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Hello and welcome to the latest edition of your Newsletter, if you have any contribution, be it Match Reports, player news or photos please get in touch at - newsletter.wessexleague@gmail.com.

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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



We start this week with midweek action from the Ringwood Community Hub, where Ringwood Town (red) beat Division One colleague Colden Common 3-1 in the First Round of the Southampton Senior Cup

STAT ATTACK

TOP SIX LEADING GOALSCORERS - LEAGUE GAMES ONLY

PREMIER DIVISION

Greg Borthwick	Portland United	8
Duarte Martins	AFC Stoneham	6
Tom Moseley	Laverstock & Ford	5
[six on]		4

DIVISION ONE

Bailey Rowe	Hamworthy United	9
Lee Vint	Ringwood Town	9
Harry Edmondson	Romsey Town	8
Ji Nash	Newport IOW	6
[three on]		5

*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 six league attendances

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	Brockenhurst	181	20 September

DIVISION ONE

Top six league attendances

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	Ringwood Town	151	13 September

PREMIER DIVISION

Sharpest Attack

AFC Stoneham	17
Portland United	17
Hamble Club	15

Meanest Defence

Hamble Club	2
Petersfield Town	4
[two on]	5

Goals scored per Game

Laverstock & Ford	3.500
Hamble Club	3.000
AFC Stoneham	2.833

DIVISION ONE

Sharpest Attack

Whitchurch United	28
Colden Common	23
[two on]	20

Meanest Defence

Frimley Green	7
Whitchurch United	7
[two on]	8

Goals scored per Game

Whitchurch United	4.000
Colden Common	3.286
Folland Sports	2.857

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	Alresford Town	vs	Yateley United	2-9	20 September

TOP TWENTY STEP FIVE AND STEP SIX SIDES - RATED BY POINTS PER GAME

Reproduced courtesy of the Non-League HQ team, an invaluable source of information, to find out more check them out here- <https://nonleaguehq.wixsite.com/nlhq>

League	Pos	STEP 5	Pl	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	PPG
5. WLP	1	Clevedon Town	11	11	0	0	28	8	20	33	3.000
5. SCP	1	Haywards Heath Town	7	7	0	0	19	4	15	21	3.000
5. UCS	1	Nuneaton Town	9	8	1	0	26	7	19	25	2.778
5. HLP	3	Slimbridge	8	7	1	0	24	5	19	22	2.750
5. MLP	1	Northwich Victoria	8	7	1	0	23	5	18	22	2.750
5. WLP	2	Torpoint Athletic	8	7	1	0	19	6	13	22	2.750
5. SCP	4	Newhaven	6	5	1	0	14	5	9	16	2.667
5. WXP	5	Hamble Club	5	4	1	0	15	2	13	13	2.600
5. ESL	1	Woodford Town	7	6	0	1	17	6	11	18	2.571
5. SCP	2	Horsham YMCA	7	6	0	1	17	7	10	18	2.571
5. WXP	1	Petersfield Town	7	6	0	1	14	4	10	18	2.571
5. SCP	3	Forest Row	7	6	0	1	13	7	6	18	2.571
5. CCS	1	Cobham	6	5	0	1	20	4	16	15	2.500
5. NWP	1	Padiham	10	8	1	1	22	10	12	25	2.500
5. ECP	3	Fakenham Town	6	5	0	1	18	7	11	15	2.500
5. SMP	3	Arlesey Town	8	6	2	0	18	7	11	20	2.500
5. WXP	4	AFC Stoneham	6	5	0	1	17	6	11	15	2.500
5. SCP	8	Steyning Town	4	3	1	0	12	5	7	10	2.500
5. SMP	1	AFC Welwyn	9	7	1	1	20	9	11	22	2.444
5. ECP	7	Mulbarton Wanderers	5	4	0	1	13	4	9	12	2.400

League	Pos	STEP 6	Pl	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	PPG
6. WX1	1	Whitchurch United	7	7	0	0	28	7	21	21	3.000
6. SE1	4	Rochester United	6	6	0	0	17	3	14	18	3.000
6. SC1	1	Godalming Town	7	7	0	0	18	7	11	21	3.000
6. SS1	1	Everett Rovers	9	8	1	0	30	3	27	25	2.778
6. E1N	1	Holland	9	8	1	0	26	11	15	25	2.778
6. SWE	1	Bovey Tracey	8	7	1	0	33	3	30	22	2.750
6. SWW	1	Liskeard Athletic	8	7	1	0	19	3	16	22	2.750
6. SE1	1	AFC Greenwich Borough	8	7	1	0	18	6	12	22	2.750
6. SE1	3	Greenways	7	6	1	0	14	4	10	19	2.714
6. E1N	4	Kings Park Rangers	6	5	1	0	9	3	6	16	2.667
6. UC1	2	Retford United	11	9	2	0	41	11	30	29	2.636
6. SS1	3	Eaton Socon	8	7	0	1	17	6	11	21	2.625
6. ML1	1	Sutton United (Birmingham)	13	11	1	1	26	9	17	34	2.615
6. WL1	1	Devizes	10	8	2	0	26	7	19	26	2.600
6. CC1	1	Penn & Tylers Green	10	8	2	0	33	19	14	26	2.600
6. UC1	1	Retford FC	12	10	1	1	31	12	19	31	2.583
6. SWE	4	Cullompton Rangers	7	6	0	1	18	10	8	18	2.571
6. ML1	3	Knowle	11	9	1	1	35	7	28	28	2.545
6. SWE	2	Bridport	8	6	2	0	35	5	30	20	2.500
6. E1N	3	Framlingham Town	8	6	2	0	16	3	13	20	2.500

