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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



*Action captured by Robin Caddy in midweek- in Division One at Millers Park where Totton & Eling grabbed a best of five win with a winner deep into added on time against Kintbury Rangers (green)*



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## STAT ATTACK

### TOP SIX LEADING GOALSCORERS - LEAGUE GAMES ONLY

PREMIER DIVISION			DIVISION ONE		
Duarte Martins	AFC Stoneham	20	Charlie Glasspool	Folland Sports	31
Brett Pitman	Downton	16	Ji Nash	Newport IOW	23
Greg Borthwick	Portland United	14	Lee Vint	Ringwood Town	23
Oliver Jenkins	AFC Stoneham	14	Danilo Pereira	Whitchurch United	19
Braydon Douglas	Hamble Club	12	Bailey Rowe	Hamworthy United	19
Joe Freak	Christchurch	12	[two on]		17

*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

Cowes Sports	vs	East Cowes Victoria	812	26 December
Brockenhurst	vs	New Milton Town	341	27 December
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	vs	Laverstock & Ford	325	27 December
Petersfield Town	vs	AFC Stoneham	262	18 October
Cowes Sports	vs	Downton	236	1 November

#### 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

### PREMIER DIVISION- HIGH WINNING SCORES

<b>Home win</b>	AFC Stoneham	vs	Downton	9-0	10 January	
	Brockenhurst	vs	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	7-0	20 December	
	Downton	vs	Brockenhurst	7-1	24 January	
	Baffins Milton Rovers	vs	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	7-1	1 November	
	Baffins Milton Rovers	vs	New Milton Town	7-1	4 October	
	Hamble Club	vs	East Cowes Victoria	6-0	20 December	
	Millbrook	vs	Wincanton Town	5-0	14 February	
	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	
	Christchurch	vs	Wincanton Town	6-1	20 December	
	Portland United	vs	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	6-1	16 August	
	Portland United	vs	Cowes Sports	6-1	7 February	
	Sherborne Town	vs	Christchurch	6-1	27 September	
	<b>Away win</b>	Cowes Sports	vs	AFC Stoneham	0-5	30 September

### DIVISION ONE- HIGH WINNING SCORES

<b>Home win</b>	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
	Frimley Green	vs	Lymington Town	6-0	10 January
	Yateley United	vs	Cove	6-0	17 January
<b>Away win</b>	Alresford Town	vs	Yateley United	2-9	20 September
	Lymington Town	vs	Fleetlands	1-8	18 October

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

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League	Pos	STEP 5	Pl	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	PPG
5. WXP	1	AFC Stoneham	25	21	2	2	75	23	52	65	2.600
5. UCS	1	Nuneaton Town	31	25	4	2	85	27	58	79	2.548
5. ECP	1	Mulbarton Wanderers	23	19	1	3	65	11	54	58	2.522
5. CCS	1	Cobham	33	26	4	3	117	24	93	82	2.485
5. NCP	1	Liversedge	30	23	5	2	73	25	48	74	2.467
5. NL1	2	Guisborough Town	28	22	3	3	63	26	37	69	2.464
5. SEP	1	Whitstable Town	26	20	4	2	65	29	36	64	2.462
5. WLP	2	Torpoint Athletic	22	17	3	2	42	14	28	54	2.455
5. SCP	1	Steyning Town	29	22	5	2	92	33	59	71	2.448
5. SCP	2	Haywards Heath Town	28	22	2	4	84	23	61	68	2.429
5. NL1	1	Shildon	32	24	5	3	90	39	51	77	2.406
5. SMP	1	Winslow United	27	20	3	4	69	30	39	63	2.333
5. MLP	1	Northwich Victoria	26	18	6	2	66	20	46	60	2.308
5. NWP	1	Wythenshawe FC	36	27	2	7	91	40	51	83	2.306
5. SCP	3	Guernsey	28	21	0	7	93	55	38	63	2.250
5. MLP	2	Hanley Town	25	16	8	1	64	24	40	56	2.240
5. WLP	1	Clevedon Town	25	18	2	5	55	25	30	56	2.240
5. SCP	4	Peacehaven & Telscombe	28	20	2	6	63	25	38	62	2.214
5. NWP	2	Ramsbottom United	34	22	8	4	82	36	46	74	2.176
5. ESL	1	Little Oakley	28	18	6	4	58	27	31	60	2.143
5. WLP	5	Barnstaple Town	21	14	3	4	52	25	27	45	2.143
League	Pos	STEP 6	Pl	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	PPG
6. SWW	1	Liskeard Athletic	19	17	1	1	53	8	45	52	2.737
6. ML1	3	Knowle	25	22	2	1	73	15	58	68	2.720
6. SWE	2	Bovey Tracey	17	15	1	1	71	15	56	46	2.706
6. ML1	1	Gornal Athletic	27	23	3	1	73	24	49	72	2.667
6. NW1S	1	Runcorn Town	24	20	3	1	83	17	66	63	2.625
6. SE1	3	Rochester United	20	17	1	2	53	15	38	52	2.600
6. SE1	1	SE Dons	25	20	4	1	65	21	44	64	2.560
6. SWW	2	Elburton Villa	18	15	1	2	71	18	53	46	2.556
6. UC1	1	Retford FC	33	27	3	3	87	24	63	84	2.545
6. NCE1	1	Dearne & District	33	27	2	4	95	28	67	83	2.515
6. HL1	1	FC Stratford	25	20	2	3	62	19	43	62	2.480
6. E1N	3	Kings Park Rangers	25	20	2	3	50	19	31	62	2.480
6. SE1	2	AFC Greenwich Borough	21	17	1	3	62	14	48	52	2.476
6. SS1	1	Everett Rovers	30	24	2	4	106	35	71	74	2.467
6. E1N	1	Holland	29	22	5	2	88	34	54	71	2.448
6. SWE	1	Bridport	21	16	3	2	77	29	48	51	2.429
6. NL2	1	Redcar Town	30	22	4	4	70	29	41	70	2.333
6. UC1	2	Retford United	34	23	8	3	99	29	70	77	2.265
6. NCE1	2	Wakefield AFC	34	24	5	5	94	36	58	77	2.265
6. HL1	3	Bewdley Town	24	17	3	4	51	26	25	54	2.250

## 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
27-Dec-25	3,454	19	181.79	89	-155	71,101
03-Jan-26	760	6	126.67	-2,694	-204	71,861
10-Jan-26	1,833	18	101.83	1,073	-973	73,694
17-Jan-26	2,372	17	139.53	539	-141	76,066
24-Jan-26	1,644	17	96.71	-728	-1,691	77,710
31-Jan-26	2,089	14	149.21	445	160	79,799
07-Feb-26	1,126	10	112.60	-963	-1,141	80,925
14-Feb-26	2,229	18	123.83	1,103	-240	83,154
21-Feb-26	2,474	25	98.96	245	33	85,628
28-Feb-26	3,743	33	113.42	1,269	-513	89,371
07-Mar-26	*	*	*	*	*	*
14-Mar-26	*	*	*	*	*	*
21-Mar-26	*	*	*	*	*	*
28-Mar-26	*	*	*	*	*	*
04-Apr-26	*	*	*	*	*	*
11-Apr-26	*	*	*	*	*	*
18-Apr-26	*	*	*	*	*	*



## ATTENDANCE STATISTICS 2025/26

TEAM	24/25 AVGE	25/26 AVGE	+/-	+/- AS A %	25/26 BEST
AFC Aldermaston	53.05	48.29	-4.76	-8.96%	121
AFC Stoneham	113.63	130.23	16.60	14.61%	203
Alresford Town	113.84	118.79	4.94	4.34%	329
Amesbury Town	82.53	74.55	-7.98	-9.67%	163
Andover New Street	166.05	170.00	3.95	2.38%	212
Ash United	86.58	71.41	-15.17	-17.52%	145
Baffins Milton Rovers	132.42	91.50	-40.92	-30.90%	123
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	0.00	140.81	140.81	0.00%	325
Blackfield & Langley	88.84	77.00	-11.84	-13.33%	107
Bournemouth	72.11	67.93	-4.17	-5.79%	124
Brockenhurst	161.47	165.67	4.19	2.60%	341
Christchurch	75.95	99.42	23.47	30.90%	151
Clanfield	60.47	61.67	1.19	1.97%	86
Colden Common	0.00	73.73	73.73	0.00%	120
Cove	69.53	78.13	8.60	12.37%	188
Cowes Sports	178.21	217.77	39.56	22.20%	812
Downton	135.84	127.57	-8.27	-6.09%	192
East Cowes Victoria	187.32	162.00	-25.32	-13.52%	209
Fawley	80.74	74.42	-6.32	-7.83%	171
Fleetlands	74.05	94.58	20.53	27.72%	150
Folland Sports	64.37	74.58	10.21	15.87%	104
Frimley Green	154.89	122.67	-32.23	-20.81%	202
Hamble Club	113.05	94.83	-18.22	-16.12%	162
Hamworthy Recreation	58.05	49.78	-8.27	-14.25%	76
Hamworthy United	128.16	96.63	-31.53	-24.60%	128
Hythe & Dibden	117.53	94.67	-22.86	-19.45%	130
Kintbury Rangers	0.00	81.15	81.15	0.00%	142
Laverstock & Ford	122.42	128.80	6.38	5.21%	210
Lymington Town	121.26	84.00	-37.26	-30.73%	109
Millbrook	86.42	78.85	-7.57	-8.77%	118
New Milton Town	170.84	125.62	-45.23	-26.47%	214
Newport IOW	167.21	141.54	-25.67	-15.35%	176
Petersfield Town	0.00	165.75	165.75	0.00%	262
Portland United	182.89	153.00	-29.89	-16.35%	201
Ringwood Town	66.95	58.21	-8.73	-13.04%	68
Romsey Town	125.68	117.50	-8.18	-6.51%	212
Sherborne Town	140.26	117.92	-22.35	-15.93%	192
Totton & Eling	92.95	104.44	11.50	12.37%	145
United Services Portsmouth	72.84	51.85	-21.00	-28.82%	73
Whitchurch United	72.32	115.75	43.43	60.06%	204
Wincanton Town	97.47	86.24	-11.24	-11.53%	233
Yateley United	0.00	123.83	123.83	0.00%	226

Premier Division running total	31,389	Average	125.06
Division One running total	26,808	Average	87.61



