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The Wessex Post will be published each Saturday night. Please would all contributors note that the deadline for anything is 22:00 on the Saturday and this includes match reports- all home clubs are reminded to get their reports in before then, although if an away side does the report that will also be welcome. It should also be noted that whilst all contributions are welcome, they are subject to editorial scrutiny.

KICK OFF



The season is about to take off, so we start this week with Bournemouth Sports against Ringwood Town (white) at Chapel Gate on Thursday on the relatively new artificial surface adjacent to the Go Karting track. Ringwood won 2-1

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VELOCITY WESSEX LEAGUE Velocity Elle Sports Surfaces FOOTBALL SHOW







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PRE-SEASON 2025/26

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RESULTS

Tuesday 15 July

Andover New Street 2-0 Shrewton United

Clanfield 2-2 Christchurch

Colden Common 2-2 Bemerton Heath Harlequins

Cove 1-0 Godalming Town

Cowes Sports 9-0 Northwood St Johns

Fawley AFC 2-2 Crofton Saints

Fleetlands 2-0 Locks Heath

Folland Sports 0-2 Winchester City

Hamworthy Recreation 0-0 Dorchester Town

Hamworthy United 3-2 Swanage Town & Herston

Hythe & Dibden 2-0 Lymington Town

Millbrook 6-0 AFC Portchester XI

Romsey Town 5-1 Stockbridge

Sheerwater 3-1 Yateley United

Street 2-0 Sherborne Town

United Services Portsmouth 1-3 Petersfield Town

Verwood Town 1-5 Wimborne Town [Steve Moore Trophy]

Wednesday 16 July

Blandford United 7-2 Bemerton Heath Harlequins XI

Hedge End Rangers 0-2 Brockenhurst

Kintbury Rangers 2-2 Hungerford Town U23 [Hungerford Cup]

Newport IOW 2-1 Whitecroft & Barton Sports

Paulsgrove 2-4 New Milton Town

Thursday 17 July

Bournemouth Sports 1-2 Ringwood Town

Horndean 3-3 Petersfield Town [Hanna Cup] – trophy shared (retained by Horndean as winners last season). No penalty shootout principally due to a bad injury sustained by a Petersfield player, we wish him a speedy recovery.

Shaftesbury 5-4 Shrewton United [Salisbury Hospital Cup Final 2024/25]

Friday 18 July

Amesbury Town 4-1 New Milton Town

Andover New Street 2-2 Alresford Town

Bradford Town 0-1 Bemerton Heath Harlequins

Chichester City 1-0 Christchurch - [Steve Bernard Trophy] – trophy retained by the Sussex side for a seventh time. A crowd of over 100 attended- contributing around £250 to the *Steve Bernard Foundation* Fawley AFC 2-2 Hamble Club

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AFC Aldermaston 0-5 Windsor & Eton

AFC Stoneham 6-0 Newport IOW

Alton 2-6 Cove

Andover Town 2-1 Lymington Town

Arundel 2-1 Romsey Town

Ash United 2-6 Milton United

Bournemouth 1-4 Frome Town

Brockenhurst 2-1 Binfield

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Clanfield Cup 3rd/4th Place Final, Clanfield 2-2 Selsey [5-3 on penalties]

Clanfield Cup Final, Liss Athletic 2-0 Hedge End Rangers

Cobham Sports 4-0 Blackfield & Langley

Denmead 1-2 Folland Sports

Downton 6-0 Totton & Eling

East Cowes Victoria 5-0 Saltdean United

Fareham Town 4-0 Hamble Club

Holt United 2-1 Hamworthy United

Kintbury Rangers 1-3 Tadley Calleva [Hungerford Cup]

Hungerford Town drew two each with Hartley Wintney in the other tie at Bulpit Lane today.

Millbrook 4-0 Fleetlands

Petersfield Town 0-1 AFC Portchester

Ringwood Town 2-3 Hamworthy Recreation

Shaftesbury 2-1 Laverstock & Ford

Spelthorne Sports 0-2 Yateley United

Street 1-5 Portland United

Sturminster Newton United 1-2 Sherborne Town

United Services Portsmouth 3-3 Locks Heath

Verwood Town 3-1 New Milton Town

Wells City 4-2 Wincanton Town

Wick 0-2 Baffins Milton Rovers

COMING UP

Tuesday 22 July

Amesbury Town v Warminster Town - [19:30]

Baffins Milton Rovers v Portsmouth

Brockenhurst v Poole Town

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

Millbrook v AFC Shirley - [Mansel Park, 19:30]

Molesey v Cove

Moneyfields v Andover New Street

New Milton Town v Folland Sports - [Charters Community Stadium, 19:45]

