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WELCOME

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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



Midweek action from Hythe & Dibden (green) against Christchurch in the League Cup. Christchurch went through 7-6 on penalties after it ended one apiece after 90 minutes. Thanks to Sara Taylor for the picture

STAT ATTACK

TOP SIX LEADING GOALSCORERS - LEAGUE GAMES ONLY

PREMIER DIVISION

Greg Borthwick	Portland United	7
Duarte Martins	AFC Stoneham	4
Harry McGrath	New Milton Town	4
Tom Moseley	Laverstock & Ford	4
Max Wilcock	Hamworthy Recreation	4
[ten on]	-	3

DIVISION ONE

Bailey Rowe	Hamworthy United	7
Lee Vint	Ringwood Town	6
Harry Edmondson	Romsey Town	5
Danilo Pereira	Whitchurch United	5
Tyler Field	Whitchurch United	4
Alex Fragata	Whitchurch United	4

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

PREMIER DIVISION

			<i>Top six league attendances</i>	
Brockenhurst	vs	Petersfield Town	234	29 July
Cowes Sports	vs	New Milton Town	190	6 September
Cowes Sports	vs	Baffins Milton Rovers	187	29 July
Downton	vs	AFC Stoneham	185	6 September
Portland United	vs	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	181	16 August
Andover New Street	vs	Baffins Milton Rovers	179	6 September

DIVISION ONE

			<i>Top six league attendances</i>	
Yateley United	vs	Frimley Green	226	2 September
Whitchurch United	vs	United Services Portsmouth	180	9 August
Fawley AFC	vs	Amesbury Town	171	29 August
Whitchurch United	vs	Amesbury Town	155	6 August
Whitchurch United	vs	Newport IOW	152	16 August
Newport IOW	vs	Lymington Town	149	30 August

PREMIER DIVISION

Sharpest Attack

Portland United	16
AFC Stoneham	14
Bournemouth	14

Meanest Defence

Hamble Club	2
Laverstock & Ford	3
Petersfield Town	4

Goals scored per Game

Laverstock & Ford	4.000
AFC Stoneham	2.800
Hamble Club	2.750

DIVISION ONE

Sharpest Attack

Whitchurch United	24
Folland Sports	18
[two on]	16

Meanest Defence

Romsey Town	5
Whitchurch United	5
Fleetlands	6

Goals scored per Game

Whitchurch United	4.000
Colden Common	3.200
Folland Sports	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	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	vs	Hamble Club	0-4	6 September

DIVISION ONE – HIGH SCORES

Home win	Whitchurch United	vs	U.S. Portsmouth	9-0	9 August
Away win	Kintbury Rangers	vs	Colden Common	1-6	6 September

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FIXTURES – 2025/26

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

Tuesday 9 September

Hampshire Servio Senior Cup Second Round

AFC Stoneham v Sholing
Andover New Street v Aldershot Town
Baffins Milton Rovers v AFC Portchester
Eversley & California v Millbrook
Hamble Club v AFC Bournemouth
Horndean v Brockenhurst
Romsey Town v Portsmouth

Berks & Bucks Senior Cup First Round

Abingdon United v Kintbury Rangers

Velocity Wessex League Cup Second Round

Blackfield & Langley v Cowes Sports [19:15]

Premier Division

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

Wednesday 10 September

Hampshire Servio Senior Cup Second Round

Havant & Waterlooville v Colden Common
Whitchurch United v Bournemouth

Berks & Bucks Senior Cup First Round

AFC Aldermaston v Langley

Southampton Senior Cup First Round

New Milton Town v Hedge End Town

Saturday 13 September

Emirates FA Cup Second Round Qualifying

Salisbury v Laverstock & Ford

Premier Division

AFC Stoneham v Christchurch
Bournemouth v Bemerton Heath H'quins
Brockenhurst v Baffins Milton Rovers
Hamble Club v Millbrook
Hamworthy Recreation v Cowes Sports
Hythe & Dibden v Portland United
New Milton Town v Andover New Street
Petersfield Town v Wincanton Town
Sherborne Town v Downton

Division One

AFC Aldermaston v Totton & Eling
Alresford Town v Lymington Town
Amesbury Town v Colden Common
Clanfield v Kintbury Rangers
Cove v Romsey Town
Fleetlands v Fawley AFC
Hamworthy United v Ash United
Newport (IoW) v Ringwood Town

U.S. Portsmouth v Yateley United

Whitchurch United v Folland Sports

Tuesday 16 September

Velocity Wessex League Cup Second Round

Brockenhurst v Yateley United

Division One

U.S. Portsmouth v Clanfield

Southampton Senior Cup First Round

Ringwood Town v Colden Common

Romsey Town v Lymington Town

Southampton Senior Cup Second Round

AFC Stoneham v Sway Reserves

Downton v Stockbridge

Portsmouth Senior Cup First Round

US Portsmouth Reserves v Baffins Milton Rovers

Saturday 20 September

Isuzu FA Vase Second Round Qualifying

Abbey Rangers v Frimley Green

Cove v Alton

Cowes Sports v New Milton Town

Devizes Town v AFC Aldermaston

Fawley AFC v Portland United

Hamble Club v Baffins Milton Rovers

Hamworthy Recreation v Midhurst & Easebourne

Hythe & Dibden v Lymington Town

Infinity v Christchurch

Laverstock & Ford v Totton & Eling

Millbrook v Folland Sports

Selsey v Amesbury Town

Sherborne Town v East Cowes Victoria

Sturminster Newton v Newport (IoW)