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<b>PREMIER DIVISION</b>	<b>GAMES</b>	<b>LAST MATCH DATE</b>	<b>LAST RESULT</b>
AFC Stoneham	11	Sat, Feb 21, 2026	Won against Millbrook : 3-2 away
Laverstock & Ford	7	Sat, Feb 14, 2026	Won against Bournemouth : 2-1 away
Brockenhurst	6	Sat, Feb 28, 2026	Won against Petersfield Town : 1-0 away
Portland United	6	Sat, Feb 28, 2026	Won against Millbrook : 2-1 away
Downton	4	Tue, Feb 24, 2026	Won against Christchurch : 2-1 away
Bemerton Heath H'quins	3	Sat, Feb 28, 2026	Won against New Milton Town : 6-2 at home
Hamble Club	3	Sat, Feb 28, 2026	Won against Hamworthy Rec : 3-1 at home
Hythe & Dibden	3	Sat, Feb 28, 2026	Won against Christchurch : 3-1 away
Andover New Street	2	Sat, Feb 28, 2026	Won against Cowes Sports : 4-1 away
East Cowes Vics	1	Sat, Feb 28, 2026	Won against Wincanton Town : 3-1 away
Baffins Milton Rovers	0	Sat, Feb 21, 2026	Lost to Sherborne Town : 0-3 away
Bournemouth	0	Sat, Feb 21, 2026	Lost to Bemerton Heath H'quins : 2-4 away
Christchurch	0	Sat, Feb 28, 2026	Lost to Hythe & Dibden : 1-3 at home
Cowes Sports	0	Sat, Feb 28, 2026	Lost to Andover New Street : 1-4 at home
Hamworthy Rec	0	Sat, Feb 28, 2026	Lost to Hamble Club : 1-3 away
Millbrook	0	Sat, Feb 28, 2026	Lost to Portland United : 1-2 at home
New Milton Town	0	Sat, Feb 28, 2026	Lost to Bemerton Heath H'quins : 2-6 away
Petersfield Town	0	Sat, Feb 28, 2026	Lost to Brockenhurst : 0-1 at home
Sherborne Town	0	Tue, Feb 24, 2026	Lost to Hamworthy Rec : 0-4 away
Wincanton Town	0	Sat, Feb 28, 2026	Lost to East Cowes Vics : 1-3 at home
<b>DIVISION ONE</b>	<b>GAMES</b>	<b>LAST MATCH DATE</b>	<b>LAST RESULT</b>
Newport (Isle of Wight)	8	Sat, Feb 28, 2026	Drew with Lymington Town : 1-1 away
Colden Common	5	Sat, Feb 28, 2026	Drew with AFC Aldermaston : 1-1 away
Cove	5	Sat, Feb 28, 2026	Drew with Kintbury Rangers : 2-2 at home
Alresford Town	3	Sat, Feb 28, 2026	Won against Whitchurch United : 1-0 at home
Folland Sports	3	Tue, Feb 24, 2026	Drew with Alresford Town : 2-2 away
Hamworthy United	3	Sat, Feb 28, 2026	Drew with Amesbury Town : 1-1 at home
AFC Aldermaston	2	Sat, Feb 28, 2026	Drew with Colden Common : 1-1 at home
Amesbury Town	2	Sat, Feb 28, 2026	Drew with Hamworthy United : 1-1 away
Ash United	1	Sat, Feb 28, 2026	Won against Fawley : 2-1 at home
Clanfield	1	Sat, Feb 28, 2026	Won against Blackfield & Langley : 6-1 at home
Kintbury Rangers	1	Sat, Feb 28, 2026	Drew with Cove : 2-2 away
Lymington Town	1	Sat, Feb 28, 2026	Drew with Newport (Isle of Wight) : 1-1 at home
Ringwood Town	1	Sat, Feb 21, 2026	Won against Amesbury Town : 3-0 at home
Romsey Town	1	Sat, Feb 28, 2026	Won against Frimley Green : 3-0 away
Totton & Eling	1	Wed, Feb 25, 2026	Won against Kintbury Rangers : 3-2 at home
Yateley United	1	Sat, Feb 21, 2026	Won against Lymington Town : 2-1 at home
Blackfield & Langley	0	Sat, Feb 28, 2026	Lost to Clanfield : 1-6 away
Fawley	0	Sat, Feb 28, 2026	Lost to Ash United : 1-2 away
Fleetlands	0	Sat, Feb 21, 2026	Lost to Kintbury Rangers : 0-3 away
Frimley Green	0	Sat, Feb 28, 2026	Lost to Romsey Town : 0-3 at home
U.S. Portsmouth	0	Tue, Feb 24, 2026	Lost to Whitchurch United : 1-4 at home
Whitchurch United	0	Sat, Feb 28, 2026	Lost to Alresford Town : 0-1 away

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

#### STEP 5 PPG RANKING

AFC Stoneham	1
Andover New Street	127
Baffins Milton Rovers	120
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	236
Bournemouth	277
Brockenhurst	72
Christchurch	214
Cowes Sports	228
Downton	124
East Cowes Victoria Athletic	174
Hamble Club	29
Hamworthy Recreation	131
Hythe & Dibden	242
Laverstock & Ford	82
Millbrook	214
New Milton Town	315
Petersfield Town	55
Portland United	34
Sherborne Town	82
Wincanton Town	314

#### STEP 6 PPG RANKING

AFC Aldermaston	220
Alresford Town	226
Amesbury Town	231
Ash United	225
Blackfield & Langley	286
Clanfield	193
Colden Common	46
Cove	46
Fawley	319
Fleetlands	30
Folland Sports	54
Frimley Green	101
Hamworthy United	136
Kintbury Rangers	233
Lymington Town	269
Newport (Isle of Wight)	71
Ringwood Town	196
Romsey Town	96
Totton & Eling	313
United Services Portsmouth	271
Whitchurch United	40
Yateley United	104

### FIXTURES – 2025/26

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

#### Tuesday 3 March

##### Hampshire Servio Senior Cup Semi Final

Sholing v Baffins Milton Rovers

##### Wiltshire Premier Shield Semi Final

Laverstock & Ford v Melksham Town

##### Velocity Wessex League Cup Quarter Final

Fleetlands v Cowes Sports [19:30]

##### Premier Division

Andover New Street v Bournemouth

Bemerton Heath H'quins v Portland United

Downton v Christchurch

East Cowes Victoria v Hamble Club

Hamworthy Recreation v AFC Stoneham

Hythe & Dibden v Wincanton Town

##### Division One

Amesbury Town v Ash United

Blackfield & Langley v Folland Sports

Fawley AFC v Cove

Kintbury Rangers v Frimley Green

Newport (IoW) v Colden Common

Romsey Town v Alresford Town

Totton & Eling v Ringwood Town

Yateley United v AFC Aldermaston

#### Wednesday 4 March

##### Premier Division

Sherborne Town v Millbrook [20:00]

##### Division One

Whitchurch United v Lymington Town

#### Thursday 5 March

##### Velocity Wessex League Cup Third Round

Baffins Milton Rovers v Hamble Club

##### Premier Division

Hythe & Dibden v Laverstock & Ford

##### North Hants Senior Cup Quarter Final

Romsey Town v Stockbridge

#### Saturday 7 March

##### Premier Division

Bournemouth v AFC Stoneham

Brockenhurst v Wincanton Town

Christchurch v Bemerton Heath H'quins

Downton v Sherborne Town

East Cowes Victoria v New Milton Town

Hamble Club v Andover New Street

Hamworthy Recreation v Baffins Milton Rovers

Laverstock & Ford v Millbrook

Petersfield Town v Cowes Sports

Portland United v Hythe & Dibden

##### Division One

Amesbury Town v Kintbury Rangers

Blackfield & Langley v Frimley Green

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

**Tuesday 10 March**

**Somerset Premier Cup Quarter Final**

Wincanton Town v Wells City

**Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup Second Round**

Bashley v Baffins Milton Rovers

**Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup Quarter Final**

Locks Heath v AFC Stoneham

**Premier Division**

Andover New Street v Sherborne Town

Hamble Club v Brockenhurst

Hythe & Dibden v Petersfield Town

Laverstock & Ford v East Cowes Victoria

Millbrook v Cowes Sports

Portland United v Downton

**Division One**

Alresford Town v Clanfield

Ash United v Folland Sports

Fleetlands v Newport (IoW)

Frimley Green v Whitchurch United

Kintbury Rangers v Hamworthy United

Ringwood Town v Blackfield & Langley

Romsey Town v Fawley AFC

Totton & Eling v Amesbury Town

Yateley United v U.S. Portsmouth

**Wednesday 11 March**

**Division One**

AFC Aldermaston v Cove

**Thursday 12 March**

**Premier Division**

Baffins Milton Rovers v Christchurch

Hamworthy Recreation v Hythe & Dibden

Sherborne Town v Bemerton Heath H'quins

**IOW Gold Cup Semi Final**

Cowes Sports v Whitecroft & Barton Sports  
[at East Cowes Victoria]

**Saturday 14 March**

**Premier Division**

AFC Stoneham v New Milton Town

Baffins Milton Rovers v Portland United

Bournemouth v Petersfield Town

Cowes Sports v Bemerton Heath H'quins

Downton v Andover New Street

Hamworthy Recreation v Wincanton Town

Hythe & Dibden v Brockenhurst

Laverstock & Ford v Hamble Club

Millbrook v Christchurch  
Sherborne Town v East Cowes Victoria

**Division One**

Blackfield & Langley v Kintbury Rangers

Clanfield v Ash United

Cove v Newport (IoW)

Fawley AFC v Alresford Town

Fleetlands v Folland Sports

Hamworthy United v Frimley Green

Lymington Town v AFC Aldermaston

Romsey Town v Whitchurch United

Totton & Eling v Colden Common

U.S. Portsmouth v Amesbury Town

Yateley United v Ringwood Town

**Tuesday 17 March**

**Premier Division**

Baffins Milton Rovers v Downton

Christchurch v Sherborne Town

East Cowes Victoria v AFC Stoneham

Hamble Club v Portland United

Hamworthy Recreation v Bournemouth

Hythe & Dibden v Cowes Sports

Laverstock & Ford v Andover New Street

Petersfield Town v Millbrook

**Division One**

Alresford Town v Blackfield & Langley

Amesbury Town v Yateley United

Fawley AFC v Frimley Green

Folland Sports v Cove

Kintbury Rangers v Romsey Town

Totton & Eling v Newport (IoW)

