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You are more than welcome to use any material (excluding attributed photographs) but it would be appreciated if any material used is acknowledged. It is hoped you enjoy reading this each week. With readership quite widespread, not only within our own competition, but across the three counties and beyond- if ANY club has anything they would like to have published in here, whether that be a request for helpers, promotion of forthcoming events, items required or available for sale please do get in touch.

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



Well, we are back. The Premier Division campaign started on Tuesday, and here is some goalmouth action from Moor Lane where Wincanton Town (yellow) went down 4-2 against Bournemouth.

STAT ATTACK

TOP SEVEN LEADING GOALSCORERS - LEAGUE GAMES ONLY

PREMIER DIVISION			DIVISION ONE		
Max Wilcock	Hamworthy Recreation	2	Bailey Rowe	Hamworthy United	2
-	-	-	Brandon Hill	Romsey Town	2
-	-	-	Fred Penfold	U.S. Portsmouth	2
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-

*Details are based on clubs being up to date with records on Full Time at time of publication.
This may or may not include League goals from this weekend.*

PREMIER DIVISION

		<i>Top five league attendances</i>	
Brockenhurst	vs	Petersfield Town	234 29 July
Cowes Sports	vs	Baffins Milton Rovers	187 29 July
Wincanton Town	vs	Bournemouth	133 29 July
Hamworthy Recreation	vs	Millbrook	60 29 July
-	vs	-	- -

DIVISION ONE

		<i>Top five league attendances</i>	
Ash United	vs	Blackfield & Langley	145 2 August
Whitchurch United	vs	Yateley Green	145 2 August
Alresford Town	vs	Totton & Eling	112 2 August
Fleetlands	vs	Kintbury Rangers	108 2 August
Romsey Town	vs	Newport IOW	106 2 August

PREMIER DIVISION

<i>Sharpest Attack</i>		<i>Meanest Defence</i>		<i>Goals scored per Game</i>	
Bournemouth	4	Hamworthy Recreation	0	-	-
Cowes Sports	3	Petersfield Town	0	-	-
Petersfield Town	3	-	-	-	-

DIVISION ONE

<i>Sharpest Attack</i>		<i>Meanest Defence</i>		<i>Goals scored per Game</i>	
Romsey Town	4	Amesbury Town	0	-	-
U.S. Portsmouth	4	Clanfield	0	-	-
-	-	Hamworthy United	0	-	-

PREMIER DIVISION – HIGH SCORES

Home win	Hamworthy Recreation	vs	Millbrook	2-0	29 July
Away win	Brockenhurst	vs	Petersfield Town	0-3	29 July

DIVISION ONE – HIGH SCORES

Home win	Romsey Town	vs	Newport IOW	4-1	2 August
Away win	Ringwood Town	vs	U.S. Portsmouth	1-4	2 August



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PRE-SEASON 2025/26

With the season now under way this is the last round up for pre-season. Not aware of any games yet to be played, but results will appear (here) if and when known.

RESULTS

Monday 28 July

East Cowes Victoria 5-0 Whitecroft & Barton Sports

Tuesday 29 July

AFC Portchester 5-2 Bashley

Ash United 8-0 Rushmoor Community

Bournemouth Electric 5-0 Lymington Town

Fareham Town 1-2 Gosport Borough

Folland Sports 1-4 Hythe & Dibden

Hamble Club A-A Colden Common *[Abandoned when score was 6-0 and was due to a serious injury to a Colden Common player. We trust that the player has a speedy recovery]*

Holt United 2-1 Totton & Eling

Laverstock & Ford 1-4 Winchester City

Ringwood Town 1-6 Poole Town

Shaftesbury 5-0 New Milton Town

West Wight 1-4 Newport IOW

Wednesday 30 July

Sherborne Town 4-0 Dorchester Sports

Thursday 31 July

Verwood Town 2-3 Westover Bournemouth

Saturday 2 August

Compton 0-3 AFC Aldermaston

Hartley Wintney Development 0-7 Cove -

Selsey 1-0 Colden Common

Verwood Town 3-1 AFC Burton

FIXTURES – 2025/26

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

Tuesday 5 August

Emirates FA Cup Extra Preliminary Rd Replay

Laverstock & Ford v Cowes Sports

Shaftesbury v Baffins Milton Rovers

Hampshire Senior Cup Preliminary Round

Bournemouth v Newport IOW

Eversley & California v Yateley United

Fleet Town v Blackfield & Langley

Folland Sports v Fawley AFC

Lymington Town v Alresford Town

[at Hythe & Dibden]

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

Division One

Whitchurch United v Amesbury Town

Wednesday 6 August

Hampshire Senior Cup Preliminary Round

New Milton Town v Hythe & Dibden

Friday 8 August

Division One

Fawley AFC v Lymington Town

Saturday 9 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

Amesbury Town v Ringwood Town
Ash United v Newport IOW
Blackfield & Langley v Alresford Town
Fleetlands v AFC Aldermaston
Frimley Green v Colden Common
Kintbury Rangers v Cove
Totton & Eling v Folland Sports
Whitchurch United v U.S. Portsmouth
Yateley United v Romsey Town