Warminster Town v Hamworthy United

Whitchurch United v Bournemouth

Premier Division

Andover New Street v Brockenhurst

Petersfield Town v AFC Stoneham

Wincanton Town v Downton

Division One

Alresford Town v Yateley United

Blackfield & Langley v U.S. Portsmouth

Clanfield v Colden Common

Ringwood Town v Kintbury Rangers

Romsey Town v Fleetlands

Tuesday 23 September

Hampshire Servio Senior Cup First Round

Alresford Town v Army FA

Hampshire Servio Senior Cup Second Round

Petersfield Town v Southampton

Southampton Senior Cup Second Round

AFC Stoneham Reserves v Fawley AFC

Premier Division

Baffins Milton Rovers v East Cowes Victoria
Christchurch v Hamworthy Recreation

Division One

Lymington Town v Ringwood Town
Newport (IoW) v Fleetlands

Thursday 25 September

Velocity Wessex League Cup Second Round

Colden Common v Portland United

Saturday 27 September

Emirates FA Cup Third Round Qualifying

Premier Division

AFC Stoneham v Bemerton Heath H'quins
Bournemouth v Baffins Milton Rovers
Brockenhurst v Cowes Sports
East Cowes Victoria v Millbrook
Hamble Club v Wincanton Town
Hamworthy Recreation v Laverstock & Ford
Hythe & Dibden v Andover New Street
New Milton Town v Downton

Petersfield Town v Portland United
Sherborne Town v Christchurch

Division One

AFC Aldermaston v U.S. Portsmouth
Ash United v Amesbury Town
Colden Common v Romsey Town
Cove v Clanfield
Fleetlands v Totton & Eling

Hamworthy United v Whitchurch United
Kintbury Rangers v Blackfield & Langley
Lymington Town v Frimley Green
Newport (IoW) v Alresford Town
Ringwood Town v Folland Sports
Yateley United v Fawley AFC

Monday 29 September

Division One

Totton & Eling v Fawley AFC

Tuesday 30 September

Velocity Wessex League Cup Second Round

Fleetlands v Hamworthy United
Laverstock & Ford v Petersfield Town
Hamworthy Recreation v Wincanton Town
Millbrook v Ringwood Town

Premier Division

Bemerton Heath H'quins v Sherborne Town
Cowes Sports v AFC Stoneham

Division One

Frimley Green v Ash United
Romsey Town v Amesbury Town
U.S. Portsmouth v Colden Common

Southampton Senior Cup First Round

Christchurch v Folland Sports Reserves

Southampton Senior Cup Second Round

Hamble Club v Hedge End Rangers Reserves

CLUB NEWS

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

Finlay Scott is a new member of the Centurion club, having made his 100th appearance for **Yateley United** recently.

RUSSELL-COTES CUP- 2025/26

First Round

Andover New Street	v	Whitchurch United
Bashley	v	Laverstock & Ford
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	v	Christchurch
Brockenhurst	v	Totton & Eling
Clanfield	v	Folland Sports
Colden Common	v	Blackfield & Langley
East Cowes Victoria	v	Baffins Milton Rovers
Eversley & California	v	AFC Stoneham
Fawley AFC	v	Hamble Club
Fleetlands	v	Bishops Waltham Dynamos
Millbrook	v	Ringwood Town
New Milton Town	v	Hythe & Dibden
Romsey Town	v	Fareham Town
United Services Portsmouth	v	Liss Athletic

The draw for this competition has been made, dates to be confirmed. With 14 winners, there are two other teams involved, and they receive byes, namely Locks Heath and Lymington Town.

ADOBE WOMEN'S FA CUP- 2025/26

First Round Qualifying [7 September] *Sherborne Town are exempt to the Second Round Qualifying.*

AFC Stoneham	v	Hassocks
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	v	Bournemouth
Bursledon	v	United Services Portsmouth
Frimley Green	v	Royal Wootton Bassett Town
Pagham	v	Andover New Street
Three Bridges	v	Millbrook
Yateley United	v	Wallingford & Crowmarsh

RESULTS

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

Tuesday 2 September

Velocity Wessex League Cup First Round

Alresford Town	0-1	Ringwood Town	69
		<i>Brodie Yates 4</i>	
Lymington Town	0-5	Baffins Milton Rovers	55
		<i>OG 10</i>	
		<i>Florjet Vucaj 43, 67</i>	
		<i>David Smith-Alferez 73, 85</i>	
Petersfield Town	5-0	Kintbury Rangers	117
<i>Kian Towse 1</i>			
<i>Harrison Hide 19</i>			
<i>Bob Tudway 50, 75</i>			
<i>Iggy Cake 79</i>			

Velocity Wessex League Cup Second Round

AFC Stoneham	3-2	Clanfield	92
<i>Duarte Martins 35, 56, 76</i>		<i>Harry Willis 30</i>	
		<i>Jordan Rayment 56</i>	
Amesbury Town	3-3	AFC Aldermaston	68
<i>Arran Moore</i>		<i>[4-5 on penalties]</i>	
<i>Jack Vallis [2]</i>		<i>Charlie Davis 44</i>	
		<i>Matt Butler 50</i>	
		<i>Vandyic Addai 73</i>	
Christchurch	1-1	Hythe & Dibden	71
<i>[7-6 on penalties]</i>		<i>Rob Flooks 32</i>	
<i>Fin Toghill 19 pen</i>			
Cove	2-2	Sherborne Town	93
<i>[5-3 on penalties]</i>		<i>Alex Murphy [2]</i>	
<i>Jack Melbourne</i>			
<i>Mark Fawley</i>			

Premier Division

Downton	1-1	Bournemouth	124
<i>Luke Delaney 87 pen</i>		<i>Joe Roberts 9</i>	

Division One

Folland Sports	0-2	Ash United	89
		<i>Ryan Lopez 36</i>	
		<i>Morris Musselwhite 76 pen</i>	

