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WELCOME

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



Midweek action from Christchurch (blue) who went down 4-2 to visitors Hamworthy Recreation in the first League match at Hurn Bridge this term, thanks to Sara Taylor for the picture.

STAT ATTACK

TOP SIX LEADING GOALSCORERS - LEAGUE GAMES ONLY

PREMIER DIVISION			DIVISION ONE		
Greg Borthwick	Portland United	8	Lee Vint	Ringwood Town	10
Duarte Martins	AFC Stoneham	6	Harry Edmondson	Romsey Town	9
Lewis Beale	Baffins Milton Rovers	5	Bailey Rowe	Hamworthy United	9
Tom Moseley	Laverstock & Ford	5	Ji Nash	Newport IOW	7
[eight on]		4	[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 five league attendances

Brockenhurst	vs	Petersfield Town	234	29 July
Petersfield Town	vs	Portland United	208	27 September
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

DIVISION ONE

Top five 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

PREMIER DIVISION

Sharpest Attack

Sherborne Town	27
AFC Stoneham	18
[three on]	17

Meanest Defence

Hamble Club	4
Petersfield Town	4
AFC Stoneham	6

Goals scored per Game

Hamble Club	2.833
Laverstock & Ford	2.800
AFC Stoneham	2.571

DIVISION ONE

Sharpest Attack

Whitchurch United	31
Colden Common	25
Ringwood Town	24

Meanest Defence

Frimley Green	8
AFC Aldermaston	9
Cove	9

Goals scored per Game

Whitchurch United	3.875
Colden Common	3.125
Folland Sports	2.750

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
	Sherborne Town	vs	Christchurch	6-1	27 September
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	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPG
5. SCP	1	Haywards Heath Town	9	9	0	0	26	4	22	27	3.000
5. WLP	1	Clevedon Town	12	11	0	1	29	10	19	33	2.750
5. UCS	1	Nuneaton Town	11	9	2	0	31	8	23	29	2.636
5. CCS	1	Cobham	8	7	0	1	25	5	20	21	2.625
5. WXP	2	Petersfield Town	8	7	0	1	15	4	11	21	2.625
5. SCP	3	Forest Row	8	7	0	1	18	10	8	21	2.625
5. WLP	3	Torpoint Athletic	10	8	2	0	22	8	14	26	2.600
5. WXP	3	AFC Stoneham	7	6	0	1	18	6	12	18	2.571
5. ESL	1	Woodford Town	7	6	0	1	17	6	11	18	2.571
5. NWP	1	Padiham	11	9	1	1	25	10	15	28	2.545
5. MLP	1	Northwich Victoria	10	8	1	1	28	9	19	25	2.500
5. ECP	6	Mulbarton Wanderers	6	5	0	1	16	4	12	15	2.500
5. HLP	4	Worcester Raiders	9	7	1	1	20	4	16	22	2.444
5. NL1	1	Whitley Bay	12	9	2	1	36	14	22	29	2.417
5. SCP	4	Newhaven	8	6	1	1	18	14	4	19	2.375
5. NL1	2	Guisborough Town	12	9	1	2	22	8	14	28	2.333
5. WXP	6	Hamble Club	6	4	2	0	17	4	13	14	2.333
5. ECP	1	Soham Town Rangers	9	7	0	2	19	9	10	21	2.333
5. SCP	8	Steyning Town	6	4	2	0	16	6	10	14	2.333
5. SCP	2	Horsham YMCA	9	7	0	2	19	10	9	21	2.333
League	Pos	STEP 6	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPG
6. SE1	2	Rochester United	8	8	0	0	28	4	24	24	3.000
6. SS1	1	Everett Rovers	10	9	1	0	35	7	28	28	2.800
6. E1N	1	Holland	10	9	1	0	30	12	18	28	2.800
6. SWE	1	Bovey Tracey	9	8	1	0	37	3	34	25	2.778
6. SWW	1	Liskeard Athletic	9	8	1	0	24	3	21	25	2.778
6. SE1	1	AFC Greenwich Borough	9	8	1	0	21	6	15	25	2.778
6. SE1	4	Greenways	7	6	1	0	14	4	10	19	2.714
6. E1N	4	Kings Park Rangers	7	6	1	0	11	4	7	19	2.714
6. SS1	3	Eaton Socon	9	8	0	1	19	6	13	24	2.667
6. ML1	1	Sutton United (Birmingham)	14	12	1	1	28	10	18	37	2.643
6. UC1	2	Retford United	11	9	2	0	41	11	30	29	2.636
6. WX1	2	Whitchurch United	8	7	0	1	31	11	20	21	2.625
6. SWE	4	Cullompton Rangers	8	7	0	1	19	10	9	21	2.625
6. UC1	1	Retford FC	13	11	1	1	33	13	20	34	2.615
6. ML1	3	Knowle	12	10	1	1	37	7	30	31	2.583
6. SWE	2	Bridport	9	7	2	0	37	5	32	23	2.556
6. SC1	1	Godalming Town	9	7	2	0	19	8	11	23	2.556
6. ML1	2	Gornal Athletic	14	11	2	1	36	12	24	35	2.500
6. CC1	7	Brook House	10	8	1	1	28	9	19	25	2.500
6. WL1	1	Devizes Town	11	8	3	0	28	9	19	27	2.455
6. CC1	4	Woodley United	11	8	3	0	23	8	15	27	2.455
6. CC1	5	Penn & Tylers Green	11	8	3	0	35	21	14	27	2.455

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS 2025/26

Back in the room now that all our teams have played at least one home game in the League.

TEAM	24/25 AVGE	25/26 AVGE	+/-	+/- AS A %	25/26 BEST
AFC Aldermaston	53.05	55.00	1.95	3.68%	80
AFC Stoneham	113.63	111.00	-2.63	-2.32%	153
Alresford Town	113.84	105.60	-8.24	-7.24%	135
Amesbury Town	82.53	70.00	-12.53	-15.18%	77
Andover New Street	166.05	163.00	-3.05	-1.84%	181
Ash United	86.58	84.83	-1.75	-2.02%	145
Baffins Milton Rovers	132.42	98.00	-34.42	-25.99%	123
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	0.00	118.67	118.67	0.00%	124
Blackfield & Langley	88.84	70.75	-18.09	-20.36%	107
Bournemouth	72.11	81.00	8.89	12.34%	124
Brockenhurst	161.47	154.60	-6.87	-4.26%	234
Christchurch	75.95	151.00	75.05	98.82%	151
Clanfield	60.47	59.00	-1.47	-2.44%	78
Colden Common	0.00	115.00	115.00	0.00%	120
Cove	69.53	72.25	2.72	3.92%	98
Cowes Sports	178.21	177.00	-1.21	-0.68%	190
Downton	135.84	131.80	-4.04	-2.98%	185
East Cowes Victoria	187.32	133.25	-54.07	-28.86%	167
Fawley	80.74	114.33	33.60	41.61%	171
Fleetlands	74.05	71.14	-2.91	-3.93%	108
Folland Sports	64.37	83.00	18.63	28.95%	89
Frimley Green	154.89	112.00	-42.89	-27.69%	155
Hamble Club	113.05	82.25	-30.80	-27.25%	121
Hamworthy Recreation	58.05	56.25	-1.80	-3.11%	76
Hamworthy United	128.16	103.63	-24.53	-19.14%	128
Hythe & Dibden	117.53	98.00	-19.53	-16.61%	102
Kintbury Rangers	0.00	74.60	74.60	0.00%	82
Laverstock & Ford	122.42	104.50	-17.92	-14.64%	110
Lymington Town	121.26	73.67	-47.60	-39.25%	86
Millbrook	86.42	99.67	13.25	15.33%	118
New Milton Town	170.84	112.25	-58.59	-34.30%	158
Newport IOW	167.21	135.50	-31.71	-18.96%	151
Petersfield Town	0.00	161.60	161.60	0.00%	208
Portland United	182.89	168.33	-14.56	-7.96%	181
Ringwood Town	66.95	56.33	-10.61	-15.85%	65
Romsey Town	125.68	110.75	-14.93	-11.88%	144
Sherborne Town	140.26	120.00	-20.26	-14.45%	145
Totton & Eling	92.95	67.00	-25.95	-27.92%	67
United Services Portsmouth	72.84	50.67	-22.18	-30.44%	57
Whitchurch United	72.32	142.67	70.35	97.28%	180
Wincanton Town	97.47	89.00	-8.47	-8.69%	133
Yateley United	0.00	131.80	131.80	0.00%	226
Premier Division running total	9,422	Average	119.27		
Division One running total	8,339	Average	90.64		

