2025
Second Round Proper	Saturday 8 November 2025
Third Round Proper	Saturday 6 December 2025
Fourth Round Proper	Saturday 17 January 2026
Fifth Round Proper	Saturday 7 February 2026
Sixth Round Proper	Saturday 28 February 2026
Semi Final First Leg -	Saturday 28 March 2026 [Second Leg - Saturday 4 April 2026]
Final	Sunday 17 May 2026

FA YOUTH CUP 2025/26

Qualifying Competition –

Ties to be played in the week commencing:-

Preliminary Round	Monday 1 September 2025
First Round Qualifying	Monday 15 September 2025
Second Round Qualifying	Monday 29 September 2025
Third Round Qualifying	Monday 13 October 2025

Competition Proper –

Ties to be played by the following closing date:-

First Round Proper	Saturday 1 November 2025
Second Round Proper	Saturday 22 November 2025
Third Round Proper	Saturday 13 December 2025
Fourth Round Proper	Saturday 24 January 2026
Fifth Round Proper	Saturday 21 February 2026
Sixth Round Proper	Saturday 14 March 2026
Semi Final	Saturday 11 April 2026
Final	Saturday 9 May 2026

On **Thursday 26 June 2025** we can expect to find out the List of Clubs accepted into each Competition (*Clubs not accepted into a Competition shall be notified separately regarding that competition on the same date*), and the list of Clubs to receive exemption. The Prize Fund schedule will also be released.

On **Friday 4 July 2025**, we can expect to find out the first two rounds of the
The Emirates FA Cup
The Isuzu FA Vase
The FA Youth Cup

2025/26 FIXTURES

It is intended that fixtures will be released at the end of June, and dependent on the Emirates FA Cup draw, **some** games may be played in the midweek prior to Saturday 2 August.

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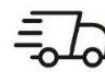
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AROUND THE GROUNDS – REFLECTIONS ON THE SEASON

With Robin Caddy and Tim Smith

Rather fittingly for this week's Wessex Post it's Romsey Town v Locks Heath in the Russell-Cotes Cup on 14 January 2025, It's a bitterly-cold Tuesday night in January and what better way to spend it than joining the 90 hardy souls watching Wessex League Division 1 Romsey Town take on Hampshire League high-fliers Locks Heath in a Russell-Cotes Cup quarter final.

Romsey have a long history, having been formed in 1886, and have played at their current ground since 1956, when the club took out a 99-year lease from the neighbouring Broadlands Estate.

Unlike a number of Wessex League grounds which are a bit off the beaten track, there's no missing the AEC Protection Ground (or the Bypass Ground) as you approach the town from Southampton. As its name suggests the Romsey Bypass (A27) adjoins the ground on two sides. It's fair to say that this is truly Romsey's sporting epicentre, with the Places Leisure Centre, rugby and cricket grounds in close proximity.

The ground has a 1500 capacity with a decent sized stand on the side of the pitch opposite the entrance and clubhouse and cover on two other sides. The most unusual feature is the huge keepnets behind both goals which also provide a very prominent advertising space for the ground's sponsor.

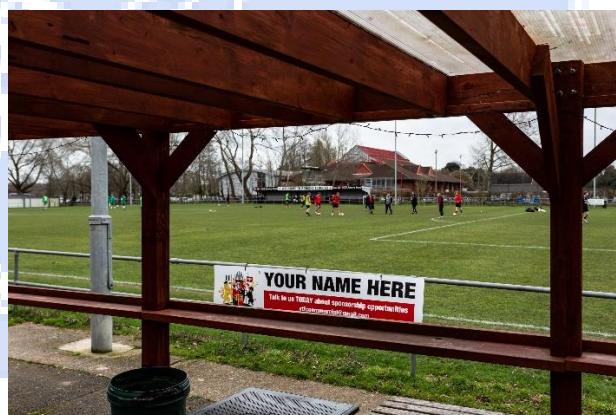
Romsey were founder members of the Wessex League but haven't played in the Premier since 2014, whilst Locks Heath have been riding high in the Hampshire Premier League for the last four years, and there is little to choose between the two teams on the night.

