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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



A good return in the Emirates FA Cup today, here Robin Caddy was on hand- as was the Paulton Rovers keeper, but it was AFC Stoneham (purple) who are in the hat after an early goal at Stoneham Lane.

STAT ATTACK

TOP SEVEN LEADING GOALSCORERS - LEAGUE GAMES ONLY

PREMIER DIVISION			DIVISION ONE		
Charlie Marsek	Cowes Sports	3	Lee Vint	Ringwood Town	4
Tom Moseley	Laverstock & Ford	3	Harry Edmondson	Romsey Town	3
Max Wilcock	Hamworthy Recreation	3	Brandon Hill	Romsey Town	3
Greg Borthwick	Portland United	2	Harvey Richards	Alresford Town	3
Harrison Cable	Petersfield Town	2	Bailey Rowe	Hamworthy United	3
Harrison Hide	Petersfield 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

Brockenhurst	vs	Petersfield Town	234	29 July
Cowes Sports	vs	Baffins Milton Rovers	187	29 July
Portland United	vs	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	181	16 August
Downton	vs	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	171	5 August
Petersfield Town	vs	Andover New Street	171	5 August

DIVISION ONE

Top five league attendances

Whitchurch United	vs	United Services Portsmouth	180	9 August
Whitchurch United	vs	Amesbury Town	155	6 August
Whitchurch United	vs	Newport IOW	152	16 August
Ash United	vs	Blackfield & Langley	145	2 August
Whitchurch United	vs	Yateley Green	145	2 August

PREMIER DIVISION

Sharpest Attack

Portland United	12
Bournemouth	10
Petersfield Town	8

Meanest Defence

Laverstock & Ford	0
[three on]	1
-	-

Goals scored per Game

Laverstock & Ford	5.000
Cowes Sports	3.000
Portland United	3.000

DIVISION ONE

Sharpest Attack

Whitchurch United	16
Romsey Town	12
Ringwood Town	11

Meanest Defence

Folland Sports	1
[five on]	3
-	-

Goals scored per Game

Frimley Green	4.000
Whitchurch United	4.000
[two on]	3.000

PREMIER DIVISION – HIGH SCORES

Home win	Downton	vs	East Cowes Victoria	5-0	16 August
	Laverstock & Ford	vs	Baffins Milton Rovers	5-0	9 August
	Portland United	vs	Bemerton Heth Harlequins	6-1	16 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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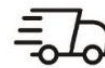
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FIXTURES – 2025/26



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

Tuesday 19 August

Hampshire Servio Senior Cup First Round

Andover New Street v Christchurch
Baffins Milton Rovers v Cove
Bournemouth v Ringwood Town
Brockenhurst v Hythe & Dibden
Cowes Sports v Eversley & California
Fleetlands v Whitchurch United
Petersfield Town v Clanfield
Romsey Town v East Cowes Vics [19:15]
U.S. Portsmouth v Millbrook [at Fareham Town]

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

Thursday 21 August

Hampshire Servio Senior Cup First Round

Colden Common v Fawley AFC

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

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

Ash United v Totton & Eling
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

Velocity Wessex League Cup Second Round

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
East Cowes Vics v Wincanton Town
Hamble Club v Downton
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 Yateley United
 Kintbury Rangers v Folland Sports
 Newport IOW v Lymington Town
 Ringwood Town v Frimley Green
 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
 AFC Stoneham v Clanfield
 Amesbury Town v AFC Aldermaston
 Christchurch v Hythe & Dibden
 Cove v Sherborne Town
 U.S. Portsmouth v Newport IOW

Premier Division

Downton v Bournemouth

Division One

Yateley United v Frimley Green

Southampton Senior Cup First Round

Brockenhurst v Lyndhurst
 Millbrook v AFC Netley

Southampton Senior Cup Second Round

Bemerton Heath H'quins v Sway

Wednesday 3 September

Premier Division

New Milton Town v Laverstock & Ford

Saturday 6 September

Premier Division

Andover New Street v Baffins Milton Rovers
 Bemerton Heath H'quins v Hamble Club
 Cowes Sports v New Milton Town
 Downton v AFC Stoneham
 East Cowes Vics v Christchurch

Hamworthy Recreation v Petersfield Town
 Laverstock & Ford v Bournemouth
 Millbrook v Sherborne Town
 Portland United v Brockenhurst
 Wincanton Town v Hythe & Dibden

Division One

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

Tuesday 9 September

Berks & Bucks Senior Cup First Round

Abingdon United v Kintbury Rangers

Premier Division

Baffins Milton Rovers v Hamworthy Recreation
 Laverstock & Ford v Christchurch

Division One

Ringwood Town v Hamworthy United
Portsmouth Senior Cup First Round

Clanfield v Meon Milton

Petersfield Town v Fleetlands

U.S. Portsmouth v Mob Albion

Southampton Senior Cup First Round

Romsey Town v Lymington Town

Wednesday 10 September

Berks & Bucks Senior Cup First Round

AFC Aldermaston v Langley

Southampton Senior Cup First Round

New Milton Town v Hedge End Town

RESULTS



An asterisk in this section indicates that the club failed to provide attendance and or scorer details.

Tuesday 12 August

Hampshire Servio Senior Cup Preliminary Round

Baffins Milton Rovers

5-2

Totton & Eling

70

Jamie Truckel 12, 32, 59

Adam Woodcock

Lewis Beale 51, 71

Luke Harding

Cowes Sports	2-1	Tadley Calleva	167
<i>Scott McFarlane 63, 89</i>		<i>Brett Denham 38</i>	
Eversley & California	4-1	Yateley United	97
<i>Ben King 44</i>		<i>Harry Hamblin 11</i>	
<i>Joe Pantony 63</i>			
<i>Cally Samuel-Harman 77</i>			
<i>Jordi Ebanda 89</i>			