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

STEP 5 PPG RANKING

AFC Stoneham	8
Andover New Street	103
Baffins Milton Rovers	169
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	294
Bournemouth	227
Brookhurst	199
Christchurch	193
Cowes Sports	83
Downton	215
East Cowes Victoria Athletic	206
Hamble Club	16
Hamworthy Recreation	50
Hythe & Dibden	227
Laverstock & Ford	126
Millbrook	209
New Milton Town	275
Petersfield Town	4
Portland United	169
Sherborne Town	32
Wincanton Town	304

STEP 6 PPG RANKING

AFC Aldermaston	271
Alresford Town	236
Amesbury Town	199
Ash United	27
Blackfield & Langley	110
Clanfield	261
Colden Common	110
Cove	59
Fawley	301
Fleetlands	74
Folland Sports	142
Frimley Green	37
Hamworthy United	120
Kintbury Rangers	209
Lymington Town	334
Newport (Isle of Wight)	110
Ringwood Town	97
Romsey Town	23
Totton & Eling	317
United Services Portsmouth	236
Whitchurch United	12
Yateley United	312

THROUGH THE DOORS

New developing feature, these are attendance figures **reported** by the home club this season. They do **not** include FA Youth Cup ties but do include FA Cup and Vase and any County FA cup matches.

WEEK ENDING	TOTAL	COUNT	AVGE	+/- ON LAST WEEK	+/- ON LAST YEAR	RUNNING TOTAL
02-Aug-25	4,115	27	152.41	4,115	-507	4,115
09-Aug-25	3,628	31	117.03	-487	-100	7,743
16-Aug-25	3,763	37	101.70	135	-460	11,506
23-Aug-25	3,782	35	108.06	19	255	15,288
30-Aug-25	3,818	32	119.31	36	-1,764	19,106
06-Sep-25	3,307	31	106.68	-511	-809	22,413
13-Sep-25	6,244	35	178.40	2,937	2,703	28,657
20-Sep-25	2,617	29	90.24	-3,627	-704	31,274
27-Sep-25	3,032	30	101.07	415	-87	34,306

BILLY VIGAR

The Velocity Wessex League family were saddened to learn of the tragic passing of Chichester City player Billy Vigar. Along with all our clubs we would like to extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends and to the club, as they try to come to terms with their loss.

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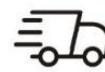
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FIXTURES – 2025/26

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

Tuesday 30 September

Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup First Round

Andover New Street v Whitchurch United

Velocity Wessex League Cup Second Round

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

Southampton Senior Cup First Round

Christchurch v Folland Sports Reserves

Southampton Senior Cup Second Round

Brockenhurst v Braishfield

Hamble Club v Hedge End Rangers Reserves

FA Youth Cup Second Round Qualifying

Portland United v Yeovil Town

Wednesday 1 October

Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup First Round

New Milton Town v Hythe & Dibden

Division One

Totton & Eling v Fawley AFC

U.S. Portsmouth v Colden Common

Thursday 2 October

FA Youth Cup Second Round Qualifying

Hamble Club v AFC Stoneham

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

Surrey Premier Cup First Round

Ash United v Old Thorntonians

Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup First Round

Clanfield v Folland Sports

Division One

Whitchurch United v Kintbury Rangers

Thursday 9 October

Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup First Round

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

East Cowes Victoria v Brockenhurst

Division One

Newport (IoW) v U.S. Portsmouth

Southampton Senior Cup Second Round

Blackfield & Langley v Romsey Town

Wednesday 15 October**Berks and Bucks Senior Cup Second Round**

AFC Aldermaston v Maidenhead United

Saturday 18 October**Isuzu FA Vase First Round**

AFC Aldermaston v Infinity

Amesbury Town v Highworth Town

Bearsted v Cowes Sports

Bridgwater United v Hythe & Dibden

Cirencester Town v Millbrook

Cove v Snodland Town

Downton v Sidmouth Town

Ivybridge Town v Totton & Eling

Malmesbury Victoria v Portland United

Penzance v Hamworthy Recreation

Reading City v Baffins Milton Rovers

Sherborne Town v Hamworthy United

Whitchurch United v Windsor & Eaton

Premier Division

Bemerton Heath H'quins v Andover New Street

Bournemouth v Wincanton Town

Brockenhurst v Hamble Club

Christchurch v Laverstock & Ford

New Milton Town v East Cowes Victoria

Petersfield Town v AFC Stoneham

Division One

Ash United v Ringwood Town

Blackfield & Langley v Yateley United

Colden Common v Clanfield

Folland Sports v Fawley AFC

Frimley Green v Alresford Town

Kintbury Rangers v Newport (IoW)

Lymington Town v Fleetlands

U.S. Portsmouth v Romsey Town

Tuesday 21 October**Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup First Round**

Bemerton Heath H'quins v Christchurch

Premier Division

Cowes Sports v Hythe & Dibden

East Cowes Victoria v Hamble Club

Portland United v Laverstock & Ford

Division One

Clanfield v Amesbury Town

Totton & Eling v Cove

Thursday 23 October**Division One**

Colden Common v AFC Aldermaston

Saturday 25 October**Premier Division**

Andover New Street v Cowes Sports

Bemerton Heath H'quins v Brockenhurst

Christchurch v Baffins Milton Rovers

Downton v Portland United

Hamble Club v AFC Stoneham

Hamworthy Recreation v New Milton Town

Hythe & Dibden v East Cowes Victoria

Laverstock & Ford v Sherborne Town

Petersfield Town v Bournemouth

Wincanton Town v Millbrook

Division One

AFC Aldermaston v Yateley United

Alresford Town v Kintbury Rangers

Amesbury Town v Blackfield & Langley

Fawley AFC v U.S. Portsmouth

Fleetlands v Ash United

Hamworthy United v Clanfield

Lymington Town v Folland Sports

Newport (IoW) v Totton & Eling

Ringwood Town v Colden Common

Romsey Town v Frimley Green

Whitchurch United v Cove

PORTSMOUTH SENIOR CUP- SECOND ROUND DRAW

AFC Portchester

v

Hayling United

Baffins Milton Rovers

v

Moneyfields

Gosport Borough

v

Meon Milton

Havant & Waterlooville

v

Horndean

Paulsgrove

v

Locks Heath

Petersfield Town

v

Liss Athletic

Portsmouth

v

Royal Navy

United Services Portsmouth

v

Fareham Town

Dates to be confirmed in due course, but the organisers have requested they are played before the end of October.

ADOBE FA WOMEN'S CUP- THIRD ROUND QUALIFYING

Third Round Qualifying draw- Sunday 5 October

AFC Stoneham v Gloucester City

Millbrook v Tiverton Town

Bitton v Sherborne Town

CLUB NEWS

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



We're on the Isle of Wight again this week, with Jordan Cook just making his 100th appearance for **Cowes Sports** whilst in front of goal Ji Nash at **Newport IOW** has just notched his 50th goal- from 77 appearances.

