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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



Action from Petersfield Town (blue) in their first game back with us after a season away. They beat Andover New Street 1-0 this week. Robin Caddy was on hand to capture the action.

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STAT ATTACK

ТОР	TOP SEVEN LEADING GOALSCORERS - LEAGUE GAMES ONLY										
PREMIER DIV	ISION	DIVISION ONE									
Max Wilcock	Hamworthy Recreation	2	Bailey Rowe	Hamworthy United	2						
Greg Borthwick	Portland United	2	Brandon Hill	Romsey Town	2						
-	-	-	Fred Penfold	U.S. Portsmouth	2						
-	-	-	Danilo Pereira	Whitchurch United	2						
-	-	-	Harry Yeadon	Amesbury Town	2						
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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		Top five league attendances		1/2
Brockenhurst	VS	Petersfield Town	234	29 July
Cowes Sports	VS	Baffins Milton Rovers	187	29 July
Downton	VS	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	171	5 August
Petersfield Town	VS	Andover New Street	171	5 August
Brockenhurst	VS	Hamworthy Recreation	168	9 August
DIVISION ONE		Top five league attendances		1 000
Whitchurch United	VS	United Services Portsmouth	180	9 August
Whitchurch United	VS	Amesbury Town	155	6 August
Ash United	VS	Blackfield & Langley	145	2 August
Whitchurch United	VS	Yateley Green	145	2 August
Yateley United	VS	Romsey Town	138	9 August
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PREMIER DIVISION						
Sharpest Attack		Meanest Defence	Goals scored per Game			
Petersfield Town	6	[six on]	0	Laverstock & Ford	5.000	
Cowes Sports	3	Petersfield Town	0	AFC Stoneham	3.000	
Petersfield Town	3	- 11 11 11 11 11 11	-	Cowes Sports	3.000	
DIVISION ONE						
Sharpest Attack		Meanest Defence	Goals scored per Gam	е		
Whitchurch United	15	Clanfield	0	Frimley Green	5.000	
Alresford Town	7	Hamworthy United	0	Whitchurch United	5.000	
Romsey Town	7	7-1-1	-	Folland Sports	4.000	

PREMIER	PREMIER DIVISION – HIGH SCORES											
Home win	Laverstock & Ford	VS	Baffins Milton Rovers	5-0	9 August							
Away win	Brockenhurst	VS	Petersfield Town	0-3	29 July							
	Wincanton Town	VS	Portland United	1-4	5 August							
DIVISION	ONE – HIGH SCORES											
Home win	Whitchurch United	VS	U.S. Portsmouth	9-0	9 August							
Away win	Blackfield & Langley	VS	Alresford Town	0-4	9 August							



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Tuesday 12 August

Servio Hampshire Senior Cup Preliminary Round

Cowes Sports v Tadley Calleva

Eversley & California v Yateley United

Totton & Eling v Baffins MR [at Baffins]

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

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 [at Shaftesbury]

Horndean v Laverstock & Ford

Hythe & Dibden v New Milton Town

Premier Division

Andover New Street v Hamworthy Recreation

Baffins Milton Rivers v Petersfield Town

Downton v East Cowes Vics

Hamble Club v Sherborne Town

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 [at Fleet Town]

Hamworthy United v Folland Sports

Kintbury Rangers v Lymington Town

Ringwood Town v Yateley United

Whitchurch United v Newport (IoW)

Tuesday 19 August

Servio Hampshire Senior Cup First Round

Andover New Street v Christchurch

Bournemouth v Ringwood Town

Brockenhurst v Hythe & Dibden

Fleetlands v Whitchurch United

Petersfield Town v Clanfield

Romsey Town v East Cowes Vics

U.S. Portsmouth v Millbrook

Premier Division

Hamworthy Recreation v Portland United

Division One

Amesbury Town v Hamworthy United

Yateley United v Kintbury Rangers

Southampton Senior Cup First Round

Hamble Club v Folland Sports

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

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

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Premier Division

AFC Stoneham v Portland United Andover New Street v Downton Bournemouth v Christchurch

New Milton Town v Sherborne Town

Division One

Hamworthy United v Lymington Town

Sunday 24 August

Isuzu FA Vase First Round Qualifying

AFC Aldermaston v Bristol Telephones [14:00]

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'guins

Petersfield Town v Kintbury Rangers

Portland United v Downton

Velocity Wessex League Cup Second Round

Ash United v Totton & Eling Brockenhurst v Yateley United Frimley Green v Whitchurch United

Premier Division

Baffins Milton Rovers v Hythe & Dibden 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

Emirates FA Cup First Round Qualifying

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

AFC Aldermaston v Romsey Town Ash United v Alresford Town Blackfield & Langley v Clanfield Colden Common v Hamworthy United

Cove v U.S. Portsmouth

Fleetlands v Yatelev 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

Tuesday 2 September

Velocity Wessex League Cup First Round

Alresford Town v Ringwood Town Lymington Town v Baffins Milton Rovers Velocity Wessex League Cup Second Round Amesbury Town v AFC Aldermaston Christchurch v Hythe & Dibden [at Hythe]

Sherborne Town

U.S. Portsmouth v Newport (IoW)