U.S. Portsmouth v Ringwood Town

**Saturday 21 March**

**Premier Division**

AFC Stoneham v Laverstock & Ford

Andover New Street v Bemerton Heath H'quins

Baffins Milton Rovers v Wincanton Town

Bournemouth v Downton

Brockenhurst v Christchurch

Hamworthy Recreation v Cowes Sports

Millbrook v Hythe & Dibden

New Milton Town v Petersfield Town

Portland United v East Cowes Victoria

Sherborne Town v Hamble Club

**Division One**

AFC Aldermaston v Fawley AFC

Alresford Town v Amesbury Town

Colden Common v Kintbury Rangers

Fleetlands v Lymington Town

Folland Sports v Frimley Green

Newport (IoW) v Ash United

Ringwood Town v Cove

Romsey Town v Clanfield

Totton & Eling v U.S. Portsmouth

Whitchurch United v Blackfield & Langley  
Yateley United v Hamworthy United

**Tuesday 24 March**

**Premier Division**

AFC Stoneham v Sherborne Town  
Christchurch v Cowes Sports  
Hythe & Dibden v Hamworthy Recreation  
Laverstock & Ford v Wincanton Town  
Millbrook v Baffins Milton Rovers  
Petersfield Town v East Cowes Victoria

**Division One**

Amesbury Town v Frimley Green  
Fawley AFC v Clanfield  
Lymington Town v U.S. Portsmouth  
Newport (IoW) v Cove  
Romsey Town v Ash United  
Totton & Eling v Fleetlands  
Yateley United v Alresford Town

**Thursday 26 March**

**Premier Division**

Petersfield Town v Downton

**Saturday 28 March**

**Isuzu FA Vase Semi Final First Leg**

*AFC Stoneham involved*

*[Second Leg- Saturday 4 April]*

**Premier Division**

Andover New Street v Portland United  
Baffins Milton Rovers v Sherborne Town  
Christchurch v Petersfield Town  
Cowes Sports v Wincanton Town  
East Cowes Victoria v Laverstock & Ford  
Hamble Club v Hythe & Dibden  
Hamworthy Recreation v Brockenhurst

New Milton Town v Downton

**Division One**

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

**Tuesday 31 March**

**Premier Division**

Baffins Milton Rovers v Cowes Sports  
Brockenhurst v Portland United  
Hythe & Dibden v Downton  
Millbrook v East Cowes Victoria  
Petersfield Town v Bemerton Heath H'quins

**Division One**

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

**Wednesday 1 April**

**Premier Division**

New Milton Town v AFC Stoneham  
Sherborne Town v Laverstock & Ford

**RESULTS**

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



**Tuesday 24 February**

**Surrey Premier Cup Quarter Final**

Frimley Green

2-3

Molesey

70

*Ollie Henry 21*

*Ryan Wisson 1*

*Logan Lowes 77 pen*

*Harry Boxall 23*

*Prince Otto 38*

**Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup Second**

**Round**

Millbrook

2-0

Fleetlands

51

*Charlie White*

*Scott Hills*

**Velocity Wessex League Cup Third Round**

Laverstock & Ford <i>Tommy Campbell-Smith</i>	1-2	Cowes Sports <i>Charlie Marsek</i> <i>John McKie</i>	110
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**Velocity Wessex League Cup Quarter Final**

Cove <i>Will Peters 68</i>	1-3	AFC Stoneham <i>Tyrrell Sampson 12, 43</i> <i>Liam Callaghan 20</i>	60
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**Premier Division**

Andover New Street <i>Malachi Dotse</i>	1-1	Hythe & Dibden <i>Kenny Gatera</i>	137
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Brockenhurst <i>Freddie Beale 64</i> <i>Toby Bailey 80</i>	2-1	East Cowes Victoria <i>Jake Wright 35</i>	116
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Christchurch <i>James Storey 17</i>	1-2	Downton <i>Brett Pitman 15</i> <i>Liam Farrugia 28</i>	131
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Hamworthy Recreation <i>Eddie Hodge 19 pen, 36</i> <i>OG 67</i> <i>Chris Long 80</i>	4-0	Sherborne Town	28
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Wincanton Town <i>Dan Wise 35 pen</i> <i>Will Osborne 69</i>	2-4	Bemerton Heath Harlequins <i>Chris Kapend 4, 90+5</i> <i>Jordan Matthews 42</i> <i>Ryan Scott 82 pen</i>	89
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**Division One**

Alresford Town <i>Harvey Richards 34</i> <i>Billy Grimes 45+3</i>	2-2	Folland Sports <i>Charlie Glasspool 72, 75</i>	81
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Amesbury Town <i>Robbie Owen 15</i> <i>Brett Fdenham 48</i> <i>Harry Hale 85 pen</i>	3-1	Romsey Town <i>Gedeon Matonga</i>	60
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Newport (IoW) <i>Joe Craig 6, 62</i> <i>Sam Cant 27</i> <i>Joe Butcher 72</i>	4-0	Blackfield & Langley	111
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United Services Portsmouth <i>Ellis Howarth</i>	1-4	Whitchurch United <i>Kyan Stephens [3]</i> <i>Kieron Farmer</i>	46
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**Portsmouth Senior Cup Quarter Final**

Petersfield Town <i>[4-3 on penalties]</i>	0-0	Locks Heath	110
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**Aldershot Senior Cup Quarter Final**

Fleet Town <i>Liam Avery 33</i>	1-3	Yateley United <i>Harry Hamblin 62</i> <i>Nathan Connolly 68</i> <i>Charlie Westell 70</i>	*
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**Wednesday 25 February****Division One**

AFC Aldermaston <i>OG 39</i> <i>Anthony Bossman 62</i>	2-0	Clanfield	38
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Totton & Eling	3-2	Kintbury Rangers	124
<i>Alfie Male 27</i>		<i>Sam Walsh 68</i>	
<i>Jalil Conteh 45+2</i>		<i>Archie Goode 72</i>	
<i>Dominic Scambler 90+10</i>			

**Thursday 26 February**

**Southampton Senior Cup Quarter Final**

Millbrook	3-0	Downton	67
<i>Tahay Connelly 25</i>			
<i>Scott Hills 56</i>			
<i>Bobby Gorman 62</i>			

**Saturday 28 February**

**Isuzu FA Vase Fifth Round**

AFC Stoneham	3-0	Coventry United	446
<i>Mat Bainbridge 21, 74</i>			
<i>Oliver Jenkins 38</i>			
Punjab United	1-0	Downton	655
<i>Jack Hopkins 87</i>			

**Premier Division**

Bemerton Heath Harlequins	6-2	New Milton Town	160
<i>Ryan Scott</i>		<i>Niall Dixon 16</i>	
<i>Ryan Griffiths</i>		<i>Joe Roberts 54</i>	
<i>Charis Kapend</i>			
<i>Ilya Ihnatenko [2]</i>			
<i>Alfie Burke</i>			

Christchurch	1-3	Hythe & Dibden	69
<i>George Adair-Charlton 88</i>		<i>Jordan Rose 4</i>	
		<i>Rob Flooks 38, 59</i>	

Cowes Sports	1-4	Andover New Street	186
<i>Emerson Tattersall 70</i>		<i>Cam Thatcher</i>	
		<i>Malachi Dotse [2]</i>	
		<i>Aleks Kokoszka</i>	

Hamble Club	3-1	Hamworthy Recreation	60
<i>Braydon Douglas 46</i>		<i>Martin Videnov 80</i>	
<i>OG 62</i>			

Millbrook	1-2	Portland United	58
<i>Scott Hills</i>		<i>Jamie Cleaver</i>	
		<i>Archie Woolford</i>	

Petersfield Town	0-1	Brockenhurst	63
		<i>Noel McCarthy-Gardiner 3</i>	

Wincanton Town	1-3	East Cowes Victoria	56
<i>Connor Williams 32</i>		<i>Connor Kelly 51</i>	
		<i>Charlie Hart 73</i>	
		<i>Travis Pitman 90+1</i>	

**Division One**

AFC Aldermaston	1-1	Colden Common	45
<i>Simeon Weeks 90+1 pen</i>		<i>Charlie Hitchings 34</i>	

Alresford Town	1-0	Whitchurch United	131
<i>Jack Welch 6</i>			

Ash United	2-1	Fawley AFC	44
<i>Harry Conlon 2</i>		<i>Dec Hartigan 23</i>	

*Jack Beveridge 78*

Clanfield <i>Joe Briggs 12, 70, 90+1</i> <i>George Fix 47</i> <i>Elliott Cannon 51</i> <i>George Comben 90+4</i>	6-1	Blackfield & Langley <i>Cowhen Whitaker 6</i>	86
Cove <i>Zack Fairminer 31</i> <i>Armani Riley 66</i>	2-2	Kintbury Rangers <i>Archie Goode 40, 58 pen</i>	55
Frimley Green	0-3	Romsey Town <i>Harry Edmondson [2]</i> <i>Clayd Roach</i>	*
Hamworthy United <i>Eddie Myers 47</i>	1-1	Amesbury Town <i>Josh Jeffrey 81</i>	92
Lymington Town <i>Joe Petty 20</i>	1-1	Newport (IoW) <i>Joe Craig 54</i>	108

## 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 before 21:30 to allow time to process for the publication deadline. Thanks in advance.*

### SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY

#### DIVISION ONE- Alresford Town 1-1 Hamworthy United

*Tony Beck was pitchside*

AFTER just missing out on promotion last season, Alresford may feel disappointed to find themselves only in 12th position at start of play, with a return of just three draws from their last six matches. After Hamworthy's resounding win at Ash a week back, Tyler Rudd was back available as captain, with their recent recruit, promising young midfielder Ryan Chavez-Munoz, handed his first full start. They replaced Jack Hughes who has moved on to new pastures with Swanage, and Charlie Cox, rather unlucky to only make the bench which also included Josh Taylor and Olli Woolley both returning from injury.

The old heads of Hamworthy who made it to the game were saddened to hear on arrival of the recent passing of Alresford supporter Alan Binfield, who was the Hammers' keeper during their 1975/76 Dorset Combination title success.

It was certainly United who had more possession and created much the better chances in the first half. Among their best chances, on 18 minutes a decent 30-yard effort by captain Tyler Rudd just cleared the far top corner. Two minutes later, Pietro Almeida after shrugging off his man lifted his shot just over the bar, having been set up by a good ball by Ryan Chavez-Munoz. On 29 minutes, Whetton completed some United movement in the six-yard box by firing against the foot of the post before the ball was cleared.

Three minutes later, Louis Whetton, after playing a clever one-two, could only shoot against the legs of the Town keeper Kieran Connell who was having a fine game. On 38 minutes, Rudd, after driving through the home defence, drew another good leg block by the keeper, with Chavez-Munoz's rebound effort requiring a far simple save.

The visitors might easily have been two or three up at the interval, but perhaps paid the price for trying to play too much delicate passing football in front of goal. It might have been more productive on the muddy surface to have got more shots in sooner. At their own end they were also prone at times to be too pedestrian off the ball, which allowed the "Magpies" to sneak in the odd break on goal. Although this had not yet come to anything, it was certainly something that might have to watch out for in the second half.

