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You are more than welcome to use any material (excluding attributed photographs) but it would be appreciated if any material used is acknowledged. It is hoped you enjoy reading this each week. With readership quite widespread, not only within our own competition, but across the three counties and beyond- if ANY club has anything they would like to have published in here, whether that be a request for helpers, promotion of forthcoming events, items required or available for sale please do get in touch.

The Wessex Post will be published each Saturday night. Please would all contributors note that the deadline for anything is 22:00 on the Saturday and this includes match reports- all home clubs are reminded to get their reports in before then, although if an away side does the report that will also be welcome. It should also be noted that whilst all contributions are welcome, they are subject to editorial scrutiny.

KICK OFF



Midweek action from Test Park where in very difficult weather conditions Millbrook and Baffins Milton Rovers (yellow) shared two goals and the points, thanks to Robin Caddy for permission to use this picture.



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STAT ATTACK

TOP FIVE LEADING GOALSCORERS - LEAGUE GAMES ONLY

PREMIER DIVISION			DIVISION ONE		
Duarte Martins	AFC Stoneham	25	Charlie Glasspool	Folland Sports	34
Brett Pitman	Downton	20	Ji Nash	Newport IOW	27
Oliver Jenkins	AFC Stoneham	19	Lee Vint	Ringwood Town	26
Scott Hills	Millbrook	16	Danilo Pereira	Whitchurch United	21
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*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
Andover New Street	vs	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	283	21 March
Petersfield Town	vs	AFC Stoneham	262	18 October

DIVISION ONE

Top five league attendances

Alresford Town	vs	Colden Common	329	6 December
Totton & Eling	vs	Romsey Town	258	28 March
Yateley United	vs	Frimley Green	226	2 September
Romsey Town	vs	Folland Sports	212	11 October
Whitchurch United	vs	Kintbury Rangers	204	8 October

PREMIER DIVISION- HIGH WINNING SCORES

Home win	AFC Stoneham	vs	New Milton Town	9-0	14 March
	AFC Stoneham	vs	Downton	9-2	10 January
	Brockenhurst	vs	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	7-0	20 December
	Hamble Club	vs	Hythe & Dibden	7-1	28 March
	Millbrook	vs	Hythe & Dibden	7-1	21 March
	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
	Baffins Milton Rovers	vs	Downton	6-0	17 March
	Hamble Club	vs	East Cowes Victoria	6-0	20 December
	Down	vs	Sherborne Town	5-0	7 March
	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
	Away win	Hythe & Dibden	vs	Brockenhurst	0-7
Cowes Sports		vs	AFC Stoneham	0-5	30 September
Christchurch		vs	Sherborne Town	1-6	17 March

DIVISION ONE- HIGH WINNING 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
	Folland Sports	vs	Lymington Town	6-0	24 March
	Frimley Green	vs	Lymington Town	6-0	10 January
	Yateley United	vs	Cove	6-0	17 January
Away win	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. ECP	1	Mulbarton Wanderers	29	25	1	3	88	16	72	76	2.621
5. WXP	1	AFC Stoneham	31	26	3	2	94	24	70	81	2.613
5. NL1	1	Guisborough Town	33	27	4	2	76	28	48	85	2.576
5. CCS	1	Cobham	36	29	4	3	123	25	98	91	2.528
5. SCP	1	Steyning Town	33	26	5	2	107	37	70	83	2.515
5. SCP	2	Haywards Heath Town	32	26	2	4	104	28	76	80	2.500
5. SEP	1	Whitstable Town	31	24	5	2	76	33	43	77	2.484
5. UCS	1	Nuneaton Town	34	26	6	2	90	31	59	84	2.471
5. NCP	1	Liversedge	35	26	7	2	81	26	55	85	2.429
5. NL1	2	Sildon	33	25	5	3	90	38	52	80	2.424
5. WLP	2	Torpoint Athletic	28	20	5	3	53	24	29	65	2.321
5. NWP	1	Wythenshawe FC	40	29	4	7	100	46	54	91	2.275
5. SMP	2	Winslow United	33	24	3	6	84	38	46	75	2.273
5. WLP	1	Clevedon Town	31	22	4	5	68	28	40	70	2.258
5. SCP	3	Guernsey	32	24	0	8	109	62	47	72	2.250
5. WLP	3	Barnstaple Town	29	20	4	5	69	35	34	64	2.207
5. ESL	1	Little Oakley	34	23	6	5	69	29	40	75	2.206
5. SMP	1	Haringey Borough	35	23	8	4	92	38	54	77	2.200
5. MLP	2	Hanley Town	30	19	9	2	76	32	44	66	2.200
5. NWP	2	Ramsbottom United	41	27	9	5	97	41	56	90	2.195

League	Pos	STEP 6	Pl	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	PPG
6. SWW	1	Liskeard Athletic	23	21	1	1	60	10	50	64	2.783
6. SWE	1	Bovey Tracey	21	19	1	1	91	20	71	58	2.762
6. ML1	1	Knowle	32	28	2	2	93	22	71	86	2.688
6. NW1S	1	Runcorn Town	30	25	4	1	99	21	78	79	2.633
6. NCE1	1	Dearne & District	40	34	2	4	119	31	88	104	2.600
6. ML1	2	Gornal Athletic	34	27	5	2	87	28	59	86	2.529
6. SE1	2	AFC Greenwich Borough	26	21	2	3	83	16	67	65	2.500
6. HL1	1	FC Stratford	28	22	3	3	68	23	45	69	2.464
6. UC1	1	Retford FC	40	31	5	4	101	30	71	98	2.450
6. SE1	1	SE Dons	28	21	5	2	72	24	48	68	2.429
6. E1N	1	Kings Park Rangers	33	25	5	3	70	28	42	80	2.424
6. SS1	1	Everett Rovers	36	27	5	4	122	43	79	86	2.389
6. SWE	2	Bridport	24	18	3	3	87	37	50	57	2.375
6. UC1	2	Retford United	41	29	9	3	123	30	93	96	2.341
6. SWW	2	Elburton Villa	21	16	1	4	75	24	51	49	2.333
6. NL2	2	Redcar Town	34	25	4	5	83	32	51	79	2.324
6. CC1	1	Penn & Tylers Green	38	27	7	4	95	52	43	88	2.316
6. E1S	1	Hutton	36	25	8	3	97	41	56	83	2.306
6. SS1	2	Eaton Socon	33	25	1	7	78	40	38	76	2.303
6. SE1	3	Rochester United	27	20	2	5	64	29	35	62	2.296

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	3,947	41	96.27	204	-37	93,318
14-Mar-26	3,233	38	85.08	-714	29	96,551
21-Mar-26	3,848	39	98.67	615	420	100,399
28-Mar-26	3,832	36	106.44	-16	-1,681	104,231
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	42.37	-10.68	-20.13%	80
AFC Stoneham	113.63	127.19	13.56	11.93%	203
Alresford Town	113.84	114.95	1.11	0.97%	329
Amesbury Town	82.53	71.29	-11.23	-13.61%	163
Andover New Street	166.05	178.65	12.59	7.58%	283
Ash United	86.58	71.67	-14.91	-17.22%	145
Baffins Milton Rovers	132.42	86.43	-45.99	-34.73%	123
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	0.00	139.47	139.47	0.00%	325
Blackfield & Langley	88.84	76.61	-12.23	-13.77%	107
Bournemouth	72.11	69.00	-3.11	-4.31%	124
Brockenhurst	161.47	164.76	3.29	2.04%	341
Christchurch	75.95	88.94	12.99	17.10%	151
Clanfield	60.47	61.06	0.59	0.97%	86
Colden Common	0.00	72.12	72.12	0.00%	120
Cove	69.53	83.50	13.97	20.10%	188
Cowes Sports	178.21	205.06	26.85	15.07%	812
Downton	135.84	124.71	-11.14	-8.20%	192
East Cowes Victoria	187.32	157.82	-29.49	-15.74%	209
Fawley	80.74	69.78	-10.96	-13.57%	171
Fleetlands	74.05	88.14	14.09	19.03%	150
Folland Sports	64.37	72.06	7.69	11.95%	104
Frimley Green	154.89	117.06	-37.84	-24.43%	202
Hamble Club	113.05	94.38	-18.68	-16.52%	162
Hamworthy Recreation	58.05	44.38	-13.68	-23.56%	76
Hamworthy United	128.16	96.90	-31.26	-24.39%	128
Hythe & Dibden	117.53	88.93	-28.60	-24.33%	130
Kintbury Rangers	0.00	79.71	79.71	0.00%	142
Laverstock & Ford	122.42	125.87	3.45	2.81%	221
Lymington Town	121.26	79.84	-41.42	-34.16%	109
Millbrook	86.42	74.47	-11.95	-13.83%	118
New Milton Town	170.84	130.20	-40.64	-23.79%	214
Newport IOW	167.21	139.88	-27.33	-16.34%	176
Petersfield Town	0.00	159.93	159.93	0.00%	262
Portland United	182.89	155.56	-27.33	-14.94%	205
Ringwood Town	66.95	59.00	-7.95	-11.87%	77
Romsey Town	125.68	112.94	-12.74	-10.14%	212
Sherborne Town	140.26	113.60	-26.66	-19.01%	192
Totton & Eling	92.95	117.33	24.39	26.24%	258
United Services Portsmouth	72.84	49.69	-23.15	-31.79%	73
Whitchurch United	72.32	112.95	40.63	56.19%	204
Wincanton Town	97.47	86.24	-11.24	-11.53%	233
Yateley United	0.00	115.31	115.31	0.00%	226
Premier Division running total	38,673	Average	120.85		
Division One running total	32,983	Average	86.57		