Leo Ramsay and Joel McNulty put Locks Heath two up in the first period, but the Town fight back to force penalties after a 2-2 draw, despite having a man sent off in the second half. But it's the Hampshire League club who despatch all their spot kicks to take the shootout 5-4.

A small piece of cup giant-killing for Locks Heath then, but in the semi-final, they come up against eventual cup winners, AFC Portchester, where they do well to restrict the eventual Wessex League champions to a 2-1 victory. Romsey go on to finish 15th in Wessex Division 1, whilst Locks Heath are third in the Hampshire League, behind Liss Athletic and champions Colden Common, who will of course face Romsey this coming season following their promotion to the Wessex.



Rear of the main stand, with TV gantry



View from the covered area near the bar



Keepnet and sponsor's signs



Match action

PRE-SEASON 2025/26

Please do contact me with any corrections and additions through the usual channels.

Please do NOT forget that the HOST team also MUST obtain sanction from their County FA before the game is played. Games are subject to change at little or no notice and are listed in GOOD FAITH, but please note that the League have no control over the proposed schedules, nor as to whether any games are changed or called off at short notice. I am fairly certain that unless the rules have changed clubs are **not permitted** to arrange or play normal friendly games in the month of **June** - clubs will need to consult with their County FA.

Spectators are strongly recommended to check nearer the time if making a special journey.

Tuesday 1 July

Colden Common v Fareham Town XI

Fawley AFC v Nursling & Shirley

Holt United v Bournemouth

Shaftesbury v Andover New Street

United Services Portsmouth v Fareham Town - [HMS Temeraire, 19:30]

Wednesday 2 July

Blandford United v Portland United - [Blandford School 3G, 19:00]

Thursday 3 July

Penn & Tylers Green v AFC Aldermaston

Friday 4 July

AFC Stoneham v Blackfield & Langley

Dorchester Sports v Christchurch

Fawley AFC v AFC Shirley

Infinity v Colden Common

Saturday 5 July

Alresford Town v East Cowes Victoria – [14:30]

Ash United v Whitehill & Bordon

Ashford Town (Middlesex) v Yateley United - Venue TBA

Bournemouth v Poole Town - [County Ground]

Bradford Town v Wincanton Town

Cobham Sports v Totton & Eling - [Rossmore, 13:00]

Downton v Salisbury

Fareham Town v Petersfield Town - [KGV- Cosham, 14:00]

Fleetlands v AFC Portchester

Gillingham Town v Christchurch

Havant & Waterlooville v Baffins Milton Rovers

Hythe & Dibden v Newport IOW

Locks Heath v Clanfield

Meon Milton v Folland Sports

Millbrook v Lymington Town - Venue TBA

Portland United v Weymouth

Reading City v Cove

Ringwood Town v Holt United

Romsey Town v Hamworthy Recreation - [Wide Lane, 14:00]

Stockbridge v Verwood Town

Sturminster Newton United v New Milton Town - [Shaftesbury, 11:00]

Tadley Calleva v Bemerton Heath Harlequins

United Services Portsmouth v Hayling United - [HMS Temeraire, 15:00]

Westland Sports v Sherborne Town

Whitchurch United v Andover New Street

Tuesday 8 July

AFC Aldermaston v Marlow - [Scours Lane, 18:45]
AFC Stoneham v Winchester City
Alton v Millbrook
Hamworthy United v Portland United Reserves - [20:00]
Holt United v New Milton Town
Millbrook v Alton
Pagham v Fareham Town
Ringwood Town v Laverstock & Ford
Street v Wincanton Town
United Services Portsmouth v Southsea Sports - [HMS Temeraire, 19:45]
Whitchurch United v Hungerford Town
Whitehill & Bordon v Colden Common

Wednesday 9 July

Blandford United v Bournemouth - [Blandford School 3G, 19:00]
Fleetlands v Army FA U23
Sherborne Town v Yeovil Town - [19:30]

Thursday 10 July

Christchurch v Wimborne Town - [Gerry Page Trophy]
Cowes Sports v Hartpury University
Cranleigh v Cove
Hamworthy Recreation v Blackfield & Langley

Friday 11 July

Hamworthy Recreation Development v Bournemouth
Hamworthy United v Dorchester Town