Velocity Wessex League Cup Second Round

AFC Stoneham v Clanfield

Premier Division

Downton v Bournemouth

Division One

Yateley United v Frimley Green

Southampton Senior Cup Second Round

Bemerton Heath H'quins v Sway

Millbrook v AFC Netley

Stockbridge v Downton [at Downton]



Tuesday 5 August Emirates FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round Replay

Laverstock & Ford Archie Lovegrove 7 Cameron Roach 42 2-1 **Cowes Sports** Callum Chase 19 112

Shaftesbury	5-0 B	affins Milton Rovers	84
Jack Lovell			
Jack Hoey			
Harry Baker [2]			
Leighton Thomas			
Hampshire Servio Senior Cup Preliminary			
Round			
Bournemouth		lewport IOW	94
Josh Spink 20, 23	Jo	oe Butcher 42	
Eversley & California		ateley United	-
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Fleet Town	3-0 B	lackfield & Langley	175
Tom Drinkwater 72			
Ollie Burke 78) (III)		
Charlie Postance 90		7	
Folland Sports	1-2 F	awley AFC	46
Alfie Bailey 24	D	ylan Knight 37	
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Lymington Town	1-3 A	lresford Town	*
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	Jo	oel Jackson	
Velocity Wessex League Cup First Round	7.443.50		
Romsey Town	0-5 A	FC Stoneham	167
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	D	an Miller 24	
5	Α	lex Welch 45	
15	R	yan Cluett	
Premier Division	14 6 6 6 8		
Downton	1-0 B	emerton Heath Harlequins	171
Jake Scrimshaw 49			
Petersfield Town	1-0 A	ndover New Street	171
Harrison Hide 40			
Wincanton Town	1-4 P	ortland United	110
Joe Beckey 45	G	ireg Borthwick [2]	
	P	at Jenkins	
	R	emus Nixon	
Wednesday 6 August		V /	
Hampshire Servio Senior Cup Preliminary			
Round			
New Milton Town	2-3 H	lythe & Dibden	68
Hubert Cegielka 64		hys Crookes 4	
Hector Rayner 72		Ollie Davies 5, 51	
Division One			
Whitchurch United	3-1 A	mesbury Town	155
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Sam Argent		, -	
Alex Fragata			
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Frimley Green	14-1 H	lartley Wintney Development	_
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Friday 8 August			
Division One			
Fawley AFC	2-2	Lymington Town	129
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Dylan Knight 5		Connor Lopez 56	
Jacob Lynch 46		Alfie Roberts 89	
Saturday 9 August			
Premier Division			
AFC Stoneham	3-0	Wincanton Town	82
Lewis Nagle 5			
Duarte Martins 60			
Oliver Jenkins 84			
Brockenhurst	0-2	Hamworthy Recreation	168
		Aaron Roberts 40	
		Max Wilcock 52	
Cowes Sports	3-1	Bournemouth	154
Charlie Marsek 59, 76		Jake Adams 86	
Fin Phillips 80			
Downton	1-2	Petersfield Town	94
Tom Farnsworth 46		Harrison Cable 7	
	١	Harrison Hide 83	
East Cowes Victoria	0-0	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	167
Hythe & Dibden	1-2	Christchurch	90
Ollie Davies	832	Ben Atiako-Hall 20	
		Jamie Webber 51	
Laverstock & Ford	5-0	Baffins Milton Rovers	99
Lewis Wakeford 49	30	Barrins Wilton Novers	33
Cameron Roach 50			
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Tom Moseley 52, 71, 77	2 1	Nam Milan Tana	110
Millbrook	3-1	New Milton Town	110
Scott Hills	40.	Harry McGrath 65	
Callum Drake			
Harry Vidler	ш		
Portland United	0-2	Hamble Club	154
		Charlie Wagstaffe	
		Braydon Douglas	
Sherborne Town	2-0	Andover New Street	134
George Geraghty 27			
Sam Farthing 36	-		
Division One			
Amesbury Town	3-4	Ringwood Town	67
Dave Parry 34		Lee Vint [3]	
Harry Hale 45		Ted Bignell	
Arran Moore 70	2.4		400
Ash United	3-1	Newport IOW OG 36	102
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Oli Lycett 33			
Tom Whitby 37 pen	0.4	Alresford Town	107
Blackfield & Langley	0-4	Alresford Town	107
		Harvey Richards [2]	
		Pip Willcox	
		Scot Faulkner	

Fleetlands	2-2	AFC Aldermaston	88
Joao Ferreira		Jacob Wallace 9, 90+2	
Curt Robbins			
Frimley Green	5-2	Colden Common	71
Kieran Campbell 6, 80		Alex Vine 82, 90+5	
Dave Charalambous 24			
Dan Bone 66			
Luke Edmondson 86			
Kintbury Rangers	1-1	Cove	74
Sean Cook		Nathan Connolly 23	
Totton & Eling	1-4	Folland Sports	67
[NOT PROVIDED BY CLUB]		Charlie Glasspool	
		Callum Dart	
	ч .	Marvin McLean	
		Vaughnie McGee	
Whitchurch United	9-0	United Services Portsmouth	180
Danilo Pereira			
Alex Fragata	- 71		
Marcus Whittaker [2]	77/		
Tyler Field [2]	16.7		
Charlie Mumford		1515 THE 18	
Shemar Pettet	4411 B		
Tyrell Reid	A 6 20		
Yateley United	2-3	Romsey Town	138
Callum Scott 58	:/ 	Harry Edmondson 17, 34	
Luke Cairns 70		Adam Pattison 37	

An asterisk in the final column indicates that the club failed to provide an attendance figure



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.