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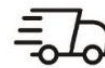
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FIXTURES – 2025/26

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

Tuesday 23 September

Hampshire Servio Senior Cup First Round

Alresford Town v Army FA

Hampshire Servio Senior Cup Second Round

Petersfield Town v Southampton

Premier Division

Baffins Milton Rovers v East Cowes Vics [19:30]

Bemerton Heath H'quins v Sherborne Town

Christchurch v Hamworthy Recreation

Division One

Lymington Town v Ringwood Town

Newport (IoW) v Fleetlands

U.S. Portsmouth v Clanfield [at Gosport Borough]

Southampton Senior Cup Second Round

AFC Stoneham Reserves v Fawley AFC

Thursday 24 September

Velocity Wessex League Cup Second Round

Colden Common v Portland United

Saturday 27 September

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

Tuesday 30 September

Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup First Round

Andover New Street v Whitchurch United

Velocity Wessex League Cup Second Round

Fleetlands v Hamworthy United

Hamworthy Recreation v Wincanton Town

Laverstock & Ford v Petersfield Town

Millbrook v Ringwood Town

Premier Division

Cowes Sports v AFC Stoneham

Division One

Frimley Green v Ash United

Romsey Town v Amesbury Town

Totton & Eling v Fawley AFC

Southampton Senior Cup First Round

Christchurch v Folland Sports Res

Southampton Senior Cup Second Round

Brockenhurst v Braishfield

Hamble Club v Hedge End Rangers Res

Wednesday 1 October

Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup First Round

New Milton Town v Hythe & Dibden

Division One

U.S. Portsmouth v Colden Common

Saturday 4 October

Premier Division

AFC Stoneham v East Cowes Victoria

Baffins Milton Rovers v New Milton Town

Bemerton Heath H'quins v Petersfield Town

Christchurch v Andover New Street

Cowes Sports v Hamble Club

Downton v Hamworthy Recreation

Millbrook v Brockenhurst

Portland United v Bournemouth

Sherborne Town v Hythe & Dibden

Division One

Alresford Town v Fleetlands

Amesbury Town v Newport (IoW)

Ash United v Lymington Town

Blackfield & Langley v Cove

Clanfield v Ringwood Town

Fawley AFC v Colden Common

Folland Sports v Yateley United

Frimley Green v AFC Aldermaston

Kintbury Rangers v Totton & Eling

U.S. Portsmouth v Hamworthy United

Whitchurch United v Romsey Town

Tuesday 7 October

Wiltshire Senior Cup First Round

Devizes Town v Amesbury Town

Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup First Round

Bashley v Laverstock & Ford

Brockenhurst v Totton & Eling

Eversley & California v AFC Stoneham

Velocity Wessex League Cup Second Round

Bournemouth v Baffins Milton Rovers

U.S. Portsmouth v Newport (IoW)

Premier Division

Andover New Street v Millbrook

Christchurch v Hamble Club

Hythe & Dibden v Downton
Petersfield Town v New Milton Town

Wednesday 8 October

Berks and Bucks Senior Cup Second Round

AFC Aldermaston v Maidenhead United

Surrey Premier Cup First Round

Ash United v Old Thorntonians

Thursday 9 October

Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup First Round

Clanfield v Folland Sports

Colden Common v Blackfield & Langley

Romsey Town v Fareham Town

Saturday 11 October

Premier Division

Andover New Street v Portland United

Bournemouth v Hythe & Dibden

Brockenhurst v Downton

East Cowes Victoria v Sherborne Town

Hamble Club v Baffins Milton Rovers

Hamworthy Rec. v Bemerton Heath H'quins

Laverstock & Ford v AFC Stoneham

Millbrook v Petersfield Town

New Milton Town v Christchurch

Wincanton Town v Cowes Sports

Division One

AFC Aldermaston v Lymington Town

Colden Common v Ash United

Cove v Fawley AFC

Fleetlands v Blackfield & Langley

Hamworthy United v Kintbury Rangers

Newport (IoW) v Frimley Green

Ringwood Town v Whitchurch United

Romsey Town v Folland Sports

Totton & Eling v Clanfield

U.S. Portsmouth v Alresford Town

Yateley United v Amesbury Town

Tuesday 14 October

Somerset Premier Cup First Round

Wincanton Town v Brislington

Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup First Round

Fleetlands v Bishops Waltham Dynamos

Millbrook v Ringwood Town

Velocity Wessex League Cup Second Round

Hamble Club v Fawley AFC

Premier Division

Bemerton Heath H'quins v Andover New Street

East Cowes Victoria v Brockenhurst

Division One

Newport (IoW) v U.S. Portsmouth

Wednesday 15 October

Division One

AFC Aldermaston v Alresford Town

Saturday 18 October

Isuzu FA Vase First Round Proper

CLUB ACCOUNTS- FINAL REMINDER

One last reminder for all Clubs to submit the latest copy of their Accounts to the League Secretary **by Sunday, 28th September**, as required by FA Rule.

THE ADOBE WOMEN'S FA CUP- 2025/26 UPDATE

Second Round Qualifying [Tomorrow, 21 September]

AFC Stoneham v Bemerton Heath Harlequins

Bursledon v Andover New Street

Millbrook v Montpelier Villa

St Agnes v Sherborne Town

ALDERSHOT SENIOR CUP- 2025/26

First Round – ties to be played by 5 November.