Yateley United <i>Alex Bourne 54</i>	1-1	Frimley Green <i>George Keenan 65 pen</i>	226
Southampton Senior Cup First Round			
Brockenhurst <i>Liam McFarlane 10</i> <i>Jamie Burgess 68</i> <i>Toby Colmer 70</i> <i>Omarion Mason 80. 86</i>	5-0	Lyndhurst	144
Millbrook <i>Ryan Batley</i> <i>Scott Hills</i> <i>Jamie White</i>	3-2	AFC Netley <i>Harry Higby</i> <i>Ryan Lambert</i>	83
Southampton Senior Cup Second Round			
Bemerton Heath Harlequins <i>[Visitors unable to raise side- game forfeited]</i>	H-W	Sway	-
FA Youth Cup Preliminary Round			
Weymouth	1-2	Bournemouth	*
Wednesday 3 September			
Premier Division			
New Milton Town <i>Harry McGrath 20</i> <i>Brad Snelling 26</i> <i>Harry Morgan 43</i>	3-3	Laverstock & Ford <i>Cameron Roach 5</i> <i>Archie Lovegrove 45</i> <i>Tom Moseley 57</i>	141
FA Youth Cup Preliminary Round			
Hamworthy Recreation	5-2	Poole Town	69
Petersfield Town	0-1	Alton	117
Portland United	3-0	Millbrook	61
Thursday 4 September			
FA Youth Cup Preliminary Round			
Brockenhurst	2-0	Fareham Town	134
Friday 5 September			
FA Youth Cup Preliminary Round			
Sholing	2-4	AFC Stoneham	*
Saturday 6 September			
Premier Division			
Andover New Street <i>George Higgins 48</i>	1-1	Baffins Milton Rovers <i>Lewis Beale 45+3</i>	179
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	0-4	Hamble Club <i>James Johnson 13</i> <i>Sol Mazi 45</i> <i>Harry Hamilton 52</i> <i>Jack Francis 80</i>	*
Cowes Sports <i>Jared Tout-Walters 5</i> <i>Fin Phillips 35</i> <i>Scott McFarlane 65, 71 pen</i>	4-0	New Milton Town	190
Downton <i>Connor Ford 1</i> <i>Luke Delaney 35</i>	2-4	AFC Stoneham <i>Oliver Jenkins 31, 48</i> <i>Liam Callaghan 63</i> <i>Alex Welch 87</i>	185

East Cowes Victoria <i>Caleb Neale 56</i> <i>Connor Kelly 87</i>	2-1	Christchurch <i>Joe Freak 65</i>	135
Hamworthy Recreation	0-2	Petersfield Town <i>Bob Tudway 37</i> <i>Harrison Cable 45</i>	66
Laverstock & Ford <i>Lewis Wakeford</i> <i>Harvey Roberts</i> <i>Cameron Roach [2]</i>	4-0	Bournemouth	110
Millbrook	1-0	Sherborne Town	118
Portland United <i>Greg Borthiwick 35</i> <i>Remus Nixon 90</i>	2-0	Brockenhurst	160
Wincanton Town <i>Callum Thompson 4</i> <i>Sean Markey 82</i>	2-2	Hythe & Dibden <i>Ollie Davies [2]</i>	80
Division One			
Amesbury Town	A-A	Alresford Town	
Ash United <i>Freddie Jones</i> <i>OG</i> <i>Tom Whitby [pen]</i>	3-3	Clanfield <i>Brendan Ebireri [2]</i> <i>Joe Briggs</i>	74
Fawley AFC <i>Robbie Stapleton 37</i>	1-1	AFC Aldermaston <i>Jacob Wallace 8</i>	43
Folland Sports <i>Alfie Bailey</i> <i>Sam Booth</i> <i>Charlie Glasspool [2]</i> <i>Remi Texeira</i> <i>Brad Hayward</i> <i>Angelo Harris</i>	7-0	Blackfield & Langley	50
Frimley Green <i>Josh Smith 2</i>	1-2	Fleetlands <i>Curt Robbins 63, 90</i>	*
Hamworthy United <i>Bailey Rowe 22</i>	1-3	Cove <i>Jack Melbourne 12</i> <i>Ash Upson 28</i> <i>Charlie Oakley 76</i>	90
Kintbury Rangers <i>Elliot Weaving 75</i>	1-6	Colden Common <i>Jimmy Walters 22</i> <i>Sam Middleton 34</i> <i>Alex Vine 49</i> <i>Ben Sunley 61, 70</i> <i>Joah Harvey-Gray 87</i>	79
Lymington Town *	2-4	Whitchurch United <i>Tyrell Reid [3]</i> <i>Tyler Field</i>	86
Romsey Town <i>Harry Edmondson [2]</i>	2-0	Ringwood Town	144

United Services Portsmouth <i>Fred Penfold</i> <i>Tyler Burns</i>	2-0	Totton & Eling	51
Yateley United <i>Joao Jardim 6, 23</i>	2-3	Newport (IoW) <i>Harry Taylor 22</i> <i>Ji Nash 49, 56</i>	115

POST MATCH ADMINISTRATION

With the season now fully underway may I please remind Clubs of their responsibilities with regard to the reporting of match results and attendances, most Clubs provide the information in a timely manner and we're grateful for that, but unfortunately there are the same few who have to be chased to provide all of the relevant information within the time scale required.

Please see the following extract from the League Management Directives and comply with the Directive moving forward:-

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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 2 SEPTEMBER

Southampton Senior Cup First Round- Brockenhurst 5-0 Lyndhurst

Jon Renyard was pitchside

A genuine rarity: a game for Brock against their closest neighbours, Lyndhurst FC from the Southampton Saturday League, played out in front of newly-appointed manager Steve Devlin. I wonder what he made of it all...