We'll start this week with a couple from week ending 2 August that reached the editors desk just too late for inclusion.

Saturday 2 August- Emirates FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round Hamworthy Recreation 1-2 Hartley Wintney

Reporter- John Hutchings

No FA cup run for Rec this year after this defeat to Isthmian League Hartley Wintney. Rec will be kicking themselves for not taking advantage of their first half superiority. After going in front on 19 minutes they

missed chances to double the lead, before falling for the sucker punch and conceding an equaliser in first half stoppage time.

A half time rollicking for the visitors saw them dominate the second half, as Rec struggled to contain them. But some dogged home defending looked likely to earn a replay, before a goal near the end saw Hartley through.

A good early cross from Ash Pope caused concerns for the visitors, before being cleared. Then Aaron Roberts played in Chris Long, only for him to scuff his shot. But on 19 Roberts sent LONG away again and this time his low, left-foot shot beat Jupp, in the Hartley goal, to put Rec one up.

Roberts was impressing in midfield, for Rec and his pass found Pope, who in turn, played in Max Wilcock for a great chance, but Jupp saved well. Another goal then would have put Rec firmly in the driving seat, but instead it was the visitors who rallied and both Ford and Horgan put chances over the Rec bar. But in stoppage time Calvin CAMARA picked up a loose ball and weaved his way into the box, shrugging off challenges and planted his shot beyond home stopper, Felix Bruce.

HT 1-1

Hartley started the second half in lively fashion. Rec were grateful to Harvey Doe for a great headed clearance and Haile had a shot blocked, before Alex Body missed the best chance- firing over from closerange.

Rec were struggling to create anything, but a good cross from Long was headed back by Wilcock for Eddie Hodge to volley a shot, saved by Jupp, before the visiting keeper did well to keep out Wilcock's attempt. But the visitors pressure finally paid off on 84, when a dangerous from the right was neatly put away at the far post by BODY, to send the Hampshire team through to the next round.

FT 1-2

Saturday 2 August- Emirates FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round Hythe & Dibden 3-1 Portland United Reporter- Dave Ring

On a scorching Saturday afternoon at the Hythe Garage Services Stadium, Portland United's 2025/26 FA Cup journey ended abruptly with a 3–1 defeat to a lively and well-organised Hythe & Dibden side. The first half was an even affair, with both teams probing but failing to land any decisive blows. Portland carved out a few half-chances and enjoyed spells of possession but couldn't quite find their rhythm or assert any real dominance. The warning signs were there, though, and after the break, the hosts struck with intent. Hythe & Dibden opened the scoring in the 50th minute, capitalising on a lapse in concentration from the Blues who were caught flat-footed at the back. The goal by Harrison FAY sparked the home side into life and they doubled their lead 15 minutes later with a precise, well-placed finish from Marcel LAPTAS that left the Portland keeper with little chance.

Looking for a response, assistant manager Jamie Symes rang the changes on 66 minutes, Josh Camp replaced the industrious Greg Borthwick, while Hayden Scott came on for the hard working Marcus Smith in an effort to reinvigorate the Blues. Shortly after, Freddy Beale entered the fray in the 72nd minute, taking the place of the impressive James Coat.

But it was Hythe & Dibden who struck again, sealing the win with a third goal in the 75th minute by Harrison CLARK, clinical, composed, and a just reward for their control of proceedings.

To their credit, Portland continued to battle, and in the third minute of stoppage time, they grabbed a consolation. A cracking Remus NIXON strike from just outside the box nestled into the top-left corner, arguably the goal of the game, but it was too little, too late.

Despite some spirited moments and a handful of chances, Portland never truly looked in control. It was a frustrating afternoon where effort wasn't in doubt, but execution fell short.

Not the start they hoped for in this historic competition, but the league campaign offers the perfect chance to bounce back. Credit to Hythe & Dibden, who were worthy winners on the day. We wish them all the best in the next round.

Tuesday 5 August- Premier Division
Petersfield Town 1-0 Andover New Street
Reporter- Robin Caddy

It was a first home game back in the Velocity Wessex League for Petersfield Town on Tuesday, and a crowd of 171 descended on Love Lane to enjoy some summer evening football. The word amongst the home contingent was that they are delighted to be back in the Wessex League for this campaign, much less travelling ahead. Andover New Street are much fancied this season, and The Rams looked decent against Brockenhurst last week - hopes were high for a great game of football.

What we got wasn't exactly the classic game of two halves, but an incident before half time did change things substantially for the second 45 minutes. Andover New Street started very brightly, with a succession of probing balls and half chances from corners. Charlie Barlow and especially Claudio Herbert were making all kinds of great runs, and Zachary Hine was playing a very effective role of finding them with some excellent play from midfield.