Pagham v AFC Portchester

PFC Victoria London v Yateley United - Venue TBA

Portland United v Sturminster Newton United

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]

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 Liss Athletic [13:30]

Fleetlands v Selsey

Hamworthy United v Blandford United

Hartley Wintney v Baffins Milton Rovers

Hythe & Dibden v Holt United

Infinity v Blackfield & Langley - [Noadswood, 15:00]

Millbrook v Bishops Waltham Dynamos- [Mansel Park, 15:00]

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

Whitchurch United v Broughton

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

Hamble Club v Colden Common

Holt United v Totton & Eling - [19:00]

Laverstock & Ford v Winchester City

Ringwood Town v Poole Town

Shrewton United v Amesbury Town - [Salisbury Hospital Cup]

FIXTURES - 2025/26

A general reminder that fixtures are subject to alteration and or cancellation at short notice.

Bearing in mind that caveat, here's the list for the first few weeks.

Saturday 26 July

Wessex League Charity Cup

AFC Portchester v Hamble Club

OnSite Group Stadium, KO 15:00

[supporting Young Minds our Charity partner for

2025/26- see page 3 for more details]

Tuesday 29th July

Premier Division

Brockenhurst v Petersfield Town

Cowes Sports v Baffins Milton Rovers

Hamworthy Recreation v Millbrook

Wincanton Town v Bournemouth

Saturday 2nd August

Emirates FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round

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AFC Stoneham v Fleet Town Alton v Wincanton Town

Andover New Street v New Milton Town

Baffins Milton Rovers v Shaftesbury

Bashley v East Cowes Victoria

Bradford Town v Bournemouth

Christchurch v Bemerton Heath Harlequins

[at Shaftesbury]