And finally to complete the hat trick **East Cowes Vics** goalkeeper Alex Ram receives his bottle of champagne for 150 appearances for East Cowes Victoria from manager Alex Smith [picture reproduced courtesy of the club]

RESULTS

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



Tuesday 23 September

Hampshire Servio Senior Cup First Round

Alresford Town	1-3	Army FA	82
Jack Welch 47		Harry Beckley 29	
		[*] 45+2	
		Buster Reed 64	

Hampshire Servio Senior Cup Second Round

Petersfield Town	2-2	Southampton	428
Harrison Hide 51		[5-6 on penalties]	
Charlie Merritt 90+5		Korban McMullan 7	
		Harry Gathercole 38	

Premier Division

Baffins Milton Rovers <i>Jamie Truckel 13</i> <i>Oli Davies 41</i>	2-0	East Cowes Victoria	78
Bemerton Heath Harlequins <i>Jordon Matthews 23</i>	1-3	Sherborne Town <i>Alex Murphy 3</i> <i>Aaron White 52</i> <i>Josh Williams 55 pen</i>	112
Christchurch <i>Fin Richardson 19, 68</i>	2-4	Hamworthy Recreation <i>Josh Toop 32, 76</i> <i>Max Wilcock 45</i> <i>Ash Pope 57</i>	151

Division One

Lymington Town <i>Gareth Keeping</i>	1-3	Ringwood Town <i>Lee Vint</i> <i>Luke Pothas</i> <i>Ben Bradwell</i>	80
Newport (IoW) <i>Joe Butcher 20</i> <i>Ji Nash 28</i>	2-0	Fleetlands	104
United Services Portsmouth <i>Jordan Sullivan 23</i> <i>Tyler Burns 47</i>	2-5	Clanfield <i>Charlie Brook 50</i> <i>Joe Briggs 56, 89</i> <i>Alex Chapman 59</i> <i>Henry Martin 90</i>	57

Southampton Senior Cup Second Round

AFC Stoneham Reserves <i>Ollie O'Mahony 55</i>	1-3	Fawley AFC <i>Liam Biggs 7</i> <i>Basit Mohammed 34</i> <i>Dec Hartigan 45</i>	61
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Dec Hartigan 77 pen

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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 23 SEPTEMBER-

Division One- Newport IOW 2-0 Fleetlands

John Davies was pitchside

NEWPORT put their vase disappointment behind them at the first opportunity by beating high flying Fleetlands on a chilly evening in front of another crowd over 100.

Games between these teams are invariably tight affairs and tonight was no exception, Newport getting the points through being more clinical.

They started on the front foot, Ji Nash having an early sighter well saved and Harry Taylor hitting the upright soon after. Newport controlled the half in truth suffocating the on paper lively Fleetlands attack and on 20 minutes it was no surprise the home side took the lead, Joe BUTCHER unmarked in the 6 yard box bundling a Ji Nash cross home. NASH was causing mayhem and got his rewards on 28 minutes when he cut inside and left the visiting keeper with no chance as he rifled the ball high into the top corner.

As the half closed out the excellent Kai Grace was shown a bizarre yellow for handball after being blatantly shoved in the back, Leon Pitman nearly lost control of a seemingly gentle cross, and the half ended with the vocal visiting manager reprimanding the referee for blowing up 15 seconds too early!

HT 2-0

The second half saw Newport dig in, and through the consolidation they lost some of their attacking threat, Harry Taylor firing over from the edge of the box in probably their best offensive moment.

Fleetlands despite their greater possession failed to land a telling blow, a series of corners producing a strong shout for a penalty but it was waved away, the new crowding the referee law seemingly forgotten as 5 visiting players protested.

The only sour note in the final throws was an injury to home skipper Macauley Watterson, prognosis not great but knowing the man he won't be out for long hopefully, a quad muscle injury the early diagnosis.

FT 2-0

So an excellent 3 points against a team clearly fancying their chances of winning the league.

TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER-

Premier Division- Christchurch 2-4 Hamworthy Recreation

John Hutchings was pitchside

A good result for Rec, under the lights at Hurn Bridge. This was a great advert for the Wessex League, with both sides intent on attacking and providing all-round entertainment, as well as plenty of goals.

Christchurch started the better and Rec stopper, Shane Murphy was forced into two saves in the opening minutes. The hosts were attacking with pace and proved a handful for the Rec defence. But Rec settled and had the ball in the net via Josh Toop's header, only to be ruled out for handball - seemed harsh! But it was the hosts who went ahead on 21 minutes. Another quick break set up RICHARDSON to drill a fine shot past Murphy, for the opener. It could have been two when Chipangura burst through the middle, only to be denied by a great tackle from Sean Wright.

Rec were looking more confident now and after Harvey Doe had headed over a free-kick they equalised on 32 minutes. Chris Long broke on the left and delivered a perfect, low cross for TOOP to convert from close in - his first goal for the club.

After Jenkins had gone close for the hosts Rec took the lead, right on the half time whistle. Max WILCOCK broke with his usual pace, took a touch and fired a low shot past Rodwell, in the home goal, to give Rec the lead.

HT 1-2

Rec almost added a third early in the second half, but Ash Pope's in swinging corner flashed across the face of goal, with no one getting a touch. But it was three, on 58 with a fine goal. Pope played the ball to Wilcock, who returned the favour to allow POPE to fire, first time, past Rodwell.

Christchurch came storming back and Murphy made another fine, diving save, before RICHARDSON got on the end of a cross to the far post, to fire in.

Josh TOOP was catching the eye for Rec, in midfield and added a fourth, on 76 minutes. He picked up the ball 25 yards out and smashed a beauty in to the far corner, giving Rodwell no chance.

There could have been more goals at both ends, but Murphy made two more vital saves to frustrate Christchurch and Long's screamer crashed against the post, as Rec held out for the points against an impressive home side. Good entertainment all round!

FT 2-4

THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER-

Velocity Wessex League Cup Second Round- Colden Common 2-1 Portland United

Gary Day was pitchside

THIS was a most dramatic Thursday evening game at Winchester as Colden Common, new to the Wessex League this season, took on Premier Division Portland United for a right of passage into the third round of the League Cup.

The game got off to a pacy start with a decent Owen Sims shot just clearing the bar for the Stallions whilst a slick Portland move resulted in Archie Woolford's shot causing home keeper James Egeland-Jensen no problems. Sims then put in a fine cross that just evaded the lunging boot of Ben Sunley, and a certain goal, in the middle. Cal Archer attempted a direct free kick from 25-yards that forced a full stretch diving save from visiting keeper Harry Foden and his teammate Jacob Coombs headed it clear.

Remus Nixon (save) and Woolford (just wide) had opportunities for Portland in a very open game but it was the home side that forged ahead after 34 minutes. Sims was again involved and he supplied the right-wing cross that picked out Ollie RIDDELL at the back stick to plant a downward header home via the inside of the post.

Portland looked to level as Sam Gadsby's low shot went just wide and Nixon's shot picked up a slight deflection to enable it to run to the keeper. Foden was called on again as an excellent Common move saw Alex Vine play it to Sims and he crossed again, Sunley did connect with this one but was thwarted by the keeper's save. No luck for Nixon once more, just wide and as a fine first half drew to a close, Patrick Jenkins passed to George Stuttle whose effort was well blocked by Common defender Will Erdinc.

HT 1-0

Portland almost levelled on the hour mark when Jenkins fired off the inside of the far post as this game continued to ebb and flow. Common were holding onto their narrow advantage though and the visitors cause was not helped when a bit of a 'set to' occurred with a number of players involved which saw a red card for Jamie Cleaver.

