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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



We kick off this week with Robin Caddy's picture from Test Park in the week where AFC Stoneham hit two without reply against hosts Millbrook (grey) in the Velocity League Cup [match report on page 19]



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STAT ATTACK

TOP SIX LEADING GOALSCORERS - LEAGUE GAMES ONLY

PREMIER DIVISION

Duarte Martins	AFC Stoneham	16
Greg Borthwick	Portland United	11
Lewis Beale	Baffins Milton Rovers	10
Remus Nixon	Portland United	9
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DIVISION ONE

Bailey Rowe	Hamworthy United	19
Lee Vint	Ringwood Town	18
Charlie Glasspool	Folland Sports	16
Ben Sunley	Colden Common	14
Brad Lethbridge	Colden Common	14
Danilo Pereira	Whitchurch United	14

*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

Petersfield Town	vs	AFC Stoneham	262	18 October
Cowes Sports	vs	Downton	236	1 November
Brockenhurst	vs	Petersfield Town	234	29 July
New Milton Town	vs	Christchurch	214	11 October
Andover New Street	vs	Petersfield Town	212	13 December

DIVISION ONE

Top five league attendances

Alresford Town	vs	Colden Common	329	6 December
Yateley United	vs	Frimley Green	226	2 September
Romsey Town	vs	Folland Sports	212	11 October
Whitchurch United	vs	Kintbury Rangers	204	8 October
Frimley Green	vs	Cove	202	20 December
Yateley United	vs	Whitchurch United	190	28 October

PREMIER DIVISION- TOP THREE

Sharpest Attack

Hamble Club	53
AFC Stoneham	49
Brockenhurst	42

Meanest Defence

Petersfield Town	11
AFC Stoneham	15
Hamble Club	17

Goals scored per Game

Hamble Club	2.789
AFC Stoneham	2.722
Laverstock & Ford	2.278

DIVISION ONE- TOP THREE

Sharpest Attack

Colden Common	70
Hamworthy United	55
Whitchurch United	55

Meanest Defence

Cove	18
Romsey Town	21
Newport IOW	26

Goals scored per Game

Colden Common	3.043
Hamworthy United	2.619
Whitchurch United	2.619

PREMIER DIVISION- HIGH SCORES

Home win	Baffins Milton Rovers	vs	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	7-1	1 November
	Baffins Milton Rovers	vs	New Milton Town	7-1	4 October
	Downton	vs	Wincanton Town	5-0	22 November
	Downton	vs	East Cowes Victoria	5-0	16 August
	Laverstock & Ford	vs	Baffins Milton Rovers	5-0	9 August
	Portland United	vs	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	6-1	16 August
	Sherborne Town	vs	Christchurch	6-1	27 September
Away win	Cowes Sports	vs	AFC Stoneham	0-5	30 September

DIVISION ONE- HIGH SCORES

Home win	Whitchurch United	vs	United Services Portsmouth	9-0	9 August
	Folland Sports	vs	Blackfield & Langley	7-0	6 September
	Hamworthy United	vs	Kintbury Rangers	7-1	11 October
Away win	Alresford Town	vs	Yateley United	2-9	20 September
	Lymington Town	vs	Fleetlands	1-8	18 October
	Fawley AFC	vs	Hamworthy United	1-7	18 November

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://www.nonleaguehq.com/>

League	Pos	STEP 5	Pl	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	PPG
5. SCP	1	Haywards Heath Town	20	19	0	1	67	10	57	57	2.850
5. CCS	1	Cobham	21	18	2	1	75	10	65	56	2.667
5. ECP	1	Mulbarton Wanderers	17	15	0	2	49	7	42	45	2.647
5. MLP	1	Northwich Victoria	16	13	2	1	47	10	37	41	2.563
5. WXP	1	AFC Stoneham	18	15	1	2	49	15	34	46	2.556
5. WLP	3	Torpoint Athletic	18	14	3	1	40	14	26	45	2.500
5. NL1	1	Guisborough Town	23	18	3	2	54	20	34	57	2.478
5. SCP	2	Steyning Town	21	16	4	1	59	24	35	52	2.476
5. WLP	1	Clevedon Town	21	17	1	3	49	19	30	52	2.476
5. SEP	1	Whitstable Town	19	15	2	2	46	23	23	47	2.474
5. SMP	1	Winslow United	19	15	1	3	52	22	30	46	2.421
5. WXP	2	Petersfield Town	19	15	1	3	36	11	25	46	2.421
5. NCP	1	Liversedge	22	16	5	1	49	14	35	53	2.409
5. UCS	1	Nuneaton Town	20	15	3	2	52	21	31	48	2.400
5. NWP	2	Wythenshawe FC	23	18	1	4	56	25	31	55	2.391
5. HLP	2	Slimbridge	20	15	2	3	51	20	31	47	2.350
5. NWP	4	Ramsbottom United	22	16	3	3	61	23	38	51	2.318
5. NL1	2	Sildon	22	16	3	3	52	25	27	51	2.318
5. UCS	2	March Town United	21	15	3	3	51	20	31	48	2.286
5. CCN	2	Ardley United	18	13	2	3	40	14	26	41	2.278

League	Pos	STEP 6	Pl	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	PPG
6. SWE	2	Bovey Tracey	13	12	1	0	49	5	44	37	2.846
6. ML1	2	Knowle	21	19	1	1	71	12	59	58	2.762
6. SS1	1	Everett Rovers	21	19	1	1	75	18	57	58	2.762
6. SWW	1	Liskeard Athletic	17	15	1	1	53	8	45	46	2.706
6. SWW	2	Elburton Villa	16	14	1	1	70	17	53	43	2.688
6. SE1	1	Rochester United	16	14	1	1	42	10	32	43	2.688
6. ML1	1	Gornal Athletic	22	19	2	1	61	19	42	59	2.682
6. E1N	2	Kings Park Rangers	21	18	2	1	45	12	33	56	2.667
6. SE1	3	AFC Greenwich Borough	14	12	1	1	40	8	32	37	2.643
6. UC1	1	Retford FC	25	21	3	1	71	19	52	66	2.640
6. E1N	1	Holland	22	18	2	2	69	26	43	56	2.545
6. NW1S	1	Runcorn Town	19	15	3	1	55	18	37	48	2.526
6. NCE1	2	Harrogate Railway Athletic	23	18	4	1	64	20	44	58	2.522
6. NL2	1	Redcar Town	23	18	3	2	53	21	32	57	2.478
6. SWE	1	Bridport	16	12	3	1	58	15	43	39	2.438
6. NCE1	1	Dearne & District	28	22	2	4	78	22	56	68	2.429
6. WL1	1	Devizes Town	21	15	6	0	53	11	42	51	2.429
6. ML1	3	Sutton United (Birmingham)	24	19	1	4	56	20	36	58	2.417
6. CC1	2	Woodley United	24	17	6	1	50	23	27	57	2.375
6. SE1	2	SE Dons	17	12	4	1	42	16	26	40	2.353

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

STEP 5 PPG RANKING

AFC Stoneham	5
Andover New Street	120
Baffins Milton Rovers	97
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	291
Bournemouth	267
Brookhurst	106
Christchurch	182
Cowes Sports	189
Downton	191
East Cowes Victoria Athletic	198
Hamble Club	26
Hamworthy Recreation	100
Hythe & Dibden	263
Laverstock & Ford	108
Millbrook	231
New Milton Town	311
Petersfield Town	11
Portland United	82
Sherborne Town	100
Wincanton Town	314

STEP 6 PPG RANKING

AFC Aldermaston	244
Alresford Town	202
Amesbury Town	211
Ash United	169
Blackfield & Langley	267
Clanfield	250
Colden Common	52
Cove	71
Fawley	304
Fleetlands	46
Folland Sports	44
Frimley Green	104
Hamworthy United	131
Kintbury Rangers	224
Lymington Town	309
Newport (Isle of Wight)	94
Ringwood Town	165
Romsey Town	87
Totton & Eling	309
United Services Portsmouth	250
Whitchurch United	35
Yateley United	99

THROUGH THE DOORS



These attendance figures are those **reported** by the home club this season for all their games in accordance with League requirements.

They do **not** include FA Youth Cup ties but, in addition to League and League Cup games do include FA Cup, FA Vase and any County or District FA cup matches.