Saturday 12 July

AFC Shirley v Totton & Eling - [Mansel Park, 13:00]
AFC Stoneham v Basingstoke Town
Andover New Street v Colden Common
Ash United v Cranleigh - [Alderwood 4G]
Bournemouth Electric v Brockenhurst
Clanfield v Hedge End Rangers - [Westleigh Park, 15:30]
Cove v Dial Square - Venue TBA
Downton v Lymington Town
East Cowes Victoria v Hartpury University
Fleetlands v Moneyfields
Hamworthy Recreation v Fareham Town
Hythe & Dibden v Hungerford Town
Keens Park Rangers v Yateley United - Venue TBA
Laverstock & Ford v Salisbury
Locks Heath v Folland Sports
Midhurst & Easebourne v Petersfield Town
Millbrook v AFC Portchester
Nailsea & Tickenham v Wincanton Town
Newhaven v New Milton Town
Portland United v Bridport - [14:00]
Selsey v Liss Athletic - [Westleigh Park, 12:30]
Sholing v AFC Portchester
Stockbridge v Ringwood Town
Tadley Calleva v Blackfield & Langley - [Everest College, 12:00]
United Services Portsmouth v Newport IOW - [HMS Temeraire, 15:00]
Verwood Town v Crofton Saints
Wick v Romsey Town

Tuesday 15 July

Andover New Street v Shrewton United
Clanfield v Christchurch
Colden Common v Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Cove v Godalming Town - Venue TBA
Cowes Sports v Brading Town
Fawley AFC v Crofton Saints
Fleetlands v Locks Heath
Folland Sports v Winchester City
Hamworthy Recreation v Dorchester Town
Hamworthy United v Swanage Town & Herston
Hythe & Dibden v Lymington Town
Kintbury Rangers v Hungerford Town
Moneyfields v Bournemouth
Romsey Town v Stockbridge - [Wide Lane, 18:30]
Selsey v Fareham Town
Sheerwater v Yateley United
Street v Sherborne Town
United Services Portsmouth v Petersfield Town - [HMS Temeraire, 19:45]
Verwood Town v Wimborne Town - [Steve Moore Trophy]

Wednesday 16 July

Hedge End Rangers v Brockenhurst - [Deer Park]

Thursday 17 July

Bournemouth Sports v Ringwood Town
Horndean v Petersfield Town - [Hanna Cup]

Friday 18 July

Amesbury Town v New Milton Town
Andover New Street v Alresford Town
Bradford Town v Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Chichester City v Christchurch - [Steve Bernard Trophy]
Fawley AFC v Hamble Club

Saturday 19 July

AFC Aldermaston v Windsor & Eton - [Scours Lane]
AFC Stoneham v Newport IOW - [14:30]
Andover Town v Lymington Town - [Sparsholt College]
Arundel v Romsey Town
Ash United v Milton United - [Alderwood 4G]
Bashley v Hythe & Dibden
Bournemouth v Frome Town
Brockenhurst v Binfield
Clanfield Cup 3rd/4th Place Final v - [Westleigh Park, 12:30]
Clanfield Cup Final v - [Westleigh Park, 15:30]
Cobham Sports v Blackfield & Langley - [14:00]
Cove v Alton - Venue TBA
Cowes Sports v Havant & Waterlooville
Denmead v Folland Sports
Downton v Totton & Eling
East Cowes Victoria v Saltdean United - [13:00]
Fareham Town v Hamble Club
Holt United v Hamworthy United
Kintbury Rangers v Tadley Calleva
Millbrook v Fleetlands
Paulsgrove v Colden Common
Petersfield Town v AFC Portchester

Ringwood Town v Hamworthy Recreation
Shaftesbury v Laverstock & Ford
Spelthorne Sports v Yateley United - Venue TBA
Street v Portland United
Sturminster Newton United v Sherborne Town
United Services Portsmouth v Locks Heath - [HMS Temeraire, 14:00]
Verwood Town v New Milton Town
Wells City v Wincanton Town
Wick v Baffins Milton Rovers