Aldershot Town v Army U23's

Ash United v Knaphill

Fleet Town v Camberley Town

Frimley Green v Alton

Guildford City v **Yateley United**

Tadley Calleva v Badshot Lea

Westfield v Hartley Wintney

Wokingham Town v Sheerwater



This season we have three teams with an interest in this competition. Best of luck to each of them. The current holders are Hartley Wintney.

FA YOUTH CUP- 2025/26

Following the results in the week, the next Round was drawn in the week, and we still have three teams in the competition, here is how they came out of the hat-

Second Round Qualifying

Hamble Club v AFC Stoneham

Portland United v Yeovil Town



Qualifying Competition- Ties must only be played in the week commencing:-

Second Round Qualifying Monday 29 September

Third Round Qualifying Monday 13 October

Competition Proper- Ties to be played by the closing date:-

First Round Proper Saturday 1 November

Fifth Round Proper Saturday 21 February

Second Round Proper Saturday 22 November

Sixth Round Proper Saturday 14 March

Third Round Proper Saturday 13 December

Semi Final Saturday 11 April

Fourth Round Proper Saturday 24 January

Final Saturday 9 May

CLUB NEWS

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

On the Isle of Wight, Ryan Oatley and George Carter-Knight of **Cowes Sports** are the latest members of the centurion club.

Also on the island, **East Cowes Victoria** have adopted a new blue away kit, replacing the grey and white one. Clubs are requested to note this for their match programme information.

I am pleased to announce that Giles Kilshawe-Fall, currently Secretary at **Christchurch**, has accepted the role as the new Club Representative to cover Bournemouth, Hamworthy Recreation, Hamworthy United, Portland United, Sherborne Town and Wincanton Town.

RESULTS

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



Monday 15 September

FA Youth Cup First Round Qualifying

AFC Stoneham	6-1	Bournemouth	92
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Tuesday 16 September

Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup First Round

Fawley AFC	0-3	Hamble Club	78
		Chris Kapend 15	
		Jordan Cunningham 68	
		Nick Yeomans 81	

Velocity Wessex League Cup Second Round

Brockenhurst	1-1	Yateley United	87
[5-3 on penalties]		Joe Moriarty 88	
Kian Dugdale 70			

Portsmouth Senior Cup First Round

Baffins Milton Rovers	4-0	US Portsmouth Reserves	58
<i>Ed Sanders 39</i>			
<i>Saul Thorpe 61</i>			
<i>Jason Parish 63, 73</i>			

Southampton Senior Cup First Round

Ringwood Town	3-1	Colden Common	89
<i>Lee Vint 13</i>			
<i>Danny May 60</i>			
<i>Harrison Warriner 70</i>			
Romsey Town	0-0	Lymington Town	133
<i>[4-1 on penalties]</i>			

Southampton Senior Cup Second Round

AFC Stoneham	13-1	Sway Reserves	95
<i>Tyrrell Sampson 1, 7, 18, 35, 61</i>		<i>* [79]</i>	
<i>Owen Fee 5</i>			
<i>Brett Williams 22, 31</i>			
<i>Lewis Stone 50</i>			
<i>Chika Ugwumba 49</i>			
<i>Mat Bainbridge 63</i>			
<i>Jamie Johnson 68</i>			
<i>Oliver Jenkins 78</i>			
Downton	4-0	Stockbridge	58
<i>Ethan Fishlock 29</i>			
<i>Luke Delaney 49</i>			
<i>Luke Burbidge 86</i>			
<i>Ilya Ihnatenko 89</i>			

Wednesday 17 September**FA Youth Cup First Round Qualifying**

Hamble Club	2-1	Alton	*
Portland United	5-3	Hamworthy Recreation	65

Thursday 18 September**FA Youth Cup First Round Qualifying**

Brockenhurst	0-3	Dorchester Town	181
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Saturday 20 September**Isuzu FA Vase Second Round Qualifying**

Abbey Rangers	3-1	Frimley Green	*
<i>Danilo Cadete</i>		<i>OG 78</i>	
<i>Jack Watts [2]</i>			
Cove	3-2	Alton	97
<i>Charlie Oakley 36, 48</i>		<i>Josh Millo 26, 90</i>	
<i>Jaden Konda 88</i>			
Cowes Sports	2-1	New Milton Town	124
<i>Jared Tout-Walters 43</i>		<i>Billy Maybury 88</i>	
<i>Callum Chase 62</i>			
Devizes Town	1-2	AFC Aldermaston	75
<i>Jamie Walters 22</i>		<i>Simeon Weekes 26, 75</i>	