Premier Division

AFC Stoneham	2-1	Millbrook	153
<i>Ryan Cluett 49</i>		<i>Bobby Gorman</i>	
<i>Liam Callaghan 90+5 pen</i>			
Andover New Street	2-0	Wincanton Town	143
<i>Shane Lock 21 pen</i>			
<i>Ronan Clancy 71</i>			
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	1-1	Hythe & Dibden	120
<i>Ryan Scott 68 pen</i>		<i>Charlie Hewson 90+7</i>	
Bournemouth	1-0	Brockenhurst	124
<i>Lyle Simpson 47</i>			
Portland United	2-0	Sherborne Town	170
<i>Callum Corbridge</i>			
<i>Greg Borthwick [pen]</i>			

Division One

Alresford Town	1-1	Cove	85
<i>Joel Jackson 67</i>		<i>Nathan Connolly 31</i>	
Folland Sports	3-0	Clanfield	77
<i>Alfie Bailey [2- 1 pen]</i>			
<i>Cal Theobald</i>			
Hamworthy United	1-2	Blackfield & Langley	108
<i>Bailey Rowe 50</i>		<i>Richard Bakary 22</i>	
		<i>Ashton Goodger 83</i>	
Ringwood Town	1-0	Fawley AFC	58
<i>Ben Harris</i>			
Romsey Town	2-2	Kintbury Rangers	100
<i>OG</i>		<i>Owen Jenner</i>	
<i>Brandon Hill</i>		<i>Reece Daly</i>	

Wednesday 13 August

Velocity Wessex League Cup First Round

New Milton Town	0-7	Hamworthy Recreation	152
		<i>Tom Cooper 2</i>	
		<i>OG 25</i>	
		<i>Tom Blair 45, 45+1</i>	
		<i>Max Wilcock 72</i>	
		<i>Chris Long 85</i>	
		<i>Regan Mason 90</i>	

Thursday 14 August

Division One

Colden Common	1-4	Fleetlands	120
<i>Matty Driver 59</i>		<i>George Comben 10</i>	
		<i>Curt Robbins 26</i>	
		<i>Matty Dougan 61</i>	
		<i>Jamie Winter 86</i>	

Friday 15 August**Emirates FA Cup Preliminary Round**

Christchurch	0-3	Tadley Calleva	86
		<i>Kieran Rodgers 18</i>	
		<i>Brad Passfield 38</i>	
		<i>Scott Costello 65</i>	

Saturday 16 August**Emirates FA Cup Preliminary Round**

AFC Stoneham	1-0	Paulton Rovers	92
<i>Ryan Cluett 5</i>			
Horndean	0-2	Laverstock & Ford	96

Hythe & Dibden	1-0	New Milton Town	101
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*Leon Carbayo-Borges***Premier Division**

Andover New Street	1-0	Hamworthy Recreation	141
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Aleks Kokoszka 89

Baffins Milton Rovers	0-2	Petersfield Town	123
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*Callum Kimber 43 pen**Rob Tudway 47*

Downton	5-0	East Cowes Victoria	85
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*Archie Whitfield 6, 35**Tom Farnsworth 23**Cameron Beard 67**Luke Delaney 87*

Hamble Club	2-2	Sherborne Town	70
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*Matt Casey 62**Braydon Douglas 75 pen*

Millbrook	1-4	Bournemouth	71
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*Scott Hills 17**Harry Smith 37**Joe Roberts 40**Nasim Meddah 70**Jake Cope 73 pen*

Portland United	6-1	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	181
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*Josh Camp [3]**Greg Borthwick [2]**Pet Jenkins pen*

Wincanton Town	2-2	Brookenhurst	70
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*Darren McAlastair 49**Joe Aikhuele 78**Sam Steel 12**Luke Holmes 45+2***Division One**

Alresford Town	0-3	Romsey Town	94
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*Harry Prisk**Harry Edmondson [2]*

Ash United	2-1	United Services Portsmouth	48
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*Fredie Jones 42**Ryan Lopez 90+5*

Blackfield & Langley	1-1	AFC Aldermaston	48
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*Ashton Goodger 79**Simeon Weekes 90+3 pen*

Clanfield <i>Alex Chapman</i> <i>Harry Willis</i> <i>Morgan Cripps</i>	3-0	Fawley AFC	52
Cove <i>Charlie Oakley 7 pen, 30</i>	2-4	Colden Common <i>Brad Lethbridge [2]</i> <i>Jimmy Walters</i> <i>Jimmy Henderson</i>	87
Fleetlands	0-1	Amesbury Town <i>Sam Walsh</i>	40
Frimley Green <i>George Keenan</i> <i>Kieran Campbell</i> <i>Jin Ward</i>	3-1	Totton & Eling <i>Ollie Kimber</i>	110
Hamworthy United	0-2	Folland Sports <i>Vaughnie McGee 38</i> <i>Frankie Paige 46</i>	128
Kintbury Rangers <i>Jesse Bowers</i> <i>Tyrese Georcelin</i> <i>Harry Way</i>	3-1	Lymington Town <i>Connor Lopez</i>	82
Ringwood Town <i>Ben Harris 3</i> <i>Lee Vint 32, 75</i> <i>Ted Bignell 37</i> <i>Ollie Brown 90+2</i>	5-1	Yateley United <i>Callum Wright 59</i>	62
Whitchurch United <i>Alex Fragata</i>	1-0	Newport (IoW)	152

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. Thanks in advance.

TUESDAY 12 AUGUST- WESSEX LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Bournemouth 1-0 Brockenhurst

Reporter: Jon Renyard

POPPIES v Badgers in the sunshine this evening, and something of a reunion: four starters and one sub for the Poppies having played for Brock in recent memory.

It wasn't the greatest match ever witnessed in the Wessex and – perhaps because of the familiarity – it seemed remarkably tetchy, both on the pitch and in the dugouts. A very early alarm for Brock when a cross from the left within the first 30 seconds saw Valero have to palm away a ball that was probably heading

into the net, but the game settled and the two teams were mostly pretty evenly matched. That's probably a kind way of saying that neither was quite hitting its straps.

Jake Adams, so recently a Badger, beat a couple of players as he cut in from the right but the ball ran away from him... then he took a free kick wide on the left which went through a crowd before finally being cleared... at the other end, another former Badger Jonny Davis was having an excellent game at centre back for the Poppies, snuffing out any hint of danger... until on 28 minutes, the best Brock move of the game, excellent pass from Burgess, Rossi brought the ball down inside the box but was off-balance and his shot was off target.

