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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

THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY CONCLUDES -

SUNDAY 17 MAY



Final

AFC Stoneham v Cockfosters

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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	5,915	38	155.66	2,083	976	110,146
11-Apr-26	4,997	42	118.98	-918	928	115,143
18-Apr-26	4,736	40	118.40	-261	-1,366	119,879
25-Apr-26	4,483	24	186.79	-253	1,079	124,362
02-May-26	2,538	6	423.00	-1,945	1,402	126,900
09-May-26	1,557	4	389.25	-981	-77	128,457
16-May-26	547	1	547.00	-1,010	-845	129,004
23-May-26	*	*	*	*	*	*



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ISUZU FA VASE- THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY 2025/26

First Round Qualifying

AFC Aldermaston	0-0	<i>Bristol Telephones [3-2 on penalties]</i>
Alresford Town	2-3	Whitchurch United
Amesbury Town	3-0	Blackfield & Langley
<i>Bridport</i>	0-5	Millbrook
<i>Corsham Town</i>	4-0	Kintbury Rangers
Cove	3-0	Clanfield
Cowes Sports	2-2	Wincanton Town [4-2 on penalties]
<i>Devizes Town</i>	2-1	Yateley United
East Cowes Victoria	3-3	Brockenhurst [5-3 on penalties]
Folland Sports	2-1	Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Hamble Club	1-1	Fleetlands [4-2 on penalties]
Hythe & Dibden	1-0	<i>Badshot Lea</i>
<i>Pagham</i>	2-2	Newport IOW [4-5 on penalties]
Petersfield Town	1-2	Hamworthy Recreation
<i>Selsey</i>	2-0	Ringwood Town
<i>Sturminster Newton United</i>	1-1	Ash United [5-4 on penalties]
Totton & Eling	1-0	Romsey Town [at Romsey Town]
United Services Portsmouth	1-4	Laverstock & Ford [at Fareham Town]

Includes AFC Stoneham's opponents tomorrow, Cockfosters

Second Round Qualifying

<i>Abbey Rangers</i>	3-1	Frimley Green
Cove	3-2	<i>Alton</i>
Cowes Sports	2-1	New Milton Town
<i>Devizes Town</i>	1-2	AFC Aldermaston [at Westbury United]
Fawley	1-6	Portland United
Hamble Club	1-2	Baffins Milton Rovers
Hamworthy Recreation	3-1	<i>Midhurst & Easebourne</i>
Hythe & Dibden	3-0	Lymington Town
<i>Infinity</i>	1-1	Christchurch [4-3 on penalties]
Laverstock & Ford	1-2	Totton & Eling
Long Melford	0-4	Cockfosters
Millbrook	2-1	Folland Sports
<i>Selsey</i>	1-3	Amesbury Town
Sherborne Town	2-0	East Cowes Victoria Athletic
<i>Sturminster Newton United</i>	2-0	Newport IOW
<i>Warminster Town</i>	2-6	Hamworthy United
Whitchurch United	3-2	Bournemouth

First Round

AFC Aldermaston	1-2	<i>Infinity</i>
Amesbury Town	2-1	<i>Highworth Town</i>
<i>Bearsted</i>	0-1	Cowes Sports
<i>Bridgwater United</i>	0-3	Hythe & Dibden
<i>Cirencester Town</i>	0-1	Millbrook
Cockfosters	1-1	Tring Athletic [12-11 on penalties]
Cove	0-2	<i>Snodland Town</i>
Downton	4-4	<i>Sidmouth Town [4-3 on penalties]</i>
<i>Ivybridge Town</i>	2-2	Totton & Eling [4-3 on penalties]
<i>Malmesbury Victoria</i>	1-2	Portland United
<i>Penzance</i>	2-3	Hamworthy Recreation
<i>Reading City</i>	4-0	Baffins Milton Rovers
Sherborne Town	3-0	Hamworthy United
Whitchurch United	0-2	<i>Windsor & Eton</i>

AFC Stoneham did not enter the competition until the Second Round

Second Round

AFC Welwyn	2-2	Cockfosters [3-4 on penalties]
Amesbury Town	1-0	Ilminster Town
Andover New Street	0-0	Hallen [1-4 on penalties]
Barnstaple Town	3-1	Sherborne Town
Buckland Athletic	2-2	Millbrook [12-11 on penalties]
Downton	4-1	Shortwood United
Hythe & Dibden	3-2	Thornbury Town
Kidlington	3-4	AFC Stoneham
Portland United	0-0	Sturminster Newton United [1-3 on penalties]
Roman Glass St George	0-1	Hamworthy Recreation

Third Round

AFC Stoneham	4-0	Cinderford Town
Bovey Tracey	1-3	Downton
Cockfosters	1-1	Soul Tower Hamlets [3-2 on penalties]
Hallen	3-0	Hamworthy Recreation
Hythe & Dibden	2-0	Sturminster Newton United
Slimbridge	1-0	Amesbury Town

Fourth Round

Barnstaple Town	1-2	AFC Stoneham
Cockfosters	2-1	Crawley Down Gatwick
Downton	0-0	Slimbridge [4-3 on penalties]
Hallen	1-1	Hythe & Dibden [4-2 on penalties]

Fifth Round

Downton	3-0	Lymore Gardens
Haywards Heath Town	1-1	AFC Stoneham [3-4 on penalties]
Whitstable Town [holders]	1-1	Cockfosters [4-5 on penalties]

Quarter Final

AFC Stoneham	3-0	Coventry United
Droylsden	2-4	Cockfosters
Punjab United	1-0	Downton

Semi Final First Leg

Cockfosters	1-1	Punjab United
Hallen	0-3	AFC Stoneham

Semi Final Second Leg

AFC Stoneham	3-1	Hallen
Punjab United	0-2	Cockfosters

Wessex League Finalists prior to this season-

Year	Winners	Runners Up	Score
1992	Wimborne Town	Guiseley	5-3
2004	Winchester City	AFC Sudbury	2-0 (at St Andrews)
2007	Truro City	AFC Totton	3-1 (first Final at the "new" Wembley)
2014	Sholing	West Auckland Town	1-0

FIXTURES – 2025/26

Tomorrow, Sunday 17 May

Isuzu FA Vase Final

AFC Stoneham v Cockfosters
[at Wembley, 12:30]

Tuesday 26 May

North Hants Senior Cup Final

Andover New Street v Broughton
[at Andover New Street, 19:45]

CLUB NEWS

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

PRE-SEASON 2026/27

*Please do send in details of your schedule for 2026/27.
We already are aware of some, so we'll start the list here*

Friday	03-Jul-26	Clanfield - Millbrook
Saturday	04-Jul-26	Marlow - Yateley United
Tuesday	07-Jul-26	Bedfont Sports - Yateley United
Saturday	11-Jul-26	Frimley Green - Yateley United
Tuesday	14-Jul-26	Whitchurch United - Tadley Calleva
Wednesday	15-Jul-26	Sandhurst Town - Yateley United
Saturday	18-Jul-26	Amesbury Town - East Cowes Victoria
Saturday	18-Jul-26	Berks County - Yateley United
Saturday	18-Jul-26	Cove - Tadley Calleva
Tuesday	21-Jul-26	East Cowes Victoria - Newport IOW
Saturday	25-Jul-26	Yateley United - Ashford Town Middlesex

RESULTS

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

Monday 11 May

Southampton Senior Cup Final

Millbrook

Harrison Vidler 72

v AFC Stoneham

547

Duarte Martins 36 pen

Tom Annetts 45+1

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.

MONDAY 11 MAY

SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR CUP FINAL- Millbrook 1-2 AFC Stoneham

Gary Day was pitchside

SOUTHAMPTON'S finest did battle for the right to be the Senior Cup holders for 2026. Two Wessex Premier sides met to claim the 'old pot'; in fact, it was the same two teams who contested it a year ago when Stoneham won. The venue was a new one for this final, Eastleigh FC's Silverlake Stadium, although the ground did host a replay in 1988, when it looked very much different to the impressive stadium of today. Millbrook's Callum Drake had a couple of early shots blocked by Purps defenders, whilst Owen Fee's lobbed ball forced Dockers keeper Alex Walder to rush out and head clear as Duarte Martins attempted to latch onto it. Bobby Gorman sent a dangerous cross into the box for Millbrook, but Cade Dyer defended well to clear.