Fawley AFC <i>Will Berry 24</i>	1-6	Portland United <i>Jamie Cleaver</i> <i>Josh Camp</i> <i>Greg Borthwick [2-1 pen]</i> <i>Jacob Coombs</i> <i>Archie Woolford</i>	55
Hamble Club <i>Joe Johnson 22</i>	1-2	Baffins Milton Rovers <i>Jason Parish 32</i> <i>Florjet Vucaj 61</i>	104
Hamworthy Recreation <i>Chris Long 28</i> <i>Ash Pope 33</i> <i>Connor Cocklin 63</i>	3-1	Midhurst & Easebourne <i>Mason Taylor 3</i>	31
Hythe & Dibden <i>Kevin Ngombi</i> <i>Kegan Kelly</i> <i>Charlie Hewson</i>	3-0	Lymington Town	102
Infinity <i>[4-3 on penalties]</i> <i>Adam Vincent</i>	1-1	Christchurch <i>Fin Toghill 3</i>	26
Laverstock & Ford <i>Jake Watson</i>	1-2	Totton & Eling <i>Dylan Male 11, 36</i>	85
Millbrook <i>Ryan Batley</i> <i>Scott Hills</i>	2-1	Folland Sports <i>Angelo Harris</i>	52
Selsey <i>Brad Pearce 55</i>	1-3	Amesbury Town <i>Harry Yeadon 33, 40, 45+3</i>	101
Sherborne Town <i>Henry Lawrence-Napier 12</i> <i>Anthony Herrin 78</i>	2-0	East Cowes Victoria	79
Sturminster Newton United <i>Ben Knight 1</i> <i>Aaron Lane-Leney 4</i>	2-0	Newport (IoW)	115
Warminster Town <i>Jordan Pinder 29</i> <i>Jack Newman 90</i>	2-6	Hamworthy United <i>Josh Malpas 9</i> <i>Bailey Rowe 14, 40, 42</i> <i>Jack Delves 26</i> <i>George Deem 32</i>	167
Whitchurch United <i>Tyler Field 28</i> <i>Shaun Dallimore 47</i> <i>Tyrell Reid 69</i>	3-2	Bournemouth <i>Jake Adams 21</i> <i>Jake Cope 62</i>	132
Premier Division			
Andover New Street <i>Marcel Laptas 20</i>	1-3	Brockenhurst <i>Toby Colmer 45+1</i> <i>Freddie Beale 67</i> <i>Connor Dunesby-Bent 69</i>	181
Wincanton Town <i>Darren McAllistair</i>	1-3	Downton <i>Luke Delaney [pen]</i> <i>Luke Burbidge [2]</i>	66

Division One

Alresford Town * [34] * [53]	2-9	Yateley United Callum Scott 22, 74 Conor Allison 30 Joao Jarim 57, 67 Lynford Sackey 60, 65, 81 Nathan Connolly 84	135
Blackfield & Langley Ashton Goodger 9, 59	2-0	United Services Portsmouth	67
Clanfield Alex Chapman 61	1-2	Colden Common Cam Stone 2 Brad Lethbridge 41	78
Ringwood Town Ben Harris Danny May	2-1	Kintbury Rangers Sean Cook	54
Romsey Town Gedeon Matonga Harry Edmondson Joe Merrett Jalil Conteh	4-0	Fleetlands	93

POST MATCH ADMINISTRATION- FINAL REMINDER

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:-

"16). Match Results - The VWL requires that all Clubs submit their results, from all competitive matches, including goal scorers and attendances to FA Full Time within 48 hours of the match. The nominated SMS contact must respond to requests for match updates, and all results and attendance details should be submitted by this method within 30 minutes of the completion of the game".

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 16 SEPTEMBER-

Velocity Wessex League Cup Second Round- Brockenhurst 1-1 Yateley United [5-3 on penalties]

Jon Renyard was pitchside

THE first attempt to play game was abandoned on 83 minutes following a serious injury, so here's take two, Brock v Yateley.

This was, alas, a desperately disappointing affair, not helped by some desperately poor officiating (free kicks, thrown-ins, corners all given the wrong way for no explicable reason). Two blunt teams created almost nothing of note in the first half; an overhead kick just over the bar from Sam Steel, a brilliant run by Dylan Walker down the left but Mason missed a very presentable chance; for Yateley, Holmwood was played clean through but took a heavy touch and the chance was gone. The hottest moment of the half was just before the interval when Bourne went straight through the back of Burgess, who reacted angrily – two yellows, could easily have been two reds.

HT 0-0

The second half was probably an improvement on the first, although that was accompanied by increasing frustration in the stands as Brock failed to impose themselves onto the game. Cannon shot wide for the visitors... then finally a tidy move from the Badgers down the left, Toby Colmer at the heart of it, a cross to the back post – but Brooks steered the ball back across the goal rather than into the net.

70 minutes, Brooks with a searing effort from 25 yards which flew just over the bar, keeper nowhere. It wasn't all one-way traffic and one piledriver which looked goalbound hit another figure in orange and bounced away: that resulted in a challenge, free kick awarded to Brock, Scott so upset that he said enough about it to get sinbinned.

And almost immediately, the Badgers made the man advantage count, Brooks with a clever run inside his full back, pulled the ball back to Mason, on to Kian DUGDALE who arrowed a shot into the net and finally break the stalemate. 78 minutes and it should have been all over – Mason looked well offside but not flagged, he gave the ball to Dugdale, in space 16 yards out – who calmly placed his shot over the bar.

A final push from Yateley, one player so eager that he jumped on Rossi's back and – somehow – was awarded a free kick for his offence – that free kick played into the box, a poor defensive header, and Joe MORIARTY, only just on the pitch, stole in to level things up.

Still time for Brock to win it, incisive pass from Dugdale through to Walker, keeper Strong saved with his legs and, yes, pens it was.

FT 1-1

Four successes for Brock – Rossi, S Walker, D Walker and Brooks; three for Yateley – Vincent, Turner, Wilson. But then Puleo produced a flying save to deny Conlon, and Burgess converted to send the Badgers through.

SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER-

Isuzu FA Vase Second Round Qualifying- Sturminster Newton United 2-0 Newport IOW

John Davies was pitchside

Newport fell out of this year's FA Vase with a frustrating defeat at the hands of Western league outfit Sturminster Newton United. In a game that started in heavy rain but on a decent pitch Newport were caught cold and conceded twice in the opening 10 minutes.