Ten minutes later a sharp Poppies break, initiated by Meddah, out to Adams, but his cross was too deep and Simpson could only attempt an overhead kick: on target but lacking power, caught by Valero. Neither side had really come close.

HT 0-0

A bright start to the second half from the Badgers, within 30 seconds Rossi got to the byline and putting in a dangerous cross which evaded everyone – and suddenly, the Poppies were ahead. One long ball forward and SIMPSON, on the very edge of offside, ran through unchallenged before shooting over Valero into the far corner. An excellent finish, and now the hosts had something to hold onto. They'd also worked out that the long ball forward was a good tactic, which they employed a lot more often for the remainder of the game.

The closest Brock came to an equaliser was four minutes later when Brooks found space for a powerful cross-shot and Davis made an outstanding clearance right in front of goal; two minutes later, Luke Gray matched it, somehow clearing a free kick behind for a corner, itself not comfortably dealt with... What remained, for 35 minutes, were half-chances and scrambles at both ends. Crosses too high, passes when shots might have been a better option. The kindest thing to say about the last ten minutes is that "the game got stretched", with no real pattern or shape to it.

One good shot on target from Batley, playing as a makeshift striker, well hit but straight at Plunkett... into injury time, a good Poppies move between Roberts and Adams, shot well saved by Valero and the rebound blazed high and wide. A final corner for the Badgers – not properly cleared – clipped over the bar, and that was that.

FT 1-0

TUESDAY 12 AUGUST- WESSEX LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Hamworthy United 1-2 Blackfield & Langley

Reporter: Tony Beck

MANAGER Micky Hubbard kept faith with the starting eleven that performed with such conviction in their opening fixture against Fawley AFC two Saturdays ago. With Fawley's neighbours Blackfield & Langley now providing the opposition, all omens pointed to a routine home win, especially as the visitors were still looking for their first points after two games. As is more the norm now, United could also boast a very strong bench. After a rather sloppy start by both teams, it was the "Watersiders" who were to break the deadlock on 22 minutes in curious fashion. The Hammers' normally reliable keeper Will Butler dwelt too long dealing with a routine back pass from captain Louis Bragginton. He was then forced into a hasty clearance as Ewang Derick put him under pressure. Unfortunately, the ball rebounded straight into the path of Richard BAKARY who took it slightly wide, before slotting home from an acute angle off the near post, and agonizingly just inside the far post.

Although that goal did shake up United somewhat, the next major chance again befell the visitors in the 35th minute. This time Butler redeemed himself with a fine double save, from a clean through Bakary set up by a defence piercing ball by Joe Burton. Hamworthy did finally start to create some better chances late in the half. Brandon Williams was put through but fired well over the bar. Micky Hubbard's well flighted free-kick also passed just wide. However, this had been frankly a poor first half showing by the Hammers. They also curiously lacked the urgency which was so evident in their first game. and tended at times to play far too deep. Their shooting, mostly from distance was also too often off target.

HT 0-1

Whatever was said at half time, United certainly came out with much more intent after the break. They were back on level terms just five minutes in, with a well worked goal. Jake Streams slipped the ball to Bailey ROWE on the left, who turned his defender, and waltzed past a couple of others, before firing an unstoppable curling shot into the bottom far corner.

The chances continued to come. Deem headed Hubbard's free kick just over the bar. and shortly later Hubbard's corner from the right was headed only inches wide of the far post by Bragginton. However, despite their mounting pressure as the half progressed, the Hammers just could not find that second goal. Alas for the hosts, it was the Watersiders who were to have the last say on 84 minutes with another quality goal. On a rare Blackfield break captain Jake Bartlett crossed the ball over from the right. This was met by a superb half volley across the goal by substitute Ashton GOODGER that this time gave Butler no chance.

Again, United pulled out all the stops as they fought for what should have been a deserved second equaliser, but with Blackfield keeping all their men behind the ball there was no way through. The visitors had battled all game which Hamworthy had not and earnt the three points they got at the end of it. One early defeat will not mar United's season, but this will have served as a wake-up call on Micky Hubbard's troops to play the football they are capable of from the word go.

FT 1-2

WEDNESDAY 13 AUGUST- VELOCITY WESSEX LEAGUE CUP FIRST ROUND

New Milton Town 0-7 Hamworthy Recreation

Reporter: John Hutchings

REC stormed through to the next round of the League Cup with this seven goal demolition of New Milton. Rec scored early and never looked back, adding a second soon after. The hosts had a good spell late in the first half and Rec were grateful to keeper, Shane Murphy for a great save, before two goals from new signing, Tom Blair, right on half time put Rec in a commanding position, adding three more after the break. After just 3 minutes Rec were in front and it was skipper, Tom COOPER who got his head to a great in-swinging corner from Josh Toop. New Milton rallied and Thornton fired over the bar and McGrath had a low shot deflected for a corner. But it was Rec looking the better side and Regan Mason was unlucky with a 25 yarder tipped over by home stopper, Dixon.

Moore's free-kick was saved by Murphy, before Rec doubled their lead, on 22. Ash Pope's corner was miss-cued into his own net by Foden. Rec were well on top and Eddie Hodge just failed to get on the end of a Pope cross.

New Milton then had their best spell and Thornton had his angled shot saved by Murphy and McCarthy-Gardiner's goalbound shot was brilliantly tipped away by the Rec keeper, the ball running to Moore, whose shot clipped the bar.

But it was Rec who produced killer blows, right on 45 minutes. Max Wilcock burst down the right and played in BLAIR to tap in his first goal for the club, from close-range and straight from the re-start the same player hit a right-foot beauty beyond Dixon for the fourth.

HT 0-4

New Milton had an early second half chance from Thornton saved by Murphy, before Wilcock (twice), Pope and Chris Long all had chances for Rec. But on 69 minutes WILCOCK got his reward, cleverly flicking in a Toop corner and on 82 Wilcock's run and delivery set up LONG to thump in off the bar, for number six. The scoring was complete on 89 minutes, when MASON darted down the left and fired in a low shot, to make it seven.