It looked as though the ten men would be defeated but, in the 88th minute, there was a Portland goal. It was like a 'line of scrimmage' as they say in the American version of football as Portland players attempted

to force the ball over the line from close range and defenders doing their best to block it but referee Carl Rooney decided that it was a goal with Greg BORTHWICK apparently getting the final touch. It would certainly not win a 'Wessex goal of the season award' but they don't have to hit the back of the net!

This was a bit rough on Common and would surely mean penalty kicks would decide it. But no, a goal in the 88th minute of a match can, in modern day football, be a little deceptive. In the two minutes that remained of 'normal' time and the nine added, there was more action. Common scored in the first of the added minutes when Jimmy WALTERS was put clear and sent a delightful chip over the advancing Foden and into the gaping net, a lovely finish. The Blues pushed for another leveller, Borthwick could have got it from inside the box and a distant Woolford drive flashed just wide.

FT 2-1

It was a very good game and well played by both teams. There wasn't a great amount between them but Common, the underdog, showed how well they could compete. They were disciplined in defence, committed in midfield and they created chances too. This did look a tough tie for them but they came through – or, to put it another way, when the 'Stallions' became thoroughbreds!

SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

Premier Division- Hamble Club 2-2 Wincanton Town

Paul Harris was pitchside

I must admit I came here because there wasn't a very inspiring selection otherwise locally and I hadn't seen the Wasps before. With the relative league positions (Hamble unbeaten, Wincanton without a win in their ten opening games) I just hoped it wouldn't be too one-sided. In the event it was an excellent game with the visitors playing really well and only being denied a win by a last-last-gasp equaliser for the Monks. After a minute's silence for Billy Vigar (RIP), the visitors started well and the hosts didn't get out of their half for the first 3-4 minutes. This included two corners and a save by Newman from an Irwin header.

The home side battled their way back in and Wasps' keeper Beard unusually came out with his knees (to avoid a foul) to clear from Cunningham. As ever the Monks threatened from set-pieces and Brad Johnson hit the post with a header from the corner; the visitors had a good break as a result of this. A cross from the right was hit too hard for Woodward to direct his header, then Casey had a couple of efforts wide for the home side. Mazi then cut inside from the left but shot wide. But on 40 minutes he did the same and set up HAMILTON for a cross-shot that found the far corner to give the Monks the lead, celebrated loudly, with a sense of relief. The visitors always looked dangerous coming forward, and they found they were often able to break through the middle, and as we approached the interval one such move saw Thompson's shot well saved by home keeper Newman.

HT 1-0

After the restart Woodward forced Wasps' keeper Beard into a decent save, and at the other end an Osborne header was also saved. The Monks pressed forward: a Mac Gange shot was wide, and around the hour mark a corner saw Brad Johnson hit the woodwork again as his header hit the bar. The visitors again had joy breaking through the middle as McAlastair forced Newman into a good save, as he shot he was clearly fouled but no penalty was given. But his team equalised on 62 minutes as another ball through the middle saw Callum THOMPSON provide a good finish.

The Wasps were on top and Newman had to make another good save from an Irwin header. The ball was cleared and Woodward forced a save at the other end. In the last quarter of an hour both teams went for it and a header from Brad Johnson across the goal should have been converted by a Hamble forward. Instead, another break by the visitors saw Darren McALASTAIR through on the right to score with a cross-shot and put his team within reach of that elusive first win.

The home side piled on the pressure and were denied a clear shooting chance as the ref pulled it back for an earlier foul. The Wasps nearly made the result clear on a break but McAlastair was denied by a great tackle by Hamilton. We heard four minutes injury time; near the end of this a couple of long throws caused problems in the Wasps' defence, and in the fifth minute added on a cross saw a great diving header by Brad JOHNSON to tie it all up. Needless to say the visitors weren't happy with the extra time, they had produced a great performance at a top five team and deserved at least a point. On this showing that first win won't be long in coming.

FT 2-2

SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

Premier Division- East Cowes Victoria 1-3 Millbrook

Russ Chapman was pitchside

VICS welcomed Millbrook to Beatrice Avenue for this Wessex premier league game. Manager Alex Smith having to change things around again, with Liam Triggs unavailable and still with Raff Boyd- Kerr and Harrison Yates sidelined. This was an opportunity for Vics to make up for two disappointing 2-0 defeats in the last two. Before the kick off Alex Ram, Vics number one was presented with an award for 150 games.

The game started cagily, with openings very rare, Jamie White's header was wide in the 10th minute and Hart's effort on 12 minutes went wide. Yakub Ali was booked on 19 minutes for his fifth foul. Caleb Neale's fine effort in the 21st minute was well saved by Lee Burch in the Millbrook goal. To add to Alex Smith's problems, Elliott Wheeler limped off in the 23rd minute, George Holbrook replacing him.

Jamie Wright's clearance on 35 minutes kept the scores level. Connor Kelly's effort on 38 minutes sailed wide and Ali's shot on the turn went wide of Rams goal.

Very few real chances in a first half full of endeavour but with no end product from either side.

HT 0-0

Vics started sharply and an effort from Caleb Neale was saved on 48 minutes.

Millbrook made a tactical substitution on 49 minutes, another foul from Ali forced the manager to withdraw him before he got a red.

Vics took the lead a minute later, Jake Wright's ball into Conner Kelly was cut back by the winger and Josh NEALE was on hand to finish from 6 yards.

Connor Kelly's effort on 53 minutes sailed just over. Three minutes later a corner for Millbrook was met by the head of Ben CLARKE giving Ram no chance for the equaliser.

Vics defensive injury list got worse on 60 minutes as skipper Liam Newbold limped off, Vics now having to juggle players to fill the gaps.

From this point Millbrook took control and there only looked like one winner. Callum DRAKE hit a fine half volley to put Millbrook 2-1 up, three chances for Hills and one for White were all well saved by Ram. White scored in the 81st minute but the goal was disallowed for a push on Toby Snow. Ram saved well in the 88th minute, an effort from Layton Tuck.

Jamie WHITE sealed the win on 90 minutes, his neat strike beating Ram into the bottom corner.

FT 1-3

SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

Division One- Newport IOW 2-1 Alresford Town

John Davies was pitchside

WHEN is a two red card game not a two red card game?, answer when Newport and Alresford for 60 minutes had provided an excellent spectacle on a carpet of a pitch on a beautiful Autumn afternoon on the island.

Newport had targeted six points in the week and having got the job done against high flying Fleetlands on Tuesday they flew out the blocks against a youthful Alresford side. It only took 4 minutes before player manager Joe BUTCHER notched goal 99 of his Newport career, a fine chip over the advancing keeper.

Newport were being afforded plenty of space and this allowed them to piece together some brilliant passing moves but unfortunately no further goals came and to their credit Alresford looked equally comfortable popping the ball around, Man of the Match Neo Lamb ably assisted by Jez Conway, standing in for long term injury victim Macauley, though snuffed out most threats and their distribution was at times sublime with long pin point accurate cross field balls.

Newport needed a second to give them a more comfortable half time lead, it came just before the break, Mikey THOMPSETT thumping home a header 6 yards out.

HT 2-0

The second half began as an equally pleasing watch, Alresford probably the better team and their young squad stuck to the task well but lacked any physical presence up front to cause an issue, no worries though Alfie BUDD as he smashed home from 35 yards out on the right, Leon Pitman having no chance. Then the game was deflated with the first red card shown to Harry Taylor, the crowd fell silent in stunned silence, both teams shocked. In the next 20 minutes Newport sank deeper and invited Alresford onto them, and a bit like Tuesday Newport defended resolutely and from front to back they repelled everything, Keelan Walsh and Harri Catania covering acres of grass to preserve the lead. As the game in the eyes of the official

became worthy of more yellow cards the numerical advantage for Alresford was wiped out late on with a second straight red as captain Harvey Tanner floored Keelan Walsh.