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BEST CURRENT UNBEATEN RUNS

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PREMIER DIVISION	GAMES	LAST MATCH DATE	LAST RESULT
AFC Stoneham	17	Tue, Mar 24, 2026	Won against Sherborne Town : 4-0 at home
Hamworthy Recreation	7	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Drew with Brockenhurst : 1-1 at home
Hamble Club	6	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Won against Hythe & Dibden : 7-1 at home
Millbrook	6	Tue, Mar 24, 2026	Drew with Baffins Milton Rovers : 1-1 at home
Andover New Street	5	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Won against Portland United : 2-1 at home
Brockenhurst	3	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Drew with Hamworthy Recreation : 1-1 away
Baffins Milton Rovers	2	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Won against Sherborne Town : 2-1 at home
Christchurch	2	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Drew with Petersfield Town : 3-3 at home
Cowes Sports	2	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Drew with Wincanton Town : 2-2 at home
Downton	2	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Won against New Milton Town : 4-0 away
Laverstock & Ford	2	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Won against East Cowes Vics : 1-0 away
Bournemouth	1	Sat, Mar 21, 2026	Drew with Downton : 2-2 at home
Petersfield Town	1	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Drew with Christchurch : 3-3 away
Wincanton Town	1	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Drew with Cowes Sports : 2-2 away
Bemerton Heath H'quins	0	Sat, Mar 21, 2026	Lost to Andover New Street : 1-2 away
East Cowes Vics	0	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Lost to Laverstock & Ford : 0-1 at home
Hythe & Dibden	0	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Lost to Hamble Club : 1-7 away
New Milton Town	0	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Lost to Downton : 0-4 at home
Portland United	0	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Lost to Andover New Street : 1-2 away
Sherborne Town	0	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Lost to Baffins Milton Rovers : 1-2 away
DIVISUION ONE	GAMES	LAST MATCH DATE	LAST RESULT
Folland Sports	10	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Drew with Cove : 0-0 away
Yateley United	8	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Won against Ash United : 6-2 away
Fleetlands	4	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Won against Amesbury Town : 2-0 away
Newport (Isle of Wight)	4	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Won against Alresford Town : 6-1 away
Colden Common	3	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Drew with Lymington Town : 2-2 away
Cove	3	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Drew with Folland Sports : 0-0 at home
Ringwood Town	3	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Won against Fawley : 2-0 away
AFC Aldermaston	1	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Won against Whitchurch United : 4-0 at home
Clanfield	1	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Drew with Frimley Green : 2-2 away
Frimley Green	1	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Drew with Clanfield : 2-2 at home
Hamworthy United	1	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Won against Blackfield & Langley : 3-0 away
Kintbury Rangers	1	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Won against U.S. Portsmouth : 3-1 at home
Lymington Town	1	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Drew with Colden Common : 2-2 at home
Totton & Eling	1	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Won against Romsey Town : 2-0 at home
Alresford Town	0	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Lost to Newport (Isle of Wight) : 1-6 at home
Amesbury Town	0	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Lost to Fleetlands : 0-2 at home
Ash United	0	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Lost to Yateley United : 2-6 at home
Blackfield & Langley	0	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Lost to Hamworthy United : 0-3 at home
Fawley	0	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Lost to Ringwood Town : 0-2 at home
Romsey Town	0	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Lost to Totton & Eling : 0-2 away
U.S. Portsmouth	0	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Lost to Kintbury Rangers : 1-3 away
Whitchurch United	0	Sat, Mar 28, 2026	Lost to AFC Aldermaston : 0-4 away

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

STEP 5 PPG RANKING

AFC Stoneham	2
Andover New Street	78
Baffins Milton Rovers	104
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	242
Bournemouth	284
Brockenhurst	83
Christchurch	253
Cowes Sports	216
Downton	125
East Cowes Victoria Athletic	193
Hamble Club	34
Hamworthy Recreation	101
Hythe & Dibden	266
Laverstock & Ford	96
Millbrook	154
New Milton Town	314
Petersfield Town	104
Portland United	56
Sherborne Town	114
Wincanton Town	304

STEP 6 PPG RANKING

AFC Aldermaston	237
Alresford Town	238
Amesbury Town	189
Ash United	240
Blackfield & Langley	309
Clanfield	192
Colden Common	47
Cove	65
Fawley	285
Fleetlands	23
Folland Sports	32
Frimley Green	167
Hamworthy United	140
Kintbury Rangers	205
Lymington Town	248
Newport (Isle of Wight)	69
Ringwood Town	162
Romsey Town	95
Totton & Eling	302
United Services Portsmouth	305
Whitchurch United	42
Yateley United	75

FIXTURES – 2025/26

*A general reminder that fixtures are subject to alteration and or cancellation at short notice.
This list covers the games until the end of the season.*

Tuesday 31 March

Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup Quarter Final

Fareham Town v Christchurch

Premier Division

Millbrook v East Cowes Vics [19:30]

Baffins Milton Rovers v Cowes Sports

Brockenhurst v Portland United

Hythe & Dibden v Downton

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 [20:00]

Ringwood Town v AFC Aldermaston

Totton & Eling v Frimley Green

Yateley United v Blackfield & Langley

North Hants Senior Cup Semi Final

Andover New Street v Stockbridge

[winners face Basingstoke Town]

Wednesday 1 April

Premier Division

Sherborne Town v Laverstock & Ford

Division One

U.S. Portsmouth v Cove

[at Fareham Town]

Thursday 2 April

Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup Quarter Final

Baffins Milton Rovers v Clanfield

Premier Division

Wincanton Town v Hamworthy Recreation

Portsmouth Senior Cup Semi Final

Petersfield Town v Portsmouth

Friday 3 April

Premier Division

East Cowes Vics v Cowes Sports [15:00]

Saturday 4 April

Isuzu FA Vase Semi Final Second Leg

AFC Stoneham v Hallen [3-0]

Punjab United v Cockfosters [1-1]

Premier Division

Christchurch v Bournemouth

Downton v Millbrook

Hythe & Dibden v Baffins Milton Rovers

Laverstock & Ford v Bemerton Heath H'quins

New Milton Town v Brockenhurst

Petersfield Town v Hamble Club

Portland United v Wincanton Town

Sherborne Town v Hamworthy Recreation

Division One

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

Monday 6 April

Premier Division

Sherborne Town v Wincanton Town [15:00]

Division One

AFC Aldermaston v Kintbury Rangers [15:00]

Tuesday 7 April

Premier Division

Andover New Street v Laverstock & Ford
Baffins Milton Rovers v Brockenhurst
Bemerton Heath H'quins v AFC Stoneham
Christchurch v Portland United
East Cowes Vics v Downton
Hamble Club v Cowes Sports
Petersfield Town v Hythe & Dibden

Division One

Cove v Ringwood Town
Fleetlands v Romsey Town
Folland Sports v Totton & Eling
Lymington Town v Ash United
Newport (IoW) v Fawley AFC
U.S. Portsmouth v Frimley Green

Thursday 9 April

Premier Division

Baffins Milton Rovers v AFC Stoneham
Cowes Sports v Millbrook
Hamworthy Recreation v East Cowes Vics
Hythe & Dibden v Laverstock & Ford

Division One

Fleetlands v Newport (IoW)
Totton & Eling v Yateley United

Saturday 11 April

Premier Division

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

Division One

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

Tuesday 14 April

Velocity Wessex League Cup Semi Final

Hamble Club v Wincanton Town

Premier Division

AFC Stoneham v Cowes Sports
Baffins Milton Rovers v Andover New Street
Brockenhurst v Sherborne Town
Christchurch v East Cowes Vics
Hamworthy Recreation v Downton
Hythe & Dibden v Millbrook
Laverstock & Ford v Petersfield Town

Division One

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

Thursday 16 April

Premier Division

AFC Stoneham v Andover New Street
Sherborne Town v Bemerton Heath H'quins

Division One

Fleetlands v Folland Sports
Totton & Eling v Colden Common

Saturday 18 April

Premier Division

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

Division One

Amesbury Town v Whitchurch United
Clanfield v Hamworthy United
Colden Common v Newport (IoW)

Folland Sports v Alresford Town
 Frimley Green v Fawley AFC
 Kintbury Rangers v Ringwood Town
 Lymington Town v Cove
 Romsey Town v Blackfield & Langley
 Totton & Eling v Ash United
 U.S. Portsmouth v AFC Aldermaston
 Yateley United v Fleetlands

Tuesday 21 April

Hampshire Servio Senior Cup Final

Basingstoke Town v Sholing
 [at AFC Totton]

Premier Division Play Off Semi Final

[Second v Fifth]

Velocity Wessex League Cup Semi Final

Cowes Sports v AFC Stoneham

Division One

Ash United v Folland Sports
 Fawley AFC v Romsey Town
 Fleetlands v Cove
 Kintbury Rangers v Amesbury Town
 Ringwood Town v Newport (IoW)
 Totton & Eling v Hamworthy United
 Yateley United v U.S. Portsmouth

Wednesday 22 April

Premier Division Play Off Semi Final

[Third v Fourth]

Division One

Whitchurch United v Frimley Green

Thursday 25 April

Aldershot Senior Cup Semi Final

Wokingham Town v Yateley United

Saturday 25 April

Premier Division Play Off Final

[Venue to be determined]

Division One

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

Tuesday 28 April

Division One Play Off Semi Final

[Second v Fifth]

Wednesday 29 April

Wiltshire Premier Shield Final

Laverstock & Ford v Westbury United
 [at Melksham Town]

Division One Play Off Semi Final

[Third v Fourth]

Saturday 2 May

Division One Play Off Final

[Venue to be determined]

Monday 4 May

Velocity Wessex League Cup Final

[at Downton]

Thursday 7 May

Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup Final

[Venue to be determined]

Sunday 17 May

Isuzu FA Vase Final

[at Wembley Stadium]