FT 0-7.

THURSDAY 14 AUGUST- WESSEX LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Colden Common 1-4 Fleetlands

Reporter: Gary Day

THIS was Colden Common's home Wessex bow; well, not precisely! They can go back to being a Wessex League side between 2004 and 2007, but back then they were in a third division along with almost every other club in the area! Common's step 6 debut brought a defeat at Frimley Green on Saturday and tonight it was another set-back, against a slick Fleetlands outfit.

The Gosport side started well and this practically continued for the whole game, with Common getting a few look ins. Fleetlands took the lead on 10 minutes when, following a pull back, Ollie Page had two attempts at goal, both blocked but the ball ran to George COMBEN to make no mistake with his follow up. Common responded, Ryan Choate's shot was well blocked by defender Harry Shaw, whilst Cal Archer's later effort went just past the far post.

Fleetlands looked the more threatening side though with another Comben effort just missing the far post. Soon after, Fleetlands struck again and Femi Takyi's right-wing cross found Curt ROBBINS at the far post and from a very tight angle and waist high, he connected with a dexterous volley which went over the keeper and in via a kiss off the far post.

Home keeper James Egeland-Jensen was twice called upon to prevent further concession, diving to save from a Comben shot (following good build-up play involving Charlie Cox and Alfie Lis) and, from the corner, he tipped over a Robbins effort. Matt Driver fired at Lewis Watch in the visitors' goal and Brad Lethbridge moved inside but his shot came off the post.

More Fleetlands attacking late in the half as Page's effort was again tipped over by Egeland-Jensen.

HT 0-2

Comben was put through for Fleetlands but would be disappointed to have shot wide, whilst Common's Jimmer Henderson responded but Watch made the low save. Common netted when Alex Vine pulled the ball back from the dead ball line and Matt DRIVER's scuffed shot squeezed just inside the post. The same player almost added a quickfire brace but his distant chip went just over. Fleetlands soon re-opened their two-goal lead when a blinding effort from fully 30-yards by Matt DOUGAN beat the keeper and nestled into the far corner of the net. Fleetlands were getting stronger and Matt Dougan's low shot was cleared on the line, whilst Cox slipped in Lis but the home keeper did well to deflect the shot with his legs.

Joao Ferrera then took a neat touch and found Jamie Winter who was also denied by Egeland-Jensen. Within a minute, Fleetlands added a fourth goal with Cox again involved, his low cross picking out WINTER to be left clear to place the ball home. Keepers were called upon in stoppage time as Egeland-Jensen made up for a clearing error to deny Winter whilst distant shots by Josh Gibson were saved by Watch.

FT 1-4

Fleetlands were more cohesive in all departments – strong in defence, creative in midfield and threatening up top. Common, a dominant force in the Hampshire Premier League, have a bit of work to do; but hey, it's early days. It is a club that possesses an indomitable spirit to bounce back from these two early season setbacks. After all, this wasn't the easiest of starts.

FRIDAY 15 AUGUST- EMIRATES FA CUP PRELIMINARY ROUND

Christchurch 0-3 Tadley Calleva

Reporter: Giles Kilshawe-Fall



CHURCH welcomed Tadley under the lights at Shaftesbury for this Emirates FA Cup Preliminary Round tie and it was the "Romans" who marched, or should that be, hurled their way into the next round after a 3-0 win. [Photo courtesy of Sara Taylor]

The hosts started the quicker with Fin Toghill's early cross being headed out for a corner, on 3 minutes Church were awarded a free kick, the first of many conceded by the visitors, for a cynical foul, Dan Neild shot from 30 yards out with Donnie Burke in the Tadley goal saving comfortably.

The hosts continued to ask questions, both Brad Neal, who was excellent throughout for Tadley and Brad Passfield put in goal saving blocks as the visitors struggled to get out of their own half. On 15 minutes Tadley's Brad Neil launched his trademark exceptionally long throw into the Church penalty box with Jack French heading over from inside the 6 yard box, this was a warning to the hosts! Moments later Ben Rodwell in the home goal got down well to save a Kieran Rodgers shot at his near post.

On 18 minutes, the deadlock was finally broken from another throw in, hurled in by Brad Neal which caused panic in the home defence, with Kieran RODGERS knocking home from close range. Church went again but saw efforts from Fin Toghill go wide of the mark.

With 38 minutes gone, the visitors doubled their lead when, you've guessed it, another Brad Neil throw, was again hurled into the far post with, this time, Brad PASSFIELD bundling home the ball, 0-2. With half time approaching, Donnie Burke in the Tadley goal, was quick to cut out a Finley Toghill cross as the hosts looked to reduce the arrears before the break.

HT 0-2

Christchurch again took the game to their visitors with Donnie Burke clawing away a deep cross from Addwell Chipangura, and again moments later Burke smothered well under pressure. Back came Tadley with Kieran Rodgers heading and then shooting wide in a 5 minute spell. On 58 minutes the home faithful thought they had seen the deficit halved as following excellent build up play a cross along the deck into the Tadley box was swept home by Ben Atiako-Hall, however the joy was short lived as the linesman's flag was raised for Offside, a remarkably close call.

Again Christchurch kept creating with Finley Toghill's effort hitting the base of the post, on 67 minutes Tadley further increased their lead, and again you've guessed it, another Brad Neil long throw was not dealt with effectively by the Church defence with Scott COSTELLO slamming home the loose ball for the visitors. On 75 minutes Addwell Chipangura raced away and shot narrowly wide, Dan Neild saw his shot then saved as the hosts searched for a goal their play deserved. Tadley's Brett Denham then saw his shot saved by Ben Rodwell in the 84th minute, moments later Tadley's Alex Miller was lucky to not see a straight Red for a very poor challenge on Addwell Chipangura which surprisingly only resulted in a Yellow card, and after treatment Addwell wasn't able to continue. And that's the way it stayed as Tadley Calleva progress through to the next round.