HT 0-0

United again took the game to the hosts upon the restart, but now showing more tenacity in shooting. A few minutes in, and excellent ball across by Almeida was fired only a foot over the bar by Williams. Ten minutes later a blockage to a shot by Jamie Ross nicely wide to Chavez-Munoz whose curling effort looked to be creeping in under the bar before being somehow pushed over by Connell.

Midway through the half Rudd saw another good effort deflected wide off a defender, Whetton's resulting corner being headed just wide by Williams. On 74 minutes, Connell again distinguished himself, blocking and then holding onto Whetton's effort, put clean through by another fine ball by Chavez-Munoz. Connell was however finally beaten on 84 minutes, the ball creeping into the net as a Town defender and United substitute Josh TAYLOR jostled for the ball at a congested near post, from Whetton's corner. The Hammers though had never looked comfortable in closing down at the back. The Magpies took full advantage two minutes into injury time, when a deep free kick from the right was looped into the top far corner off the head of their unmarked substitute Hayden MURRAY. Both teams tried in vain for the kill in the remaining five minutes of injury time, but alas for the Hammers it was to be the same sorry tale of conceding points late on to a game that on the balance of chances they should have put to bed. Credit though must go to the Town for putting up a good fight and taking their own real chance well.

FT 1-1

## **TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY**

### **DIVISION ONE- Newport IOW 4-0 Blackfield & Langley**

*John Davies was pitchside*

NEWPORT put behind them the disappointment of dropping two points at Fawley on Saturday by dispatching lowly Blackfield with a performance that was excellent in the first half and more workmanlike in the second.

To be fair to the visitors they started brightly and for the first five minutes were pinging balls around one touch and should have taken the lead on four minutes but they dragged the shot well wide. A couple of minutes later they were punished, Joe CRAIG finishing from close range with composure, he had an excellent game all round. With Brad Snelling being unable to sniff a chance, Blackfield were resorting to long range efforts but the majority were not in the same parish as Leon Pitman's goal, and on 30 minutes the task became harder when Sam CANT buried a header from six yards out like all good centre forwards do, the cross from the left just too inviting to miss, his overall hold up play was exceptional throughout the course of the evening.

The left hand side was proving profitable with Mikey Thompsett showing great forward endeavour ably assisted by Ji Nash, Keelan Walsh a week on from his all action Gold Cup performance again winning his midfield battles allowing the assured back four the time to stroke the ball around. Set pieces looked like the visitors' best route back into the game but there was a Newport head to the ball first on most occasions.

HT 2-0

The second half was a little more less flowing from Newport and the passing game proved harder to impose and again Blackfield look to capitalise on set pieces by winning cheap theatrical fouls and also a flurry of corners which saw Leon Pitman tip one over from under his cross bar, in open play they were still not hitting the target. As Newport managed the game Joe CRAIG helped himself to a second courtesy of a shocking goalkeeping howler from the visiting keeper who let a tame looking shot squeeze through him but if you don't buy a ticket you can't win the raffle.

Newport again utilised a full bench and managed to rest some legs in this crazy schedule but it was Joe BUTCHER who sealed the win with a trademark left foot strike from distance, again the keeper really should have done better at his post but the points were now safe. Blackfield did have the ball in the net but were denied by the assistants offside flag and the game was petering out until 3 minutes before time Joe Butcher was shown a straight red for a reckless challenge. The decision seemed harsh and followed strong appeals from the opposition bench, a sour note to take away from the game.

FT 4-0

## **TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY**

### **PREMIER DIVISION- Brockenhurst 2-1 East Cowes Victoria**

*Jon Renyard was pitchside*

A hard-fought win for the Badgers, this: another arm-wrestle which sometimes looked like attack against defence; but the defence was strong and very much capable of creating chances on the break. Vics looked solid and organised at the back throughout the game, and when they had the chance to spring forward they did so with purpose down the flanks which gave the Brock three-man defence plenty to think about.

Brock themselves seemed to have overloaded the right-hand side in the early stages, which was quite congested and made it hard to find those clever threaded passes that have been the hallmark of their best performances. First half-chance for the Vics: 15 minutes, a missed kick in midfield, the ball finding its way to Charlie Hart, shot deflected behind by MacFarlane. One minute later, an excellent Badgers move involving McCarthy-Gardiner and Walker, Beale's shot blocked by Coode.

Freddie Beale looked the most likely for Brock, who were now dominating territory and possession, but chances were few: 25 minutes, powerful shot from Demira well pushed away, shortly followed by another excellent block, this time from Wheeler, as Vics held firm. Walker powered a volley wide... Brooks, released by a super cross-field pass from Lewis Toms, speared a pass through the six-yard box but Badgers on their heels.

And then the sucker-punch on 35 – ball lost, Vics break, powerful shot astonishingly tipped onto the bar by Jordi Valero but the ball falling back into the six-yard box, Valero back up to make another amazing save from Josh Neale – but football can be harsh, the ball recycled again and the low cross bundled home at the back post by Jake WRIGHT to give the visitors the lead. Caleb Neale might have doubled that lead just before the interval but his drive was straight at Valero.

HT 0-1

The credit to Brock is that they kept going. The pitch wasn't really conducive to quality football, but they kept going and they found a way. Within a minute, Vics might have extended the advantage but Marcelo Rossi made an excellent challenge on Snow; then Hart lobbed a cross over a crowd of players but onto the roof of the net (visiting fans were briefly excited by this, deceived by the angle).

Brock resumed their control of possession and territory but there was still space in behind – nearly exploited by the Neale brothers, Josh out to Caleb, dangerous cross well gathered by Valero. Valero then tipped another shot onto the bar, this time a free kick from Josh Neale: the keeper was having a great night and justifiably named man of the match.

But finally, the pressure at the other end told. 64 minutes, yet another attack which appeared to be foundering on the excellent visiting defence but this time the ball was recycled to BEALE, just inside the box and for once in space, and he levelled things up. Another credit to Brock: they never looked as if they'd settle for a point. They were quick to every restart, not wasting a moment, pressing forward (and still allowing for some dangerous breakaways at the other end, Valero ever alert).

Into the final 15: yet another attempt hammered goalwards by Brock, yet another block, the recycled ball bouncing just too far in front of Demira whose toe-poke went over the bar... and the finally, ten minutes from time, yet another corner into a crowded box, yet another half-clearance, and this time the rebound fell to Toby BAILEY about 12 yards out and he hooked home for 2-1.

It could have been more – an excellent late move, Brooks to McCarthy-Gardiner to Beale, but Beale's shot was too close to George Bridi. But the Badgers saw it out reasonably comfortably to complete the league double over the visitors.

FT 2-1

## **TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY**

### **PREMIER DIVISION- Andover New Street 1-1 Hythe & Dibden**

*Andy Charters was pitchside*

A real blood-and-thunder effort, this; very physical and noisy between the hosts in 9th and the visitors in 18th. The pitch was heavy but playable and there was never any doubt this was on after a dry day down these parts. Both sides happy to attack, they produced some good exciting passages overall, New Street leading with a snorter of a 20yd free-kick on 25 minutes from Malachi DOTSE which evaded the wall and went in off an upright. H&D levelled with a tempting in-swinger that evaded everybody and crept in at the far post on 39 minutes through Kenny GATERA.

HT 1-1

Second half was even more thunderous, a couple of flash points that the Referee had to deal with and either side could have won it in the final 10. H&D had a great chance from a low cross to the far post which the player managed to spoon high and wide and there was a mass melee in the H&D box with several attempts to thrash at a bouncing ball, all of which were blocked/missed.

Probably a fair result in the end though.

FT 1-1

**TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY**

**PREMIER DIVISION- Hamworthy Recreation 4-0 Sherborne Town**

*John Hutchings was pitchside*

THE Zebras would have come into this game as favourites, standing in sixth place and pushing for a play-off place. But it was Rec who took the plaudits, with a good, all-round performance. They started well and built up a two goal lead at the break, courtesy of an Eddie Hodge double. Two more goals in the second half equalled their best league win of the season, to put a smile on manager Wayne Smith's face. Rec looked confident from the off, but had to wait until the 19th minute to take the lead. Martin Videnov was brought down in the area, for a penalty - only Rec's second spot-kick of the season. Up stepped Eddie Hodge, whose low shot was parried by Sherborne stopper, Atwood, but HODGE was able to pounce on the loose ball to put his side one up.

Ash Boyt, back to his best in midfield, won a corner for Rec, from which Sean Wright's header flew over the bar. Sherborne's only real threat saw Shephard's attempt saved by home stopper, Shane Murphy. But it was Rec who doubled their lead on 36, with a fine, solo goal. HODGE latched onto the ball in a deep position, strode forward and unleashed a shot from 25 yards which flew into the top left corner of the goal, to put Rec in control. Hodge then turned provider, setting up Videnov, who dragged his shot wide and then supplying a perfect cross to the far post for Chris Long, only for Williams to get in a great, saving header.

HT 2-0

It was a slow start to the second period, but after Max Wilcock had rattled the bar Rec made it three, on 67 minutes. The evergreen Boyt won the ball in midfield and fed Hodge - he played in Long, whose drilled, low cross into the danger zone cannoned in off a defender, for an own goal, to seal the points for Rec. Hodge missed his chance of a treble when he miss-cued from Henry Barham's cross, but the icing on the cake came ten minutes from time when the tireless LONG scored a deserved goal, with a clever lob over Atwood, capitalising on a defensive error, to earn Rec a very welcome three points.

FT 4-0

**WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY**

**DIVISION ONE- Totton & Eling 3-2 Kintbury Rangers**

*Robin Caddy was pitchside*

IT was a dry and somewhat mild night at Miller Park on Wednesday as Totton & Eling welcomed Kintbury Rangers for their Velocity Wessex League Division One fixture. A somewhat bumper crowd of 124 came to see if the hosts, bottom of the table with just four wins so far this season, could compete with the visitors who had destroyed high-flying Fleetlands at the weekend. It was a somewhat inauspicious start - well a delayed start in fact - the officials had found an issue with one of the goal-nets and it took several minutes and many people to sort, but we eventually kicked off six minutes later than planned.

Very early on it became clear that Kintbury Rangers had a formidable weapon in number 4s seriously long throw ins. This was used to great effect throughout the game, and genuinely was as good as a corner in attacking situations. Some early exchanges come to nothing much, then Totton & Eling's keeper is called upon to bravely claim the ball between the heads of two Rangers forward on 11 minutes, and the sides are showing what to expect for the rest of the game - Kintbury have a bit more quality perhaps, and are trying to put together some good moves, our hosts are playing VERY directly and asking lots of questions with long balls, good forward pressure and a strong work ethic.