Monday 11 August

Hampshire Senior Cup Preliminary Round

Totton & Eling v Baffins Milton Rovers

Tuesday 12 August

Hampshire Senior Cup Preliminary Round

Cowes Sports v Tadley Calleva

East Cowes Vics v Alton

Velocity Wessex League Cup Second Round

Amesbury Town v AFC Aldermaston

Premier Division

AFC Stoneham v Millbrook

Andover New Street v Wincanton Town

Bemerton Heath H'quins v Hythe & Dibden

Bournemouth v Brockenhurst

Portland United v Sherborne Town

Division One

Alresford Town v Cove

Folland Sports v Clanfield

Hamworthy United v Blackfield & Langley

Newport IOW v U.S. Portsmouth

Ringwood Town v Fawley AFC

Romsey Town v Kintbury Rangers

Wednesday 13 August

Velocity Wessex League Cup First Round

New Milton Town v Hamworthy Recreation

Thursday 14 August

Division One

Colden Common v Fleetlands

Saturday 16 August

Emirates FA Cup Preliminary Round

AFC Stoneham v Paulton Rovers

Christchurch v Tadley Calleva

Hythe & Dibden v New Milton Town

Premier Division

Andover New Street v Hamworthy Recreation

Downton v East Cowes Vics

Hamble Club v Sherborne Town

Laverstock & Ford v Christchurch

Millbrook v Bournemouth

Portland United v Bemerton Heath H'quins

Wincanton Town v Brockenhurst

Division One

Alresford Town v Romsey Town

Ash United v U.S. Portsmouth

Blackfield & Langley v AFC Aldermaston

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

Whitchurch United v Newport IOW

Monday 18 August

Division One

Totton & Eling v Fawley AFC

Tuesday 19 August

Hampshire Senior Cup First Round

Andover New Street v Christchurch

Fleetlands v Whitchurch United

Petersfield Town v Clanfield

U.S. Portsmouth v Millbrook

Premier Division

Hamworthy Recreation v Portland United

Hythe & Dibden v Laverstock & Ford

Division One

Amesbury Town v Hamworthy United

Yateley United v Kintbury Rangers

Wednesday 20 August

Premier Division

Sherborne Town v AFC Stoneham

Division One

AFC Aldermaston v Frimley Green

Saturday 23 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 Vics v Brockenhurst

Folland Sports v Bemerton Heath H'quins

Hamble Club v Fleetlands

Hythe & Dibden v Badshot Lea

Petersfield Town v Hamworthy Recreation

Selsey v Ringwood Town

Sturminster Newton v Ash United

Totton & Eling v Romsey Town

U.S. 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

Tuesday 26 August

Velocity Wessex League Cup First Round

East Cowes Vics v Cowes Sports
 Fleetlands v Folland Sports
 Hamble Club v Andover New Street
 Laverstock & Ford v Bemerton Heath H'quins
 Petersfield Town v Kintbury Rangers
 Portland United v Downton
 Ash United v Totton & Eling
 Brockenhurst v Yateley United
 Frimley Green v Whitchurch United
 U.S. Portsmouth v Newport IOW

Premier Division

Wincanton Town v New Milton Town

Division One

Clanfield v Lymington Town

Friday 29 August

Division One

Fawley AFC v Amesbury Town

Saturday 30 August

Premier Division

Baffins Milton Rovers v Millbrook

Bournemouth v Andover New Street
 Brockenhurst v Laverstock & Ford
 East Cowes Vics v Wincanton Town
 Hamble Club v Downton
 Hythe & Dibden v Hamworthy Recreation
 New Milton Town v Bemerton Heath H'quins
 Petersfield Town v Christchurch
 Sherborne Town v Cowes Sports

Division One

Ash United v Alresford Town

Blackfield & Langley v Clanfield

Colden Common v Hamworthy United

Cove v U.S. Portsmouth

Fleetlands v Yateley United

Kintbury Rangers v Folland Sports

Newport IOW v Lymington Town

Ringwood Town v Frimley Green

Romsey Town v AFC Aldermaston

Whitchurch United v Totton & Eling

RESULTS



Here is the opening goal for 2025/26, which came in the second minute of the contest at Moor Lane between Wincanton Town and Bournemouth, when Ryan Pike headed home from a corner

Tuesday 29 July

Premier Division

Brockenhurst	0-3	Petersfield Town	234
		<i>Dan Wood 5</i>	
		<i>Harrison Cable 43</i>	
		<i>Kian Towse 63</i>	
Cowes Sports	3-2	Baffins Milton Rovers	187
<i>John McKie 24</i>		<i>Ed Sanders 39</i>	
<i>Jordan Cook 88</i>		<i>Lewis Beale 57</i>	
<i>Charlie Marsek 90+5</i>			
Hamworthy Recreation	2-0	Millbrook	60
<i>Max Wilcock 9, 18</i>			
Wincanton Town	2-4	Bournemouth	133
<i>Ryan Pike 2</i>		<i>Joe Roberts 36</i>	
<i>Sam Hodges 79</i>		<i>Ethan Cheshire 71</i>	
		<i>Jake Cope 82</i>	
		<i>Freddie Bullard 90</i>	

Salisbury Hospital Cup Quarter Final

Shrewton United	A-W	Amesbury Town	-
Downton	0-2	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	*
		<i>Ryan Scott 14</i>	
		<i>Ethan Trigwell 62</i>	