RESULTS

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



Tuesday 24 March

Velocity Wessex League Cup Quarter Final

Hamble Club

3-0

Brockenhurst

59

Brad Johnson 35

Matt Casey 56

Nick Yeomans 67

Premier Division

AFC Stoneham <i>Cade Dyer 35</i> <i>Oliver Jenkins 45</i> <i>Owen Fee 70</i> <i>Duarte Martins 71</i>	4-0	Sherborne Town	81
Christchurch <i>James Fu 82</i> <i>Callum Hockton 90+5 pen</i>	2-2	Cowes Sports <i>Scott McFarlane 14</i> <i>Fin Phillips 21</i>	53
East Cowes Victoria <i>Elliot Wheeler 8, 76</i> <i>Liam Newbold 64</i> <i>Jake Wright 81</i>	4-1	Petersfield Town <i>Harry Close 47</i>	103
Hythe & Dibden	0-2	Hamworthy Recreation <i>Reuben Moggeridge 20</i> <i>Max Wilcock 52</i>	75
Laverstock & Ford <i>Tom Moseley</i> <i>Archie Lovegrove</i>	2-1	Wincanton Town <i>Dan Wise [pen]</i>	98
Millbrook <i>Scott Hills 47</i>	1-1	Baffins Milton Rovers <i>Harrison Brook 21</i>	62
Division One Amesbury Town <i>Harrison Hale 50</i> <i>Brett Denham 55, 80</i>	3-2	Frimley Green <i>Ollie Henry 25</i> <i>Dan Bone 35</i>	57
Fawley AFC <i>Alex Sawyer 1</i> <i>Dec Hartigan 36</i>	2-1	Clanfield <i>George Comben 17</i>	61
Folland Sports <i>Fred Penfold [2]</i> <i>Alfie Bailey</i> <i>Clayd Roach</i> <i>Callum Dart</i> <i>Kian Dugdale</i>	6-0	Lymington Town	48
Newport (IoW) <i>Jordan Browne 65</i>	1-1	Cove <i>Charlie Oakley 8</i>	101
Romsey Town <i>Harry Edmondson [2]</i> <i>Thomas Woodward [2]</i>	4-1	Ash United <i>Toby Harris</i>	85
Totton & Eling	0-4	Fleetlands <i>Aaron Dunne 8</i> <i>Ash Howes 72</i> <i>OG 75</i> <i>Christian Bennett 78</i>	87
United Services Portsmouth <i>Felix Coles 37</i>	1-3	Ringwood Town <i>Ben Harris 41</i> <i>Callum Whitelaw 43</i> <i>Ollie Brown 79</i>	34
Yateley United <i>Josh Smith 28, 75</i> <i>Tyler Robinson 44 pen, 90+5</i> <i>Lynford Sackey 77</i>	5-1	Alresford Town <i>Charlie Glew 85</i>	57

Thursday 26 March**Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup Quarter Final**

Andover New Street	8-0	Millbrook	138
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*Malachi Dotse 3, 45+2**Ollie Erdinc 33**Shane Lock 37**Cam Thatcher 48**Harry Beckley 56**Aleks Kokoszka 58**Dyllan Roocroft 75***Saturday 28 March****Isuzu FA Vase Semi Final First Leg**

Hallen	0-3	AFC Stoneham	430
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*Tyrrell Sampson 13**Oliver Jenkins 24**Tom Annetts 37***Premier Division**

Andover New Street	2-1	Portland United	221
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*Malachi Dotse 11**Ollie Erdinc 46**Patrick Jenkins 25*

Baffins Milton Rovers	2-1	Sherborne Town	117
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*Harrison Brook 1**Casey Bartlett-Scott 4**Aaron White*

Christchurch	3-3	Petersfield Town	69
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*Ollie Bird 5**Addwell Chipangura 69**Joey Bonney 75**Iggy Cake 8**Alfie Stringer 25**Max Bray 50*

Cowes Sports	2-2	Wincanton Town	166
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*George Colson 10**Fin Phillips 35**Callum Thompson**Connor Williams*

East Cowes Victoria	0-1	Laverstock & Ford	198
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Adam Bourner

Hamble Club	7-1	Hythe & Dibden	86
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*Sol Mazi 27**Nick Yeomans 41, 71, 83**Brad Johnson 45**Jack Francis 48**Braydon Douglas 66**Harrison Clarke 83*

Hamworthy Recreation	1-1	Brockenhurst	51
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Sean Wright 90+5

New Milton Town	0-4	Downton	188
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*OG 56**Brett Pitman 49**Archie Whitfield 53, 58**Harry McGrath 57***Division One**

AFC Aldermaston	4-0	Whitchurch United	35
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*Nahjai Abdi 30**Alan Lucas 50**Simeon Weekes 63**Aush Gurung 80*

Alresford Town <i>[not provided by club]</i>	1-6	Newport (IoW) <i>Ji Nash 50, 60, 66, 71</i> <i>Jordan Briowne 63</i> <i>Michael Thompsett 75</i>	139
Amesbury Town	0-2	Fleetlands <i>Christian Bennett 28</i> <i>Oli Page 67</i>	71
Ash United <i>Minhaz Chowdhury 11, 65</i>	2-6	Yateley United <i>Tyler Robinson 3, 33, 62</i> <i>Nathan Connolly 47</i> <i>Harry Hamblin 67</i> <i>Lynford Sackey 74</i>	76
Blackfield & Langley	0-3	Hamworthy United <i>Bailey Rowe 23, 44</i> <i>Ryan Chavez-Munoz 68</i>	78
Cove	0-0	Folland Sports	130
Fawley AFC	0-2	Ringwood Town <i>OG 55</i> <i>Ollie Brown 85</i>	76
Frimley Green <i>Pemi Yakubu 26 pen</i> <i>Ollie Henry 46</i>	2-2	Clanfield <i>Jordan Rayment 1, 75</i>	65
Kintbury Rangers <i>Jesse Bowers</i> <i>OG</i> <i>Oli Denner</i>	3-1	United Services Portsmouth <i>John Clucas</i>	72
Lymington Town <i>Jake Willard 29</i> <i>Aidy Silverstein 42</i>	2-2	Colden Common <i>Joao Ferreira 34</i> <i>Cam Stone 63</i>	107
Totton & Eling <i>Dylan Birks 28</i> <i>Jalil Conteh 65</i>	2-0	Romsey Town	258

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.

TUESDAY 24 MARCH

DIVISION ONE- Newport IOW 1-1 Cove

John Davies was pitchside

IF someone tries to convince you to put your clocks forward this weekend because British Summertime is starting tell them they are barking mad, this evening's weather showed winter is very much still with us. In horizontal rain driven in on a gale force wind this was destined to be a repeat of the return fixture played a couple of Saturdays ago, anything but a classic. Newport started strongly and amazingly did not take an early lead when several chances were spurned from very close range.

Almost like on the weekend they were made to pay, a tame Charlie OAKLEY shot somehow finding its way through Leon Pitman into the net. Straight from the restart Newport nearly levelled, a thunderous shot brilliantly tipped over the bar, another missed chance from the resulting corner meant Newport went into

the break one down. However this was only down to the brilliance of Leon Pitman who with a save to his right and one to his left kept his team in it.

HT 0-1

The second half was in the main one way traffic, Newport on top for long periods, the build-up play much more incisive and in Man of the Match Keelan Walsh they had a player who was involved in everything. As Cove players fell by the wayside with injury they for long spells had everyone in their own half, happy to sit on the advantage, the counter attack the only option to them.

To Newport's credit they kept at the job in hand and were rewarded when Jordan BROWNE scored the equaliser with a full stretch finish with his right foot. Half chances came and went, a Ji Nash free kick well saved and no one could get on the end of a cross from the left that ran across the goal line. One last glorious chance came and went when a sublime through ball by Jordan Browne found Keelan Walsh whose left footed delicate lift over the keeper went agonisingly wide. Soon after Cove had their own head in their hands moment when a rasping drive rattled the cross bar and was eventually cleared.

Unbelievably considering the time wasting and substitutions only three minutes of injury time followed, the official clearly concerned about boats being cancelled. So in truth a result that does little to improve either teams play off ambitions, but with still 10 games to go there's plenty of points still to be won and dropped.

FT 1-1

Final word as always must go to the volunteers and 100 plus supporters who ventured out, true non-league supporters, appreciated by both sets of players.

TUESDAY 24 MARCH

PREMIER DIVISION- East Cowes Victoria 4-1 Petersfield Town

Russ Chapman was pitchside

VICS welcomed Petersfield to Beatrice Avenue, helping the Portsmouth side out and reversing the fixture after the Floodlights had become faulty at the Smartspaces stadium. Before the game Rafferty Boyd-Kerr was rewarded with a bottle of Bubbly for playing 100 games for Vics.

The game started brightly and Jordan Chapman's effort in the first minute was saved. Josh O'Reilly's effort on four minutes was well saved by George Bridi. Harry Close's effort was inches wide of the mark on five minutes. Elliot Wheeler's shot after great work from Toby Snow was well saved by Clark in the Petersfield goal. Clark had no chance a minute later, WHEELER's effort flying into the top corner. 1-0

Jean-Pierre Alexander was in on goal in the 17th minute but Bridi did well to stop the big striker. In the 28th minute Raff Boyd-Kerr was alone at the far post but couldn't get his header on target. Half chances for Wheeler and Wright were saved and a great run and shot from Josh Neale was superbly saved by Clark, with Vics finishing the half strongly.

HT 1-0

Petersfield came out with a point to prove and should have equalised two minutes in, Harry Close's effort saved by Bridi. A minute later and CLOSE in on goal finished in style for the leveller.

From that moment Vics took control and created several chances, Liam Newbold's effort was saved on 53 minutes, Elliot Wheeler's shot well saved again on 62 minutes, Vics went in front a minute later, Boyd-Kerr's header coming back off of the bar and first to react was Liam NEWBOLD who fired home.

Jake Wrights effort on 76 minutes was well saved but seconds later WHEELER finished off a great move sliding in to score.

Jake Wrights effort came back off of the post in the 79th minute, a minute later a great run deep into the box from Josh Neale saw the Vics number 9 upended. Clark receiving a yellow card for the challenge and the referee pointing to the spot. Jake WRIGHT scoring high to the keepers left to put Vics 4-1 up.