WEEK ENDING	TOTAL	QUALIFYING GAMES	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
04-Oct-25	2,981	32	93.16	-51	1	37,287
11-Oct-25	3,274	30	109.13	293	514	40,561
18-Oct-25	4,012	34	118.00	738	157	44,573
25-Oct-25	2,837	29	97.83	-1,175	346	47,410
01-Nov-25	3,166	30	105.53	329	-782	50,576
08-Nov-25	3,373	30	112.43	207	281	53,949
15-Nov-25	2,760	28	98.57	-613	-1,848	56,709
22-Nov-25	1,931	23	83.96	-829	739	58,640
29-Nov-25	2,137	21	101.76	206	-685	60,777
06-Dec-25	1,244	13	95.69	-893	758	62,021
13-Dec-25	2,261	24	94.21	1,017	-423	64,282
20-Dec-25	3,365	27	124.63	1,104	573	67,647

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS 2025/26

TEAM	24/25 AVGE	25/26 AVGE	+/- +/-	+/- AS A %	25/26 BEST
AFC Aldermaston	53.05	44.17	-8.88	-16.75%	80
AFC Stoneham	113.63	106.22	-7.41	-6.52%	153
Alresford Town	113.84	121.50	7.66	6.73%	329
Amesbury Town	82.53	66.33	-16.19	-19.62%	77
Andover New Street	166.05	171.50	5.45	3.28%	212
Ash United	86.58	74.33	-12.25	-14.14%	145
Baffins Milton Rovers	132.42	90.33	-42.09	-31.78%	123
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	0.00	123.22	123.22	0.00%	185
Blackfield & Langley	88.84	70.00	-18.84	-21.21%	107
Bournemouth	72.11	70.92	-1.19	-1.65%	124
Brockenhurst	161.47	161.36	-0.11	-0.07%	234
Christchurch	75.95	93.38	17.43	22.95%	151
Clanfield	60.47	52.89	-7.58	-12.54%	78
Colden Common	0.00	73.00	73.00	0.00%	120
Cove	69.53	77.36	7.84	11.27%	188
Cowes Sports	178.21	165.30	-12.91	-7.24%	236
Downton	135.84	122.90	-12.94	-9.53%	185
East Cowes Victoria	187.32	154.22	-33.09	-17.67%	189
Fawley	80.74	76.40	-4.34	-5.37%	171
Fleetlands	74.05	92.09	18.04	24.36%	150
Folland Sports	64.37	68.63	4.26	6.61%	89
Frimley Green	154.89	114.50	-40.39	-26.08%	202
Hamble Club	113.05	103.33	-9.72	-8.60%	162
Hamworthy Recreation	58.05	55.67	-2.39	-4.11%	76
Hamworthy United	128.16	97.69	-30.47	-23.77%	128
Hythe & Dibden	117.53	93.63	-23.90	-20.34%	130
Kintbury Rangers	0.00	79.70	79.70	0.00%	142
Laverstock & Ford	122.42	126.50	4.08	3.33%	210
Lymington Town	121.26	80.10	-41.16	-33.95%	109
Millbrook	86.42	81.56	-4.87	-5.63%	118
New Milton Town	170.84	124.00	-46.84	-27.42%	214
Newport IOW	167.21	145.56	-21.65	-12.95%	176
Petersfield Town	0.00	177.70	177.70	0.00%	262
Portland United	182.89	142.00	-40.89	-22.36%	181
Ringwood Town	66.95	57.55	-9.40	-14.04%	65
Romsey Town	125.68	126.33	0.65	0.52%	212
Sherborne Town	140.26	124.11	-16.15	-11.52%	192
Totton & Eling	92.95	102.00	9.05	9.74%	145
United Services Portsmouth	72.84	54.56	-18.29	-25.10%	73
Whitchurch United	72.32	134.17	61.85	85.53%	204
Wincanton Town	97.47	78.25	-19.22	-19.72%	133
Yateley United	0.00	127.00	127.00	0.00%	226
Premier Division running total	21,933	Average	119.85		
Division One running total	19,438	Average	88.35		



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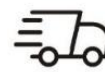
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FIXTURES – 2025/26

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

Friday 26 December

Premier Division

Cowes Sports v East Cowes Victoria [11:30]

Saturday 27 December

Premier Division

AFC Stoneham v Petersfield Town

Baffins Milton Rovers v Hamble Club

Bemerton Heath H'quins v Laverstock & Ford

Bournemouth v Millbrook

Brockenhurst v New Milton Town

Downton v Hythe & Dibden

Hamworthy Recreation v Andover New Street

Portland United v Christchurch

Wincanton Town v Sherborne Town

Division One

Ash United v Frimley Green

Blackfield & Langley v Romsey Town

Clanfield v U.S. Portsmouth

Colden Common v Amesbury Town

Cove v Yateley United

Folland Sports v Fleetlands

Hamworthy United v Ringwood Town

Kintbury Rangers v AFC Aldermaston

Lymington Town v Fawley AFC

Totton & Eling v Newport (IoW)

Whitchurch United v Alresford Town

Tuesday 30 December

Southampton Senior Cup Third Round

Downton v Romsey Town

Saturday 3 January

Premier Division

Andover New Street v Bemerton Heath H'quins

Baffins Milton Rovers v Bournemouth

Brockenhurst v Wincanton Town

Christchurch v AFC Stoneham

Downton v Cowes Sports

East Cowes Victoria v Hythe & Dibden

Hamworthy Recreation v Hamble Club

Laverstock & Ford v Portland United

Petersfield Town v Millbrook

Sherborne Town v New Milton Town

Division One

Amesbury Town v Frimley Green

Ash United v Folland Sports

Fleetlands v Hamworthy United

Kintbury Rangers v Fawley AFC

Lymington Town v Totton & Eling

Newport (IoW) v Cove

Ringwood Town v AFC Aldermaston

Romsey Town v Colden Common

U.S. Portsmouth v Blackfield & Langley

Whitchurch United v Clanfield

Yateley United v Alresford Town

Tuesday 6 January

Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup Second Round

Bashley v Baffins Milton Rovers

Division One

Alresford Town v Folland Sports

Amesbury Town v Romsey Town

Fawley AFC v Totton & Eling

Fleetlands v Newport (IoW)

North Hants Senior Cup Quarter Final

Andover New Street v Andover Town

Southampton Senior Cup Third Round

Millbrook v Hamble Club

Southampton Senior Cup Quarter Final

AFC Stoneham v Locks Heath

Wednesday 7 January

Division One

AFC Aldermaston v Cove

Blackfield & Langley v Ringwood Town

Thursday 8 January

Division One

Colden Common v Hamworthy United

Saturday 10 January

Premier Division

AFC Stoneham v Downton

Andover New Street v Hythe & Dibden

Bemerton Heath H'quins v East Cowes Victoria

Bournemouth v Cowes Sports

Hamble Club v Christchurch

Laverstock & Ford v Hamworthy Recreation

New Milton Town v Millbrook

Portland United v Baffins Milton Rovers

Sherborne Town v Brockenhurst

Wincanton Town v Petersfield Town

Division One

Alresford Town v AFC Aldermaston

Ash United v Colden Common

Blackfield & Langley v Amesbury Town

Clanfield v Yateley United

Cove v Ringwood Town

Folland Sports v Whitchurch United

Frimley Green v Lymington Town

Hamworthy United v Romsey Town

Newport (IoW) v Kintbury Rangers

Totton & Eling v Fleetlands

U.S. Portsmouth v Fawley AFC

Tuesday 13 January

Hampshire Servio Senior Cup Quarter Final

Baffins Milton Rovers v Horndean

Sholing v Hamble Club

Premier Division

Millbrook v Cowes Sports
Petersfield Town v East Cowes Victoria

Division One

Kintbury Rangers v Frimley Green
Ringwood Town v Newport (IoW)
Romsey Town v Blackfield & Langley

Wednesday 14 January

Dorset Senior Cup Semi Final

Sherborne Town v Weymouth

Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup Second Round

U.S. Portsmouth v Locks Heath

Division One

Whitchurch United v Ash United

Saturday 17 January

Isuzu FA Vase Fourth Round

Barnstaple Town v AFC Stoneham
Downton v Slimbridge AFC
Hallen v Hythe & Dibden

Premier Division

Bemerton Heath H'quins v Wincanton Town
Brockenhurst v Andover New Street
Christchurch v Sherborne Town
Cowes Sports v Laverstock & Ford
East Cowes Victoria v Bournemouth
Millbrook v Hamble Club
New Milton Town v Hamworthy Recreation
Portland United v Petersfield Town