Ellis Grant had to be at his best in goal for The Rams, making a double save in the 21st minute. It started to feel like one way traffic, especially when a poor defensive pass across the penalty area put Barlow in on 24 minutes, only for him to shoot just over from the penalty spot.

Eventually after 41 minutes Petersfield have a chance of note, a shot by Kian Towse is deflected behind for a corner. The corner just cannot be dealt with by Bartram or the defence, one chance, two chances, third chance - the ball is smashed home by defender Harrison HIDE. The visitors appeal to the ref that Bartram has been impeded along the way but the goal stands.

Just three minutes later, the ref has something else to think about as a huge scrum forms after a visiting player goes down. During the ensuing scenes Street's George Bennett is judged to have led with his head while debating the finer points of what has just occurred. Another player goes down, and it starts to look like it could get seriously out of hand. The Ref and his assistants deal with it well, in the aftermath Bennett is infuriated to be red-carded, and both captains are cautioned presumably in regard of the ill-discipline both sides have shown.

Half time comes not a moment too soon, and all the talk around the ground is of who did what to whom, and not of what a great performance ANS had put in for forty minutes, before going one down against the run of play.

HT 1-0

And so to the second half, which will not need as much describing as the first. Ultimately Petersfield were maybe a little over-cautious against ten men, not really pushing forward as much as you might expect. Andover New Street kept going, and made a few decent chances, but ultimately could not break through.

Their best chance came a couple of minutes in to added time when Petersfield Town keeper Ellis Grant was once again called on to smother the ball and ultimately keep his second clean sheet in two games. Andover New Street look like a decent team and will surely be in the mix come the end of the season, but it's The Rams sitting pretty at the moment - played two, won two - four goals for, zero against.

FT 1-0

Saturday 9 August- Division One Kintbury Rangers 1-1 Cove Reporter- Gary Day

A meeting between two clubs formed in the 19th century but as Kintbury are affiliated with Berks & Bucks FA and Cove with Hampshire, it may be unlikely that their paths had crossed before. This was Kintbury's home Wessex League debut at an idyllic tree-lined ground on a sunny and warm afternoon.

The visitors opened well as Kintbury defenders Josh Wallin and Terry Patten defended sternly as both Will Peters and Mark Fawley threatened, and later Josh Wallin was once again in the right place to head clear from a Fawley cross.

Ref Tony Foster allowed the game to flow and played a good advantage in midfield and this resulted in Cove's Nathan Connolly's low cross just failing to pick out Peters in the middle. A little later Connolly worked a similar position and crossed low again but this time no teammate had moved into the box to receive the ball and the chance was lost.

Cove took a deserved lead on 22 minutes when a free kick from half-way was placed into the box, Fawley headed on and CONNOLLY ghosted behind a defender to apply a finish past the keeper. Kintbury continued to work hard defensively as Cove attacked further, Jesse Bowers covering well to concede a corner as Connolly appeared to be put through.

In a Kintbury attack, Bowers chipped a ball into the box but Cove keeper Stuart Norman held high under pressure. In first half stoppage time Jamie Wallin's shot for Kintbury was deflected into the path of Jack Alfonso, who fired over.

HT 0-1

Kintbury made a couple of changes at the break and enjoyed greater possession in the second half. They almost conceded early in the half though as a defender missed a header and Connolly was in but he slipped and lost control. Isaiah Williams linked well with Tyrese Georcelin for the home side and Williams received a return ball but fired wide.

Connolly almost increased Cove's lead as he was in space on the right and fired past the keeper but the ball came off the far post. There was a goalmouth scramble in the Cove goal which resulted in a corner and Harry Way's flag-kick went to the far post where Sean COOK netted with a classic striker's downward header, one-all.

Cove attempted a response as Jack Melbourne took the ball inside a defender but his shot was well tipped over by home keeper Jack North. Cove hit the post with a Cavan Atkinson header from a corner. Bowers and Clement Duodo were involved in a good home move that produced a shooting chance for Georcelin but it was held high by Norman. Cove tried hard for a stoppage time winner but Kay Hampson's shot was deflected clear and the final move of the game saw Muzi Mpofu cross but Fawley covered to clear for Cove. FT: 1-1

Cove enjoyed the greater possession in the first half. It was a tough half for Kintbury but they had more of the game in the second period and fought hard to earn their first point as a Wessex League side.

Saturday 9 August- Premier Division Brockenhurst 0-2 Hamworthy Recreation Reporter- Jon Renyard

Not much of a preamble today. Going out of the FA Cup was a bit disappointing but it wasn't unexpected, and who needs the start of their season disrupted by a visit from AFC Portchester? Today's visitors: Hamworthy Recreation, who had a strong first season in the top flight last year. My guess is that they're looking to push on, too. As for the Badgers: the list of absentees – injured, suspended, holiday or otherwise unavailable – is getting faintly ridiculous. By my reckoning, of the outfield players, about three would have started in the same position if the full squad were fit. That's not meant as a criticism or an excuse; but it probably says quite a lot about the game. Despite, I might add, Brock modelling their new kit for the first time.