Kintbury are having the better chances though, and look likely to take the lead, when on 27 minutes Alfie MALE receives the ball from his brother Dylan near the penalty spot and sort of turns and hooks the ball towards the goal in one motion. It doesn't look very graceful but more importantly it goes over the diving keeper and puts the hosts ahead 1-0.

Totton & Eling are invigorated and despite a couple of half chances for Rangers later in the half, in the second minute of added time Jalil CONTEH absolutely smashes the ball in, off the underside of the bar, from just outside the penalty area.

HT 2-0

Totton & Eling are out promptly for the second half, Kintbury take their time. We proceed as before, with Kintbury making some good moves and chances while Totton & Eling maintain the direct approach that, to be fair, served them very well in the first 45.

The teams trade chances before sub Sam WALSH forces one in for Kintbury at the near post from a corner by youngster Silas Whitehead on 68 minutes - 2-1. With 20ish (or so we thought!) minutes to play this game

suddenly feels like it could go either way. The Kintbury captain Reece Daly has been a driving force, and kept the ref busy too. His vocal demands are pushing his team on, along with shouts coming from the touchline. Totton & Eling mount a decent attack which ends in their corner, the visiting keeper Charlie McCready, gets a vital touch and now it's Kintbury playing fast attacking direct football, as moments later 7 races down the right, plays the ball in to Archie GOODE and it's 2-2 with 72 minutes played! Absolute scenes, as the youngsters might say.

Three minutes later its carnage in the Kintbury box again from a Totton & Eling corner, and once more a lightning fast break by Kintbury, this time stifled around the half-way line. Around this time Rangers' skipper goes off with a strain, this could be significant. Somewhere before the end of the game we are expecting six minutes of added time. The chances start to mount up, and the momentum seems to be with Totton & Eling again, more direct play. And like the first half, Kintbury don't quite have the answers.

Then on 100 minutes a deep free-kick by the hosts Keeper is headed out in to the path of Millers Dom SCAMBLER who, on debut, hits it first time from the edge of the box past the despairing Rangers keeper. Absolute bedlam, and you have to give credit to Totton & Eling who kept going even when it looked like the game was really slipping away from them in the second half.

FT 3-2

*A hugely entertaining game, watched incidentally by at least a couple of people from clubs who find themselves "in the mix" at the wrong end of the table. The three points sees Totton & Eling go above Fawley on goal difference, with both clubs eight points adrift of United Services Portsmouth and Blackfield & Langley.*

#### **THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY**

##### **SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR CUP QUARTER FINAL- Millbrook 3-0 Downton**

*Robin Caddy was pitchside*

JUST 67 at Test park on Thursday night, for Millbrook and Downton's Southampton Senior Cup match. With all eyes on Saturday's FA Vase games, it was unsurprising that Downton fielded a younger team than usual! Millbrook were more or less at full strength, and looking to make sure they advanced to meet Brockenhurst who await the winners in the next round. It's the same referee as from Miller Park yesterday, and Test Park on Tuesday!

There is some rain in the air, and strong wind gusting behind Millbrook in the first half, and they look lively from the start with early pressure and corners. On 16 minutes skipper Callum Drake gets through the defence and elects to go for goal, when perhaps squaring to Tahay Connelly would have been the better option. Ryan Batley rises well to head a Bobby Gorman corner on 22 minutes, but somehow puts it wide, two minutes later it's Batley again but he can't keep his shot low from another corner. Then on 25 minutes Tahay CONNELLY gets his first senior goal for Millbrook, a simple goal but a wonderful moment for the youngster who has been so impressive recently.

Both teams have chances, and Millbrook have one disallowed for off-side just before the break, but the crowd go in for their refreshment of choice with just the one goal to split the teams.

HT 1-0

There's a bit of a buzz around the ground as former Saint Kevin Davies is rumoured to have been spotted watching his son playing for Downton. Eleven minutes in to the second half and Millbrook double their lead from yet another corner. The ball is going towards the goal and just flicks off Scott HILLS on the way by, one of the Downton defenders is totally foxed by this and can't react in time to clear it off the line.

Then on 62 minutes Bobby GORMAN gets in on the action scoring at the near post from a long throw. Downton keep going, but Millbrook continue to have more of the chances and the result never looks in doubt as the game inevitably fizzles out a bit towards the end.

FT 3-0

#### **SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY**

##### **ISUZU FA VASE QUARTER FINAL- AFC Stoneham 3-0 Coventry United**

*Tim Smith was pitchside*

THE sun was shining on Stoneham Lane today for the FA Vase quarter final between AFC Stoneham and Coventry United. The visitors, known as the Red and Greens, currently sit 8th in United Counties Premier League South. There's always a bit of uncertainty with knowing how the league strengths compare, and the

talk before the game was largely of people saying what they had heard about the visitors, and what sort of game might be in store. Crucially we were told they also play on an artificial pitch! They brought around 90 fans with them, contributing to a great crowd of 446.

The game started with the visitors looking lively - a great left-foot shot from Cameron Dunn drew an equally impressive save from Callum Lee on 3 minutes. Indeed Coventry make good use of some quick breaks, causing the Purps a few early problems. Worth noting at this point that James Phillips was absent from the bench due to illness, with assistant manager Mick Marsh ably assisted by coaches Isaac Berry and Ryan Gillie. Soon the hosts found their rhythm, with Martins, Fee and Annetts probing well, and the always exciting Ollie Jenkins looking dangerous too. Then on 21 minutes Martins, who is good a creator as scorer, chest the ball down for Mat BAINBRIDGE who takes a touch to beat his man before smashing the ball on the half volley in to the roof of the net. A glorious moment for the team, and the classy midfielder.

Coventry try to bring the game to Stoneham, with Ryan Harkin scuffing a chance in to Callum Lee's grateful arms on 25 minutes, before what may well be the key moment of the game occurs on 27 minutes. Charlie Faulkner makes an ill-judged challenge on Lee, which draws howls from the spectators and an instant red card from the ref, Will Briers. I don't think anyone in the whole ground can be surprised at that outcome. Stoneham need to keep focussed and capitalise on this, and they do. On 38 minutes Oli Jenkins makes some space in the box, shoots, and Dan Moore makes an excellent save. But the ball comes straight back to JENKINS who fires it in to the goal- and that's how we go in to half time.

HT 2-0

The second half sees the Purps stay attack-minded but careful not to over-extend. On 50 minutes Martins goes down in the box, the spectators clamour for a penalty but the ref isn't moved. Tyrrell Sampson forces a save from Moore on 59 minutes. Coventry can't do much to get back in the game, but are enjoying more pressure. Then on 73 minutes Moore spills a long range effort from the marauding Lewis Nagle, and it's Mat BAINBRIDGE who is there to roll the ball in to the empty net for his second and Stoneham's third. As the game proceeds all of the Stoneham subs get some game time, and Nagle becomes more and more attacking-minded. The Purps continue to create chances, and truthfully should have added more goals, running out comfortable and deserved winners after a really professional display from the whole team and club as a whole today.

FT 3-0

## **SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY**

### **PREMIER DIVISION- Petersfield Town 0-1 Brockenhurst**

*Jon Renyard was pitchside*

FIFTH against fourth in the table: but a game which didn't live up to its billing. A game played on the slopiest pitch in the league; it passed an inspection but it was still pretty heavy and it made flowing football very difficult. All the more credit to the Badgers for their flying start: a Beale cross claimed by the keeper but 3 minutes, a brilliant run from Toby Colmer through midfield and out to the left, perfect cross, McCARTHY-GARDINER with the finish. If anyone had told me at that moment that we'd see no more goals I'd have been quite surprised... Brock made the most of playing downhill in the first half, some great runs from McCarthy-Gardiner and especially Burgess – Giles and Gill both made last-ditch clearances in front of their own goal – but equally the Rams started to threaten at the other end.

13 minutes, Max Bray hammered a shot against the near post; then Beale dwelt on the ball in the final third, Harry Close robbed him and was in on goal but shot tamely across the target. Demira might have done better with a free header from a corner... Dunesby-Bent saw a shot very well saved by debutant keeper Fred Firman... that makes the game sound more action-packed than it was. Gill headed a free kick wide for the hosts, and then just before halftime another lung-bursting run from Jamie Burgess, deep cross, volleyed by Beale – superbly save by Firman at his near post.

And still time for Stringer to find himself in behind the Brock defence but the angle was quite tight and his shot missed the near post.

HT 0-1

In truth the second half offered precious little – lots of energy from the Rams, solid defence from the Badgers. Toby Colmer had a volley just wide from the edge of the box... Freddie Beale with a powerful shot,

well saved, McCarthy-Gardiner following up superbly blocked by Ryan Gill... but the Rams had the better of the argument. Brock were a bit too careless in possession and were encouraging their opponents. Valero had to tackle Bray on the edge of the box and then to make a sharp save at his near post from sub Alexander. Brock were under pressure but looked reasonably composed, even though they weren't creating much... into injury time, one last push from the Rams, a great cross right through the box and Iggy Cake couldn't quite reach it with a despairing toe. Would have been a certain equaliser but the ball rolled behind for a goal kick and that was done.

FT 0-1

## **SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY**

### **DIVISION ONE- Lymington Town 1-1 Newport IOW**

*Gary Day was pitchside*

THE sun was most resplendent at the Sports Ground although a biting wind gave a reminder that it was still February. Lymington had won their last three here, a big factor to them escaping from the relegation zone but there was still much to do if they are to stay clear of it. However, they faced a tough contest against the Island side who were positioned just outside of the play-off places.

The home side started brightly and caused Newport some early problems. Karlos Gregory fired a free kick just past the post and when chaos ensued in the visitors box from a corner the ball came off a post before being cleared.

A goal soon materialised though, when Joe PETTY fired accurately into the corner to give the home side a deserved lead. The visitors tried to hit back with Joe Butcher firing just off target and following a stubbed clearance by a home defender, Ji Nash shot over. Lymington looked dangerous too with Charlie Cox firing over the angle of post and bar. At the end of the half, Joe Craig had got behind the home defensive line but was put under immediate pressure by keeper Charlie Fry and fired wide.

Half time and the home side worth it against a disappointing Newport team at that point.

HT 1-0

Newport attacked more after the break and initially Lymington kept them at bay. However, they levelled when a Nash shot rebounded from the keeper and CRAIG was in the right place to fire home.