FT 0-3

A disappointing evening for the Church who more than matched their opponents and played some decent stuff throughout, however their naivety in the final third on the night was only matched by the nativity in their defending especially from Brad Neal's extremely potent long throw, Tadley played to their very direct strengths, and we wish them the very best in the next round of the FA Cup and for the rest of the season.

SATURDAY 16 AUGUST- EMIRATES FA CUP PRELIMINARY ROUND

AFC Stoneham 1-0 Paulton Rovers

Reporter: Robin Caddy

PAULTON Rovers were the visitors to Stoneham Lane today, in Emirates FA Cup Preliminary Round action. With the visitors having scored 11 goals in 4 games so far this season, AFC Stoneham's defence would be expecting a hard match. Paulton Rovers play in Step 5, in the Western League, and hail from a small town to the south west of Bath. Formed in 1881, they have previously made it as far as the First Round Proper of the FA Cup in 2009/10, when they lost to Norwich City 0-7 on TV.

After a hot sunny week, it was more overcast with a warm gusty wind today, and a crowd of 92 saw the teams emerge from the tunnel. A word on Paulton's kit - at first slightly stomach churning, eventually it grew on the crowd and the vibrant slashes of blue and yellow were certainly a dynamic design.

Both teams started brightly, with Kitan Jaiyeoba, captaining and leading the line for the visitors, looking dynamic and dangerous from the off. Indeed he has already bagged five goals this season and provided most of Rovers goal threat. However it was AFC Stoneham who took an early lead, as Duarte Martins has a shot saved, Ryan CLUETT, who had an excellent game as right wing-back, slots home the loose ball under pressure. Five minutes played, AFC Stoneham 1-0 Paulton Rovers.

There is at times a fairly stiff breeze blowing diagonally across the pitch and a number of times deep crosses hold up in the wind causing some difficulty for the visitors' defence. Numerous times the hosts go close, with more good work from Cluett, and Lewis Nagle performing the same role on the left. The Purps look strong in the middle too, and captain Alex Welch has a number of half-chances in the air and with his feet. Oliver Jenkins is also playing well, but all the while Rovers, and especially Jaiyeoba, are trying hard to make something happen without quite fashioning any really noteworthy chances.

HT 1-0

Stoneham slowly began to take control of the game once more in the second half, a couple of early penalty shouts for Lewis Nagle in the 50th minute were followed up by some decent aerial chances. Then on 58 minutes Brett Williams makes a great run and shot, which Rovers keeper puts behind for a corner. Stoneham change Liam Callaghan for Kelvin Robinson on 61 minutes, and Robinson makes an impact almost right away, making the visiting keeper Alfie Kelsey work hard to claim a cross at the second attempt.

Sid Partridge goes down on 77 minutes under a challenge from Robinson, who is promptly subbed off by Stoneham while the visiting team's physio gets booked while on the pitch treating Partridge, for what appears to be constant dissent towards the ref. This booking happens after a fairly long delay, with around ten minutes to play, and although nothing ever gets out of hand you can feel the game take on a much keener edge from this point.

Rovers are throwing everything forward for the last few minutes - an appeal for a possible penalty goes unheeded, the goalie is going up for corners, Stoneham fans are seriously worried. In the 7th minute of added time a ferocious shot really causes a stir, it looks goal-bound but in the end it doesn't even go out for a throw in let alone a corner.

And then it is all over, Stoneham progress to the next round, while Paulton Rovers will feel that a replay was on the cards towards the end of the game. Dan Miller deserves a mention for the hosts, in particular his aerial prowess at both ends served Stoneham very well, in fact he hit the post with a header in the second half. Player of the match in my view would go to Ryan Cluett, not just for the goal, for a very good performance all round.

FT 1-0

SATURDAY 16 AUGUST- WESSEX LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Andover New Street 1-0 Hamworthy Recreation

Reporter: John Hutchings

REC slipped to their first League defeat in a poor game. The first half was a scrappy, even affair, littered with niggly fouls and virtually no chances. The second half saw little change, but New Street got on top for the last thirty minutes and started to make some chances, eventually taking one a minute from the end from substitute, Kokoszka. It was a disappointing day for Rec, who failed to create a decent chance all game - most unlike them.

The first half is best forgotten - plenty of free-kicks and very little good football, with neither side looking like scoring. Half time couldn't come quick enough.

HT 0-0

The second half started with Lock, for the hosts, weaving his way into the box, but Rec clearing the danger. Then Connor Cocklin, for Rec, hooking a shot over the top, following a long throw.

But then New Street seized the initiative. Hine rounded off a neat move with a header, cleared for a corner. Then Lock played in Dotse to turn and fire just wide, before Dotse was denied by a good save from Rec keeper, Shane Murphy.

For New Street, Herbert was proving a handful for the Rec defence and he went close with a header at the far post, just over the bar.

But just as Rec were happy to settle for a point the hosts struck, on 89 minutes. Herbert, again, was the provider - his low cross drilled in at the far post by KOKOSZKA, to break Rec hearts and earn New Street a deserved win.

FT 1-0

SATURDAY 16 AUGUST- WESSEX LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Wincanton Town 2-2 Brockenhurst

Reporter: Jon Renyard

MAY you live in interesting times... all change at Brock, with the departure of Danny Ackland (thanks for keeping us up last year!) and the appointment of Danny Bowers in an interim capacity. And for his first game, an early-season six-pointer: two clubs who between them had lost every game this season! In the end, both sides took their first point, but both probably felt it was a missed opportunity to take all three against modest opposition.

The match wasn't great, but let's get the mitigations in first - two teams short on form and confidence, playing on a rock-hard dusty pitch which was very uneven in places (and even required running repairs in the first half to fill in a hole). As a result, flowing football was always quite unlikely, and the ball spent a lot of time in the surprisingly strong breeze... it wasn't very pretty.

Brock started well and thought they had taken the lead on 9 minutes with a Steve Walker header from a corner - disallowed by the assistant, no further comment. But it only took three further minutes for the

Badgers to open the scoring, a corner was cleared, played back into the box and headed home by Sam STEEL.