Harry Taylor had struck a speculative long range effort in the opening minute but soon after a harshly awarded free kick for a ball to hand incident on the edge of the box saw an unmarked Ben KNIGHT bury his far post header. Two minutes later the lead was doubled, Aaron LANE-LENEY pounced on a poor backpack, rounded the keeper and finished with aplomb.

For the first half an hour Newport rarely threatened, a squared ball across the box by Joe Butcher the best they could muster, but unfortunately no one was on the end of it. Butcher then had a header flash wide as Newport started to enjoy a bit of possession, on 35 minutes from a free kick captain Macauley Waterson thumped a header home but the off side flag went up. Having got to grips with the game a bit more the end finished more evenly, Jez Conway excellent in the heart of the defence and Mikey Thompsett working tirelessly in midfield.

HT 2-0

The start of the second half required a good Newport start but in a carbon copy of the first half the Cherries had two excellent chances to extend their lead, once when through on goal and then when they were awarded a penalty but Leon Pitman produced a fine save to his right. The remaining minutes past with both

sides creating half chances but apart from a long range effort the home keeper pushed behind for a corner Newport never looked like getting back into the tie.
FT 2-0

SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER-

Premier Division- Andover New Street 1-3 Brockenhurst

Jon Renyard was pitchside

A tough afternoon in prospect for Brock: 2nd v 17th, a downpour forecast for the whole afternoon. But let's be clear from the start, this was a thoroughly deserved win: a commanding away performance which started under leaden skies but ended in glorious sunshine (fittingly for Badgers fans). The opening stages were reasonably tight, and the hosts might have gone ahead when Claudio Herbert deflected the ball perfectly for Thatcher down the right, the cross went right through the box but Shane Lock arrived to hit a powerful shot, saved by Valero. And the Badgers showed they were up for the challenge when Brooks won the ball high and sent Connor Dunesby-Bent through on goal but his shot came back off the inside of the post and was hacked clear.

The conditions were increasingly tricky, and the game wasn't helped much by the officials, who had a 'difficult' afternoon. Both teams were pretty good out of possession and chances were at a premium. Rawkins created a chance for Laptas but again Valero saved – and again on 25 minutes when Lock powered a shot from the edge of the box which the keeper did brilliantly to tip over the bar. Seven minutes from the break, a real chance for Brock, Dunesby-Bent in on goal but Bartram closing the angle and saving with his legs. And then, right on the interval, Dunesby-Bent's heels clipped just outside the box (harsh decision to be honest, to me it looked more like a coming together than a foul but hey, Brock hadn't been given much), Beale's stunning free kick coming back off the inside of the far post but this time headed in by Toby COLMER, following in in splendid isolation.

HT 0-1

Fan I may be, but the half-time lead was not undeserved. The Badgers had been the better team for the last 15 minutes of the half and, after a tricky opening, were looking more confident and threatening. Then on 50 minutes, the Swifts got themselves level: the ball spun loose in a tackle and ran through to LAPTAS inside the box – he had most of the goal to aim at and beat Valero at the near post.

The balance of the game didn't overly change, with Brock still looking composed in possession and holding firm defensively. They should probably have gone back in front on 66 when a corner was headed back across goal and Colmer put his own header wide but no matter, one minute later they did re-take the lead, a great pass from Brooks sending Freddie BEALE clear on the right and he made ground into the box before finding the far corner.

Within two minutes, that lead was extended – Henry Brooks again, a sublime pass through to DUNESBY-BENT who timed his run beyond the defence perfectly, held off a challenge and found that same far corner for 3-1. And then, in another departure from recent scripts, Brock managed the game out exceptionally well – keeping their shape, closing down, denying the spaces and still looking dangerous on the break – Beale let a bouncing ball run across his body, turned and hooked a shot just wide of the post. Only one real alarm, six minutes from time, when the bounce of the ball deceived first Walker and then Steel, but just as Dotse readied himself to shoot, Taylor Crook arrived out of nowhere to smash the ball away. Thereafter, Brock were mostly in control and saw it home comfortably.

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

Tuesday 16 September

Bridport Reserves 2-3 Westland Sports [*Dorset Premier League Cup Second Round*]

Saturday 20 September

Balti Sports 3-4 Sherborne Town Reserves

Blandford United 5-0 Swanage Town & Herston [*Dorset Premier League Cup Second Round*]

Bournemouth Electric 7-1 Poole Borough [*Dorset Premier League Cup Second Round*]

Bournemouth Sports 5-1 Hamworthy Recreation Reserves

Bridport Reserves 3-2 Gillingham Town

Cobham Sports 6-2 Wimborne Town Reserves

Hamworthy United Reserves 1-3 Dorchester Sports

Holt United 3-1 Portland United Reserves [*Dorset Premier League Cup Second Round*]

Westland Sports 3-1 Verwood Town

TABLE

POS	DORSET PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Cobham Sports	10	9	1	0	42	8	34	28
2	Bournemouth Sports	9	6	2	1	31	12	19	20
3	Bournemouth Electric	8	6	1	1	26	10	16	19
4	Dorchester Sports	8	5	2	1	17	7	10	17
5	Blandford United	7	5	0	2	16	11	5	15
6	Holt United	8	5	0	3	13	10	3	15
7	Balti Sports	9	4	2	3	23	16	7	14
8	Swanage Town & Herston	8	4	2	2	25	19	6	14
9	Sherborne Town Reserves	9	4	0	5	14	23	-9	12
10	Westland Sports	8	3	1	4	20	13	7	10
11	Verwood Town	9	3	1	5	12	19	-7	10
12	Hamworthy United Reserves	8	3	0	5	11	20	-9	9
13	Hamworthy Recreation Reserves	9	2	2	5	8	20	-12	8
14	Portland United Reserves	7	2	1	4	8	20	-12	7
15	Wimborne Town Reserves	8	2	0	6	17	31	-14	6
16	Bridport Reserves	8	1	3	4	11	29	-18	6
17	Gillingham Town	9	0	2	7	11	20	-9	2
18	Poole Borough	8	0	2	6	5	22	-17	2