There was an awkward moment for Stoneham when keeper Callum Lee, in trying to clear a threatening Dockers raid, smashed the ball against a defender. The ball trickled towards the open goal but Lee scrambled back to just manage to hack it clear on the goal line, all eyes went to the assistant referee – no flag, play went on; it was a close one.

Stoneham opened the scoring when Millbrook's Ben Clarke went in heavily from behind on Tom Annetts, appearing to push the Stoneham man, penalty said the ref and a second yellow card for the Dockers player (his first having been a few minutes earlier for pulling back an opponent). MARTINS duly despatched the

spot-kick, beyond the diving Walder and low into the corner. The game entered added time and Stoneham scored again as a Dyer pass found ANNETTS who shot low past the keeper.

HT 0-2

Millbrook's Ryan Batley might have got a shove from a free kick played into the box, but not according to the referee. AFC's Lewis Nagle had a shot blocked, the ball came back to him but Walder held his second effort. Stoneham's Tyrrell Sampson had a couple of efforts thwarted by a steadfast Millbrook defence. Tom Baker made a good run for the Dockers but his shot was blocked at the near post by Lee.

Millbrook got a goal back when a neat move saw Drake lay it to Harry VIDLER whose low shot evaded the keeper's attempt at the near post. Stoneham tried to respond but Mat Bainbridge's shot went wide and, once again Walder had to be alert to charge out and clear from Martins who would have had an open chance. Walder then denied Fee following slick approach play by Sampson and Martins.

Millbrook made a late effort to level it, Vidler appeared to have a good chance but opted to pass and later Lee was forced to block from the same Millbrook player.

FT 1-2

It was an entertaining final. Great credit to ten-man Millbrook who put up a gallant performance on the day and had the consolation of Ryan Batley being given the player-of-the-match award. AFC Stoneham's great season has now brought this cup (adding to the Wessex Premier championship and Russell-Cotes trophies) and they have the FA Vase final to play at Wembley next. So, the Bernard Mortimer Trophy has a resting place back in the Stoneham trophy cabinet for another year – and after this memorable season (and perhaps another pot to come?) that cabinet might just need to be extended a bit!!

COUNTY CUPS- HONOURS BOARD 2025/26

COMPETITION	BEST WESSEX LEAGUE TEAM	PROGRESS
Aldershot Senior Cup	Yateley United	Runners Up
Berks & Bucks Senior Trophy	AFC Aldermaston	Second Round
Dorset Senior Cup	Portland United	Quarter Finalist
	Sherborne Town	Quarter Finalist
Hampshire Servio Senior Cup	Baffins Milton Rovers	Semi Finalist
Isle of Wight Gold Cup	Newport IOW	Winner
North Hants Senior Cup	Andover New Street	Finalist (game to be played)
Portsmouth Senior Cup	Petersfield Town	Winner
Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup	AFC Stoneham	Winner
Somerset Francis Hillier Premier Cup	Wincanton Town	Semi Finalist
Southampton Senior Cup	AFC Stoneham	Winner
	Millbrook	Runners Up
Southern Combination Challenge Cup	Ash United	Second Round
Surrey Premier Cup	Frimley Green	Quarter Finalist
Wiltshire Premier Shield	Laverstock & Ford	Winner
Wiltshire Senior Cup	Amesbury Town	First Round

COMPETITION	BEST WESSEX LEAGUE TEAM	PROGRESS
Velocity Wessex League Cup	Hamble Club	Hamble Club

COMPETITION	BEST WESSEX LEAGUE TEAM	PROGRESS
Emirates FA Cup	Laverstock & Ford	Second Round Qualifying

COMPETITION	BEST WESSEX LEAGUE TEAM	PROGRESS
Isuzu FA Vase	AFC Stoneham	Finalist (game tomorrow)

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

Saturday 16 May

Dorset Premier League Cup Final

Cobham Sports 2-1 aet Westland Sports
[at Wimborne Town]

FIXTURES

Tuesday 19 May

Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance Senior Trophy Final

Dorchester Sports v Sherborne Town Reserves
[at Hamworthy United- County Ground]

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- UHLSPORT HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

RESULTS

Tuesday 12 May

Liss Athletic 3-1 Whitehill & Bordon

Hampshire Saturday Trophy Final

Crofton Saints 3-0 Fareham Town Development

TABLE

POS	HAMPSHIRE PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Locks Heath	30	19	4	7	58	27	31	61
2	Hedge End Rangers	30	17	7	6	60	34	26	58
3	AFC Shirley	30	18	3	9	62	36	26	57
4	Crofton Saints	30	16	6	8	68	41	27	54
5	Hook	30	16	5	9	64	52	12	53
6	Liss Athletic	30	14	4	12	60	54	6	46
7	Bishops Waltham Dynamos	30	12	9	9	58	44	14	45
8	Denmead	30	13	6	11	66	60	6	45
9	Whitehill & Bordon	30	12	8	10	56	58	-2	44
10	Moneyfields Reserves	30	11	4	15	49	58	-9	37
11	Broughton	30	10	6	14	48	59	-11	36
12	Liphook United	30	9	7	14	40	53	-13	34
13	Meon Milton	30	8	7	15	45	60	-15	31
14	Southsea Sports	30	9	4	17	54	80	-26	31
15	Stockbridge	30	7	4	19	51	84	-33	25
16	Andover Town	30	5	4	21	35	74	-39	19

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- THAMES VALLEY PREMIER LEAGUE

RESULTS

Monday 11 May

TVPL Cup

Cookham Dean 0-5 Westwood Wanderers

Wednesday 13 May

TVPL Cup

Westwood Wanderers 2-0 Yateley United "A"

Wargrave 3-1 AFC Reading

Binfield Development U23 4-5 Holyport Reserves

Tadley Calleva Reserves 3-1 Newbury Town

TABLE

POS	THAMES VALLEY PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Westwood Wanderers	26	24	2	0	82	16	66	74
2	Wargrave	26	19	6	1	85	18	67	63
3	Maidenhead Town	28	18	4	6	68	47	21	58
4	Tadley Calleva Reserves	28	16	4	8	74	52	22	52
5	Burghfield	28	14	5	9	53	37	16	47
6	Newbury Town	28	14	1	13	66	54	12	43
7	Reading City Reserves	26	12	5	9	64	61	3	41
8	Henley Town	28	11	6	11	47	51	-4	39
9	Woodcote	27	11	3	13	74	81	-7	36
10	Reading YMCA	28	11	3	14	57	66	-9	36
11	Goring United	28	8	6	14	38	58	-20	30
12	AFC Winkfield	28	7	3	18	34	62	-28	24
13	Holyport Reserves	28	6	3	19	40	67	-27	21
14	Finchampstead	28	6	2	20	38	101	-63	20
15	Wokingham Town Reserves	27	1	3	23	30	79	-49	6

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- HAMPSHIRE COMBINATION & DEVELOPMENT**RESULTS****Sunday 10 May****Under 18 East Division**

Baffins Milton Rovers 4-4 Horndean

Meon Milton 5-2 Hayling United

Winchester City Blue 2-2 AB66 Portsmouth

Tuesday 12 May**Division One**

Hythe & Dibden 3-1 Meon Milton

Wednesday 13 May**Under 23 Division 1**

Millbrook 2-1 New Milton Town

Thursday 14 May**Under 23 Premier Division**

Fareham Town 5-0 Hamble Club

Winchester City 3-2 Dorchester Town

Under 23 Division 1

Romsey Town 2-1 Whiteley Wanderers

Friday 15 May**Hampshire Combination Under 18 Cup Final**

Gosport Borough 4-1 Brockenhurst

[at Havant & Waterlooville (19.45)]

Saturday 16 May**Division One**

Liss Athletic 2-3 Hythe & Dibden

TABLES

POS	PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	United Services Portsmouth	18	13	2	3	53	26	27	41
2	Petersfield Town	18	13	2	3	49	28	21	41
3	AFC Stoneham	18	10	1	7	47	33	14	31
4	Laverstock & Ford	18	8	5	5	52	40	12	29
5	Downton	18	9	2	7	46	44	2	29
6	Millbrook	18	8	4	6	38	26	12	28
7	Brockenhurst	18	6	3	9	38	35	3	21
8	Clanfield	18	5	2	11	20	58	-38	17
9	Ringwood Town	18	5	0	13	33	44	-11	15
10	AFC Portchester	18	2	1	15	26	68	-42	7