Huff and puff from both sides followed, one sharp save from Valero. 34 minutes, another corner for the Badgers caused chaos, Dylan Walker managed to bring the ball down and from a tight angle clipped the top of the bar. Two minutes later he came close again after a clearance was intercepted and he was through on goal but placed his shot just wide of the near post. Best chance for the Wasps, an intelligent curling shot from Irwin just before the interval which went wide but had Valero beaten. Then came the running repairs mentioned above... and 5 minutes into overtime, another Brock corner, headed in by Luke HOLMES on his debut to give the Badgers a half-time cushion which, in all honesty, they deserved.

HT 0-2

As so often, the team trailing at half-time came out with greater determination after the break, whereas Brock seemed sluggish... it took four minutes for Darren McALASTAIR to beat Steel on the right, get goal side and then run 20 yards unchallenged before placing his shot across Valero into the corner and bring the hosts back into the match.

Two minutes later, McAlastair again, this time on the left – a great run, superbly blocked behind for a corner by Torniainen. And then came the moment of real controversy on 54: another bouncing ball, Sam Steel's foot went up, Joe Beckey's head came down, contact – stonewall yellow card. Inexplicably given as a straight red by the ref, who wasn't having a confident game; it was never a red, and I think he knew it. But the Badgers had to play 35 minutes in the heat with a man short, and that was always going to be a stretch. Liam Macfarlane, excellent for Brock again, cleared one off the line; Valero saved from the lively Andrews, set up by the ever-willing McAlastair.

Brock did have their moments – a Holmes free kick, 25 yards out, no other player in blue anywhere in sight and he hit the post. Time ticking by, 14 to go, strong work from Torniainen, forward to Freddie Beale who cut into the box and his near-post effort was brilliantly turned away by keeper Zak Beard. That could so easily have been 3-1 and game over; instead, within a couple of minutes, it was 2-2 after another Wincanton break led to some pinball in the box and finally AIKHUELE smuggling the ball over the line.

Could either side find a winner? Ultimately no: Beckey headed wide for the Wasps when about three yards out and it looked easier to score. McAlastair with a great turn on the edge of the box but dragged his shot well wide. Another good cross, Jarvis headed wide at the back post. And there was more, with Macfarlane clearing off the line for a second time, 90+5. But try as they might, the Wasps couldn't find the elusive winner.

FT 2-2

SATURDAY 16 AUGUST- WESSEX LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Hamworthy United 0-2 Folland Sports

Reporter: Tony Beck

HAMWORTHY were hoping to bounce back from their disappointing result and performance in midweek. Manager Micky Hubbard made two changes to that starting eleven, Tom Lanham and David Bowmaster stepping in for Neemo Nixon and Brandon Williams. Folland Sports meanwhile, having finished 18th out of 20 in the last campaign, have surprised many by securing maximum points from their opening two games. It was the hosts who edged the early stages, Adam Costello heading David Bowmaster's free-kick just wide on four minutes. United again came close on 16 minutes. Olli Woolley's perfect long cross from the right was nodded back across the goal by George Deem, only to be agonizingly headed just over from two yards by Bailey Rowe.

However the visitors' threat increased as the game progressed, and on 20 minutes the Hammers had a huge slice of luck when Sam Booth's cut-back from the right bye-line found Franke Paige whose first time hit cannoned to safety off the right post. Unfortunately home captain Jake Streams had taken a nasty gash to his right leg in trying to stop the ball across and had to be helped off, the captain's armband going to Deem. The momentum was now all with the visitors, Hamworthy's build-ups becoming rather laboured and easily broken down. Ironically the one time they went route one on 31 minutes it so nearly paid dividends. Butler's goal kick was superbly headed on by Deem to meet the run of Bailey Rowe whose low cross from the left just failed to find a far post connection from Bowmaster.

The Planemakers deservedly took the lead on 38 minutes. Will Butler elected to punch away Vinnie McGee's right sided corner. Unfortunately, the ball only reached the feet of Vaughnie McGEE close to the penalty

spot whose delicate side-footed connection looped into the back of the net. The visitors continued to look in control to the break, creating the better chances, and indeed almost added to their lead where their tall striker Charlie Glasspool headed Paige's corner just wide.

HT 0-1

Hamworthy often move up a gear after the break, but it was only a minute into the restart that their hopes of a second half recovery were to take a huge dent. Follands man Alfie Bailey sent in a low ball along the deck that was touched in by Frankie PAIGE, despite Butler getting a faint foot on the ball.

Even though United still tried to make a fist of it, just as in midweek they were very rarely able to work the keeper. Deem soon headed Brandon Williams' corner just wide. It was not until the 73rd minute that the Planemakers' stopper Theo Widger was forced into his first real save, using his legs well to divert Deem's fierce angled shot out for a corner, this following good work by Jack Hughes. In the very latter stages, Deem could again only put a header from another exquisite Costello free-kick just wide.

It has to be said that, although United did play good football in small patches and had more of the ball in the second period, this must go down as a rather flat performance overall. It was not hard to see why Folland Sports are high up in the table, certainly looking a much more complete outfit than from the two meetings between the clubs last term.

FT 0-2

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- DORSET PREMIER LEAGUE



RESULTS

Tuesday 12 August

Bournemouth Electric 0-0 Hamworthy Recreation Reserves

Bridport Reserves 1-1 Balti Sports

Cobham Sports 6-0 Blandford United

Gillingham Town 1-1 Dorchester Sports

Holt United 1-0 Wimborne Town Reserves

Poole Borough 0-2 Hamworthy United Reserves

Swanage Town & Herston 6-1 Portland United Reserves

Wednesday 13 August

Bournemouth Sports 5-1 Verwood Town

Sherborne Town Reserves 2-0 Westland Sports

Saturday 16 August

Balti Sports 2-0 Hamworthy United Reserves

Bournemouth Electric 2-0 Gillingham Town

Bournemouth Sports 4-0 Bridport Reserves

Cobham Sports 2-0 Westland Sports

Holt United 5-0 Portland United Reserves

Poole Borough 0-3 Dorchester Sports

Sherborne Town Reserves 1-0 Hamworthy Recreation Reserves

Swanage Town & Herston 8-1 Wimborne Town Reserves

Verwood Town 0-2 Blandford United

TABLE

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

FIXTURES**Tuesday 19 August**

Gillingham Town v Verwood Town

Hamworthy United Reserves v Cobham Sports [19:30]