Saturday 2 August

Emirates FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round

AFC Stoneham	2-0	Fleet Town	132
<i>Mat Bainbridge 29</i>			
<i>Oliver Jenkins 45</i>			
Alton	5-0	Wincanton Town	260
<i>Adam Poynter 6</i>			
<i>Josh Millo 40</i>			
<i>Alex Macallister 47</i>			
<i>Liam Marshall 76</i>			
<i>Alex Merrifield 87</i>			
Andover New Street	0-1	New Milton Town	210
		<i>Toby Bailey 90+3</i>	
Baffins Milton Rovers	1-1	Shaftesbury	185
<i>Lewis Beale 56</i>		<i>Jack Lovell 6</i>	
Bashley	1-0	East Cowes Victoria	298
<i>Dan Walster 81</i>			
Bradford Town	3-1	Bournemouth	271
<i>Jensen Wakefield 28, 30, 52</i>		<i>Lyle Simpson 90</i>	
Christchurch	3-0	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	85
<i>Luke Sheehy 18</i>			
<i>James Fu 22</i>			
<i>Addwell Chipangura 90+4</i>			
Cowes Sports	2-2	Laverstock & Ford	170
<i>Jared Tout-Walters 43</i>		<i>Tommy Campbell-Smith 8</i>	
<i>Jordan Browne 63</i>		<i>Cameron Roach 66</i>	
Downton	0-2	Fareham Town	154
		<i>Harvey Aston 57</i>	
		<i>Callum Neil 60</i>	
Hamworthy Recreation	1-2	Hartley Wintney	125
<i>Chris Long 19</i>		<i>Calvin Camara 45+2</i>	
		<i>Alex Body 87</i>	
Hythe & Dibden	3-1	Portland United	89
<i>Harrison Fay</i>		<i>Remus Nixon</i>	
<i>Marcel Laptas</i>			
<i>Harrison Clarke</i>			
Moneyfields	2-1	Brockenhurst	118
<i>OG 33</i>		<i>Ryan Batley 8</i>	
<i>Yumo Wan 70</i>			
Paulton Rovers	1-0	Hamble Club	*
<i>Kitan Jaiyeoba 13</i>			
Tadley Calleva	4-1	Millbrook	123
<i>Aime Kadmem 38</i>		<i>Bobby Gorman 27</i>	
<i>Kieran Rodgers 59 pen</i>			
<i>Sheldon Wright 75</i>			
<i>Brett Denham 87</i>			

Thatcham Town <i>Callum Willmoth 14 pen</i> <i>Archie Goode 45+2</i>	2-0	Petersfield Town	233
Westbury United <i>CJ Stewart [4]</i> <i>Jack Witcombe</i> <i>Ryan Bole</i> <i>Ethan Cannings</i>	7-0	Sherborne Town	212
Division One			
Alresford Town <i>Alfie Budd 17</i> <i>Joel Jackson 63</i> <i>Harvey Richards 84</i>	3-2	Totton & Eling <i>Raif House 30</i> <i>Adam Woodcock 73 pen</i>	112
Amesbury Town Ash United <i>George Timms 13</i> <i>Tom White 88</i>	0-0 2-1	Clanfield Blackfield & Langley <i>Richard Bakary 79</i>	75 145
Fleetlands <i>Oli Page 40</i> <i>Sam Lewis 62</i>	2-1	Kintbury Rangers <i>Tyrese Georcelin 81</i>	108
Hamworthy United <i>Bailey Rowe 11, 37</i> <i>Jack Hughes 85</i>	3-0	Fawley AFC	101
Ringwood Town <i>Lee Vint</i>	1-4	United Services Portsmouth <i>Tyler Burns</i> <i>Fred Penfold [2]</i> <i>Owen Scammell</i>	44
Romsey Town <i>Mlondo Masuku</i> <i>Brandon Hill [2]</i> <i>Harry Edmondson</i>	4-1	Newport (IoW) <i>Ji Nash</i>	106
Whitchurch United <i>Danilo Pereira 19</i> <i>Sam Argent 71 pen</i> <i>Tyler Field 86</i>	3-2	Yateley United <i>Harvey Seeman 4</i> <i>Charlie Westell 55</i>	145

MATCH REPORTS



Whilst it is not mandatory to send in match reports, any budding Fabrizio Romano's, Henry Winter's or Miguel Delaney's are more than welcome to send in their offerings which will be included each week. Midweek reports need to be in by the Friday evening of the relevant week, whilst for Saturday games I must have them by 21:30 to allow for time to process for the publication deadline. Get writing. Thanks in advance.

Tuesday 29 July- Premier Division
Hamworthy Recreation 2-0 Millbrook
Reporter- John Hutchings

A good start to the new season for Rec with this win, but it was a really tough test for them. Make no mistake, Millbrook look a very competitive side and on this showing will be pushing for a play-off place. They dominated possession for long periods and will be gutted to have got nothing from the game. Having said that, Rec defended gallantly, with keeper, Felix Bruce and the back four all heroes.

The hosts took advantage of a bright start and were two up within 20 minutes courtesy of a Max Wilcock double. After that Millbrook got into the game and bossed the second half, denying Rec time and space on the ball. But Rec read the game well and were happy to defend their lead- at times it wasn't pretty, but effective.

Ash Pope had a chance in the first minute, for Rec, but his low shot was saved by Szymaniak - the Millbrook keeper injuring himself in the process. But on 9 minutes Rec opened their account for the season with a fine goal. A neat move culminated with Chris Long playing in WILCOCK to drill a low shot to the keepers right, for the opening goal.