POS	DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Hythe & Dibden	21	14	3	4	59	43	16	45
2	Liss Athletic	21	13	4	4	59	29	30	43
3	Meon Milton	21	10	3	8	50	54	-4	33
4	Clanfield Development	21	9	5	7	44	38	6	32
5	Hedge End Rangers	21	7	3	11	43	43	0	24
6	Amesbury Town	21	7	2	12	40	53	-13	23
7	Fawley AFC	21	6	2	13	47	60	-13	20
8	Liphook United	21	6	2	13	24	46	-22	20

POS	U23 PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Ringwood Town U23	18	13	0	5	56	41	15	39
2	Winchester City U23	15	12	0	3	56	30	26	36
3	AFC Stoneham U23	17	10	1	6	49	31	18	31
4	Hamble Club U23	18	10	1	7	37	39	-2	31
5	Dorchester Town U23	18	9	2	7	44	37	7	29
6	Fareham Town U23	17	8	2	7	41	26	15	26
7	Hedge End Rangers U23	16	6	3	7	30	34	-4	21
8	Poole Town U23	17	5	3	9	36	43	-7	18
9	Select Generation U23	18	4	3	11	38	62	-24	15
10	Lymington Town U23	18	1	1	16	12	56	-44	4

POS	U23 DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	North Waltham U23	20	16	1	3	75	31	44	49
2	New Milton Town U23	22	14	3	5	57	37	20	45
3	Millbrook U23	18	14	1	3	51	18	33	43
4	Bemerton Heath Harlequins U23	21	13	3	5	60	33	27	42
5	Romsey Town U23	16	10	1	5	31	32	-1	31
6	Blackfield & Langley U23	18	10	0	8	45	49	-4	30
7	Clanfield U23	21	5	4	12	25	57	-32	19
8	Whiteley Wanderers U23	20	3	6	11	26	49	-23	15
9	Folland Sports U23	18	3	5	10	34	45	-11	14
10	Verwood Town U23	20	2	7	11	27	47	-20	13
11	Hayling United U23	19	2	6	11	18	42	-24	12
12	Laverstock & Ford U23	15	2	3	10	32	41	-9	9

POS	U18 PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Winchester City Red U18	18	15	2	1	76	13	63	47
2	Gosport Borough U18	18	14	3	1	90	15	75	45
3	Cobham Sports U18	18	12	1	5	48	35	13	37
4	Moneyfields U18	18	9	2	7	51	30	21	29
5	Fareham Town Black U18	18	7	4	7	36	49	-13	25
6	Hamble Club U18	18	6	4	8	31	29	2	22
7	Petersfield Town U18	18	6	2	10	36	54	-18	20
8	Wimborne Town Black U18	18	6	1	11	32	54	-22	19
9	AFC Stoneham Knights U18	18	3	4	11	21	55	-34	13
10	Poole Town U18	18	0	1	17	9	96	-87	1

POS	U18 EAST DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AB66 Portsmouth U18	24	17	4	3	114	39	75	55
2	Winchester City Blue U18	24	15	4	5	68	28	40	49
3	Havant & Waterlooville U18	24	12	6	6	76	55	21	42
4	Fareham Town Reds U18	22	13	1	8	67	56	11	40
5	Meon Milton U18	24	12	3	9	63	54	9	39
6	Horndean U18	23	11	6	6	72	49	23	39
7	Bishops Waltham Dynamos U18	24	12	2	10	66	55	11	38
8	Baffins Milton Rovers U18	23	10	6	7	56	39	17	36
9	Eastleigh Spitfires U18 [*]	22	10	8	4	53	37	16	35
10	Sholing Black U18	23	8	3	12	65	59	6	27
11	Hayling United U18	24	5	4	15	41	56	-15	19
12	Clanfield U18	24	1	3	20	19	121	-102	6
13	United Services Portsmouth U18	23	0	2	21	15	127	-112	2

POS	U18 WEST DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Salisbury U18	16	14	2	0	51	16	35	44
2	Bashley U18	16	10	1	5	43	24	19	31
3	Brockenhurst U18	16	8	2	6	45	33	12	26
4	Cowes Sports U18	16	7	3	6	22	23	-1	24
5	Pace U18	16	6	6	4	36	33	3	24
6	Ringwood Town U18	16	6	6	4	44	36	8	24
7	Millbrook U18	16	5	2	9	35	33	2	17
8	Eastleigh 1946 U18	16	3	2	11	22	35	-13	11
9	Christchurch U18	16	1	0	15	10	75	-65	3

FIXTURES

Sunday 17 May

Under 18 East Division

Fareham Town Reds U18 v Baffins Milton Rovers U18

Sholing Black U18 v United Services Portsmouth U18

Tuesday 19 May

Under 23 Division One

Romsey Town U23 v Millbrook U23

John Stimpson Memorial Shield Final

Meon Milton v North Waltham U23

Thursday 21 May

Under 23 Premier Division

Winchester City U23 v Hedge End Rangers U23

Under 23 Division One

Folland Sports U23 v Romsey Town U23

Millbrook U23 v Laverstock & Ford U23

Tuesday 26 May

Under 23 Division One

Whiteley Wanderers U23 v Romsey Town U23

Thursday 28 May

Under 23 Premier Division

Winchester City U23 v Fareham Town U23

Under 23 Division One

Folland Sports U23 v Millbrook U23

Romsey Town U23 v Laverstock & Ford U23

NLS LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AND PLAY OFF WINNERS 2025/26

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League	Champions	Play Off Winner	Regular Season
1 NLP	York City	Rochdale	Second
2 NLN	AFC Fylde	Kidderminster Harriers	Third
2 NLS	Worthing	Hornchurch	Second
3 IPL	Folkestone Invicta	Billericay Town	Third
3 NPL	Hebburn Town	Hednesford Town	Second
3 SPC	Harborough Town	Spalding United	Second
3 SPS	Walton & Hersham	Farnham Town	Second
4 ILN	Maldon & Tiptree	Stanway Rovers	Fourth
4 ISC	Leatherhead	Hanworth Villa	Third
4 ISE	Three Bridges	AFC Whyteleafe	Fourth
4 NPE	Redcar Athletic	Emley	Third
4 NPM	Anstey Nomads	Racing Club Warwick	Fifth
4 NPW	Bury	Avro	Second
4 S1C	Leighton Town	Hitchin Town	Second
4 S1S	Frome Town	Malvern Town	Second
5 CCN	Ashford Town (Middlesex)	Windsor & Eton	Second
5 CCS	Cobham	Horley Town	Fifth
5 ECP	Mulbarton Wanderers	Fakenham Town	Fifth
5 ESL	Little Oakley	Buckhurst Hill	Fourth
5 HLP	Slimbridge	Worcester Raiders	Fifth
5 MLP	Hanley Town	1874 Northwich	Fourth
5 NWP	Wythenshawe FC	Padiham	Fourth
5 NEP	Liversedge	Beverley Town	Second
5 NL1	Guisborough Town	West Auckland Town	Fourth
5 SCP	Steyning Town [*] <i>Guernsey v Peacehaven & Telscombe</i>	[Playing Saturday 23 May]	Third v Fifth [*]
5 SEP	Whitstable Town	Punjab United	Fifth
5 SMP	Haringey Borough	Winslow United	Second
5 UCN	Boston Town	Grantham Town	Third
5 UCS	Nuneaton Town	Coventry United	Second
5 WXP	AFC Stoneham	Portland United	Third
5 WLP	Barnstaple Town	Paulton Rovers	Third
6 CC1	Penn & Tylers Green	Bedfont FC	Second
6 E1N	Kings Park Rangers	FC Peterborough	Fifth
6 E1S	Hutton	Clapton Community	Second
6 HL1	FC Stratford	Malmesbury Victoria	Fifth
6 ML1	Knowle	Sutton United (Birmingham)	Third
6 NW1N	Nelson	Droylsden	Second
6 NW1S	Runcorn Town	Stockport Georgians	Fourth
6 NE1	Dearne & District	Worsbrough Bridge Athletic	Second
6 NL2	Redcar Town	Yarm & Eaglescliffe	Second
6 SC1	Godalming Town	Billingshurst	Third
6 SE1	AFC Greenwich Borough	SE Dons	Second
6 SM1	Everett Rovers	Desborough Town	Second
6 SWE	Bovey Tracey	N/A	
6 SWW	Liskeard Athletic	N/A	
6 UC1	Retford FC	Retford United	Second
6 WX1	Fleetlands	Yateley United	Fourth
6 WL1	Devizes Town	Sturminster Newton United	Second