FT 2-1

So in the end this became a hard fought 3 points to take Newport into the top 10, a first half of eye pleasing flowing football, a second half of sheer grit and determination showing this squad are adaptable and willing to dig out important results.

SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

Premier Division- Hamworthy Recreation 2-0 Laverstock & Ford

John Hutchings was pitchside

ANOTHER welcome three points for Rec, but this was far from easy. Laverstock kept Rec in check in the first half and started the second as the better side. But Rec defended well to keep a clean sheet and after taking the lead on 65 minutes added a second to get on top and make the scoreline more impressive.

Rec's first move of note saw Sean Wright play in Ash Pope, whose low cross was cleared for a corner, from which Tony Rolls headed over. Tom Blair then cut in and shot wide, before having a free-kick punched away by Zac Roberts, in the visiting goal, who then produced a classy save from Max Wilcock's header. Laverstock's first chance saw Billy Campbell-Smith's header saved by Rec stopper, Shane Murphy, followed by Arnold blazing over the bar. But Rec went close when Wright's through ball found Josh Toop, only for Roberts to race from his line to deny the Rec midfielder.

HT 0-0

Laverstock came out all guns blazing at the start of the second half and Murphy made a great save to deny the Bulldogs captain, Bourne, who then had another good effort fly past the post. Laverstock were applying pressure, with a series of corners, but the home defence held firm and Wilcock almost took advantage of a defensive error, but had his shot saved by Roberts.

Rec had weathered the storm and settled. Wright headed a good chance into the side netting, from Blair's cross, before Rec took the lead, on 65 minutes. Rec were awarded a free-kick, which seemed a bit soft and as Blair's kick came in Chris Long helped the ball across goal and there was WRIGHT to bundle the ball in on the goal line.

This lifted Rec and Wilcock had two attempts, one saved and the other just wide. But the points were secured on 75 minutes when LONG ran onto Blair's clever pass and thumped in a left-footer, beyond Roberts, for his first league goal of the season.

FT 2-0

SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

Premier Division- Brockenhurst 4-0 Cowes Sports

Jon Renyard was pitchside

THIS was another outstanding performance from Brock, particularly for the first 50 minutes by which time they were 4-0 up and then rather went into cruise control. In the first half they played some scintillating football at times, sharp interchanges and clever positioning leaving the visitors looking distinctly second best. The first goal came as early as the third minute, Connor DUNESBY-BENT chasing onto a long pass, winning a tackle against keeper Hatt and slamming the ball home from a tight angle. Hatt was called into action again on 11 minutes when a Taylor Crook shot, deflected at source, was creeping in at the back post and the keeper just managed to push away; and then Bent intercepted a clearance and his cross was only just headed away.

The Yachtsmen had shown their own intent, the pacy Tout-Waters racing down the left and finding the side-netting before the impressive Carter-Knight won the ball and played in Tout-Waters who passed the ball past the near post. 15 minutes, one of those brilliant flowing Brock moves, the outstanding Toby Colmer found Walker, his shot cannoned back off the bar but Freddie BEALE converted the rebound. That was a pretty simple finish; BEALE's second on 22 was anything but, an overhit cross from the left found him out near the right-hand touchline but he cut inside his man and arrowed the ball inside the near post from 20 yards.

The visitors were largely being kept at arm's length but might have pulled one back ten minutes from the break when the referee waved a surprising play-on and Carter-Knight had a clear shot at goal, tipped round the far post by Valero.

HT 3-0

A comfortable enough lead at the interval, then; priority for the Badgers was to ensure that the Yachtsmen didn't get a sniff of a comeback. Sure enough, within three minutes Walker won a header right on the touchline and raced clear but could only find the side-netting; but another minute and they had the fourth, assist from Beale and a quality finish by COLMER, in off the underside of the bar. Perhaps understandably, some of the heat went out of the game after that.

Bent hit a powerful shot straight at Hatt, but Cowes did start to gain a little more possession and territory. By and large the Badgers were very good out of possession, made some great interceptions and blocks, Steel headed one looping shot off the line and the defence held firm. Colmer might have extended the lead, sent clear but well challenged by a covering defender – and then the one sour note of the afternoon when Jared Tout-Waters, who had been lively enough, sustained an injury resulting in his substitution. It looked like he twisted his knee as he fell, a really unlucky incident, best wishes to him for a speedy recovery. Oatley had one powerful shot straight at Valero; for Brock, another great run from Walker but a shot straight at Hatt, and then just into overtime a storming run from Macfarlane, breaking out of defence and into the opposition half before setting up Omarion Mason, who cut inside his defender but pushed his shot wide of the near post.

FT 4-0

SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER-

Division One- Hamworthy United 4-3 Whitchurch United

Oseph Cogan was pitchside

HAMWORTHY United won 4-3 in a thrilling match at The County Ground against Whitchurch United, handing them their first defeat of the season and securing their fourth consecutive win. The goal scorers for Hamworthy were Josh Malpas, Jack Hughes, Josh Taylor and George Deem, with Danilo Pereira and Kyan Stephens scoring for Whitchurch.

Whitchurch had a couple of half-chances from corners in the first 15 minutes, but not much to trouble Will Butler in the Hamworthy net. In the 20th minute, it was the Hammers that opened the scoring after a stunning run and finish from Josh MALPAS.

Almost immediately after, some more excellent play from Hamworthy saw Bailey Rowe have a clear sight on goal, but he somehow fired wide.

The big talking point from the first half was Whitchurch player PEREIRA appearing to connect with Micky Hubbard's neck, but only a yellow was given. Just two minutes after the incident, He put the ball in the back of the net to draw Whitchurch level. Jack Hughes had a golden opportunity for the Hammers to make it two, but perhaps dwelt on the ball a bit too long and allowed a Whitchurch defender to block his shot. Just before the ref blew for half-time, Tyler Field fired narrowly over for Whitchurch via a deflection. It was a positive half from Hamworthy, who were perhaps disappointed to go in level.

HT 1-1

When the game restarted, PEREIRA had the ball in the back of the net to make it a brace for him and put Whitchurch 2-1 up. The game really livened up from here as Pereira was then sent off after a second yellow, an eventful afternoon for the forward.

Just three minutes later, Jack HUGHES slotted the ball home to put the Hammers back on level terms. Hughes then won the Hammers a penalty, which was calmly dispatched by captain George DEEM for his second of the season and to make the score 3-2.

Whitchurch immediately responded, levelling it up again just two minutes later through Kyan STEPHENS. However, Hamworthy were eager to capitalize on the fact that Whitchurch were playing with 10 men and, in fact, 9 players late on after Alfie Saunders was sin-binned for dissent.

The Hammers would get their reward in the 83rd minute as Josh TAYLOR grabbed the winner after great play from King-Phillips.