This was a very comfortable afternoon for the visitors, who are probably scratching their heads at how the scoreline ended a moderately respectable 2-0. They dominated the game throughout, without ever needing to be at their best, and were able to keep Brock at arm's length pretty much all afternoon. To be fair to the Badgers, the list of the injured or otherwise unavailable would now form a pretty decent telephone directory, which doesn't make for an easy life for the manager!

Chris Long should have opened the scoring for the visitors in the 9th minute but headed straight at Valero from about ten yards; four minutes later Wilcock reached the byline and his cross flew through the box and away. Satterley shot high from 25 yards — not a bad effort but not troubling the keeper. Rec were controlling the midfield and Brock couldn't get a toehold, but somehow the game remained scoreless... and then a flicker, a sharp pass into the box from Henry Brooks which Burgess couldn't quite reach.

Shortly after, a chip into the box which Sam Woodward, with his back to goal, tried to bring down — had he spotted the onrushing keeper he might have tried a first-time shot or even a backheel but the danger was averted. The flicker did not, however, become a flame: Rec continued to push hardest, Batley outstanding in the Brock defence with tackles, blocks, defensive runs and a lot of shouting at his teammates! But on 40 minutes, another slick move and this time it paid off: Wilcock with a neat pass to the left of the box, and Aaron ROBERTS arrived to pass the ball beyond Valero into the far corner and give the visitors the lead.

HT 0-1

Rec started the second half in the same way: well organised, well drilled, knew their game plan and delivered it well. Even so, another flicker – Burgess coming out from the back, perfectly weighted pass through to Brooks – excellent defending from Regan Mason who just got in front of him and snuffed out the chance.

But on 52, the Badgers lost the ball in midfield, a run and cross on the right, Max WILCOCK in splendid, unmarked isolation to volley home past Valero into the far corner for the second. That always looked likely to be the game; Brock hadn't offered much going forward, and two goals was a big ask. There was one clever corner routine from Rec — played to the near post, Harvey Doe with a flick and Valero with an excellent reaction save. The same player made a clever run into the box at a free kick, arriving beyond the defence but shooting well wide... another loss of possession, Blair shooting wide when well placed... sub Josh Toop was sent through on goal, 1 on 1, but Valero made the save, as he did again 7 minutes from time when he tipped an Satterley shot over the bar.

There had been one more classy bit of defending from Mason, nipping in ahead of Brooks to head back to keeper Murphy, but the scoring was done for the day.

FT 0-2

Saturday 9 August- Premier Division Millbrook 5-1 New Milton Town Reporter- Robin Caddy

New Milton Town have a long and interesting history, a new chapter of which began at Test Park today as they returned to the Velocity Wessex League Premier Division for the first time in over a decade. There has been a lot of positivity around the club after their title winning season, and I was looking forward to seeing them in action against a Millbrook team that looks very different from the end of last season at St Marys, with a new management team too.

It was wall to wall sunshine at Test Park today, where a crowd of 110 gathered. I must mention the ground staff, the pitch is the best I have seen so far this season. We all know what a tough year it has been in terms of rainfall (lack of) so no criticism implied of other grounds, but credit where it is due here.

So many new faces in the Millbrook team, but it's fan favourite Bobby Gorman showing his usual flair for attacking football, marauding down the left, first putting in a probing cross that new boy (and former Stoneham favourite) Scott Hills can't quite get on target. A few minutes later HILLS shoots from maybe 25 yards, Jamie White can't quite connect with but maybe puts off the keeper as the ball squirms in to the net with 28 minutes gone.

Then on 32 minutes more great work from Gorman results in a ball that Docker's stalwart Callum Drake heads towards goal, the ball is scrambled clear initially only to fall to DRAKE once more just a couple of yards out, making it 2-0 Millbrook.

Before half time Jamie White shoots from 25 yards, the New Milton Town keeper tips it over, New Milton have a good chance themselves just before the break but the home team are definitely in charge here at half time.

HT 2-0

Millbrook start the second half brightly, and it's Hills who goes close again - an airborne volley going just over. Then Callum Parker, who joined in the summer but goes back with some of these Millbrook players a long way to the Bush Hill days, should score, he must score, he's one on one with the keeper. No one knows how but the keeper must take some credit - it's still only 2-0.

This must have some galvanising effect on New Milton Town as they have an excellent chance, brilliantly saved by new Millbrook keeper Jon Webb. Then two minutes later Harry McGRATH rounds the keeper to give New Milton Town a way back in to this exciting game. 2-1, 65 minutes played.

Things calm down a bit before New Milton Town really come alive with three chances in two minutes, and then a strong penalty shout is turned down, Millbrook counter, as Jamie White takes one of the most perfect touches to control a long ball you will see all season, before shooting just over.

Callum Drake has a good effort tipped wide on 85 minutes, then two minutes later Millbrook subs combine as Josh Ball crosses low from the right and another new boy Harry VIDLER makes it 3-1 to Millbrook.

As we enter added time New Milton Town keep going and have two more good efforts before the final whistle eventually goes.

FT 3-1

Millbrook look good on this showing, and the many new arrivals are settling in well. New Milton Town will have hoped for more today but look like they will cope well with the step up.

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 Uhlsport Hampshire Premier League, the Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League and the Hampshire Combination & Development League.