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STEP 1					
National			York City (1st)		
29-Apr	QF	Boreham Wood (4th)	1-0 aet	Forest Green Rovers (7th)	2452
28-Apr	QF	Scunthorpe United (5th)	1-0	Southend United (6th)	6248
03-May	SF	Rochdale (2nd)	2-1	Scunthorpe United (5th)	7552
03-May	SF	Carlisle United (3rd)	1-2 aet	Boreham Wood (4th)	13814
10-May	FL	Rochdale (2nd) (at Wembley)	2-2 aet	Boreham Wood (4th)	3-1p 17470
STEP 2					
National North			AFC Fylde (1st)		
29-Apr	QF	Macclesfield (4th)	2-1	Chester (7th)	3548
28-Apr	QF	Buxton (5th)	4-2	Scarborough Athletic (6th)	2035
02-May	SF	South Shields (2nd)	1-0	Buxton (5th)	2329
02-May	SF	Kidderminster Harriers (3rd)	3-1	Macclesfield (4th)	4426
09-May	FL	South Shields (2nd)	0-2	Kidderminster Harriers (3rd)	3628
National South			Worthing (1st)		
29-Apr	QF	Dorking Wanderers (4th)	2-0	Maidenhead United (7th)	2266
28-Apr	QF	Hemel Hempstead Town (5th)	1-1 aet	Weston super Mare (6th)	5-6p 2357
02-May	SF	Hornchurch (2nd)	2-0	Weston super Mare (6th)	?
02-May	SF	Torquay United (3rd)	4-2	Dorking Wanderers (4th)	4800
09-May	FL	Hornchurch (2nd) (all ticket)	3-2 aet	Torquay United (3rd)	3000
STEP 3					
Isthmian Premier Division			Folkestone Invicta (1st)		
29-Apr	SF	Aveley (2nd) (all ticket)	1-4 aet	Brentwood Town (5th)	1000
29-Apr	SF	Billericay Town (3rd)	3-2	Chatham Town (4th)	2757
04-May	FL	Billericay Town (3rd)	2-1 aet	Brentwood Town (5th)	3200
Northern Premier Division			Hebburn Town (1st)		
28-Apr	SF	Hednesford Town (2nd)	2-0	Stockton Town (5th)	3535
28-Apr	SF	F.C. United of Manchester (3rd)	2-3	Warrington Rylands (4th)	2180
04-May	FL	Hednesford Town (2nd)	1-1 aet	Warrington Rylands (4th)	5-4p 4029
Southern Premier Division Central			Harborough Town (1st)		
29-Apr	SF	Spalding United (2nd)	1-0	Halesowen Town (5th)	2038
29-Apr	SF	Real Bedford (3rd)	3-1	Kettering Town (4th)	1295
04-May	FL	Spalding United (2nd)	4-2 aet	Real Bedford (3rd)	2700
Southern Premier Division South			Walton & Hersham 1(st)		
29-Apr	SF	Farnham Town (2nd)	2-1	Berkhamsted (5th)	1715
29-Apr	SF	Gloucester City (3rd)	3-2 aet	Poole Town (4th)	2400
04-May	FL	Farnham Town (2nd)	5-1	Gloucester City (3rd)	2200
STEP 4					
Isthmian Division 1 North			Maldon & Tiptree (1st)		
28-Apr	SF	Felixstowe & Walton United (2nd)	2-3	Redbridge (5th)	622
28-Apr	SF	Waltham Abbey (3rd)	1-2	Stanway Rovers (4th)	620
02-May	FL	Stanway Rovers (4th)	0-0 aet	Redbridge (5th)	4-2p 1043
Isthmian Division 1 South Central			Leatherhead (1st)		
29-Apr	SF	Westfield (2nd)	1-1 [*]	A.F.C. Portchester (5th)	7-6p 563
[*] No extra time was played					
29-Apr	SF	Hanworth Villa (3rd)	5-1	Moneyfields (4th)	747
03-May	FL	Westfield (2nd)	0-2	Hanworth Villa (3rd)	1497
Isthmian Division 1 South East			Three Bridges (1st)		
28-Apr	SF	AFC Croydon Athletic (2nd)	2-0	Sittingbourne (5th)	728
28-Apr	SF	Jersey Bulls (3rd) (all ticket)	0-0 [*]	A.F.C. Whyteleafe (4th)	3-4p 1590
[*] No extra time was played					
01-May	FL	AFC Croydon Athletic (2nd)	1-1 aet	A.F.C. Whyteleafe (4th)	4-5p 1262
Northern Premier Division 1 East			Redcar Athletic (1st)		
28-Apr	SF	Matlock Town (2nd)	1-2	Bradford (Park Avenue) (5th)	1268
28-Apr	SF	Emley (3rd)	1-0	Dunston (4th)	909
02-May	FL	Emley (3rd)	0-0 aet	Bradford (Park Avenue) (5th)	5-4p 1771

Northern Premier Division 1 Midlands					Anstey Nomads (1st)	
28-Apr	SF	Carlton Town (2nd)	0-0 aet	Racing Club Warwick (5th)	2-4p	506
28-Apr	SF	Basford United (3rd)	2-2 aet	Belper Town (4th)	3-4p	865
02-May	FL	Belper Town (4th)	1-1 aet	Racing Club Warwick (5th)	6-7p	1702
Northern Premier Division 1 West					Bury (1st)	
28-Apr	SF	Avro (2nd)	2-2 aet	Lower Breck (5th)	4-3p	609
28-Apr	SF	Stalybridge Celtic (3rd)	1-0	Runcorn Linnets (4th)		1562
02-May	FL	Avro (2nd)	4-2	Stalybridge Celtic (3rd)		1105
Southern Division 1 Central					Leighton Town (1st)	
29-Apr	SF	Hitchin Town (2nd)	1-0 aet	Thame United (5th)		1285
29-Apr	SF	Biggleswade (3rd)	2-1 aet	Biggleswade Town (4th)		490
04-May	FL	Hitchin Town (2nd)	2-1	Biggleswade (3rd)		3027
Southern Division 1 South					Frome Town (1st)	
Portishead Town (2nd) (ineligible)						
29-Apr	SF	Malvern Town (3rd)	2-1 aet	Bishop's Cleeve (6th)		1053
29-Apr	SF	Winchester City (4th)	0-2	Shaftesbury (5th)		518
04-May	FL	Malvern Town (3rd)	3-2	Shaftesbury (5th)		2100
STEP 5						
Combined Counties Premier North					Ashford Town, Middlesex (1st)	
28-Apr	SF	Windsor & Eton (2nd)	1-0	Burnham (5th)		833
28-Apr	SF	Ardley United (3rd)	0-0	Broadfields United (4th)	2-3p	324
02-May	FL	Windsor & Eton (2nd)	2-0	Broadfields United (4th)		1331
Combined Counties Premier South					Cobham (1st)	
18-Apr	SF	Tadley Calleva (2nd)	0-3	Horley Town (5th)		390
18-Apr	SF	Tooting & Mitcham United (3rd)	2-4	Fleet Town (4th)		774
25-Apr	FL	Fleet Town (4th)	2-4	Horley Town (5th)		1189
Eastern Counties Premier					Mulbarton Wanderers (1st)	
25-Apr	SF	Haverhill Rovers (2nd)	0-2	Fakenham Town (5th)		504
25-Apr	SF	Ely City (3rd)	1-3	Soham Town Rangers (4th)		712
02-May	FL	Soham Town Rangers (4th)	1-1 aet	Fakenham Town (5th)	6-7p	814
Essex Senior					Little Oakley (1st)	
28-Apr	SF	Soul Tower Hamlets (2nd)	1-2	Barking (5th)		73
28-Apr	SF	Great Wakering Rovers (3rd)	1-1	Buckhurst Hill (4th)	1-3p	375
02-May	FL	Buckhurst Hill (4th)	1-0	Barking (5th)		1044
Hellenic Premier					Slimbridge (1st)	
22-Apr	SF	Roman Glass St. George (2nd)	1-2	Worcester Raiders (5th)		177
21-Apr	SF	Droitwich Spa (3rd)	1-0	Cirencester Town (4th)		512
02-May	FL	Droitwich Spa (3rd)	1-4	Worcester Raiders (5th)		1051
Midland Premier					Hanley Town (1st)	
18-Apr	SF	Northwich Victoria (2nd) (at AFCW)	1-1	AFC Wolverhampton City (5th)	5-4p	502
18-Apr	SF	Winsford United (3rd)	2-4	AFC Northwich (4th)		828
25-Apr	FL	Northwich Victoria (2nd)	0-1	AFC Northwich (4th)		1240
North West Counties Premier					Wythenshawe (1st)	
25-Apr	SF	Ramsbottom United (2nd)	0-1	Chadderton (5th)		714
25-Apr	SF	Atherton Laburnum Rovers (3rd)	0-2	Padiham (4th)		516
02-May	FL	Padiham (4th)	0-0 aet	Chadderton (5th)	3-2p	1210
Northern Counties East Premier					Liversedge (1st)	
11-Apr	SF	Beverley Town (2nd) (all ticket)	1-0	Barton Town (5th)		999
11-Apr	SF	Sheffield (3rd)	2-2	Tadcaster Albion (4th)	3-4p	1031
18-Apr	FL	Beverley Town (2nd) (all ticket)	2-1	Tadcaster Albion (4th)		999
Northern League Division 1					Guisborough Town (1st)	
25-Apr	SF	Sildon (2nd)	1-0	Boro Rangers (5th)		422
25-Apr	SF	Whitley Bay (3rd)	1-3	West Auckland Town (4th)		733
02-May	FL	Sildon (2nd)	1-2	West Auckland Town (4th)		1020
Southern Combination Premier					Steyning Town (1st)	
02-May	SF	Haywards Heath Town (2nd)	0-1	Peacehaven & Telscombe (5th)		767
02-May	SF	Guernsey (3rd)	3-0	Horsham Y.M.C.A. (4th)		1002
23-May	FL	Guernsey (3rd)		Peacehaven & Telscombe (5th)		