Cowes Sports v Laverstock & Ford

Downton v Fareham Town

Hamworthy Recreation v Hartley Wintney

Hythe & Dibden v Portland United

Moneyfields v Brockenhurst

Paulton Rovers v Hamble Club

Tadley Calleva v Millbrook

Thatcham Town v Petersfield Town

Westbury United v Sherborne Town

Division One

AFC Aldermaston v Folland Sports

Alresford Town v Totton & Eling

Amesbury Town v Clanfield

Ash United v Blackfield & Langley

Colden Common v Lymington Town

Fleetlands v Kintbury Rangers

Hamworthy United v Fawley AFC

Ringwood Town v US Portsmouth

Romsey Town v Newport IOW

Whitchurch United v Yateley United

Monday 4th August

Servio Hampshire Senior Cup Preliminary Round

Totton & Eling v Baffins Milton Rovers

Tuesday 5th August

Servio Hampshire Senior Cup Preliminary Round

Bournemouth v Newport IOW

Cowes Sports v Tadley Calleva

East Cowes Victoria v Alton

Eversley & California v Yateley United

Fleet Town v Blackfield & Langley

Folland Sports v Fawley AFC

Lymington Town v Alresford Town

Velocity Wessex League Cup First Round

Romsey Town v AFC Stoneham

Premier Division

Downton v Bemerton Heath H'quins

Petersfield Town v Andover New Street

Wincanton Town v Portland United

Wednesday 6th August

Servio Hampshire Senior Cup Preliminary Round

New Milton Town v Hythe & Dibden

Friday 8th August

Division One

Fawley AFC v Lymington Town

Saturday 9th August

Premier Division

AFC Stoneham v Wincanton Town

Brockenhurst v Hamworthy Recreation

Cowes Sports v Bournemouth

Downton v Petersfield Town

East Cowes Vics v Bemerton Heath H'quins

Hythe & Dibden v Christchurch

Laverstock & Ford v Baffins Milton Rovers

Millbrook v New Milton Town

Portland United v Hamble Club

Sherborne Town v Andover New Street

Division One

AFC Aldermaston v Fleetlands

Amesbury Town v Ringwood Town

Ash United v Newport IOW

Blackfield & Langley v Alresford Town

Frimley Green v Colden Common

Kintbury Rangers v Cove

Totton & Eling v Folland Sports

US Portsmouth v Whitchurch United

Yateley United v Romsey Town

Tuesday 12th August

Premier Division

AFC Stoneham v Millbrook

Andover New Street v Wincanton Town

Bemerton Heath H'quins v Hythe & Dibden

Portland United v Sherborne Town

Division One

Alresford Town cv Cove

Folland Sports v Clanfield

Hamworthy United v Blackfield & Langley

Ringwood Town v Fawley AFC

Romsey Town v Kintbury Rangers

Wednesday 13th August

Velocity Wessex League Cup First Round

New Milton Town v Hamworthy Recreation

Thursday 14th August

Division One

Colden Common v Fleetlands

Saturday 16th August

Emirates FA Cup Preliminary Round

Premier Division

Andover New Street v Hamworthy Recreation

Baffins Milton Rovers v Hythe & Dibden

Cowes Sports v AFC Stoneham

Downton v East Cowes Vics

Hamble Club v Sherborne Town

Laverstock & Ford v Christchurch

Millbrook v Bournemouth

Petersfield Town v New Milton Town

Portland United v Bemerton Heath H'quins

Wincanton Town v Brockenhurst

Division One

Alresford Town v Romsey Town

Blackfield & Langley v AFC Aldermaston

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Clanfield v Fawley AFC
Cove v Colden Common
Fleetlands v Amesbury Town
Frimley Green v Totton & Eling
Hamworthy United v Folland Sports
Kintbury Rangers v Lymington Town
Ringwood Town v Yateley United
US Portsmouth v Ash United
Whitchurch United v Newport IOW

Monday 18th August

Division One

Totton & Eling v Fawley AFC

Tuesday 19th August

Servio Hampshire Senior Cup First Round

Andover New Street v Christchurch Fleetlands v Whitchurch United Petersfield Town v Clanfield US Ports mouth v Millbrook

Premier Division

Bournemouth v Christchurch

Hamworthy Recreation v Portland United

Hythe & Dibden v Laverstock & Ford

Division One

Amesbury Town v Hamworthy United Blackfield & Langley v Ringwood Town Yateley United v Kintbury Rangers

Wednesday 20th August

Premier Division

Sherborne Town v AFC Stoneham

Division One

AFC Aldermaston v Frimley Green

Saturday 23rd August

Isuzu FA Vase First Round Qualifying

AFC Aldermaston v Bristol Telephones Alresford Town v Whitchurch United Amesbury Town v Blackfield & Langley

Bridport v Millbrook

Corsham Town v Kintbury Rangers

Cove v Clanfield

Cowes Sports v Wincanton Town Devizes Town v Yateley United

East Cowes Victoria Athletic v Brockenhurst Folland Sports v Bemerton Heath Harlequins

Hamble Club v Fleetlands Hythe & Dibden v Badshot Lea Pagham v Newport IOW

Petersfield Town v Hamworthy Recreation

Selsey v Ringwood Town

Sturminster Newton United v Ash United

Totton & Eling v Romsey Town

United Services Portsmouth v Laverstock & Ford

Premier Division

AFC Stoneham v Portland United
Andover New Street v Downton
Bournemouth v Christchurch
New Milton Town v Sherborne Town

I expect there will be a revised listing issued sometime tomorrow [Sunday 20th] as there have been several changes made, plus it is anticipated that the Division One fixtures will also be released.

THE FA VASE FIRST ROUND QUALIFYING

As with the FA Cup details of the initial draw arrived too late for anything but the basic details to appear in the Wessex Post a couple of weeks back- how time flies, so now a closer look at the 18 ties involving Velocity Wessex League Clubs and, as seems to be the way at this stage of the Competition, there are too many all-Wessex ties. So, in draw order. DEVIZES TOWN will welcome Wessex new boys YATELEY UNITED to Wiltshire. The home side, back in familiar surroundings in the Western League after one season in the Hellenic, have plenty of experience in the Vase, but have not passed this the Second Round Qualifying for a number of years while Yateley have played just three games in the Competition, losing two. AFC ALDERMASTON are in their second spell in the Wessex League, finishing 13th last season, but have yet to win a game in the Vase after seven attempts and they entertain BRISTOL TELEPHONES from the Western League. Based obviously in Bristol, they too have yet to win from their previous outings in the Competition, also on seven occasions so added incentive for both sides.

CORSHAM TOWN were moved to the Hellenic League three years ago from the Western League and finished 10th last season and play host to KINTBURY RANGERS who have joined the Wessex League as Champions of the Wiltshire Senior League and will be making their first appearance in the Vase since 1999. BRIDPORT, now in the South West Peninsula League will welcome MILLBROOK to their St Marys Field ground having lost to Hamble Club in the last two seasons while their visitors reached the First Round Proper before going out to Buckland Athletic. PETERSFIELD TOWN, back in Wessex League territory after a year in Sussex, host HAMWORTHY RECREATION at Love Lane. The home Club have never passed the Second Round whilst their visitors, in their second season in the Competition in 2024, reached the Fourth Round before losing on penalties to Jersey Bulls.