Division One

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

Tuesday 20 January

Dorset Senior Cup Semi Final

Portland United v Dorchester Town

Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup Second Round

Fleetlands v Millbrook

Velocity Wessex League Cup Third Round

Baffins Milton Rovers v Hamble Club

Premier Division

Hythe & Dibden v Cowes Sports
Laverstock & Ford v East Cowes Victoria

Division One

Clanfield v Lymington Town
Fawley AFC v Whitchurch United
Folland Sports v Cove

Hamworthy United v Frimley Green

North Hants Senior Cup Quarter Final

Romsey Town v Stockbridge

Southern Combination Challenge Cup Second Round

Ash United v Reading City

Friday 23 January

Division One

Clanfield v Folland Sports

Saturday 24 January

Premier Division

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

Division One

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

Tuesday 27 January

Division One

Alresford Town v Clanfield
Folland Sports v Ringwood Town
Newport (IoW) v Romsey Town
Totton & Eling v Kintbury Rangers

Saturday 31 January

Premier Division

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

Division One

AFC Aldermaston v Fleetlands
Amesbury Town v Whitchurch United
Clanfield v Totton & Eling
Colden Common v Ringwood Town

Fawley AFC v Cove
 Folland Sports v Kintbury Rangers
 Frimley Green v Blackfield & Langley
 Hamworthy United v Newport (IoW)
 Lymington Town v Alresford Town
 Romsey Town v Ash United
 Yateley United v U.S. Portsmouth

Tuesday 3 February

Premier Division

AFC Stoneham v Brockenhurst
 Downton v Christchurch
 Petersfield Town v Hamble Club

Division One

Blackfield & Langley v Newport (IoW)
 Cove v AFC Aldermaston
 Totton & Eling v Hamworthy United
 U.S. Portsmouth v Folland Sports

Thursday 5 February

Division One

Colden Common v Fawley AFC

Saturday 7 February

Isuzu FA Vase Fifth Round

Premier Division

Andover New Street v Bournemouth
 Baffins Milton Rovers v AFC Stoneham
 East Cowes Victoria v Downton
 Hamble Club v Brockenhurst
 Hythe & Dibden v New Milton Town
 Laverstock & Ford v Petersfield Town
 Millbrook v Christchurch
 Portland United v Cowes Sports
 Sherborne Town v Bemerton Heath Harlequins
 Wincanton Town v Hamworthy Recreation

Division One

Fawley AFC v Frimley Green
 Fleetlands v Cove
 Folland Sports v Romsey Town
 Hamworthy United v AFC Aldermaston
 Kintbury Rangers v Clanfield
 Newport (IoW) v Colden Common
 Ringwood Town v Ash United
 Totton & Eling v Amesbury Town
 Whitchurch United v Lymington Town
 Yateley United v Blackfield & Langley

CLUB NEWS

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

Owen Holloway has passed the 200 appearance barrier for **Romsey Town**

Frimley Green have been drawn at home in the Surrey Premier Cup Quarter Final, where they will face either Molesey or Honourable Artillery Company. The Frimmers will have a while to wait to know their opposition as the game at Molesey, after a postponement at the beginning of the month, has yet to be arranged.

RESULTS

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

Tuesday 16 December

Dorset Senior Cup Quarter Final

Sturminster Newton United	1-2	Sherborne Town	300
Aaron Lane-Leney 71		Josh Williams 37	
		Alex Murphy 46	

Surrey Premier Cup Second Round

Frimley Green	2-0	Colliers Wood United	39
Kieran Campbell 12			
Ollie Henry 24			

Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup Second Round

Hamble Club	2-4	Christchurch	76
Braydon Douglas		Joe Freak 19, 26	
James Johnson		Fin Richardson 65	
		James Storey 72	

Velocity Wessex League Cup Third Round

Millbrook	0-2	AFC Stoneham	103
		Tyrrell Sampson 1	
		Liam Callaghan 74	

Premier Division

Portland United	3-0	Hamworthy Recreation	140
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*Jacob Coombs 42, 86**Josh Camp 57***Division One**

Cove	2-0	Ash United	74
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*George Keenan 6**Charlie Oakley 24***Isle of Wight Gold Cup Quarter Final**

Newport (IoW)	8-0	Bembridge & Vectis	146
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*Joe Craig 8, 37**Ji Nash 13, 34**Jez Conway 17, 31**Harri Catania 23**Joe Butcher 55***Southampton Senior Cup Quarter Final**

Brockenhurst	5-2	Ringwood Town	103
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*Connor Dunesby-Bent 1**Jack Tornianien 11**Mitch Speechley-Price 44**Toby Colmer 66**Luke Gray 71**Lee Vint 16**Danny May 54***Saturday 20 December****Premier Division**

Andover New Street	0-2	AFC Stoneham	182
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Duarte Martins 80, 82

Bournemouth	0-4	Hamworthy Recreation	58
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*Moss Jackson-Collis 3**Chris Long 51, 54, 62*

Brockenhurst	7-0	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	151
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*Connor Dunesby-Bent 7, 24**Freddie Beale 12**Mitch Speechley-Price 31**Henry Brooks 45, 90+4**Omarion Mason 84*

Christchurch	6-1	Wincanton Town	75
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*Luke Sheehy 7, 23**Joe Freak 45+2**James Storey 80, 90+1**Fin Toghill 89**Kye Simpson 4*

Hamble Club	6-0	East Cowes Victoria	78
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*Matt Casey 5, 29, 76 pen**Braydon Douglas 43**Nick Yeomans 46**Jordan Cunningham 58*

Laverstock & Ford	2-0	Downton	210
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*Archie Lovegrove**Hubert Cegiela*

New Milton Town	2-3	Cowes Sports	110
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*Niall Dixon 62**Brad Snelling 84**George Colson**Scott McFarlane**Jordan Browne*

Petersfield Town <i>Rudi Blankson 15</i> <i>Rocco Gamblin 23</i>	2-0	Baffins Milton Rovers	201
Sherborne Town Division One	0-0	Portland United	192
AFC Aldermaston	0-1	Hamworthy United <i>Sam Darlow 47</i>	40
Alresford Town <i>Jack Welch [4]</i> <i>Sam Vidler</i> <i>Charlie Glew</i>	6-1	United Services Portsmouth <i>John Clucas 82</i>	88
Amesbury Town <i>Robbie Owen [2]</i> <i>OG</i> <i>Jack Langdown</i>	4-2	Lymington Town <i>Charlie Cox [2]</i>	63
Fawley AFC	0-3	Blackfield & Langley <i>Ewang Derick 18</i> <i>Henry Foster 34</i> <i>Dan Reynolds 65</i>	85
Fleetlands <i>Oli Page 37</i>	1-1	Colden Common <i>OG 44</i>	150
Frimley Green <i>Logan Lowes 16</i>	1-0	Cove	202
Kintbury Rangers <i>Oli Denner</i>	1-1	Whitchurch United <i>Danilo Pereira</i>	85
Newport (IoW) <i>Ji Nash 13</i> <i>Jez Conway 37</i>	2-4	Folland Sports <i>Jimi John 39</i> <i>Charlie Glasspool 65, 71, 76</i>	176
Romsey Town <i>Mendy Masuku</i> <i>Harry Edmondson</i>	2-0	Totton & Eling	116
Yateley United <i>Nathan Connolly 37</i> <i>Lynford Sackey 42</i> <i>Joao Jardim 88, 90+4</i>	4-0	Ash United	122

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.



SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER

ISUZU FA VASE THIRD ROUND- Hallen 3-0 Hamworthy Recreation

John Hutchings was pitchside

REC exited the FA Vase in disappointing fashion, with this defeat at Hellenic League Hallen. This was Rec's fourth consecutive loss in all competitions and confidence is at a low ebb at the moment. There was plenty of honest endeavour, but a lack of quality and creativity in a game of few chances.

Manager, Wayne Smith, was again hit by injuries and unavailability and the team, virtually, picked itself. Both sides struggled to make any early impact, but for the hosts, Harrison Fairman looked impressive - more on him later! Rec eventually settled and had a good shout for a penalty ignored by the referee. But it was Hallen looking the livelier in the box and FAIRMAN fizzed a shot across the face of goal, before he struck, on 42 minutes. He cleverly worked his way into the area and drilled a low shot beyond Shane Murphy, in the Rec goal, to put his side in front at the break.

HT 1-0

Fairman was causing problems again, early in the second half, rounding Murphy and having his attempt, from a tight angle, blocked at the expense of a corner.

Rec were seldom troubling an impressive looking home defence and it was Hallen who should have doubled their lead when Fairman missed a simple chance, shooting wide.

But on 84 minutes the game was settled, when FAIRMAN, inevitably, outpaced his marker and the offside trap and coolly planted his shot beyond Murphy and just two minutes later Rec's misery was complete when the pacy Hallen striker notched his hat-trick with an audacious lob, to send his team into the last 32 of the Vase.