Southern Counties East Premier					Whitstable Town (1st)				
28-Apr	SF	Fisher (2nd)	1-3		Punjab United (5th)			449	
28-Apr	SF	Rusthall (3rd)	0-0		Larkfield & New Hythe (4th)	5-4p		403	
04-May	FL	Rusthall (3rd)	1-1 aet		Punjab United (5th)	3-4p		1444	
Spartan South Midlands Premier					Haringey Borough (1st)				
29-Apr	SF	Winslow United (2nd)	2-1		Kings Langley (5th)			785	
29-Apr	SF	Risborough Rangers (3rd)	0-1		Cockfosters (4th)			382	
04-May	FL	Winslow United (2nd)	2-0		Cockfosters (4th)			1006	
United Counties Premier North					Boston Town (1st)				
25-Apr	SF	Sherwood Colliery (2nd)	0-1		Newark Town (5th)			452	
25-Apr	SF	Grantham Town (3rd)	3-2		Belper United (4th)			574	
02-May	FL	Grantham Town (3rd)	2-0		Newark Town (5th)			1616	
United Counties Premier South					Nuneaton Town (1st)				
25-Apr	SF	Coventry United (2nd)	4-1		Aylestone Park (5th)			266	
25-Apr	SF	Atherstone Town (3rd)	2-1		March Town United (4th)			550	
04-May	FL	Coventry United (2nd)	2-0 aet		Atherstone Town (3rd)			750	
Wessex Premier					AFC Stoneham (1st)				
21-Apr	SF	Hamble Club (2nd)	2-2		Laverstock & Ford (5th)	6-7p		203	
22-Apr	SF	Portland United (3rd)	2-0		Andover New Street (4th)			580	
25-Apr	FL	Portland United (3rd)	0-0		Laverstock & Ford (5th)	5-3p		810	
Western Premier					Barnstaple Town (1st)				
25-Apr	SF	Torpoint Athletic (2nd)	0-2		Sidmouth Town (5th)			241	
25-Apr	SF	Paulton Rovers (3rd)	3-1		Clevedon Town (4th)			436	
02-May	FL	Paulton Rovers (3rd)	4-2		Sidmouth Town (5th)			986	
STEP 6									
Combined Counties Division 1					Penn & Tylers Green (1st)				
25-Apr	SF	Bedfont (2nd)	1-0		Wembley (5th)			164	
25-Apr	SF	Brook House (3rd)	0-0		Woodley United (4th)	4-3p		260	
02-May	FL	Bedfont (2nd)	2-1 aet		Brook House (3rd)			489	
Eastern Counties Division 1 North					Kings Park Rangers (1st)				
25-Apr	SF	Holland (2nd)	0-2		Stanway Pegasus (5th)			546	
25-Apr	SF	Framlingham Town (3rd)	1-5		F.C. Peterborough (4th)			303	
02-May	FL	F.C. Peterborough (4th)	3-0		Stanway Pegasus (5th)			745	
Eastern Counties Division 1 South					Hutton (1st)				
25-Apr	SF	Clapton Community (2nd)	4-1		Lymore Gardens (5th)			1377	
25-Apr	SF	Coggeshall Town (3rd)	2-3		Rayleigh Town (4th)			?	
02-May	FL	Clapton Community (2nd)	4-2 aet		Rayleigh Town (4th)			2375	
Hellenic Division 1					FC Stratford (1st)				
21-Apr	SF	Wantage Town (2nd)	2-4		Malmesbury Victoria (5th)			378	
21-Apr	SF	Bewdley Town (3rd)	1-3		Stonehouse Town (4th)			281	
01-May	FL	Stonehouse Town (4th)	0-1		Malmesbury Victoria (5th)			704	
Midland Division 1					Knowle (1st)				
25-Apr	SF	Gornal Athletic (2nd)	2-1		Birmingham O.J.M. (5th)			416	
25-Apr	SF	Sutton United (3rd)	5-0		Heather St. Johns (4th)			704	
02-May	FL	Gornal Athletic (2nd)	1-2 aet		Sutton United (3rd)			1300	
North West Counties Division 1 North					Nelson (1st)				
25-Apr	SF	Droylsden (2nd)	2-1		Squires Gate (5th)			964	
25-Apr	SF	M.S.B. Woolton (3rd)	2-4		Maghull (4th)			295	
02-May	FL	Droylsden (2nd)	3-3 aet		Maghull (4th)	4-3p		1940	
North West Counties Division 1 South					Runcorn Town (1st)				
25-Apr	SF	Eccleshall (2nd)	5-1		Stafford Town (5th)			323	
25-Apr	SF	New Mills (3rd)	0-1		Stockport Georgians (4th)			465	
02-May	FL	Eccleshall (2nd)	1-1 aet		Stockport Georgians (4th)	4-5p		560	
Northern Counties East Division 1					Dearne & District (1st)				
18-Apr	SF	Worsborough Bridge Athletic (2nd)	3-0		Leeds U.C.F.A. (5th)			460	
18-Apr	SF	Wakefield (3rd)	2-2		Harrogate Railway Athletic (4th)	4-1p		586	
25-Apr	FL	Worsborough Bridge Athletic (2nd)	2-0		Wakefield (3rd)			1617	
Northern League Division 2					Redcar Town (1st)				
25-Apr	SF	Yarm & Eaglescliffe (2nd)	2-0		Seaham Red Star (5th)			330	