Excellent crowd of 144, including many visiting fans, and while the final score looks lopsided, it took the Badgers a long time to put this one to bed. Indeed the green-and-blacks actually had the first shot of the match, after 33 seconds (weak and straight at keeper Puleo), and the visitors didn't start badly. They fell behind on ten minutes – a corner headed goalwards by Steve Walker, tipped over the bar by Schultze, second corner headed back across by Walker and landing at the feet of Liam MACFARLANE who duly obliged.

However, the floodgates did not open. The Lyndhurst defence stood firm, blocking crosses and shots, heading away, and maybe sometimes getting a bit lucky (Rossi hitting the post, Dylan Walker shooting over from the angle, off balance, having beaten the keeper; Dylan scoring but ruled offside) – and one decent save from a Rossi shot just before the break. In between, Cameron Morgan hit a piledriver of a shot for the visitors, parried by Puleo who just reached the loose ball before Hartley.

Not, overall, an inspiring half of football.

HT 1-0

The Badgers had looked a bit too casual in the first half, but the start of the second half was almost a catastrophe – 15 seconds in, Channell sloppy in gifting the ball to Morgan who brushed aside a weak tackle

from Walker and was clean through on goal – Puleo saved with his legs and the ball went behind for a corner. That should have been 1-1, and who knows what might have happened. 51 minutes and a quick throw, Morgan set up Ryan Hartley (best Lyndhurst player by some distance) and his cross-shot went wide of the goal.

Meanwhile the visitors continued to defend stoutly, Bedford with a great interception in his own box, and too many headed clearances to count... Rossi headed over when free at the back post... and then on 65, calamity for Lyndhurst, Jamie-Jay Burgess with yet another great run down the right, taken down a couple of inches outside the box but this brought a slightly unlucky second yellow for Andy Huggett, and hence marching orders. Tough for ten men, tougher three minutes later when a BURGESS shot pinballed around in the six-yard box and slowly spun back over the line for what might have been an own goal. No idea who it came off last but it seemed to hit at least three Lyndhurst players on the way.

Two minutes after that, Toby COLMER shot from the edge of the box into the far corner to extend the lead to three, and that was always going to be more than enough. Predictably the visitors started to tire, and the Badgers were finding space all over the pitch. Credit to Morgan, worked himself into the ground, but the chances were mounting for Brock and Omarion MASON scored twice (80th and 86 minutes) and then headed over from seven yards in injury time.

FT 5-0

SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

Premier Division- Portland United 2-0 Brockenhurst

Jon Renyard was pitchside

THE annual trip across Dorset to the Isle of Portland for Brock. I hardly need to say that there was a stiff breeze because, well, it's Portland! First match in charge for new manager Steve Devlin, what would he have up his sleeve?

A quietly watchable game, teams quite evenly matched – and I say “quietly” because, on reflection, there was remarkably little goalmouth action over the course of the 90 minutes. The excellence of the pitch (top marks to the Portland groundsman!) nullified by that stiff breeze which made accuracy particularly difficult. The Badgers did have an effort after 90 seconds, Torniainen from the best part of 30 yards just clearing the bar, and Beale and Burgess were combining well down the right without quite finding the right final cross. At the other end, a nervous moment on 23 minutes when a back-pass fell short of Valero, and Steel had to cover urgently. A couple more crosses from Beale, a couple more interceptions ahead of Walker – Brock were looking light up front, and they were punished on 35 minutes when Patrick Jenkins, dangerous on the left all afternoon, beat Burgess on the byline, his shot was blocked back to him and his second, blocked again, fell to Greg BORTHWICK and he scored from close range.

A second might have followed shortly after when Brock's defence was confused by the swirling wind, Borthwick nodded down and Nixon shot from the edge of the box, drawing a diving save from Valero. Still time for another mazy run from Beale but he pulled his shot wide from the edge of the box.

HT 2-0

Brock started the second half with their best move of the game, another Beale-Burgess combination with a low cross to the near post, Toby Colmer arriving but putting his shot just wide. For the hosts, Josh Camp hooked a shot wide from 20 yards (a great strike); Jenkins stormed down the left and put in a great cross which Borthwick couldn't quite reach... but the two defences were on top, and while there were some nice combinations and some decent ideas from both sides, neither really looked close to troubling the respective keepers.

Until finally, with 4 minutes left, a powerful shot was blocked by Valero, rebounding to Jenkins but he could only loop his attempt back to the keeper. And then two minutes from time, Dugdale lost the ball in his own half, Torniainen made a challenge, Coombs played the proverbial sack of spuds and the ref awarded a penalty. Maybe I'm being unkind; it did look soft, but the ref was good all afternoon and I didn't hear many Brockers complaining when we got a soft one last week. Either way, NIXON scored; it changed the scoreline but not the result, which by that stage was always going to be a home win.

FT 2-0

SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

Premier Division- Hamworthy Recreation 0-2 Petersfield Town

John Hutchings was pitchside

A bad day at the office for Rec, as they paid the price for two bad defensive mistakes. Rec were the better side for the opening thirty minutes but failed to mark their superiority with a goal. Petersfield defended well when under pressure and produced two goals in the last 10 minutes of the first half, which won them the game. Rec's cause was not helped when Aaron Roberts picked up a second yellow at the start of the second half, which made the task even more difficult.

Rec started well and Eddie Hodge played a neat 1-2 with Max Wilcock, but saw his shot saved by Grant, in the Petersfield goal. Then Tom Fu swung over a great cross which was headed away for a corner, before Wilcock cut in and shot, but again, easily saved by Grant. Wilcock's header was blocked by a defender, with Ben Satterley heading the follow up past the post.