FT 3-0

TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER

ISLE OF WIGHT GOLD CUP QUARTER FINAL- Newport IOW 8-0 Bembridge &N Vectis

John Davies was pitchside

AT last Newport returned to the green, green grass and under the lights in front of an excellent crowd of 146 they safely avoided the upset and booked their place in the Semi-finals of this year's Gold Cup. The game began with a minute's silence observed for long time Newport supporter Dave Bingham who sadly passed away last week.

Newport fielded their strongest starting eleven, keen to get minutes in legs before Saturdays tough league fixture against Follands, the players looked fresh and had the bit between their teeth after 38 days of inactivity, the goals flowed throughout the first half, shared between Ji Nash, Jez Conway, Joe Craig and Harri Catania, the play was quick, sharp and incisive, the Bembridge high line proving a flawed tactic and the speed of pass often by passed their industrious midfield.

When called upon for defensive duties the back four were excellent with Kai Grace especially having a strong game, Neo Lamb delivering some pin point cross field passes and Micheal Thompsett always willing to occupy his opposite number high up the pitch, his industry should have been rewarded with a penalty but the defender was adjudged to have got the ball before the man.

Being up by seven at the break this could have become uncompetitive, however the second half was exactly as the management would have wanted, a competitive, occasionally physical, match that made Newport work hard for their possession and to their enormous credit Bembridge only conceded one more goal, Joe Butcher with a composed finish.

Newport were able to empty the bench, and whilst a few were entitled to feel a little cramp they could be protected by being taken off, Keelan Walsh returning to the squad after his ankle injury was a plus as was another glimpse of what Luca Weeks can do, one shot in particular just fizzing over and he too should have won a penalty but somehow the blatant shirt pull was missed by the officials.

So a winning return, weather permitting they will look to reignite their league campaign on Saturday and hopefully extend their unbeaten record at Westwood Park.

TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER

PREMIER DIVISION- Portland United 3-0 Hamworthy Recreation

John Hutchings was pitchside

REC's dismal run continues in a match which was a carbon copy of Saturday's. Rec lacked any creativity and spark, in a game that was certainly not for the purists, on a cold night at The Grove. Rec edged the first half-hour, but Portland then got on top and scored just before the break. An early second half goal for the Blues virtually secured the points and a third, near the end, rubbed salt in the wounds and meant five successive defeats for Rec.

Portland ace marksman, Borthwick, was denied an early chance by a timely tackle from Tony Rolls, but Rec then had a chance of their own, Brad Hill's free kick dipping inches over the bar. Portland had a header from a corner off target and a Coombs effort blocked, but Rec were coping well.

But on 42 minutes Portland took the lead and it was Jacob COOMBS breaking down the right, who cut in and hit a screamer, high into the net, beyond Rec stopper, Shane Murphy.

HT 1-0

Within ten minutes of the re-start the lead was doubled. Borthwick took advantage of a defensive slip, broke down the right and squared for Josh CAMP to tap in at the far post.

Rec heads were down and it seemed unlikely they could get back into the game. Will Lippiatt did well to set up Ash Pope, whose low shot was just wide. Then Pope's corner fell for Sean Wright, but his effort was over the bar.

Elliott Pearce-Eavis got on the end of a cross, but his header was easily saved by Foden, in the home goal. Rec's misery was compounded on 86 minutes, when COOMBS' clever flick from close-range made it three.

FT 3-0

TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER

SOUTHAMPTON SENIUR CUP QUARTER FINAL- Brockenhurst 5-2 Ringwood Town

Jon Renyard was pitchside

ULTIMATELY, the Badgers booked their Southampton Senior Cup semi-final place with something to spare, despite a bit of a scare early in the second half. They had a little bit more quality where it counted, took more of their chances, and were able to ease past their Division One opponents despite playing with ten for 45 minutes.

A lightning start: 34 seconds on the clock when Brock took the lead, Speechley-Price playing in Brooks whose shot from a tight angle came back off the post, but Connor DUNESBY-BENT was on hand to tuck home the rebound. Hosts firmly in the ascendant at this point, a terrific run from Torniainen on 7 minutes reaching the edge of the box before testing keeper Callum White who just managed to push the ball behind for a corner.

But on 11, Brock played a corner back to the edge of the box – it probably wasn't intended for TORNIAINEN but it reached him and this time his shot sneaked in for 2-0. And then, out of nowhere, a gift of a goal for the visitors on 16 minutes. The ball was with Valero, passed to MacFarlane a few yards away and under no pressure, but his attempt to tap it back to the keeper was underhit and Lee Vint was onto it – initial shot well saved by Valero but the ball ran loose towards the goal and VINT was able to knock it home from a yard. Ringwood did press a little more after that but the Badgers back line did well, heading every cross away and holding firm.

While the early dominance had gone, Brock were still creating chances at the other end: Luke Gray flashed a header wide from a corner... Brooks, found by a sublime MacFarlane pass, saw his shot blocked, but on 44 minutes a Colmer cross found SPEECHLEY-PRICE at the back post, 3-1. But then a few seconds into injury time, Speechley-Price went in for a challenge, appeared to slip at the last minute, took his man out – and was given a straight red. It felt quite harsh, but it's there in the record books.

HT 3-1

Understandably, Ringwood came out fired up for the second half, playing against ten. A couple of personnel changes, including moving Brooks to centre half, seemed to upset Brock's defensive rhythm and they struggled to work with the revised shape in the early period. Being down to ten didn't help, no doubt, but the Badgers were sitting too deep and encouraging the opposition onto them – and duly paid the price on 54 minutes when Danny MAY, Ringwood's most influential player on the night, reacted quickest to a loose ball and fired home from the edge of the box.

Shortly after, Rabin shot over the bar from a decent position; the Badgers were rocking and needed someone to grab the game and take charge. Step forward Toby Colmer, who became increasingly influential from this point on, running the midfield almost single-handedly with running being the operative word,

incredible energy. The hosts extended their lead on 66 with a very neat move, McCarthy-Gardiner's cross deflected off a defender to Mason, who set up COLMER for 4-2. Five minutes on, a corner headed out only to the edge of the box, Luke GRAY with the shot, 5-2.

Any doubts about the outcome were now dispelled, and Brock almost scored the goal of the night – superb run from Colmer down the left, outstanding defence-splitting pass through to Mason, but White managed to spread himself and save. Ringwood didn't give up and they might still have got one back, first after Rossi slipped in the box and presented the ball to Kerse, but Valero made a fine save – and then he saved again, firstly from Kerse and then from Whitelaw. Kerse also managed to find the gardens – up and over the trees behind the goal – from a pretty decent position, but it wasn't Ringwood's night.

FT 5-2

TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER

VELOCITY WESSEX LEAGUE CUP THIRD ROUND- Millbrook 0-2 AFC Stoneham

Robin Caddy was pitchside

AFC Stoneham were the visitors to Test Park on Tuesday evening for a Velocity Wessex League Cup Third Round game against Millbrook. This must have been one of the most played matchups of last season, with the teams meeting five times. Despite there only being about 6 miles between the two grounds, it was not a bumper crowd, just into three figures, and anyone arriving late would have missed a remarkable start to the match.

Stoneham chose to use their kick off as a kick for touch fairly deep down Millbrook's right side. The resulting throw-in saw the ball come back towards the half way line before a very direct attack from Stoneham. A Millbrook defender misses a chance to intercept the ball, Fee flicks the ball to Jenkins who plays in Tyrrell SAMPSON who dinks it over the advancing keeper to make it one nil in the first minute.

Stoneham have Jamie Johnston back after a short spell at Fareham, there's no Duarte Martens or Dan Miller and Tom Jobe is between the sticks. Millbrook have made changes again, but once more Jamie White is starting on the bench. No Bobby Gorman either, so it is a first start for the exciting Tahay Connelly on the left. The Millbrook defence looks nervy after that start, and on 6 minutes Sampson puts one just wide from the edge of the box. On 15 minutes Millbrook have their first decent chance, when Scott Hills attempts an acrobatic volley.

It is starting to look like a busy night for Alex Walder in goal for Millbrook on his 20th birthday. Sampson has an effort on 17 minutes, and on 29 minutes Walder is gathering the ball at the second attempt from a Cluett corner. Millbrook end the half stronger than they started it and almost score around the 32nd minute mark when Fuller has a shot blocked at close range, and then Drake plays in Hills, a good save from the Stoneham keeper and Connelly can't quite follow up. Just before half time Ryan Batley suffers a very nasty looking knee injury and despite wanting to play on, is clearly suffering and George Cole comes on.