Charlie Hart was desperately unlucky on 86 minutes, his wonderful effort slamming against the foot of the post.

FT 4-1

TUESDAY 24 MARCH

PREMIER DIVISION- Hythe & Dibden 0-2 Hamworthy Recreation

John Hutchings was pitchside

REC's good run continued with this, their fourth win in five games. These two met in the return fixture only a couple of weeks ago. On that night it was cold, wet and windy as Rec came out on top and it was the same

here. The strong wind caused problems for both sides and it was never going to be a classic, more of a battle.

Rec had the best of the conditions in the first half and looked the more likely, but a defiant home defence meant there were few clear cut chances. Eddie Hodge's shot was pushed away, for a corner, by home keeper, Parnum and Chris Long's shot blocked, but on 20 minutes Rec took the lead. Max Wilcock burst into the box and drilled the ball across goal, where Reuben MOGGERIDGE was on hand to convert at the far post, for his first goal for the team.

For Hythe, Sexton-Chadwick was looking dangerous, his tricky run won a corner which was drilled across the face of goal, eluding everyone, before Alexander and Rose combined to force a save from Rec stopper, Shane Murphy.

HT 0-1

The feeling amongst the travelling Rec supporters was that, with the wind now favouring the hosts, a single goal lead may not be enough, but after just seven minutes of the second period Rec doubled the lead. Aaron Roberts found Long, who slipped in WILCOCK. He controlled well and fired a low shot just inside the post, for his 20th goal of the season.

With the rain now lashing down, it needed full commitment from Rec to preserve their lead, as Hythe pushed forward and despite the hosts having plenty of possession Rec put bodies on the line and defended gallantly, with Harvey Doe, Lewis McMurdo and Sean Wright in dominant form.

Hythe's only real chance of note fell to Crooks, who blazed high over the bar.

FT 0-2

A gutsy, all-round team performance from the soggy Rec heroes.

TUESDAY 24 MARCH

VELOCITY WESSEX LEAGUE CUP QUARTER FINAL- Hamble Club 3-0 Brockenhurst

Jon Renyard was pitchside

LEAGUE Cup quarter-final for the Badgers away at Hamble Club. The Monks have very strong recent history in this competition, reaching the last two finals (both against Portchester, won one and lost one), so there was no sense that they were going to be taking this one lightly, especially with a playoff spot seemingly already sewn up in the league.

The first 20 minutes or so of the game were quite even, and Brock created the first chance – a sharp passing move, good cross from Brooks, header from Colmer straight at keeper Henry Newman. Both sides were moving the ball well enough but both seemed a bit shot-shy, and when Hamble did manage to get efforts on target, they were straight at Valero, from both Mazi and Casey.

Gradually, the Monks started to assume control of the game – Lovell with a powerful shot well saved by Valero, and then Douglas with a free-kick 25 yards out which hit the top of the bar. But the Badgers were struggling to gain controlled possession in the opposition half, and that generally means trouble... a clever break from Hamble, releasing the impressive Douglas into space down the right, sweeper-keeper Valero came out but was never getting there... Douglas chipped the ball past him and goalwards from about 25 yards but somehow it rolled wide of the far post.

But just when it looked as if all the huff and puff was going to be in vain, central defender Brad JOHNSON picked the ball up near halfway, strode forward and lashed a powerful shot into the corner from the best part of 30 yards to give the Monks the lead. Great hit, fair play. The hosts might have extended their lead just before the break but Valero made another excellent save, and when the ball came back to Yeomans he shot wide (curiously given as a corner).

HT 1-0

Hamble now had a grip on the game, and it wasn't one they intended to let go. The early skirmishes saw them continue to dominate the ball, assisted by some odd refereeing decisions, but they doubled their lead on 57 minutes: a neat move, good ball retention in a tight space near the touchline, passed inside to Matt CASEY on the edge of the box and he was able to turn unchallenged and find the far corner for 2-0.

Brock had the occasional moment – almost all featuring Freddie Beale on the right wing – but the chances continued to mount for the hosts. Douglas hit a brilliant free kick from near the touchline, blocked away by Valero, but ten minutes after scoring the second Hamble had their third, a poor defensive header allowing Douglas to break the line and pull the ball back for Nick YEOMANS to score.

Three very good goals, whatever the defensive questions, and the game was now beyond the Badgers. Yeomans shot just wide; Douglas with another screamer of a free-kick from 30 yards, well saved by Valero... sub Jordan Cunningham bringing another save; and then in overtime, Cunningham seared past everyone on the right and saw Valero make an excellent save, the ball was finally recycled to Francis whose shot was blocked at source, looped into the air, and brought another outstanding save from Valero, tipping the ball onto the bar.

Just prior to that, Casey might have had a penalty – certainly looked to be held back – and for Brock, Wellman tried to divert a Bailey shot goalwards but it rolled wide. No question; on the night, the better team won.

FT 3-0

TUESDAY 24 MARCH

PREMIER DIVISION- Millbrook 1-1 Baffins Milton Rovers

Robin Caddy was pitchside

IT wasn't so much that it rained for most of this match, it was that the wind blew straight up Southampton Water in to Test Park at full force. The 62 hardy souls who ventured out were treated to an action packed game between two teams who haven't quite managed to match last season's standards. Millbrook kicked off with the aforementioned wind behind them, and the expectation was that they would try to capitalise on this. Lots of long shots, mis-judged passes and misbehaving corners on the menu tonight, Harley Russell on the left wing and Scott Hills up front looking as lively for the hosts as the weather.

As the minutes go by Callum Parker, a key player this season for Millbrook due to his versatility, is taking most of the set pieces, and almost colludes with the wind to score straight from a corner on 19 minutes. Just two minutes later though and Danny Burroughs plays in Harrison BROOK who is judged to have beaten the offside trap and then puts it through the legs of the on-rushing Millbrook keeper to make it 1-0 to the visitors.

Millbrook have the best chance of the half so far on 36 minutes when Ball and Parker combine with Drake whose shot goes wide and just evades Russell coming in at the back post. As the teams trade chances before half time, on 43 minutes Drake finds Hills with a lovely pass, and HILLS strokes it past the keeper for his 22nd of the season.

HT 1-1

The feeling among the home fans is that Millbrook are a bit off their game tonight, and didn't manage to take advantage of the wind. Indeed early in the second half Alex Walder in goal for the hosts is finding getting any distance on goal-kicks to be troublesome. Maybe the wind has managed to get even stronger? On 47 minutes Baffins create frankly an exceptional bit of play with Brooks pace down the wing truly electric, the ball comes to Burroughs in miles of space but somehow his shot hits the outside of the far post. A stunning move that honestly deserved a goal.

Baffins have adopted the "maybe we can score straight from a corner" approach this half too, forcing a quick reaction from Wilder on 65 minutes. Kramer is hitting the longest goal kicks of his life, and Baffins are all over the balls as they drop deep in Millbrooks half. With 10 minutes to go Millbrook come close with Hills turning provider to Drake, but the visitors' keeper comes out sharpish and deals with it well. As the wind drops and the rain dies down the game comes to an end and the teams share the points.

FT 1-1

Not a classic, but a game with some great moments and a test of endurance in the conditions as much as anything for the players.

SATURDAY 28 MARCH

PREMIER DIVISION- East Cowes Victoria 0-1 Laverstock & Ford

Russ Chapman was pitchside

VICS welcomed Laverstock to Beatrice Avenue for this Velocity Wessex Premier League game. With the pitch in magnificent condition, this made for what most thought would be a great game but the blustery weather had other ideas. Both teams really struggled throughout to string passes together and chances were few and far between.

Jacob Reynolds' 25 yard effort on 10 minutes was saved by Zach Roberts in the Laverstock goal, and Roberts saved again 2 minutes later after Jake Wrights goalbound effort was partially blocked.

Kane O'Keefe's header was wide of the target on 17 minutes. The game was a real messy affair with misplaced passes and constant fouls on what seemed to be a pitch with no space whatsoever. The only bit of real class came in the 35th minute, Adam BOURNER shook off two challenges, raced into the box and drilled the ball wide of George Bridi into the corner for the opening goal.

Jacob Reynolds had a half chance a minute into stoppage time in the first half but Roberts was well placed to save the effort.

HT 0-1

Laverstock came out with real Zest and were unlucky on 47 minutes, Bourner's effort saved. George Bridi pulled off a great save on 55 minutes, a chance toe-poked towards goal after a melee in the 6 yard box. Vics broke immediately and Scott Jones Volley flew over the crossbar. Laverstock were unlucky again on 57 minutes a goal bound header cleared off of the line by Jordan Chapman.

Vics could have equalised on 60 minutes but a goalbound header was headed clear from under the crossbar. Vics were trying but there just didn't seem any real cohesion today and when Scott Jones finally found himself in a little bit of space in the 81st minute, he fired his effort high over the bar.

The moment of the game though came in the 88th minute, substitute Chae Sykes fired in a rocket of a shot that looked a goal all the way but George Bridi pulled off a wonder save that had all the 198 spectators on their feet applauding the young Vics keeper.

FT 0-1

SATURDAY 28 MARCH

PREMIER DIVISION- Hamworthy Recreation 1-1 Brockenhurst

Jon Renyard was pitchside

REC v Brock, 6th v 5th, not quite an eliminator but definitely a game (for both) against playoff rivals. Which made the result even more frustrating for the Badgers, second-best in the first period but much improved after the break, grabbing the lead but not managing to add to it and then conceding an equaliser deep into stoppage time.

The hosts celebrated their goal like it was a last-minute winner in a cup tie, rather than just salvaging a home point in the league; but let's not be churlish because they were down to 10, the game had looked to be slipping away from them, and no doubt Brock would have done the same!