25-Apr	SF	Jarrow (3rd)	2-2	F.C. Hartlepool (4th)	7-6p	332
02-May	FL	Yarm & Eaglescliffe (2nd)	0-0 aet	Jarrow (3rd)	2-1p	561
		South West Peninsula East no play offs		Bovey Tracey (1st)		
		South West Peninsula West no play offs		Liskeard Athletic (1st)		
		Southern Combination Division 1		Godalming Town (1st)		
28-Apr	SF	Reigate Priory (2nd)	0-2	Infinity (5th)		?
28-Apr	SF	Billingshurst (3rd)	2-0	Worthing United (4th)		323
02-May	FL	Billingshurst (3rd)	2-1	Infinity (5th)		401
		Southern Counties East Premier		AFC Greenwich Borough (1st)		
27-Apr	SF	South East Dons (2nd)	2-0	Croydon (5th)		895
28-Apr	SF	Rochester United (3rd)	4-0	Lordswood (4th)		423
02-May	FL	South East Dons (2nd)	4-2	Rochester United (3rd)		1487
		Spartan South Midlands Division 1		Everett Rovers (1st)		
		Stotfold Reserves (5th) (ineligible)				
28-Apr	SF	Desborough Town (2nd)	1-0	Belstone (6th)		221
28-Apr	SF	Eaton Socon (3rd)	2-2	Amptill Town (4th)	7-6p	?
02-May	FL	Desborough Town (2nd)	4-3 aet	Eaton Socon (3rd)		415
		United Counties Division 1		Retford (1st)		
25-Apr	SF	Retford United (2nd)	1-0	Staveley Miners Welfare (5th)		380
25-Apr	SF	Stapleford (3rd)	0-1	Coalville Town (4th)		547
02-May	FL	Retford United (2nd)	3-3 aet	Coalville Town (4th)	4-1p	1007
		Wessex Division 1		Fleetlands (1st)		
28-Apr	SF	Folland Sports (2nd)	0-1	Whitchurch United (5th)		180
29-Apr	SF	Colden Common (3rd) (at Yateley)	1-2	Yateley United (4th)		407
02-May	FL	Yateley United (4th)	6-1	Whitchurch United (5th)		907
		Western Division 1		Devizes Town (1st)		
21-Apr	SF	Sturminster Newton United (2nd)	0-0	Bristol Telephones (5th)	5-4p	273
21-Apr	SF	Wells City (3rd)	0-0	Avonmouth (4th)	4-2p	?
25-Apr	FL	Sturminster Newton United (2nd)	2-2	Wells City (3rd)	6-5p	482

THE WESSEX LEAGUE 2025/26 REVIEW

An Onlooker's view.

With the finish of another successful Wessex League season some personal thoughts on the twenty Clubs in order of their finishing position in the PREMIER DIVISION Table.

AFC STONEHAM (1) Second place last season was an achievement but that almost pales into insignificance with the way they carried everything and everybody before them this time round in a Season that will surely never be bettered. Ten points clear in the League, and a selection of silverware for the Trophy Cabinet, can this be enhanced tomorrow at Wembley?

HAMBLE CLUB (2) Up from fourth to second and another highly successful season for the Monks. Results in the two major Cup Competitions did not go their way and a loss on penalties in the Play Offs denied them a chance of promotion though whether they would have coped with the Southern League off the field - Travel, increased costs and possible improvements needed to the Ground, given their average attendance is perhaps questionable. Finished the season on a high by defeating Stoneham to win the Wessex League Cup – a Competition they seem to relish – at Downton.

PORTLAND UNITED (3) Take away Stoneham and this would have been the Season's success story. Up from 17th place last season to finish four points behind Hamble and victory in the Play Offs in front of two crowds totalling around 1400 was a remarkable improvement. They too, surprisingly, made no impression on the two main Cup Competitions. A good Club with good people and being further west than most Clubs in the League their travel in the Southern League next season, though still high will be manageable, enhanced no doubt by mouthwatering derbies against both Weymouth and Dorchester Town.

ANDOVER NEW STREET (4) One place up on last season in the League but a midweek trip to Portland meant they, as last season, went out in the play offs and there was no repeat of their Vase run of last season as they went out to the eventual semi-finalists Hallen on penalties in the second round. One player does not

make a side but they badly missed Lewis Williams and his goals, but coupled with continuing ground improvements it was a successful season in many respects.

LAVERSTOCK & FORD (5) An impressive late end to the campaign saw them climb from 13th place last season to the play offs where they won the semi-final on penalties and lost the final, also on penalties. They then completed their season by beating Southern League Westbury United in the Final of the Wiltshire Premier Shield. Always a difficult side to beat, especially on their own ground – but would that ground have matched Southern League football. Bound to be in the mix again next season.

HAMWORTHY RECREATION (6) The Club has only been a member since 2022/23 after dominating Dorset Football for many years and gained promotion to the Premier Division at the second attempt. Moved up one place from last season and reached the Third Round Proper of the FA Vase. As with Laverstock they made a late run in the League but never got quite close enough to the play off places. The one possible disappointment being the small attendances at a ground that has great facilities off the turf.

BAFFINS MILTON ROVERS (7) Dropped one place in the table in what was something of an up and down season. Spells of high quality and then a falling off seemed to be something they could not overcome. Third season in a row they have narrowly missed out on the play offs and they are now an established Premier Division Club with ever improving facilities. Went out of both the main Cup Competitions early doors but will no doubt feature strongly again next season.

SHERBORNE TOWN (8) Their third season in the Wessex League and a third Top Ten finish. Did not come out of the hat too well in either of the FA Competitions losing (heavily) to Westbury United in the Cup and to Barnstaple Town in the Vase. A difficult side to beat on their own ground and just possibly in danger of returning to the Western League when the FA decide on next season's constitution.

BROCKENHURST (9) Moved up from 16th last time round and only pipped for eighth place on goal difference. In doing so they retained their record of having been in the Premier Division since the League was formed apart from just two seasons. A well run and popular Club who went out to Moneyfields and East Cowes Vics, the latter on penalties, in the FA competitions.

DOWNTON (10) A credible climb from eighteenth place and it may well be fair to say that their League campaign suffered from a superb run in the FA Vase that took them to the Quarter Finals where they suffered the agony of defeat by a very late goal at Punjab United. Surprisingly, they reached that stage without facing another Club from the Wessex League with such as Lymore Gardens and Bovey Tracey among their victims. Their stature within the League is shown by hosting the League Cup Final.

PETERSFIELD TOWN (11) Back after a year in the Southern Combination, the Rams had a mixed season which started brightly with the Club among the table front runners but the resignation of their popular and successful manager set them back and they did well to recover and finish mid table. The guiding hand of Mark Nicoll, the doyen of Wessex League Secretaries with some thirty years at the Club behind him, no doubt played a major part and they can only hope that Petersfield's geographical position, so close to the Sussex border, does not see them moved again.

MILLBROOK (12) Just their fourth season in the Wessex League and they comfortably retained their place in the Premier Division. They fell at the first hurdle in the FA Cup but reached the Second Round Proper in the Vase before going out 12-11 on penalties at Western League Buckland Athletic on what was an undoubtedly long afternoon. A fine addition to the League and is it imagination or climate change that suggests there were far less games postponed than in the Team Solent days.

COWES SPORTS (13) Have been the top team on the Island in recent seasons but were challenged for that position this season with East Cowes Vics' promotion to the top flight. Their finishing position was one lower than last season and they suffered badly results wise away from the Island. They went out of the FA Cup in the Extra Preliminary Round to Laverstock for the second season running, and, after beating Wincanton on penalties after a five all draw, and then New Milton Town, they exited the Vase at Bearsted in Kent. Their final game saw them fail to add to their 24 Island Gold Cup wins when going down 3-1 to Newport in front of an attendance exceeding 700. Finishing one point above Vics maintained their place in the Island echelon.

EAST COWES VICTORIA (14) This was always going to be a season of consolidation for Vics and they achieved their aim, always well away from the relegation zone, and they have something to build on for next season. In the two main Cup Competitions they lost at Bashley (1-0) and at Sherborne and they suffered from a glut of re-arranged fixtures at the end of the season with their last four games all being away in the space of just nine days. Under the secretarial guidance of the long-serving Darren Dyer they are another always welcoming and well-run Club.

CHRISTCHURCH (15) Down five places on last season and a disappointing campaign for a side that often promised more. The lack of their pitch in the opening month of the season does not help and there was an early exit from both Cup Competitions with a loss to ex (briefly) Wessex League Infinity in the Vase. Their facilities are top class with hard working people but success on the field seems somehow at present out of reach.

BEMERTON HEATH HARLEQUINS (16) A very poor season by the Club's standards over many seasons in the League. They returned to the Wessex ranks this season after two years in the Southern League – they finished a credible 7th last season - and appear to have found it difficult to re-adjust both on and off the pitch. They went out of both the FA Competitions in their opening round to Christchurch and Follands respectively. Only 46 goals scored in 38 matches perhaps tells its own tale and they seemingly have a way to go before reaching their usual standing in Wessex circles.