When Will Johnson's pass found Petty, his shot was blocked by keeper Leon Pitman, and perhaps in a similar scenario to Newport's goal, it came loose but this time Gregory's follow up shot went wide. Luke Harding did well to head clear for Lymington from a dangerous Joe Butcher cross and, a corner at the other end, saw Gareth Keeping rise high but his header just missed the mark.

Petty tried to put Lymington back in front with a distant curling effort that went wide and the same player was put clear, but he'd been hampered by an earlier injury, a factor that enabled Port keeper Leon Pitman to bravely save. Newport's Kudzi Mazambara was off target from just outside the box.

FT 1-1

*The pitch was one of 'uneven bounce' but, despite that, the players put up a decent show. Neither quite possessed the quality on the day to claim the maximum points so a goal apiece was a fair outcome.*

## **SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY**

### **PREMIER DIVISION- Hamble Club 3-1 Hamworthy Recreation**

*John Hutchings was pitchside*

A frustrating day for Rec as Hamble completed a double over them in just eleven days. Rec were down to the bare bones, but competed well in the first half and went in level at the interval. But a lack of concentration meant the Monks scored three goals early in the second half to win comfortably.

There was an early warning of what was to come for Rec, when a long throw by Francis created the first chance for the hosts, with Hamilton's header clipping the bar. Michel and Honeysett then combined with the latter's shot pushed out for a corner by Rec keeper, Shane Murphy.

Hamble were having plenty of the play, but the Rec defence, with Brian Foulger in fine form, were coping well. At the other end Aaron Roberts created a chance for Ash Pope, only for Newman, in the home goal, to save, before Max Wilcock's effort was blocked. But it was Hamble looking the more likely, with Douglas firing across the face of goal and Lovell heading over, from another long throw.

HT 0-0

On 46 Hamble were in front and it started from another Francis long throw which ended up at the far post for DOUGLAS to head in. Rec responded with Wilcock's shot easily saved by Newman and another attempt flying over the bar. But the crucial second goal came on 62 minutes in controversial circumstances. Ash Boyt was penalised, for a foul, when it seemed he was the innocent party and from the free-kick Hamble had a goal attempt cleared off the line, which unfortunately hit Boyt in the face and cannoned in, for an own goal. There were more problems for Rec, when, straight from the kick off the hosts made it three, when, from yet another long throw, the ball fell nicely for defender, Brad JOHNSON to fire through a ruck of players. It could have been more, but Foulger produced a great tackle to deny Yeomans when through on goal and the same player missed a chance after Lovell's shot had hit the post. Rec battled to the end and pulled one back, on 80m, when Martin VIDENOV's shot was deflected in, to give them some consolation.  
FT 3-1

## **SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY**

### **DIVISION ONE- Hamworthy United 1-1 Amesbury Town**

*Tony Beck was pitchside*

A Hamworthy United win would complete their half-century of points for the season. Amesbury meanwhile had just ended a poor run with a 3-1 win at home to Romsey Town in midweek, but were still looking over their shoulder being only four points above the relegation places at start of play. After last week, Oli Woolley was originally set to replace the injured Tom Lanham, but after injuring himself in the warm-up, he himself was late-replaced by Jack Kinge-Phillips. It was very pleasing to see striker Bailey Rowe fit enough for the bench after his lengthy ankle injury and one aborted comeback.

There was little to write home about in a rather flat first half. This was not for want of trying by the Hammers, but they struggled to break down a tall Amesbury team who relied more on the long ball.

When they did get through, they found the "Blues" stopper Mike Horne in good form. His best save of the half came on 24 minutes, getting down well to beat out a ferocious shot by Jack Kinge-Phillips, who had just beaten his man as he drove towards goal. Horne also twice saved well from home captain Tyler Rudd, a major inspiration with his runs on goal, with another Rudd effort just missing the far post. Another 20 yard effort by Pietro Almeida was also well handled.

The Town though could also count themselves a little unlucky not to have opened their own account. United keeper Noah Crisp had to be at his best on 10 minutes to push wide a very decent effort by Josh Jeffery destined for the top far corner.

Two later Town efforts found the net but also found a raised offside flag.

HT 0-0

United certainly came out of the blocks livelier after the break, managing to break the deadlock only two minutes in. An early burst down the right by Almeida was met by an equally fine block into touch by Horne at his near post. From Louis Whetton's corner, Horne did well to get a hand on Brandon William's forceful header in front of goal. Eddie MYERS though showed good determination following up to force the ball over the line.

With the arrival of Bailey Rowe, he was soon showing the United fans what they had been missing. On 57 minutes he headed Rudd's corner against the bar, and four minutes later another Rowe header from an Almeida cross was well gathered by Horne. Then on 67 minutes, Rowe finished off a good move involving Kinge-Phillips and Whetton with a blistering shot that just skimmed the top of the bar. Three minutes later he again came close, putting just wide another good ball by Whetton.

It was though to be agony for the Hammers on 81 minutes. Blues' substitute Alfie Pawlak-Walsh managed to force his way left across the penalty area. He finally laid the ball further left for Josh JEFFERY who managed to find the net with a ripping shot towards the far post.

United gave it all right up to the end to claw back the lead, but it wasn't to be. They did though come so close in the last movement of the game two minutes into injury time. A fine ball through by Jamie Ross put Rowe clear. After rounding the keeper wide of the goal, he unselfishly played the ball across to Josh Taylor. Taylor's shot came back off a defender to create an even better chance for Almeida, but a yard in front of goal he somehow put the ball over the bar.

FT 1-1

## CLUB NEWS

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

Up in north Dorset at **Sherborne Town** central defender Josh Williams has recently completed his 250<sup>th</sup> appearance for the Zebras. A couple of other appearance milestones are also noted- Toby Snow has reached 200 games and Aedan Coode has reached 100 games for **East Cowes Victoria**.

The win on Tuesday for **Yateley United** in the Aldershot Senior Cup gives them a semi-final tie against Wokingham Town, of the Combined Counties Premier Division North (Fleet Town being in the South equivalent). In the other tie Knaphill will play Westfield or former members Tadley Calleva. At time of writing the final is scheduled for 5 May, at the Recreation Ground home of Aldershot Town. We wish them all the best.

## 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

#### Wednesday 25 February

Hamworthy Recreation Reserves 0-1 Bournemouth Electric

Portland United Reserves 2-0 Balti Sports

Wimborne Town Reserves 0-4 Blandford United

#### Saturday 28 February

Balti Sports 2-3 Blandford United

Bournemouth Electric 2-2 Verwood Town

Bournemouth Sports 5-2 Westland Sports

Cobham Sports 5-0 Portland United Reserves

Dorchester Sports 4-1 Bridport Reserves

Holt United 4-0 Hamworthy United Reserves

Sherborne Town Reserves 4-5 Poole Borough

### TABLE

POS	DORSET PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Blandford United	25	23	0	2	80	24	56	69
2	Cobham Sports	23	19	3	1	91	26	65	60
3	Dorchester Sports	25	18	3	4	58	26	32	57
4	Bournemouth Electric	24	16	4	4	72	35	37	52
5	Swanage Town & Herston	24	16	3	5	77	34	43	51
6	Bournemouth Sports	24	14	3	7	70	50	20	45
7	Holt United	22	14	2	6	49	27	22	44
8	Sherborne Town Reserves	26	13	0	13	43	61	-18	39
9	Hamworthy Recreation Reserves	23	10	3	10	32	43	-11	33
10	Balti Sports	25	9	2	14	64	59	5	29
11	Wimborne Town Reserves	29	9	2	18	50	73	-23	29
12	Hamworthy United Reserves	28	9	2	17	43	77	-34	29
13	Westland Sports	24	8	4	12	47	47	0	28
14	Verwood Town	27	7	3	17	28	65	-37	24
15	Gillingham Town	25	5	5	15	34	50	-16	20
16	Portland United Reserves	27	4	5	18	28	68	-40	17
17	Bridport Reserves	22	2	4	16	26	76	-50	10
18	Poole Borough	25	2	4	19	22	73	-51	10

## FIXTURES

### Wednesday 4 March

Hamworthy Recreation Reserves v Bournemouth Sports

Portland United Reserves v Swanage Town & Herston

### Saturday 7 March

Gillingham Town v Poole Borough

Holt United v Hamworthy Recreation Reserves

Swanage Town & Herston v Bournemouth Sports

Verwood Town v Portland United Reserves

Westland Sports v Hamworthy United Reserves

### Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Senior Trophy Semi Final

Sherborne Town Reserves v Bridport Reserves

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- UHLSPORT HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

## RESULTS

### Saturday 28 February

Andover Town 0-1 Bishops Waltham Dynamos

Crofton Saints 1-2 Meon Milton

Hook 0-3 Locks Heath

Moneyfields Reserves 0-2 Southsea Sports

### uhlsport Hampshire Premier League Cup Semi Final

AFC Shirley 1-1 Hedge End Rangers [3-1 on penalties]

### Aldershot Intermediate Cup [Mark Coombs Cup] Quarter Final

Liphook United 0-3 Whitehill & Bordon

## TABLE

POS	HAMPSHIRE PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Locks Heath	18	14	0	4	44	18	26	42
2	Crofton Saints	20	11	5	4	48	24	24	38
3	Hook	20	12	2	6	44	31	13	38
4	Hedge End Rangers	21	11	5	5	38	26	12	38
5	AFC Shirley	17	10	3	4	34	20	14	33
6	Moneyfields Reserves	21	10	3	8	41	34	7	33
7	Bishops Waltham Dynamos	19	9	5	5	36	26	10	32
8	Denmead	21	9	4	8	50	42	8	31
9	Whitehill & Bordon	21	8	6	7	40	44	-4	30
10	Liss Athletic	22	9	2	11	43	42	1	29
11	Broughton	23	8	5	10	38	45	-7	29
12	Southsea Sports	19	6	3	10	36	49	-13	21
13	Meon Milton	20	4	6	10	26	38	-12	18
14	Stockbridge	20	4	2	14	29	59	-30	14
15	Liphook United	18	3	4	11	19	38	-19	13
16	Andover Town	16	2	1	13	19	49	-30	7

## FIXTURES

### Saturday 7 March

Denmead v Locks Heath

Hedge End Rangers v Liss Athletic

Hook v Bishops Waltham Dynamos

Liphook United v Stockbridge

Meon Milton v Moneyfields Reserves

Southsea Sports v Andover Town

Whitehill & Bordon v Broughton

## Hampshire Saturday Trophy Semi Final

Hart United v Crofton Saints

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- CORSHAM PRINT WILTSHIRE SENIOR LEAGUE