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Fixtures listed are published in good faith and are subject to alteration or cancellation at short notice.

FIXTURES

Dorset Premier League

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]

Saturday 16 August

Balti Sports v Hamworthy United Reserves

Bournemouth Electric v Gillingham Town

Bournemouth Sports v Bridport Reserves

Cobham Sports v Westland Sports

Holt United v Portland United Reserves

Poole Borough v Dorchester Sports

Sherborne Town Reserves v Hamworthy Recreation Reserves

Swanage Town & Herston v Wimborne Town Reserves

Verwood Town v Blandford United

Uhlsport Hampshire Premier League

Tuesday 12 August

Liss Athletic v Crofton Saints [18:30]

Southsea Sports v Bishops Waltham Dynamos [19:30]

Stockbridge v Hook [18:30]

Whitehill & Bordon v Denmead [18:30]

Wednesday 13 August

Meon Milton v Locks Heath [18:30]

Saturday 16 August

Bishops Waltham Dynamos v Broughton

Crofton Saints v Andover Town

Denmead v Liphook United

Liss Athletic v Hook

Meon Milton v AFC Shirley

Southsea Sports v Hedge End Rangers [14:00]

Stockbridge v Locks Heath

Whitehill & Bordon v Moneyfields Reserves

Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League

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]

Saturday 16 August

Cricklade Town v Shrewton United

Devizes Town Reserves v Trowbridge Town

Down Ampney v Royal W Bassett Town Dev

Faringdon Town v Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves

Larkhall Athletic Dev v Letcombe

Melksham Town Reserves v Shrivenham

Park United v Wroughton

Purton Kingsdown v Pewsey Vale

Swindon Supermarine Dev v Calne Town Reserves

Hampshire Combination & Development League

Tuesday 12 August

Under 23 Division 1

Clanfield v Whiteley Wanderers

Wednesday 13 August

Under 23 Division 1

Blackfield & Langley v Bemerton Heath Harlequins

Saturday 16 August

Premier Division

Brockenhurst v Petersfield Town

Division One

Amesbury town v Liss Athletic

Clanfield Development v Hedge End Rangers

Liphook United v Meon Milton

RESULTS

Dorset Premier League

Saturday 9 August

Balti Sports 8-1 Hamworthy Recreation Reserves

Bournemouth Electric 5-0 Bridport Reserves

Cobham Sports 6-0 Sherborne Town Reserves

Dorchester Sports 0-2 Holt United

Gillingham Town 1-1 Bournemouth Sports

Hamworthy United Reserves 1-3 Verwood Town

Poole Borough 0-0 Portland United Reserves

Swanage Town & Herston 2-1 Blandford United

Wimborne Town Reserves 4-2 Westland Sports

Hampshire Premier League

Tuesday 5 August

AFC Shirley 2-0 Hedge End Rangers

Liss Athletic 1-1 Denmead

Stockbridge 1-4 Broughton

Southsea Sports 2-4 Locks Heath

Moneyfields Reserves 0-1 Bishops Waltham Dynamos

Wednesday 6 August

Liphook United 2-2 Whitehill & Bordon

Meon Milton 1-1 Crofton Saints

Saturday 9 August

AFC Shirley 1-2 Liphook United

Bishops Waltham Dynamos 1-1 Crofton Saints

Denmead 2-1 Hook

Moneyfields Reserves 3-1 Andover Town

Whitehill & Bordon 0-3 Hedge End Rangers

Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League

Tuesday 5 August

Calne Town Reserves 1-5 Larkhall Athletic Dev

Cricklade Town 3-4 Purton Kingsdown

Faringdon Town 1-1 Pewsey Vale

Letcombe 1-0 Shrivenham

Wroughton 1-3 Royal W Bassett Town Dev

Wednesday 6 August

Melksham Town Reserves 3-1 Devizes Town Reserves

Park United 3-0 Trowbridge Town

Swindon Supermarine Dev 3-2 Down Ampney

Saturday 9 August

Cricklade Town 4-4 Letcombe

Down Ampney 3-2 Shrewton United

Faringdon Town 1-1 Royal W Bassett Town Dev

Melksham Town Reserves 2-3 Swindon Supermarine Dev

Pewsey Vale 5-0 Devizes Town Reserves

Purton Kingsdown 1-4 Park United

Shrivenham 6-1 Calne Town Reserves

Wroughton 1-2 Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves

Hampshire Combination & Development League

Saturday 9 August

PREMIER DIVISION

Petersfield Town 3-2 AFC Stoneham

DIVISION ONE

Liphook United 1-4 Southsea Sports

Meon Milton 2-0 Amesbury Town

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Pos	DORSET PREMIER	Р	W	D	L.	F	Α	GD	PTS
1	Balti Sports	1	1	0	0	8	1	7	3
2	Cobham Sports	1	1	0	0	6	0	6	3
3	Bournemouth Electric	1	1	0	0	5	0	5	3
4	Wimborne Town Reserves	1	1	0	0	4	2	2	3
5	Verwood Town	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
6	Holt United	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
7	Swanage Town & Herston	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
8	Bournemouth Sports	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
9	Gillingham Town	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
10	Poole Borough	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
11	Portland United Reserves	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
12	Blandford United	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
13	Westland Sports	1	0	0	1	2	4	-2	0
14	Hamworthy United Reserves	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
15	Dorchester Sports	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
16	Bridport Reserves	1	0	0	1	0	5	-5	0
17	Sherborne Town Reserves	1	0	0	1	0	6	-6	0
18	Hamworthy Recreation Reserves	1	0	0	1	1	8	-7	0