After being under pressure Petersfield stunned Rec with a goal, on 36 minutes. Webb launched a long throw into the box. Rec failed to deal with it and Bob TUDWAY was at the far post to head in.

There were more problems for Rec right on the interval, when Kimber's free-kick was headed back across goal for Harrison CABLE to bundle the ball in, on the line.

HT 0-2

Within a few minutes of the restart Rec were a man down, with Roberts' dismissal. Sub, Chris Long came on and was immediately in the action, poking a ball from Hodge just past the post. Sean Wright tried his luck from distance, again, just wide, as Rec sensed this was not to be their day.

The Rams then missed a chance of a third, when Cable played in Kimber, who blazed over. Rec had a spell of late pressure, with a succession of corners, but the Rams defence were in superb form and dealt with all Rec could muster. The last chance fell to Satterley, who fired high over the bar, to sum up Rec's day.

FT 0-2

SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

Division One- Hamworthy United 1-3 Cove

Tony Beck was pitchside

HAMWORTHY were looking for more consistency, their overall return of 7 points from 6 games (all but one at home) being a touch disappointing. Cove, currently on a good spell, were just three places below the Hammers but had played two games less. With some players unavailable, United made three changes from the previous weekend, with former Hammer Nic Jones, now 38, donning the gloves. Josh Malpas returned to the bench, still not quite match fit and lacking match minutes.

The first major chance fell to the hosts on 6 minutes, a measured over the top ball by Jamie Ross finding the advancing Tyler Rudd whose effort was ably smothered by the legs of the Cove keeper Stuart Norman.

It was the "Wasps" though who were to sting United on 12 minutes when a rising Jack MELBOURNE's unchallenged header to a cross from the right crept in at the far post. Assisted by the heavy wind towards the school end, the visitors were now creating the sharper chances. Jones saved well with his legs from a clean through Will Peters, before a hard driven shot by Charlie Oakley passed just wide.

It was somewhat against the run of play when the Hammers were back on terms on 22 minutes with a well worked goal. Bailey ROWE moving quickly forward picked up a masterful return ball from Jack Delves, before rounding the keeper and slotting firmly home from a not too easy angle.

United were again to be undone on 28 minutes by a rather freak goal. A long ball from the deep was optimistically headed goalwards by an unmarked Ash UPSON. It appeared to be drifting high and wide, but, caught by a sudden gust of wind, the ball sailed over the head of the stranded Jones before dropping into the far corner of the net.

It was the Hammers who looked the more threatening leading up to the interval, and, although they could not get back on terms again, they at least would have the wind in their backs after half time.

HT 1-2

Similar to last week, most of the second half pressure came from United, with Cove restricted to just the odd break forward. Unlike last week though, the Hammers were just unable to find the net. Among their best chances, substitute Josh Malpas' teasing cross was struck just over by Rowe under pressure from Cove captain Ryan Jones, both hitting the deck injured in their call of duty. Another fine cross by Jack King-

Phillips was headed back across goal by Rowe, Malpas just unable to connect firmly enough with a diving header.

United though were to fall to a sucker punch on 76 minutes. Jones' under-hit goal-kick only made it as far as Charlie OAKLEY, who, in plenty of space, was able to drive the ball forward and slot it easily past the advancing keeper. Two minutes later Jones redeemed himself with another fine save with his legs from the same player, superbly played in by George Gill.

Hamworthy continued to give it their best shot, but finding two more goals always looked too tall an order. Too many crosses were put into areas too easily defended, few finding the heads of their own players. United work hard for their goals they do get but this counts for nothing while they concede so many so needlessly. Indeed but for some good saves by Jones (despite his one mistake) the margin of defeat could actually have been greater. On a positive note praise must again go to Jamie Ross for the way he won many loose balls and set up some promising attacks.

FT 1-3

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

Saturday 6 September

Balti Sports 3-2 Gillingham Town
Blandford United 3-0 Holt United
Bridport Reserves 3-3 Poole Borough
Cobham Sports 6-0 Swanage Town & Herston
Dorchester Sports 2-1 Bournemouth Electric
Sherborne Town Reserves 1-3 Portland United Reserves
Verwood Town 0-1 Hamworthy Recreation Reserves
Westland Sports 2-2 Bournemouth Sports
Wimborne Town Reserves 2-3 Hamworthy United Reserves

TABLE

POS	DORSET PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Cobham Sports	7	6	1	0	31	3	28	19
2	Bournemouth Electric	7	5	1	1	20	6	14	16
3	Holt United	7	5	0	2	12	8	4	15
4	Bournemouth Sports	7	4	2	1	22	9	13	14
5	Swanage Town & Herston	7	4	2	1	21	13	8	14
6	Dorchester Sports	7	4	2	1	15	7	8	14
7	Blandford United	6	4	0	2	13	9	4	12
8	Balti Sports	7	3	2	2	17	10	7	11
9	Hamworthy United Reserves	7	3	0	4	10	18	-8	9
10	Sherborne Town Reserves	7	3	0	4	8	16	-8	9
11	Hamworthy Recreation Reserves	6	2	2	2	3	9	-6	8
12	Verwood Town	7	2	1	4	8	14	-6	7
13	Wimborne Town Reserves	6	2	0	4	13	22	-9	6
14	Westland Sports	6	1	1	4	9	11	-2	4
15	Portland United Reserves	6	1	1	4	6	19	-13	4
16	Bridport Reserves	6	0	3	3	7	19	-12	3
17	Gillingham Town	7	0	2	5	9	15	-6	2
18	Poole Borough	7	0	2	5	3	19	-16	2

FIXTURES

Wednesday 10 September

Hamworthy Recreation Reserves v Cobham Sports

Wimborne Town Reserves v Gillingham Town [19:30] [League Cup First Round]