The game itself – as a spectacle it wasn't helped by a strong (and cold!) wind, largely favouring the hosts in the first half, and also by a pitch which was dry enough for the ball to bounce pretty high, after weeks of playing on mud. An early scare for Rec when Toby Colmer put pressure on keeper Shane Murphy, and his clearance rebounded off the midfielder but went harmlessly behind, but the hosts made most of the early running with Max Wilcock their most dangerous player – he was keeping the Brock defence honest and put in a couple of fine crosses (and also had the ball in the net after a shot came back off the post, but it was ruled out for offside).

Goal machine Chris Long had a quiet afternoon – credit to MacFarlane and Wellman for that – one early block from MacFarlane stands out. Wilcock then poked a shot against the bar... 31 minutes, another Wilcock cross, headed over by Long... Brock were struggling to gain any controlled possession, not helped by the wind but too careless with the ball and also disrupted by two first-half substitutions for injury, with McCarthy-Gardiner and Burgess replacing Palmier and Brooks. The Badgers weren't bad without the ball and were mostly restricting Rec to longer-range efforts; and fortunately for them, Rec had left their shooting boots behind. Roberts did get a shot on target in injury time, but it was straight at Jordi Valero.

HT 0-0

Brock were much better in the second half; manager Devlin had obviously said his piece at half-time and it worked. Eddie Hodge had one early shot for Rec, well saved by Valero, but now Brock had the wind at their backs and were pressing higher. Even so, they took the lead in unexpected fashion; Burgess, who had an impressive game after coming on, put in a dangerous cross and an attempted clearance cannoned off Lewis McMurdo for an own goal. 57 minutes, Badgers in front – and they started to look much the likelier side, with Burgess, Beale and sub Walker all very lively.

Long headed wide under pressure for Rec but Brock should have put the game to bed during the next period. McCarthy-Gardiner did well to beat his defender and take the ball round the keeper but from a tight angle he chose to cross instead of shooting... and then on 72 minutes, Harvey Doe was shown a straight red for a foul on Dylan Walker. Walker was in the wars, he'd been fouled several times in quick succession, and this

time he nicked the ball past his man and looked to be running clear before being taken out. He was still a long way from goal, and there were possible covering defenders within the same county, but the decision wasn't overly controversial. Definitely now advantage Brock, then. 9 to go, Toby Colmer headed a Burgess cross just wide... 5 to go, Freddie Beale teed up Walker who controlled on the edge of the box and seemed sure to score but Murphy made an excellent save to keep Rec in the game. Into overtime, Freddie Beale doing Freddie Beale things, brilliant control and run but McCarthy-Gardiner's shot went just wide. And then the sucker-punch: 90+5, a final free kick near the halfway line for Rec, punted into the box, nodded on by Long and Sean WRIGHT arriving beyond the back post to hammer a shot into the far corner and rescue a point.

FT 1-1

SATURDAY 28 MARCH

ISUZU FA VASE SEMI FINAL FIRST LEG- Hallen 0-3 AFC Stoneham

Robin Caddy was pitchside

THE Stoneham faithful, with a few extra friends, made the trip to Hallen AFC in their numbers today. Of a crowd of 430 around 40% were supporting The Purps, as they endeavoured to advance their march to the arch in the FA Vase. The Armadillos (not sure why?) were found in 1949 and have a strong backbone of club stalwarts who have been there for decades. A warm welcome and a lovely setting for a game on a sunny afternoon, although quite windy at times!

It took just three minutes for AFC Stoneham to create a great chance as Nagle and Sampson combined well on the left to put Martins in, but he headed over. Ten minutes later its Sampson and Nagle again, this time laying on a long range chance for Jenkins. Then on 14 minutes after some great one-touch buildup play, Tyrrell SAMPSON gets the ball maybe 30 yards out, beats a couple of defenders then as the home keeper comes out he calmly slots it past him in to the bottom corner.

Before the game we are told that Hallen's key striker is suspended for the game, they do fashion a couple of chances in the 18th and 19th minutes but fail to trouble Callum Lee in goal for Stoneham. Stoneham have found the going good down their left and on 24 minutes Lewis Nagle floats in a lovely ball to the back post - Ollie JENKINS is on hand to score. 0-2 and Stoneham are looking very good. 13 minutes later it's that man Nagle again, playing a really searching deep ball that Tom ANNETTS converts for 0-3 with a full length diving header. Brilliant, really brilliant.

As we enter added time at the end of the first half Stoneham are still pushing for more, Nagle providing another great cross that Martins can't quite convert.

HT 0-3

The second half kicks off with the wind having picked up, and we have moved to the same left wing position for Stoneham which saw so much action in the first half. The Purps go close three times in the first three minutes, and then the game becomes a little scrappier for a period. Stoneham introduce Callum Laycock during this period, and he brings something different to the table in attack. Clearly a player who is well known in the Wessex League, he is a great addition to any squad.

Most of Stoneham's best play for the rest of the game involves a contribution from him in some way. On 74 minutes he makes a great turn and shot, which is only matched in quality by an equally excellent save by Harry Thomas Barker for the hosts. It's Laycock trying to score with his head again on 80 minutes, and then on 91 minutes Hallen have possibly their best chance of the game but Callum Lee is a safe pair of hands and the game finishes 0-3, setting up AFC Stoneham nicely for the second leg next Saturday. The only concern was a nasty looking injury to Mat Bainbridge right on the end. He looked in some distress, let's hope it isn't as bad as first thought.

FT 0-3

SATURDAY 28 MARCH

DIVISION ONE- Blackfield & Langley 0-3 Hamworthy United

Tony Beck was pitchside

THE hosts, relegated from the Wessex Premier only last year, were in desperate need of points, perched only two places off the bottom at start of play. Hamworthy United, comfortably but perhaps disappointedly placed in 9th, would be keen to erase the memory of last week's abject performance at Yateley which had followed a good run.

The Hammers made five changes to that starting eleven. This included yet another entry to their catalogue of keepers this season, Callum Watson, currently a free agent but previously with Hamworthy Recreation, replacing the unavailable Noah Crisp. Sam Darlow was also welcomed back fit to start. Adam Costello took the reins with Micky Hubbard away.

United were soon piling on the pressure. On six minutes a superb diagonal ball by captain Tyler Rudd found Bailey Rowe. Following some neat footwork in the box, Rowe saw his powerful near-post effort rebound up off home defender Jake Bartlett, before being gathered by the keeper. On 17 minutes Louis Whetton's corner from the right was headed just over and onto the top netting by Eddie Myers.

The Hammers deservedly opened the scoring on 23 minutes. Bailey ROWE got on the end of a good move involving Jamie Ross, Sam Darlow and Ryan Chavez-Munoz to fire an unstoppable volley into the top far right corner of the net.

Another good chance fell to Rowe on 32 minutes, but his tenuous connection to Rudd's low cross passed just wide.

United duly doubled their lead on 44 minutes. Emanating from a good tackle by Jamie Ross, the ball found Whetton towards the right of goal. Whetton did well to cut inside on his defender, before laying the ball across to Bailey ROWE at the far post for a perfect finish, completing his first half brace.

Hamworthy had been in complete command of the first period. Their temporary keeper Callum Watson had barely touched the ball on the big pitch. The only threat from the "Watersiders" had come from the occasional good run by ex-Hammer Connor Ford, but, with little support, nothing ever materialized.

HT 0-2

United carried on after the break where they left off. On 51 minutes Rowe's solid shot after bursting in from the left, drew a good block by the home keeper Sam White. Minutes later an unselfish low ball across from Whetton, put through by Olli Woolley, was rather hastily put over the bar by Ryan Chavez-Munoz. On 66 minutes Chavez-Munoz found Whetton who culminated a good run with sharp angled shot that came back off the far post.

The Hammers did though finally manage to add a third goal on 68 minutes, a low cross from the right by Whetton being nicely put away by Ryan CHAVEZ-MUNOZ, ironically his final contribution before being substituted.

The visitors easily saw out the game, completing many good moves with shots that just could not quite find the target or were met with some tidy goalkeeping.

This performance was a complete reversal of that shown last week. Hamworthy looked far more effective on the ball. Jamie Ross, although still not quite fit enough for 90 minutes, quietly pulled the strings in midfield, and was pivotal in so many of the moves. He linked up very well with Tyler Rudd. The clean sheet was another bonus. In fact keeper Watson hardly needed to wash his kit, his only real work being to retrieve the odd wide second-half shot from behind the goal.

FT 0-3

VELOCITY WESSEX LEAGUE CUP SEMI FINAL

After the result in the week, the confirmed League cup Semi-finals and dates are

Cowes Sports v AFC Stoneham 21st April

Hamble Club v Wincanton Town 14th April



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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 24 March

Hamworthy United Reserves 0-1 Blandford United

Wednesday 25 March

Hamworthy Recreation Reserves 0-1 Verwood Town

Sherborne Town Reserves 2-2 Dorchester Sports

Saturday 28 March

Cobham Sports 5-0 Hamworthy Recreation Reserves

Dorchester Sports 3-1 Hamworthy United Reserves

Gillingham Town 1-5 Blandford United

Portland United Reserves 2-2 Bridport Reserves

Sherborne Town Reserves 2-4 Bournemouth Sports

Swanage Town & Herston 2-1 Bournemouth Electric

Verwood Town 0-1 Poole Borough

Westland Sports 0-3 Holt United

Wimborne Town Reserves 4-1 Balti Sports

TABLE

POS	DORSET PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Blandford United	28	26	0	2	93	26	67	78
2	Cobham Sports	27	22	4	1	104	29	75	70
3	Dorchester Sports	27	19	4	4	63	29	34	61
4	Swanage Town & Herston	28	18	4	6	82	39	43	58
5	Bournemouth Electric	27	17	5	5	78	39	39	56
6	Bournemouth Sports	29	17	4	8	81	59	22	55
7	Holt United	27	16	4	7	60	32	28	52
8	Sherborne Town Reserves	31	14	1	16	50	70	-20	43
9	Hamworthy Recreation Reserves	28	11	3	14	37	62	-25	36
10	Westland Sports	27	10	4	13	54	53	1	34
11	Balti Sports	28	10	2	16	68	64	4	32
12	Wimborne Town Reserves	30	10	2	18	54	74	-20	32
13	Hamworthy United Reserves	32	9	3	20	48	90	-42	30
14	Verwood Town	30	8	3	19	30	68	-38	27
15	Gillingham Town	30	7	5	18	44	63	-19	26
16	Portland United Reserves [*]	30	5	7	18	32	71	-39	19
17	Poole Borough	29	4	4	21	29	80	-51	16
18	Bridport Reserves	26	2	5	19	29	88	-59	11