FIXTURES

Wednesday 24 September

Hamworthy Recreation Reserves v Poole Borough

Saturday 27 September

Balti Sports v Bournemouth Sports

Blandford United v Wimborne Town Reserves

Bridport Reserves v Hamworthy Recreation Reserves

Cobham Sports v Bournemouth Electric

Gillingham Town v Sherborne Town Reserves

Poole Borough v Holt United

Swanage Town & Herston v Hamworthy United Reserves

Verwood Town v Dorchester Sports

Westland Sports v Portland United Reserves

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- UHLSPORT HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

RESULTS

Tuesday 16 September

Locks Heath 3-0 Denmead

Saturday 20 September

Crofton Saints 4-0 Moneyfields Reserves

Denmead 1-1 Whitehill & Bordon

Hook 2-1 Liphook United

Liss Athletic 2-4 Hedge End Rangers

Meon Milton 1-3 Stockbridge

Bishops Waltham Dynamos 3-3 Fordingbridge Turks [Southampton Senior Cup First Round] 6-7 on pens

Broughton 0-2 AFC Shirley [Southampton Senior Cup Second Round]

Select Generation 1-2 Locks Heath [Southampton Senior Cup Second Round]

TABLES

POS	HAMPSHIRE PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Crofton Saints	9	6	3	0	25	9	16	21
2	AFC Shirley	9	6	2	1	20	12	8	20
3	Locks Heath	7	6	0	1	24	5	19	18
4	Denmead	8	5	2	1	25	11	14	17
5	Hook	10	5	1	4	22	20	2	16
6	Hedge End Rangers	9	4	2	3	15	13	2	14
7	Whitehill and Bordon	10	4	2	4	19	27	-8	14
8	Liss Athletic	8	4	1	3	18	13	5	13
9	Broughton	8	4	1	3	19	16	3	13
10	Meon Milton	8	3	2	3	13	14	-1	11
11	Bishops Waltham Dynamos	8	3	1	4	16	15	1	10
12	Southsea Sports	7	2	1	4	12	15	-3	7
13	Moneyfields Reserves	8	2	1	5	16	20	-4	7
14	Stockbridge	10	2	1	7	21	37	-16	7
15	Liphook United	9	1	1	7	9	22	-13	4
16	Andover Town	8	0	1	7	7	32	-25	1

FIXTURES

Saturday 27 September

Bishops Waltham Dynamos v Whitehill & Bordon [14:00]

Broughton v AFC Shirley

Denmead v Hedge End Rangers

Hook v Meon Milton

Liphook United v Andover Town

Liss Athletic v Stockbridge

Locks Heath v Crofton Saints

Southsea Sports v Moneyfields Reserves

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- CORSHAM PRINT WILTSHIRE SENIOR LEAGUE

RESULTS

Tuesday 16 September

Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves 3-2 Pewsey Vale

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Development 0-0 Letcombe

Wednesday 17 September

Swindon Supermarine Development 6-0 Trowbridge Town

Friday 19 September

Shrewton United 6-1 Calne Town Reserves

Saturday 20 September

Pewsey Vale 2-0 Trowbridge Town

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Development 3-0 Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves

Faringdon Town 1-0 Devizes Town Reserves

Larkhall Athletic Development 4-0 Swindon Supermarine Development

Letcombe 2-0 Park United

Melksham Town Reserves 3-0 Cricklade Town

Purton Kingsdown 1-3 Shrivenham

Wroughton 2-5 Down Ampney

TABLE

POS	WILTSHIRE SENIOR	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Swindon Supermarine Dev	11	10	0	1	34	12	22	30
2	Larkhall Athletic Dev	12	9	2	1	34	11	23	29
3	Melksham Town Reserves	11	7	3	1	32	16	16	24
4	Shrewton United	10	7	2	1	37	8	29	23
5	Royal W Bassett Town Dev	12	6	3	3	26	18	8	21
6	Letcombe	12	5	5	2	20	15	5	20
7	Pewsey Vale	12	5	4	3	24	13	11	19
8	Faringdon Town	12	5	4	3	15	14	1	19
9	Shrivenham	12	5	0	7	22	25	-3	15
10	Cricklade Town	12	4	2	6	27	29	-2	14
11	Down Ampney	12	4	2	6	27	29	-2	14
12	Purton Kingsdown	11	3	4	4	19	24	-5	13
13	Wroughton	11	4	1	6	16	28	-12	13
14	Bemerton Heath H'quins Reserves	12	3	2	7	14	25	-11	11
15	Park United	11	3	1	7	15	21	-6	10
16	Devizes Town Reserves	12	2	2	8	14	33	-19	8
17	Calne Town Reserves	12	1	2	9	19	46	-27	5
18	Trowbridge Town	11	1	1	9	7	35	-28	4

FIXTURES**Tuesday 23 September**Park United v Trowbridge Town [*Fountain Trophies Senior Cup*]**Wednesday 24 September**