Millbrook's first venture forward of note saw Hills' attempt from inside the area blocked - the first of many. Rec stunned the visitors again on 19, when Long was again the provider, with a perfect cross for WILCOCK to power a header past Szymaniak and it was nearly three when Long's shot from a tight angle flashed across the face of goal.

The visitors then had a spell of pressure and Hilton-Jones was unlucky with a great free-kick that thumped against the bar before Parker had his free-kick well saved by Bruce.

HT 2-0

Millbrook were forced into a change at the start of the second half when keeper, Szymaniak fell victim to his earlier knock and was forced off, replaced by goalkeeper coach, Mike Weatherall. Bruce, in the home goal fell victim to the new "8 second" rule, gifting the visitors a corner, from which Rec scrambled a goalbound effort off the line and it was pressure all the way from Millbrook, but with the Rec defence up to the task. In fact, they nearly increased their lead when Wilcock, in search of a treble, fired just wide and Ben Satterley's free-kick was well tipped over by Weatherall.

But it was the visitors who kept pressing, with Hills shooting over the bar and Parker's free-kick saved by Bruce, before Regan Mason did well to head another goalbound effort off the line, as Rec held out for a hard - earned three points.

FT 2-0.

Tuesday 29 July- Premier Division
Brockenhurst 0-3 Petersfield Town
Reporter- Jon Renyard

A buzz of excitement, 234 in attendance ready for the new campaign despite the incessant rain, a Brock team broadly recognisable from last year but with a couple of good additions... it took ten minutes for that bubble of optimism to burst for the evening. By that time, Petersfield had already taken the lead when a free kick wasn't properly cleared and Dan WOOD was given the freedom of the penalty area to turn and shoot into the corner on 5 minutes; and two minutes later, what appeared to be a serious knee injury to Mitch Speechley-Price. The challenge looked innocuous but the player was evidently in immediate distress and had to be stretchered off. Two serious injuries in two successive games; a horrible start to any season. That subdued the crowd, and it also seemed to subdue the team, perhaps not surprisingly; the visitors started to dominate, took control of the match and never looked back.

So let's give due credit to Petersfield: organised at the back (their defence barely missed a header all game), intelligent and incisive passing, quick on the break and, most importantly, playing with a level of intensity that Brock were nowhere close to matching. The Rams went into every challenge with intent - not over the top but determined - they picked up almost every second ball, and their midfield was largely in complete control as Brock struggled to make any inroads. Even so, most of their early shots were from range and caused no alarms.

The Badgers did create half-chances too, Luke Gray with a chip into the box which Birmingham just managed to clear, and a sharp move with Brooks finding Woodward, but his shot was straight at keeper Grant. Kian Towse, all pace for the Rams, a constant threat on the break: once superbly tracked by Keegan Kelly, once

brilliantly saved by Valero after Macfarlane misjudged a header... Still only a narrow lead, then, but the second goal, just before half-time, always looked likely to be decisive. Batley lost possession tamely in his left-back position, a simple pass across the box and Harrison CABLE chipped into the top corner (did he actually mean to chip it or was that a mishit which luckily went in?) with the defence scrambling to get back.
HT 0-2

There is honestly, little to say about the second half. Petersfield were better in all departments, quicker to everything, looking dangerous every time they went forward. They only added one goal, on 63 minutes, when TOWSE shot across goal from the right-hand side of the area and the ball somehow went through a crowd of players and in at the far post; but there could have been others, and Macfarlane made one excellent block on the goalline after some pinball in the box. Walker did have an early header which looped to Grant in goal, and Gray hit a long-range swerving shot in injury time which the keeper only parried but by that time the game was long gone.

The Badgers made a slew of changes around the hour mark and to be honest I wasn't really sure what formation they were playing towards the end of the game as everything became a bit ragged on both sides. But the result wasn't in doubt.

FT 0-3

Saturday 2 August- Emirates FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round

Bradford Town 3-1 Bournemouth

Reporter- Gary Day

It's early season FA Cup time once more and a trip to Wiltshire for the Poppies and it proved to be a tough afternoon as they bowed out at the Extra Preliminary Round stage.

Bradford enjoyed the better of the early play and Bournemouth relied on fine defending by Sean Eaton who got in a fine tackle as Town's Leo Gallazi latched onto a header forward. Poppies keeper Ollie Plunkett was in action, punching clear a vicious Havey Woods shot and recovered well to hold under pressure, the ball initially having squirmed from his grasp. Bradford took the lead when the dangerous Jenson WAKEFIELD cut inside from the left and beat Plunkett for pace on 28 minutes. Ethan Cheshire dragged a 20-yard effort wide for the visitors but it was WAKEFIELD who soon added number two when he struck a firm shot through bodies and in after Jack Coward had got a firm header to a corner that deflected to him. Wakefield almost completed his hat-trick by half-time but this time his route to goal was blocked.

HT 2-0

WAKEFIELD did complete his hat-trick in the opening minutes of the second half, a classic counter attacking goal, being put clear and controlled to coolly steer a low shot past the keeper. The players were ready to restart but Jake Cope advanced into the Bradford half to speak to the referee and what was said obviously wasn't appreciated as the Bournemouth man was shown the red card; it was already a tough enough task with eleven players!