FIXTURES

Saturday 4 April

Blandford United v Westland Sports

Bournemouth Sports v Bournemouth Electric

Bridport Reserves v Sherborne Town Reserves

Cobham Sports v Verwood Town

Dorchester Sports v Wimborne Town Reserves

Hamworthy Recreation Reserves v Swanage Town & Herston

Holt United v Gillingham Town

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- UHLSPORT HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

RESULTS

Tuesday 24 March

Locks Heath 2-1 AFC Shirley

Andover Town 1-1 Hedge End Rangers

Moneyfields Reserves 2-2 Meon Milton

North Hants Senior Cup Semi Final

Basingstoke Town 3-0 Broughton

Saturday 28 March

Andover Town 2-0 Meon Milton

Denmead 1-0 AFC Shirley

Hook 3-2 Stockbridge

Liss Athletic 2-0 Liphook United

Whitehill & Bordon 2-1 Bishops Waltham Dynamos

Hedge End Rangers 6-1 Southsea Sports

uhlsport Hampshire Premier League Cup Semi Final

Locks Heath 3-0 Crofton Saints

TABLE

POS	HAMPSHIRE PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Locks Heath	21	15	2	4	46	19	27	47
2	Hedge End Rangers	25	13	6	6	50	33	17	45
3	Hook	23	13	4	6	52	38	14	43
4	Crofton Saints	22	12	6	4	52	25	27	42
5	Whitehill & Bordon	25	11	7	7	49	47	2	40
6	Bishops Waltham Dynamos	23	10	6	7	44	34	10	36
7	AFC Shirley	22	11	3	8	40	30	10	36
8	Denmead	23	10	5	8	54	45	9	35
9	Liss Athletic	25	11	2	12	49	48	1	35
10	Moneyfields Reserves	24	10	4	10	44	39	5	34
11	Broughton	26	9	6	11	42	51	-9	33
12	Southsea Sports	23	8	3	12	43	60	-17	27
13	Meon Milton	24	5	7	12	30	44	-14	22
14	Liphook United	22	4	6	12	26	44	-18	18
15	Stockbridge	24	5	2	17	36	71	-35	17
16	Andover Town	20	3	3	14	25	54	-29	12

FIXTURES

Thursday 2 April

Locks Heath v Southsea Sports

Saturday 4 April

Andover Town v Whitehill & Bordon

Broughton v Liphook United

Crofton Saints v Denmead

Hedge End Rangers v AFC Shirley

Moneyfields Reserves v Hook

Monday 6 April

Stockbridge v Southsea Sports

Crofton Saints v AFC Shirley

Denmead v Liss Athletic

Hedge End Rangers v Bishops Waltham Dynamos

Meon Milton v Andover Town

Whitehill & Bordon v Hook

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- CORSHAM PRINT WILTSHIRE SENIOR LEAGUE

RESULTS

Wednesday 25 March

Trowbridge Town 1-1 Calne Town Reserves

Melksham Town Reserves 2-0 Wroughton

Swindon Supermarine Development 4-2 Devizes Town Reserves

Saturday 28 March

Faringdon Town 1-2 Down Ampney

Letcombe 0-2 Trowbridge Town

Pewsey Vale 1-2 Melksham Town Reserves

Wroughton 0-2 Shrivenham

TABLE

POS	WILTSHIRE SENIOR	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Shrewton United	29	23	3	3	95	33	62	72
2	Swindon Supermarine Development	28	21	2	5	71	34	37	65
3	Larkhall Athletic Development	28	20	4	4	78	28	50	64
4	Melksham Town Reserves	27	16	5	6	68	47	21	53
5	Shrivenham	29	15	6	8	61	46	15	51
6	Pewsey Vale	27	11	10	6	51	30	21	43
7	Royal W Bassett Town Development	30	11	10	9	58	49	9	43
8	Letcombe	26	12	6	8	42	39	3	42
9	Trowbridge Town	31	11	6	14	44	63	-19	39
10	Devizes Town Reserves	30	9	6	15	48	69	-21	33
11	Purton Kingsdown	30	9	6	15	42	64	-22	33
12	Faringdon Town	29	8	6	15	41	46	-5	30
13	Park United	29	9	1	19	36	55	-19	28
14	Down Ampney	27	8	1	18	48	73	-25	25
15	Wroughton [*]	26	8	3	15	35	62	-27	24
16	Bemerton Heath H'quins Reserves	29	5	5	19	29	69	-40	20
17	Calne Town Reserves	27	2	6	19	33	73	-40	12

FIXTURES

Wednesday 1 April

Faringdon Town v Wroughton

Friday 3 April

Trowbridge Town v Park United

Saturday 4 April

Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves v Faringdon Town

Calne Town Reserves v Shrivenham

Devizes Town Reserves v Pewsey Vale

Down Ampney v Wroughton

Melksham Town Reserves v Larkhall Athletic Development

Purton Kingsdown v Letcombe

Swindon Supermarine Development v Royal Wootton Bassett Town Development

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- THAMES VALLEY PREMIER LEAGUE

RESULTS

Saturday 28 March

Burghfield 2-1 AFC Winkfield

Holyport Reserves 4-4 Reading City Reserves

Maidenhead Town 1-5 Wargrave
 Tadley Calleva Reserves 2-0 Newbury Town
 Woodcote 3-3 Westwood Wanderers

TABLE

POS	THAMES VALLEY PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Westwood Wanderers	19	18	1	0	59	15	44	55
2	Wargrave	20	16	4	0	71	14	57	52
3	Tadley Calleva Reserves	19	11	3	5	50	34	16	36
4	Maidenhead Town	20	11	3	6	43	35	8	36
5	Newbury Town	21	10	1	10	53	40	13	31
6	Henley Town	20	9	4	7	38	36	2	31
7	Reading City Reserves	17	9	3	5	51	39	12	30
8	Burghfield	16	9	2	5	31	19	12	29
9	Woodcote	20	8	2	10	55	66	-11	26
10	Goring United	23	7	5	11	32	46	-14	26
11	Reading YMCA	20	7	2	11	40	49	-9	23
12	AFC Winkfield	19	5	2	12	20	39	-19	17
13	Holyport Reserves	19	4	2	13	24	49	-25	14
14	Finchampstead	20	4	1	15	25	73	-48	13
15	Wokingham Town Reserves	21	1	1	19	20	58	-38	4

FIXTURES

Saturday 4 April

Thames Valley League FA Cup Second Round

Berks County Reserves v Burghfield
 Reading YMCA v Goring United Reserves
 Rotherfield United v Wargrave
 Woodcote v Newbury Town

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- HAMPSHIRE COMBINATION & DEVELOPMENT

RESULTS

Saturday 21 March

Premier Division

Downton 5-0 Clanfield
 Laverstock & Ford 4-1 Ringwood Town
 U.S. Portsmouth 1-0 AFC Stoneham

Division One

Amesbury Town 2-0 Clanfield Development
 Hythe & Dibden 1-1 Hedge End Rangers
 Liss Athletic 6-0 Meon Milton

Sunday 22 March

Under 18 Premier division

AFC Stoneham 1-2 Wimborne Town
 Gosport Borough 3-4 Cobham Sports
 Hamble Club 1-1 Fareham Town Black
 Poole Town 0-4 Petersfield Town
 Winchester City Red 4-1 Moneyfields

Under 18 East Division

Baffins Milton Rovers 10-0 U.S. Portsmouth
 Bishops Waltham Dynamos 7-0 Clanfield
 Eastleigh Spitfires 2-2 Meon Milton
 Havant & Waterlooville 2-8 AB66 Portsmouth

Hayling United 3-3 Horndean
 Sholing 3-1 Fareham Town Reds

Under 18 West Division

Brockenhurst 3-2 Pace
 Millbrook 2-3 Bashley
 Salisbury 4-4 Ringwood Town

Tuesday 24 March

John Stimpson Memorial Shield Quarter Final

Downton 5-0 Winchester City U23

Under 23 Division 1

Bemerton Heath Harlequins 2-2 Verwood Town
 Blackfield & Langley 4-3 Clanfield

Wednesday 25 March

Hampshire Combination Cup Semi Final

Hedge End Rangers 2-4 Laverstock & Ford

Thursday 26 March

Under 23 Division 1

Folland Sports 1-1 Whiteley Wanderers

Hampshire Combination Under 18 Cup Semi Final

Brockenhurst 3-1 Cobham Sports

Saturday 28 March

Premier Division

Downton 3-2 U.S. Portsmouth
 Laverstock & Ford 2-0 Brockenhurst
 Millbrook 3-1 Ringwood Town
 Petersfield Town 3-3 Clanfield

Division One

Hythe & Dibden 4-0 Liss Athletic

TABLES

POS	PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	United Services Portsmouth	14	10	1	3	42	19	23	31
2	Petersfield Town	14	9	2	3	31	23	8	29
3	Millbrook	17	8	4	5	38	26	12	28
4	AFC Stoneham	13	8	1	4	36	18	18	25
5	Laverstock & Ford	12	7	3	2	46	28	18	24
6	Brockenhurst	16	6	3	7	38	30	8	21
7	Downton	13	6	2	5	35	33	2	20
8	Ringwood Town	14	4	0	10	28	37	-9	12
9	Clanfield	15	3	1	11	20	58	-38	10
10	AFC Portchester	16	2	1	13	26	68	-42	7