Saturday 13 September

Balti Sports v Wimborne Town Reserves

Blandford United v Dorchester Sports

Bournemouth Electric v Swanage Town & Herston

Bournemouth Sports v Sherborne Town Reserves

Gillingham Town v Hamworthy Recreation Reserves

Holt United v Cobham Sports

Poole Borough v Verwood Town

Portland United Reserves v Hamworthy United Reserves

Westland Sports v Bridport Reserves

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- UHLSPORT HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

RESULTS

Tuesday 2 September

Andover Town 2-2 Hook

Saturday 6 September

League Cup First Round

AFC Netley 5-1 Andover Town

AFC Shirley 2-1 Whiteley Wanderers

Bishops Waltham Dynamos 2-5 Locks Heath

Broughton 2-0 Mob Albion

Hayling United 1-2 Liss Athletic

Hedge End Rangers 7-1 Headley United

Hook 5-0 Moneyfields Reserves

Meon Milton 3-4 Crofton Saints

Paulsgrove 3-3 Liphook United

Rushmoor Community 2-5 Denmead

Southsea Sports 4-0 Stockbridge

Whitehill & Bordon 1-0 Silchester Village

TABLE

POS	HAMPSHIRE PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Denmead	6	5	1	0	24	7	17	16
2	AFC Shirley	7	5	1	1	15	9	6	16
3	Locks Heath	6	5	0	1	21	5	16	15
4	Crofton Saints	7	4	3	0	17	7	10	15
5	Liss Athletic	6	4	1	1	15	6	9	13
6	Meon Milton	6	3	2	1	10	8	2	11
7	Bishops Waltham Dynamos	7	3	1	3	14	11	3	10
8	Hook	8	3	1	4	17	17	0	10
9	Whitehill and Bordon	8	3	1	4	13	22	-9	10
10	Southsea Sports	7	2	1	4	12	15	-3	7
11	Broughton	6	2	1	3	10	13	-3	7
12	Moneyfields Reserves	5	2	0	3	12	11	1	6
13	Hedge End Rangers	6	1	2	3	6	9	-3	5
14	Liphook United	7	1	1	5	7	17	-10	4
15	Stockbridge	8	1	1	6	14	31	-17	4
16	Andover Town	6	0	1	5	5	24	-19	1

FIXTURES

Tuesday 9 September

Andover Town v Broughton
Hedge End Rangers v Liphook United [at Sholing]
Moneyfields Reserves v AFC Shirley
Clanfield v Meon Milton [Portsmouth Senior Cup First Round]

Saturday 13 September

AFC Shirley v Liss Athletic
Broughton v Meon Milton
Crofton Saints v Bishops Waltham Dynamos
Hedge End Rangers v Andover Town [at Sholing]
Hook v Moneyfields Reserves
Southsea Sports v Paulsgrove [14:00] [Portsmouth Senior Cup First Round]
Stockbridge v Whitehill & Bordon
Locks Heath v Denmead [Portsmouth Senior Cup First Round]

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- CORSHAM PRINT WILTSHIRE SENIOR LEAGUE

RESULTS

Tuesday 2 September

Calne Town Reserves 1-5 Cricklade Town
Devizes Town Reserves 1-3 Wroughton
Faringdon Town 0-2 Swindon Supermarine Development

Saturday 6 September

Cricklade Town 0-1 Royal Wootton Bassett Town Development
Devizes Town Reserves 2-3 Down Ampney
Larkhall Athletic Dev 2-0 Faringdon Town
Melksham Town Reserves 4-1 Trowbridge Town
Pewsey Vale 4-0 Shrivenham
Purton Kingsdown 3-2 Calne Town Reserves
Shrewton United 3-1 Park United
Swindon Supermarine Development 2-1 Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves
Wroughton 0-3 Letcombe

TABLE

POS	WILTSHIRE SENIOR	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Swindon Supermarine Dev	7	7	0	0	15	6	9	21
2	Larkhall Athletic Dev	9	6	2	1	25	9	16	20
3	Melksham Town Reserves	9	6	2	1	25	12	13	20
4	Faringdon Town	10	4	4	2	14	12	2	16
5	Letcombe	9	4	3	2	16	13	3	15
6	Shrewton United	7	4	2	1	23	7	16	14
7	Royal W Bassett Town Dev	8	4	2	2	18	13	5	14
8	Cricklade Town	10	4	2	4	27	24	3	14
9	Pewsey Vale	9	3	4	2	18	10	8	13
10	Purton Kingsdown	8	3	2	3	14	17	-3	11
11	Down Ampney	10	3	2	5	21	25	-4	11
12	Park United	9	3	1	5	14	16	-2	10
13	Wroughton	8	3	1	4	11	14	-3	10
14	Shrivenham	10	3	0	7	14	24	-10	9
15	Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves	8	2	1	5	11	14	-3	7
16	Devizes Town Reserves	10	2	1	7	12	30	-18	7
17	Calne Town Reserves	10	1	2	7	17	37	-20	5
18	Trowbridge Town	7	1	1	5	7	19	-12	4

FIXTURES

Tuesday 9 September

Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves v Shrewton United
Royal Wootton Bassett Town Development v Trowbridge Town

Wednesday 10 September

Larkhall Athletic Development v Park United
Melksham Town Reserves v Purton Kingsdown
Swindon Supermarine Development v Wroughton

Saturday 13 September

Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves v Purton Kingsdown
Calne Town Reserves v Wroughton
Cricklade Town v Pewsey Vale
Down Ampney v Larkhall Athletic Development
Faringdon Town v Shrewton United
Letcombe v Devizes Town Reserves
Park United v Melksham Town Reserves
Royal Wootton Bassett Town Development v Swindon Supermarine Development
Shrivenham v Trowbridge Town