Wakefield continued to be troublesome, having a further effort blocked and then crossed where Eaton again cleared as both Josiah McKayle and Gallazi moved in to finish, Bournemouth clearing the two corners that followed. The Poppies then made five substitutes all together, therefore immediately changing half of their outfield players and one of them received a yellow card for a tough challenge within seconds of his introduction. Two of those changes were Fred Bullard and Lyle Simpson and the former created a chance for the latter which home keeper Tom Creed saved high. The Poppies netted a 90th minute consolation when SIMPSON's cross from wide on the right went over the keeper and found the far corner. There was still time for Ewan Balkwill to fire off the post for Bradford before the final note.

FT 3-1

This was a tough one for Bournemouth who were beaten by a team that possessed more determination and will to win. This ground has proved to be an FA competition graveyard for Wessex teams, Christchurch, Lyminster, Fareham and Team Solent have all come undone at this ground. It is wondered whether the FA Cup third round draw in the depths of winter would bring Bradford (City) and (AFC) Bournemouth together? Neither of those teams would probably realise they had namesakes that had met much earlier in the competition!!

Saturday 2 August- Emirates FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round

Downton 0-2 Fareham Town

Reporter- Roger Allen

Ultimately this was a comfortable victory for newly promoted Fareham who go onto face Hartley Wintney in the next round at Cams Alders.

Both sides looked to lack a cutting edge in a goalless first half of few chances. Fareham edged possession but could not make it count although Ross Casey in the home goal was forced to make brave saves at the feet of onrushing Fareham forwards on a couple of occasions. Downton had a reasonable amount of possession but they rarely threatened Declan McCarthy in the Fareham goal.

HT 0-0

Fareham were able to make their superiority count with two goals in 5 minutes just before the hour mark. The first came from a Sam Godfrey corner which was headed back across goal by Lewis Colvin. This gave Harvey ASTON the chance to pounce with a header into the opposite corner which evaded everyone in a crowded goal area.

The second goal arrived on the hour mark as Charlie Cooper fed Callum NEIL in space about 15 yards from goal and he was able to curl the ball into the net. This goal seemed to knock the stuffing out of Downton and the solid Fareham defence was able to cut off any threat leaving McCarthy largely unemployed in the second period.

FT 0-2

Saturday 2 August- Emirates FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round

Moneyfields 2-1 Brockenhurst

Reporter- Jon Renyard

Step 4 v Step 5, a long list of absentees for the Badgers: routine home win predicted by probably everyone. And everyone was – well, half-right maybe. It was a home win, and the hosts were pretty comfortable for the last 20 or so, but the Badgers will have come home thinking that this was one which got away. But let's not get ahead of ourselves.

A lively start to the game – Keegan Kelly was played through inside the box but the ball simply wouldn't fall to his left foot before the covering defender intervened, while at the other end the ever-reliable Valero made a couple of sweeper-keeper clearances... and then on 8 minutes, a Brock corner cleared off the line, excellent work from Channell to keep the ball alive and Ryan BATLEY smashed home his first goal for the Badgers.

And they held that lead for 25 minutes... might even have extended it when Kelly had the courage to hit a shot from all of 35 yards which beat the keeper and only just cleared the bar... Moneys had possession and a few tame shots, their best chance was created by Franklyn for Blankson on the left, but he curled his effort high and wide of the far post. And then suddenly, the hosts were level – a corner, so often the bane of Brock's life in the last year, going in off the back of ROSSI's head for an own goal. Ssemwogerere might have given them the lead, but his header was clawed away by Valero and it was honours even at the break.

HT 1-1

Moneys were better in the second half and might have taken an early lead but Ssemwogerere cleared the bar when well placed... but it wasn't one-way traffic, and Batley made a great run to get a free header at a free kick but placed it just over. Now Blankson for Moneys – Valero saved and had to scramble to grab the loose ball just ahead of Franklyn.

And then came the two moments which Brock will still be thinking about: first, 53 minutes, a loose clearance presented the ball to Brooks who was clean through but rolled his shot just wide of the far post. Five minutes later, brilliant play from Brooks on the right, beating two men with skill and speed, playing in Woodward in front of goal – saved by Smart. At least one of those really had to go in if you want to beat a team from a higher league. Gilt-edged chances don't come around too often!

Gradually, the hosts were taking control of the midfield and were creating more opportunities, although the shots were mostly tame or off-target. But on 69 minutes there was an episode of pinball in the Badgers'

box, finally cleared for a corner – headed in powerfully at the back post by WAN. Moneys ahead, then – and to be honest, for all Brock's endeavour, an equaliser never looked likely. There were "nearly-moments", where the ball went right and should have gone left, or someone might have tried a shot and opted for a pass, but generally Moneyfields defended solidly and got the job done.

FT 2-1

Saturday 2 August- Emirates FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round

Christchurch 3-0 Bemerton Heath Harlequins

Reporter- Giles Kilshawe-Fall

Christchurch made it into the next round where they will host Tadley Calleva after this deserved win played at Shaftesbury this afternoon in the sunshine.