### RESULTS

#### Saturday 28 February

Devizes Town Reserves 2-0 Park United

Down Ampney 1-2 Trowbridge Town

Purton Kingsdown 1-3 Shrewton United

Wroughton 1-3 Faringdon Town

#### Fountain Trophies Senior Cup Second Round

Swindon Supermarine Development 7-1 Marlborough Town

#### Fountain Trophies Senior Cup Quarter Final

Larkhall Athletic Development 2-2 Pewsey Vale [5-4 on penalties]

Shrivenham 1-1 Calne Town Reserves [2-4 on penalties]

### TABLE

POS	WILTSHIRE SENIOR	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Shrewton United	25	21	2	2	86	24	62	65
2	Larkhall Athletic Development	25	17	4	4	69	26	43	55
3	Swindon Supermarine Development	24	18	1	5	61	29	32	55
4	Shrivenham	26	14	4	8	55	42	13	46
5	Royal W Bassett Town Development	27	11	10	6	56	40	16	43
6	Letcombe	23	12	6	5	39	31	8	42
7	Melksham Town Reserves	22	12	5	5	54	37	17	41
8	Pewsey Vale	23	9	9	5	44	26	18	36
9	Purton Kingsdown	28	8	6	14	40	62	-22	30
10	Devizes Town Reserves	26	8	5	13	42	61	-19	29
11	Trowbridge Town	25	8	4	13	33	56	-23	28
12	Faringdon Town	25	7	6	12	30	38	-8	27
13	Park United	25	7	1	17	34	50	-16	22
14	Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves	26	5	5	16	28	62	-34	20
15	Down Ampney	24	6	1	17	43	70	-27	19
16	Wroughton [*]	20	6	3	11	32	53	-21	18
17	Calne Town Reserves	24	2	4	18	31	70	-39	10

### FIXTURES

#### Wednesday 4 March

Trowbridge Town v Wroughton

#### Saturday 7 March

Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves v Wroughton

Devizes Town Reserves v Calne Town Reserves

Faringdon Town v Melksham Town Reserves

Letcombe v Down Ampney

Pewsey Vale v Park United

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Development v Larkhall Athletic Development

Swindon Supermarine Development v Shrewton United

Trowbridge Town v Shrivenham

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- THAMES VALLEY PREMIER LEAGUE

### RESULTS

#### Wednesday 25 February

Maidenhead Town 2-1 Goring United

#### Friday 27 February

Reading City Reserves 4-3 Newbury Town

#### Saturday 28 February

Burghfield 5-1 Finchampstead

Maidenhead Town 4-0 Wokingham Town Reserves

Tadley Calleva Reserves 3-1 Reading YMCA

Wargrave 4-1 Holyport Reserves

### TABLE

POS	THAMES VALLEY PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Westwood Wanderers	15	15	0	0	49	9	40	45
2	Wargrave	17	13	4	0	60	11	49	43
3	Newbury Town	17	10	0	7	49	31	18	30
4	Tadley Calleva Reserves	16	9	3	4	41	31	10	30
5	Reading City Reserves	14	9	2	3	45	29	16	29
6	Maidenhead Town	15	9	2	4	34	19	15	29
7	Goring United	22	7	5	10	32	42	-10	26
8	Woodcote	17	8	1	8	47	55	-8	25
9	Burghfield	13	7	2	4	24	14	10	23
10	Henley Town	15	6	3	6	27	31	-4	21
11	Reading YMCA	18	5	2	11	33	47	-14	17
12	AFC Winkfield	16	5	2	9	18	32	-14	17
13	Holyport Reserves	17	4	0	13	19	44	-25	12
14	Finchampstead	18	3	1	14	21	69	-48	10
15	Wokingham Town Reserves	20	1	1	18	20	55	-35	4

### FIXTURES

#### Wednesday 4 March

Tadley Calleva Reserves v Maidenhead Town

#### Berkshire Trophy Centre Senior Cup Second Round

Henley Town v Westwood Wanderers

#### Saturday 7 March

Burghfield v Wargrave

Henley Town v Reading City Reserves

Reading YMCA v Wokingham Town Reserves

Westwood Wanderers v Newbury Town

Woodcote v Maidenhead Town

#### Berkshire Trophy Centre Senior Cup Second Round

Holyport Reserves v Goring United

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- HAMPSHIRE COMBINATION & DEVELOPMENT

### RESULTS

#### Sunday 22 February

#### Hampshire Combination Under 18 Cup Quarter Finals

Gosport Borough 6-1 Cowes Sports

Moneyfields 1-2 Brockenhurst

Ringwood Town 0-2 Cobham Sports

Winchester City Red 6-1 Horndean

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**Under 18 East Division**

AB66 Portsmouth 5-1 Baffins Milton Rovers  
 Bishops Waltham Dynamos 4-2 Hayling United  
 U.S. Portsmouth 3-3 Sholing  
 Winchester City Blue 5-1 Clanfield

**Under 18 West Division**

Eastleigh 1946 2-4 Millbrook  
 Pace 1-1 Bashley

**Tuesday 24 February****Under 23 Premier Division**

Ringwood Town 5-2 Dorchester Town

**Under 23 Division 1**

Blackfield & Langley 3-0 Millbrook

**Wednesday 25 February****Under 23 Division 1**

New Milton Town 3-1 Laverstock & Ford  
 Romsey Town 0-2 North Waltham

**Thursday 26 February****Under 23 Premier Division**

Hamble Club 1-0 Fareham Town

**Under 23 Division 1**

Folland Sports 2-2 Verwood Town

**Saturday 28 February****Premier Division**

Brockenhurst 3-0 U.S. Portsmouth  
 Millbrook 3-3 AFC Portchester  
 Ringwood Town 4-1 Clanfield

**Division One**

Clanfield Development 4-0 Liphook United  
 Fawley AFC 3-4 Meon Milton

**TABLES**

POS	PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	United Services Portsmouth	11	8	1	2	36	15	21	25
2	AFC Stoneham	11	7	1	3	36	17	19	22
3	Millbrook	15	6	4	5	33	25	8	22
4	Petersfield Town	10	7	1	2	28	20	8	22
5	Brockenhurst	13	6	2	5	37	27	10	20
6	Laverstock & Ford	10	5	3	2	40	27	13	18
7	Downton	10	4	1	5	26	30	-4	13
8	Ringwood Town	11	4	0	7	25	27	-2	12
9	Clanfield	12	3	0	9	17	48	-31	9
10	AFC Portchester	15	2	1	12	26	68	-42	7

POS	DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Liss Athletic	11	7	4	0	33	14	19	25
2	Clanfield Development	13	5	4	4	29	22	7	19
3	Liphook United	13	5	2	6	22	35	-13	17
4	Meon Milton	11	4	2	5	32	35	-3	14
5	Hythe & Dibden	9	4	2	3	24	27	-3	14
6	Fawley AFC	13	4	2	7	31	37	-6	14
7	Hedge End Rangers	12	4	1	7	25	31	-6	13
8	Amesbury Town	8	3	1	4	18	13	5	10

## FIXTURES

### Sunday 1 March

#### Under 18 Premier Division

AFC Stoneham v Hamble Club

Poole Town v Petersfield Town

Winchester City Red v Cobham Sports [17:30]

#### Under 18 East Division

Baffins Milton Rovers v Winchester City Blue

Eastleigh Spitfires v AB66 Portsmouth

Fareham Town Reds v U.S. Portsmouth

Havant & Waterlooville v Clanfield

Horndean v Meon Milton

Sholing v Bishops Waltham Dynamos

#### Under 18 West Division

Cowes Sports v Eastleigh 1946

Ringwood Town v Bashley

Romsey Town v Christchurch

Salisbury v Brockenhurst

### Tuesday 3 March

#### Under 23 Premier Division

Ringwood Town v AFC Stoneham

#### Under 23 Division 1

Clanfield v North Waltham

Millbrook v Folland Sports

### Wednesday 4 March

#### Under 23 Premier Division

Dorchester Town v Lymington Town

Hedge End Rangers v Fareham Town

Poole Town v Select Generation

#### Under 23 Division 1

New Milton Town v Blackfield & Langley

Verwood Town v Hayling United

### Thursday 5 March

#### Under 23 Premier Division

Winchester City v Hamble Club

#### Under 23 Division 1

Whiteley Wanderers v Laverstock & Ford [at Laverstock & Ford]

### Saturday 7 March

#### Premier Division

AFC Stoneham v Petersfield Town

Millbrook v Clanfield

#### Division One

Amesbury Town v Meon Milton

Hythe & Dibden v Fawley AFC

Liss Athletic v Clanfield Development

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL

## RESULTS

### Tuesday 24 February

Horndean 0-3 Binfield

Leatherhead 0-1 Moneyfields

Southall 4-1 Metropolitan Police

Westfield 3-1 Egham Town

**Wednesday 25 February**

Kingstonian 1-0 South Park Reigate

**Saturday 28 February**

Ascot United 1-2 Leatherhead

Bedfont Sports 2-3 Hartley Wintney

Bognor Regis Town 1-1 Westfield

Egham Town 3-2 Binfield

Fareham Town 1-2 Harrow Borough [at Moneyfields]

Hanworth Villa 3-1 Moneyfields

Hayes &amp; Yeading United 3-1 Kingstonian

Horndean 2-3 Southall

Littlehampton Town 1-2 Hendon

Metropolitan Police 1-2 AFC Portchester

**TABLE**

POS	ISTHMIAN SOUTH CENTRAL	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Leatherhead	29	20	4	5	71	33	38	64
2	Moneyfields	33	20	4	9	73	50	23	64
3	Westfield	28	20	3	5	69	36	33	63
4	Hanworth Villa	31	17	9	5	67	27	40	60
5	AFC Portchester	32	18	4	10	69	46	23	58
6	Hayes & Yeading United	31	15	5	11	51	61	-10	50
7	Harrow Borough	31	13	7	11	50	54	-4	46
8	Egham Town	31	11	10	10	56	54	2	43
9	Southall	32	11	9	12	49	52	-3	42
10	Raynes Park Vale	29	11	8	10	50	43	7	41
11	Hartley Wintney	27	11	8	8	39	37	2	41
12	Bedfont Sports	31	10	10	11	44	42	2	40
13	Bognor Regis Town	33	12	4	17	48	58	-10	40
14	South Park Reigate	32	11	6	15	38	47	-9	39
15	Metropolitan Police	32	11	5	16	53	67	-14	38
16	Binfield	29	11	4	14	53	60	-7	37
17	Hendon	32	10	7	15	60	70	-10	37
18	Kingstonian	30	10	6	14	52	58	-6	36
19	Littlehampton Town	32	9	9	14	46	64	-18	36
20	Ascot United	31	10	2	19	43	52	-9	32
21	Horndean	28	5	7	16	35	70	-35	22
22	Fareham Town	30	3	5	22	35	70	-35	14