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- HAMPSHIRE COMBINATION & DEVELOPMENT

RESULTS

Under 18 Premier Division

Fareham Town Black 2-1 Moneyfields
Petersfield Town 5-2 Poole Town
Wimborne Town Black 1-5 Gosport Borough

Under 18 East Division

AB66 Portsmouth 11-0 U.S. Portsmouth
Baffins Milton Rovers 2-0 Hayling United
Bishops Waltham Dynamos 3-4 Eastleigh Spitfires
Clanfield 0-5 Sholing Black
Horndean 2-4 Fareham Town Reds
Winchester City Blue 1-2 Meon Milton

Under 18 West Division

Romsey Town 1-7 Brockenhurst

Monday 1 September

John Stimpson Memorial Shield 2nd Round

North Waltham U23 7-3 Liss Athletic

Wednesday 3 September

John Stimpson Memorial Shield 1st Round

Downton 3-3 Romsey Town U23 [5-4 on penalties]

John Stimpson Memorial Shield 2nd Round

Baffins Milton Rovers A-W Blackfield & Langley U23
Winchester City U23 8-1 Clanfield

Saturday 6 September

Hampshire Combination Challenge Cup 1st Round

Petersfield Town 3-0 Clanfield Development

Hampshire Combination Cup 2nd Round

Brockenhurst 1-4 Amesbury Town

John Stimpson Memorial Shield 1st Round

Hythe & Dibden 4-1 Southsea Sports

Premier Division

Clanfield 2-8 Laverstock & Ford

Ringwood Town 3-0 AFC Portchester

U.S. Portsmouth 1-0 Millbrook

Division One

Liphook United 4-3 Hedge End Rangers

Liss Athletic 4-1 Fawley AFC

FIXTURES

Sunday 7 September

Under 18 Premier Division

AFC Stoneham v Hamble Club

Petersfield Town v Moneyfields

Poole Town v Winchester City Red

Wimborne Town Black v Cobham Sports

Under 18 East Division

Clanfield v Hayling United

Horndean v Sholing Black

U.S. Portsmouth v Eastleigh Spitfires

Winchester City Blue v Havant & Waterlooville

Under 18 West Division

Brockenhurst v Romsey Town

Christchurch v Bashley

Eastleigh 1946 v Bemerton Heath Harlequins

Millbrook v Cowes Sports

Monday 8 September

Under 23 Division 1

North Waltham v Bemerton Heath Harlequins

Tuesday 9 September

Under 23 Premier Division

AFC Stoneham v Hedge End Rangers

Under 23 Division 1

Millbrook v Clanfield

Wednesday 10 September

Hampshire Combination Under 23 Cup 1st Round

Lymington Town v Blackfield & Langley

Under 23 Premier Division

Bashley v Ringwood Town

Dorchester Town v Poole Town

Under 23 Division 1

Hayling United v Romsey Town

Thursday 11 September

Hampshire Combination Under 23 Cup 1st Round

Winchester City v Select Generation

Under 23 Division 1

Laverstock & Ford v Whiteley Wanderers

Under 18 West Division

Bashley v Pace

Saturday 13 September

Hampshire Combination Challenge Cup 1st Round

Liss Athletic v Clanfield

Premier Division

AFC Portchester v Petersfield Town

Lymington Town v U.S. Portsmouth

Millbrook v Brockenhurst

Ringwood Town v AFC Stoneham

Division 1

Clanfield Development v Liphook United

Fawley AFC v Amesbury Town

Hedge End Rangers v Southsea Sports

Meon Milton v Hythe & Dibden

GARY JOSEPH

We heard in the week the sad news about the passing of Gary Joseph. He scored twice (one from the penalty spot) that meant **Folland Sports** picked up their League Cup back in 1997/98, when they were known as Aerostructures Sports & Social. He also notched a hat trick in the Semi Final First Leg that winning season against Thatcham Town. He was a regular on the score sheet for teams across our patch including Bashley and Brockenhurst, Eastleigh, Havant Town and Newport IOW to name but a few.

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

LEAGUE NEWS

The August Club of the Month awards have been announced this week. In the Premier Division the award went to Laverstock & Ford, it is the Wiltshire sides first such award in our top division- going alongside six in Division One.

In Division One, Whitchurch United collect the accolade- their eighth in this Division.

MJMSPORTS

In the MJM Sports Respect awards, AFC Stoneham are the Premier Division winners for August, with Lymington Town doing likewise in Division One.

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	6	5	0	1	11	4	7	15	2.500
2	Andover New Street	7	4	1	2	11	5	6	13	1.857
3	Sherborne Town	7	4	1	2	12	8	4	13	1.857
4	AFC Stoneham	5	4	0	1	14	6	8	12	2.400
5	Portland United	7	4	0	3	16	10	6	12	1.714
6	Hamble Club	4	3	1	0	11	2	9	10	2.500
7	Hamworthy Recreation	6	3	1	2	7	5	2	10	1.667
8	Bournemouth	8	3	1	4	14	18	-4	10	1.250
9	Cowes Sports	4	3	0	1	10	6	4	9	2.250
10	Christchurch	4	3	0	1	9	6	3	9	2.250
11	Laverstock & Ford	3	2	1	0	12	3	9	7	2.333
12	East Cowes Victoria	4	2	1	1	5	7	-2	7	1.750
13	Downton	7	2	1	4	10	13	-3	7	1.000
14	Millbrook	6	2	0	4	7	14	-7	6	1.000
15	Baffins Milton Rovers	6	1	2	3	7	12	-5	5	0.833
16	New Milton Town	6	1	2	3	10	16	-6	5	0.833
17	Brockenhurst	6	1	1	4	7	11	-4	4	0.667
18	Wincanton Town	8	0	3	5	9	21	-12	3	0.375
19	Hythe & Dibden	4	0	2	2	4	8	-4	2	0.500
20	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	6	0	2	4	4	15	-11	2	0.333