POS	DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Liss Athletic	14	8	4	2	40	20	20	28
2	Clanfield Development	16	7	4	5	35	27	8	25
3	Hythe & Dibden	12	5	3	4	31	35	-4	18
4	Hedge End Rangers	14	5	2	7	33	33	0	17
5	Meon Milton	13	5	2	6	39	43	-4	17
6	Fawley AFC	15	5	2	8	33	41	-8	17
7	Liphook United	15	5	2	8	23	42	-19	17
8	Amesbury Town	9	4	1	4	20	13	7	13

FIXTURES

Sunday 29 March

Under 18 Premier Division

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

Under 18 East Division

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

Under 18 West Division

Brockenhurst v Salisbury
Cowes Sports v Millbrook
Eastleigh 1946 v Christchurch
Ringwood Town v Pace

Monday 30 March

Under 23 Division 1

North Waltham v New Milton Town

Tuesday 31 March

John Stimpson Memorial Shield 3rd Round

Blackfield & Langley U23 v Fareham Town U23

Under 23 Premier Division

AFC Stoneham v Winchester City

Under 23 Division 1

Clanfield v Millbrook

Wednesday 1 April

Under 23 Premier Division

Hamble Club v Select Generation
Poole Town v Ringwood Town

Under 23 Division 1

Romsey Town v Bemerton Heath Harlequins

Thursday 2 April

Under 23 Division 1

Folland Sports v North Waltham
Laverstock & Ford v Verwood Town

Saturday 4 April

Premier Division

AFC Portchester v Clanfield
Ringwood Town v Downton

Division One

Amesbury Town v Hythe & Dibden
Liss Athletic v Liphook United
Meon Milton v Clanfield Development



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL

RESULTS

Tuesday 24 March

Binfield 0-0 Westfield

Fareham Town 1-3 Hanworth Villa

Horndean 0-3 Leatherhead

Littlehampton Town 3-0 Raynes Park Vale

Wednesday 25 March

Kingstonian 1-0 Egham Town

Saturday 28 March

Bedfont Sports 0-1 Westfield

Fareham Town 1-3 Hayes & Yeading United

Hanworth Villa 1-1 Ascot United

Harrow Borough 1-0 Binfield

Hartley Wintney 0-1 Kingstonian

Horndean 2-3 Egham Town

Leatherhead 2-3 AFC Portchester

Moneyfields 3-0 Metropolitan Police

Raynes Park Vale 0-0 Hendon

South Park Reigate 0-1 Bognor Regis Town

Southall 3-1 Littlehampton Town

TABLE

POS	ISTHMIAN SOUTH CENTRAL	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Leatherhead	36	26	4	6	89	39	50	82
2	Hanworth Villa	37	20	11	6	79	34	45	71
3	Westfield	36	22	5	9	79	48	31	71
4	Moneyfields	37	22	5	10	84	56	28	71
5	AFC Portchester	37	20	6	11	78	55	23	66
6	Egham Town	38	16	10	12	75	63	12	58
7	Hayes & Yeading United	37	17	7	13	59	69	-10	58
8	Southall	37	15	10	12	64	55	9	55
9	Harrow Borough	37	16	7	14	59	63	-4	55
10	Kingstonian	36	15	6	15	63	66	-3	51
11	Bognor Regis Town	37	15	5	17	56	59	-3	50
12	South Park Reigate	37	14	7	16	46	50	-4	49
13	Raynes Park Vale	35	12	10	13	54	55	-1	46
14	Hendon	36	12	9	15	67	73	-6	45
15	Hartley Wintney	34	12	9	13	47	53	-6	45
16	Bedfont Sports	37	11	11	15	52	56	-4	44
17	Binfield	36	12	6	18	59	70	-11	42
18	Littlehampton Town	37	10	10	17	51	73	-22	40
19	Ascot United	37	12	3	22	54	68	-14	39
20	Metropolitan Police	37	11	6	20	55	78	-23	39
21	Horndean	35	6	9	20	42	87	-45	27
22	Fareham Town	36	4	6	26	42	84	-42	18

FIXTURES

Tuesday 31 March

Hartley Wintney v Binfield

Hayes & Yeading United v Westfield

Horndean v Hendon

Raynes Park Vale v South Park Reigate

Wednesday 1 April

Leatherhead v Kingstonian

Saturday 4 April

Bognor Regis Town v Harrow Borough

AFC Portchester v Bedfont Sports

Ascot United v Fareham Town

Binfield v Southall

Egham Town v Hanworth Villa

Hayes & Yeading United v Moneyfields

Hendon v South Park Reigate

Kingstonian v Horndean

Littlehampton Town v Leatherhead

Metropolitan Police v Hartley Wintney

Westfield v Raynes Park Vale

Monday 6 April

Bedfont Sports v Binfield

Fareham Town v Bognor Regis Town

Hanworth Villa v Westfield

Harrow Borough v Hendon

Hartley Wintney v Ascot United

Horndean v AFC Portchester

Leatherhead v Metropolitan Police

Moneyfields v Littlehampton Town

Raynes Park Vale v Kingstonian

Southall v Hayes & Yeading United

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE SOUTH**RESULTS****Tuesday 24 March**

Bashley 2-2 Swindon Supermarine

Brixham AFC 1-2 Bishops Cleeve

Falmouth Town 1-4 Frome Town

Mousehole 1-1 Westbury United

Wednesday 25 March

Tavistock AFC 1-3 Bristol Manor Farm

Willand Rovers 0-1 Malvern Town

Saturday 28 March

Bideford 3-1 Willand Rovers

Bishops Cleeve 1-2 Mousehole

Bristol Manor Farm 0-0 Sporting Club Inkberrow

Brixham AFC 0-2 Westbury United

Falmouth Town 1-1 Larkhall Athletic

Frome Town 2-0 Didcot Town

Malvern Town 3-1 Exmouth Town

Melksham Town 0-2 Bashley

Portishead Town 3-0 Shaftesbury

Swindon Supermarine 1-2 Hartpury

Winchester City 6-1 Tavistock AFC

TABLE

POS	SOUTHERN DIVISION ONE SOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Frome Town	37	30	5	2	89	25	64	95
2	Malvern Town	37	26	5	6	94	54	40	83
3	Portishead Town	36	25	4	7	91	35	56	79
4	Winchester City	37	21	9	7	83	47	36	72
5	Bishops Cleeve	35	20	7	8	65	47	18	67
6	Shaftesbury	36	21	3	12	79	59	20	66
7	Hartpury	36	19	6	11	80	48	32	63
8	Exmouth Town	37	18	5	14	64	58	6	59
9	Larkhall Athletic	35	16	5	14	63	63	0	53
10	Westbury United	37	15	5	17	39	44	-5	50
11	Sporting Club Inkberrow	35	13	7	15	48	61	-13	46
12	Swindon Supermarine	36	11	9	16	53	54	-1	42
13	Didcot Town	37	12	6	19	50	68	-18	42
14	Bristol Manor Farm	37	10	10	17	50	70	-20	40
15	Bideford	36	11	7	18	47	74	-27	40
16	Mousehole	36	9	12	15	51	58	-7	39
17	Falmouth Town	34	9	9	16	54	71	-17	36
18	Melksham Town	37	8	11	18	40	61	-21	35
19	Willand Rovers	36	9	8	19	42	64	-22	35
20	Brixham	35	10	4	21	44	78	-34	34
21	Bashley	37	8	5	24	41	66	-25	29
22	Tavistock AFC	35	3	4	28	26	88	-62	13

FIXTURES**Tuesday 31 March**

Bishops Cleeve v Falmouth Town

Tavistock AFC v Larkhall Athletic

Friday 3 April

Bashley v Bristol Manor Farm

Didcot Town v Brixham AFC

Exmouth Town v Bishops Cleeve

Hartpury v Bideford

Larkhall Athletic v Portishead Town

Mousehole v Melksham Town

Shaftesbury v Falmouth Town

Sporting Club Inkberrow v Frome Town

Tavistock AFC v Malvern Town

Westbury United v Swindon Supermarine

Willand Rovers v Winchester City

Monday 6 April

Bideford v Exmouth Town

Bishops Cleeve v Hartpury

Bristol Manor Farm v Larkhall Athletic

Brixham AFC v Willand Rovers

Falmouth Town v Mousehole

Frome Town v Shaftesbury

Malvern Town v Sporting Club Inkberrow

Melksham Town v Westbury United

Portishead Town v Tavistock AFC

Swindon Supermarine v Didcot Town

Winchester City v Bashley

CLUB NEWS

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



We have another centurion at **Sherborne Town** but this one is four times that; George Mapletoft has made 400 appearances for the north Dorset club, since making his debut back in August 2013.

On the Isle of Wight a presentation for Rafferty Boyd-Kerr was made to mark 100 games for **East Cowes Victoria** in the week *[pictured left courtesy of the club]*

PLAYER REGISTRATION PERIOD ENDS

After 17:00 on Tuesday 31 March new registrations, new loans, and transfer of registrations will be declined or will be approved subject to such limitations and restrictions as the Board may determine and, if so determined, the Player shall only be eligible to play in the matches for which permission is granted by the Board.

LEAGUE AGM

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.

Clubs have one vote each and should be represented by the Chairman, Secretary and Team Manager or their deputies, plus an optional additional Club Representative is allowed to attend if required.

Please be reminded of FA Rule 2.26 which states "Any Club failing to be represented throughout an Annual General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff".

The Agenda and any supporting documents will be forwarded nearer the time.

THE LAST WORD

National League System Step 5 & 6 Structure Review (NLS)- Club Consultation Briefing Paper this a discussion document at this stage allowing Clubs to voice their opinions before any decisions are made regarding structural changes.

As part of The FA's ongoing review of Steps 5 and 6 of the National League System, they are now inviting all Clubs to complete a short consultation survey. This consultation is an important opportunity for our Clubs to provide feedback on a number of proposed changes to the structure of Steps 5 and 6, including promotion and relegation arrangements and potential changes to Step 6 divisions.