Tuesday 22 July

Brockenhurst v Poole Town
Cobham Sports v Downton
Cowes Sports v Newport IOW
Eversley & California v AFC Aldermaston
Fareham Town v Wimborne Town
Fawley AFC v Hythe & Dibden
Frimley Green v Alton
Hamworthy United v Bournemouth
Horndean v Christchurch
Laverstock & Ford v Fleetlands
Molesey v Cove
Moneyfields v Andover New Street
New Milton Town v Lymington Town
Pagham v AFC Portchester
PFC Victoria London v Yateley United - Venue TBA
Portland United v Sturminster Newton United
Portsmouth v Baffins Milton Rovers - [BCD]
Radstock Town v Wincanton Town
Shaftesbury v Hamworthy Recreation
United Services Portsmouth v East Cowes Victoria - [HMS Temeraire, 19:30]
Wick v AFC Stoneham

Wednesday 23 July

Bashley v Totton & Eling - [19:00]
Hamble Club v Blackfield & Langley - [Ganger Farm, 19:30]
Petersfield Town v Bognor Regis Town
Romsey Town v Colden Common - [Eric Laversuch Trophy-Wide Lane, 18:30]
Sherborne Town v Ilminster Town
Wimborne Town Development v Bournemouth

Thursday 24 July

Bournemouth Sports v Downton

Friday 25 July

Fawley AFC v Sway
Wincanton Town v Odd Down

Saturday 26 July

AFC Aldermaston v Newbury - [Aldermaston Recreational Society, 14:00]

AFC Portchester v Hamble Club - [Wessex League Charity Cup]

Amesbury Town v Inter Legends - [Stars Appeal Fundraiser]
Andover Town v Laverstock & Ford
Ash United v Tongham
Bournemouth Electric v Folland Sports
Brockenhurst v Lymington Town
Cobham Sports v Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Cove v Epsom & Ewell
Crofton Saints v Colden Common

Devizes Town v Andover New Street
 East Cowes Victoria v Bashley
 Fleetlands v Selsey
 Hamworthy United v Blandford United
 Hythe & Dibden v Holt United
 Infinity v Blackfield & Langley - [Noadswood, 15:00]
 Millbrook v Bishops Waltham Dynamos
 New Milton Town v Newport IOW
 Paulsgrove v Totton & Eling - [KGV- Cosham, 14:00]
 Poole Town v Fareham Town
 Ringwood Town v Swanage Town & Herston
 United Services Portsmouth v Cowes Sports - [HMS Temeraire, 15:00]
 Verwood Town v Christchurch - Venue TBA
 Wick v Clanfield
 Yateley United v Downton

Tuesday 29 July

AFC Portchester v Bashley
 Ash United v Rushmoor Community
 Bournemouth Electric v Lymington Town - Venue TBA
 Downton v Bemerton Heath Harlequins - [Salisbury Hospital Cup]
 Fareham Town v Gosport Borough - [19:30]
 Folland Sports v Hythe & Dibden
 Holt United v Totton & Eling - [19:00]
 Laverstock & Ford v Winchester City
 New Milton Town v Wimborne Town
 Ringwood Town v Poole Town

CLUB NEWS

Any clubs with news or stories they want to publicise, please send them in to the Editor.

HERE TO HELP

TARA BURTON	AUBREY HODDER	BILL SCHOLLES	LEE BRAY
Bournemouth	Amesbury Town	AFC Aldermaston	East Cowes Victoria
Hamworthy Recreation	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	Alresford Town	Cowes Sports
Hamworthy United	Christchurch	Ash United	Newport (IOW)
Portland United	Downton	Cove	
Sherborne Town	Laverstock & Ford	Frimley Green	<i>Here are your club representatives for 2025/26. Clubs will have been provided with the contact details, they are there to help you please do contact them in the first instance as and when required.</i>
Wincanton Town	Ringwood Town	Kintbury Rangers	
		Yateley United	
BILL MOORE	GREG DICKSON	ALAN FARRAR	
Baffins Milton Rovers	AFC Stoneham	Blackfield & Langley	
Clanfield	Andover New Street	Brockenhurst	
Fleetlands	Colden Common	Fawley AFC	
Folland Sports	Millbrook	Hythe & Dibden	
Hamble Club	Romsey Town	Lymington Town	
Petersfield Town	Whitchurch United	New Milton Town	
United Services Portsmouth		Totton & Eling	

VELOCITY WESSEX LEAGUE CUP 2025/26 NEWS

The Velocity Wessex League Cup First round draw will take place this Sunday on the Wessex League Radio Show. Below are the numbers of the teams for the draw.