Swanage Town & Herston v Balti Sports

Wednesday 20 August

Dorchester Sports v Sherborne Town Reserves

Saturday 23 August

Balti Sports v Holt United

Dorchester Sports v Bournemouth Sports

Gillingham Town v Swanage Town & Herston

Poole Borough v Blandford United

Portland United Reserves v Cobham Sports

Sherborne Town Reserves v Hamworthy United Reserves

Verwood Town v Bournemouth Electric

Westland Sports v Hamworthy Recreation Reserves

Wimborne Town Reserves v Bridport Reserves

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- UHLSPORT HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE**RESULTS****Tuesday 12 August**

Liss Athletic 2-3 Crofton Saints

Southsea Sports 3-2 Bishops Waltham Dynamos

Stockbridge 2-3 Hook

Whitehill & Bordon 0-3 Denmead

Wednesday 13 August

Meon Milton 0-3 Locks Heath

Saturday 16 August

Bishops Waltham Dynamos 0-1 Broughton

Crofton Saints 4-0 Andover Town

Denmead 2-1 Liphook United
 Liss Athletic 2-1 Hook
 Meon Milton 3-3 AFC Shirley
 Southsea Sports 3-1 Hedge End Rangers
 Stockbridge 1-7 Locks Heath
 Whitehill & Bordon 4-3 Moneyfields Reserves

TABLE

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Denmead	5	4	1	0	15	6	9	13
2	Locks Heath	4	4	0	0	17	3	14	12
3	Crofton Saints	5	3	2	0	14	5	9	11
4	Bishops Waltham Dynamos	5	2	1	2	9	6	3	7
5	Liss Athletic	4	2	1	1	9	6	3	7
6	AFC Shirley	4	2	1	1	9	7	2	7
7	Hook	4	2	0	2	9	8	1	6
8	Broughton	3	2	0	1	6	5	1	6
9	Southsea Sports	4	2	0	2	10	11	-1	6
10	Meon Milton	4	1	2	1	6	7	-1	5
11	Liphook United	4	1	1	2	5	8	-3	4
12	Whitehill and Bordon	5	1	1	3	7	16	-9	4
13	Moneyfields Reserves	4	1	0	3	8	9	-1	3
14	Hedge End Rangers	4	1	0	3	4	7	-3	3
15	Andover Town	3	0	0	3	2	12	-10	0
16	Stockbridge	4	0	0	4	7	21	-14	0

FIXTURES

Saturday 23 August

Broughton v Locks Heath
 Liphook United v Hook
 Stockbridge v Hedge End Rangers
 Whitehill & Bordon v AFC Shirley

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- CORSHAM PRINT WILTSHIRE SENIOR LEAGUE

RESULTS

Tuesday 12 August

Calne Town Reserves 5-4 Down Ampney
 Devizes Town Reserves 3-2 Larkhall Athletic Dev
 Letcombe 0-1 Swindon Supermarine Dev
 Park United 1-1 Faringdon Town
 Pewsey Vale 0-0 Shrewton United

Wednesday 13 August

Melksham Town Reserves 3-1 Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves
 Shrivenham 1-3 Cricklade Town
 Wroughton 2-0 Purton Kingsdown

Saturday 16 August

Cricklade Town 1-6 Shrewton United
 Devizes Town Reserves 1-4 Trowbridge Town
 Down Ampney 1-4 Royal W Bassett Town Dev
 Faringdon Town 2-1 Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves
 Larkhall Athletic Dev 1-1 Letcombe

Melksham Town Reserves 2-0 Shrivenham
Purton Kingsdown 3-3 Pewsey Vale
Swindon Supermarine Dev 3-1 Calne Town Reserves

TABLE

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Swindon Supermarine Dev	5	5	0	0	11	5	6	15
2	Melksham Town Reserves	5	4	0	1	15	7	8	12
3	Faringdon Town	5	2	3	0	9	5	4	9
4	Letcombe	5	2	2	1	10	6	4	8
5	Shrewton United	4	2	1	1	13	4	9	7
6	Larkhall Athletic Dev	4	2	1	1	11	6	5	7
7	Park United	4	2	1	1	9	5	4	7
8	Royal W Bassett Town Dev	4	2	1	1	10	8	2	7
9	Cricklade Town	5	2	1	2	14	17	-3	7
10	Purton Kingsdown	5	2	1	2	9	12	-3	7
11	Pewsey Vale	5	1	3	1	9	5	4	6
12	Down Ampney	5	2	0	3	13	15	-2	6
13	Trowbridge Town	3	1	0	2	4	5	-1	3
14	Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves	4	1	0	3	6	9	-3	3
15	Wroughton	4	1	0	3	5	8	-3	3
16	Shrivenham	5	1	0	4	7	12	-5	3
17	Calne Town Reserves	5	1	0	4	9	22	-13	3
18	Devizes Town Reserves	5	1	0	4	5	18	-13	3

FIXTURES

Tuesday 19 August

Park United v Wroughton

Wednesday 20 August

Larkhall Athletic Dev v Trowbridge Town

Shrivenham v Down Ampney [18:30]

Saturday 23 August

Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves v Park United

Cricklade Town v Devizes Town Reserves

Pewsey Vale v Down Ampney

Purton Kingsdown v Faringdon Town

Royal W Bassett Town Dev v Calne Town Reserves

Shrewton United v Letcombe

Shrivenham v Larkhall Athletic Dev

Wroughton v Melksham Town Reserves

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- HAMPSHIRE COMBINATION & DEVELOPMENT

RESULTS

Tuesday 12 August

UNDER 23 DIVISION 1

Clanfield 1-1 Whiteley Wanderers

Saturday 16 August

DIVISION ONE

Amesbury Town 1-1 Liss Athletic

Clanfield Development 0-3 Hedge End Rangers

Liphook United 2-4 Meon Milton

FIXTURES

Tuesday 19 August

Under 23 Premier Division

AFC Stoneham v Winchester City

Under 23 Division One

Bemerton Heath Harlequins v Folland Sports

Wednesday 20 August

Under 23 Premier Division

Bashley v Fareham Town

Hamble Club v Lymington Town

Under 23 Division One

Clanfield v Romsey Town

Whiteley Wanderers v Blackfield & Langley (*at Gang Warily*)

Saturday 23 August [No fixtures because of Bank Holiday weekend and 'Victorious' festival in Portsmouth]

CLUB NEWS

If you have any items- stories initiatives etc., you wish to include, please do send them in to the Editor.