Walder is called upon again on 45+2 to deal with a Sampson effort from distance, which he does at the second attempt.

HT 0-1

The second half starts quite brightly for Millbrook, with a couple of early corners and some pressure, but soon Stoneham really take control of the match. Walder is called on once again to save well from Fee on 57 minutes, and another decent chance moments later. On 60 minutes it's Walder again, making a superb double save, followed by more Stoneham chances. Then on 74 minutes sub Liam CALLAGHAN gets a lovely ball from the always-excellent Owen Fee, takes a touch and as soon as he hits it you know it's a goal, as the ball flies in to the far top corner. It has taken an excellent effort to beat Walder, whose work is not yet done!

Stoneham keep the pressure up, and on 89 minutes Walder gets a birthday card from the ref - only yellow when it may have been red, after Jenkins plays sub Nagle in, and Walder wipes him out. Walder is something of a legend already when it comes to saving penalties, Callaghan steps up and strokes the ball towards the right corner, Walder dives full length, fingers outstretched, grasping for the ball but it's just past him.... and finds the post! The ball almost hits Walder on the back of the head but ends up looping over him and being hooked away by the young keeper. He really is something else!

The game finishes Millbrook 0-2 AFC Stoneham, but Man of the Match has to go to the birthday boy Alex Walder. A game is never just about one player, but Stoneham would have scored two or three times as many goals if not for his exceptional performance.

SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER

PREMIER DIVISION- Bournemouth 0-4 Hamworthy Recreation

John Hutchings was pitchside

SOMETIMES when you are on a bad run you just need a bit of luck to change your fortunes and that is certainly what happened for Rec in this local derby with Poppies. A goalkeeping howler, in the opening minutes, presented Rec with an early Christmas present and they should have added more, but had to settle for just a one goal lead at the break. An early second half goal eased the nerves and they went on to add two more, to secure their first win in six games. Chris Long was the goal hero, ending his drought with a well taken hat-trick.

Rec were in front after only 3 minutes when home keeper, Plunkett miss-kicked a back pass into the path of new Rec signing, Moss JACKSON-COLLIS, who had the simple task of tapping into an unguarded net, for the opener. It was nearly two when Long drilled in a low cross which cannoned off home defender, Zdrava and clipped the base of the post. Then Max Wilcock chased a long ball, beat the keeper, but saw his attempt cleared at the expense of a corner.

Bournemouth then had two good chances, both involving Roberts. Firstly, he took advantage of a defensive slip, but rolled his shot beyond the far post, then working a good opening, but shooting straight at Shane Murphy, in the Rec goal.

Rec were at least creating chances, which have been few and far between in recent matches. Wilcock had a goal ruled out for offside and Jackson-Collis blazed over, from close-range, before Long got a touch to Eddie Hodge's cross, only for Plunkett to save.

HT 0-1

Just six minutes into the re-start Rec doubled their lead. Elliott Pearce-Eavis floated over a cross, from the right and LONG rose, high, to send a looping header into the net, for 0-2.

Poppies needed a response and Cheshire missed a great chance, bursting into the area, but shooting wide. That was to prove decisive, as on 54 minutes LONG notched his second, seizing on a mistake, rounding the keeper and slamming his shot, high into the net.

For Poppies, Spink was denied by a great save from Murphy, pushing his header over the bar, before Rec wrapped up the scoring on 62 minutes with LONG again punishing a mistake with a thumping, low shot, to make it four and a welcome three points for Rec.

FT 0-4.

SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER

PREMIER DIVISION- Hamble Club 6-0 East Cowes Victoria

Russ Chapman was pitchside

VICS travelled to Hamble after last week's narrow defeat to Baffins but with high hopes after some recent strong performances and with Manager Alex Smith delighted to be welcoming back Raff Boyd-Kerr after three months out injured.

Hamble started the stronger of the two sides and were ahead after 5 minutes, the ball bouncing loose after a long throw and Skipper Matt CASEY firing wide of George Bridi's despairing dive and into the corner of the net.

Elliott wheeler's effort flew over the bar on 12 minutes after some good build up play.

Casey's effort on 14 minutes was wide of the target and Bridi saved well on 21 minutes.

Jake Scrimshaw was dragged to the ground on 24 minutes, the young Vics striker took the free kick but his effort was just wide of the far post. Hamble doubled their lead on 29 minutes CASEY volleying home a loose ball.

Hamble were playing their narrow pitch very well and they increased their lead on 43 minutes, Liam Newbolds challenge deemed unfair, the resulting free kick from Braydon DOUGLAS was placed perfectly from 20 yards.

HT 3-0

Vics had work to do in the second half and conceding in the first minute would not have been on Alex Smith's agenda, Nick YEOMANS tapping home inside the six yard box.

Jordan CUNNINGHAM increased Hambles lead on 58 minutes, with a fine strike, and on 76 minutes a dubious penalty awarded for slight contact really hammered home the nail for Vics and CASEY dispatched with aplomb to complete his hat trick.

Raff Boyd-Kerrs strike on 89 minutes, not troubling the Hamble Keeper was Vics only effort of the second half.

FT 6-0

SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER

PREMIER DIVISION- Brockenhurst 7-0 Bemerton Heath Harlequins

Jon Renyard was pitchside

THE game took place on a proper winter pitch – playable but heavy, not made for flowing football – all the more credit to the Badgers, therefore, that they played some sparkling stuff, especially in a first half which effectively decided the game. Bemerton were taking their time from the first minute, curiously – although the referee did need to call one player over and say “I’m not asking you to talk, I’m asking you to listen”. Even so, Brock were in front on 7 minutes: good move down the left, superb cross from Speechley-Price, converted by Connor DUNESBY-BENT inside the six-yard box.

Five minutes later and it was 2-0, super pass slipped through to Bent who turned provider, crossing to give Freddie BEALE a tap-in at the back post. The game was then interrupted because of what looked a serious injury to Jordan Matthews – nobody near him, looked like he got his studs caught in the turf, wish him a speedy recovery.

Another fizzing Bent cross through the box with nobody quite able to get a touch, but 24 minutes, Brock corner taken by Dukes, headed in by BENT. All too comfortable, and Brock were possibly a bit casual – one long ball allowed to bounce between two defenders and Griffiths, Harlequins’ best player all afternoon, was clean through on goal, but Valero made an important save. And things went from bad to worse for the visitors: the Brock press forced a hurried pass back to keeper Dillon who misjudged the bounce and miskicked horribly, the ball slicing almost straight up in the air and giving SPEECHLEY-PRICE a simple volley into an empty net.

And then right on half-time, Henry BROOKS picked the ball up inside his own half, ran forward, ran through two challenges and found himself clean through... and finished calmly.

HT 5-0

Unsurprisingly, after such an eventful first half, the second didn't quite match up. Bemerton made a couple of changes and that added energy, but Brock were also content to sit back and soak up what pressure there was... Griffiths dragged a shot wide of the far post... Torniainen had to deflect a deep cross behind for a corner... and then the Badgers woke up on 72 minutes, Beale whistling a shot just past the post and then just failing to get a touch to a wicked Speechley-Price cross at the back post.

But finally, with seven minutes left, Omarion MASON converted neatly at the near post to add a sixth, and two seconds into overtime BROOKS picked up the ball in his own half – again! – broke through a challenge and raced down the right, weaved inside- smashing home off the underside of the bar to round things off.

FT 7-0

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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

Kick off times will also vary- please check if planning to visit..