The First round will have 10 games and 22 byes.

- 1 **AFC Aldermaston**
- 2 **AFC Stoneham**
- 3 **Alresford Town**
- 4 **Amesbury Town**
- 5 **Andover New Street**
- 6 **Ash United**
- 7 **Baffins Milton Rovers**
- 8 **Bemerton Heath Harlequins**
- 9 **Blackfield & Langley**
- 10 **Bournemouth**
- 11 **Brockenhurst**
- 12 **Christchurch**
- 13 **Clanfield**
- 14 **Colden Common**
- 15 **Cove**
- 16 **Cowes Sports**
- 17 **Downton**
- 18 **East Cowes Victoria**
- 19 **Fawley AFC**
- 20 **Fleetlands**
- 21 **Folland Sports**
- 22 **Frimley Green**
- 23 **Hamble Club**
- 24 **Hamworthy Recreation**
- 25 **Hamworthy United**
- 26 **Hythe & Dibden**
- 27 **Kintbury Rangers**
- 28 **Laverstock & Ford**
- 29 **Lymington Town**
- 30 **Millbrook**
- 31 **New Milton Town**
- 32 **Newport IOW**
- 33 **Petersfield Town**
- 34 **Portland United**
- 35 **Ringwood Town**
- 36 **Romsey Town**
- 37 **Sherborne Town**
- 38 **Totton & Eling**
- 39 **United Services Portsmouth**
- 40 **Whitchurch United**
- 41 **Wincanton Town**
- 42 **Yateley United**



Current holders are AFC Portchester, so they will not be defending their crown.

They defeated Hamble Club 2-0 in the 2024/25 Final at the OnSite Group Stadium on Monday 5 May.

A game that attracted over 650 spectators.

FAREWELL FAREHAM AND FARE WELL

With thanks to Chris Kimber for the story



So, after more than a quarter of a century, my club, Fareham Town have won promotion, to the Isthmian league. 27 years ago, we joined the Wessex League, following our resignation from the Southern League. Financial reasons were to blame, and we played our first game at AFC Totton in August 1998. I recall the general feeling was that it would be a brief stay, while the club settled itself off the pitch.

How wrong we were!

As the seasons went by, we had wonderful days out around the area. Wimborne, Thatcham, Swanage, Bemerton Heath,

Cowes Sports, Sherborne, to name a few. Clubs visited Cams Alders, with its large main stand, but over the years it became tired and unloved. We made the Hampshire Senior Cup final in 2003 under the guidance of the late Jon Gittens. Our highest league position of 5th followed, but we never looked like challenging for promotion.

Clubs left, Eastleigh, Gosport, Totton, Andover Town, Poole Town, Wimborne etc. New clubs came up, Amesbury, Brading, VTFC, Portland, Laverstock & Ford and many more. We had great fun visiting all the grounds, highlights include the steam train trip to Alresford, a long weekend in Cowes, Portland, helping clear up the real Ale from the previous day's beer festival. Every visit to Brockenhurst was a joy, and Bemerton Heath always looked after us, especially dear George Parker, a great man at Western Way.

There were obviously some awful days, heavy defeats, stood behind the goal in the rain, matches called off late, relegation battles, last minute defeats, ill-discipline on the pitch. Comical moments, like an own goal winner for us at Newbury, the train drivers on the island line tooting their horns at us as we cheered the Creeksiders on at Brading. Being told by a referee that we couldn't stand behind the goal at Verwood, despite the barrier and hard standing being there.

Things started to turn for us when Matt Parr became manager. He introduced the youth team system to the club, and we have reaped the rewards ever since. Then Pete Stiles got to grips with the stadium, with lots of much needed maintenance and improvements being conducted. On the pitch, exciting football returned as well. Unfortunately, the covid pandemic curtailed two seasons full of promise. Now, Simon Woods has produced the final piece in the jigsaw and he has delivered promotion, largely unexpected after the previous season, via the playoffs. Certain stars aligned as we held our nerve towards the end of the season. I think back to when the lights failed at Millbrook, we were losing 0-1 in injury time. The game was replayed and we won 5-1. We failed to score in the last three regular games but hung on in there. Playoff favourites AFC Stoneham, who finished 19 points ahead of us, fell in the semi-final and a packed Cams roared us on to victory over Andover New Street.