It was a fast start for both sides with the visitors looking for the long ball whilst the hosts tried to get their quick passing game going. The first chance came for the hosts from a corner in the 8th minute that saw Jamie Webbers effort go over the bar. In the 12th minute, Ben Rodwell in the Church goal was alert as he saved a Dean Reynolds header from close range. Moments later and Luke Sheehy found himself through on the Bemerton goal but just as he was going to strike a last ditch piece of defending thwarted him.

On 18 minutes, Church deservedly took the lead when a surging run by Fin Richardson saw him cut the ball back for Luke SHEEHY to knock home for the opening goal. Addwell Chipangura should have doubled the lead soon after but hit the side netting, however the Church faithful didn't have to wait long to see the lead doubled and it came from an unlikely source as James FU won passion near his own penalty area, he surged forward in acres of space, kept going and took aim only to see his shot take a slight deflection, up and over the visitors keeper, 2-0.

Fin Richardson was causing lots of problems down the left for Church and another surging run saw more excellent defending from the visitors. With half time approaching, Bemerton nearly reduced the arrears when Haydn Wells played a superb ball into James McSorley who turned and got his shot away only for Christchurch custodian Ben Rodwell to save well at his near post.

HT 2-0

The second half started and at times in the opening minutes of the half it felt that the hosts were still in the dressing room, however for all the visitors huff and puff, they looked devoid of ideas in the final third and continued to concede niggly fouls. 54 minutes in and a Christchurch corner was eventually cleared, back came Bemerton and Jordan Matthews saw his header fly over when well placed.

With an hour played Jake Dove defended superbly to deny Bemerton and from the counter, Addwell Chipangura saw his shot blocked with others better positioned for a pass. The visitors conceded another free kick in the 66th minute, 25 yards out, which saw Dan Neild's effort cannon back of the crossbar with the keeper well beaten.

Bemerton by this stage looked to disrupt Christchurch's play with the foul count mounting up for the visitors. On 73 minutes, the excellent Luke Sheehy (who was to be named as Man of the Match) saw his run and shot go just wide, minutes later it was the turn of Fin Richardson, however his shot was well saved by Bemerton keeper Harry Dillon, who had an excellent game throughout.

In the 77th minute, the hard working Haydn Wells for the visitors saw his effort sail over the bar, as the game moved into the final minutes, Church sub, Ben Atiako-Hall saw his shot well saved by Dillon, A minute later Atiako-Hall turned provider as this time Dan Neild saw his effort saved.

Finally in the fourth minute of added on time, Christchurch got their deserved third as a superb through ball by James Storey, released Adwell CHIPANGURA who advanced and slotted home to complete the scoring.

FT 3-0

Saturday 2 August- Division One

Hamworthy United 3-0 Fawley

Reporter- Tony Beck

Hamworthy were hoping to build on last season's progress with a winning start against visitors who were themselves looking to rebound from a disappointing last campaign. This time round, United had much more depth in their squad under new manager Micky Hubbard supported by his new coaching set-up. In particular, Ollie Woolley signed from Hamworthy Rec was making his first team competitive debut in

defence, and notable among the substitutes was teenage striker David Bowmaster, signed on dual terms with Dorchester.

It was the Hammers who were soon engineering the better chances. Their first came on 7 minutes, a rapid build-up reaching Bailey Rowe on the left, whose angled shot crashed onto and over the bar. Three minutes later Deem saw his excellent effort from just outside the penalty area superbly tipped over by the Oilers' keeper and captain Jamie Bruce. However, this proved only to be a stay of execution, Bailey ROWE's near post nod from Micky Hubbard's resultant corner creeping into the net just inside the post.

Just after the half hour Deem saw another fine long effort following a jinxing run just miss the bar. Shortly after, Brandon Williams out on the right made himself space with a good turn on a long ball, before squaring to Deem whose blistering shot was again very well pushed over by the keeper.

It was not until 34 minutes that the Oilers, seemingly their only weapon being the long ball, had their first sniff at goal. Hesitancy in the home defence allowed Ollie Connor in on goal. However new recruit Ollie Woolley reacted well and tidied up the danger very commendably.

A second goal for United before the break would still have come in handy and did so on 37 minutes. A fine long ball down the right by Costello was picked up by Williams who ably slotted it on to Bailey ROWE. who found the net at the second attempt after the keeper had again excelled to parry out his first attempt.

HT 2-0

The hosts did not play with quite the same composure after the break, but still never looked in any danger. Again Bruce was soon making his mark, bravely claiming the ball from Deem's follow-up after Neemo Nixon's shot had been blocked. He then denied Ross and Williams in succession, before parrying out a pile-driver from Deem who had somehow been slipped the ball by a grounded Ross.

Deeper into the half, on 75 minutes, Ross again teed up Bailey for a stab at goal, again very well turned the post by the busy Bruce.

It was not though until the 85th minute that the Hammers found the net again, substitute Jack HUGHES calmly converting after a neat assist by Rowe which added to his existing brace. Shortly after substitute David Bowmaster produced glimpses of what he could offer United with a couple of menacing runs, the first of which on 89 minutes culminated with a finish that again brought out the best of Bruce.

It has to be said that, despite some dogged defending at times by Fawley aided by some superb goalkeeping, Hamworthy coasted to a win that was never in doubt especially after a more even first ten minutes. The hosts will certainly have tougher games over the season, but starting with a good win and clean sheet is always a nice tonic.

FT 3-0

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

It's intended to show fixtures (and results) for these four competitions as we progress through the campaign- the Dorset Premier League, the Uhlspport Hampshire Premier League, the Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League and the Hampshire Combination & Development League.