POS	DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Whitchurch United	6	6	0	0	24	5	19	18	3.000
2	Romsey Town	6	5	1	0	15	5	10	16	2.667
3	Ash United	6	5	1	0	14	7	7	16	2.667
4	Frimley Green	6	4	1	1	16	7	9	13	2.167
5	Fleetlands	6	4	1	1	11	6	5	13	2.167
6	Folland Sports	6	4	0	2	18	7	11	12	2.000
7	Amesbury Town	6	3	1	2	11	8	3	10	1.667
8	Kintbury Rangers	7	2	3	2	14	16	-2	9	1.286
9	Ringwood Town	6	3	0	3	11	14	-3	9	1.500
10	Cove	5	2	2	1	10	8	2	8	1.600
11	Colden Common	5	2	1	2	16	15	1	7	1.400
12	Alresford Town	5	2	1	2	9	8	1	7	1.400
13	Hamworthy United	7	2	1	4	12	13	-1	7	1.000
14	Blackfield & Langley	6	2	1	3	6	16	-10	7	1.167
15	Newport (IoW)	5	2	0	3	7	11	-4	6	1.200
16	United Services Portsmouth	5	2	0	3	8	15	-7	6	1.200
17	Clanfield	5	1	2	2	7	8	-1	5	1.000
18	AFC Aldermaston	5	0	3	2	5	7	-2	3	0.600
19	Yateley United	7	0	2	5	10	18	-8	2	0.286
20	Fawley AFC	6	0	2	4	3	13	-10	2	0.333
21	Lymington Town	5	0	1	4	6	14	-8	1	0.200
22	Totton & Eling	5	0	0	5	4	16	-12	0	0.000

CLUB ACCOUNTS

It's that time of year again, so would all Clubs please submit the latest copy of their Accounts to the League Secretary **by Sunday, 28th September**, as required by FA Rule.

IT ALL KICKED OFF ON THIS DAY.... 39 YEARS AGO!!

The Newsletter editor once stated "Nostalgia ain't what it used to be", but for some who can go back to the very start of this league, the 6th of September is a very significant day, *writes Gary Day*.

It was 39 years ago, that's this very day in 1986, when the Wessex League programme started. To the reader it might be strange that the league programme commenced as late as September but August was played with a group style league cup competition which was already taking shape from the early matches. It proved to be the only time the league cup was played that way.

But this was it ... the long-awaited start to the league season and the results from that bright and sunny opening day were as follows:

AFC Totton 5 Bashley 2 (at Testwood Park, appointed referee: I Craig)

Newport 4 Portliss Athletic 2 (at Church Litten, D Lambell)

Road Sea 1 Lymington Town 0 (at Road Sea Park, I Birch)

Romsey Town 0 Horndean 0 (at By-Pass Ground, G Rood)

Sholing Sports 2 Havant Town 1 (at Birch Lawn, R Brown)

Steyning Town 1 Eastleigh 2 (at Shooting Field, R Purkiss)

Thatcham Town 6 Brockenhurst 0 (at Lancaster Close, R Parsons)

Wellworthy Athletic 1 Bournemouth 0 (at Ampress Ground, R Love)

Portsmouth Royal Navy had no fixture in the 17 team division.

It is interesting to note that six of the grounds that staged Wessex League matches on that opening day are no longer in existence and certainly two of those appointed referees went on to do service as league officers. The present day league secretary, Steve Smith, was then the secretary at Eastleigh, having previously done sterling service in the same role of the late lamented Sholing Sports. Other clubs no longer in existence were the company-based Road Sea, Portals Athletic and Wellworthy Athletic. However, it could be argued that the latter team are still in existence as part of the Lymington Town and New Milton Town merger that occurred later, which frankly, is a story of its own!

Clubs such as Eastleigh, AFC Totton and Havant (now with Waterlooville) have moved on a very much upward trajectory, whilst others have moved up and returned (Newport, Lymington Town and Bashley). The latter of course bounced back up. Clubs on the periphery of the region (Thatcham Town and Steyning Town) moved to leagues in other areas. Romsey Town and Horndean both returned to the former Hampshire League before rejoining, the former remain as members whilst the Deans are now playing at the next level up in the Isthmian League. Portsmouth RN also took a downward step to the Hampshire League and returned, now as United Services Portsmouth, of course.

That leaves two others still to mention as both Brockenhurst and Bournemouth remain as continuous league members to this very day with the Poppies being the only club to play in the top division in every season since the league was formed.

Perhaps nostalgia ain't what it used to be? But there are still a few 'old heads' out there who can recall the start of this league which commenced today in 1986. No doubt everyone taking part this afternoon were oblivious to it being the anniversary of the day the Wessex League literally "kicked-off"!

Many thanks to Gary for providing this story about opening day.

THE LAST WORD

Salisbury is the place to be next Saturday, it's the Emirate FA Cup Second Round Qualifying and Laverstock & Ford- our final representatives this term, travel to the Raymond McEnhill Stadium on Partridge Way to take on National League South outfit Salisbury. The hosts sit in 20th spot at time of writing with four points from their six outings. Ticketing information has been released- keep an eye on the club's social media accounts. Sure to be a cracker, and we hope the Bulldogs can keep the flag flying for our League!

PHOTO FINISH



Midweek action from Lymington Town (red) against Baffins Milton Rovers in the League Cup, that ended 0-5. Apologies for the slight blurring. The joys of evening photography with a phone I am afraid.



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