Couple of milestones passed in the last week or so, first up and having reached 200 appearances is Rhys Crookes for **Hythe & Dibden** and heading west to **Sherborne Town** we hear that Dec Cornish has passed the 150 barrier- notching 48 goals in the process.

On the Isle of Wight Ian Lee has stood down after 25 years in the Chair at **Cowes Sports** whose work and dedication was highlighted in the Yachtsmen's recent Emirates FA Cup programme

Well done gents.

PORTSMOUTH SENIOR CUP- 2025/26

The draw for the 2025/26 competition was made in the week, here is the draw;

First Round

Clanfield	v	Meon Milton
Locks Heath	v	Denmead
Petersfield Town	v	Fleetlands
Southsea Sports	v	Paulsgrove
United Services Portsmouth	v	Mob Albion
United Services Portsmouth Reserves	v	Baffins Milton Rovers

[BYES: AFC Portchester, Fareham Town, Gosport Borough, Havant & Waterlooville, Hayling United, Horndean, Liss Athletic, Moneyfields, Portsmouth, Royal Navy FA]

KEVIN DAWTRY

Sad news from Fawley AFC this week, letting us know that Kevin Dawtry, a former player and Manager there in the Wessex League, passed away on Wednesday after losing his battle with cancer.

Kevin was a former professional with Southampton, AFC Bournemouth and Crystal Palace.

He grew up a stones throw from Fawley's ground and after his professional career he played all of his football locally. He was also manager at Totton & Eling for a few years.

He was recognised as a good coach as well as a gifted footballer and will be missed by all that knew him across the Waterside and beyond.

On behalf of the League I extend sincere condolences to family and friends at this difficult time.

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 moments.
- 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.

THE LAST WORD

A good return for the League in the Emirates FA Cup this afternoon. Three of our clubs are in the hat for the First Round Qualifying draw, which is scheduled to be released on this Monday at around 13:00. Keep an eye on our socials for the news as and when we get it. AFC Stoneham, Hythe & Dibden and Laverstock & Ford are flying the Velocity Sports Wessex flag this time. Commiserations to both Christchurch and New Milton Town who fell at the Preliminary Round hurdle this weekend..

LEAGUE TABLES



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

POS	PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Petersfield Town	4	4	0	0	8	1	7	12	3.000
2	Portland United	4	3	0	1	12	4	8	9	2.250
3	Bournemouth	4	3	0	1	10	6	4	9	2.250
4	Downton	3	2	0	1	7	2	5	6	2.000
5	AFC Stoneham	2	2	0	0	5	1	4	6	3.000
6	Cowes Sports	2	2	0	0	6	3	3	6	3.000
7	Hamworthy Recreation	3	2	0	1	4	1	3	6	2.000
8	Andover New Street	4	2	0	2	3	3	0	6	1.500
9	Hamble Club	2	1	1	0	4	2	2	4	2.000
10	Sherborne Town	3	1	1	1	4	4	0	4	1.333
11	Laverstock & Ford	1	1	0	0	5	0	5	3	3.000
12	Christchurch	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3	3.000
13	Millbrook	4	1	0	3	5	9	-4	3	0.750
14	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	4	0	2	2	2	8	-6	2	0.500
15	Hythe & Dibden	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1	0.500
16	East Cowes Victoria	2	0	1	1	0	5	-5	1	0.500
17	Brockenhurst	4	0	1	3	2	8	-6	1	0.250
18	Wincanton Town	5	0	1	4	5	15	-10	1	0.200
19	New Milton Town	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0	0.000
20	Baffins Milton Rovers	3	0	0	3	2	10	-8	0	0.000

POS	DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Whitchurch United	4	4	0	0	16	3	13	12	3.000
2	Romsey Town	4	3	1	0	12	5	7	10	2.500
3	Folland Sports	3	3	0	0	9	1	8	9	3.000
4	Ash United	3	3	0	0	7	3	4	9	3.000
5	Ringwood Town	4	3	0	1	11	8	3	9	2.250
6	Fleetlands	4	2	1	1	8	5	3	7	1.750
7	Alresford Town	4	2	1	1	8	6	2	7	1.750
8	Frimley Green	2	2	0	0	8	3	5	6	3.000
9	Kintbury Rangers	4	1	2	1	7	6	1	5	1.250
10	Clanfield	3	1	1	1	3	3	0	4	1.333
11	Amesbury Town	4	1	1	2	5	7	-2	4	1.000
12	Blackfield & Langley	4	1	1	2	4	8	-4	4	1.000
13	Hamworthy United	3	1	0	2	4	4	0	3	1.000
14	Colden Common	3	1	0	2	7	11	-4	3	1.000
15	United Services Portsmouth	3	1	0	2	5	12	-7	3	1.000
16	AFC Aldermaston	2	0	2	0	3	3	0	2	1.000
17	Cove	3	0	2	1	4	6	-2	2	0.667
18	Lymington Town	2	0	1	1	3	5	-2	1	0.500
19	Fawley AFC	4	0	1	3	2	9	-7	1	0.250
20	Yateley United	3	0	0	3	5	11	-6	0	0.000
21	Totton & Eling	3	0	0	3	4	10	-6	0	0.000
22	Newport (IoW)	3	0	0	3	2	8	-6	0	0.000

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Reproduced courtesy of Ian Grainger, Romsey Town (yellow) hit three without reply at Alresford Town this afternoon in a Division One clash.



Despite the sun it was a windy Long Lane this afternoon for the visit of Yateley United (green and white) in a Division One clash against Ringwood Town. The hosts ran out as 5-1 winners.



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