POS	HAMPSHIRE PREMIER	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
1	Denmead	3	2	1	0	10	5	5	7
2	Bishops Waltham Dynamos	3	2	1	0	7	2	5	7
3	Locks Heath	2	2	0	0	7	2	5	6
4	AFC Shirley	3	2	0	1	6	4	2	6
5	Crofton Saints	3	1	2	0	7	3	4	5
6	Liss Athletic	2	1	1	0	5	2	3	4
7	Meon Milton	2	1	1	0	3	1	2	4
8	Liphook United	3	1	1	1	4	6	-2	4
9	Hook	2	1	0	1	5	4	1	3
10	Broughton	2	1	0	1	5	5	0	3
11	Moneyfields Reserves	3	1	0	2	5	5	0	3
12	Hedge End Rangers	3	1	0	2	3	4	-1	3
13	Whitehill and Bordon	3	0	1	2	3	10	-7	1
14	Southsea Sports	2	0	0	2	4	8	-4	0
15	Andover Town	2	0	0	2	2	8	-6	0
16	Stockbridge	2	0	0	2	4	11	-7	0
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POS	WILTSHIRE SENIOR	P	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
1	Swindon Supermarine Dev	3	3	0	0	7	4	3	9
2	Letcombe	3	2	1	0	9	4	5	7
3	Larkhall Athletic Dev	2	2	0	0	8	2	6	6
4	Melksham Town Res	3	2	0	1	10	6	4	6
5	Park United	3	2	0	1	8	4	4	6
6	Down Ampney	3	2	0	1	8	6	2	6
7	Purton Kingsdown	3	2	0	1	6	7	-1	6
8	Faringdon Town	3	1	2	0	6	3	3	5
9	Pewsey Vale	3	1	1	1	6	2	4	4
10	Cricklade Town	3	1	1	1	10	10	0	4
11	Royal W Bassett Town Dev	3	1	1	1	6	7	-1	4
12	Shrewton United	2	1	0	1	7	3	4	3
13	Bemerton Heath Harlequins Res	2	1	0	1	4	4	0	3
14	Shrivenham	3	1	0	2	6	7	-1	3
15	Trowbridge Town	2	0	0	2	0	4	-4	0
16	Wroughton	3	0	0	3	3	8	-5	0
17	Devizes Town Res	3	0	0	3	1	12	-11	0
18	Calne Town Res	3	0	0	3	3	15	-12	0

ONLY THE CAPTAIN

As part of the recent changes to the Laws of the Game (2025/26) approved by IFAB in March, the "Only the Captain" protocol will be applied across all competitions in England starting from the new season.

Purpose and Rationale

The protocol is designed to strengthen respect between players and referees by formalising that only the team captain may approach the referee to discuss key decisions. The aim is to reduce incidents of mobbing, dissent, and intimidation of match officials-improving the environment for everyone involved in the game.

Key Points

- Normal, respectful interactions with referees are still permitted; however, dissent (by word or action) remains a yellow card offence- even for captains.
- Only the captain from each team is allowed to approach the referee on major decisions.
- Captains are responsible for ensuring teammates stay away from the referee during these
- Referees may delay the restart to allow captains to communicate messages back to their teams if necessary.

Additional Details

- If the goalkeeper is the team captain, an outfield player must be nominated to fulfil this role for referee interactions.
- A "captain-only zone" of 4 metres will be established around the referee; no other players are permitted within this area.
- Any non-captain entering this zone should be cautioned for dissent by action. If multiple players enter, at least one must be cautioned, and the incident will be reported to the relevant authorities.
- Competition organisers are encouraged to introduce sanctions for repeated breaches across the season.

National Implementation

This protocol will be implemented consistently across:

- All professional competitions
- The National League Pyramids
- County FA-administered football

The approach is to create alignment and consistency from the top tiers to grassroots, improving behaviour towards match officials at every level.

Education and Communication

The new initiative is currently being rolled out to referees, County FAs, Referee Development Officers, and other stakeholders to ensure clear understanding and consistent application.

All leagues have been instructed to send communication to clubs to ensure teams are fully aware of the expectations and can prepare accordingly.

Although IFAB have included an arm signal to initiate the protocol at these levels, in England we will not adopt this. Referees will manage the protocol themselves, using their existing match management skills.

ADOBE WOMEN'S FACUP



For 2025/26 there are 538 entrants to this competition. Nine of our member clubs have a women's section and these are AFC Stoneham, Andover New Street, Bemerton Heath Harlequins, Bournemouth (*), Frimley Green (*), Millbrook (*) Sherborne Town, United Services Portsmouth and Yateley United (*).

The four marked with an asterisk (*) are new entrants this season.