Swindon Supermarine Development v Purton Kingsdown

Saturday 27 September

Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves v Calne Town Reserves

Cricklade Town v Faringdon Town

Down Ampney v Letcombe

Larkhall Athletic Development v Melksham Town Reserves-

Park United v Pewsey Vale

Purton Kingsdown v Devizes Town Reserves

Shrewton United v Royal W Bassett Town Development

Shrivenham v Swindon Supermarine Development

Wroughton v Trowbridge Town

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- HAMPSHIRE COMBINATION & DEVELOPMENT**RESULTS****Sunday 14 September**

Under 18 Premier Division

Cobham Sports 3-2 Wimborne Town Black
Gosport Borough 7-0 Fareham Town Black
Moneyfields 4-1 Petersfield Town

Under 18 West Division

Ringwood Town 2-1 Millbrook
Salisbury 3-2 Cowes Sports

Monday 15 September**Under 23 Premier Division**

Select Generation 1-5 Fareham Town

Under 23 Division 1

North Waltham 6-1 Blackfield & Langley

Under 18 West Division

Brockenhurst 6-1 Christchurch

Tuesday 16 September**John Stimpson Memorial Shield 2nd Round**

Amesbury Town 3-1 Verwood Town U23

Under 23 Division 1

Millbrook 5-1 Romsey Town

Wednesday 17 September**Hampshire Combination Under 23 Cup**

Bemerton Heath Harlequins 4-7 New Milton Town

Under 23 Premier Division

Lymington Town 1-1 Poole Town

Thursday 18 September**Under 23 Division 1**

Laverstock & Ford 5-1 Hayling United
Whiteley Wanderers 0-0 Folland Sports *(at Follands)*

Saturday 20 September**Premier Division**

AFC Portchester 0-7 Millbrook
AFC Stoneham 8-1 Laverstock & Ford
Brockenhurst 3-2 Ringwood Town
Downton 2-3 Petersfield Town
U.S. Portsmouth 10-0 Clanfield

Division One

Amesbury Town 3-1 Hedge End Rangers
Clanfield Development 2-6 Meon Milton
Southsea Sports 0-2 Liss Athletic

TABLES

Apologies. I was unable to reach the League "Full Time" site at time of going to press.

FIXTURES**Sunday 21 September****Under 18 Premier Division**

AFC Stoneham v Poole Town
Cobham Sports v Gosport Borough
Moneyfields v Winchester City Red
Petersfield Town v Fareham Town Black
Wimborne Town Black v Hamble Club

Under 18 East Division

AB66 Portsmouth v Hayling United
Baffins Milton Rovers v Fareham Town Reds
Clanfield v Horndean

Eastleigh Spitfires v Sholing Black
Havant & Waterlooville v U.S. Portsmouth
Winchester City Blue v Bishops Waltham Dynamos

Under 18 West Division

AFC Totton v Eastleigh 1946
Bashley v Christchurch
Brockenhurst v Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Cowes Sports v Romsey Town
Pace v Ringwood Town
Salisbury v Millbrook

Monday 22 September

John Stimpson Memorial Shield 2nd Round

Select Generation v Laverstock & Ford

Under 23 Division 1

North Waltham v Whiteley Wanderers

Tuesday 23 September

John Stimpson Memorial Shield 2nd Round

Bemerton Heath Harlequins U23 v Hamble Club U23
Millbrook v Fareham Town U23

Under 23 Premier Division

Ringwood Town v Lymington Town

Wednesday 24 September

John Stimpson Memorial Shield 2nd Round

Dorchester Town U23 v Brockenhurst

Hampshire Combination Under 23 Cup 1st Round

Verwood Town v Bashley

Under 23 Premier Division

Hedge End Rangers v Poole Town

Under 23 Division 1

Blackfield & Langley v New Milton Town
Romsey Town v Hayling United

Thursday 25 September

Hampshire Combination Under 23 Cup 2nd Round

Folland Sports v Clanfield

Under 23 Division 1

Laverstock & Ford v Millbrook

Saturday 27 September

Hampshire Combination Cup 1st Round

Downton v Ringwood Town
Meon Milton v AFC Portchester

Hampshire Combination Cup 2nd Round

Fawley AFC v AFC Stoneham
Hedge End Rangers v Liphook United

Premier Division

Laverstock & Ford v Petersfield Town
Millbrook v Lymington Town
U.S. Portsmouth v Brockenhurst

Division 1

Amesbury Town v Southsea Sports
Clanfield Development v Hythe & Dibden

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	7	6	0	1	14	4	10	18	2.571
2	Andover New Street	9	5	1	3	14	8	6	16	1.778
3	Sherborne Town	8	5	1	2	14	8	6	16	2.000
4	AFC Stoneham	6	5	0	1	17	6	11	15	2.500
5	Hamble Club	5	4	1	0	15	2	13	13	2.600
6	Portland United	8	4	0	4	17	14	3	12	1.500
7	Hamworthy Recreation	6	3	1	2	7	5	2	10	1.667
8	Christchurch	6	3	1	2	11	11	0	10	1.667
9	Downton	9	3	1	5	13	16	-3	10	1.111
10	Bournemouth	9	3	1	5	14	19	-5	10	1.111
11	Cowes Sports	4	3	0	1	10	6	4	9	2.250
12	Laverstock & Ford	4	2	2	0	14	5	9	8	2.000
13	Brockenhurst	8	2	2	4	11	13	-2	8	1.000
14	East Cowes Victoria	4	2	1	1	5	7	-2	7	1.750
15	Baffins Milton Rovers	7	1	3	3	8	13	-5	6	0.857
16	Millbrook	7	2	0	5	7	18	-11	6	0.857
17	Hythe & Dibden	5	1	2	2	8	9	-1	5	1.000
18	New Milton Town	7	1	2	4	10	18	-8	5	0.714
19	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	7	1	2	4	5	15	-10	5	0.714
20	Wincanton Town	10	0	3	7	10	27	-17	3	0.300