Some wonderful players have worn the Red and Black in the Wessex league. Jamie Musselwhite, Wayne Boud, Lee Webber, Warren Hunt, BJ Green, Ash Tattersall, Gary Austin, Jamie Laidlaw, Graham Lindsey, just the tip of the iceberg.

Over recent seasons, our attendances have increased dramatically. From being lucky to get three figures, we are now disappointed with less than 250. Our rivalry with neighbours AFC Portchester has helped enormously, with huge crowds at both Wicor and Cams. These matches have certainly given the league a boost and raised its profile. In the last 8 days of the season, we had just under 3200 people through the gates on 3 matches. I never imagined we could achieve this.

Our overall record from 27 seasons is:

Played- 1060

Won- 438

Drawn- 235

Lost- 387

Goals For- 1899

Goals Against- 1762

Points- 1543

Highest league finish. Third, 2024/25.

Most points, 2003/04, 78 (42 matches).

Most goals scored, 2021/22, 113 (40 matches).

Biggest victory.

10-0 v Ringwood Town (February 2008)

12-2 v Amesbury Town, (April 2022).

So, it's farewell to you all. The Wessex league is a strong league at step 5, producing teams that have gone on to much greater things, FA Vase winners and finalists, lots of fantastic players. Each club is run by hard working volunteers, who deserve all the credit. The match officials deserve so much praise. Without them, there is no match. The league committee do a fantastic job, running the league in a very professional manner.

Thank you to all that have welcomed the mad, crazy Creeksiders support to your home. If anything, I think we boosted your bar takings. We will miss you, but we have a fresh challenge ahead. Good luck to you all for the season ahead.

Thanks for taking the time to put this together Chris, and of course best wishes for the upcoming season.

THE LAST WORD

From the Chair

Congratulations must go firstly to our two divisional winners, **AFC Portchester** in the Premier Division and **New Milton Town** in Division One. The merits of the play offs can be discussed, but it certainly keeps the season interesting until the final league games of the season, with the Premier Division being a great example as 3rd 4th and 5th places changing throughout the final afternoon's fixtures, finally resulting in 2nd place AFC Stoneham hosting 5th place Andover New Street and 3rd placed Fareham Town hosting 4th place Hamble Club.

Both play-off semi-finals were exciting with Andover New Street beating AFC Stoneham on penalties, to see them travel to Fareham Town who overcame Hamble Club. Congratulations go to **Fareham Town** who ran out 2-1 winners, to gain promotion to Step 4, and join AFC Portchester in the Isthmian League South Central Division next season. I am sure everyone connected to the League wishes both clubs well as they leave the Wessex League.

In Division One, 2nd place Frimley Green edged out 5th place Fleetlands on penalties after a 1-1 draw and 4th place **East Cowes Victoria** beat 3rd placed Alresford Town, earning them a visit to Frimley in the final. Again a very close game finishing one apiece, with East Cowes gaining promotion on penalties. We wish both New Milton and East Cowes well in the Premier Division in 2025/26.

AFC Portchester completed the League and Cup double, avenging last season's final defeat by beating Hamble Club 2-0.

In other cup competitions, for the first time ever, two of our member clubs competed in the final of the Hampshire Senior Cup, with AFC Stoneham beating AFC Portchester 3-0. These two then met again when AFC Portchester beat AFC Stoneham 3-1 in the Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup. Credit must also go to Hamworthy Recreation, who lost narrowly to National League Weymouth in the final of the Dorset Senior Cup.

Both AFC Portchester and AFC Stoneham won their respective Divisional FA Senior Cups, with AFC Stoneham winning in Southampton by defeating Millbrook and AFC Portchester in Portsmouth by defeating Moneyfields.

Added to this, Cowes Sports retained the IOW Gold Cup beating East Cowes Vics and Romsey Town were runners up in the North Hants DFA Senior Cup to Basingstoke Town.

However, I must also give huge credit to Andover New Street, who reached the semi-final of the Isuzu FA Vase, before losing over two legs to AFC Whyteleafe, but the club deserve credit for their efforts both on the pitch and the organisation involved in staging the home leg of the semi-final and previous rounds.



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