**FIXTURES****Tuesday 3 March**

Binfield v Harrow Borough [at Ashford Town]

Egham Town v Metropolitan Police

Fareham Town v Raynes Park Vale

Hanworth Villa v Bedfont Sports

Hartley Wintney v Westfield

Hayes &amp; Yeading United v Horndean

**Wednesday 4 March**

Kingstonian v Ascot United

**Saturday 7 March**

AFC Portchester v Littlehampton Town  
 Harow Borough v Horndean  
 Hartley Wintney v Bognor Regis Town  
 Hendon v Hayes & Yeading United  
 Kingstonian v Egham Town  
 Leatherhead v Fareham Town  
 Moneyfields v Ascot United  
 South Park Reigate v Hanworth Villa  
 Southall v Bedfont Sports  
 Westfield v Metropolitan Police

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE SOUTH****RESULTS****Monday 23 February**

Swindon Supermarine 2-1 Tavistock AFC

**Tuesday 24 February**

Bristol Manor Farm 3-1 Melksham Town  
 Falmouth Town 4-4 Bideford  
 Sporting Club Inkberrow 2-1 Westbury United

**Wednesday 25 February**

Willand Rovers 2-0 Shaftesbury

**Friday 27 February**

Swindon Supermarine 1-3 Larkhall Athletic

**Saturday 28 February**

Bristol Manor Farm 1-1 Bishops Cleeve

Brixham AFC 0-1 Hartpury

Didcot Town 3-0 Tavistock AFC

Exmouth Town 0-1 Bashley

Frome Town 4-0 Bideford

Malvern Town 3-1 Falmouth Town

Portishead Town 2-1 Melksham Town

Shaftesbury 3-0 Sporting Club Inkberrow

Westbury United 1-3 Willand Rovers

Winchester City 3-2 Mousehole

**TABLE**

POS	SOUTHERN DIVISION ONE SOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	AS	GD	PTS
1	Frome Town	31	25	4	2	74	22	52	79
2	Malvern Town	32	21	5	6	79	49	30	68
3	Portishead Town	31	21	3	7	77	34	43	66
4	Winchester City	32	18	8	6	63	36	27	62
5	Shaftesbury	30	19	3	8	68	43	25	60
6	Bishops Cleeve	30	18	6	6	58	39	19	60
7	Hartpury	31	17	5	9	71	37	34	56
8	Exmouth Town	32	15	5	12	57	54	3	50
9	Larkhall Athletic	31	15	4	12	59	58	1	49
10	Westbury United	30	13	4	13	33	37	-4	43
11	Sporting Club Inkberrow	29	12	5	12	41	49	-8	41
12	Didcot Town	33	11	6	16	47	62	-15	39
13	Mousehole	29	8	9	12	45	47	-2	33
14	Swindon Supermarine	28	9	5	14	41	43	-2	32
15	Bideford	31	8	7	16	38	61	-23	31
16	Willand Rovers	30	7	8	15	34	53	-19	29
17	Melksham Town	31	6	10	15	33	52	-19	28
18	Bristol Manor Farm	29	7	7	15	39	62	-23	28
19	Falmouth Town	26	6	8	12	41	51	-10	26
20	Bashley	30	5	4	21	26	52	-26	19
21	Brixham	27	5	4	18	31	68	-37	19
22	Tavistock AFC	27	3	2	22	21	67	-46	11

## FIXTURES

### Monday 2 March

Swindon Supermarine v Shaftesbury

### Tuesday 3 March

Bashley v Sporting Club Inkberrow

Brixham AFC v Exmouth Town

Falmouth Town v Bristol Manor Farm

### Saturday 7 March

Bashley v Malvern Town

Bideford v Bristol Manor Farm

Falmouth Town v Winchester City

Hartpur v Frome Town

Larkhall Athletic v Shaftesbury

Melksham Town v Brixham AFC

Mousehole v Swindon Supermarine

Sporting Club Inkberrow v Exmouth Town

Tavistock AFC v Westbury United

Willand Rovers v Didcot Town

## HAMPSHIRE SERVICIO SENIOR CUP SEMI FINAL

The Semi Final draw was made on our Radio Show last Sunday, games will be scheduled for week commencing 2 March-

Basingstoke Town v Eastleigh

Sholing v Baffins Milton Rovers

## THE LAST WORD

We are pleased to announce that the annual Football related Trade Show and General Meeting will be held at Eastleigh FC, Silverlake Stadium, Stoneham Lane, Eastleigh SO50 9HT on Thursday, 26th March 2026 between 18:00 and 21:00.

The event will be similar to last year's format with hopefully an increase in the number of football related exhibitors for Club representatives to talk to and discuss their requirements.

A General Meeting will commence at 19:30, all Clubs must attend with each Club expected to send up to three delegates, two of whom should be the Chairman and Secretary, the Agenda will be distributed nearer the time. A complimentary buffet will be provided and each Club will be given a free Velocity Wessex League Match Ball on departure.

Due to the constant postponements and the backlog of fixtures the league have agreed that from Sunday 22 February, games will be scheduled for Thursdays if there are no free midweek dates available. (with teams who play on Wednesday, we will use Mondays). The league has also agreed that teams can move their Saturday games to either a Friday night, Saturday morning/evening or even a Sunday if they can agree on an available Step 5/6 Standard 4G ground, and of course subject to both the opposition agreeing and the providers of the pitch and ground.

### List of potential alternative 4G grounds

Alton

Chichester City

Dorchester Town

Dorset FA (Hamworthy United)

Gosport Borough

Havant & Waterlooville

Moneyfields

Shaftesbury

Sholing

Stoneham

Winchester City

Winklebury

There have been recent instances reported that nominated Club Representatives have not received the FA SMS text for results and attendances on Matchdays. If this situation does arise, please can you text results and attendance figures to 07860 025002.

Advance notice for your Diary, please be advised that the Velocity Wessex League 2026 AGM will be held at AFC Totton, Snows Stadium, Salisbury Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 2RW on Saturday, 20th June 2026 commencing at 11.00am.

Massive congratulations to **AFC Stoneham** on their win today in the Quarter Final of the Isuzu FA Vase, a new entry in their history books with a 3-0 win over Coventry United. Commiserations to **Downton** who went down to a single goal defeat at Punjab United- with the goal coming with around three minutes of time to go. The two other Quarter Finals ended up with Hallen going through 6-5 on penalties after a 1-1 draw at home against West Didsbury & Chorlton after 90 minutes; Cockfosters complete the four, following their 4-2 win at Droylsden.



## PHOTO FINISH



*Action from Hurn Bridge in midweek, where Christchurch (blue) went down by the odd goal of three against Downton in the Premier Division- where all the goals came in the first half.*



*Thursday night drew a small crowd to Test Park, where Millbrook went through to the Southampton Senior Cup Semi Final with a 3-0 win over Downton (red)- goalmouth action here captured by Robin Caddy.*



*Robin Caddy was at AFC Stoneham for their FA Vase contest with Coventry United (red) the hosts winning 3-0 in front of close to 450 to reach the last four for the first time in their history.*



*Roger Allen was also at Stoneham Lane this afternoon and caught this action from the game.*



*Thanks to Ian Grainger for this one from Petersfield Town (blue) this afternoon. The Rams went down to a 1-0 home reverse against Brockenhurst, the only goal coming in the first few minutes.*

## 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	25	21	2	2	75	23	52	65	2.600
2	Hamble Club	27	17	5	5	70	26	44	56	2.074
3	Portland United	26	17	2	7	60	29	31	53	2.038
4	Brockenhurst	27	14	7	6	57	39	18	49	1.815
5	Petersfield Town	24	15	1	8	40	26	14	46	1.917
6	Laverstock & Ford	23	11	8	4	54	37	17	41	1.783
7	Sherborne Town	23	12	5	6	46	31	15	41	1.783
8	Andover New Street	26	12	5	9	39	29	10	41	1.577
9	Downton	24	12	2	10	48	45	3	38	1.583
10	Baffins Milton Rovers	23	11	4	8	46	34	12	37	1.609
11	Hamworthy Recreation	23	11	3	9	40	32	8	36	1.565
12	East Cowes Victoria	23	9	3	11	35	48	-13	30	1.304
13	Christchurch	25	8	5	12	49	52	-3	29	1.160
14	Millbrook	25	9	2	14	46	53	-7	29	1.160
15	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	28	8	5	15	39	70	-31	29	1.036
16	Cowes Sports	23	8	1	14	29	58	-29	25	1.087
17	Bournemouth	30	6	6	18	38	70	-32	24	0.800
18	Hythe & Dibden	22	5	7	10	38	47	-9	22	1.000
19	New Milton Town [*]	30	3	5	22	35	85	-50	11	0.367
20	Wincanton Town	27	2	4	21	29	79	-50	10	0.370

POS	DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Colden Common	33	20	6	7	91	54	37	66	2.000
2	Whitchurch United	30	20	3	7	79	48	31	63	2.100
3	Fleetlands	28	19	4	5	58	36	22	61	2.179
4	Cove	26	15	7	4	45	26	19	52	2.000
5	Folland Sports	26	16	3	7	66	41	25	51	1.962
6	Newport (IoW)	26	15	4	7	55	42	13	49	1.885
7	Hamworthy United	32	14	6	12	74	54	20	48	1.500
8	Yateley United	28	15	2	11	64	40	24	47	1.679
9	Romsey Town	27	14	5	8	52	34	18	47	1.741
10	Frimley Green	26	12	8	6	63	43	20	44	1.692
11	Clanfield	30	12	2	16	45	52	-7	38	1.267
12	AFC Aldermaston	31	10	6	15	48	53	-5	36	1.161
13	Ringwood Town	27	11	1	15	57	62	-5	34	1.259
14	Alresford Town	30	8	10	12	55	65	-10	34	1.133
15	Ash United	29	9	6	14	34	56	-22	33	1.138
16	Kintbury Rangers	28	8	7	13	51	62	-11	31	1.107
17	Amesbury Town	27	8	6	13	46	49	-3	30	1.111
18	Lymington Town	30	8	4	18	39	72	-33	28	0.933
19	United Services Portsmouth	27	7	4	16	40	70	-30	25	0.926
20	Blackfield & Langley [*]	29	8	4	17	35	69	-34	25	0.862
21	Totton & Eling	25	5	2	18	25	57	-32	17	0.680
22	Fawley AFC	27	3	8	16	26	63	-37	17	0.630