HYTHER & DIBDEN (17) It seemed to be a struggle in the League throughout the season, their fifth in the Premier Division, though they were never in danger of relegation and their pitch suffered in the wet weather. Defeated Portland in the FA Cup and then Bridgwater United, Thornbury Town and Sturminster Newton United in reaching the Fourth Round of the Vase, easily their best run in the Competition, before going out to Hallen on penalties. Another good Club with good people.

BOURNEMOUTH (18) A fall of seven places from last season but managed to maintain their proud record of being ever present in the Premier. They went out of both FA Competitions in the opening games – to Bradford Town and Whitchurch respectively - and a minus goal difference of 40 demonstrates their problems in the League. They will surely be seeking improvement next season but for any Club that is easier said than done, but it would be nice if they maintained their proud record.

WINCANTON TOWN (19) Just their second season in the League and relegation. The club perhaps surprisingly found themselves placed in the Wessex Premier rather than their Western counterpart two seasons ago when they won promotion from the Western League Division One. A difficult start for a Club's reaching Step Five for the first time. They dropped four places from last season with their probable highlight being runners up in the Somerset Premier Cup.

NEW MILTON TOWN (20) Their last three seasons have been difficult to follow and explain without any knowledge of the workings of the Club. From 2022 to 2025 they finished 3rd in Division One just missing out on promotion, 19th in Division One just avoiding relegation. And then promotion to the Premiership with 90 points. But that was a step too far as they finished in bottom place with 19 points, over 100 goals conceded and a points deduction adding to their problems. They possess superb facilities but somehow, need to shrug off the yoyo tag.

As with the Premier Division a look at the 22 Clubs – two more than the Premier – in the order of finishing in the Division One League Table.

FLEETLANDS (1) Just their fourth season in the League and having finished 8th, 5th and 5th previously they topped the Table this time round finishing six points clear of their nearest rival. Not only have they progressed on the field but the ground and surrounds are constantly being improved. Showed their potential early on when they took Hamble Club to penalties in the Vase and will be looking forward to the challenge of the Premier Division.

FOLLAND SPORTS (2) Close to relegation last season but looked back to their old ways as they climbed into the Runners Up spot. They scored 115 League goals and defeated Premier Division Bemerton Heath in the Vase but promotion eluded them when they lost in the play offs with Whitchurch scoring the only goal of the game. Should be a force to be reckoned with next season.

COLDEN COMMON (3) Very impressive first season at this level after dominating the Hampshire Premier League in recent seasons. Always in the promotion hunt and led the table early on but their ground share at Winchester City forced them to reverse their playoff semi-final to Yateley where they went down by the odd goal in three. A well-run Club and the ground share also possibly affected their attendances. Will be more aware as to what is needed next season.

YATELEY UNITED (4) Another first season Club for the League, having crossed over from the Combined Counties League following one season in the Thames Valley League, and another success story. Fourth place with 87 points and 122 goals to their credit. Reached the Final of the Aldershot Senior Cup losing 1-0 to

Isthmian League South Central runners up Westfield. The Premier Division is a big step up but they give every indication of being able to cope with same.

WHITCHURCH UNITED (5) Long time members of the League and their best season since 2015. Led the promotion race for a large part of the season before dropping back and having beaten Follands in the Playoff semi-final they suffered badly at the hands of Yateley in the Final, going down 6-1. A lot of the credit for the season goes to manager Ben Dillon who, it is understood, takes on a different role for the coming season.

COVE (6) This was their third season in the League after many years in the Combined Counties and this has been their best season to date with seventh their previous highest placing. Did not have the goalscoring power of the five sides above them but finished eleven points clear of the next side. Defeated Clanfield and former Wessex League Alton in the Vase before an unkind draw sent Snodland, from near Maidstone to North Hampshire and they returned home two goals to the good. Cove should be in the mix again next season.

NEWPORT IOW (7) Their eighth consecutive season in Division One and though they improved one place in the table it is probably classed as a disappointing season. For many years the top Island Club, they now rank third and there is a feeling that they should be better for though seventh spot is creditable they were out of reach of the play-offs. Defeated Pagham in the Vase before losing to Sturminster Newton United but one hopes that when their new ground is ready, they can move forward again.

ROMSEY TOWN (8) A vast improvement on last season's 16th place but seem to lack the consistency needed to move higher. On their day they are a match for most sides in the Division but those days perhaps need to be more numerous to challenge for the Premier Division in which they last appeared a decade or more ago. Lost to local rivals Totton & Eling in the Vase which probably hurt a little!

HAMWORTHY UNITED (9) Down three places as they continue to adjust to life back in the Wessex after their short spell with the Southern League. Had been in the Wessex Premier since 2006 until their relegation for ground issues and they have everything in place to be in the Promotion race in the coming season. Inflicted a heavy defeat on Warminster Town in the Vase before bowing out to Sherborne

RINGWOOD TOWN (10) Down three places with their goal record of 88 scored and 83 conceded a perhaps contributory factor. It is some twenty years since they were last in the Premier Division and they exited the FA Vase at the first hurdle, losing at Sussex side Selsey. In the meantime, the work behind the scenes to the ground and surrounds is considerable and is an immense credit to the Club.

AMESBURY TOWN (11) Came back last season after a year in Wiltshire Senior Football and basically held their place. A strong second half to the season saw them end with 84 goals scored and they enjoyed by far their best run in the FA Vase beating Blackfield & Langley, Selsey, Highworth and Ilminster Town before losing by the odd goal to the higher ranked Slimbridge. A blow at the end of the season saw popular Manager Robbie Skeates standing down but the Club is in good hands off the field.

KINTBURY RANGERS (12) New to the Wessex League from Wiltshire Senior football, stretching the geography into Berkshire and they acquitted themselves well after spells in the North Berks League (which they won on seven occasions) and the lower reaches of the Hellenic League. Entered the FA Vase for the first time since 1999/00 losing to Western League Corsham Town. Playing an away match on Havant's ground in our League must be very different, with all due respect, to playing against Letcombe (near Wantage) in the Wiltshire Senior. The much-travelled Charlie Austin played there in his younger days.

FRIMLEY GREEN (13) Very close to promotion last season but fell away this time round rather like their initial season in the League in 2023/24. That followed many seasons in the Combined Counties League and given they play virtually in Camberley they would seem better geographically suited to the latter. Had no trouble scoring goals this season with 94 League goals to their name but conceding 101 perhaps tells its own story. Lost to old Combined Counties rivals Abbey Rangers in the Vase and would probably be happier back in that environment given the opportunity.

LYMINGTON TOWN (14) One place climbed but a small continuing improvement given the travails of recent seasons – three seasons ago they were in the Southern League and they had a long history as members of the Wessex family prior to that. A minus goal difference of 35 impacted on their season and they lost heavily at Hythe & Dibden in their first outing in the Vase. Hopefully they will continue on a forward trajectory next season.

AFC ALDERMASTON (15) A slightly lower finish than last season but never in fear of relegation. Have now played in the Hellenic, Combined Counties and Wessex League over the last six seasons which hardly gives the Club a settled feel and one assumes they will be ground sharing at Thatcham again next season which

must affect both their attendances and their finances, but there seems little hope of their moving back to their old ground which has been suggested in some quarters. Had their best ever run in the Vase this season – in fact the first time they have won a game in the Competition – by beating Bristol Telephones on penalties before disposing of Devizes next time out, before losing by the odd goal in three to Infinity.

CLANFIELD (16) A slight drop on last season but always comfortably placed in the League. Have acquitted themselves well since moving up from the Hampshire Premier League with the added handicap, as with Aldermaston, of ground sharing. In just their second game in their FA Vase history, they went down 3-0 to Division rivals Cove. But a very well-run Club who were a major force in the Hampshire Premier League for many seasons prior to their upward move.

ALRESFORD TOWN (17) Perhaps the surprise of the season as they fell from 3rd place and near promotion last season to 17th place. And this a side who many people would have considered likely Champions at the start of the season. 103 goals conceded was a major cause of their decline over the season and their Vase campaign was brief, losing to Whitchurch in their only game, the fourth season running they have gone out in their opening Round. In every Club the good and bad times run in cycles but the days of Trevor Ingram, Keith Curtis, Warren Bentley and winning the Hampshire Senior seem a long time ago now. Must surely do better next season.