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ASH UNITED make the long journey (a round trip of around 180 miles) to STURMINSTER NEWTON UNITED having only survived their first outing twice in the last decade. Their hosts have just enjoyed their first season in the Western League and this is only the Cherries' second season in the Vase. An interesting all-Wessex tie sees HAMBLE CLUB paired with FLEETLANDS. Hamble finished fourth in the League last season whilst Fleetlands finished one place lower in Division One but the Monks do have a Fifth Round appearance in the Vase on their record. UNITED SERVICES PORTSMOUTH and LAVERSTOCK & FORD — another all-Wessex tie. The hosts suffered relegation at the end of last season while their visitors had a disappointing season by their standards, the Portsmouth side reached the semi-final stage in 2020/21 but one suspects it will be the Wiltshire side that progresses.

AMESBURY TOWN against BLACKFIELD & LANGLEY is a meeting between two Clubs who have suffered in recent seasons, Amesbury having spent one campaign in the Wiltshire League and the Watersiders being relegated to our Division One at the end of last season. Anyone's game but Amesbury may have the edge. HYTHE & DIBDEN have an interesting looking tie with BADSHOT LEA travelling down from the outskirts of Farnham. The home side have a poor record in the Vase while their visitors have returned to the Combined Counties this season after relegation. PAGHAM, back in Sussex after one recent season in the Wessex League, play hosts to NEWPORT IOW who are still bedevilled by ground problems. A home win seems most likely.

A North Hampshire tie as WHITCHURCH UNITED make the short journey to ALRESFORD TOWN. The Jamboys finished the season strongly and it could be close. All-Wessex again with BROCKENHURST crossing to newly promoted EAST COWES VICTORIA who bowed out of last season's Competition by a single goal to eventual semi-finalists Hartpury University and will already have looked to lay down an early marker in the Premier Division. And a third all-Wessex tie and a local derby to boot with TOTTON & ELING meeting ROMSEY TOWN. Neither Club will have been happy with last season but the away side could just shade it. RINGWOOD TOWN finished a creditable 7th in the League last season and could well fancy their chances at Sussex League side SELSEY who finished in the lower reaches of their League last time out.

With Newport and Vics drawn away COWES SPORTS provide Vase football for the Island when they entertain WINCANTON TOWN. A difficult journey for the Wasps who found travel a problem last season and a home win must be on the cards. Two to go and an all Wessex One tie as CLANFIELD head north to COVE. The visitors equipped themselves well last season but may come off second best. And last, but not least, FOLLAND SPORTS welcome BEMERTON HEATH HARLEQUINS to Hamble but with the hosts being reprieved from relegation and the visitors stepping down from the Southern League, it does look like an away win.

Again, good luck to all our Clubs who at least, unlike those in the Emirates FA Cup, will have some football under their belts come the day.

NON LEAGUE DAY



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HAMPSHIRE COMBINATION & DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

As we went to press, here are how things stand with the League having 24 clubs apply and have decided to run with two Under-23 divisions as follows:

PREMIER DIVISION (11) DIVISION ONE (13)

AFC Stoneham Bemerton Heath Harlequins

Bashley Blackfield & Langley

Dorchester Town Clanfield
Fareham Town Folland Sports
Hamble Club Hayling United
Hedge End Rangers Laverstock & Ford

Lymington Town Millbrook

Poole Town
Ringwood Town
Select Generation
Winchester City

New Milton Town
North Waltham
Romsey Town
U.S. Portsmouth (*)

Verwood Town

Whiteley Wanderers (\$)

Under 23 Cup First Round

Bemerton Heath Harlequins v New Milton Town

Hayling United v Hamble Club

Hedge End Rangers v U.S. Portsmouth
Laverstock & Ford v North Waltham
Lymington Town v Blackfield & Langley
Ringwood Town v Whiteley Wanderers

Verwood Town v Bashley

Winchester City v Select Generation

The Second Round has also been drawn but we have no space this week to include it.

- (\$) Whiteley are currently without a ground so their early home games at least will be played at their expense on the grounds of their opponent.
- (*) Subject to final confirmation.