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- DORSET PREMIER LEAGUE

RESULTS

Tuesday 16 December

Dorset Senior Cup Quarter Final

Gillingham Town 1-4 Dorchester Town [at Dorchester Town]

Saturday 20 December

Bournemouth Electric 3-1 Poole Borough

Bournemouth Sports 0-3 Blandford United

Dorchester Sports 1-0 Verwood Town

Hamworthy Recreation Reserves 0-4 Gillingham Town

Hamworthy United Reserves 0-1 Sherborne Town Reserves

Wimborne Town Reserves 0-4 Swanage Town & Herston

Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Senior Trophy Quarter Final

Bridport Reserves 4-1 Puddletown

TABLE

POS	DORSET PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Cobham Sports	17	15	2	0	69	16	53	47
2	Dorchester Sports	18	15	2	1	44	12	32	47
3	Blandford United	17	15	0	2	47	19	28	45
4	Swanage Town & Herston	20	12	3	5	58	30	28	39
5	Bournemouth Electric	17	12	2	3	50	26	24	38
6	Bournemouth Sports	18	10	3	5	56	36	20	33
7	Sherborne Town Reserves	19	11	0	8	33	37	-4	33
8	Balti Sports	18	9	2	7	54	33	21	29
9	Holt United	17	9	2	6	30	23	7	29
10	Wimborne Town Reserves	23	8	2	13	43	57	-14	26
11	Hamworthy Recreation Reserves	19	7	3	9	23	37	-14	24
12	Hamworthy United Reserves	21	7	2	12	32	59	-27	23
13	Westland Sports	16	6	1	9	33	32	1	19
14	Gillingham Town	19	4	3	12	29	38	-9	15
15	Verwood Town	21	4	2	15	17	52	-35	14
16	Portland United Reserves	17	3	3	11	18	46	-28	12
17	Bridport Reserves	16	1	3	12	20	54	-34	6
18	Poole Borough	21	0	3	18	12	61	-49	3

FIXTURES**Saturday 27 December**

Westland Sports v Bournemouth Electric

Gillingham Town v Cobham Sports

Monday 29 December

Sherborne Town Reserves v Wimborne Town Reserves

Saturday 3 January

Blandford United v Gillingham Town

Bournemouth Electric v Sherborne Town Reserves

Cobham Sports v Hamworthy Recreation Reserves

Dorchester Sports v Balti Sports

Portland United Reserves v Bournemouth Sports

Hamworthy United Reserves v Westland Sports

Swanage Town & Herston v Bridport Reserves

Verwood Town v Poole Borough

Wimborne Town Reserves v Holt United

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- UHLSPORT HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

RESULTS

Saturday 20 December

Andover Town 1-2 Stockbridge
 Hedge End Rangers 3-2 Meon Milton
 Locks Heath 2-1 Broughton
 Moneyfields Reserves 3-2 Liss Athletic

TABLE

POS	HAMPSHIRE PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Crofton Saints	16	10	4	2	41	18	23	34
2	Locks Heath	14	11	0	3	35	14	21	33
3	Hook	16	10	2	4	35	22	13	32
4	AFC Shirley	15	9	3	3	33	18	15	30
5	Denmead	16	8	3	5	38	24	14	27
6	Liss Athletic	17	8	2	7	37	31	6	26
7	Hedge End Rangers	17	7	5	5	26	22	4	26
8	Moneyfields Reserves	16	7	3	6	32	28	4	24
9	Whitehill & Bordon	17	6	5	6	31	38	-7	23
10	Bishops Waltham Dynamos	15	6	4	5	30	24	6	22
11	Broughton	18	5	4	9	27	37	-10	19
12	Southsea Sports	14	4	2	8	26	38	-12	14
13	Meon Milton	15	3	4	8	21	31	-10	13
14	Liphook United	15	3	4	8	17	31	-14	13
15	Stockbridge	17	3	2	12	26	53	-27	11
16	Andover Town	14	2	1	11	16	42	-26	7

FIXTURES

Saturday 3 January

Hampshire Saturday Trophy Fourth Round

Andover Town v Folland Sports A
 Crofton Saints v United Services Portsmouth Reserves
 AFC Netley v Ringwood Town Development
 Fleet Spurs v Fareham Town Development
 Hedge End Rangers v Hart United
 Lyndhurst v Sporting Wessex
 Meon Milton Reserves v AFC Shirley
 Whitehill & Bordon v Hook

Tuesday 6 January

Southampton Senior Cup Quarter Final

AFC Stoneham v Locks Heath

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- CORSHAM PRINT WILTSHIRE SENIOR LEAGUE

RESULTS

Saturday 20 December

Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves 2-2 Trowbridge Town
 Devizes Town Reserves 2-2 Melksham Town Reserves
 Shrewton United 2-0 Pewsey Vale
 Shrivenham 2-1 Faringdon Town

TABLE

POS	WILTSHIRE SENIOR	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Shrewton United	21	17	2	2	77	22	55	53
2	Swindon Supermarine Development	21	15	1	5	57	29	28	46
3	Larkhall Athletic Development	19	13	4	2	49	19	30	43
4	Shrivenham	21	13	2	6	48	33	15	41
5	Melksham Town Reserves	20	10	5	5	46	33	13	35
6	Letcombe	18	10	5	3	27	15	12	35
7	Royal W Bassett Town Development	22	9	7	6	45	32	13	34
8	Pewsey Vale	20	8	8	4	37	20	17	32
9	Faringdon Town	19	6	5	8	21	26	-5	23
10	Purton Kingsdown	20	5	5	10	27	44	-17	20
11	Park United	19	6	1	12	27	36	-9	19
12	Devizes Town Reserves	20	5	4	11	31	50	-19	19
13	Trowbridge Town	20	5	4	11	25	49	-24	19
14	Bemerton Heath H'quins Reserves	22	5	4	13	25	51	-26	19
15	Down Ampney	19	5	1	13	33	55	-22	16
16	Wroughton [*]	17	4	3	10	25	47	-22	12
17	Calne Town Reserves	20	1	3	16	27	66	-39	6

FIXTURES

Saturday 27 December

Park United v Larkhall Athletic Development

Saturday 3 January

Devizes Town Reserves v Park United

Letcombe v Down Ampney

Pewsey Vale v Melksham Town Reserves

Purton Kingsdown v Royal Wootton Bassett Town Development

Shrivenham v Shrewton United

Wroughton v Swindon Supermarine Development

Calne Town Reserves v Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves

Faringdon Town v Trowbridge Town

Fountain Trophies Senior Cup Second Round

Larkhall Athletic Development v Faringdon Town Development

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- HAMPSHIRE COMBINATION & DEVELOPMENT

RESULTS

Sunday 14 December

Under 18 Premier Division

Fareham Town Black 3-2 Petersfield Town

Poole Town 1-2 AFC Stoneham

Under 18 East Division

Clanfield 1-2 Bishops Waltham Dynamos

Fareham Town Reds 7-3 Havant & Waterlooville

Horndean 3-1 Hayling United

Meon Milton 1-2 Eastleigh Spitfires

Under 18 West Division

Brockenhurst 3-1 Millbrook

Eastleigh 1946 5-2 Romsey Town

Tuesday 16 December

Blackfield & Langley 4-1 Whiteley Wanderers

Wednesday 17 December

Under 23 Premier Division

Hedge End Rangers 2-3 Dorchester Town

Lymington Town 0-2 Hamble Club

Under 23 Division 1

Verwood Town 1-2 New Milton Town

TABLES

POS	PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Petersfield Town	9	6	1	2	25	20	5	19
2	United Services Portsmouth	7	5	1	1	22	7	15	16
3	AFC Stoneham	8	5	1	2	26	12	14	16
4	Brockenhurst	9	4	2	3	25	20	5	14
5	Millbrook	11	4	2	5	25	20	5	14
6	Laverstock & Ford	7	3	2	2	27	19	8	11
7	Ringwood Town	8	3	0	5	18	19	-1	9
8	Clanfield	8	3	0	5	15	32	-17	9
9	Downton	7	2	1	4	14	19	-5	7
10	AFC Portchester	10	2	0	8	14	43	-29	6

POS	DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Liss Athletic	7	4	3	0	17	8	9	15
2	Clanfield Development	9	3	2	4	20	19	1	11
3	Meon Milton	7	3	2	2	20	20	0	11
4	Amesbury Town	7	3	1	3	18	11	7	10
5	Hedge End Rangers	8	3	1	4	15	17	-2	10
6	Fawley AFC	9	3	1	5	21	24	-3	10
7	Liphook United	8	3	1	4	17	24	-7	10
8	Hythe & Dibden	5	2	1	2	14	19	-5	7

POS	U23 PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Ringwood Town U23	8	7	0	1	27	15	12	21
2	Winchester City U23	6	6	0	0	26	6	20	18
3	Dorchester Town U23	8	6	0	2	30	17	13	18
4	Poole Town U23	12	4	3	5	27	30	-3	15
5	Fareham Town U23	7	4	1	2	23	10	13	13
6	AFC Stoneham U23	9	4	0	5	22	19	3	12
7	Hedge End Rangers U23	10	3	2	5	19	23	-4	11
8	Hamble Club U23	6	3	1	2	15	13	2	10
9	Select Generation U23	11	1	2	8	18	43	-25	5
10	Lymington Town U23	11	1	1	9	9	40	-31	4