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RESULTS

UHLSPORT HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

AFC Shirley 3-2 Moneyfields Reserves
Bishops Waltham Dynamos 5-1 Andover Town
Denmead 7-3 Stockbridge
Hook 4-2 Southsea Sports
Liphook United 0-3 Locks Heath
Liss Athletic 4-1 Broughton
Meon Milton 2-0 Hedge End Rangers
Whitehill & Bordon 1-5 Crofton Saints

CORSHAM PRINT WILTSHIRE SENIOR LEAGUE

Calne Town Reserves 1-4 Faringdon Town
Cricklade Town 3-2 Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves
Devizes Town Reserves 0-4 Letcombe

Down Ampney 3-1 Park United
Larkhall Athletic Development 3-1 Wroughton
Pewsey Vale 0-1 Swindon Supermarine Development
Purton Kingsdown 1-0 Trowbridge Town
Royal Wootton Bassett Town Development 2-5 Melksham Town Reserves
Shrewton United 5-0 Shrivenham

FIXTURES

DORSET PREMIER LEAGUE

Saturday 9 August

Balti Sports v Hamworthy Recreation Reserves
Bournemouth Electric v Bridport Reserves
Cobham Sports v Sherborne Town Reserves
Dorchester Sports v Holt United
Gillingham Town v Bournemouth Sports
Hamworthy United Reserves v Verwood Town
Poole Borough v Portland United Reserves
Swanage Town & Herston v Blandford United
Wimborne Town Reserves v Westland Sports

Tuesday 12 August

Bournemouth Electric v Hamworthy Recreation Reserves [18:30]
Bridport Reserves v Balti Sports
Cobham Sports v Blandford United [18:30]
Gillingham Town v Dorchester Sports
Holt United v Wimborne Town Reserves [18:30]
Poole Borough v Hamworthy United Reserves [18:30]
Swanage Town & Herston v Portland United Reserves

Wednesday 13 August

Bournemouth Sports v Verwood Town [18:30]
Sherborne Town Reserves v Westland Sports [19:30]

UHSLEAGUE HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

Tuesday 5 August

AFC Shirley v Hedge End Rangers [18:30]
Liss Athletic v Denmead [18:30]
Stockbridge v Broughton [18:30]
Southsea Sports v Locks Heath [19:30]
Moneyfields Reserves v Bishops Waltham Dynamos

Wednesday 6 August

Liphook United v Whitehill and Bordon [18:30]
Meon Milton v Crofton Saints [18:30]

Saturday 9 August

AFC Shirley v Liphook United
Bishops Waltham Dynamos v Crofton Saints
Denmead v Hook
Liss Athletic v Meon Milton
Moneyfields Reserves v Andover Town
Southsea Sports v Stockbridge [14:00]
Whitehill and Bordon v Hedge End Rangers

Tuesday 12 August

Liss Athletic v Crofton Saints [18:30]
Southsea Sports v Bishops Waltham Dynamos
Stockbridge v Hook [18:30]
Whitehill and Bordon v Denmead [18:30]

Wednesday 13 August

Meon Milton v Locks Heath [18:30]

CORSHAM PRINT WILTSHIRE SENIOR LEAGUE

Tuesday 5 August

Calne Town Reserves v Larkhall Athletic Dev
Cricklade Town v Purton Kingsdown [18:30]
Faringdon Town v Pewsey Vale
Letcombe v Shrivenham [18:30]
Wroughton v Royal W Bassett Town Dev [18:30]

Wednesday 6 August

Melksham Town Reserves v Devizes Town Reserves
Park United v Trowbridge Town
Swindon Supermarine Dev v Down Ampney [18:30]

Friday 8 August

Larkhall Athletic Dev v Trowbridge Town

Saturday 9 August

Cricklade Town v Letcombe
Down Ampney v Shrewton United
Faringdon Town v Royal W Bassett Town Dev
Melksham Town Reserves v Swindon Supermarine Dev
Pewsey Vale v Devizes Town Reserves
Purton Kingsdown v Park United
Shrivenham v Calne Town Reserves
Wroughton v Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves

Tuesday 12 August

Calne Town Reserves v Down Ampney
Devizes Town Reserves v Larkhall Athletic Dev
Letcombe v Swindon Supermarine Dev [18:30]
Park United v Faringdon Town
Pewsey Vale v Shrewton United [18:30]

Wednesday 13 August

Melksham Town Reserves v Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves
Shrivenham v Cricklade Town [18:30]
Wroughton v Purton Kingsdown [18:30]

HAMPSHIRE COMBINATION & DEVELOPMENT PREMIER DIVISION

Saturday 9 August

AFC Portchester v AFC Stoneham
Clanfield v Lymington Town
Petersfield Town v Laverstock & Ford

HAMPSHIRE COMBINATION & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION ONE

Saturday 9 August

Liphook United v Southsea Sports
Meon Milton v Amesbury Town

BERKS AND BUCKS SENIOR CUP- 2025/26

Wycombe Wanderers enter the competition in the Second Round- along with step 1-4 teams, whilst Reading come in at the Fourth Round. New Bradwell St Peters and Kintbury Rangers enter the competition for the first time as new teams to Step 6, best of luck to our two teams AFC Aldermaston and Kintbury Rangers. Games are scheduled for Tuesday 9 September. Burnham received a bye.