FT 4-3

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

*Fixtures listed are published in good faith and are subject to alteration or cancellation at short notice.
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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- DORSET PREMIER LEAGUE

RESULTS

Wednesday 24 September

Hamworthy Recreation Reserves 3-1 Poole Borough

Saturday 27 September

Balti Sports 4-5 Bournemouth Sports

Blandford United 1-0 Wimborne Town Reserves

Bridport Reserves 2-3 Hamworthy Recreation Reserves

Cobham Sports 2-2 Bournemouth Electric

Gillingham Town 0-2 Sherborne Town Reserves

Poole Borough 2-6 Holt United

Swanage Town & Herston 9-0 Hamworthy United Reserves

Verwood Town 0-5 Dorchester Sports

Westland Sports v Portland United Reserves

TABLE

POS	DORSET PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Cobham Sports	11	9	2	0	44	10	34	29
2	Bournemouth Sports	10	7	2	1	36	16	20	23
3	Dorchester Sports	10	7	2	1	25	8	17	23
4	Bournemouth Electric	9	6	2	1	28	12	16	20
5	Holt United	9	6	0	3	19	12	7	18
6	Blandford United	8	6	0	2	17	11	6	18
7	Swanage Town & Herston	9	5	2	2	34	19	15	17
8	Sherborne Town Reserves	10	5	0	5	16	23	-7	15
9	Balti Sports	10	4	2	4	27	21	6	14
10	Hamworthy Recreation Reserves	11	4	2	5	14	23	-9	14
11	Westland Sports	9	4	1	4	23	13	10	13
12	Verwood Town	10	3	1	6	12	24	-12	10
13	Hamworthy United Reserves	10	3	0	7	12	32	-20	9
14	Portland United Reserves	8	2	1	5	8	23	-15	7
15	Wimborne Town Reserves	9	2	0	7	17	32	-15	6
16	Bridport Reserves	9	1	3	5	13	32	-19	6
17	Gillingham Town	10	0	2	8	11	22	-11	2
18	Poole Borough	10	0	2	8	8	31	-23	2

FIXTURES

Saturday 4 October

Bridport Reserves v Swanage Town & Herston

Cobham Sports v Bournemouth Sports [*Dorset Premier League Cup Second Round*]

Cranborne v Hamworthy United Reserves [*Dorset Senior Trophy First Round*]

Gillingham Town v Wimborne Town Reserves

Hamworthy Recreation Reserves v Portland United Reserves

Holt United v Blandford United [*Dorset Senior Trophy First Round*]

Poole Borough v Sherborne Town Reserves

Red Falcon v Westland Sports [*Somerset Senior Cup First Round*]

Select Generation v Bournemouth Electric [*Hampshire Saturday Trophy First Round*]

Verwood Town v Balti Sports

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- UHLSPORT HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

RESULTS

Saturday 27 September

Bishops Waltham Dynamos 1-1 Whitehill & Bordon

Broughton 1-4 AFC Shirley

Denmead 0-3 Hedge End Rangers

Hook 0-0 Meon Milton

Liphook United 1-0 Andover Town

Liss Athletic 2-0 Stockbridge

Locks Heath 2-1 Crofton Saints

Southsea Sports 0-2 Moneyfields Reserves

TABLES

POS	HAMPSHIRE PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Shirley	10	7	2	1	24	13	11	23
2	Locks Heath	8	7	0	1	26	6	20	21
3	Crofton Saints	10	6	3	1	26	11	15	21
4	Denmead	9	5	2	2	25	14	11	17
5	Hedge End Rangers	10	5	2	3	18	13	5	17
6	Hook	11	5	2	4	22	20	2	17
7	Liss Athletic	9	5	1	3	20	13	7	16
8	Whitehill and Bordon	11	4	3	4	20	28	-8	15
9	Broughton	9	4	1	4	20	20	0	13
10	Meon Milton	9	3	3	3	13	14	-1	12
11	Bishops Waltham Dynamos	9	3	2	4	17	16	1	11
12	Moneyfields Reserves	9	3	1	5	18	20	-2	10
13	Southsea Sports	8	2	1	5	12	17	-5	7
14	Liphook United	10	2	1	7	10	22	-12	7
15	Stockbridge	11	2	1	8	21	39	-18	7
16	Andover Town	9	0	1	8	7	33	-26	1

FIXTURES

Saturday 4 October

Dynamo Dockside v Stockbridge [*Hampshire Saturday Trophy First Round*]

Hedge End Town v Crofton Saints [*Hampshire Saturday Trophy First Round*]

Oakfield v Meon Milton [*Hampshire Saturday Trophy First Round*]

Overton United v Moneyfields Reserves [*Hampshire Saturday Trophy First Round*]

Shanklin v Whitehill and Bordon [*Hampshire Saturday Trophy First Round*]

Southsea Sports v Bashley U23 [*Hampshire Saturday Trophy First Round*]

United Services Portsmouth Res v Bishops Waltham Dynamos [*Hampshire Saturday Trophy First Round*]

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- CORSHAM PRINT WILTSHIRE SENIOR LEAGUE

RESULTS

Tuesday 23 September

Park United 1-1 Trowbridge Town [*Fountain Trophies Senior Cup*] [4-5 on penalties]

Wednesday 24 September

Swindon Supermarine Development 2-3 Purton Kingsdown

Saturday 27 September

Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves 3-0 Calne Town Reserves

Cricklade Town 1-1 Faringdon Town

Down Ampney 0-3 Letcombe

Larkhall Athletic Development 4-2 Melksham Town Reserves-
 Park United 1-3 Pewsey Vale
 Purton Kingsdown 1-2 Devizes Town Reserves
 Shrewton United 3-2 Royal Wootton Bassett Town Development
 Shrivenham 4-2 Swindon Supermarine Development
 Wroughton 3-3 Trowbridge Town

TABLE

POS	WILTSHIRE SENIOR	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Larkhall Athletic Development	13	10	2	1	38	13	25	32
2	Swindon Supermarine Development	13	10	0	3	38	19	19	30
3	Shrewton United	11	8	2	1	40	10	30	26
4	Melksham Town Reserves	12	7	3	2	34	20	14	24
5	Letcombe	13	6	5	2	23	15	8	23
6	Pewsey Vale	13	6	4	3	27	14	13	22
7	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Development	13	6	3	4	28	21	7	21
8	Faringdon Town	13	5	5	3	16	15	1	20
9	Shrivenham	13	6	0	7	26	27	-1	18
10	Purton Kingsdown	13	4	4	5	23	28	-5	16
11	Cricklade Town	13	4	3	6	28	30	-2	15
12	Down Ampney	13	4	2	7	27	32	-5	14
13	Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves	13	4	2	7	17	25	-8	14
14	Wroughton	12	4	2	6	19	31	-12	14
15	Devizes Town Reserves	13	3	2	8	16	34	-18	11
16	Park United	12	3	1	8	16	24	-8	10
17	Trowbridge Town	12	1	2	9	10	38	-28	5
18	Calne Town Reserves	13	1	2	10	19	49	-30	5

FIXTURES

Tuesday 30 September

Westbury United Reserves v Melksham Town Reserves [*Fountain Trophies Senior Cup*]

Wednesday 1 October

Devizes Town Reserves v Shrewton United

Saturday 4 October

Cricklade Town v Devizes Town Reserves [*Fountain Trophies Senior Cup*]

Down Ampney v Faringdon Town [*Fountain Trophies Senior Cup*]

Larkhall Athletic Dev v Wells City Reserves [*Somerset Senior Cup First Round*]

Melksham Town Reserves v Calne Town Reserves

Purton Kingsdown v Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves

Shrewton United v Pewsey Vale [*Wiltshire Senior Cup First Round*]

Shrivenham v Royal W Bassett Town Development [*Fountain Trophies Senior Cup*]

Swindon Supermarine Development v Park United

Wroughton v Trowbridge Town [*Wiltshire Senior Cup First Round*]

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- HAMPSHIRE COMBINATION & DEVELOPMENT

RESULTS

Sunday 21 September

Under 18 Premier Division

AFC Stoneham 2-1 Poole Town

Cobham Sports 3-3 Gosport Borough

Moneyfields 0-2 Winchester City Red

Petersfield Town 1-1 Fareham Town Black

Wimborne Town Black 2-6 Hamble Club

Under 18 East Division

AB66 Portsmouth 3-1 Hayling United
Baffins Milton Rovers 4-1 Fareham Town Reds
Clanfield 2-6 Horndean
Eastleigh Spitfires 0-1 Sholing Black
Havant & Waterlooville 7-1 U.S. Portsmouth
Winchester City Blue 4-1 Bishops Waltham Dynamos