POS	UNDER 23 DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Bemerton Heath Harlequins U23	8	7	1	0	34	10	24	22
2	Romsey Town U23	9	6	1	2	24	18	6	19
3	Millbrook U23	7	6	0	1	26	9	17	18
4	North Waltham U23	9	6	0	3	33	18	15	18
5	New Milton Town U23	9	5	2	2	23	17	6	17
6	Blackfield & Langley U23	8	4	0	4	21	23	-2	12
7	Folland Sports U23	7	2	2	3	15	14	1	8
8	Verwood Town U23	7	2	1	4	13	18	-5	7
9	Clanfield U23	9	2	1	6	13	34	-21	7
10	Laverstock & Ford U23	6	2	0	4	20	18	2	6
11	Whiteley Wanderers U23	9	0	2	7	6	27	-21	2
12	Hayling United U23	8	0	2	6	8	30	-22	2

POS	UNDER 18 PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Gosport Borough U18	11	10	1	0	74	7	67	31
2	Moneyfields U18	10	6	0	4	25	19	6	18
3	Fareham Town Black U18	12	5	2	5	22	33	-11	17
4	Cobham Sports U18	7	5	1	1	29	14	15	16
5	Winchester City Red U18	7	5	1	1	32	7	25	16
6	Hamble Club U18	7	3	1	3	21	19	2	10
7	AFC Stoneham Knights U18	7	3	0	4	8	23	-15	9
8	Petersfield Town U18	9	2	2	5	17	32	-15	8
9	Wimborne Town Black U18	11	2	0	9	17	39	-22	6
10	Poole Town U18	9	0	0	9	6	58	-52	0

POS	UNDER 18 EAST DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Eastleigh Spitfires U18 [*]	10	7	2	1	32	16	16	20
2	Winchester City Blue U18	10	6	1	3	27	12	15	19
3	Meon Milton U18	8	6	0	2	20	10	10	18
4	AB66 Portsmouth U18	7	5	1	1	42	9	33	16
5	Fareham Town Reds U18	8	5	1	2	32	23	9	16
6	Baffins Milton Rovers U18	8	4	2	2	21	13	8	14
7	Hayling United U18	11	4	2	5	22	21	1	14
8	Horndean U18	9	4	1	4	25	21	4	13
9	Havant & Waterlooville U18	6	3	1	2	23	16	7	10
10	Bishops Waltham Dynamos U18	7	3	0	4	15	18	-3	9
11	Sholing Black U18	8	2	0	6	15	20	-5	6
12	Clanfield U18	11	1	1	9	13	58	-45	4
13	United Services Portsmouth U18	9	0	0	9	3	53	-50	0

POS	UNDER 18 WEST DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Ringwood Town U18	9	6	0	3	37	17	20	18
2	Brookenhurst U18	9	5	1	3	33	19	14	16
3	Pace U18	9	5	1	3	24	17	7	16
4	Cowes Sports U18	8	5	0	3	23	14	9	15
5	Eastleigh 1946 U18	8	4	2	2	16	12	4	14
6	Bemerton Heath Harlequins U18	6	4	1	1	14	8	6	13
7	Salisbury U18	4	4	0	0	18	4	14	12
8	Bashley U18	6	4	0	2	19	14	5	12
9	Millbrook U18	8	2	1	5	23	15	8	7
10	Christchurch U18	6	0	0	6	6	36	-30	0
11	Romsey Town U18	8	0	0	8	12	41	-29	0

FIXTURES

Sunday 21 December

Under 18 Premier Division

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

Under 18 East Division

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

Under 18 West Division

Christchurch v Eastleigh 1946

Millbrook v Bashley

Pace v Brockenhurst

Monday 22 December

Under 23 Division 1

North Waltham v Folland Sports

Next fixtures Saturday January 3rd

FA INTER-LEAGUE CUP 2025/26

The draw for this competition was released on Friday 19 December. The First Round ties [shown below] are to be played by Saturday 7th February. There's 14 entries, down from 17; Isle of Man, Humber, Essex Olympian and Amateur Combination (after amalgamation with Southern Amateur) have not re-entered; Kent County are "new". Future round dates by which games should be played are, Second Round - Saturday 7 March 2026; Semi Final - Saturday 4 April 2026 and Final (*provisionally*) - Saturday 9 May 2026.

Zone 1

Liverpool Premier v Manchester

York v West Cheshire

Zone 2

Cheshire v Yorkshire Amateur

West Yorkshire *received a bye*

Zone 3

Essex & Suffolk Border v Southern Amateur

Arthurian *received a bye*

Zone 4

Thames Valley v **Dorset Premier**

Kent County v Hertfordshire Senior County

Last time, Sunday 5 May 2024 saw the F.A. Inter League Cup being won by the Arthurian League, 1-0 after extra time over West Yorkshire League at Lincoln City's Sincil Bank, with a reported attendance of 110.

SOMERSET - FRANCIS HILLIER PREMIER CUP 2025/26 UPDATE

Second Round

Clevedon Town	2-4	Frome Town
Hengrove Athletic	1-2	Street
Odd Down	0-4	Bath City
Paulton Rovers	v	Weston-super-Mare [<i>Scheduled for 6 January</i>]
Portishead Town	11-1	Bishops Lydeard
Taunton Town	4-0	Wellington
Wells City	6-0	Welton Rovers
Wincanton Town	3-2	Shepton Mallet

Quarter Final [*to be played during January 2026*]

Bath City	v	Street
Frome Town	v	Paulton Rovers or Weston-super-Mare
Portishead Town	v	Taunton Town
Wincanton Town	v	Wells City

The Final is scheduled for April 15, 2026, at Twerton Park, the home of Bath City, the Romans have won the cup a record 19 times.

CURRENT FORM GUIDE

Pos	PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A
1	Hamble Club	6	5	1	0	23	6
2	Brockenhurst	6	4	2	0	16	3
3	Petersfield Town	6	4	1	1	13	4
4	AFC Stoneham	6	4	1	1	15	7
5	Laverstock & Ford	6	4	1	1	16	9
6	Downton	6	4	0	2	15	7
7	Baffins Milton Rovers	6	4	0	2	16	9
8	Portland United	6	3	2	1	14	5
9	East Cowes Victoria	6	3	1	2	11	13
10	Cowes Sports	6	3	1	2	8	12
11	Christchurch	6	2	2	2	14	9
12	Hamworthy Recreation	6	2	1	3	11	12
13	Andover New Street	6	2	1	3	7	8
14	Millbrook	6	2	1	3	12	15
15	Sherborne Town	6	1	3	2	10	11
16	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	6	1	2	3	8	19
17	New Milton Town	6	2	1	3	11	15
18	Hythe & Dibden	6	1	1	4	7	15
19	Bournemouth	6	0	1	5	4	19
20	Wincanton Town	6	0	0	6	7	25

Pos	DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A
1	Folland Sports	6	6	0	0	18	7
2	Fleetlands	6	5	1	0	14	7
3	Yateley United	6	5	0	1	12	6
4	Hamworthy United	6	4	1	1	18	6
5	Cove	6	4	1	1	11	5
6	Colden Common	6	3	2	1	16	9
7	Romsey Town	6	3	1	2	8	7
8	Whitchurch United	6	3	1	2	13	13
9	Newport (IoW)	6	3	0	3	10	9
10	AFC Aldermaston	6	3	0	3	11	11
11	Amesbury Town	6	2	1	3	14	12
12	United Services Portsmouth	6	2	1	3	12	15
13	Totton & Eling	6	2	1	3	10	14
14	Alresford Town	6	2	0	4	14	15
15	Frimley Green	6	1	3	2	11	13
16	Ringwood Town	6	2	0	4	10	12
17	Ash United	6	2	0	4	6	11
18	Clanfield	6	2	0	4	6	11
19	Kintbury Rangers	6	1	2	3	9	15
20	Blackfield & Langley	6	1	0	5	4	11
21	Lymington Town	6	1	0	5	4	14
22	Fawley AFC	6	0	1	5	5	21

CLUB OF THE MONTH- NOVEMBER 2025- PRESENTATIONS



Club Rep Bill Moore presents the Premier Division award to Matty Gregory and Taylor Archer- Hamble



League Chair Nick Taplin presents the Division One award to Iain Sellstrom, chairman of Fleetlands

THE ISUZU FA VASE FOURTH ROUND

The Draw for the Fourth Round Proper of the above Competition has been made, with the ties to be played on January 17th, and there are three Wessex League Clubs left among the last 32; Hythe & Dibden, AFC Stoneham and Downton. So, a look at their next step as the Wembley Arch looms a little closer.