First Round

Abingdon Town	v	Kintbury Rangers
AFC Aldermaston	v	Langley
Amersham Town	v	Holmer Green
Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	v	Newport Pagnell Town
Buckingham	v	MK Dons
Holyport	v	Thatcham Town
Penn & Tylers Green	v	Chalfont St Peter
Wallingford & Crowmarsh	v	Risborough Rangers
Wantage Town	v	Milton United
Windsor & Eton	v	Reading City
Winslow United	v	New Bradwell St Peter
Wokingham Town	v	Sandhurst Town
Woodley United	v	Berks County

Current holders are Bracknell Town,
who beat Flackwell Heath 3-1.

SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR CUP- 2025/26

The draw for this was released in the week. Holders **AFC Stoneham** were awarded a bye and will enter the competition at the second round. Runners up Millbrook take on AFC Netley at the first stage and there are a couple of Division One clashes at Ringwood and Romsey where Colden Common and Lymington Town respectively are the visitors. Clubs will have to wait for the fixture dates to be released.

First Round

BTC Soton	v	Sporting Wessex
Bishops Waltham Dynamos	v	Fordingbridge Turks
Brockenhurst	v	Lyndhurst
Christchurch	v	Follands Academy
Hamble Club	v	Folland Sports
Hedge End Town	v	New Milton Town
Millbrook	v	AFC Netley
Ringwood Town	v	Colden Common
Romsey Town	v	Lymington Town
Whiteley Wanderers Heath	v	Nursling & Shirley

Byes:-AFC Shirley, AFC Stoneham, AFC Stoneham Reserves, AFC Totton, Bashley, Bemerton Heath Harlequins, Blackfield & Langley, Braishfield, Broughton, Downton, Dynamo Dockside, Hedge End Rangers, Hedge End Rangers Reserves, Hythe & Dibden, Fawley AFC, Locks Heath, Michelmersh & Timsbury, Select Generation, Stockbridge, Sway, Sway Reserves and Totton & Eling.

Second Round

AFC Stoneham Reserves	v	Fawley AFC
AFC Totton	v	Whiteley Wanderers Heath or Nursling & Shirley
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	v	Sway
Blackfield & Langley	v	Romsey Town or Lymington Town
Braishfield	v	Brockenhurst or Lyndhurst
Dynamo Dockside	v	Hedge End Town or New Milton Town
Hedge End Rangers	v	BTC Soton or Sporting Wessex
Hedge End Rangers Reserves	v	Hamble Club or Folland Sports
Hythe & Dibden	v	Millbrook or AFC Netley
Michelmersh & Timsbury	v	Christchurch or Follands Academy
Select Generation	v	Locks Heath
Stockbridge	v	Downton
Sway Reserves	v	AFC Stoneham
Totton & Eling	v	Ringwood Town or Colden Common



LEAGUE TABLES

POS	PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Petersfield Town	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3	3.000
2	Bournemouth	1	1	0	0	4	2	2	3	3.000
3	Hamworthy Recreation	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3	3.000
4	Cowes Sports	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	3	3.000
5	AFC Stoneham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
6	Andover New Street	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
7	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
8	Christchurch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
9	Downton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
10	East Cowes Victoria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
11	Hamble Club	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
12	Hythe & Dibden	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
13	Laverstock & Ford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
14	New Milton Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
15	Portland United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
16	Sherborne Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
17	Baffins Milton Rovers	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0	0.000
18	Wincanton Town	1	0	0	1	2	4	-2	0	0.000
19	Millbrook	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0	0.000
20	Brockenhurst	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0	0.000

POS	DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Romsey Town	1	1	0	0	4	1	3	3	3.000
2	United Services Portsmouth	1	1	0	0	4	1	3	3	3.000
3	Hamworthy United	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3	3.000
4	Alresford Town	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	3	3.000
5	Whitchurch United	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	3	3.000
6	Ash United	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3	3.000
7	Fleetlands	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3	3.000
8	Amesbury Town	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.000
9	Clanfield	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.000
10	AFC Aldermaston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
11	Colden Common	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
12	Cove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
13	Folland Sports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
14	Frimley Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
15	Lymington Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
16	Totton & Eling	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0	0.000
17	Yateley United	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0	0.000
18	Blackfield & Langley	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0	0.000
19	Kintbury Rangers	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0	0.000
20	Newport (IoW)	1	0	0	1	1	4	-3	0	0.000
21	Ringwood Town	1	0	0	1	1	4	-3	0	0.000
22	Fawley AFC	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0	0.000

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PHOTO FINISH



Midweek action from Robin Caddy, who was at Grigg Lane for Brockenhurst (blue) against Petersfield Town. The Rams hitting three without reply on their return to the family after a season in Sussex.



With thanks to Roger Allen, this was a header back across goal by Lewis Colvin that led to Harvey Aston (blue 4) scoring the first goal for Fareham Town at Downton this afternoon.



Robin Caddy was at the Moneyfields (yellow) game against Brockenhurst today, and captured the own goal that levelled the game for the hosts before they went on to win 2-1



Reproduced courtesy of Sara Taylor, action from Shaftesbury where Christchurch (blue) hit three without reply against Bemerton Heath Harlequins to advance to the next round of the Emirates FA Cup



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