SERVIO HAMPSHIRE SENIOR CUP- 2025/26

Preliminary Round

Bournemouth v Newport IOW Cowes Sports v Tadley Calleva

East Cowes Victoria v Alton

Eversley & California v Yateley United

Fleet Town v Blackfield & Langley

Folland Sports v Fawley AFC
Lymington Town v Alresford Town
New Milton Town v Hythe & Dibden
Totton & Eling v Baffins Milton Rovers

Ties to be played week commencing Monday 4 August

First Round

Andover New Street v Christchurch
Bournemouth or Newport IOW v Ringwood Town

Brockenhurst v New Milton Town or Hythe & Dibden

Colden Common v Folland Sports or Fawley AFC

Cowes Sports or Tadley Calleva v Eversley & California or Yateley United

Fleet Town or Blackfield & Langley v Royal Navy FA Fleetlands v Whitchurch United

Lymington Town or Alresford Town v Army FA Petersfield Town v Clanfield

Romsey Town v East Cowes Victoria or Alton

Totton & Eling or Baffins Milton Rovers v Cove
United Services Portsmouth v Millbrook
Ties to be played week commencing Monday 18 August

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FRANCIS HILLIER PREMIER CUP - 2025/26

First Round

Bath City v Bridgwater United Bishops Lydeard v Ilminster Town Cheddar v Paulton Rovers

Keynsham Town v Street

Frome Town v Nailsea & Tickenham

Larkhall Athletic v Taunton Town
Odd Down v Yeovil Town
Radstock Town v Wells City

Shepton Mallet v Mendip Broadwalk
Wellington v Middlezoy Rovers
Wincanton Town v Brislington

Byes: Clevedon Town, Hengrove Athletic, Portishead Town, Welton Rovers, Weston-super-Mare

This season, the Somerset Premier Cup has gained a new title, and will be known as the *Francis Hillier Premier* Cup going forwards. The holders, Weston-super-Mare, are one of the five teams to receive a bye this season. Ilminster Town are the new boys in this competition this season. Good luck to our Somerset representatives, Wincanton Town.

The Final is scheduled for April 15 next year, at Twerton Park, the home of Bath City; the Romans have won the cup a record 19 times. The competition is set to get under way in October.

CLUB NEWS

Nothing received to report on this week.

PHOTO FINISH



Robin Caddy was at Mansel Park on Tuesday when Millbrook defeated an AFC Portchester (orange) XI 6-0

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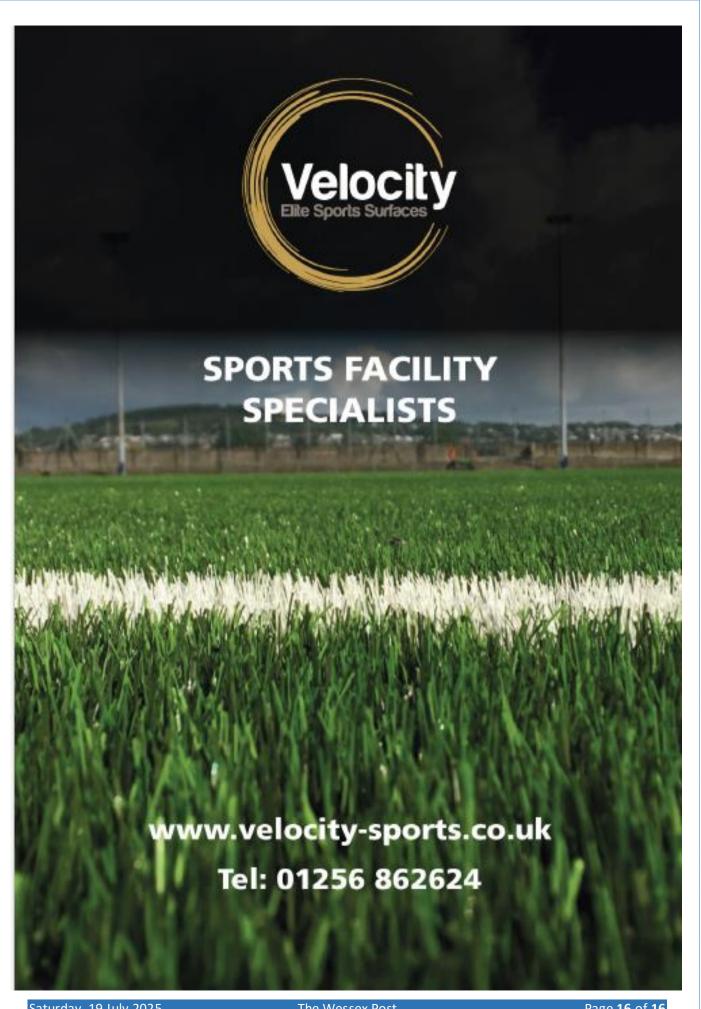
Wednesday saw Robin Caddy at Deer Park where Hedge End Rangers hosted Brockenhurst. It was the Badgers (green) who took the win, hitting two without reply.



Today Cobham Sports (blue) welcomed Blackfield & Langley to their Merley Park home.

The hosts hit four without reply on a very humid afternoon. The Dorset Premier League outfit added a perimeter fence around Easter and with other plans in the pipeline look to be pushing towards promotion.

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