Under 18 West Division

AFC Totton 1-4 Eastleigh 1946
Brockenhurst 1-4 Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Cowes Sports 6-2 Romsey Town
Pace 3-2 Ringwood Town

Monday 22 September

John Stimpson Memorial Shield 2nd Round

Select Generation 1-3 Laverstock & Ford

Under 23 Division 1

North Waltham 2-0 Whiteley Wanderers

Tuesday 23 September

Under 23 Premier Division

Ringwood Town 4-0 Lymington Town

Wednesday 24 September

John Stimpson Memorial Shield 2nd Round

Bemerton Heath Harlequins U23 0-4 Hamble Club U23
Dorchester Town U23 2-1 Brockenhurst

Under 23 Premier Division

Hedge End Rangers 4-0 Poole Town

Under 23 Division 1

Blackfield & Langley 2-3 New Milton Town
Romsey Town 3-1 Hayling United

Thursday 25 September

Hampshire Combination Under 23 Cup 2nd Round

Folland Sports 6-0 Clanfield

Under 23 Division 1

Laverstock & Ford 2-3 Millbrook

Saturday 27 September

Hampshire Combination Cup 1st Round

Downton 1-2 Ringwood Town

Meon Milton 5-2 AFC Portchester

Hampshire Combination Cup 2nd Round

Hedge End Rangers 5-2 Liphook United

Premier Division

Laverstock & Ford 1-2 Petersfield Town

Division 1

Amesbury Town 6-1 Southsea Sports
Clanfield Development 7-0 Hythe & Dibden

John Stimpson Memorial Shield Third Round draw

AFC Portchester/Hythe & Dibden v North Waltham U23
Blackfield & Langley U23 v Millbrook/Fareham Town U23
Downton/Lymington Town v Amesbury Town
Hamble Club U23 v Dorchester Town U23
Hedge End Rangers v Meon Milton/Ringwood Town
Laverstock & Ford v Folland Sports U23/Fawley AFC
Liphook United/AFC Stoneham v Clanfield Development/Hayling United U23
Winchester City U23 v Petersfield Town/Whiteley Wanderers U23

TABLES

POS	PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	United Services Portsmouth	4	4	0	0	16	0	16	12
2	Petersfield Town	5	3	1	1	12	10	2	10
3	Brockenhurst	3	2	1	0	10	5	5	7
4	Laverstock & Ford	4	2	0	2	23	13	10	6
5	AFC Stoneham	3	2	0	1	15	5	10	6
6	Millbrook	4	1	2	1	11	5	6	5
7	Ringwood Town	4	1	0	3	6	10	-4	3
8	AFC Portchester	3	1	0	2	3	12	-9	3
9	Downton	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
10	Lymington Town	2	0	0	2	1	16	-15	0
11	Clanfield	3	0	0	3	3	23	-20	0

POS	DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Amesbury Town	6	4	1	1	21	6	15	13
2	Meon Milton	3	3	0	0	12	4	8	9
3	Liss Athletic	4	2	2	0	8	3	5	8
4	Clanfield Development	5	2	1	2	13	12	1	7
5	Hedge End Rangers	4	2	0	2	12	8	4	6
6	Southsea Sports	5	1	1	3	9	17	-8	4
7	Liphook United	5	1	0	4	9	19	-10	3
8	Fawley AFC	3	0	1	2	5	13	-8	1
9	Hythe & Dibden	1	0	0	1	0	7	-7	0

POS	UNDER 23 PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Ringwood Town U23	2	2	0	0	10	1	9	6
2	Hedge End Rangers U23	2	2	0	0	7	1	6	6
3	Poole Town U23	4	1	1	2	4	11	-7	4
4	Winchester City U23	1	1	0	0	5	1	4	3
5	Fareham Town U23	2	1	0	1	6	4	2	3
6	Dorchester Town U23	2	1	0	1	6	6	0	3
7	Lymington Town U23	2	0	1	1	1	5	-4	1
8	Hamble Club U23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	AFC Stoneham U23	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
10	Select Generation U23	1	0	0	1	1	5	-4	0
11	Bashley U23	1	0	0	1	1	6	-5	0

POS	UNDER 23 DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Romsey Town U23	5	3	1	1	10	10	0	10
2	Millbrook U23	3	3	0	0	13	3	10	9
3	Bemerton Heath Harlequins U23	2	2	0	0	8	3	5	6
4	North Waltham U23	4	2	0	2	12	8	4	6
5	New Milton Town U23	2	1	1	0	4	3	1	4
6	Clanfield U23	4	1	1	2	5	10	-5	4
7	Laverstock & Ford U23	3	1	0	2	9	7	2	3
8	Blackfield & Langley U23	3	1	0	2	10	10	0	3
9	Hayling United U23	4	0	2	2	4	10	-6	2
10	Whiteley Wanderers U23	4	0	2	2	2	10	-8	2
11	Folland Sports U23	2	0	1	1	1	4	-3	1
12	United Services Portsmouth U23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Verwood Town U23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

FIXTURES

Sunday September 28th

Under 18 Premier Division

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

Under 18 East Division

Bishops Waltham Dynamos v Havant & Waterlooville
Fareham Town Black v Eastleigh Spitfires
Hayling United v Winchester City Blue
Horndean v Baffins Milton Rovers
Sholing Black v AB66 Portsmouth
U.S. Portsmouth v Meon Milton

Under 18 West Division

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

Monday September 29th

Under 23 Division 1

North Waltham v Millbrook

Tuesday September 30th

Hampshire Combination Under 23 Cup 1st Round

Ringwood Town v Whiteley Wanderers

Under 23 Premier Division

AFC Stoneham v Lymington Town

Wednesday October 1st

John Stimpson Memorial Shield 1st Round

Hayling United U23 v Clanfield Development

Hampshire Combination Under 23 Cup 2nd Round

Blackfield & Langley v Poole Town

Under 23 Premier Division

Dorchester Town v Select Generation
Fareham Town v Hamble Club

Under 23 Division 1

Verwood Town v Laverstock & Ford

Thursday October 2nd

John Stimpson Memorial Shield 1st Round

Fawley AFC v Folland Sports U23

Under 23 Premier Division

Winchester City v Hedge End Rangers

Saturday October 4th

Hampshire Combination Cup 1st Round

Downton v Ringwood Town
Meon Milton v AFC Portchester

Hampshire Combination Cup 2nd Round

Hedge End Rangers v Liphook United

Premier Division

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

Division One

Amesbury Town v Southsea Sports
Clanfield Development v Hythe & Dibden

ISUZU FA VASE- FIRST ROUND

The draw for the above, with the ties to be played on Saturday October 18th, was made this week and included fourteen Wessex League sides with two more, AFC Stoneham and Andover New Street. exempt until the next round because of their progress in the Competition last season (*see the draw details below*). I was going to say incredibly - but perhaps better settle for remarkably - there is only one tie which pitches Wessex Clubs against each other.

So, a look at the ties in the order they came out of the hat. First up then is **WHITCHURCH UNITED** who meet Windsor & Eton. The Jamboys have enjoyed a sublime season to date and there is a hint of revenge about this tie. Back in 2017/18 the writer saw Whitchurch lose 8-0 in an FA Vase tie between the two sides at Windsor's Stag Meadow – and they were lucky to get away with eight! This caused one visiting Official to loudly exclaim at the final whistle that “he had never seen such poor refereeing in all his years in football” Next is a long haul and a no doubt long day for **COWES SPORTS** with a trip to Bearsted, some three miles from Maidstone in Kent. Their hosts finished mid-table in the Southern Counties East Premier Division last season and have not passed this Round since the 2018/19 season or faced Wessex League opposition.