HALLEN v HYTHE & DIBDEN- and this tie is the furthest that the Mariners have reached in Competition in their history. Neither side are doing well in their respective Leagues with Hythe & Dibden in 17th place and Hallen, from just the other side of Bristol, 18th in the Hellenic Premier Division and only out of the relegation zone by dint of goal difference. The visitors have twice reached the Fifth Round in the slightly far-off past and having played in every possible round to date this will be their sixth Vase tie to date this season. They have already defeated Andover New Street (on penalties) and Hamworthy Recreation so will be hoping for a third Wessex scalp! It is a 130-mile round trip for the Waterside Club as they head into, what is for them, uncharted territory in both a footballing and geographical sense.

BARNSTAPLE TOWN v AFC STONEHAM- a 290-mile round trip to the mouth of the River Taw in North Devon with significant opposition awaiting them. Barnstaple are 6th in the Western League Premier Division with games in hand on the sides above them whilst Stoneham top the Wessex Premier with 43 points from seventeen games as this is written. Barum have reached this stage of the Competition just once before, but have scored 16 goals this time round, winning through the last round on penalties against League rivals, Buckland Athletic. Stoneham have far less Vase experience but reached the Fifth Round last season before going out on the narrowest of margins – a penalty shootout at Andover New Street.

DOWNTON v SLIMBRIDGE- 11th in the Wessex League against 2nd in the Hellenic Premier but Downton have been very much on the up of late and perhaps little should be read in to the respective League positions, This is the first time that Downton have reached the fourth round having defeated Sidmouth Town, Shortwood and Bovey Tracey with the last named, an away victory, warranting especial mention as it was the first game the Moorlanders had failed to win in any competition this season. Slimbridge, from Gloucestershire and a place always connected with Sir Peter Scott, reached the fifth round in 2007, losing to the eventual winners Truro City- who have climbed to new heights in the football Pyramid since then. They have scored thirteen goals in their Vase run to date and defeated Amesbury in the last round to earn the 160-mile round trip to Wiltshire.

Good luck to our three remaining representatives

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	AFC Stoneham	18	15	1	2	49	15	34	46	2.556
2	Petersfield Town	19	15	1	3	36	11	25	46	2.421
3	Hamble Club	19	12	5	2	53	17	36	41	2.158
4	Portland United	18	10	2	6	40	23	17	32	1.778
5	Brockenhurst	19	9	5	5	42	27	15	32	1.684
6	Baffins Milton Rovers	18	9	4	5	40	27	13	31	1.722
7	Laverstock & Ford	18	8	6	4	41	27	14	30	1.667
8	Andover New Street	19	9	3	7	29	23	6	30	1.579
9	Sherborne Town	17	8	5	4	35	23	12	29	1.706
10	Hamworthy Recreation	17	9	2	6	31	21	10	29	1.706
11	Christchurch	19	7	4	8	37	37	0	25	1.316
12	Downton	18	7	2	9	32	32	0	23	1.278
13	Cowes Sports	17	7	1	9	22	41	-19	22	1.294
14	East Cowes Victoria	16	6	2	8	20	37	-17	20	1.250
15	Millbrook	18	6	1	11	29	42	-13	19	1.056
16	Bournemouth	22	5	4	13	26	46	-20	19	0.864
17	Hythe & Dibden	16	3	5	8	25	36	-11	14	0.875
18	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	20	3	4	13	17	53	-36	13	0.650
19	New Milton Town [*]	20	3	3	14	23	52	-29	9	0.450
20	Wincanton Town	20	1	4	15	21	58	-37	7	0.350

POS	DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Colden Common	23	14	4	5	70	43	27	46	2.000
2	Fleetlands	22	14	4	4	47	29	18	46	2.091
3	Whitchurch United	21	14	3	4	55	32	23	45	2.143
4	Folland Sports	19	13	1	5	47	27	20	40	2.105
5	Yateley United	22	12	2	8	52	33	19	38	1.727
6	Cove	19	10	6	3	32	18	14	36	1.895
7	Frimley Green	20	9	7	4	49	35	14	34	1.700
8	Romsey Town	19	10	4	5	33	21	12	34	1.789
9	Hamworthy United	21	10	3	8	55	35	20	33	1.571
10	Ash United	21	8	5	8	25	32	-7	29	1.381
11	Newport (IoW)	16	9	1	6	29	26	3	28	1.750
12	Ringwood Town	20	9	1	10	39	45	-6	28	1.400
13	Alresford Town	21	7	5	9	44	46	-2	26	1.238
14	Amesbury Town	20	7	3	10	37	34	3	24	1.200
15	Kintbury Rangers	20	6	5	9	35	46	-11	23	1.150
16	AFC Aldermaston	21	6	4	11	34	39	-5	22	1.048
17	United Services Portsmouth	21	6	3	12	33	56	-23	21	1.000
18	Clanfield	20	6	2	12	28	37	-9	20	1.000
19	Blackfield & Langley	18	5	2	11	21	44	-23	17	0.944
20	Fawley AFC	20	3	5	12	20	48	-28	14	0.700
21	Totton & Eling	21	4	2	15	21	50	-29	14	0.667
22	Lymington Town	21	4	2	15	24	54	-30	14	0.667

LOOKING UP FOR 2026/27

Please find below a list of the Current Clubs that have applied for promotion to Step 6 from their Regional Feeder League as supplied by the FA. This list is accurate as at 13:00 on Friday 19 December. The deadline for applications is Wednesday 31 December, so there may be some additions.

Current League

Anglian Combination Premier Division
Bedfordshire County League Premier Division
Cambridgeshire County League Premier Division
Central Midlands League Division North
Central Midlands League Division North
Central Midlands League Division South
Cheshire League Premier Division
Dorset Premier League
Dorset Premier League
Essex Alliance League
Essex Alliance League
Essex Alliance League
Hampshire Premier League Senior Division
Kent County League Premier Division
Kent County League Premier Division
Kent County League Premier Division
Kent County League Premier Division
Liverpool County Premier League Premier Division
Mid Sussex Football League Premier Division
Midland League Division 2
Northamptonshire Combination Premier Division
Northamptonshire Combination Premier Division
Peterborough & District League Premier Division
Salop Leisure Football League Premier Division
Salop Leisure Football League Premier Division
Sheffield & Hallamshire County Senior League Premier Division
Somerset County League Premier Division
Somerset County League Premier Division
Southern Combination Division Two
Southern Combination Division Two
Spartan South Midlands League Division 2
Spartan South Midlands League Division 2
St Piran Football League Premier West
Staffordshire County Senior League Premier Division
Suffolk & Ipswich League Senior Division
Surrey Premier County Football League
Surrey Premier County Football League
Wearside League
Wearside League
Wearside League
West Midlands (Regional) League Premier Division
West Yorkshire League Premier Division
Wiltshire Football League Premier Division
Wiltshire Football League Premier Division

Club Name

Norwich United
Wootton Blue Cross
Newmarket Town
Harworth Colliery
Kinsley Boys
Linby Colliery Welfare
Crewe
Blandford United
Bournemouth Sports
Chadwell Heath Spartans
London Harts United
Ongar Town
Hedge End Rangers
Aylesford
Kent United
Long Lane JFC
Meridian VP
Skelmersdale United
Westfield
Cadbury Athletic
Burton Park Wanderers
Raunds Town
Netherton United
Dawley Town
Ellesmere Rangers
Hemsworth Miners Welfare
Ashton & Backwell United
Nailsea United
Hailsham Town
Rustington
Milton Keynes Irish Reserves
Stony Stratford Town
Hayle AFC
Rocester
Debenham LC
CB Hounslow & Abbots
Dial Square
Gateshead Leam Rangers
Seaton Carew
South Moor AFC
FC Darlaston
Field Olympic
Larkhall Athletic Development
Shrewton United

PHOTO FINISH



Thanks to Sara Taylor for this one from Hamble (yellow) who went down 4-2 against Christchurch in the Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup Second Round tie during the week.



Robin Caddy was pitchside for the Romsey Town (red and black) win over Totton & Eling this afternoon.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

"On behalf of the board of the Velocity Wessex League, I would like to wish everyone connected with the league and its member clubs a Very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and healthy 2026.

I would thank everybody involved at all our clubs for the countless hours that you give to ensuring your clubs and the VWL can run smoothly. That must also be echoed for all of the league officers that conduct their roles in a quiet and diligent manner.

The last few weeks has seen the weather turn against us, but I have been pleased the number of games that have been able to be played, and credit must go to all the ground maintenance teams, working hard to produce the best playing surfaces possible.

Good luck to AFC Stoneham, Downton and Hythe & Dibden as they carry the Wessex League banner in the FA Vase into 2026.

Enjoy the festive break, and we look forward to seeing everyone around the grounds in 2026 as the season comes to an exciting conclusion."

Nick Taplin

Chair