POS	DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Whitchurch United	7	7	0	0	28	7	21	21	3.000
2	Romsey Town	8	6	1	1	20	8	12	19	2.375
3	Ash United	7	5	1	1	14	10	4	16	2.286
4	Fleetlands	8	5	1	2	13	11	2	16	2.000
5	Frimley Green	6	4	1	1	16	7	9	13	2.167
6	Colden Common	7	4	1	2	23	19	4	13	1.857
7	Hamworthy United	9	4	1	4	18	14	4	13	1.444
8	Ringwood Town	9	4	1	4	17	21	-4	13	1.444
9	Folland Sports	7	4	0	3	20	11	9	12	1.714
10	Kintbury Rangers	9	3	3	3	18	18	0	12	1.333
11	Cove	6	3	2	1	13	9	4	11	1.833
12	Amesbury Town	7	3	1	3	14	12	2	10	1.429
13	Blackfield & Langley	7	3	1	3	8	16	-8	10	1.429
14	United Services Portsmouth	7	3	0	4	11	18	-7	9	1.286
15	Alresford Town	7	2	2	3	14	20	-6	8	1.143
16	Newport (IoW)	6	2	1	3	10	14	-4	7	1.167
17	Yateley United	9	1	2	6	20	23	-3	5	0.556
18	Clanfield	7	1	2	4	8	14	-6	5	0.714
19	AFC Aldermaston	6	0	3	3	5	8	-3	3	0.500
20	Totton & Eling	6	1	0	5	5	16	-11	3	0.500
21	Lymington Town	6	0	2	4	9	17	-8	2	0.333
22	Fawley AFC	7	0	2	5	4	15	-11	2	0.286

How do our teams rank across Step 5 and Step 6 nationally based on PPG.

STEP 5 PPG RANKING

AFC Stoneham	13
Andover New Street	87
Baffins Milton Rovers	259
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	274
Bournemouth	213
Brockenhurst	222
Christchurch	116
Cowes Sports	32
Downton	213
East Cowes Victoria Athletic	99
Hamble Club	8
Hamworthy Recreation	116
Hythe & Dibden	222
Laverstock & Ford	45
Millbrook	259
New Milton Town	274
Petersfield Town	9
Portland United	139
Sherborne Town	45
Wincanton Town	310

STEP 6 PPG RANKING

AFC Aldermaston	309
Alresford Town	217
Amesbury Town	164
Ash United	34
Blackfield & Langley	164
Clanfield	287
Colden Common	81
Cove	85
Fawley	329
Fleetlands	58
Folland Sports	100
Frimley Green	46
Hamworthy United	158
Kintbury Rangers	185
Lymington Town	324
Newport (Isle of Wight)	214
Ringwood Town	158
Romsey Town	25
Totton & Eling	309
United Services Portsmouth	193
Whitchurch United	1
Yateley United	305

THE LAST WORD

The article "IT ALL KICKED OFF ON THIS DAY.... 39 YEARS AGO!!" a couple of weeks back has prompted some correspondence. There were three of the appointed referees who went on to serve the league in some capacity- Ian Birch, Ian Craig (who was League Secretary at one time) and current President Bob Purkiss. Bill Moore our Safeguarding Officer and Club Representative was the first team coach at Sholing Sports in those early Wessex days. Our thanks go to all those mentioned here and in the aforementioned article for their contributions to our League down the years.

Congratulations to the 13 teams who successfully secured a place in the hat for Monday's Isuzu FA Vase First Round draw- keep an eye out on our Social media platforms for news as and when we hear it!

TEAM	BEST SEASON	STAGE	OPPONENTS
AFC Aldermaston	2025/26	1st Round	<i>Draw on Monday 22nd</i>
AFC Stoneham	2024/25	5th Round	Andover New Street
Amesbury Town	2006/07	2nd Round	Corsham Town
Andover New Street	2024/25	Semi Final	AFC Whyteleafe
Baffins Milton Rovers	2018/19	4th Round	Cray Valley PM
Cove	2025/26	1st Round	<i>Draw on Monday 22nd</i>
Cowes Sports	1999/00	5th Round	Taunton Town
Downton	2024/25	3rd Round	Fareham Town
Hamworthy Recreation	2023/24	4th Round	Jersey Bulls
Hamworthy United	2021/22	Semi Final	Newport Pagnell Town
Hythe & Dibden	2025/26	1st Round	<i>Draw on Monday 22nd</i>
Millbrook	2025/26	1st Round	<i>Draw on Monday 22nd</i>
Portland United	2023/24	2nd Round	Wells City
Sherborne Town	2024/25	2nd Round	Highworth Town
Totton & Eling	1999/00	3rd Round Replay	Wroxham
Whitchurch United	2015/16	1st Round Replay	Welton Rovers

This table shows the best season for the stage reached for our 16 teams still involved whilst a member of our League, note that it is only the latest time that the best stage has been reached that is shown here.

PHOTO FINISH



Action from Sidlesham this afternoon. Courtesy of Sara Taylor, Infinity (yellow) took on Christchurch in the Isuzu FA Vase where it ended one apiece. The former Wessex members went on to win 4-3 on penalties.



Isuzu FA Vase action this afternoon at Magna Road, where Hamworthy Recreation (green) beat Southern Combination outfit Midhurst & Easebourne 3-1, after going a goal down inside the first five minutes.



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