COVE also face Kentish opponents when Snodland Town travel from the same Maidstone area to North Hampshire. They just avoided relegation last season and this is their ninth Vase campaign- reaching the Second Round in 2023/24. This game is also a first meeting with the Wessex League.

BAFFINS MILTON ROVERS have a shorter trip with Combined Counties side Reading City the destination. They play virtually on the site of the old Smallmead Speedway Stadium (where the writer spent many a happy Monday evening in the distant past) and finished in mid table last season.

AFC ALDERMASTON welcome former (briefly) Wessex League Infinity to Thatcham. Infinity are now well settled in the Southern Combination Division One at their Sidlesham base and are acquitting themselves well on the field with a smattering of ex-Wessex players in their ranks.

DOWNTON have also received a home draw, with Sidmouth Town travelling up from Devon in their first season in the Western League, having been South West Peninsula Champions last season. This is the third time they have reached this Round but the first time they have ventured this far east.

TOTTON & ELING however, head in the opposite direction with a 270-mile round trip to Ivybridge Town, a dozen or so miles from Plymouth. This is their second season in the Western League finishing in twelfth place last season. They lost by the odd goal in seven in the competition at Fareham in 2017/18.

HAMWORTHY RECREATION have been allocated the short straw in terms of travel with Penzance on the sat-nav and a four hundred odd mile round trip, The side at one end of the British Isles, in a manner of speaking, are long time members of the South West Peninsula League, finishing sixth last season. This is the first time they have reached this round and their only previous Vase meeting with the Wessex League was a defeat at Christchurch some eight years ago in their first game in the competition.

Also heading west are **HYTHE & DIBDEN**, having been drawn away to Bridgwater United. Previously known as Bridgwater Town, they have a lot of Southern League experience and have reached the fifth Round twice in the past.

SHERBORNE TOWN against **HAMWORTHY UNITED** is the lone all-Wessex tie. Though they have not previously met in the League they did meet in the FA Cup in 2010/11 when Sherborne triumphed after a replay.

PORTLAND UNITED, much travelled in Cup Competitions, have, by their standards, a relatively short trip to Wiltshire to meet Malmesbury Victoria, now in the Hellenic League Division One after relegation from the Premier Division last season. They are long-term entrants in the Vase and have lost to both AFC Stoneham and Sholing in the past.

AMESBURY TOWN will welcome Hellenic League Highworth Town to Bonnymead Park with their visitors having finished 3rd and 5th in the last two seasons after a five-year spell in the Southern League. They reached the Fifth Round of the Vase in 2023/24 and have in the past encountered Bashley and Blackfield & Langley on the road in the Competition. Amesbury's pitch may slope slightly from end to end but they will be grateful to have avoided the ferocious slope at Highworth.

Finally, **MILLBROOK** will not be too far from Highworth when they travel to Cirencester Town who are now in their second season in the Hellenic after a long spell in the Southern League. This is just Millbrook's fourth season in the Vase and already the second time they have reached this stage.

Good luck to all our Clubs.

AFC Aldermaston v Infinity	Cove v Snodland Town	Penzance v Hamworthy Recreation
Amesbury Town v Highworth Town	Downton v Sidmouth Town	Reading City v Baffins Milton Rovers
Bearsted v Cowes Sports	Ivybridge Town v Totton & Eling	Sherborne Town v Hamworthy United
Bridgwater United v Hythe & Dibden	Malmesbury Victoria v Portland United	Whitchurch United v Windsor & Eton
Cirencester Town v Millbrook		

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	Sherborne Town	10	7	1	2	23	10	13	22	2.200
2	Petersfield Town	8	7	0	1	15	4	11	21	2.625
3	AFC Stoneham	7	6	0	1	18	6	12	18	2.571
4	Andover New Street	10	5	2	3	17	11	6	17	1.700
5	Hamworthy Recreation	8	5	1	2	13	7	6	16	2.000
6	Hamble Club	6	4	2	0	17	4	13	14	2.333
7	Portland United	9	4	0	5	17	15	2	12	1.333
8	Baffins Milton Rovers	9	3	3	3	12	14	-2	12	1.333
9	Brockenhurst	9	3	2	4	15	13	2	11	1.222
10	Downton	9	3	1	5	13	16	-3	10	1.111
11	Bournemouth	10	3	1	6	15	21	-6	10	1.000
12	Christchurch	8	3	1	4	14	21	-7	10	1.250
13	Cowes Sports	5	3	0	2	10	10	0	9	1.800
14	Millbrook	8	3	0	5	10	19	-9	9	1.125
15	Laverstock & Ford	5	2	2	1	14	7	7	8	1.600
16	East Cowes Victoria	6	2	1	3	6	12	-6	7	1.167
17	Hythe & Dibden	6	1	3	2	11	12	-1	6	1.000
18	New Milton Town	7	1	2	4	10	18	-8	5	0.714
19	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	9	1	2	6	6	19	-13	5	0.556
20	Wincanton Town	11	0	4	7	12	29	-17	4	0.364

POS	DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Romsey Town	9	7	1	1	23	10	13	22	2.444
2	Whitchurch United	8	7	0	1	31	11	20	21	2.625
3	Ash United	8	6	1	1	15	10	5	19	2.375
4	Fleetlands	10	6	1	3	15	14	1	19	1.900
5	Ringwood Town	11	6	1	4	24	24	0	19	1.727
6	Frimley Green	7	5	1	1	19	8	11	16	2.286
7	Hamworthy United	10	5	1	4	22	17	5	16	1.600
8	Cove	7	4	2	1	14	9	5	14	2.000
9	Colden Common	8	4	1	3	25	22	3	13	1.625
10	Newport (IoW)	8	4	1	3	14	15	-1	13	1.625
11	Blackfield & Langley	8	4	1	3	12	18	-6	13	1.625
12	Folland Sports	8	4	0	4	22	15	7	12	1.500
13	Kintbury Rangers	10	3	3	4	20	22	-2	12	1.200
14	Amesbury Town	8	3	1	4	14	13	1	10	1.250
15	United Services Portsmouth	9	3	0	6	14	27	-13	9	1.000
16	Clanfield	9	2	2	5	13	17	-4	8	0.889
17	Alresford Town	8	2	2	4	15	22	-7	8	1.000
18	AFC Aldermaston	7	1	3	3	9	9	0	6	0.857
19	Yateley United	10	1	2	7	20	24	-4	5	0.500
20	Fawley AFC	8	1	2	5	5	15	-10	5	0.625
21	Totton & Eling	7	1	0	6	6	18	-12	3	0.429
22	Lymington Town	8	0	2	6	11	23	-12	2	0.250

THE LAST WORD

Following the devastating news in the last few days, the FA have also released a statement- *“Whilst the health and safety of participants and spectators at the National League System level is the responsibility of the clubs and their local authorities, we will now conduct an immediate review, working with Leagues, Clubs and relevant stakeholders across the game, that will focus on the safety of perimeter walls and boundaries around pitches in the National League System. This will include looking at ways we can assist National League System clubs to identify and implement additional measures at their stadiums that they determine will help to mitigate any potential safety risks.”*

PHOTO FINISH



Today saw Division One action from the County Ground, where Hamworthy United won a seesaw contest with unbeaten Whitchurch United (yellow). The Hammers winning this best of seven duel.



Action this afternoon from Sherborne Town (black and white) who hit visitors Christchurch for six in this Premier Division clash. The visitors' consolation was a penalty. Thanks to Sara Taylor for the picture.



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