Bournemouth were known as Longham in 2024/25 and Frimley Green as Woking. Sherborne Town are exempt to the Second Round Qualifying.

PRELIMINARY ROUND [24 August]

Marlborough Town v Yateley United

Millbrook v Horsham

FIRST ROUND QUALIFYING [7 September]

AFC Stoneham v Hassocks

Bemerton Heath Harlequins v Bournemouth

Bursledon v United Services Portsmouth

Frimley Green v Royal Wootton Bassett Town

Marlborough Town or Yateley United v Wallingford & Crowmarsh

Pagham v Andover New Street

Three Bridges v Millbrook or Horsham



PHOTO FINISH



Reproduced courtesy of Michelle Carr, the Portland United Community Champion- action last weekend from Hythe & Dibden (green) against Portland United in the Emirates FA Cup, that the hosts won 3-1



Midweek action from the Servio Hampshire Senior Cup. Bournemouth (red) were best of three winners on a warm evening at Victoria Park against Newport IOW.



Wednesday night was again Hampshire Servio Senior Cuo action. Due to floodlight issues at the home of the Brickmakers, the tie was played at Verwood Town. The "visitors" Hythe & Dibden (green) progressed 3-2 although New Milton nearly got a shout at a penalty shootout having trailed 3-0 with 40 minutes left.



Roger Allen was at The Dell this afternoon for Laverstock & Ford (green) against Baffins Milton Rovers. The game ended 5-0 with all the goals coming in the second half.



Sara Taylor was at Hythe for the visit of Christchurch (blue) to the home of the Mariners. The visitors bagged the points with a 2-1 victory.



Today Test Park was the venue for Millbrook (grey) as they took on Premier Division new boys New Milton Town. Robin Caddy was on hand to capture the action, which ended in a 3-1 win for the Dockers.



With just eight minutes of normal time Petersfield Town (blue) maintained their 100% start to life in the Premier Division, It ended 2-1 to the Rams at Downton, but the afternoon saw a serious injury to Lee-Brad Haensel in added on time. We trust the player makes a speedy recovery.



And finally, Ian Grainger was at Powder Monkey Park where the two sides- Fleetlands (red) and AFC Aldermaston shared four goals and the points. The visitors went ahead early levelling it in added on time.



In the League Tables section, an [*] in any table means point adjustments have been made.

POS	PREMIER DIVISION	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Petersfield Town	3	3	0	0	6	1	5	9	3.000
2	Hamworthy Recreation	2	2	0	0	4	0	4	6	3.000
3	Cowes Sports	2	2	0	0	6	3	3	6	3.000
4	Laverstock & Ford	1	1	0	0	5	0	5	3	3.000
5	AFC Stoneham	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3	3.000
6	Hamble Club	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3	3.000
7	Sherborne Town	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3	3.000
8	Portland United	2	1	0	1	4	3	1	3	1.500
9	Christchurch	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3	3.000
10	Bournemouth	2	1	0	1	5	5	0	3	1.500
11	Millbrook	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3	1.500
12	Downton	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	3	1.500
13	East Cowes Victoria	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.000
14	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	2	0	1	1	0	1	-1	1	0.500
15	Hythe & Dibden	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0	0.000
16	New Milton Town	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0	0.000
17	Andover New Street	2	0	0	2	0	3	-3	0	0.000
18	Brockenhurst	2	0	0	2	0	5	-5	0	0.000
19	Baffins Milton Rovers	2	0	0	2	2	8	-6	0	0.000
20	Wincanton Town	3	0	0	3	3	11	-8	0	0.000
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POS	DIVISION ONE	Р	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Whitchurch United	3	3	0	0	15	3	12	9	3.000
2	Alresford Town	2	2	0	0	7	2	5	6	3.000
3	Romsey Town	2	2	0	0	7	3	4	6	3.000
4	Ash United	2	2	0	0	5	2	3	6	3.000
5	Fleetlands	2	1 1	1	0	4	3	3	4	2.000
6	Frimley Green	1		0	0	5	2		3	3.000
7	Folland Sports	1 1	1 1	0	0	4	1	3	3	3.000
8 9	Hamworthy United	1 2	1	0	0	3 5	0 7	3 -2	3	3.000
	Ringwood Town				1				3	1.500
10 11	United Services Portsmouth AFC Aldermaston	2	1 0	0 1	1 0	4 2	10 2	-6 0	3	1.500 1.000
12	Lymington Town	1 1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1 1	1.000
	Cove		0		0		1	0		1.000
13 14	Clanfield	1 1	0	1	0	1 0	0	0	1 1	1.000
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15 16	Kintbury Rangers	2 3	0 0	1	1 2	4	3 7	-1 -3	1	0.500 0.333
16 17	Amesbury Town	2	0	1		2	5	-3 -3	1 1	0.500
17	Fawley AFC			1	1					
18	Yateley United Colden Common	2	0	0	2	4	6	-2 2	0	0.000
19	Totton & Eling	1 2	0	0	1 2	2	5 7	-3 -4	0	0.000
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21	Newport (IoW)	2 2	0	0 0	2 2	2	7	-5 _	0	0.000
22	Blackfield & Langley	Z	0	U	2	1	6	-5	0	0.000
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