ASH UNITED (18) Another Club moved by the FA to the Wessex League after a long, and frequently successful membership of the Combined Counties League. This is their fifth season and they have never finished higher than fourteenth. Player availability is a genuine problem on evening away trips and the travel overall is heavy and no doubt costly. Journeyed down to Dorset in the First Round Qualifying of the Vase, losing on penalties to Sturminster Newton United.

FAWLEY AFC (19) Same position as last season and escaped the bottom three on goal difference – theirs being three better than the Club immediately below them. Have overcome major problems off the field, largely not of their making, in recent years and always greet all visitors with a friendly welcome. Lost heavily at home to Portland in the Vase, a Competition in which they permanently seem to struggle. Good to see them remaining in the Wessex League and a wish for better times next season.

TOTTON & ELING (20) Having flirted with relegation for many years they perhaps have finally fallen through the trapdoor. Had a seemingly raw deal compared with their illustrious neighbours as regards the provision of the new grounds which has surely impacted on their finances over recent seasons. Reached the First Round Proper of the Vase by winning at Premier Division high fliers Laverstock & Ford before making the long journey to Western League Premier outfit Ivybridge Town and losing on penalties. The people who work so hard for the Club deserved more and they await to see which league they embrace next term.

BLACKFIELD & LANGLEY (21) Sadly this is a case of “How the Mighty have fallen”. Only relegated from the Premier Division last season and now staring at Step Seven football. They conceded 116 goals and suffered a points deduction that was far from helpful. As recently as 2020 they were in the Southern League Premier Division. Hopefully they can find a way back very quickly.

UNITED SERVICES PORTSMOUTH (22) Everything was against them this season especially in relation to the ground. Frequently unable to play at the Stadium, they relied greatly and gratefully on the frequently offered help from Clubs around them to fulfil fixtures. They lost to Laverstock & Ford in their only game in the Vase and with Player unavailability increasing they were unable to fulfil their final two fixtures. What happens next season probably depends on the Stadium but no one could have done more this season than Bob Brady, a stalwart of the Club for many years, who will be feeling devastated at the way things turned out. Hopefully they can rise phoenix like from the ashes very soon.

These notes were written before next season's Constitutions were announced.

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THE LAST WORD

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.

Wessex Football League		Wessex Football League	
Step 5 - Premier Division (WXP)		Step 6 - Division One (WX1)	
1	Andover New Street	1	AFC Aldermaston
2	Baffins Milton Rovers	2	Alresford Town
3	Bashley	3	Ash United
4	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	4	Blandford United
5	Bournemouth Poppies	5	Colden Common
6	Brockenhurst	6	Cove
5	Christchurch	7	Fawley
8	Cowes Sports	8	Folland Sports
9	Downton	9	Frimley Green
10	East Cowes Victoria Athletic	10	Hamworthy United
11	Fareham Town	11	Hedge End Rangers
12	Fleetlands	12	Kintbury Rangers
13	Hamble Club	13	Lymington Town
14	Hamworthy Recreation	14	New Milton Town
15	Horndean	15	Newport (IOW)
16	Hythe & Dibden	16	Ringwood Town
17	Laverstock & Ford	17	Romsey Town
18	Millbrook	18	Sandhurst Town CCL1
19	Petersfield Town	19	Totton & Eling
20	Sherborne Town	20	Whitchurch United
21	Sturminster Newton United		
22	Wincanton Town		

	Promoted
	Relegated
	Lateral Movement
	Voluntary Relegation
	New Club / Re-joining
	Reprive

A little earlier than last year, but the FA released the allocations for leagues across the NLS on Thursday afternoon. As far as the Wessex League is concerned the above are the allocations we received. **Please bear in mind that these are subject to appeal.**

So, in summary- Bashley, Fareham Town and Horndean relegated back to the Wessex Premier. Wincanton Town are reprieved meaning New Milton Town are the sole team relegated from our top division this time round. Sturminster Newton United are promoted into Wessex Premier from Western League Division One after their playoff success. A surprise here is that the Division is boosted to 22 clubs and Division One down to 20.

Yateley United get promoted but at the same time are laterally moved into Combined Counties Premier Division South rather than our Premier Division. Fleetlands are promoted as expected to our Premier Division. Welcome to the Wessex League promoted sides Blandford United and Hedge End Rangers, and to Sandhurst Town, coming over from the Combined Counties Division One.

Amesbury Town are moved out to Western League Division One and Clanfield similarly transferred out to the Southern Combination Division One.

Reprive for Totton & Eling is confirmed, but relegation is confirmed for both United Services Portsmouth and Blackfield & Langley.

PHOTO FINISH



From last week, Ken Dear was at Stoneham Lane and captured AFC Stoneham collecting the Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup after their win against Fareham Town



Nathan Lipsham was pitchside at Westleigh Park last week and caught the Portsmouth Senior Cup trophy lift by Petersfield Town after their penalty shootout success against AFC Portchester

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 [C]	38	31	3	4	109	33	76	96	2.526
2	Hamble Club	38	25	7	6	105	35	70	82	2.158
3	Portland United [P]	38	25	3	10	90	41	49	78	2.053
4	Andover New Street	38	21	7	10	66	42	24	70	1.842
5	Laverstock & Ford	38	20	9	9	75	57	18	69	1.816
6	Hamworthy Recreation	38	20	6	12	75	50	25	66	1.737
7	Baffins Milton Rovers	38	19	6	13	75	53	22	63	1.658
8	Sherborne Town	38	18	8	12	70	52	18	62	1.632
9	Brockenhurst	38	17	10	11	74	54	20	61	1.605
10	Downton	38	19	4	15	82	71	11	61	1.605
11	Petersfield Town	38	18	4	16	64	55	9	58	1.526
12	Millbrook	38	16	6	16	82	66	16	54	1.421
13	Cowes Sports	38	12	4	22	46	95	-49	40	1.053
14	East Cowes Victoria	38	11	4	23	48	84	-36	37	0.974
15	Christchurch	38	9	8	21	67	94	-27	35	0.921
16	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	38	10	5	23	46	94	-48	35	0.921
17	Hythe & Dibden	38	8	10	20	56	100	-44	34	0.895
18	Bournemouth	38	7	8	23	46	86	-40	29	0.763
19	Wincanton Town	38	6	7	25	47	97	-50	25	0.658
20	New Milton Town [*]	38	5	7	26	41	105	-64	19	0.500

POS	DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Fleetlands [C]	42	30	5	7	87	43	44	95	2.262
2	Folland Sports	42	28	5	9	115	56	59	89	2.119
3	Colden Common	42	27	7	8	124	63	61	88	2.095
4	Yateley United [P]	42	28	3	11	122	53	69	87	2.071
5	Whitchurch United	42	27	4	11	105	66	39	85	2.024
6	Cove	42	24	11	7	79	43	36	83	1.976
7	Newport (IoW)	42	21	9	12	84	61	23	72	1.714
8	Romsey Town	42	20	7	15	81	64	17	67	1.595
9	Hamworthy United	42	17	11	14	100	73	27	62	1.476
10	Ringwood Town	42	19	3	20	88	83	5	60	1.429
11	Amesbury Town	42	16	8	18	84	72	12	56	1.333
12	Kintbury Rangers	42	14	11	17	70	87	-17	53	1.262
13	Frimley Green	42	14	10	18	94	101	-7	52	1.238
14	Lymington Town	42	15	5	22	60	95	-35	50	1.190
15	AFC Aldermaston	42	14	6	22	64	75	-11	48	1.143
16	Clanfield	42	14	5	23	70	84	-14	47	1.119
17	Alresford Town	42	12	10	20	78	103	-25	46	1.095
18	Ash United	42	10	8	24	43	96	-53	38	0.905
19	Fawley AFC	42	8	12	22	47	90	-43	36	0.857
20	Totton & Eling	42	10	6	26	49	95	-46	36	0.857
21	Blackfield & Langley [*]	42	9	6	27	47	116	-69	30	0.714
22	United Services Portsmouth	42	7	4	31	46	118	-72	25	0.595

Please note: United Services Portsmouth were sanctioned for failing to fulfil their final two scheduled fixtures; against Frimley Green and Kintbury Rangers. The FA Full Time and League's records have been adjusted with both games having a score of 0-0, and awarded as a win and 3 points each to Frimley Green and Kintbury Rangers, as well as two defeats for United Services Portsmouth.