The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete and all responses will be treated confidentially. We strongly encourage all Clubs to read the attached briefing paper before completing the survey, as this provides important context behind the proposals and the work undertaken to date. We ask that each Club submits one response, ideally agreed collectively by the Club's committee. Clubs may wish to gather input from multiple individuals internally before submitting. Details and the link have been supplied by email to all our clubs.

Introduction

The FA is currently undertaking a review of the structure of Steps 5 and 6 of the National League System (NLS).

The aim of this work is to ensure the structure continues to support clubs, leagues, volunteers, players, coaches and match officials, while maintaining a fair, sustainable and well-organised competition pyramid. As part of this process, the FA are seeking feedback directly from clubs currently participating at Steps 5 and 6. Your views will help inform how the system may evolve in the coming seasons.

The proposals outlined in the accompanying survey are not final decisions. They are intended to test key principles and gather feedback before any formal changes are considered.

Why this review is taking place

Steps 5 and 6 represent a vital part of the NLS and account for a large number of clubs, volunteers and

communities across the country. Over recent seasons, several structural challenges have been raised by clubs and leagues, including:

- Inconsistent division sizes
- Travel distance and associated costs
- Complex or unclear promotion and relegation arrangements
- Difficulty planning long-term due to structural uncertainty

The FA regularly reviews the NLS structure to ensure it remains fair, transparent and sustainable. This consultation forms part of that ongoing review and aims to gather views from clubs before any potential changes are developed further.

As part of these ongoing reviews, The FA has consulted extensively with leagues at Steps 5 and 6, including national and regional meetings. The proposals were supported by a majority of leagues and have subsequently been discussed in greater detail earlier this year.

Key areas being explored

The consultation focuses on several potential changes that could improve the structure and operation of Steps 5 and 6 of the NLS.

These proposals are being explored together as part of a wider structural review.

1. Increase to 24 Step 6 Divisions (from 17)

One proposal being considered is increasing the number of Step 6 divisions from the current 17 to 24 divisions nationally.

In some areas of the country, this would allow for smaller, more geographically compact leagues, which could help:

- Reduce travel distances for clubs
- Lower travel-related costs
- Increase the number of local fixtures
- Improve sustainability for volunteers and players

Potential considerations:

- Ensuring there are sufficient clubs of the required standard and geographical spread to fill the additional divisions
- Maintaining the competitive quality of Step 6
- Ensuring feeder leagues can support the increased number of promotions

2. Standardising Step 6 Divisions at 18 Clubs

At present, Step 6 divisions vary in size. This can create inconsistencies in fixture volumes, competition structures and promotion and relegation arrangements.

One option being explored is to standardise Step 6 divisions at 18 clubs per division.

This could provide:

- Greater consistency across leagues
- Clearer competition structures
- More predictable promotion and relegation arrangements
- Easier long-term planning for clubs

Potential considerations:

- Temporary disruption to league sizes during the transition period
- Impact on the number of fixtures played in certain seasons
- Ensuring implementation minimises disruption for clubs and leagues

3. Uplifting 92 Feeder League Clubs and Relaxing Promotion Criteria

To support the transition to a larger Step 6 structure, additional clubs may need to be promoted from feeder leagues. One option being explored is the uplift of approximately 92 clubs from Regional Feeder Leagues during the transition period.

To facilitate this, temporary flexibility could be introduced within feeder leagues, including:

- Allowing more than one club to be promoted from a league
- Allowing clubs finishing outside the top five to be considered for promotion

Any such flexibility would be time-limited and used only to support the transition to the new structure.

Potential considerations:

- Ensuring promoted clubs meet the necessary facility and operational standards
- Maintaining competitive balance across Step 6 divisions

- Ensuring feeder leagues remain stable following a higher number of promotions

4. Flexible Relegation from Step 5 (Dependent on Division Size)

Changes at Step 6 may require adjustments to relegation arrangements at Step 5. One proposal is to introduce flexible relegation numbers from Step 5, depending on the size of each division.

For example:

- Larger divisions may have more relegation places
- Smaller divisions may have fewer relegation places

This approach would help ensure balance across the pyramid as division sizes become more consistent.

Potential considerations:

- Ensuring clubs clearly understand relegation criteria before the season begins
- Managing differences in relegation numbers between divisions
- Maintaining transparency and consistency

5. Bottom Three Clubs Relegated in Each Step 6 Division

Another key principle being considered is introducing a clear and consistent relegation rule at Step 6. Under this proposal, the bottom three clubs in each Step 6 division would be relegated each season, rather than being 'liable to relegation'.

This approach would help ensure:

- Relegation criteria are clearly defined before the season begins
- Clubs can plan with greater certainty
- The system operates with greater transparency and fairness

Potential considerations:

- Increased relegation risk for clubs compared with some current structures
- Ensuring relegation arrangements align effectively with geographical allocations

6. Committee Discretion Based on Geographical Need

While fixed relegation places would improve clarity, it is recognised that the pyramid must also maintain geographical balance between leagues.

For this reason, FA Committees responsible for managing the NLS would retain the ability to make limited adjustments where necessary.

For example:

- Reprising a club from relegation where required to maintain league balance
- Making adjustments to ensure divisions remain geographically appropriate
- Not using national points per game as a method for reprieves

These decisions would be applied only where necessary to support the overall structure of the pyramid.

Potential considerations:

- Ensuring transparency around how such decisions are made
- Maintaining consistency while retaining necessary flexibility

Wider Considerations for The FA

Alongside feedback from clubs, there are several broader factors The FA must consider as part of the review:

- Availability of suitable clubs within feeder leagues to support expansion
- Quality and sustainability of clubs progressing within the pyramid
- Wider impact of the restructure on the football pyramid
- Stadium Accreditation and facility standards (including impact on the Premier League Stadium Fund)
- Match official availability across an expanded structure
- Travel and geographical balance
- Long-term sustainability of leagues and clubs

Feedback from clubs will play a crucial role in helping The FA assess these considerations.

Next Steps

The consultation will remain open until: Sunday 5th April 2026

Once responses have been analysed, findings will inform the next stage of discussions with leagues and stakeholders before any decisions are taken.

The FA would like to thank all clubs in advance for taking the time to share their views and for their continued contribution to the National League System.

PHOTO FINISH



In shocking weather at Hurn Bridge in the week, Christchurch (blue) trailed by two against Cowes Sports until the last eight minutes before snatching a point with a penalty in added on time.



Courtesy of Roger Allen, action today from Lymington Town (red and white) where the hosts shared four goal and the points with Colden Common



Isuzu FA Vase Semi Final First Leg action today reproduced courtesy of Robin Caddy. AFC Stoneham secure a foot in the door of the Wembley changing rooms with a 3-0 win at Hallen.



Massive congratulations to those involved at AFC Stoneham on today's result, a big game next weekend at Stoneham Lane awaits!

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	31	26	3	2	94	24	70	81	2.613
2	Hamble Club	34	21	7	6	87	34	53	70	2.059
3	Portland United	33	20	3	10	75	39	36	63	1.909
4	Andover New Street	33	18	5	10	54	38	16	59	1.788
5	Brockenhurst	32	16	8	8	69	46	23	56	1.750
6	Laverstock & Ford	31	15	9	7	63	47	16	54	1.742
7	Hamworthy Recreation	32	16	5	11	60	41	19	53	1.656
8	Baffins Milton Rovers	31	16	5	10	61	43	18	53	1.710
9	Downton	32	16	4	12	70	62	8	52	1.625
10	Petersfield Town	31	16	3	12	52	42	10	51	1.645
11	Sherborne Town	31	14	7	10	58	46	12	49	1.581
12	Millbrook	31	13	4	14	65	57	8	43	1.387
13	East Cowes Victoria	31	11	3	17	42	63	-21	36	1.161
14	Cowes Sports	31	10	4	17	38	72	-34	34	1.097
15	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	32	9	5	18	42	76	-34	32	1.000
16	Christchurch	33	8	7	18	59	78	-19	31	0.939
17	Hythe & Dibden	31	6	9	16	49	82	-33	27	0.871
18	Bournemouth	35	6	8	21	43	83	-40	26	0.743
19	Wincanton Town	33	4	7	22	41	88	-47	19	0.576
20	New Milton Town [*]	34	4	6	24	38	99	-61	15	0.441

POS	DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Colden Common	37	22	7	8	99	58	41	73	1.973
2	Fleetlands	32	23	4	5	66	36	30	73	2.281
3	Whitchurch United	36	23	4	9	89	60	29	73	2.028
4	Folland Sports	33	22	4	7	86	45	41	70	2.121
5	Yateley United	35	21	3	11	90	50	40	66	1.886
6	Cove	34	18	10	6	56	35	21	64	1.882
7	Newport (IoW)	33	19	6	8	71	47	24	63	1.909
8	Romsey Town	34	17	6	11	68	51	17	57	1.676
9	Hamworthy United	37	16	8	13	83	59	24	56	1.514
10	Ringwood Town	35	16	2	17	71	69	2	50	1.429
11	Frimley Green	34	12	10	12	82	70	12	46	1.353
12	Clanfield	36	14	3	19	58	63	-5	45	1.250
13	Kintbury Rangers	35	12	8	15	64	73	-9	44	1.257
14	Amesbury Town	35	12	7	16	60	60	0	43	1.229
15	AFC Aldermaston	37	12	6	19	58	68	-10	42	1.135
16	Alresford Town	38	10	10	18	66	85	-19	40	1.053
17	Lymington Town	37	11	5	21	48	86	-38	38	1.027
18	Ash United	35	10	6	19	40	75	-35	36	1.029
19	Fawley AFC	35	7	9	19	37	76	-39	30	0.857
20	Totton & Eling	32	8	3	21	34	68	-34	27	0.844
21	Blackfield & Langley [*]	36	8	5	23	43	90	-47	26	0.722
22	United Services Portsmouth	34	7	4	23	44	89	-45	25	0.735